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REGIMENTAL SETUP RECOMMENDED

Reference Book For Officers Issued

The much desired State Guard Officers' Reference Book has gone to press and should soon be in the hands of all the officers of the Texas State Guard and others who are fortunate enough to be able to purchase a copy. The book is a compendium of information most needed and most used by Guard officers. Containing much restricted information, it may be purchased only by members of the Texas State Guard and the armed forces.

The table of contents covers one hundred twenty-five items. The Reference Book is well illustrated with cuts, charts, diagrams, forms, lists, and tables to supplement the one hundred twenty-five printed pages. If the information you desire is not in the book you will be told where you may obtain it.

The section devoted to riot formations has been simplified so that the confusion resulting from the use of first, second, third, etc., squads is eliminated. A new formation wedge number four has been added, along with arm and hand signals for all formations.

Many Features

Martial Law and Courts-Martial are treated briefly, but still fully enough to give one a working knowledge of these subjects.

Camps, bivouacs, and camp sanitation receive ample consideration along with the pitching of shelter tents to make the camp.

Abbreviations, signs, and symbols are to be found at your fingertip. Illustrations of the various arm and hand signals are also included.

Space is provided for the officer to enter data concerning identification, law enforcement officers, relief agencies, and time and distance chart to other guard organizations in your area.

The Alert Plans, both Task Force and Local, along with a check list, is a godsend to any busy guard officer.

Any newly appointed officer or an officer assigned new duties has a guide in the Reference Book that will materially assist him in performing these new duties. It will

TEXAS GUARD SERVICE MEETS TEST OF WAR

"I wouldn't take anything for the experience I received in the Guard unit at home."

"I will tell the world that the 48th is the best training outfit in the world."

"The fact that I was able to cover the bridge from private to second lieutenant in six months, 29 days, should be ample proof that the training (Guard) is sound."

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be equally valuable to all enlisted men.

Map Mysteries Dispelled

If the officer is having difficulty reading maps or map substitutes, the mystery surrounding grid lines, contours and azimuths (magnetic, true, and grid) will be dispelled.

Security on the march, in camp, in bivouac, or in action are explained. (See HANDBOOK, Page 26)

If you are a Guardsman who has sat back after a dull supper, stretched and said to yourself, "Think I'll miss drill tonight, the paragraphs above should strike home.

They are excerpts from letters from former Guardsmen in the armed services. They come from men who have gone through the mill and know the value of the training they received in the Texas State Guard.

Below are printed in part the letters from which the above excerpts were taken:

"WOULDN'T TAKE ANYTHING"

"I wouldn't take anything for the experience I received in the Guard unit at home."

So wrote Pfc. Charles W. Deats, Jr., of Big Spring, before he finished his basic training with the Marine Corps at San Diego and went overseas.

Capt. Hudson L. Bohannon, who sent the letter to The Guardsman, says that Deats was a member of Company E, 34th Battalion, who enlisted on his 17th birthday. While he was still in boot camp he was made private, first class, because of the training he received in the State Guard.

Private Deats' letter follows in part: Dear Mother, Dad, and Richard:

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the cookies and candy you sent me. They were delicious and you knew they were my favorites.

I got three cookies and one piece of candy, but boy, the rest of the fellows sure did like them. There are sixteen of them in my hut, so you understand.

I have been receiving your letters, and it really tickles me to get them, so please keep writing.

I wouldn't take anything for the experience I received in the Guard unit at home. Tell Dale we saw a training picture that I saw at the Guard there at home. We are now getting ready to go on the rifle range for three weeks. Glad you are all doing swell. Love, Wesley.

"I AM VERY PROUD"

Major Julian Weslow, Commanding 48th Battalion, Houston, Texas.

Dear Major Weslow: I want to tell you what I will tell the world if I get the chance, and that is that the 48th Battalion is the best training outfit in the (See LETTERS, Page 27)



PFC. CHARLES W. DEATS, JR.

Texan Shoots Down Ace German Flier

Capt. Jack Bradley, 25, of Brownwood thinks he shot down a top German ace in a five-minute battle over Brunswick a few weeks ago, and hopes some day to find out who his antagonist was.

The Texas flier thinks he must have rated pretty high because he 'flew the damndest colored plane I ever saw.'

After a five-minute dogfight, the Texan scored a hit and the German went down in flames.

WAC Uniform Rules Same As GP's

Washington.—Regulations for the wearing of the uniform by members of the Women's Army Corps now are the same as those governing the wearing of the Army uniform by men, the War Department announced this week.

The uniform now is worn by all individuals in the WAC at all times, whether on or off duty. Just as in the case of men in the Army, Wacs may wear sports clothing when engaged in games and they may wear civilian dress when dining at home with not more than two guests.

Provisions of the National Defense Act, making it unlawful for any person not a member of the Army to wear the Army uniform, apply equally to the uniform of the WAC.

Resolution Of Officers Is Unanimous

The Texas State Guard should be organized on a regimental basis, the executive committee of the Texas State Guard Officers Association declared in a resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting in Houston on April 23.

Citing the fact that there is usually more than one battalion in a strategic area, that in case of emergency there might be a division of opinion or authority as to the limits and duties of the various battalions, the committee's resolution declared:

"It is deemed advisable that a colonel and a regimental staff be named to coordinate the activities of the guard battalions, through whom the efforts of the battalions could be properly utilized and integrated to the best advantage in the discharge of their duties to the citizenship of that strategic area and the state of Texas."

Salary Recommendation

The resolution further recommended that all battalion commanders and executive commanders be promoted on the basis of a regimental organization corresponding to regular army and other state guard organizations.

The committee also recommended that all persons on active duty drawing salaries through the Texas State Guard should be paid commensurate with their rank.

Major Donald W. Peacock, president of the Officers Association, said that a great many battalion commanders felt the task force mobilization held last year and the actual riot duty at Beaumont called attention to the fact that a regimental set-up was needed to cope with conditions the Guard is meeting today.

The committee further resolved that a copy of the resolutions adopted at the Houston meeting be forwarded to the Adjutant General's Department by the president of the association along with a letter urging earnest and speedy consideration of the resolution.

Battalion Commanders

The committee recommended that all battalion commanders be promoted to lieutenant colonel immediately and that executive officers should have the rank of major.

Other resolutions adopted were:

That members of the Adjutant General's staff wear the shoulder patch of the guard. The resolution said there was strong resentment in the rank and file of the guard because this was not being done at the present time.

That only guardsmen who actually serve at the scene of an emergency be allowed to wear service ribbons for that duty. The resolution said that many guardsmen who never saw duty at the Beaumont riot, and did not participate except in preparation of reports and paper work, are now wearing the Beaumont duty ribbon.

Purchase of Patches

That shoulder patches and ribbons and stars should be purchasable on orders of battalion commanders without having to go through the personnel section of AGD.

That when a battalion is ordered out on active duty it be required to take along only equipment that has (Continued from Page 25)

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The Enfield Rifle---New Guard Weapon

(Prepared by Second Training and Research Unit, Texas State Guard. Edited by Lt. Col. M. R. Finney, U. S. A. (Retired), and Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3, Texas State Guard.)

GENERAL

(a) The U. S. Rifle, Caliber .30 M1917 (Enfield) is a breech-loading magazine rifle, of the bolt action type. The ammunition is loaded in clips of five rounds each; however, the magazine is large enough to hold six rounds, and the rifleman by placing one round in the chamber and holding the sixth

sembled as above, cleaned, inspected, and oiled. If parts are broken, do not work properly, or the bore is pitted, a written report should be made to the issuing officer at once.

(*To disassemble the bolt for cleaning see last paragraph of this article on the Enfield rifle. This should be done only by men thoroughly familiar with the procedure and then only with proper authority.)

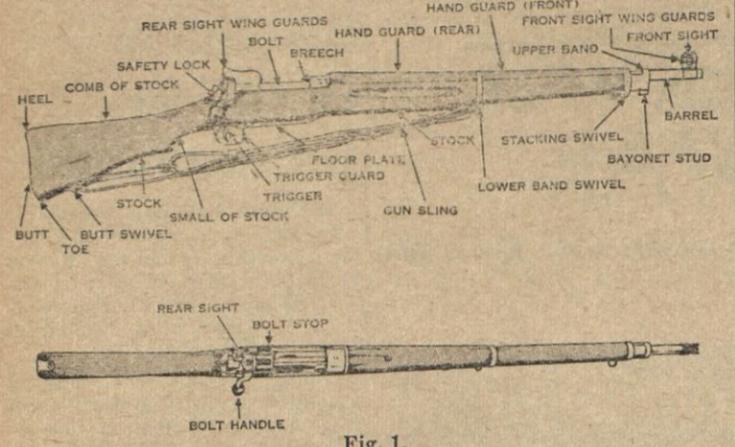


Fig. 1.

round down in the magazine when he closes the bolt, can start firing with seven rounds in the rifle.

(b) Data.—The rifle weighs 9.187 lbs. without bayonet and 10.312 lbs. with bayonet. The length without bayonet is 46.3 inches. The bore is .30 inches in diameter with five left-hand grooves, with one turn in 10 inches. The trigger pull is 3 lbs. minimum and 7 lbs. maximum. The sight radius—that is, the distance from the top of the sight leaf, leaf raised, is 31.76 inches, and for battle sight is 31.69 inches.

(c) Rear Sight.—(See Figure 2.) The rear sight is of the L-type.

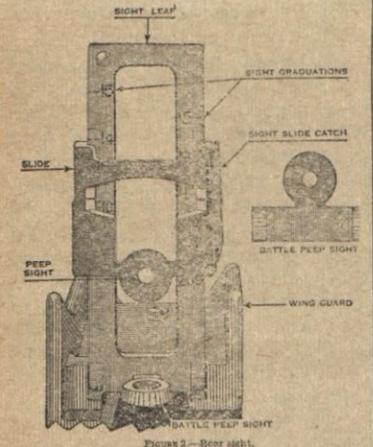


Fig. 2.

When the leaf is down the peep battle sight attached to the leaf is up for use at the range of 400 yards. There is no windage adjustment for the leaf, nor is there any correction for drift with the slide. The graduations on the leaf are from 200 to 1600 yards, with graduations in multiples of 100 yards from 200 to 900 yards and in multiples of 50 yards from 900 to 1600 yards.

(d) Front Sight.—The front sight (see Figure 3) is blade type and is



Fig. 3.

protected by wing guards. The sight picture is the same through either rear sight.

CARE AND CLEANING

(a) To properly clean a rifle it is necessary to disassemble the rifle partially. The following parts are all that are necessary to be removed for cleaning by the soldier:

- (1) Floor plate
- (2) Follower
- (3) Magazine spring
- (4) Gun sling
- (5) Bolt*

When rifles are first received by a unit all cosmoline should be removed and they should be disas-

(b) The use of abrasives in cleaning is prohibited. The following are the only materials authorized or required for use in cleaning, lubricating and preserving the rifle:

- (1) Soap, castile
- (2) Water
- (3) Bore cleanser
- (4) Preservative lubricating oil, light, medium and special
- (5) Rust preventative compound, light
- (6) Dry cleaning solvent
- (7) Raw linseed oil
- (8) Neatsfoot oil
- (9) Decontaminating agents
- (10) Cloth patches
- (11) Clean rags
- (12) Strong string
- (13) Rods, cleaning
- (14) Toothbrushes, old

ASSEMBLING AND DISASSEMBLING

(a) To disassemble the floor plate and follower, insert the bullet end of a cartridge, or some other similar pointed instrument through the hole in the floor plate and press down on the floor plate catch; at the same time draw the floor plate to the rear with the left thumb. This releases the floor plate, which may then be removed, together with the magazine spring and follower. Raise the rear end of the magazine spring until it clears the spring-stops on the floor plate and draw it out of its mortise; in the same manner separate the magazine spring from the follower, clean and oil. Then assemble and replace in reverse order.

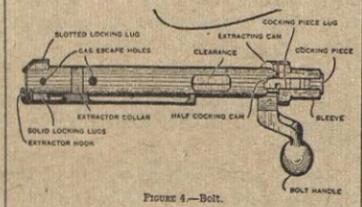


Fig. 4.—Bolt.

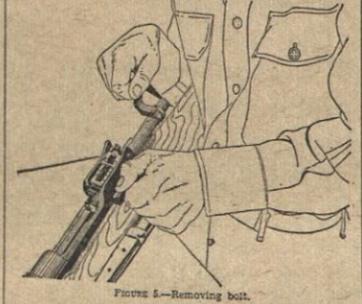


Fig. 5.—Removing bolt.

(b) To remove the bolt (see Figure 5) place the butt of the rifle under the right armpit, and hold the stock firmly against the body with the right arm; with the left thumb pull the bolt stop to the left and at the same time raise the bolt handle and draw out the bolt to the rear. To replace the bolt, reverse the procedure followed in removing the bolt.

4. Follower depressor.—The fol-

lower depressor (see Figure 9) should be used to hold the follower down, clear of the bolt, so that the rifle may be used for drill purposes

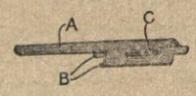


Fig. 5.

in simulating fire and bolt manipulation. The follower is forced down and the depressor is slipped into the magazine edgewise above the follower and then is turned so that its edges engage under the sides of the magazine opening in the receiver. This gives full clearance for the bolt movement. To remove, reverse the procedure of inserting the depressor.

5. Extractor.—Extractors are very highly tempered and the extractor hook may break off in bolt manipulation. This does not prevent practice manipulation of the bolt, but it is well to have plenty of extra extractors in the spare parts chest when the rifles are being fired.

7. Assembly and Disassembly of Figures 6 and 7) place the butt of the rifle under the right armpit, and hold the stock firmly against the body with the right arm. With the left thumb pull the bolt stop to the left and at the same time raise

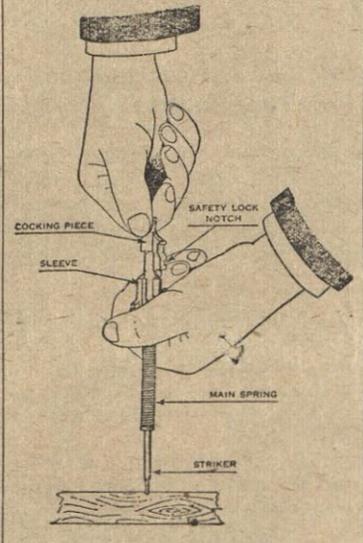


Fig. 6.

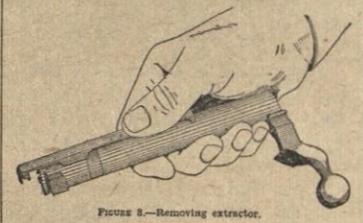


Fig. 7.

the bolt handle and draw out the bolt to the rear.

(b) To disassemble, hook a loop of strong string on the dismounting book on the cocking piece lug and, holding the bolt in the left hand and the string in the right, draw the cocking piece out until the lug clears the end of the bolt (see

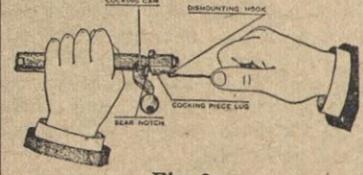


Fig. 8.

Figure 8). Then, by moving the right hand in a circular path counter-clockwise, unscrew the sleeve, and withdraw the sleeve, cocking piece mainspring, and striker from the bolt. Grasp the sleeve with the thumb and forefinger of the left hand; place the point of the striker against a hard surface; and force the sleeve downward, compressing the mainspring until the lug on the cocking piece clears the lug slot in the sleeve. Then with the right hand rotate the cocking piece a quarter turn in either direction to disengage it from the striker, and draw it off to the rear. Relieve the spring from the stress slowly and remove it and the sleeve from the striker, and draw it off to the rear, being careful that the parts do not fly from the hand. Turn the ex-

tractor to the right so that it covers the gas-escape holes in the bolt; place the right thumb about midway between the extractor collar and the lower end of the extractor and push downward and forward to force the extractor off the bolt. Clean and oil.

(c) To assemble, turn the extractor collar until its lug is on line with the gas-escape holes; insert the lug on the collar in the undercuts in the extractor by pushing the extractor to the rear until its tongue comes in contact with the face of the bolt; press the hook of the extractor against some rigid object until the tongue will slide over the end of the bolt. Turn the extractor so that it lies over the unslotted or solid locking lug. Slide the mainspring over the striker. Hold the point of the striker against a hard surface; place the sleeve against the end of the spring with the flat sides in its bore coincident with the flat sides on the striker; force the sleeve down on the striker, compressing the mainspring. Holding the sleeve with the mainspring fully compressed, re-

place the cocking piece on the end of the striker, and lock it by a quarter turn so that its lug is aligned with the lug slot in the sleeve. Then let the sleeve return to its position slowly under action of the spring. Grasp the bolt in the left hand and start the threads on the barrel of the sleeve into the threads in the end of the bolt. Hook the loop of string on the dismounting hook and, holding the ends of the string in the right hand, pull the cocking piece out and screw the sleeve home in the bolt by turning it clockwise.

NOTE.—It is possible to assemble the cocking piece improperly by placing the lug on the striker in the incorrect lug slot, thus allowing the striker to protrude face of the bolt when the bolt handle is raised to unload the rifle, causing an accidental discharge. To avoid an accidental discharge, be sure when assembling the cocking piece that both lugs on the striker are engaged with the lug slot in the cocking piece.

(d) To replace the bolt, reverse the procedure followed in removing

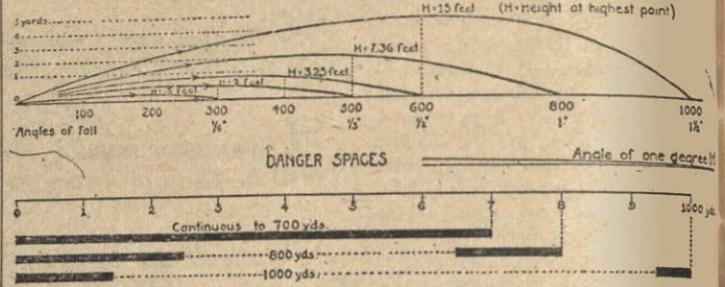


Fig. 9.

6. Ammunition.—(a) Types.

Type	Box Marking	Use
Armor piercing	Blue on yellow	Marksmanship training, against personnel, armored vehicles.
Ball	Red	Marksmanship training, against personnel.
Blank	Blue	Simulated fire, signaling, salutes.
Cartridge, AT Grenade M3	Two Blue	Firing anti-tank grenade, anti-personnel grenade, and practice grenades.
Dummy	Green	Training and range practice.
Gallery practice	Brown	Marksmanship, indoor range.
Guard	Orange	Guard duty.
Incendiary	Red on yellow	Incendiary
Tracer	Green on yellow	For observation of fire and incendiary purposes.

NOTE.—Lot number and grade of ammunition is marked on the ammunition box. The following three types of ammunition are similar to ball ammunition in outward appearance, except as indicated below: (1) Armor-piercing is painted black for 1/4 inch from the point; (2) Tracer is painted red for 1/4 inch from the point; (3) Incendiary is painted light blue for 1/4 inch from the point.

(b) Ballistic Data.—The approximate maximum ranges and average velocities for the several types and models of caliber .30 ammunition are shown below:

Type and Model of Caliber .30 Cartridge	Average Velocity 75 Feet From Muzzle (Feet Per Second)	Approximate Maximum Range (Yards)
Ball, M2	2,800	3,500
Ball, M1	2,600	5,500
Ball, M1906	2,640	3,450
Tracer, M1	2,700	3,500
Armor-piercing, M2	2,800	3,500
Guard	1,100	2,000
Blank, M1909		20

NOTE.—It is dangerous to fire blank cartridges at personnel at less than 20 yards, as the wad or paper cup may fail to break up within this distance.

NOTE.—Small-arms ammunition of all classes should never be stored near radiators, hot water pipes, and other sources of heat, since heat not only deteriorates ammunition but also creates a fire hazard.

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You finally rate a corporal,
And you think you know it all,
You're great in everything but
height—
But Napoleon wasn't tall.

By the time you are a sergeant
You believe all those who say
That sergeants do the dirty work,
And majors get the pay.

A second lieutenant you become,
With bright gold bar, hooray!
And you learn the art of passing
the buck
The good old army way.

Again, you think you're pretty
smart—
You got there on your own;
You like to say "not every man
Could do what I have done."

You change the color of your bar,
Which brings a raise in pay;
You have more responsibility,
And a great deal less to say.

You quietly buckle down and strive
To get your work done right,
And work long hours every day,
And far into the night.

Your efforts are rewarded,
And now your bars are two,
But your job isn't any easier—
You still have as much to do.

As a captain, tho, you really rate:
You just mow the women down,
And everything is perfect
'Til a major comes around.

So you want to be a major,
With two oak leaves of gold,
And have the girls pursue you
'Cause you look so brave and
bold.

When at last you get those oak
leaves,
You've learned that in this game
You aren't required to know a thing
But your first lieutenant's name.

You pass the buck on down to him;
You know he'll do things right,
Which leaves you free to shine
brass,
And strut your stuff at night.

'Ere long you're a Lt. Col.,
You really got a break—
But boy, to hear you tell it,
You're something of a stake!

But nothing ever pleases you,
Now a colonel you would be;
You prefer eagles on your shoul-
ders,
To chickens on your knees.

You get your eagles finally,
But by this time you have found
That a little one star general
Can slap a colonel down.

So you take a trip to Washington
In a big official car,
And when you leave the war de-
partment,
They've promised you a star.

Now, ah, now you are a general,
The easiest job you've ever had,
And you started as a private—
Boy! You haven't done so bad.

Your rheumatism bothers you—
Your hair is getting thin—
You false teeth look like hell
When you display a grin.

You've done it all for nothing,
You aren't having any fun;
The army's just a game, my boy,
That nobody's ever won.

But then—the bugle saves you,
And as you crawl out of bed,
You realize that's the damndest
dream
A PRIVATE ever had.
—From the Camp Howze
Howitzer.

Officers Of Houston Chapter



Capt. J. M. Murphy Is Head Of Houston Officers Chapter

Houston members of the Texas State Guard have formed Chapter No. 2 of the Texas State Guard Officers Association.

Captain J. M. Murphy, executive officer of the 2nd Battalion, is president. Other officers are:

Lt. A. L. Huntley, Lt. W. A. Combs, Lt. D. C. Wertz, and Captain J. M. Cushman, vice presidents.

Lt. Charles B. Wright is secretary and Captain Walter L. Bell, treasurer.

Officers attending the meeting at which Chapter No. 2 of the Texas State Guard Officers Association in Houston was formed. They are: First row: Major Ed Konken, Major Vincent Chiodo, Capt. F. J. Slataper, Major John M. Tribble, Capt. William H. Badger, Capt. Gaston Miles, Capt. Jerry Pierce, Lt. Johnie W.

"You Americans," said the foreign visitor, "are a funny people. You take a glass, you put sugar in it to make it sweet, lemon to make it sour; gin to make you warm and ice to keep you cool. Then you say 'Here's to you' and drink it yourself."

GI toast: "Here's to women. May I fall into their arms without falling into their hands."

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Clinics Held By 2nd On Week-End Maneuver

By CAPTAIN MAX SWINDOSKY 22nd Battalion

Despite that nemesis, Jupiter Pluvius, which has plagued the battalion (rain on over half of our drill nights) since Major James Delmar took over, the 22nd Battalion's bivouac and training clinic held at the Sun Oil Company camp over the week-end of April 1 and 2 was an outstanding success.

The camp, located between Humble and Conroe, afforded fine facilities for the program. Despite intermittent showers the work was carried out as planned, except for the battalion review and competitive small bore firing, which were called off late in the afternoon because of the weather.

Moved In Convoy

To start the program on Saturday, the unit commanders moved their troops in convoy to the camp. Upon arrival they were assigned bivouac areas, tents were pitched and latrines dug.

The clinic started with a lecture on bivouac security by Captain Victor L. Daily of Company A, Saturday night. Immediately following the lecture security guards were posted with each company having a two-hour tour of guard duty.

The Sunday morning program got under way with an early reveille, breakfast followed by colors. Short divine services were held by Lt. Kersh of Company C. Following the services the four companies were assigned clinics.

Clinics Are Held

Clinic No. 1, supervised by Capt. Max C. Swindosky, operations offi-

cer, and assisted by Lt. Kersh and Lt. Gest, consisted of riot formations and close combat work. Clinic No. 2 dealt with first aid instructions and demonstrations with Capt. William Badger of the medical section assisted by Lt. Saxon from Company D. Capt. Sikes, Company B, assisted by Lt. Thomson, S-2, featured hand grenade work along with the manufacturing and use of Molotov cocktails in Clinic No. 3. Capt. Daily, assisted by Lt. Wilson Lucky in Clinic No. 4, handled small bore firing. All troops present fired on the range.

Troops remained in each demonstration area for a one-hour period and were moved from one clinic to another without loss of time. Supplies for the maneuver were secured by the battalion S-4, Lt. Dalhoff. At the critique following the close of camp it was the universal opinion that those present had received greater benefit from the program than a month of regular training would have given them.

Texas Cavalry Unit Men Hospitalized

Part of the 112th cavalry unit is now in McCloskey Hospital in Temple for convalescence. The unit, mobilized in 1940, is composed largely of men from Dallas and vicinity.

Among the Texans are: Pvt. Herbert Gilliam, Corp. W. L. Hawkins, Corp. Roy C. Jackson, Sgt. V. M. Virdell, all of Dallas; Pfc. Joe P. Vasek of Wharton, Pvt. Lavelle C. Haydon of Plainview, Pfc. Odis B. Merritt, Watauga, Tarrant County; T/T A. G. Russell, Uvalde, and Pvt. Clarence A. Pratt of El Paso. All of these veterans had been in the South Pacific approximately two years.

Scenes At 22nd's Maneuvers



The top picture, made on recently held training clinic, shows officers of the 22nd Battalion. Back row, reading left to right: Major James M. Delmar, commanding; Capt. Bell, adjutant; Lt. Thompson, S2; Capt. Swindosky, S3; Lt. Dalhoff, S4; Capt. Badger, senior medical officer; Capt. Kirsh, commanding Co. C; Capt. Moon, commanding Co. D; Capt. Dailey, commanding Co. A; 1st Lt. Reissel, Co. A.; Capt. Sikes, Co. B.; 2nd Lt. Canada, Co. D; 1st Lt. Wertz, Co. B.; 2nd Lt. Gest, Co. C.; 1st Lt. Saxon, Co. D; 1st Lt. Benson, command-Hdq. Det.; 2nd Lt. Lucky, Co. A.—Photos by Pvt. John I. Mitchell, staff photographer.

Second picture from top shows non-coms of the 22nd: Sgt. Major David K. Foster; 1st Sgt. Kinney Poston, Co. A; 1st Sgt. Leo P. Marx, Co. B; 1st Sgt. Joseph Reid, Co. C; 1st Sgt. Elbert I. Conroe, Co. D.

Third from top shows a Riot Formation. Troops of Co. C of

the 22nd Battalion form in a wedge riot formation. This is used to remove a mob to the sides of a street, the arrow or wedge is formed with reserves of reinforcements within the arrow. The wedge is protected from the rear by a battery of machine gunners.

Below is shown Small Bore-Firing. Troops of the first platoon of Co. A of the 22nd are shown receiving instructions in Small Bore Firing under the direction of Captain Victor Dailey and Lt. Wilson Lucky.

HEAT-PADS FOR GUNS

The jamming of machine guns and aerial cannon in subzero weather, either in the air or on the ground, can now be prevented by new heat-pads. The pads, made of electricity-conductive rubber, are made to fit on the guns and keep them at proper temperatures and ready for instant firing.

New Method For Saving Gasoline Developed

Sgt. Ernest Simpson, of the 874th Ord. Co., at the Santa Ana Air Base, Calif., has developed a new method of conserving automobile field equipment and also saving gasoline in a control governor intended to be attached to air compressor units.

Its function is to reduce the speed of the engine when the compressor is not under load. On a small mobile air compressor the idling speed of the engine can be reduced 34 per cent, the gas consumption decreased 15 per cent and exhaust temperatures decreased 13 per cent. On a large compressor the idling speed of the engine can be reduced 30 per cent, gasoline cut 11 1/2 per cent, and exhaust temperatures decreased 2 per cent. The governor is expected to prolong the life of air compressors, reduce maintenance and repairs, as well as saving gasoline.—The Army Times.

36th Battalion Leads Way In Gas Schools

The 36th Battalion, San Antonio unit of the Texas State Guard, holds the honor of putting on the first gas school of any battalion in the state.

The school, conducted under the supervision of Capt. Clyde V. Daugherty, battalion gas officer, who recently received his diploma for an intensive course in chemical warfare at Fort Sam Houston, was finished at the end of March.

Following his graduation, Captain Daugherty conferred with Major J. A. Harris and Major Donald Peacock about conducting a battalion school. These officers agreed it was a great idea. They discussed the vast amount of work the planning and presentation of such a school would take. Capt. Daugherty was willing to undertake the task and so the idea was developed into a definite plan of action. Captain J. C. Luther, Battalion Operations and Training Officer, was consulted and arrangements made to open the school March 1.

The battalion was fortunate in having at hand an officer of Captain Dougherty's experience in chemical combat work. In addition to his recent course he has also the benefit of training with the Illinois National Guard, at the Edgewood Arsenal, and in the study of recent army and State Guard publications on the subject. It was back in 1942 that an emergency unit from Captain Dougherty's company presented a thrilling demonstration in the application of Chemical Warfare to State Guard work. This demonstration was witnessed by General Knickerbocker and members of the A.G.D. staff.

Emphasis On Chemicals

In making the plans for the battalion school the general lines of the Eighth Service Command school were followed. More emphasis was placed, however, on the use of chemicals in civil disturbances. Lacrimators, vomiting gases and smokes were stressed and the common nicknames for the various agents used instead of the hard-to-remember professional nomenclature.

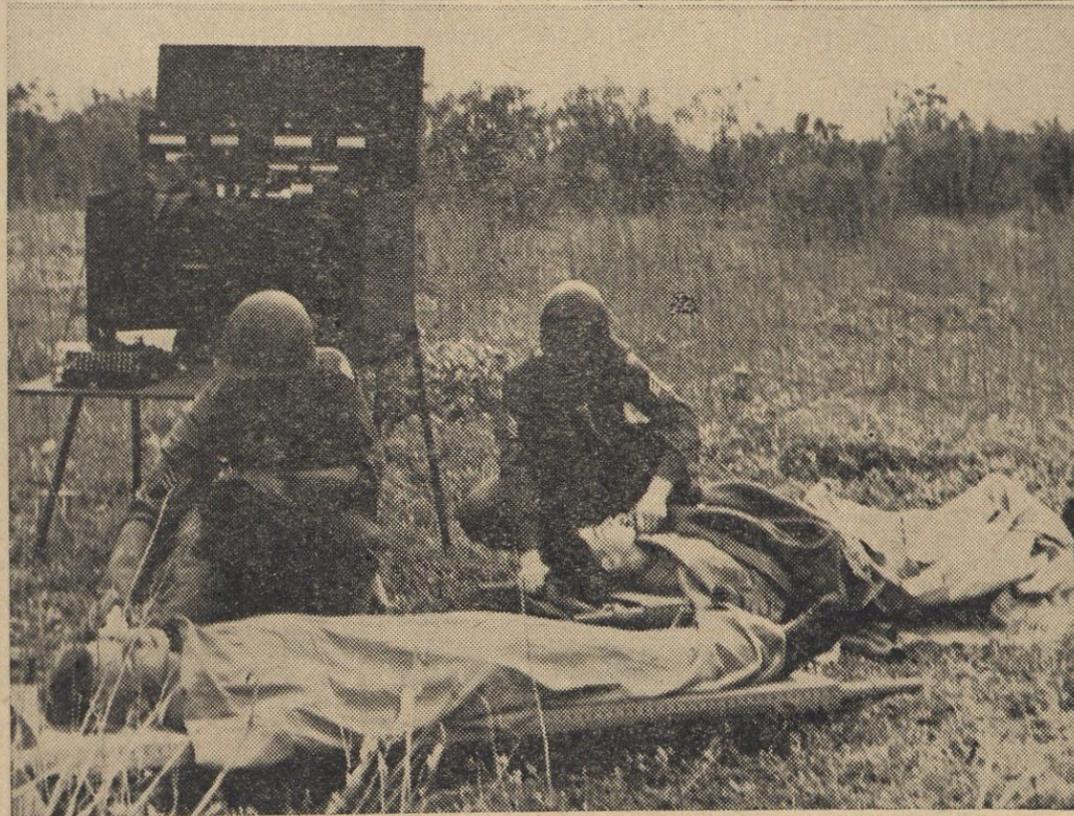
Classes were held each Wednesday and Friday night at the Peacock Military Academy from 7:30 to 10:30. Instruction included description of the various chemical agents, their properties and physiological effect; the effects of weather and terrain on agents particularly as to their use in State Guard work; methods of dispersing agents were gone into and the use and care of the gas mask. First aid to gas casualties was on the list, as were decontamination methods. Last, but not least, the organization and equipment and duties and the battalion gas unit and its individual members was stressed.

The course consisted of 30 school hours, with a night problem and demonstration, and ended with combat field identification course using toxic as well as non-toxic gases and smokes. Of the thirty-four students to enroll in the class, thirty-two complete the course. The two were dropped for missing a class, which, because of the intensified nature of the course, was a necessary rule. Three to six hours were spent on each subject. The method of instruction was that of lecture and demonstration. Charts and training films were extensively used with excellent results.

The extensive supplies for the conduct of the course were obtained in various ways. Some were purchased, some were furnished by the state, some were loaned by Major Rielley of Kelly Field and Captain Gobar of Fort Sam Houston.

Being the first State Guard gas school to be held in the state there were many headaches which subsequent schools need not develop. Lack of advance scheduling of training films spoiled two lectures. Two demonstrations were knocked out by bad weather conditions. It was found difficult to select adjacent terrain for demonstrations which would not prevent the risk of

36th Battalion Learns About Gas



Top, left to right: Capt. J. C. Luther, S-3; Capt. A. L. Dodge, S-1; Lt. Parr, instructor, 2nd Training and Research Unit; Capt. C. S. Dougherty, school instructor; Major J. A. Harris, commanding 36th Battalion.

Bottom: Medical detachment in field. S/Sgt. William Rogers and S/Sgt. Winston Rogers and two simulated patients, Privates Shupp and Pullen.

inconveniencing nearby residents. Careful planning and advance schedules on all charts, films and film strips will prove helpful in future schools. It is very necessary that a well-lighted classroom, a good film projector and comfortable chairs be made available.

The Battalion Commander and Captain Dougherty wish to express their sincere thanks to Major Peacock for his untiring efforts in making the school the success it was. Lt. Charles Parr, of the 2nd Training and Research Battalion, who was a classmate of Captain Dougherty at the Eighth Service Command school, rendered invaluable aid as assistant instructor.

In closing, a word of thanks and appreciation to the A.G.D. for its helpfulness and friendly interest. Col. George Thomas, A.C.S., made available many excellent charts, films and film strips. To add the finishing touch to the entire program, Col. Royal Phillips, A.G.D., lent his genial wit and wisdom to the graduation.

The 36th Battalion hopes that others will have a try at holding a gas school. The result can not be other than helpful.

Insubordination: The corporal who put \$50 into War Bonds before the sergeant could get the black jack game started.

Doughnuts Favored Among GI's Foods

Boston, Mass.—Doughnuts or crullers or sinkers, whether round with a hole in the middle or straight up and down, are No. 1 in GI Joe's list of favorite foods and always have been—take it from Mrs. Russell A. Harmon and Mrs. Robert E. Walbridge.

During World War I, these women, then Salvation Army lassies Gladys and Irene McIntyre, made and passed out five to six thousand sinkers a day to the Yankee Division during the Argonne campaign.

Now they are handing out crullers to a new generation of servicemen, Mrs. Harmon in Boston, and Mrs. Walbridge at the Camp Edwards, Mass., USO.—The Army Times.

Dallas Unit To Hold Merchandise Shoot

Company D, 19th Battalion, Dallas, will hold a Rifle and Pistol Merchandise Shoot Sunday, June 4, at the Dallas Pistol and Revolver Club range on Vilbig Road in West Dallas. Merchandise of all kinds, war stamps, medals and trophies will be presented by the winners.

Matches for rifle firing will be 22-caliber at 50 feet and 100 yards. Pistol distances will be 25 and 50 yards.

Company D held a turkey shoot last November and a big time was had by all. Write Capt. E. H. Miller, 202 D. P. & L. Bldg., Dallas 1, or Sgt. Chas. J. Masterson, 2837 Forest Ave., Dallas, for further details.

Captain Grundy Of Memphis Company Dies

Allen C. Grundy, captain of Company D, 41st Battalion, Texas State Guard, of Memphis, Texas, died March 20.

Captain Grundy was born and reared at Memphis and had served his community in many civic capacities. He was stricken with a heart attack after going to his office.

Port Arthur's Unit Is Rated As Excellent

Company D, 9th Battalion, at Port Arthur was given an excellent rating recently after an inspection by Major Garth B. Haddock, Field Artillery, of Galveston.

Company D has been active since its activation on May 2, 1941. Its present commander is Captain Schley B. Corley. Captain Corley recently gave public recognition to the 27 present members of the unit who were members at the time the company was accepted into the Guard.

At the time of organization the two present junior officers became members. First Lt. J. T. Stateson was a second lieutenant, and 2nd Lt. E. J. Merren was a corporal.

The company has been on several bivouacs and marches and saw active duty during the Beaumont race riots. The men, however, were very unhappy at that time because they were held at Port Arthur to guard against trouble there rather than being sent to the scene at Beaumont.

In his report following the recent inspection, Major Haddock wrote:

"The efficiency of Company D, 9th Battalion, Texas State Guard, is outstanding in the performance of their military duties pertaining to the safeguarding of their assigned vital installations in the vicinity of Port Arthur, Texas. In the past year they have had three marches, three bivouacs, and three traffic control problems. With the additional ammunition they are obtaining, they are going to have considerable target range practice with 22's, shotguns and machine guns. Through the leadership and the abilities of the NCO's, the esprit de corps of the entire unit is excellent."

Army Day In Texas Is Proclaimed By Gov. Stevenson

Taking note of the record established by the Texas State Guard in the years of war, Governor Coke R. Stevenson proclaimed April 6 as Army Day in Texas.

The full text of the proclamation follows:

To all to whom these presents shall come:

The seventeenth national observance of Army Day will be held on Thursday, April 6. This is in compliance with a Congressional Resolution authorizing the setting aside of this day to be so observed.

With three years of war behind the American Armed Forces, true values can be taken of the citizen soldier who has gone forth to give account of his heritage on the battle field and here at home. Texas soldiers and their heroic deeds have been acclaimed wherever they have met the enemy on the battlefronts of the world. The people of Texas who serve on the civilian front have given the fullest support to the armed forces of their country and her allies.

The Texas State Guard, under the supervision of the War Department, has established a fine record in its functions and responsibilities for internal security on the home front.

Civilian defense agencies and other patriotic bodies have given devoted attention to the tasks at hand.

Now, therefore, I, Coke Stevenson, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby declare Thursday, the 6th day of April, 1944, as

ARMY DAY IN TEXAS and urge all citizens of this State to honor the members of our Army with such observances and celebration as may be deemed appropriate.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 28th day of March, A. D. 1944.

Coke R. Stevenson, Governor of Texas.

By the Governor: Sidney Latham, Secretary of State.

2nd And 49th Hold Joint Maneuvers

The 49th Battalion, Galveston, played host to a friendly "enemy" task force from Houston's 2nd Battalion in a three-problem week-end maneuver held in the League City-Galveston County Park Area, April 15 and 16.

Planned by the 49th, the maneuver featured a night operation in which elements of the 2nd Battalion task force occupied and attempted to hold six installations in League City, consisting of a bridge, factory, water tank, gasoline supply depot, railroad station and telephone building. A daylight attack on the 49th bivouac area and CP took place Sunday morning, following which all participants dined on army "C" rations before engaging in a riot control demonstration staged by the 49th, with the 2nd acting as a mob in the streets of League City.

Both units bivouacked in Galveston County Park, scene of the Sunday morning "battle," which chief umpire, Capt. Faulkenhauser, AUS, declared to be pretty evenly divided on points, in the critique attended by all officers.

Fireworks Used

The maneuver was highlighted by an extensive use of fireworks by both sides, in addition to blank cartridges for the newly acquired Enfield rifles of the 49th.

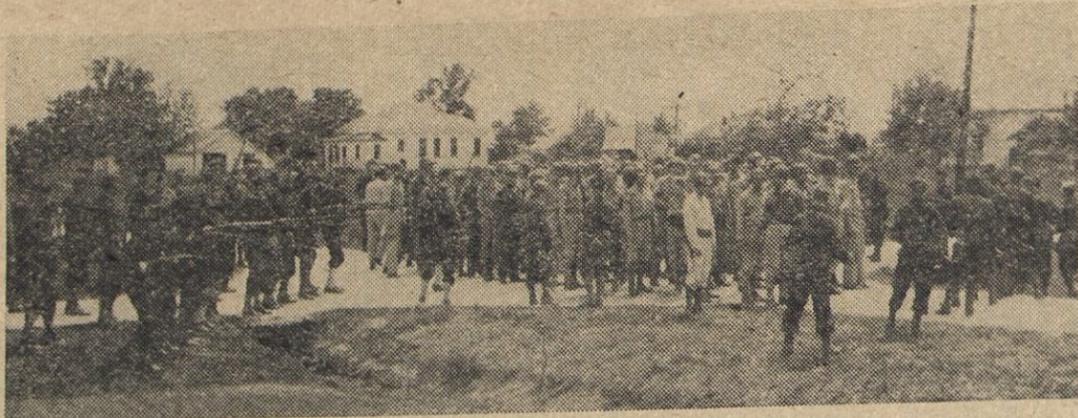
The night problem in particular attained a high degree of realism with screaming "mortar" shells and bursting grenades punctuating the crackle of (fire-cracker) rifle fire and machine gun bursts as the forces contested possession of critical installations. Both army and state umpires were kept busy ruling out casualties on both sides, forcing them to retire from action. Field phone lines were cut and messengers waylaid as roving patrols and outposts sought contact and information during the night.

The morning attack problem called for a "softening up" bombing and strafing of the 49th camp and CP by planes from the Galveston air base, to be followed by a ground attack by the 2nd. Due to the poor visibility from jungle-like terrain, there was some question as to whether or not the area was actually bombed. Acting on an erroneous signal, a mortar section of the 2nd TF prematurely opened up on the 49th CP, precipitating sporadic firing by both sides. Umpires and commanders alike found it easier to start a battle than stop one, and after brief hesitation, orders to proceed were issued.

Three hours later, recall found the regularly established 49th CP in the hands of the 2nd, with the 49th operating from a previously established alternate CP; a third of the 49th area ruled out by the umpires, and a number of casualties—14 for the defenders and 18 for the attackers.

The first sergeant of Company B, 49th Battalion came very close to wiping out the 2nd's CP single-handed. Creeping and crawling through the dense undergrowth to within grenade distance of his objective, his first grenade fell short of a heavy machine gun position

49th Hems in 2nd Bn. "Mob"



Top: Scene at the mob dispersal demonstration. At the climax of the action, men of the 49th had crowded the "mob," made up of men from the 2nd, into a narrow corner. The 49th came from four directions, converging on the group seen in the photo.

Bottom: Officer group of the 2nd and 49th Battalions after the battle problems had been discussed.—Photos by T/Sgt. C. A. Waddell, 2nd Bn.

We wonder: Will Brooklyn and Texas be given seats at the Peace Table?

Getting Acquainted

Chaplain Horace L. Fenton, who serves with one of the units of the Eighth AAF Service Comman in England, takes a group of officers and men to one of the nearby churches to attend Sunday evening service. From this has sprung a "Church Visitation Group." On Sundays about three before the service the men are usually invited to tea at the homes of the parish, the men going in pairs so that practically every home in the smaller churches has American soldier guests. Usually the chaplain conducts part of the service, sometimes delivering the sermon. Other officers and EM read the Scrip-

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adjacent to the CP, but he closed in without being observed and threw two more, getting credit for eliminating the machine gun, but denied the CP because of having inadvertently employed umpire-ruled dead ground for his approach.

Valuable Lessons

Many valuable training lessons resulted from the critiques, ably conducted by Capt. Faulkenhauser and his assistants, as well as from the experience gained during the assembly, motor march, and bivouac operations, which both battalions plan to utilize for profit in future training.

Both the 49th and 2nd had a strength of 105-110 officers and men.

The organization of the 2nd's task force was as follows: Capt. C. F. Murray, commanding officer; Capt. J. M. Murphy, executive officer; Capt. Faucett, medical officer; Lt. J. S. Bailey, communications; Lt. M. M. Oliver, intelligence; Lt. Shinn; transportation; and Lt. Lee Huckle, service detachment commanding officer.

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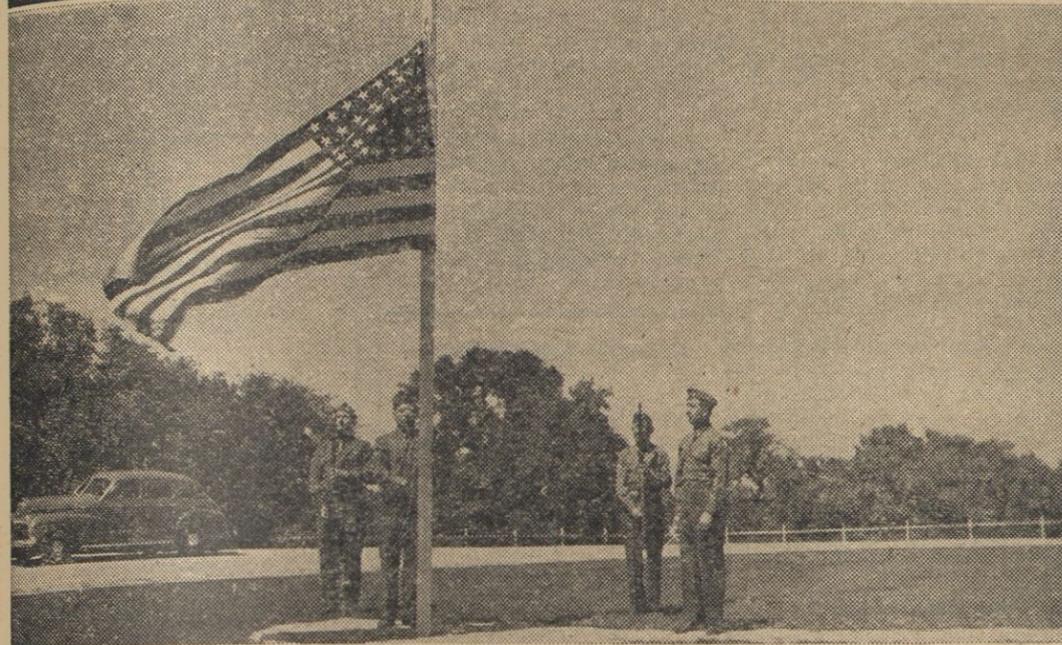
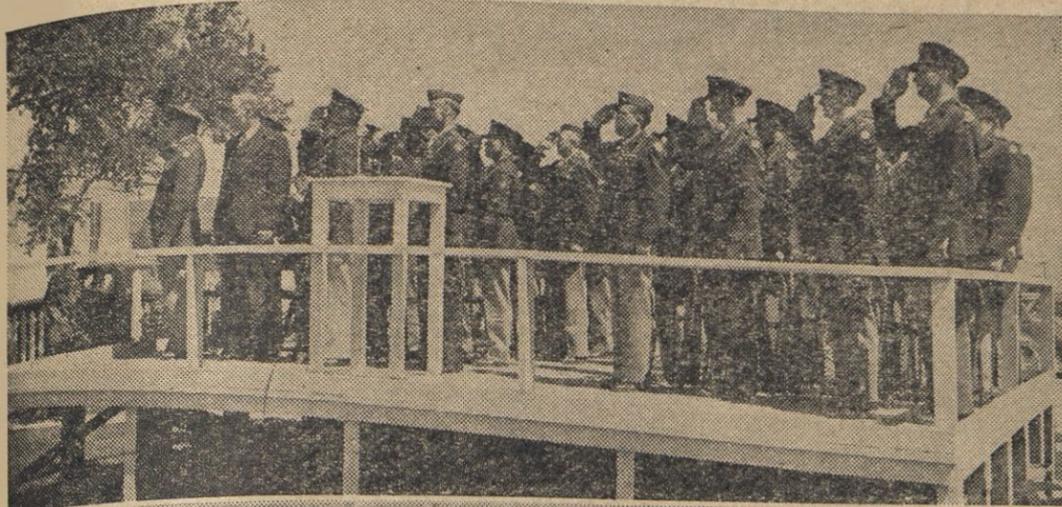
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Old Glory Raised At Camp Mabry



Top: Coming to attention as the flag starts up, generals, colonels, and other officers hold the salute until the last notes of "The Star Spangled Banner" die away in the distant hills surrounding Camp Mabry. Extreme left, Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan, next, Gov. Coke Stevenson, and Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, adjutant general of Texas. Standing next is Brig. Gen. John C. P. Bartholf of Camp Swift. Maj. Weldon M. Swenson, commanding the Fifth Battalion, Texas State Guard, was on the platform with state and army officials.

Center: Whipping in the Texas breeze, and as the drums roll and the Camp Swift band stripes up "To the Colors," "Old Glory" is raised for the first time over the new army ordnance shops by the color guard of the Fifth Battalion, Texas State Guard, Camp Mabry, Austin. Hoisting the flag is Sgt. Frank Goodman, and right is Cpl. Ernest Joseph. Standing

at attention with rifles are Sgts. Walker and Charles Farrow.

Bottom: Ringing praises for the splendid cooperation between the military and civil authorities in Texas were voiced by Gov. Coke R. Stevenson in the main talk at the flag raising ceremony. Front row, left, Gen. Donovan, Gen. Knickerbocker, and Gen. Bartholf of Camp Swift.

A one-ring circus was visiting a rural Indiana town. The folks recognized all of the instruments in the band except the trombone. One wise Hoosier watched the player for some time, then advised his son:

"Don't let on that you're watchin' him, but there's a trick to it—he ain't really swallerin' it."

Guards Take Part In Mabry Celebration

By CAPT. STEWART HARKRIDER

Whizzing machines of the new army ordnance shops at Camp Mabry, Austin, stopped for one hour on April 3 while the civilian personnel, the governor of the state of Texas, high ranking army officers headed by Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan, and thousands of Austin citizens witnessed the raising of "Old Glory" over the shops.

"Old Glory" was unfurled to the breeze and hoisted to the top of the flag pole by four Texas State Guardsmen who acted as color guard, under command of veteran guardsman Sgt. Frank Goodman.

A platoon of guardsmen under command of 1st Lt. Lambuth Cox acted as guards to the entrance of the wire enclosed grounds and at the doors of the various shops scattered over the area.

Gen. Donovan Officiates

Gen. Donovan, commanding officer of the Eighth Service Command, army service forces, officiated at the inauguration of the six Camp Mabry ordnance shops which will service the 22,000 military vehicles of this service command.

Although there are 10 area ordnance shops which do minor repairs, Camp Mabry will serve as a clearing house for troubles which the area shops can't stop.

Jeep and truck engines from the states composing the Eighth Service Command area are sent to the shop for repairs. More than 150 engines are repaired and put back into service each week.

Stresses Regular Schedule

Speaking to the workers in the shops who attended the ceremonies, Gen. Donovan stressed the necessity of turning out their monthly quota, which is set at 600 engines

assembled. He urged that shop workers be regular on their jobs and keep absenteeism down.

Gen. Donovan was introduced by Gov. Coke Stevenson. The governor thanked Donovan for his aid on state military matters, and praised the military forces for the fine cooperation between the army and civil authorities.

A 30-minute band concert by the 10th army band from Camp Swift was directed by Warrant Officer Jacques Singer. The band played "To the Colors" as the flag was raised slowly to the top of the flag pole, and then struck up the national anthem as the flag unfurled.

Camp Mabry ordnance shops are under command of Maj. James W. Dewberry. Executive officer is Captain Marion Flint.

Hany Handicapped

The shops are manned by 300 civilian employees, some of whom are physically handicapped. One of them, Ernest Beasley, is totally blind, and he drew the attention of Maj. Gen. Donovan on an inspection tour preceding the flag raising ceremony.

New building constructed by the State of Texas during the past few years and used to house equipment of the old National Guard and the indoor firing ranges of the Fifth Battalion of the Texas State Guard were converted into shops by the army. The buildings were leased to the government by the state.

Lady: "My husband stays out until five in the morning. What would you do in my place?"

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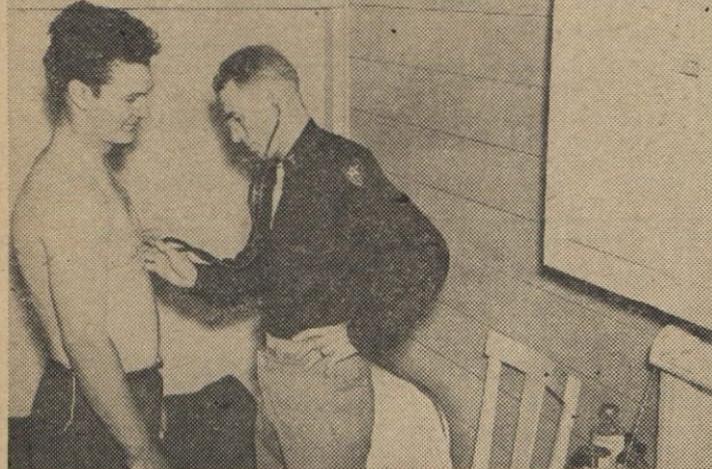


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Fifth Places Men In Guard In One Hour

Speedy enlistment of recruits in the Fifth Battalion, Austin, is now possible with the new set-up of the medical detachment at Camp Mabry.

The key to the fast enlistment of the new members of the Guard is the work of Major M. I. Brown, battalion medical officer, and his staff in preparing and setting up facilities in their offices at Camp Mabry for the complete examination.

Men enlisting in the Fifth Battalion soon will be able to sign up, receive a physical examination, take the oath of office, and be issued uniforms and arms and equipment—all in one hour's time at Camp Mabry.

Twice Monthly

Physical examinations are given every first and third Monday nights at Camp Mabry by Major Brown, or his assistant, Capt. Henry Paine. On other meeting nights, a regular training program is carried on by the medical detachment.

When a man comes out with the intention of signing up as a citizen soldier in the Texas State Guard, he receives an application blank from the company clerk. Then he is directed to the office of the medical detachment for his physical examination. After he passes his physical, he is sent back to his company, sworn in, and issued uniform and equipment.

While They're "Hot"

The Fifth Battalion now is working on the theory that the best pol-

icy is to sign a man up and get him in the Guard while he is still "hot," and no time is wasted in putting a gun in his hand.

Incidentally, after a man passes his physical and is sworn in as a member of the Guard, he is covered by insurance while in uniform and carrying on his training at regular Guard meetings or on maneuvers. This insurance is administered by the insurance division of the State Highway Department.

Plenty Of Work

Offices of the medical detachment in one of the barracks at Camp Mabry are clean and spotless. Plenty of work on the part of the staff with saw and hammer and paint brush transformed the bare rooms into white and gleaming rooms.

The work of the detachment is not confined to examining prospective members of the Guard. The men are trained as specialists in various fields such as first aid, sanitation and other duties.

The laboratory part of the examination is in charge of Capt. Vernon Schuhardt, who also serves in the capacity of sanitation officer for the Fifth Battalion. He is professor of bacteriology in the University of Texas.

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It happened while the 393rd Inf., Co. I, doughboy was on a problem with his outfit. Said Govert casually: "It sorta ran into me accidentally."

From then on Govert and his clothes were a stream of strong smells that only a polecat could stand. His buddies wouldn't or couldn't—so when they returned to garrison Govert took his shelter half and spent the night outside.

Inside the barracks the boys were complaining—there were some things the Chemical Warfare manual didn't cover.

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Reading from top to bottom: Activity picks up at the Fifth Battalion medical detachment offices at Camp Mabry when recruits present themselves for examinations. Sgt. Howard Seinle, seated, and Sgt. Johnny Clifton receive the enlistment blanks of three new men: Jack Crawford, left, and Charles Norris and Bill Farmer.

Blood pressure test is made by Sgt. C. A. Irvine, center, and Cpl. J. S. Fritts, right; records the results of the test.

Capt. Vernon Schuhardt, right, and Pvt. W. W. Barkley, left, run a laboratory test.

The final check on the prospective new member is made by Major M. I. Brown, battalion medical officer. He is putting a stethoscope on Frank Meredith. In just a few minutes more, the Fifth Battalion will have a new recruit. It required only about fifteen minutes to examine him, swear him in, and put a uniform on Pvt. Meredith.

I put my arms around her waist
And kissed her ruby lips,
And as she drew away my hand
Slipped gently to her hips.
But then I found out who she was;
It hit me like a bomber.
Around her waist was slung a gat—
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"The turbo-thermal engine unit is started by means of an external source of power which turns a turbo-compressor a few seconds," he explained. "The compressor discharges air from its diffused section into the combustion chambers. Fuel is injected into the chambers and ignited. The heated gases in the chambers expand and flow through the turbine to develop power to drive the compressor."

"The gases, still above atmospheric pressure and hot, flow from the turbine into a tailpipe; then a final pressure drop takes place through a restriction—or nozzle—which greatly increases the velocity of the gases and thereby creates the momentum increase to develop the engine's propulsive thrust."

"The jet is smooth and continuous and the motor is remarkably free from vibration inasmuch as there are only rotating parts."

Special high octane fuels are not needed, he says. "Anything that burns, from kerosene to Napoleon brandy, can be used."

Sgt. (at parade formation): "It's nice to see you, private."

Pvt.: "I'm sorry that I'm an hour late."

Sgt.: "We had feared you had signed a separate peace."

Who Got The Gate?

The sentry, who had been taking a rest, spied the Officer of the Day first. So he jumped down from his seat in the vehicle and met the OD at the motor pool gate, giving him the complete challenge and salute, all very military.

"Everything all right?" the OD asked.

"Yes, Sir."

"Back gate locked?"

"Yes, Sir."

"Side gate locked?"

"Yes, Sir."

The sentry presented arms briskly as the OD moved away. Soon the sergeant of the guard showed up on an inspection.

"By the way, Sergeant," said the sentry, "how many gates are there in this place?"

"One," said the sergeant.

"Oh, oh," said the sentry.—The Armorer, Camp Polk, La.

HANDCUFFED MP

Ft. Sheridan, Ill.—Cpl. Ed Rocklin, an MP, overstayed a one-day pass, but he had a good excuse. Seems he put his handcuffs on to show his girl how they worked and then he couldn't get them off. A locksmith freed him the following day.

Conductor: "Madam, are all these your children or is this a picnic?"

Woman: "They're all mine—and it ain't no picnic."

Wife: "Why don't you want me to join the WACs?"

GI Husband: "You wouldn't be happy, dear. It's non-combatant duty."

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Marines Set Plate For Tojo, But He Kept Away

For days Tokyo Rose, notorious English-speaking Japanese radio announcer, had been telling the Marines at Tarawa that "Admiral Tojo's boys will eat Christmas dinner on Tarawa Island," Staff Sgt. Donald Gum of Houston, back from the Pacific on furlough, said.

"We set a place for them at the table," Gum said, "but they didn't show up."

"I'll never forget that Christmas dinner. Though far from home we had turkey and all the fixin's."

Gum says the boys get a big kick out of Tokyo Rose crooning to the "poor, misguided American boys who are wasting their lives in a forlorn cause."

G. I.: "I got up at dawn yesterday to see the sun rise."

Femme: "You couldn't have picked a better time."



STAFF SGT. DONALD GUM

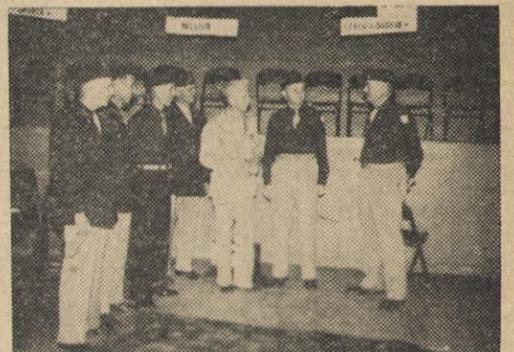
Soup In Four Minutes With Only Can Needed

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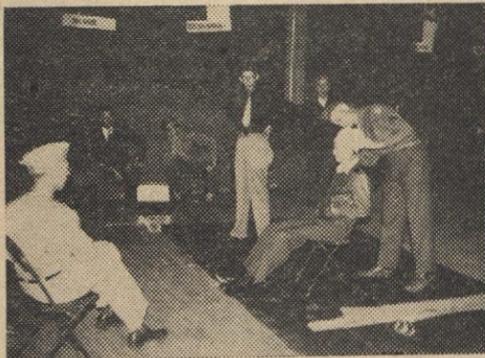


1. Father and son team, 23rd aBtalion of State Guard, Maj. W. G. Carnathan and Don Craig Carnathan, Medical Detachment. H. N. Andrews, H. N. Andrews, Jr.



2. Headquarters Staff 23rd Battalion reading from left to right: Maj. W. G. Carnathan, Medical Det.; Capt. Frank H. Markey, S14; Lt. Evertt R. Feeman, Headquarters Det. Company; Lt. Ted Hudson, S-2; Capt. Ben Marable, Executive Officer; Lt. Maurice Hinson, Asst. Supply Officer; Maj. Ralph D. Holman, Commanding Officer.

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4. Maj. W. G. Carnathan, Medical Detachment, giving instructions on tying a triangle bandage.



3. Men off 23rd Battalion, Company D, receiving instructions on picking up an injured man.

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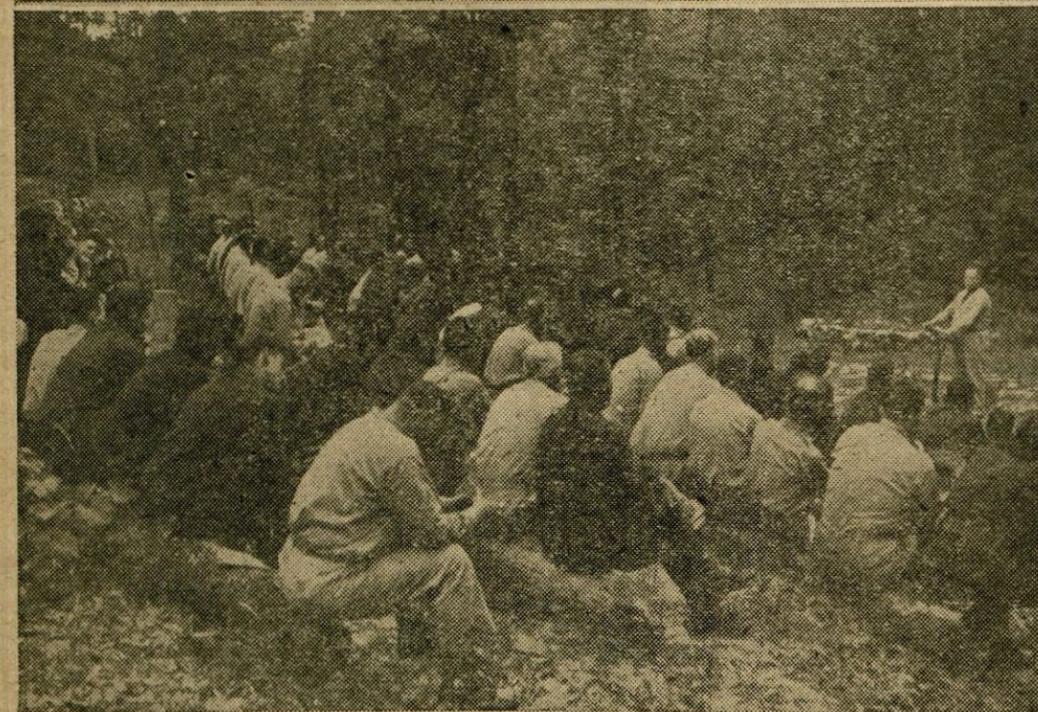
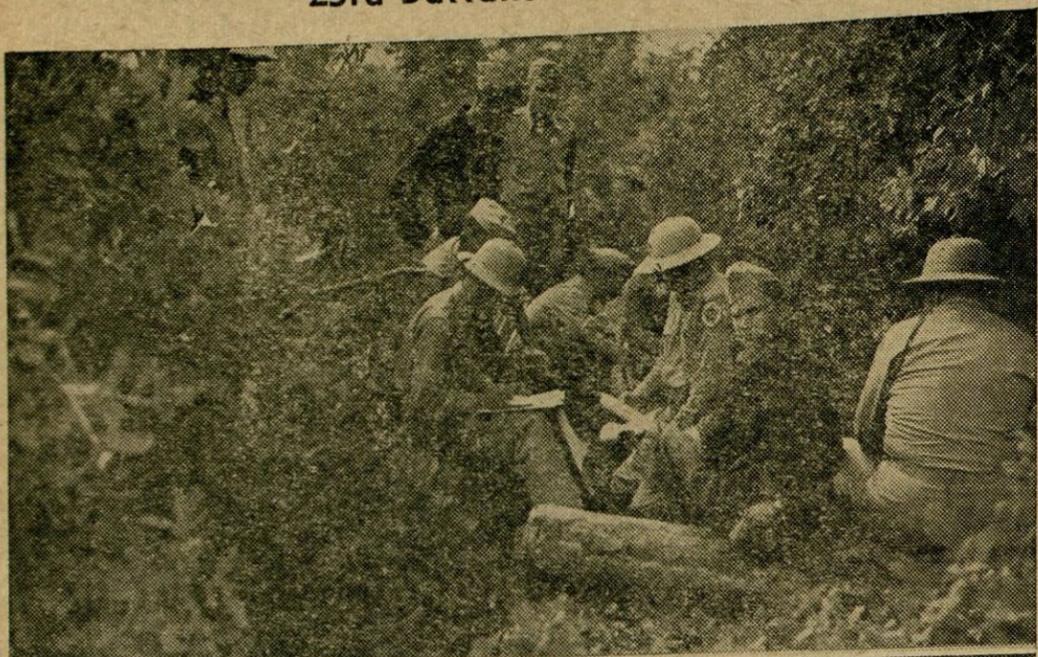


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23rd Battalion In Field



These pictures were taken on the maneuver held by the 23rd battalion at Lake Tonkawa near Henderson.

The top picture shows at battalion advanced command post. Shown in the picture are Major Nolman, Captain Knouth, Captain Pollard, Lieutenant Foreman, Lieutenant Hudson and Captain Marable.

The center picture shows Com-

pany A, the "enemy," retiring to new positions under pressure.

The bottom picture shows the men at religious services conducted by Captain C. W. Holmes, battalion chaplain.

NO MAIRZY DOATS

Beaumont, Texas.—A Beaumont resident overturned tables, broke a mirror, and upset the free lunch

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23rd Battalion Holds Lake Tonkawa Maneuver

The 23rd Battalion, Texas State Guard, recently held a maneuver at Lake Tonkawa, near Henderson.

The field order, issued by Major Ralph Holman, outlined the following general situation:

Lake Tonkawa, a huge reservoir constructed to furnish the water supply for a number of war industries located in the southeast portion of Rusk County, was endangered by the action of a guerilla band composed of workmen who had taken part in the construction of the lake.

This group was led by certain men of foreign descent who had consistently caused trouble among the workmen on the lake during its construction.

Familiar With Area

These guerillas were thoroughly familiar with the area surrounding the lake and had armed themselves and were preventing engineers and construction details from entering the area near the lake.

Superintendents of the war industries surrounding Lake Tonkawa having learned that Axis agents had incited this civilian disturbance, called on the county sheriff to disperse the guerilla band in order that they might set up machinery and use the water supply at Lake Tonkawa. The sheriff's department, being informed that the guerilla band consisted of some 65 or 70 men fully armed and capably led, immediately requested assistance from the Governor of Texas in dispersing this group. Major Ralph Holman was ordered to call out the 23rd Battalion and to offer its assistance to the sheriff and peace officers in dispersing the guerillas.

After proper reconnaissance and the securing of needed intelligence information, Headquarters Detachment and Companies B, C, and D of

the 23rd Battalion moved into the Tonkawa area and established headquarters, at the lake superintendent's office. A company of the 23rd Battalion, acting as the guerilla band and dressed in blue denim uniforms, took up a position near the lake and astride of two of the roads leading into the area. At the request of the county sheriff Major Holman's decision was to make an approach march north of the guerilla camp and by superior forces annihilate it on the edge of a wooded area against which the band would be forced to make a stand in order to accomplish their apparent mission, which was either to poison the water in the lake or blow up the dam.

Terrain Ideal

The terrain around Lake Tonkawa was ideal for this type of problem, affording heavy cover and requiring the use of area sketches

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Former Sergeant of 36th Ends 25 Bombing Missions

Technical Sergeant Max Lorenz, Jr., former sergeant of Company B, 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard, came back home to San Antonio recently with a lot of tales gathered from 25 bombing missions over enemy territory and a praise for State Guard training.

"The Texas State Guard is doing a fine job preparing men for our armed services," the sergeant said, "and I am grateful for the fact that I got my 'basic' training with the 36th.

"Anybody who says that he isn't scared up there when machine guns in German combat planes blink like lights on the wings and flak from anti-aircraft guns sounds like hail when it splatters on your plane, is kidding himself," the sergeant declared.

"Great Feeling"

Being "over the hump," the air corps' reference to completion of 25 bombing missions by airmen, is a great feeling, according to the returned Texan, and the last mission is the worst one when it comes to "sweating it out * * * although you do plenty of sweating on any of them."

Sergeant Lorenz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Lorenz, Sr., 512 Stonewall Avenue.

He spent eight months in England and was a crew member of the Flying Fortress Groundhog, which "always got back—although sometimes she was pretty well shot up and had to limp a little."

"We were pretty lucky at that,"

the fair-haired, modest fighter said, "for not one of the 100 men was ever wounded and we are all alive today."

Some Of Targets

Among the targets of the Groundhog were Marienburg, Bremen, Wilhelmshaven, Gelsenkirchen and Paris, and Sergeant Lorenz acted as radio operator and gunner on the missions.

"The Nazi pilots were plenty good," the sergeant indicated, "but they were careful about attacking an entire group of Fortresses. Of course, when one dropped out of formation they ganged up on him."

"Oh, these?" he answered reluctantly, when questioned about the ribbons on his chest. "I got them after the last flight."

"These" were ribbons for the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

T/Sgt. Max Lorenz, Jr.



Sandwich Filters Made of Plastic

Five-layer sandwiches sometimes come in even more useful form than the familiar "club" type of the restaurants. The newest, of vari-colored sheets of plastics, rather than of rye or whole-wheat, are used for filters which made it possible for bombardiers and fire-control officers to see enemy targets when horizon haze and sun glare interfere with the sight of the naked eye. The sandwich filters are used in bombsights, periscopes, goggles, gunsights and other aiming and sighting devices. Formerly colored filters were usually sliced from chunks of colored glass, which required a slow and elaborate manufacturing process. Now the plastic sandwich, which can be turned out by high-production methods, serves the same purpose.

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and compasses in order to properly direct the action.

The mission having been accomplished and the guerilla band either killed or captured, all hands attended a critique on the problem, then enjoyed a meal of army chow prepared by the combined kitchen details from the various units of the battalion. Communications, supply dumps, medical detachments field dressing stations were connected by a two-way field telephone system constructed and maintained by members of the intelligence section of the battalion headquarters.

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Camp Fannin Aids Tyler Guard

Tyler TSG Unit Works Out Problem Efficiently

A recent problem undertaken by Tyler's Co. D of the 32nd Battalion proved to be an excellent example of planning and control.

The problem described below was followed exactly as planned and the officers were well pleased with the efficiency of the troops under their command.

Subject: Overnight bivouac and maneuver.

Place: Tyler State Park, Tyler, Texas.

General:

1. The entire company went into bivouac at 17:00 at the Tyler State Park in the area designated on photograph "A."

2. Security was at once posted and road block consisting of Con-certinas were placed at the road junctions marked "B" and "C." Guards were stationed to protect each road block.

3. Signs were placed at points selected to simulate "Power Plant," "ammunition dump," "Headquarters," etc. These were to be the points of defense a.

4. Company mess at 1800 and the second platoon left immediately to a point across the lake near the boat house marked "D," from where they could launch their attack upon the bivouac are at the discretion of the platoon commander.

It was agreed that to capture or destroy a position the attacker must set a red flare within ten feet of the sign marking the vital point. Casualties were marked by four grenades and were allowed to continue the problem.

Plan Or Attack For The Second Platoon

1. The men were equipped with Potato grenades, blank ammunition for their shotguns. A special detail carries several HC smoke pots and several red flares. The first platoon had no knowledge of the smoke or the grenades or blanks, and the plan was to take them completely by surprise.

2. A detailed reconnaissance was previously made by the platoon commander both by foot and air of the territory to be covered so as to prepare a workable plan of attack.

3. The second platoon moved out with complete since at 23:20, advancing in extended column of twos

along road "E" with front and flanks protected to the road junction "C." One squad proceeded with extreme caution alongside the dam to a point within 25 yards of the edge of the bivouac area. The flares were carried by this squad. Their orders were to set the flares at the proper places at the first sound of firing by the balance of the platoon so that they would be considered destroyed. The other two squads proceeded around the road "E" to the junction of road "F" then due north to the spillway "G." The hour was set at 01:15. A smoke screen was set off by this section at point "X" the wind being from 110 degrees, and the two squads launched a diversionary attack with all their firepower at the zero hour. The second platoon was caught completely off guard and, startled by the unexpected fire-power, and the squad with the flares were able to set them off at the proper points, considering them destroyed.

Comments

Control of a night problem of this nature in difficult even with experienced troops, and comments by high ranking officers of Camp Fannin were most gratifying to the officers of the Tyler company.

Unusual Instruction

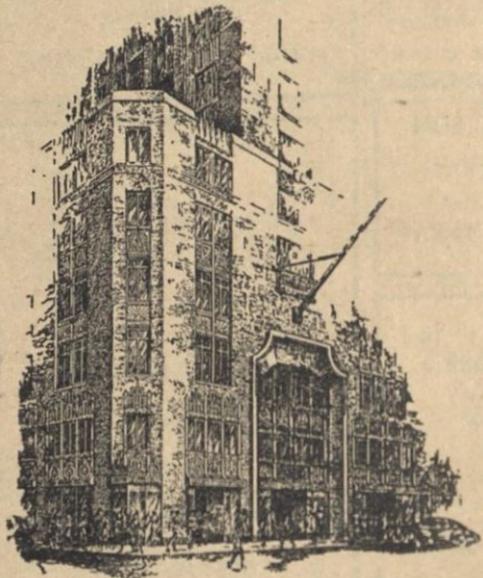
Something different in the way of non-commissioner officers' schools was added when the non-coms were taken to Camp Fannin to witness the running of the army's night combat infiltration course. This course is under the command of Lt. Little of Camp Fannin. The training begins at 1800, when the men who are to run the course are given a lecture explaining the purpose of the train-

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In the photograph above is shown a picked squad from Camp Fannin who gave the members of Company D of the 32nd Battalion in Tyler a demonstration of dismounted and extended order drill. The squad was under the command of Lt. Von Wald of the 11th Regiment of Camp Fannin. This demonstration covered all of the movements of the squad in dismounted drill and in extended order the proper formations of "Squad Column," "Diamond," "As Skirmishes," etc.

Also included was a demonstration of "hand-to-hand" combat by a team of instructors from the camp.



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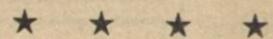
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Co. A, 6th Battalion

Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, commanding general of the Texas State Guard, was honor guest at a steak supper given on the night of March 20 by Company A, 6th Battalion, of Lampasas. Following the supper Gen. Knickerbocker inspected the company. The General came to Lampasas in recognition of the fine record in attendance and achievements of the local company.

Col. Geo. D. Thomas, assistant chief of staff, accompanied Gen/Knickerbocker. Maj. Emmett T. Grimes, 6th Battalion commander, was present, as was Capt. Ray Wingren, Lts. Edgar Seidensticker and W. J. Tarver of the Burnet Guard company. Guests included city and county officials and others who have assisted the local company on several occasions.

Elden Emhoff of Camp Hood, who has been instrumental in helping Company A go far in advance of requirements in the visual aid program, was a guest of honor.

Following the supper prepared and served by Company A men, the inspection was general, and all held at the drill field, the local football gridiron.

Gen. Knickerbocker made a brief talk in which he stated that the attendance, military appearance and courtesy was excellent and that it was a real pleasure for him to visit such a company. He especially commended the men for their faithfulness in regular attendance, declaring regular attendance was of the highest importance in making a good company.

After the General's talk, the company divided into platoons and gave a few minutes to close order drill and interior guard duty work.

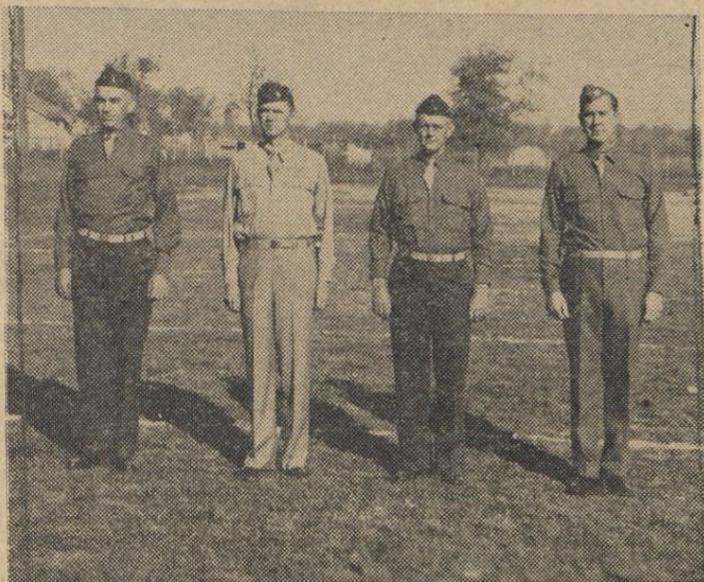
Figures show that Company A is one of the top companies in the entire state in attendance. With a full complement of 61 members and three officers, the fact that only 13 men were absent without legal excuse for the four meetings during March and only 19 during February's four meetings, is an excellent criterion of the interest the men have in the company. For March there were 271 men out of a possible 284 present for the month.

One night during the month of March we had a perfect attendance of 64 and on another only one man was illegally absent at roll call.

He: "Gosh, it's dark in this parlor. I can hardly see my hand in front of my face."

She: "That's all right, soldier, don't worry; I know where it is."

Lampasas Company Officers



Left to right: Lt. Kyle Oliver, recommended for commanding officer of Company A, 6th Battalion, Lampasas, with rank of captain; Lt. C. A. Northington, Lt. Luke Rice, and Captain Joe Almond, retiring commander of Company A.

Lampasas Unit Gets New Captain

Lampasas.—Captain Joe Almond, commanding Company A, 6th Battalion, for over a year has been accepted for service in the U. S. navy.

At a recent meeting of the company, he announced his resignation and recommended that Lt. Kyle Oliver, who has been on detached service with the 6th Battalion, be appointed commander of Company A with the rank of captain.

Lt. Oliver is a veteran of World War I and, although not on the rolls of Company A, has been present for practically every drill period for the past three years.

Capt. Almond has made an enviable record during his tenure, having seen the company grow to almost double in membership and

the attendance record soar from some 50 to 60 per cent to close to 100 per cent each week.

An untiring worker, never shirking any job or duty, and commanding the respect of every member of Company A. He will be sorely missed.

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ing, etc. They are then given what is called a "dry run," which is sending them through without any firing. As soon as it is dark, the company is sent through and 30-caliber machine gun fire a steady stream of tracers and ball ammunition a few inches over their heads as they crawl under the wire entanglements. During this firing dynamite and other charges are fired close by to simulate mortar and artillery fire and add to the realism of the problem.

The Tyler company has been invited by the authorities of the camp to run this course in the near future.

Storms "Enemy Pillbox"

Giving the men of Company D of the 32nd Battalion something as close as possible to the real thing, a pillbox was constructed on the parade ground at the armory and made to look as near as possible to the real thing. Dynamite charges were set in circles from 15 to 35 feet around the pillbox and electrically controlled from the inside. Six men under the command of an officer were assigned to hold the pillbox. They were equipped with 30-caliber rifles, blank ammunition, gas masks, "dago bombs" and "potato grenades."

The attack started at 20:30 with a simulated artillery and mortar barrage, during which the dynamite and dago charges were fired.

At a prearranged time the barrage was lifted and the attacking force, consisting of the balance of the company, went into action. These men were given plenty of blanks for their shotguns and several potato grenades each. The attack started with a dense cover of HC smoke and was preceded by a cover of CN gas. Both sides firing at will, the troops were able to liquidate the pillbox with a minimum of casualties, due to the proper use of the covering smoke and gas.

First GI: "So you've still got insomnia, eh?"

Second GI: "Yeah, it's awful."

First GI: "Why don't you try counting sheep?"

Second GI: "It doesn't do any good. I counted 1,000 sheep, sheared 'em, had it spun into wool, made suits with the cloth, took them to Boston, and lost \$150 on the deal, and still didn't sleep a wink."

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31st Battalion Companies Undergo Federal Inspection

By 1ST SGT. MYNATT SMITH
Ser. Det., 31st Bn.

McAllen.—The months of March and April have been marked by federal inspections of almost all units of the 31st Battalion, with Major Wilbur M. Moore of Fort Brown officiating.

Major Moore's principal theme in addresses to officers and enlisted men following each of the inspections has been this:

The army, navy and other armed services are moving more and more men overseas, depleting the garrisons at home, in accordance with the high command's strategy, and as a result the responsibility for guarding the home front rests more and more on the shoulders of home defense organizations—in this state the Texas State Guard.

He reiterated what many other regular army officers have told the Guard when he pointed out the need for maintaining full strength in spite of the heavy inroads now being made on all units by the draft. "Be sure you have your basic training down, then go after your specialized training," he impressed on the men. He mentioned specifically training in riot formations for rifle companies and for all types of specialized training for headquarters, service and medical detachments.

The Major was accompanied on most of his inspections by Capt. B. C. Pearson, also of Fort Brown, Brownsville.

DEMONSTRATION DRILL

Company D, Alamo, of the 31st Battalion, conducted a demonstration drill at San Juan the night of March 20 under the command of Capt. Grant Montgomery. The unit includes both Alamo and San Juan men. A number of spectators witnessed the show.

Captain Montgomery announced that the following men have completed their three-year enlistments and are re-enlisting for another three years: S/Sgts. Arthur Drefke, Clem O. Williams, Arthur Kautsch, Carol Drennan, T. M. Conaulty and Arndt C. Hagen; Sgts. John Posy, Dales Knapp, Robert C. Meier and Oscar Carlton; Cpls. Alfred B. Swanson, Carl Thomsen, William Wisdom, Rufus T. Jackel and George Graves; Pfc. Elmer E. Stutt, Lester Fitchorn, Harold Jackson, Cyriel Francoys, Carl S. Engert, Ephraim Gardner and Raymond Williams; and Pvt. Edward Swager.

NEW QUARTERS

Company C, Pharr, of the 31st Battalion, has completed moving into new quarters on the second floor of the city hall, a space made available by city officials.

The room includes a supply space for S/Sgt. John Maurer, a kitchen for S/Sgt. Joe Leddell and his mess staff; and an executive office for Capt. John C. Jones.

The company spent one drill night during March practicing on making up field packs and pitching shelter halves. The latter have arrived for use of the company.

The company is conducting a steady enlistment campaign to sign up men to take the places of several who have been drafted lately.

A number of guests attended March 23 when Company F, Edinburg, of the 31st entertained with a barbecue at Kiwanis Park near Edinburg, an event which celebrated the good rating given the company following a federal inspection by Maj. Wilbur M. Moore of Fort Brown.

Talks were made at the barbecue by Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen, commanding officer of the battalion; Capt. A. J. Laughlin of Moore Field, a veteran of the Allied landing at Salerno, and Maj. Chester A. Brown, public health officer for Hidalgo County. Other guests were Capt. Roy Conway and Lt. Frank Van Ness of the battalion headquarters staff; and M. C. Harris, Harry Cook, J. C. Looney, Carl Ackerson, T. B. Bailey, Carl Eckstrom, Walter Lysinger, J. D. Cov-

ington and Vic E. Koleber, all of Edinburg.

Company F's interesting contest to select the best individual soldier in the outfit is still under way. The latest project has been a written examination with questions varying from "What was the date of the fall of Bataan?" to "On what foot is the command of execution given in 'Column Right, March'?" The winner of the contest will receive a \$25 war bond and a Gurkha knife sent from India by a friend of Capt. Clayton Baird, company commander.

Capt. Lester Springer, former member of Company F, is serving in a hospital in Australia.

J. D. Covington and his two sons have recently enlisted in Company F. One of his sons, V. E. Covington, was recently discharged after service in World War II.

COMPANY A NOTES

Eighteen men of Company A, Mission, 31st Battalion, have completed their three-year enlistments. The group includes the following:

1st Sgt. William G. Triplett, S/Sgts. Edwin B. Balthrope, Leslie D. Morgan, Clarence B. William, Arthur P. Wright; Sgts. Albert H. Wicks, Admiral D. Williams; Cpr. George F. Hughes; Pfc. Leon H. Brown, Augustin Sanchez, Ventura Valadez, William A. Young; and

Pvts. Paul C. Avery, Adan Contreras, Domin E. Keller, Stanley E. Keller, Urban J. Keller and Abundio Perez.

Five officers still in the service who enlisted with the original organization are Capt. Roy P. Conway and Lt. Frank Van Ness, now of the battalion headquarters staff; Capt. Lonnie E. Reed, commanding Company A; Lt. Leland A. Smith and Lt. Carroll D. Lyons.

On March 24 James V. Ply completed a three-year enlistment in the Guard and on the same date began another—this, however, in the U. S. Marine Corps. He was named leader of one of the largest groups of selectees ever sent to the Fort Sam Houston induction station by the Mission-McAllen draft board.

Lt. and Mrs. Carroll D. Lyons have received word from the war department that their son, Lt. Carroll (Cotton) Lyons Jr., who was reported missing over occurred Europe, is now listed as a German prisoner of war. He was a navigator with a heavy bombardment group.

VETERANS VISIT COMPANY A

Four of Uncle Sam's fighting men were recent guests at a drill period of Company B, McAllen. The group included Pvt. Edwin Wells of the Marines, a former McAllen Guardsman; S/2c Robert Ely, son of S/Sgt. L. W. Ely of Company B and a veteran of several Pacific engagements; Pvt. Frank Rall's son, T/3 Frank Rall Jr. of Camp Gruber, Okla.; and Pfc. George

Holmes III of the Marine paratroopers, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes Jr. of McAllen and a veteran of Guadalcanal, Vella Lavella and Bougainville.

All were heading back for more service.

SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE

Sgt. Garland Deal of Company B, McAllen, 31st Battalion, is the pride of his outfit because of his marksmanship. He is in charge of the target detail for Company B.

He showed up at a recent drill session with a new pair of spectacles, and someone asked why.

The sergeant explained that the last time he had been on the range he fell down to a 97 and it was clear to him that something had to be done about his eyesight.

Sgt.: "Do you know the difference between a popular girl and an unpopular girl?"
Cpl.: "Yes and No."

The scene is a German court martial:

"Accused Mueller! You have called our Fuehrer an idiot. You are thereby guilty of three crimes. You have engaged in enemy propaganda; you have libeled the head of the Reich; and most important, you have betrayed a military secret."

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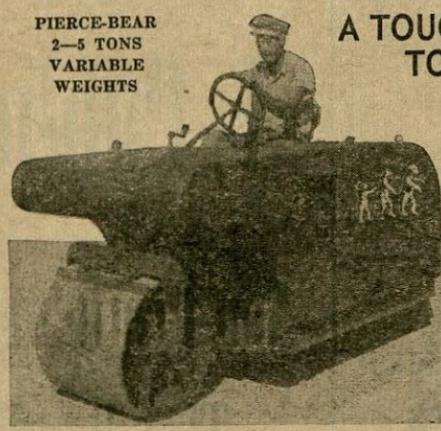
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Guardsmen At Alamo Hold Early Bivouac

Alamo.—The bivouac season arrives early along the Rio Grande down in South Texas, where the mesquite and huisache and retama trees have long since been in bloom and where days are long and nights are cool.

Taking advantage of Mother Nature's offerings, Capt. Grant Montgomery, commanding officer of Company D, Alamo, of the 31st Battalion of the Texas State Guard, and his men spent March 25-26 on an overnight field trip at a point south of Alamo.

The bivouac area is a tree-studded corner of a large farm field only a hop, skip and jump away from the company's big outdoor target range. The property has been turned over to the company for its use for the duration by the owner, and Captain Montgomery says a better natural site could not be found.

The bivouac schedule included use of a large amount of guard equipment. Shelter halves were pitched for the night and the battalion's new medical detachment, commanded by Maj. Lloyd W. Davis of McAllen, was on hand to carry out the sanitation program. Three messes were served during the bivouac and field work included target practice with tommyguns on the nearby range.

Captain Montgomery said a number of week-end exercises of this type were on schedule for the company this summer to get the men into the field as much as possible.

81 MM. Mortar Is Fired From Jeep

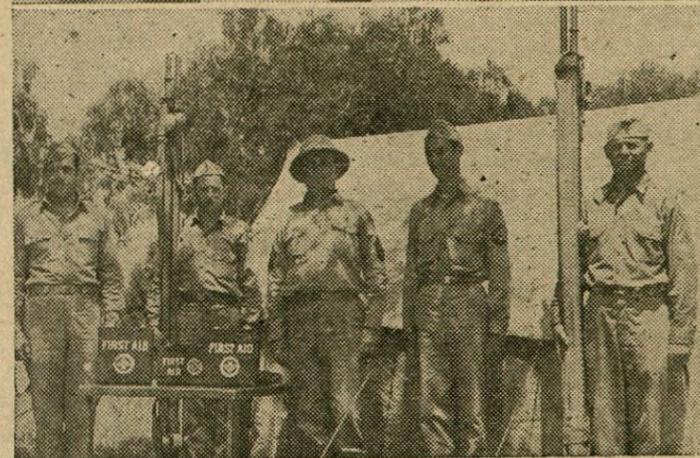
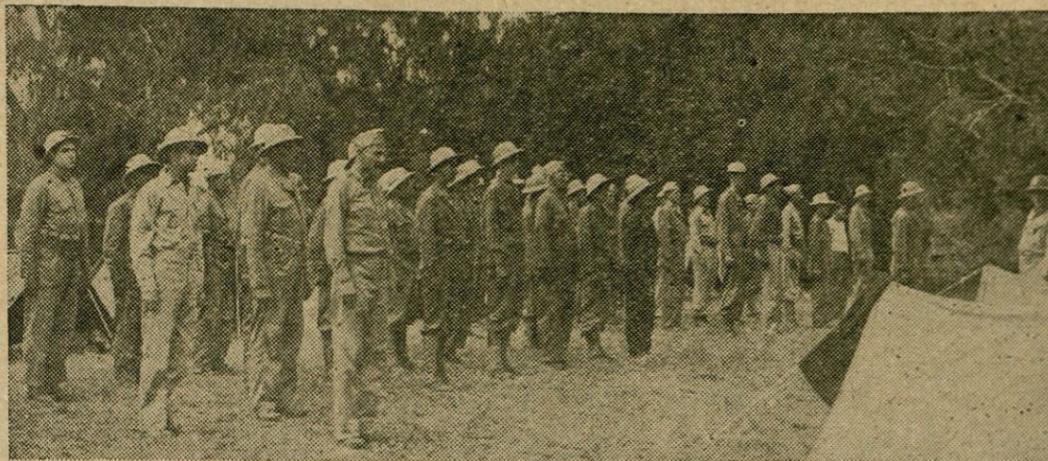
Washington.—Invention of a method by which the 81 mm. mortar is mounted on and fired from a jeep and can be quickly removed to the ground for firing has brought award of the Legion of Merit to 1st Lt. Roger L. Gutterman, Cav., the War Department announced this week. The method has been tested in battle and found effective.

The citation accompanying the award made to Lieutenant Gutterman reads: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. He designed and perfected a means of mounting an 81 mm. mortar on a ¼-ton truck so that it could be fired from the vehicle or be quickly removed and fired from the ground. This mount proved highly effective in action near Salerno, Italy."

The 81 mm. mortar, which weighs about 136 pounds, usually is carried on a mortar carrier which is normally a half-track.—The Army News.

21,476 SMITHS IN NAVY
Washington.—There are 21,476 men named Smith in the Navy, the Navy Department has revealed. There are also 15,045 men named Johnson, 11,035 named Jones, 202 named Seaman and three named Bluejacket.

Valley Troopers Take To Field



Top: Capt. Grant Montgomery, extreme right, commands his company at attention in the bivouac area. The men were outfitted for the day in their coveralls and sun helmets, for even in the spring the sun beats down in the Rio Grande Valley.

Center: The most important corner in any bivouac area is the mess tent, and here Lt. Elmer Wagner and his staff are shown beneath their shelter. Left to right are the lieutenant, S/Sgt. Carl Drennan, Pfc. Fitchorn and Pvt. Bert DeVries.

Bottom: The 31st Battalion's

new medical detachment is pictured here during the Alamo bivouac. The detachment was equipped with cots, first aid equipment, stretchers and a treatment tent. Left to right, the group includes Maj. Lloyd W. Davis of McAllen, commanding officer; Pvt. J. R. Burnett of McAllen, T/Sgt. Howard L. Smith of Alamo (later promoted to first lieutenant), T/5th Bruce Lindenmuth of McAllen and T/5 Richard Martin of McAllen.

Death From Disease Drops In This War

Chicago, Ill.—Death from disease has fallen from the World War I rate of 15.6 per year per thousand GI's to 0.6 per thousand, Brig. Gen. Hugh J. Morgan, chief consultant in medicine of the office of the surgeon general reported recently.

Partial credit at least for this drop must go to the introduction of a new influenza vaccination effective on three out of four persons given shots of it.

According to a preliminary report by an Army commission, of the 6,263 ASTP students vaccinated just before the onset of last winter's flu epidemic, only 2.22 per cent came down with the disease while 7.11 per cent of those not treated developed flu.—The Army Times.

The Selectee was trying to dodge military service. "I'm afraid," he said, "my nearsightedness will prevent me from doing any actual fighting."

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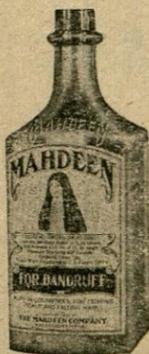
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Medical Unit Of 35th Unit Is Sworn In

The Medical Detachment of the 35th Battalion at Dallas is one of the latest units to be sworn in and recognized by the Adjutant General's Department.

The Detachment is composed of five officers and ten enlisted men, the officers all being doctors. The enlisted personnel is composed of a registered pharmacist, a Red Cross First Aid Instructor, and the balance with Advanced or Standard First Aid Work.

The commissioned staff of the new unit consists of Commanding Officer Major Allen F. Rowson, Capt. Emmett R. Johnson and First Lts. Walter F. Shepherd, Joseph W. Dabney and Doyce C. Yarbrough. The enlisted personnel consists of Tech. Sgt. George W. Hatzenbuehler, Jr., Sgt. William E. Young, Corp. Harmon H. Burns, Technician Grade 4 Carleton J. Anderson, Technicians Grade 5 Max M. Utay, Pipkin Young and Richard A. West, and Pvts. Joe R. Laza, Aaron H. Schwartz and Roy Rustin. Eight of the ten enlisted men are native Texans, four of whom were born in Dallas.

The inspecting officers give special recognition to Pvt. Joe R. Laza, who drives eighty-two miles each Wednesday night to attend drill. He resides with his wife and four children on a farm six miles below Ennis. Pvt. Laza was commended highly for his unusual efforts and devotion in this voluntary service to his state and country.

After the ceremonies, a dinner was served to members of the Headquarters Company and the Medical Detachment with the following officers as guests: Major Reagan Waskom, Capt. Leon Tate, E. B. Hudson and Sig Bladt, and Lts. Fred McCommas and Phil Kirschaine.

Technician Grade 5 Pipkin Young, who is a registered pharmacist by profession, and the father of two little girls, probably holds some kind of record for his short time with the Guard as he was inducted into the Army nine days after being sworn in as a Guardsman.

NO CROWING FOR SARGE

Fort Washington, L. I.—Police Sgt. Michael Denton investigated when housewives reported that scores of crows had invaded this community, pecked at them and even stole clothespins off their lines. He didn't have much success. First one of the birds stole a section of the windshield wiper from his car, then a whole squadron of crows dive-bombed at his head. At last reports the crows still had the upper hand.

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Front row, left to right: Corp. Harmon H. Burns, Tech. Grade 4 Carleton J. Anderson, Sgt. William E. Young, Tech. Grade 5 Max M. Utay, Tech. Sgt. George W. Hatzenbuehler.

Back row, left to right: Pvt. Aaron H. Schwartz, Tech. Grade 5 Richard A. West, Pvt. Roy Rustin, Tech. Grade 5 Pipkin Young, Pvt. Joe R. Laza.

The origin of the nickname "Dog-face"—common term in the lingo of GIs—has been explained as follows:

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The orientation officer of Hq. Co., 664th Tank Destroyer Battalion, has brought added interest to his weekly orientation lectures.

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General Sets Pace On Infiltration Course

Camp Haan, Calif.—Some surprise was aroused among the men at the infiltration course here when an elderly soldier in fatigues went through and led the way for soldiers half his age.

They figured he must be a new enlistee—till they watched him belly his way under the wire, with the machine-gun fire sliding above.

When the fuss was over the gray-haired soldier stripped off his fatigues and revealed a general's insignia. It was Brig. Gen. E. B. Collady, CO of the 33rd Brigade, who led six of his staff officers over the course.—The Army Times.

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2. Give victim warm drink. Do not give ALCOHOL—coffee, tea or cocoa may be used.
3. Do not apply artificial respiration even if the victim seems to be choking.
4. Do not permit victim to smoke.
5. Such a victim is a litter case.

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Aid for victims of Cyanarsine and Hydrocyanic:

1. Continue for hours to give artificial respiration.
 2. Cause the victim to inhale amyl nitrite fumes.
- Aid to victim of Arsine:
1. Should be given large quantities of sodium carbonate, citrate, or phosphate to drink.
 2. Keep warm and quiet.

Irritant Smokes—Adamsite, Diphenylahlor, Arsine

1. Remove immediately to pure air.
 2. Cause victim to inhale chlorine from bleach powder.
 3. Keep victim quiet.
- NOTE: Victim will become deathly sick in this gas but do not permit him to become frightened—he will recover in 2 to 4 hours.

Tear Gases—Chloracetophenone, Brombenzylcyanide

1. Face the wind with eyes open—DO NOT RUB THE EYES.
2. Washing the eyes and skin will help.
3. The effects will soon wear off.

Screening Smokes

- A. White Phosphorus (this is also an incendiary).
1. Smoke is harmless, but particles on skin produce severe burns. (a) Keep particles damp, cover with wet cloth or cover with copper sulphate. (b) Remove particle from skin and treat as a third degree burn.
- B. Titanium Tetrachloride and Sulphur Trioxide.
1. Smoke is irritating but harmless. Liquid produces acid-like burns on skin. A spray in the eyes may be

serious. (a) Wash with large quantities of water. (b) For the eyes irrigate with 2% solution of sodium bicarbonate (baking soda). (c) If severe, consult a doctor as soon as possible.

THE FIRST AID KIT

A good first aid kit contains such articles as the following:

1. One-inch compress on adhesive in individual packages.
 2. Sterile gauze bandage—about 3 inch by 3-inch—in individual packages.
 3. Triangular bandages.
 4. Assorted sterile bandage compresses in individual packages.
 5. Sterile gauze in individual packages of about 1 sq. yd.
 6. Picric acid gauze.
 7. Burn ointment—such as 5% tannic acid jelly.
 8. Iodine, mild.
 9. Aromatic spirits of ammonia.
 10. Inelastic tourniquet.
 11. Scissors.
 12. 3-inch splint forceps.
 14. One-inch and 2-inch roller bandages.
 15. Wire or thin board splints.
 16. Castor oil or mineral oil, for use in eyes. This should be sterile; may be obtained in small tubes.
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Second Training and Research Unit.

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- Film Strip 8-70—First Aid for Non-combat Injuries.
- Film Strip 8-71—Transportation of Casualties.
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LESSON No. 10—FIRST AID

FIRST AID

First Aid is the immediate, temporary treatment given in case of accident or sudden illness before the services of a physician or those of a medical officer can be secured.

The duty of the one giving first aid ends where the physician's begins, and there should be no clash of interest between the two.

IMPORTANT FIRST AID RULES

Do not get excited—act quickly but calmly; Do not try to do too much; Handle an injured person gently; Keep an injured person warm; Whenever possible, give an injured person first aid before he is moved; Do not pour liquids into the mouth of an unconscious person—to do this may choke him; Do not try to bring an unconscious injured person to consciousness—let him lie quietly, face down, with his head turned to one side; Remember that drugs are dangerous if too much is given—follow directions when giving drugs in the first aid kits and packets; Anyone who has been given first aid for a serious condition should be seen as soon as possible by a medical officer.

COMMON EMERGENCIES AND HEALTH MEASURES

(a) Snake Bite:

When a snake bite is on the leg, apply a tourniquet above the knee; when on the hand or arm, place tourniquet above the elbow. NOTE: The tourniquet should be loosened every 20 to 30 minutes for 10 to 15 seconds.

Apply iodine to the area around the bite. Then paint with iodine, either a pocket knife or razor blade, and with either of these instruments make cross incisions ¼-inch long and ⅛-inch deep

over each fang mark, or connect fang marks with incision.

Apply suction to the wound for 20 minutes before loosening tourniquet. Keep up suction for at least three 20-minute periods. This suction can be done with the mouth if no cup is available.

If the breathing of a person who has been bitten by a snake becomes difficult or shows signs of stopping, give artificial respiration.

If there is a great amount of bleeding from the incisions, place a gauze compress on the wound and press the thumb over the incisions.

After the last period of suction has been completed, remove the tourniquet; sprinkle sulfanilamide into the incisions and apply a sterile dressing.

(b) Insect Bites and Stings:

For severe stings such as those caused by bees and wasps, the application of a folded cloth thoroughly wet with cold water will help relieve discomfort. Do not scratch the sting area; to do this increases the danger of infection.

First aid for poisonous spider bites is the same as for snake bites.

(c) Ticks and Lice:

Use insecticide powder for crawling insects, especially lice. For the prevention of tick bites, dust the belt line and the inner side of the clothing of the lower extremities, including the socks and shoes.

When removing ticks, be careful not to leave the head of the tick in the skin, and do not crush the tick. The ticks may be removed properly by pulling gently but steadily upon its body or by placing a lighted cigarette close to its body so that it releases itself from the skin. Paint the area of the tick bite with iodine. An alter-

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What A Private Thinks Of Censors

What every service man must feel when he starts to write home is expressed in rhyme by Pfc. Victor Konyo. His piece is reprinted here from several army publications:

"Can't write a thing; the censor's the blame.
Can't say that I'm well and then sign my name.
Can't say where we sailed from; can't mention the date.
Can't even tell the meals what we ate.
Can't say where we're going; don't know where we'll land.
Could not inform you, if met by a band.
Can't speak of the weather; can't say there is rain—
Military secrets must secrets remain.
Can't have a flashlight to guide me at night.
Can't smoke a cigarette except out of sight.
Can't keep a diary, for such is a sin.
Can't save the envelope your letter came in.
Can't say for sure, folks, just what I can write.
So I'll call this a letter, and so say—'Goodnight.'"

"Com-panee atten-shun" yells the drill sergeant to his squad of rookies. "COM-panee, lift up your left leg and hold it straight in front of ya!"

So one soldier makes a mistake and holds up his right leg, which brings it out side by side with the next fellow's left leg.

"Awright, awright," yells the sarge, looking down the line, "who's the wise guy holding up both legs?"

Barber: "Haven't I shaved you shomewhere before?"
Seergeant: "Nope, I got that scar at Pearl Harbor."—Belvoir Castle, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

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nate method for removing ticks is to touch the tick with a matchstick which has been dipped in turpentine, then brush off the tick when he releases. Wash off turpentine at once with soapy water, since it may blister.

(d) Poisonous Plants (Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, Poison Sumac):

Control and first aid measures:

If possible wear gloves while working near any of these plants; Wash with strong soap all parts of the body which have been exposed to the plants. The washing must be prompt and thorough, otherwise it will tend to spread the poison; Wash, or expose to the sun for several hours, all clothing, tools or other implements which have been near the plants; After a rash has developed, do not wash the affected parts. Avoid scratching; this makes the condition worse.

(e) Removal of Foreign Bodies:

(1) From the Eye:

Close the eye and allow tears to gather. **DO NOT RUB THE EYE.** After a few minutes, open it again and the foreign body may be washed out by the tears. If the foreign body is under the lower lid, pull the lid down, have the person look up, and brush out the foreign body with the corner of a clean handkerchief.

If the foreign body is under the upper lid, hold the eyelashes of the upper lid with the index finger and thumb of one hand; place a match or a pencil, held in the other hand, over the middle of the upper lid; then turn the lid over the match and have the person look down. The foreign body may then be seen and removed with the corner of a clean handkerchief.

If the object cannot be easily wiped away from the eyeball or eyelid by brushing it with the handkerchief, close the eye and lightly apply a bandage.

(2) From the Ear:

Never use pins or wire to remove objects from the ear. Insects in the ear can usually be killed by dropping in a little oil; if no oil can be obtained, use water instead. If the foreign body is a bean or other object which will swell if it gets wet, do not put water in the ear.

(3) From the Nose:

Try to remove the foreign body by gently blowing the nose. No attempt should be made to remove the object with forceps or wire.

(4) From the Throat:

If the foreign body can be reached with the finger, it may be picked out. See a medical officer at the earliest possible time.

(5) From the Skin:

Splinters, pieces of grit, or other foreign bodies may be removed by picking them out with a sharp blade which has been sterilized by heating in a flame. Paint with iodine the area from which the splinter has been removed and then apply a sterile adhesive compress or other small bandage. Report as soon as possible to a medical officer.

BLISTERS

Apply a small amount of mild tincture of iodine to the point at the edge of the blister where it is to be opened. Sterilize a needle in an open flame. Be careful not to touch the end of the needle after it is sterilized. Puncture the blister at its edge and apply gentle pressure to its outside margins, gently pressing out the water or blood. Apply a sterile dressing.

BOILS

(a) DO NOT SQUEEZE. Hot salt solution may be applied to relieve pain and hasten the formation of pus. Do not use poultices or flaxseed, bread and milk or similar substances. Boils should be opened by a physician as soon as possible.

COLDS

(a) Treatment:

Avoid unnecessary exposure; Drink plenty of fluids; Bicarbonate of soda or baking soda—a rounded teaspoonful every two hours for about three doses—often helps; A laxative, such as Epsom salts or milk of magnesia may be well taken; Take a hot bath following a hot lemonade just before going to bed. **DO NOT GET CHILLED. GET INTO A WARM BED AT ONCE!** Hot water, with a half teaspoonful of salt or soda added to each glassful, makes a very satisfactory gargle.

Rest in bed is the most effective and satisfactory cold treatment.

EARACHE

(a) Treatment and Care: Do not blow the nose with one nostril closed. If there is an infection this will cause it to spread. The pain can often be relieved by applying either an ice bag or hot water bottle to the painful ear. Cold will give relief in more cases than heat. Hot or cold compresses may be used in the same way. A bag of hot salt makes an excellent way of applying heat.

HICCOUGH

Treatment: Mild cases can often be stopped by holding the breath as long as possible, or drinking a cold glass of water. Pulling the tongue out as far as comfortable for a minute or two may give immediate relief. Breathing in and out of a paper bag that fits tightly over the face will, through the accumulation of carbon dioxide, often stop hiccough.

TOOTHACHE

Treatment: If there is a cavity in the tooth, clean it out with a very small bit of cotton around the end of a toothpick. Then another small piece of cotton dipped in oil of cloves may be gently packed into the cavity with the end of a toothpick. Aches in the teeth that have no cavities are often relieved by the application of heat or cold on the outside of the jaw.

INJURIES DUE TO HEAT AND COLD

Treatment for Burns: Small burns or those of limited extent seldom cause shock. Burns known as extensive burns usually cause shock.

Treatment for Shock: Keep victim warm; put in positions so that he will be on his back with the head low; give stimulants. Rapidly remove all loose clothing over the burned area and apply one of the following:

Baking soda solution (to a quart of water add two or three heaping tablespoonfuls of baking soda). Bandage lightly in place and cover with blankets to keep warm.

Tannic acid is giving excellent results. It is used as a 5% solution in water, and should be made fresh when needed. 5% tannic acid jelly is now available and is quite satisfactory.

Use by spreading on sterile gauze. If no tannic acid is available, use tea made of common tea leaves.

Picric Acid Gauze: Petroleum jelly spread on sterile gauze and applied to burns, especially where blisters have formed, is a satisfactory emergency treatment for burns. Five per cent sulfathiazole cream is a desirable treatment for burns and should be kept easily available.

Do not apply tannic acid to burns of the face or hands if any of the other mentioned treatments or applications above mentioned are available. Never apply iodine to a burn.

SUNSTROKE AND HEAT EXHAUSTION

Sunstroke: Exposure to heat—particularly sun's rays.

Symptoms are headache, skin hot and dry, no sweating; Pulse strong and rapid temperature very high, unconscious, usually.

Treatment: Lying with head elevated. Use cold applications, no heat, no stimulants.

Heat Exhaustion: Symptoms are pale face, skin moist and cool, sweating profuse; pulse weak, low temperature, often faint, but seldom remains unconscious for more than a few minutes.

Treatment: Lying with head level or low. Requires external heat—no cold applications. Use stimulants, give salt.

GASES

In all gas victim cases—First, adjust the victim's gas mask. Second, remove the victim to pure air.

Specific first aid to victims of gas follows according to the physiological classification of the chemical agent:

Vesicants—Mustard Lewisite (Blistering Gases)

1. Blot off liquid agent if it contacts the skin. Do not rub. Remove splashed clothing and destroy.

2. Apply M-4 ointment; if not available, wash with kerosene or gasoline **NOT CONTAINING LEAD.**

3. Wash repeatedly with soap and water. Dab with dry towel. **DO NOT RUB.**

4. For eyes, use M-1 eye solution, or wash with water.

How To Outlive A Battle Is Told In Army Textbook

The Army is compiling a textbook on "How to Outlive a Battle", drawing for material upon the experience of its men in the field, from privates to generals.

Here are some of the ideas collected by the War Department:

From an infantry private in Sicily: "Don't gawk. Several times German planes pretended that they were involved in a dogfight to secure the attention of the ground troops. Then they swooped down on a strafing run."

From an operations report: "Never allow men to lie prone and passive under enemy fire. . . . The familiar expression, 'Dig or die,' has been greatly overworked. Attacking troops must not be allowed to dig in until they have secured their final objective. If they dig in when momentarily stopped by enemy fire it will take dynamite to blast them from their holes and resume the advance."

An infantry Lieutenant in Sicily, stressing the value of hand-to-hand fighting: A German officer tried to capture the Lieutenant's bazooka man, but the latter gave the Ger-

man an uppercut and then killed him with his helmet.

A General Officer, reporting from Attu: Japanese infiltration tactics can be offset by a system of "anti-termite" patrols organized behind our own lines to protect artillery, command posts and supply lines. The General said: "Wherever troops know that these friendly patrols are behind them fire in their rear will mean to them simply that our patrols are exterminating the infiltrating Japs. This feeling was well expressed by Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest (Confederate Cavalry Commander in the Civil War), when one of his staff officers approached him in great excitement and said, 'General, the enemy is in our rear.' Forrest calmly replied, 'If they're in our'n, we must in their'n.'"

The first division warning of new tricks in booby traps in Tunisia:

isia: "A Luger pistol was found lying on the ground. An American infantry Lieutenant carefully tied a long cord to it and then, getting into a hole, pulled it to him and put it in his pocket. Later in the day while examining the pistol he attempted to remove the magazine. The explosion killed the Lieutenant and two other men and wounded six soldiers."

She: "I don't mind your making love to me, but couldn't you be a little more subtle?"

GI: "Subtle, honey? You want I should be subtle on a six hour pass?"

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Marriage Vows (G. I. Version)

An ever increasing number of men in the service these days are exchanging marriage vows and "living unhappily ever after" because the little woman just can't understand that the Army is the way it is, and can't be changed. However, says the Camp Cook, Calif., "Clarion," if the following GI version of the wedding ceremony (first printed in the Seymour, Ind., "Twining Times") were read things would be different:

"Wilt thou, Joe, have this woman as thy wedded wife, to live together insofar as Army Regulations will allow? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, take her to the movies and come home regularly on the 1700 bus?"

"I will."
"Wilt thou, Sally, have this soldier as thy wedded husband, bearing in mind reveille, retreat formation, bus schedules, uncertain passes, sudden orders and other penalties of Army life? Wilt thou obey him, honor him, wait for him, press his uniform and watch over his blue card?"

"I will."
"I, Joe, take thee, Sally, as my wedded wife from 1700 to 2330 as far as permitted by the Commanding Officer, passes subject to change without notice, for better or for worse, for earlier, for later, and I promise to send thee a weekly letter while I am away."

"I, Sally, take thee, Joe, as my wedded husband, subject to the whims of the Commanding Officer and First Sergeant insofar as reveille and retreat are concerned, changing residence whenever you move, to have and to hold just as long as my allotment comes regularly, and therefore I give thee my troth."—The Communicate, Camp Livingston, La.

New Light-Weight Poncho Developed

Washington.—A new lightweight multiple-purpose poncho, made of water-proofed nylon fabric, has been developed by the Quartermaster Corps and is soon to be issued to troops in tropical combat areas, the War Department announced this week.

Weighing about 30 ounces, as compared with the 55-ounce cotton poncho, the new nylon poncho can be used as a foxhole cover, a ground sheet protecting men or material from ground moisture, or a moisture-proof bedroll.—The Army Times.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS DURING MARCH

Name	Pmtd. To	Unit
Prim, Robert C., Jr.	Captain	CWD, St. Hqs. Co.
Hinga, Don H.	Major	M. I. G-2
Perryman, Fred M., Jr.	1st Lt.	M. I. G-2
Shinn, John B., Jr.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 2nd Bn.
Mauntz, William J., Jr.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 3rd Bn.
Shaffer, Oliver J.	Captain	Med. Det., 4th Bn.
Treece, Angus A.	Captain	Med. Det., 4th Bn.
Swenson, Weldon M.	Major	Hqs., 5th Bn.
Parker, Jacques A	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 5th Bn.
Falls, Zeaton C.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 5th Bn.
Nelson, Walter A.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 5th Bn.
Paine, Henry C.	Captain	Med. Det., 5th Bn.
Schuhardt, Vernon T.	Captain	Med. Det., 5th Bn.
Watson, Otis C.	Captain	Med. Det., 5th Bn.
Parrish, Ben H.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 5th Bn.
White, Hyman	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 7th Bn.
Spiller, John B.	Captain	Med. Det., 7th Bn.
Smith, Gomer Lee	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 12th Bn.
Walla, Eddie E.	Captain	Ser. Det., 12th Bn.
Curtis, William R.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 14th Bn.
Phillips, Cortez	1st Lt.	Hqs., 15th Bn.
Ferguson, James H.	Captain	Co. D, 15th Bn.
Ratliff, Arch	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 15th Bn.
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Jones, John F.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 15th Bn.
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Many Books Supplied To U. S. Armed Forces

Washington.—Approximately 20,000,000 copies of popular books reduced to pocket size, more than \$6,000,000 worth of college and high school textbooks, and copies of 25 weekly and monthly magazines are being supplied U. S. forces by the Morale Division of the Army Service Forces, with the Quartermaster Corps acting as procurement agent.

Non-fiction forms an important part of the Army book shipments, and soldiers in foreign lands are especially interested in books about the countries in which they are stationed.

Pocket-sized books weigh only one-sixth as much as original cloth bound editions and cost only 7 1/2 cents a copy, instead of the \$2.10 or more charged for the regular size volumes.

Text books include more than 200 different types. Many are being re-edited and reprinted so that they become self-teaching and more

useful to soldiers stationed far from instructional help.

Delivery orders of magazines, in sets of 21, are issued each month to men overseas. Advertisements are deleted and some magazines are printed in miniature on thin paper, thus reducing size and weight to facilitate shipping. For example, 52 editions of one news magazine weigh slightly more than three pounds instead of the standard 21 pounds. Packets of news magazines are often flown overseas so that troops will receive their news "hot" from home.—The Army Times.

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Guardsman Saves Port Arthur Man; Receives Medal

Pfc. Sabre J. Guidry, Company A, 9th Battalion, of Port Arthur, has received the International Safety Council President's Medal for saving the life of a man through Red Cross first aid treatment.

At the request of 2nd Lt. Fred Putnam, Company A, Pfc. Guidry wrote the following account of the deed for which he was honored:

I was at my home, 945 Brazos Avenue, getting ready to go on a Texas State Guard maneuver about 10:45 a. m. April 25, 1943. While packing my pack to take on my trip I heard what sounded like a scream. I stopped my work and listened. I heard the sound again—it was a voice screaming for help.

Knowing that something must be amiss, I jumped in my car and started driving in the general direction from which the voice had come. I could hear more screams as I drove so I didn't waste any time.

I had driven about a block and a half from my house when I noticed other persons running in the same direction. They were going toward a residence on Neches Avenue. Stopping my car, I ran the rest of the way to the house and went inside.

The voice—a man's voice—was still calling out. I found the victim on the back porch. He was lying on his stomach with his chin extended over the rear step. Both hands gripped the step tightly.

"Get me a doctor," he cried.

Having recently completed my first aid course, given to State Guardsmen, I first took a good look at the man. His face was a pale blue color, he was wet with perspiration. Then he said he had been poisoned. While someone else called an ambulance, I gave him first aid.

Soon afterward he was rushed to the hospital and I went along in the ambulance. While the doctor was preparing to pump his stomach, his breathing stopped. I then applied artificial respiration by the prone pressure method for about twenty minutes. By that time the victim was breathing normally once more.

I later learned the man's name who I had saved was Leon O'Neal.

LOCATES SHELL FRAGMENTS

A new x-ray machine, developed by O. Conrad Holstein, a Westinghouse engineer, designed to simplify the removal of bullets and shell fragments from the wounded, locates in 60 second all the metal in a man's body and makes the surgeon's work much more definite and certain. The machine localizes the fragments in both the horizontal and vertical planes and marks the skin with iodine for surgery. An army authority says the device will lower the mortality rate for wounded 2½ to 3½ per cent. A contract for 2,000 of the machines has already been placed by the War Department.

Pfc. Sabre J. Guidry



Weslaco Loses Its Topkick to Army

The Weslaco company of the 26th Battalion has lost its topkick to the army.

He is Sgt. Gordon Kethley, business manager of the Weslaco News and former president of the South Texas Press Association. He reported to Fort Sam Houston April 16 for an army assignment after having passed his pre-induction examination several weeks earlier.

Sergeant Kethley has served the Weslaco company for more than two years.

"For beating your First Sergeant," said the court martial judge, "we fine you twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents."

"Why twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents?" asked the yardbird.

"Twenty-five dollars fine and two-fifty for the amusement tax."

HONOR ROLL FOR MARCH

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The Boggy Road That Led To San Jacinto

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles written by an officer of the Texas State Guard relating the events which led up to the Battle of San Jacinto. The first article appeared in the April issue of The Guardsman. The third and last article will be published in the June issue.)

By CAPT. HOBART HUSON
S-1, 21st Bn. T. S. G.

In order to get to the site a trail had to be hacked through the timber and spaces had to be cleared for camp spots. Captain Baker later accused the general, "You pursued your route up the Brazos and finally encamped amid some lakes at a spot to which no roads ran. Will you tell me why you went there?" The army moved to the new camp on the 1st. Thereafter the flooded Brazos rose so high in its banks that the camp site was converted into an island—The "Texas Isle of Lobau," so to speak—and Houston devoted it to purposes similar to those of its Danubian prototype.

After the men had washed and dried their clothing and got cleaned up, the army underwent a rigorous reorganization. A second volunteer regiment was formed with Sidney Sherman as its colonel. A medical corps was organized, and a field hospital was established on the east side of the river near Groce's. Many of the men suffering from chills and fever and exposure were hospitalized. The effectives went a thorough course of discipline, despite the incessant rains. As artillery was daily expected, an artillery company was trained. Detachments were sent down the river to send back stragglers, harass the enemy, and to obtain military information. The latter was never neglected.

Steamboat "Impressed"

One of the first acts of the general upon his arrival at Groce's was to "impress" the steamboat Yellowstone, then loading cotton at Groce's Landing. Thus the general secured the means of quickly getting his army across the flooded Brazos when occasion might demand.

From his position at Groce's Houston could keep watch on the movements of both Gaona's column (which was "lost in the sandhills" above Bastrop), and Sesma's column, which was having difficulties at the Atascosita, below. His army was poised for mobile action. Although hidden from enemy sight, he had open lines of communication with the Texian government and with the Redlands, and the United States. Moreover, he was on the safe side of the Liberty road.

General Santa Anna, having decided to remain in Texas, prepared

to leave for the front. He decided to converge his three columns on the Brazos and unite them into one command. On March 25 orders were sent to Gaona to abandon his march to Nacogdoches and proceed to San Felipe instead. This order was not obeyed. General Juan Jose Andrade with 400 men, besides the wounded of the Alamo battle, were detached to garrison Bexar. On March 29 Colonel Augustin Amat with two battalions left Bexar for Atascosita. Two days later (the 31st) Santa Anna, with his staff, and the remainder of his effective troops under General Vicente Filisola, followed. Amat's and Filisola's contingents aggregated some 2,000 troops. Had these contingents united with Sesma's division, the total strength of the central column should have approximated some 3,400 men.

Vanguard Held Up

When Santa Anna and Filisola got to Gonzales on April 2 they found Amat's vanguard held up by the swollen Guadalupe, unable to cross. Santa Anna ordered barges to be constructed, but he did not remain to see the matter concluded. On the 3rd, he with his staff and an escort of cavalry, swam the torrential Guadalupe and proceeded rapidly to the Colorado. He reached the Atascosita crossing on the 5th. There he found that Sesma had succeeded in crossing his troops, but had been unable to cross his baggage and artillery.

General Santa Anna immediately detailed General Woll with a detachment of 200 to construct barges or rafts upon which the impedimenta could be floated across, and also be in readiness when Filisola's division came up. Taking the remaining 1,200 of Sesma's troops, the commander-in-chief, on the 6th, began a march to San Felipe, where he expected Gaona to join him. He camped the night of the 6th at the San Bernard. The Mexican army reached San Felipe at daybreak of the 7th.

Santa Anna's information was that Houston had only 800 men, and that he was in the vicinity of San Felipe. From one of Baker's men captured at San Felipe it was learned that Baker was on the east side of the river with 150 men, for the purpose of barring a crossing; and that Houston was at Groce's, fifteen leagues up the river, with 800 men. Santa Anna, as well as

other Mexican officers, seem to have deduced, because of the disposition of Baker's men, and the location of Groce's residence, that Houston was on the east side of the Brazos, and evidently did not know that the Texian army was concealed in the bottom only 18 miles away on the same side of the river as themselves.

Mexicans At San Felipe

Informed that the Mexican army was at San Felipe, Houston sent Baker a reinforcement of 45 men, and also sent out a cavalry detachment to shadow the enemy. Santa Anna on the 7th undertook to force the crossing of the Brazos. The attempt was turned back due to Baker's determined stand and the high water. The Mexican artillery was brought into action and Baker's fortified position was vigorously shelled, but to no avail. The attack was kept up for three days, Santa Anna at the same time sending parties up and down the river to discover another crossing. In desperation Santa Anna ordered some unburned houses torn down and put his men to work constructing barges. After a few hours this project was abandoned, and the generalissimo, on the 9th, left San Felipe. Out of the force of 1,200 which he had brought there, he took 500 infantry and 50 cavalry and proceeded down the river to find another crossing. Sesma was left with 50 troops at San Felipe to wait for Gaona.

Santa Anna's detachment took the Columbia road, which skirted the San Bernardo. Reconnaissance parties were sent to the Brazos from various points to locate possible crossings. On April 10 the column halted for rest and refreshments on the Elizabeth Powell farm. From there it left the Columbia road and by a forced march

reached Thompson's Ferry on the Brazos (about three miles above Old Fort) before sunrise on the 11th. In this great bend of the Brazos, and within a few miles of one another, were four different crossings, one being that of Old Fort (present Richmond). Captain Wyly Martin's company was on the east side of the river, but his force was too small to simultaneously defend all four crossings. The Mexicans took possession of Thompson's by a stratagem, and by a flank attack from another crossing compelled Martin to withdraw. Martin's company then dispersed, the captain and those who remained with him started back to rejoin Houston. They camped that night at Fulshear's. On the 11th Santa

Anna issued orders for Sesma and Filisola to join him at Thompson's. Sesma arrived on the 13th. Filisola, however, after negotiating the Atascosita crossing, on the 13th, marched immediately from San Felipe, which he reached on the 15th. From San Felipe he marched to Old Fort, arriving there on the 1th.

Government Located

At Thompson's, Santa Anna learned that the Texian government personnel was then at Harrisburg, on the right bank of Buffalo Bayou, about 12 leagues distant. Santa Anna conceived the idea of making a rapid march to that place and capturing the "government." Accordingly, at 3 o'clock of the aft-

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ernoon of the 14th he crossed the Brazos, with his staff and 750 men and one six-pounder, taking ample ammunition, and started on his quest. Sesma was left with the remainder of his division at Thompson's. The Santa Anna column made a circuitous march to avoid Oyster Creek, and after rounding its head camped at Clopper's that night. At daylight of the 15th the march was resumed.

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The Texian army remained at its "Isle of Labou," near Groce's, until April 12. By that time it had reached its maximum strength of about 1,600. On the 6th the first news of the massacre of Fannin's men arrived. A few hundred soldiers on hearing it immediately left the army. From that time until the army reached San Jacinto Fannin's soldiers who had escaped the massacre trickled in. When Santa Anna's army neared San Felipe, Houston entertained the idea of giving battle, and issued an alert order. Sickness, outstanding detachments, plus the wholesale desertions, had made Houston's striking force inferior to the enemy, and the idea of battle was abandoned.

Found Santa Anna

On the evening of April 11, Houston received his first knowledge that Santa Anna was on the Brazos, and that the Mexicans were in process of crossing at Old Fort. This information was brought by Joseph Powell. Fearing that knowledge of the proximity of Santa Anna, if known, might cause another panic, Houston and Rusk suppressed the news, and immediately sent Powell to Harrisburg, to warn the government. The soldiers were told that Powell was a Mexican spy in order to satisfy their curiosity concerning him. During the night Houston and Rusk made plans to break camp and cross the army to the east side the next day. The reason for the movement was kept a strict secret from all other persons. On the 12th a report was received from Captain Martin, who was then ordered to march to Donaho's and to remain there until further orders. "I have reason for wanting dispatch," the general added.

The Yellowstone was brought up to the camp. General Houston had to agree to indemnify the officers and crew against all loss, before they would act, and also to agree to convey to Ferguson, the engineer, a league of land, if he would remain with the boat. The crossing commenced the morning of the 12th and was completed by the afternoon of the 13th. The Yellowstone was then ordered to run the gauntlet of the Mexican armies and escape into the gulf. It valiantly accomplished this remarkable feat.

The Texian army camped near Groce's residence until the evening of the 14th, when it made a night march to Donaho's (a point above five miles south of present Hempstead). There the army spent the remainder of the night. After crossing the river the army received the two small cannon, which were named the "Twin Sisters." Many refugee families were found camped at Donaho's. The companies of Baker and Martin rejoined Houston at this place. On the morning of the 15th, Moses, one of Jesse

Thompson's negroes, brought an impudent message from Santa Anna to Houston. Its context was that as soon as Santa Anna caught the "land-thieves" (as he called the Texian government) he would come up and smoke out Houston. Thus from Santa Anna himself came information of his plan to go to Harrisburg.

Forced March

Thereupon began a forced march in quest of Santa Anna. The army, however, being kept in ignorance of its destination. The column started moving on the morning of the 16th. The march was impeded by the quagmire, through which it had to pass, and the many refugee families in its train. Baker and Martin were vociferous in their demands and denunciations. Houston gave them no satisfaction. There were mutterings that if the army passed the Harrisburg road the general would be deposed. An excruciating march of 17 miles brought the army at eventide to McCurley's, on Spring Creek. There it camped for the night.

At daybreak of the 16th the army was ready to resume its march, when a torrential rain fell. It was 10 o'clock before the van led off. At Robert's place about a mile from Curley's, the Harrisburg road branched off. When this intersection was reached the head of the column turned into the Harrisburg road. A wail immediately went up from the refugee families and those soldiers who preferred the Sabine to the San Jacinto. The column stopped until matters could be arranged. The families were sent ahead on the Trinity Road, with Captain Martin and his company as an escort. About 400 soldiers left the ranks and went off with the refugee families. The army then started again, and ploughed all day through a sea of bottomless mud. The wagons sunk to their axles, and everyone had to lend shoulders to extricating them. The general himself gave more than one lift. The rain beat down intermittently,

the sky was gloomy and overcast, and the wind biting. At dark the column reached Burnett's on Cypress Creek, where it camped for the night. It had made only 15 miles that day, but every foot of the way had been tortuous. The march through the mud was begun afresh on the morning of the 17th. After a wracking march of 18 miles the army halted in the edge of the pine woods about six miles north of Harrisburg, where it spent the night.

Screen of Scouts

The advance had been covered by a screen of scouts and spies, chief among whom was Deaf Smith. Early the morning of the 18th, Smith captured and brought into camp two Mexican couriers bearing dispatches for Santa Anna. From this source it was definitely learned that the president of Mexico with some 600 troops were in the vicinity of Lynchburg, on the San Jacinto, and that they had burned Harrisburg en route.

The Texian army then marched for Harrisburg, a distance of about six miles. About noon it halted on the left side of Buffalo Bayou, about 800 yards below the burned town, on the opposite side of the bayou. There the army remained concealed until the morning of the 19th.

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Santa Anna had left his Oyster Creek camp about 8 o'clock of the morning of the 15th. He arrived at Harrisburg at 11 o'clock that night, after resting at Stafford's en route. The only inhabitants to be found were three printers who were at work. They informed Santa Anna that the town had been abandoned, that the "government" had fled to Galveston Island, and that Houston was still up at Groce's

with 800 men. Harrisburg was burned that night—the Texans say, by Santa Anna; Santa Anna says, by the Texans.

Colonel Juan N. Almonte took a detachment of 50 dragoons and reconnoitered Lynchburg and New Washington. He reported to his chief information received that Houston was retreating to the Trinity by way of Lynchburg. On the 16th, Lieutenant Colonel Jose Maria Castillo y Iberri was sent post-haste to Old Fort with order that General Martin Perfecto de Cos with 500 select infantry be immediately dispatched to Lynchburg. On the afternoon of the 18th Santa Anna marched to New Washington, on Galveston Bay, about three leagues below Lynchburg.

Early the morning of the 19th Santa Anna dispatched Captain Marcos Barragan with a detachment of dragoons to the crossing at Lynchburg to keep a lookout for the Texian army. At 8 o'clock on the morning of the 20th Barragan reported that Houston was approaching Lynchburg. Upon receipt of this information Santa Anna left New Washington, first burning the town, and marched towards Lynchburg. The Mexican army arrived at the San Jacinto battlefield in the early afternoon of the 20th and went into camp at the place where it was later attacked.

After reaching Harrisburg, Houston sent out scouting parties in the direction of San Jacinto and Galveston Bays to locate Santa Anna and learn his plans. Reports soon came that the Mexican commander was at New Washington, and was expecting to go thence to Anahuac, crossing the San Jacinto at Lynch's. Houston then made his dispositions with promptness and energy. Orders were given that all baggage, wounded, and ineffective men were to be left at the Harrisburg camp. Major McNutt and 75 effective men were detached to guard the camp. Some 150 sick and ineffective troops were left under their care. Houston at first considered leaving the "Twin Sisters" at the camp, as he desired to strip his column of all unnecessary impedimenta and make it as mobile as possible. He finally decided to take the cannon.

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Houston and Rusk prepared a call to arms addressed to the people of Texas proclaiming the presence of Santa Anna and announcing that the Texian army was "on the eve of battle." Riders were sent out with this proclamation, which was dated the 19th, with instructions to rush to the army all volunteers whom they might encounter. On the morning of the 19th Houston ordered that every man of the flying column provide himself with three days' rations. While they were so doing, the general dashed off a few lines to his friend Henry Raguet in which he stated, "This morning we are in preparation to meet Santa Anna."

Captain Karnes was ordered to remain with his scouts on the south side of Buffalo Bayou to protect the crossing of the army. Greatest secrecy as to all movements was enjoined. It was known from captured dispatches that General Cos, with 500 reinforcements, was due to pass Harrisburg on their way to join Santa Anna. Strict orders were given Major McNutt and all scouts to permit the reinforcement to pass unmolested. The major was particularly instructed that his guard should not show itself, nor attack the enemy when it passed, nor fight at all unless it was first attacked.

About noon of the 19th the flying column started for Lynch's Ferry. Buffalo Bayou was crossed below the mouth of Sims Bayou, and about three-quarters of a mile below Harrisburg. Before crossing Houston addressed the troops, concluding with the declaration, "The army will cross, and we will meet the enemy." A flatboat had been procured and was used to facilitate the movement. It was late in the afternoon before the last of the army was over. The march was then taken up which continued into the night. Only one halt was made. About 2 o'clock of the morning of the 20th the army was within three miles of Lynch's Ferry. At this point it halted and slept. While preparing breakfast enemy scouts appeared. The army "bolted" its breakfast and marched to Lynch's Ferry. It was then drawn back into a belt of timber about a half mile from the ferry from which it could block any enemy attempt to cross at the ferry. Orders were given that the position should be concealed from the enemy as long as possible. The Mexicans did not definitely locate the Texians until 2 o'clock that afternoon.

The provision for security of retreat was the first concern of Houston after reaching San Jacinto. He considered constructing a floating bridge across the Buffalo Bayou. The soldiers, however, refused to do any work on a bridge, stating that they wanted to fight and would whip the Mexicans. Houston, nevertheless, quietly had two flat boats floated down the bayou during the night, and thus, in a measure, provided for security in event of adversity.

General Cos with 542 Mexican troops passed through Harrisburg

Gen. Santa Anna de Lopez



on the afternoon of the 20th. If the Texians across the river were detected, the Mexicans ignored them. On their part McNutt's men watched the Mexican column march by, but in obedience to Houston's strict order on the subject, made no demonstration. The Mexicans camped that night on Sims Bayou about a mile below Harrisburg, McNutt's men itched to make a night attack, but controlled their impulses. Cos broke camp before daybreak, and joined Santa Anna at San Jacinto at about 9 o'clock on the morning of the fateful 21st. After Cos had crossed the Texians destroyed Vince's bridge to hinder further enemy reinforcements.

Thus the stage for the Battle of San Jacinto was set. After General Cos' arrival, the Mexican army numbered about 1,292 officers and men, while the Texians had on the field from 918 to 1,000, not counting the 350 odd at Harrisburg.

Passing a military hospital a visitor saw a badly wounded soldier from one of the Irish regiments. "When are you going to send the man home?" he asked.

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"Back to the front!" exclaimed the visitor. "But he's in an awful shape!"

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Every Thursday night from 7:30 to 10, the men of Company D meet in their armory, an old store building at Eighth and Beckley in Oak Cliff. Last night was typical.

Corporal Lectures

Corp. M. P. Tobin, by day an employee of a Dallas packing house, was lecturing to the assembled guardsmen. Corporal Tobin was explaining the do's and don'ts of scouting, using a series of charts provided by the Eighth Service Command. Tobin himself had received the charts and accompanying notes a few days ahead of the meeting and apparently had studied them thoroughly.

The corporal finished his lecture and sat down. Another non-com turned off the lights and flipped on a projector. The training film illustrated the points on scouting which Tobin had covered in his lecture.

The company then formed on the sidewalk in front of the armory and marched across the street to the Adamson High School athletic field, lighted for night sessions.

There was just enough of the standard close-order drill to facilitate easy movement of the unit. The emphasis was on the new riot formations.

Riot Formations

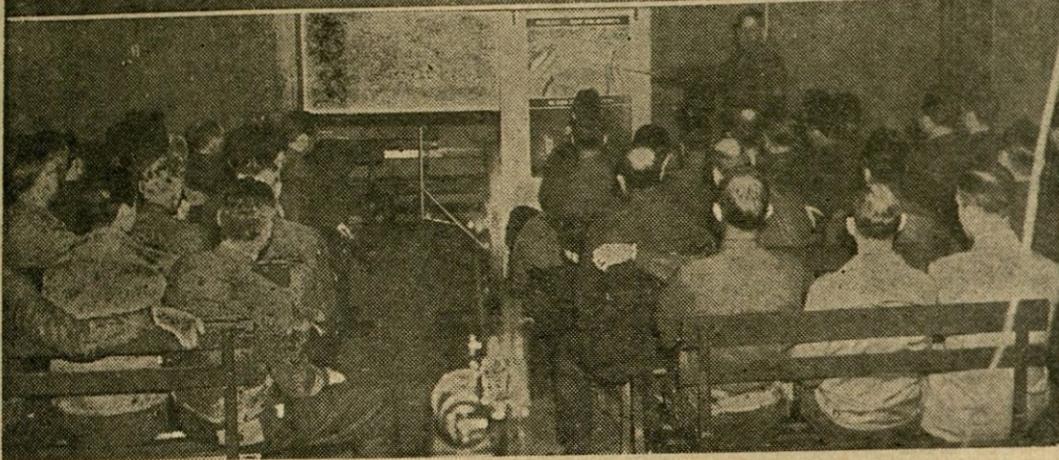
"Wedge Formation No. 1," commanded Capt. Roy Pender, a Dallas lumberman who was trained in school ROTC units and the old National Guard. The guardsmen deployed in marching order into a compact V-shaped wedge.

"On guard," shouted Captain Pender. The men lowered their long bayonets, discovered in an old warehouse in Richmond, Va., and advanced determinedly.

"This formation is designed to break up a mob and quell a riot," First Lt. William Y. Griffith, an insurance man, explained. The first squad, forming the point of the V, is made up of the big men, all over 6 feet. The automatic weapons platoon moves into the crotch of the V, ready to cover the line of bayonets which bursts from their Rising and Thompson automatic rifles.

Dallasites need have no fears as to the ability of the Texas State

Co. D, 51st Bn., In Training



Guard units to handle all emergencies. The companies are well equipped with uniforms and weapons, field kitchens, trucks, field telephone outfits and the other essential items. Arrangements have been made with nearby grocers to obtain the necessary supplies for the field kitchens at any hour of the day or night on a moment's notice.

"Company D can mobilize, fully equipped for extended service, in 45 minutes," Captain Pender declared.

Company Clerk Sgt. Tom King, an Oak Cliff justice of the peace, has a complete file on each man, including addresses and telephone numbers for immediate notification.

Company D has maintained its authorized strength of 74 despite

the fact that 33 men have gone into the military service from its ranks. Constant recruiting is necessary.

The Thursday night meeting was impressive. It was just a routine session for Company D, but it gave observers a feeling of assurance that those men know what they are doing.—Dallas Times-Herald.

Chaplain: "Are you troubled with improper thoughts?"

WAC Pvt.: "N-o-o-o-o, I kinda enjoy them."

Captain: "Now tell me, what is your idea of strategy?"

2nd Looey: "It's when you're out of ammunition, but keep right on firing."

The flying wedge of long, thin bayonets is the new riot formation now in use by Dallas units of the Texas State Guard. The six-footers spearhead the wedge, designed to split up a mob, while the heavy weapons squads and the officers are in the center to cover the front men. Company D of the 51st Guard Battalion gave a graphic demonstration of the wedge recently at its Adamson High School drill field. At the bottom the men of Company D are brushing up on the problems of military scouting while a non-com lecture.

British Reported To Have New 'Magic Eye'

According to German newspaper reports—nothing has been reported on it from Britain—the British have a new "magic eye" which enables the crew members of their bomber planes to detect the approach of other planes long before they are visible. The device is described as a combination acoustical and optical instrument which lights a colored lamp in the pilot's compartment when another plane is approaching. It also is said to make a warning buzz in the pilot's headphones.—The Army Times.

A Milwaukeean wins the prize for brevity with this letter to his gas ration board: "Long time no C."

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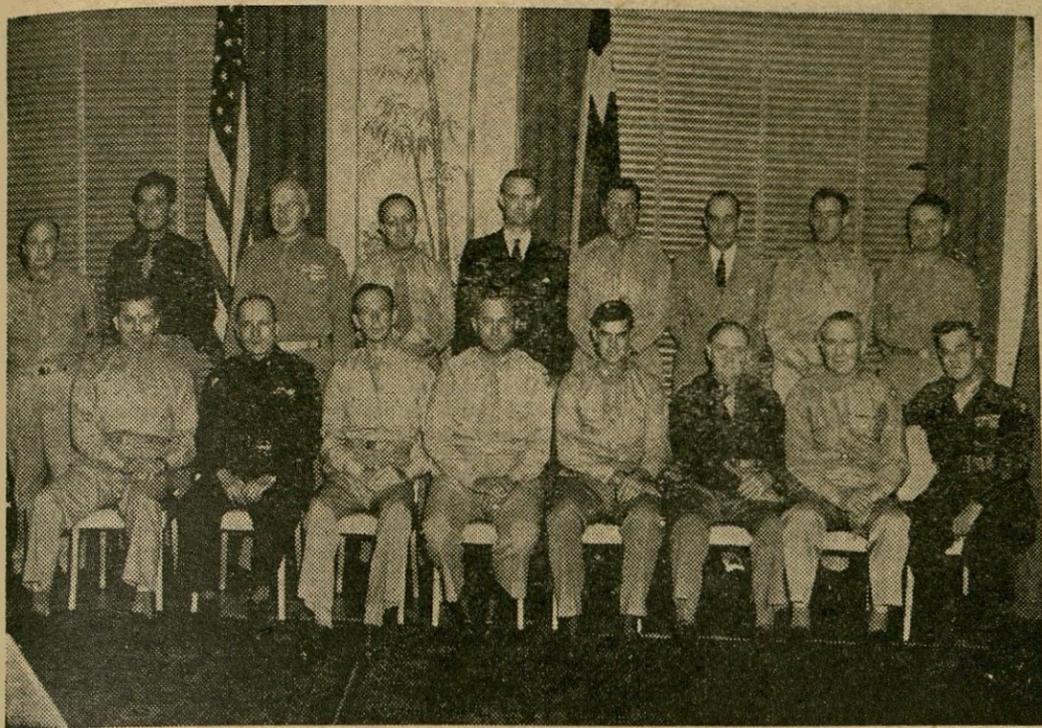
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State Guard Officers Association Directors Meet



Pictured here are Texas State Guard Officers Association members present at the meeting April 23 in Houston of the executive committee of the association. Back row, left to right: Capt. Stewart Hardrider of Austin, associate editor of The Guardsman; Capt. A. L. DuBus of the 16th Battalions; Major Walton B. Kilough of the 16th Battalion; Major Vincent Chiodo of Houston; Capt. J. M. Murphy of Houston; Major James Delmar of Houston; Major Don Hinga, executive editor of The Texas Guardsman; Capt. Carl Hardin, Jr., 5th Battalion, Austin; and Lt. Albert Nibling, assistant executive editor of The Guardsman. Seated, left to right: Major Samuel R. Haggard, managing editor and director of The Texas Guardsman; Major Julian A. Weslow of Houston; Major Donald W. Peacock of San Antonio; Major Ed Konken of Houston; Major Weldon Swenson of Austin; Major H. W. Stilwell of Texarkana; Major Edward F. Riedel of Austin, and Captain James A. Cushman of Houston. Officers of the association not present were Major Lloyd M. Bentzenof of Mission, chairman of the legislative committee, and First Vice President Captain James F. Ewers of Mission.

Regiments

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been officially issued to the battalions.
That State Guard Training be revised so that the men will have a definite aim. It was the consensus of opinion of the committee that the present training schedule was monotonous and repetitious and was having a bad effect on guard morale through the lack of a definite purpose.

That a continuous, well planned campaign through the newspapers, radio and other media be organized and carried on at state headquarters for guard recruiting so that interest may be kept at a high pitch and battalion strength maintained at all times.

School For Commanders
That in connection with the reorganization on a regimental basis that a short term school be held to familiarize regimental commanders with the duties and responsibilities under the recommended set-up.

All resolutions were passed unanimously.

In opening the meeting Major Peacock declared that the Houston session was serving the purpose of a "sounding board" for the officers association and the guard as a whole.

One battalion commander told the gathering that the whole problem narrowed down to one point—"is there a need for a Texas State Guard or isn't there?"

He said that the guard had been repeatedly told that it was the "only internal security force in the state."

"If that is true, and they give us missions to perform, the state of Texas should give us something with which to perform such missions.

"How can we perform our tasks efficiently if we do not have the equipment with which to work?"

Several officers said that for three years various battalion commanders had gone to city and county governments and prominent citizens for help to keep that guard going and that it should be the
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NAVIGATION AIDS

A new celestial navigation instrument which combines a sextant for use during the day and a quick means of determining true north, sun time, latitude, great circle course, and direction, has been invented for use in life rafts. The instrument is made of plastic, weighs only a pound, floats in water, and is clearly visible for a distance of 25 feet even at night. It is used without a nautical almanac, sextant and compass to determine approximate positions. It is really a celestial sphere, which reproduces the movements of celestial bodies used in navigation.

Arab (to GI walking in desert dressed in bathing suit): "Why the bathing suit?"

"I'm going to take a swim in the ocean for the first time since leaving New York."

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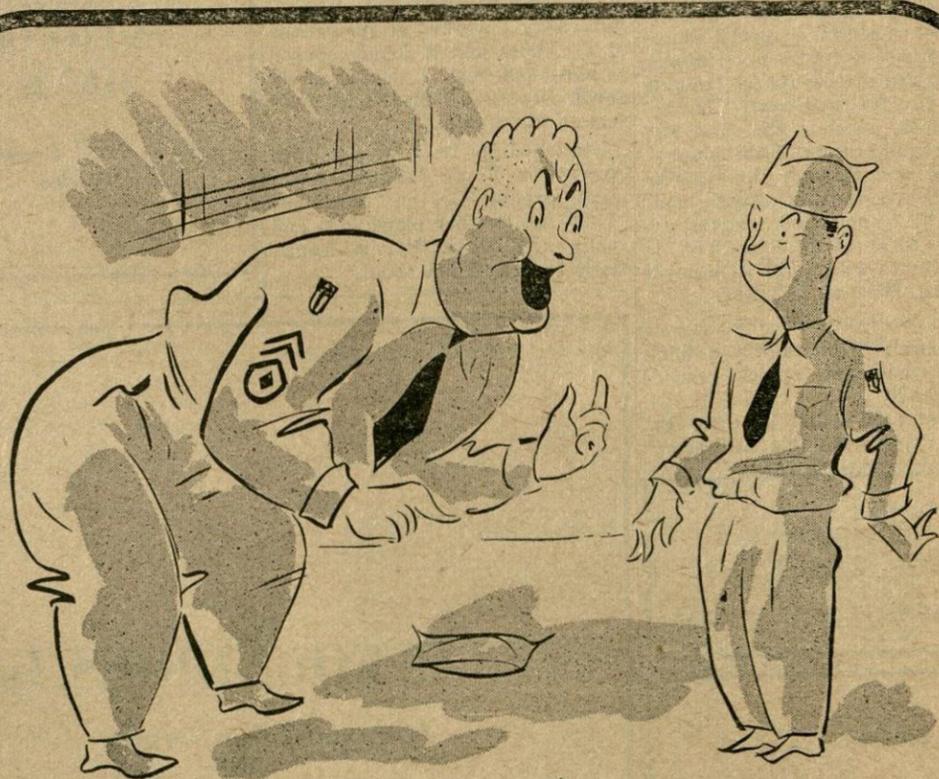
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Handbook

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plained under flank guards, out-guards, advance guards, interior guards, and patrols.

Forms for field orders, oral orders, and tactical exercises are supplied as a guide for the officer.

The story of this book is quite interesting. Last summer General Knickerbocker called Major Donald W. Peacock (who was on active duty at the time as a member of the General Staff Corps) into his office and showed him a copy of the Army Officer's Notebook, a small notebook of 64 pages containing much valuable information but also much information not pertinent to the State Guard. They discussed the possibility of publishing a similar booklet for the State Guard, but one that would include much additional information and one that would literally be a "pocket dictionary for State Guard Officers."

Aided By Hoblitzelle

Major Peacock, who commands the 2nd Training and Research Unit, agreed to undertake the task of compiling this book, but the task of raising nearly a thousand dollars to guarantee the printing of it was very discouraging. Finally, a great public spirited citizen of Texas saved the day by underwriting the cost of publishing the book and agreeing to purchase the first 1200 copies for free distribution to every officer in the Guard. This was Mr. Karl Hoblitzelle, head of Interstate Theatres, who long has been a great and true friend of the Texas State Guard.

Then began the gigantic task of compiling the multitude of material for this 125-page Field Manual size booklet. Major Peacock, assisted by Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3 of the Texas State Guard, and Lt. Col. M. R. Finney, United States Army (retired), who is Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Peacock Military Academy, spent many long hours of work on this booklet, and those who have seen the copy and material are convinced that it will be invaluable to members of the Guard and is exactly what we have been needing.

The book is copyrighted in the name of the Officer's Association, Major Peacock having signed over all rights, and the profits from the sale of the book (over actual cost of handling and shipping, will go to the Association for a special educational fund for future publications, preparation of film strips, training films, etc., for the Guard. The 125-page book, which is the same size as a regular army Field Manual, will be sold through the Guardsman. Those desiring copies should send their name and address, together with remittance, direct to The Guardsman, 727 Chronicle Building, Houston 2, Texas.

Corporal: "How come you didn't laugh when the topkick cracked that joke?"

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Top, left to right: Brig. Gen. Arthur Knickerbocker, who initiated the compilation of the Officers Handbook, and Karl Hoblitzelle, Dallas theatre manager, who contributed toward the printing costs of the first allotment for distribution to officers.

Below: Major Donald W. Peacock, 2nd Training and Reserve unit, who supervised the writing and editing of the book.



Texan Falls 1500 Feet Before His Parachute Opens

"I was at my waist gun position in our badly crippled Liberator when the order came over the interphone to bail out," began S/Sgt. Arthur DeJean, 22, as he described his exciting experience while returning from a 15th Army Air Force attack against German railway installations in northern Italy.

"We were up about 2,000 feet," continued the former Alto, Texas, resident. "One of the boys had already hit the silk and I was next. As I started out the hatchway my foot slipped and I must have hit my head.

"The next thing I knew, I was plunging earthward," DeJean resumed. "Quickly I clawed at the ring of my chute, but it came off in my hand. My chute did not open. Feverishly I worked at the canvas of my chute and it finally opened at about 500 feet. I floated safely down. Boy! was I glad to have my feet on the ground."

Stationed in Italy with a 15th Army Air Force B-24 bombardment group, DeJean concluded, "We'll get another plane soon and really give those 'Heinies' something to write home about."

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In the year and a half of World War I, 114 such awards were made. This does not mean that there are fewer heroes in this war, for many of the World War I awards were made in post-war days after a board of awards had reviewed all cases.

Texans listed in the awards included 1st Lt. Jack Mathis, San Angelo; Col. Neel Kearby, San Antonio; 2nd Lt. Lloyd H. Hughes, Corpus Christi; Lt. Com. John Bulkeley.

A chaplain traveling on one of those slow trains—the kind we usually get on furlough that stops at every station—was reading his Bible.

"Find anything about the railroad in the book?" asked the conductor as he reached for the minister's ticket.

"Yes," replied the chaplain, "in the very first chapter it says that the Lord made every creeping thing."

Army Rations Spiced Up By New Schemes

Anzio-Nettuno Beachhead, Italy. Between spells of fighting Yanks in this section are trying all kinds of new schemes to add variety to Army C, D, K and U rations. For instance, one mess sergeant won the undying regard of his unit one morning by producing stacks of wheat and, actually, syrup. Since syrup is unknown around here its source was a mystery until the sergeant finally confessed he had conjured it up from melted C-ration candy drops. The candy drops come in handy in other ways. Some of the boys use them to disguise the taste of treated water and swear that one lemon drop per canteen will do the work without making the water taste like a sad imitation of lemonade.—The Army Times.

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Letters

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world. I'm not saying this because my Dad is in it or because I was lucky enough to be in it, but because I have found out through personal experience that it is.

I never had any ROTC or any kind of training before I got into the 48th. I had to stop and think which was right and which was left, but by the time I got out, I had learned a tremendous lot. I can honestly and without any hesitation say that since I have been in the Marine Corps I have not learned anything except the M-1 rifle, that I had not already learned there. I also learned how to make up my bunk. This knowledge has really made my training here easy.

I honestly wish that the 48th was a part of the Marine Corps and that I could be in it. I honestly believe that I know twice as much as half of the men who are ready to go overseas. I don't mean to brag by saying that, it's just my opinion from what I've seen.

I am very proud that I was a member of the 48th. You have a wonderful and unique organization. No doubt the draft has caused the standard there to be lowered, but with the officers and NCO's you have I know that it is still a better outfit than some of the Marine Corps Battalions.

I don't have a wife and children to leave behind me, but I have a mother and sister and girl as well as Dad, and I'm damn glad to have an outfit such as you have to take over there if something happened. I would rather see the 48th defending Houston than some army unit. I hope I can re-enlist again some day. Good luck to you and to the 48th Battalion.

Sincerely yours,
Fred Cushman, Jr.,
U. S. Marine Corps.

"SING THE PRAISES"

Capt. Jesse L. Caveness,
Seventh Battalion,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Capt. Caveness:

The last time I saw you I promised I'd write and tell you about how I got along here in the army. I'll not write a letter to boost home morale but I will certainly sing the praises of the Texas State Guard and the training I received while in Company D. I'm going through the Air Corps basic training now. It is considered the hardest of all branches of the service. So far I've seen and done little that I didn't learn in Company D.

The first day we were out my instructor put me in my old spot—corporal of third squad. However, we aren't corporals. In the Air Corps we get no stripes. I have drilled our flight of thirty-eight men several times. The army makes such slight changes in our procedure that I feel at home.

Our drill instructor at present has very high respect for the Guard. We have about five ROTC boys in our group, but he rates the Guard first. I'm the only Guardsman in my outfit, but many have expressed a belated desire for the training you gave me.

Our close order is identical to the Guard. We get lots more of it, though. We march everywhere if there are more than two of us. Our extended order has been very limited as yet due to weather, but the lectures on the hand signals is very

familiar—in fact, the same. I have seen most of the training films we've had so far at the Company D armory.

I was utterly surprised, but I must add pleasantly surprised, to find that I was so far ahead of the rest. The only new thing so far is the carbine rifle. Fact is, our drill instructor couldn't remember how to field strip a Thompson sub-machine gun.

Our first aid is the same as yours. I knew as much about the chemical warfare as our drill instructor. Captain, I'm not bragging about how much I know, but I am saying most emphatically that the Guard taught me all I do know.

Captain, I must close now, but if you ever need an unsolicited confirmation of the Guard and its program, I'd like to be the one to sell a product that I know money can't buy. It's the hard work, sweat and unselfish work of the officers from Major Chiodo to the non-coms that makes Texas State Guard an organization the State of Texas and the Guardsmen should be proud of. You'll always have my highest praise and deepest thanks for the many things you taught me.

Say hello to the boys for me. Their fellowship and cooperation made Company D a very pleasant place to work/ Yours truly,

(Signed) Pvt. Fred Doolittle,
ASN 38545299, 308 T.G. Bks. 297,
Sheppard Field, Texas.

"CREDIT IS DUE YOU"

Neill H. Bannister,
Lt. Col. SSC,
Chief of Staff TDG,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

For some weeks now I have been wanting to write a personal letter to the TDG staff in Austin to let them know how an old TDG man was faring and to express my continued regard for the Guard.

Since I resigned my commission with you January 11, 1943 (S. O. 10, January 22, 1943) to enter the army, I have had many an occasion to be thankful for the training I received in San Antonio. I feel that a great portion of the credit for my present commission is due you. The fact that I was able to cover the bridge from private to second lieutenant in six months 29 days should



BILLY JACK WALLER

be ample proof that the training was sound.

At present I am attending Radio Officer school, after which will probably follow a course of combat training prior to assignment to a unit.

I only regret that the army does not give us credit for the work in the Guard.

With the very best wishes for the continued success of the Guard and assuring you that I shall enlist in the N. G. (if not R. O. by demand) after the war, I am,

Very truly yours,

S/ John R. Alderman,
2nd Lt., Sig. C., Bldg 2002, Rm. 8B,
Fort Monmouth, N. J.

WISEST THING"

Captain H. D. Halfin,
Texas State Guard,
2109 1/2 Mechanic,
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

It has been some time now since I was sworn into the Texas State Guard in Galveston, but I shall not forget that day, as that was one of the wisest things I could have done at the time.

The training I received with you has proved most helpful in the early stages of my basic military training with the navy. The first three weeks of recruit training was marching in company formation, the General Orders of a sentry, military courtesy, etc. All this I had learned previously in the Texas State Guard.

I qualified for Marksman with the rifle, almost entirely due to the fact that I had a lot of instruction

on how to handle and shoot a rifle in the Texas State Guard.

I would advise anyone who is expecting to be called into the service, or anyone else interested, to join your organization. The training received is very interesting worth while and valuable to the State, Nation and the individual.

My regards to the officers and enlisted men of Company A—a great organization. Sincerely,

Douglas R. Caldwell,
(S 2/c Naval Air Tech. Trng. Center.)

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Former bugler of Company A,
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Major S. H. Haggard, T.S.G.,
315 West 32nd Street,
Houston, Texas U. S. A.

Dear Major Haggard:

Since chatting with you in Austin I have traveled a bit. Tell all the boys through The Guardsman that each and every hour spent in the service of the Guard is worth millions to them when they get out here. All officers I have talked with who have men who have served in the T.S.G. have nothing but praise for them and all the ex-Guardsmen are either non-coms or

better, so the men at home owe it to the country and to us out here to train and train hard. Give my best regards to all the Guardsmen and with best wishes and hopes of getting a "Guardsman" sometime.

Sincerely yours,

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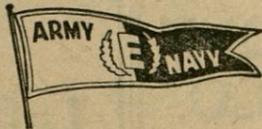
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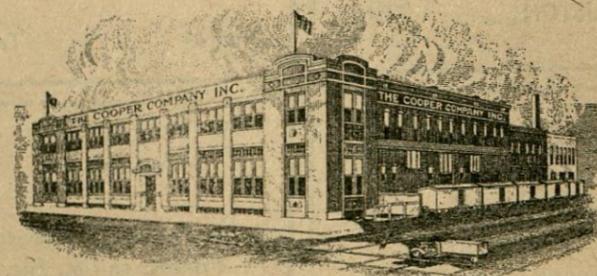
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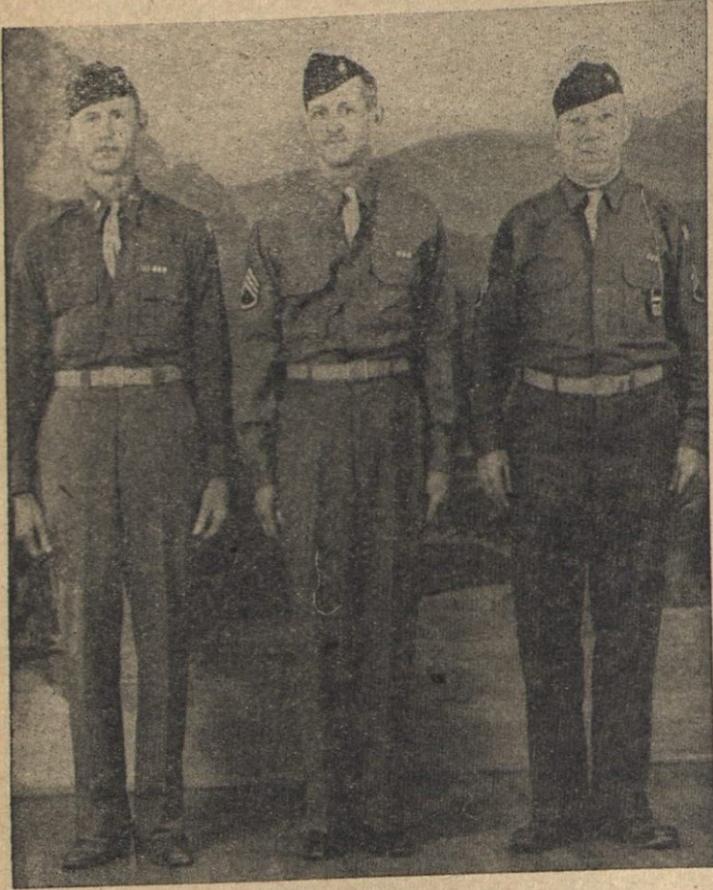
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By S/SGT. J. F. NELSON
Co. C, 36th Battalion

Shown above in the picture are 2nd Lieut. H. G. Schumann, left; S/Sgt. A. E. Schumann, center, and S/Sgt. J. F. Nelson, of the 36th Battalion at New Braunfels, who have won wide commendation in their section of the state for the work they are doing in instructing the New Braunfels High School Victory Corps.

Not content with taking care of just their State Guard duties, these men spend a lot of time and effort to give the high school youngsters a chance to learn the rudiments of military training.

Lieut. Schumann is a veteran of World War I. He participated in the St. Mihiel Battle and the Meuse-Argonne campaign in France. He

is also a charter member of Co. C. S/Sgt. Schumann is a charter member of Co. C, and until recently held the distinction of being the only member of Co. C with a perfect attendance record. He missed one drill on account of the death of his father.

S/Sgt. Nelson has been a member of Co. C for two years and four months. He also served in Battery "A" 1st Bn. 3rd Field Artillery from 1911 to 1915, Hdqrs. Fort Sam Houston. Fourteen months of

this period were spent on the border, doing patrol duty during the troublesome times in Mexico, 1913-1914.

We were honored with a visit from two of our former members, Warrant Officer Sam Nolan and Sgt. Bert Reininger, both home on furlough. Warrant Officer Nolan has served two years with the Navy in the south Pacific. He also participated in the Alaskan campaign.

Sgt. Reininger is with the air force, stationed in Arizona. He is in charge of supplies in his organization. They both stated emphatically that the training received in the Guard is invaluable to anyone entering the service of Uncle Sam.

We are certainly glad to note that we are to be equipped with the Enfield rifle again, and bayonets too, I hope. We had these rifles before and were loath to give them up, but as Colonel Pollock stated at a lecture given in San Antonio, the British home guard needed them worse than we did so we gave them up without a grumble, only we did not know where they were going at the time.

Well, gentlemen: being a member of the State Guard may not seem as colorful to a lot of us as being a member of the U. S. armed forces—heroes are not made overnight; the medals will be few—but nevertheless, we are always ready, and if called upon I'm sure we will make a good account of ourselves, either as individual organizations or the Guard as a whole.

Texas Paratrooper Sees Cousin In Plane As He Floats Down

Kilgore.—Pvt. Barney J. Thurman, with an airborne division in England, has written his mother, Mrs. Kate Thurman, that after making a parachute jump recently he was floating down, looked into a passing plane, and saw that the pilot was his cousin, Lt. Clint Cowden, whom he had last seen in Tyler two years before. At that time Lt. Cowden, then a recruiting officer, enlisted his cousin as a paratrooper. The two got together on the ground later.

Shocked by the language used by two men repairing telephone wires on the post, the Chaplain reported them to the Executive Officer, who ordered the men to make a report of the incident. Here is what Pvt. Smith wrote: "Me and Pvt. Jones were on the job and I was up the pole and accidentally let the hot lead fall on him and it went down his neck and Pvt. Jones turned and looked at me and said: "Really, Pvt. Smith, you must be more careful."

Texas Uses More Electric Power

Austin.—Sparked by industry, Texas consumed 18.9 per cent more electric power during March than in March a year ago, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Industrial consumers required 24.3 per cent more power than a year ago, residential ones 21.4 per cent more, commercial users 15 per cent more, and all others 10.7 per cent more.

Both commercial and residential use of power was down from February, 1944, requirements, the bureau's report showed, but industrial concerns used 4.2 per cent more and "all others" 3.4 per cent more.

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Co. A, 15th Bn. Uses Ruse To Take Airport

By LT. CORTEZ PHILLIPS
Adjutant, 15th Battalion

Company A, 15th Battalion, Texas State Guard at Breckenridge, under command of Capt. Melvin L. Belknap, staged an overnight maneuver on Saturday night of April 15. The unit bivouaced for the night at Municipal Airport, site for the problem.

Major James R. Brewster, commanding officer of the 15th Battalion, was on hand with other staff officers to witness the proceedings. A field inspection was held, individual equipment on display before each guardsman's tent being closely inspected by Major Brewster.

After the night meal, prepared and served by the unit's cooks, the problem was put into operation. Sentinels were posted around the airport hangar, which was in danger of attack from an enemy force which was known to be moving from the north and northwest. Maps which were prepared for the area by 1st Lt. B. M. Kingston, operations officer of the battalion, were placed in the hands of commanding officers of the respective attackers and defenders.

The defenders were under the command of 2nd Lt. Jimmie Duval and Sgt. J. M. Cooper, the attacking force being led by 1st Lt. W. E. Walker and Sgt. Harry Chandler. Headquarters of this force were established at a point about two miles northwest of the airport and a reconnaissance patrol was immediately sent out to determine the strength of the defending force. This patrol was able to work its way, under cover of darkness, to within about 175 yards of the hangar and two scouts sent out for further reconnaissance. One scout was captured but the other escaped and returned to the patrol.

Sgt. Chandler dispatched a messenger to his headquarters with information that the area was well defended, but that a system of fixed sentinels was in use and that no men were observed walking post.

The following plan was devised: A map was placed in the hands of one man, a corporal, with details shown thereon of the attack to come from the northwest. This man was to be purposely captured with this map in his possession. Immediately upon capture by the defenders the map was torn up, but the defenders were able to piece the map together, thereby gaining the knowledge from whence the expected attack was to come.

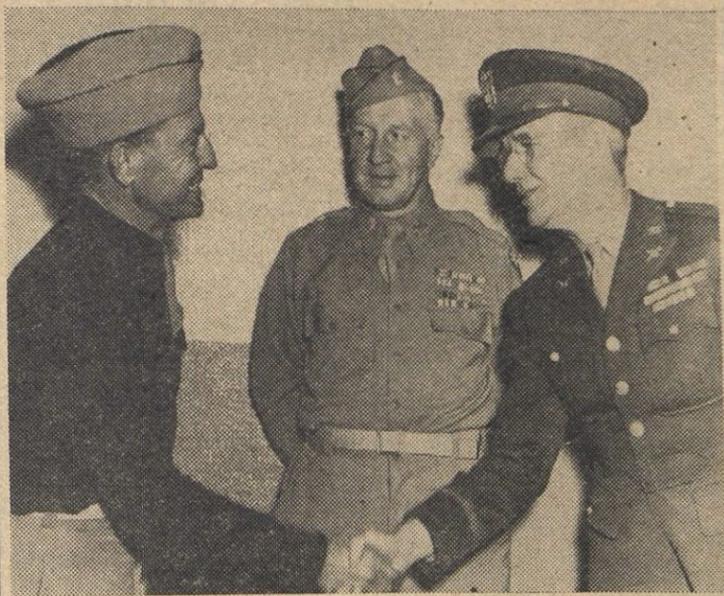
The ruse worked, for in reality the attack came from the east, being launched promptly at 2400. The defenders, in the meantime, deployed their strength in order to meet the onslaught expected from the northwest.

The battle raged rather furiously for a number of minutes, but a few well directed hand grenades (small sacks of flour) in the hands of the attackers had the situation in hand, thereby terminating the problem.

All men then gathered at the mess area for hot coffee and doughnuts and retired to their shelter tents for a deserved night's rest. They were up early for breakfast, breaking camp and returning to the city about 0700 the next morning.

It is planned to stage more of these maneuvers during the coming spring and summer months, when the weather will be moderate and permit overnight problems.

16th Battalion Unit Is Praised



Top: Major Thomas W. Gahagan, inspector-instructor of the adjutant general's office, Texas State Guard (right), congratulates Captain Louis DuBus on organizing a "top-notch" service detachment to Major Walton B. Killough's (center) 16th Battalion.

Major Gahagan gave the oath to Captain DuBus' detachment in the 16th Battalion's headquarters detachment's office in Goose Creek in a mass ceremony.

Bottom: The group pictured were administered the oath. They

are, first row, left to right: Ray Lamb, Louie Van Meldert, Curtis McNabb, Holly McLemore; second row, John Gilbert, Layton Wyman, Delmer Brown, Dan Stallworth; third row, William Scruggs, Earl Hutton, Buddy Darwood, Ibra Yount; back row, Lt. Forest McKinney, Bill Roark, and William Swilley.—Photos by Pfc. C. Rogers, Hdq. Det., 16th Battalion.)

Army Doc: "Anyone in your family suffer from insanity?"
Soldier: "No, sir, we enjoy every minute of it."

Stripes and Leadership

The average non-commissioned officer is more than a guy with a few stripes on his arm and a few extra bucks in his pay envelope on the first of the month.

If you don't believe it, read the news from the war fronts. Especially hard-hitting, factual articles like those of Hanson W. Baldwin in "The New York Times." Or the personal stories of the fighting men in the Pacific appearing in the restricted War Department booklet, "Fighting on Guadalcanal."

You'll find the non-commissioned officer is not just a guy barking orders on a drill field or making up a KP list or giving calisthenics. He's an important cog in an important machine doing an important job in the most important war in the world's history.

Mr. Baldwin laid it on the line in a recent dispatch written after a 22,000 mile survey of the fighting fronts. Discussing the North African campaign, he asserted that one of our biggest weaknesses was the mediocre leadership of the non-commissioned and junior officers.

"Inadequate leadership by . . . non-coms," he adds, "caused incredible mistakes. And many of those mistakes cost lives."

Those mistakes cost lives. A guy with a few stripes on his arm and a few extra bucks on payday was important out there. What he did cost the lives of other men—who won't go home after the war is over. Men with mothers, sweethearts, wives, families. Pretty grim, isn't it?

If you're a non-commissioned officer, you wear those stripes because your superiors believed you possessed the qualifications of leadership—the ability to lead other men. They believed you were mentally tough and knew the meaning of personal discipline. They weren't concerned whether you needed an extra few dollars on pay day. And they didn't care if you wanted stripes just to show some guy back in your home town that you, too, could go places in the Army.

It seems to us it's about time the average non-commissioned officer—and a lot of other guys in this Army—threw away their complacency and forgot the personal satisfaction of being a corporal or a sergeant or even having attained the first three grades. Those stripes mean you're a guy who is a better soldier and a better leader than other men—a guy who can take more than anybody else and not lose his head.

Ask yourself tonight: have you fairly earned those stripes and are you worthy of wearing them? Are you a leader: a man whom other men like and get along with and will take orders from? Are you self-reliant? Can you think fast? Do you blow up when the going gets tough? Do you know your job well and can you teach it to others? Do you inspire confidence? Do you want men to follow you?

You know the answers. And if you're not worthy of those stripes now is a hell of a good time to earn them—not later at the cost of the lives of a lot of other guys who trusted you because you were supposed to be a leader. Fail yourself if you like—but don't fail your men.—Camp Polk Communique.

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Regiments

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duty of the legislature to see that the guard was equipped to handle its tasks successfully.

"Housekeeping Expenses"

It was pointed out that the army was equipping the guard now, but that it was the duty of the legislature to see that guard "housekeeping expenses" such as armory rentals, etc., should be taken care of with state funds.

It was agreed that when a battalion is called out for duty that the adjutant general's office should go to the army and see that transportation is provided.

One officer declared that it was "ridiculous to think that a state guard army of over 17,000 men could be supported on the shoe-string that it is being run on now.

"These dribbles of equipment and help are extremely disappointing."

It was pointed out that many battalions are located in some of the most strategic areas in the nation. It was stated that the state guard is the principal internal security force for those areas and that "we cannot get equipment enough to act efficiently.

One officer said there were several government buildings in his area, formerly used by army units, fully equipped and standing idle and that repeated efforts on his part to secure authorization to use these buildings had not brought results.

"I was told," he said, "that there was no set-up to make this transfer of facilities to us."

An example was given of where 60 jeeps recently were sold at auction while this officer's men lacked transportation to carry out their duties efficiently.

One of the commanders told the meeting that the greatest need for the guard was a definite aim.

"We need a definite mission that will tie us in with the actual war effort," he said. "Right now we drill and drill and drill without ever seeing where our drilling is doing anything to win the war.

"I am told that recently the San Jacinto Ordnance Works here had to call on even its office force to work most of a night to help expedite shipment of ordnance to the army.

"Why can't we call on our guardsmen to help in instances like this—give them something that will make them feel that they are playing a part as guardsmen in winning the war.

"We've got to tie in our work with the actual war effort to keep morale where it should be."

A visiting officer declared at this point that he believed the guard morale was at a critical stage and that something should be done to perk up interest, instead of the same drilling and problems used under the present set-up.

It was urged that the guard officers association use the power of the organization to get their aims recognized.

"Our organization reaches into every community of Texas and we should use the power of that far-flung organization to organize sentiment behind you in your aims," he said.

It was urged that the association

Sergeant Makes Combat Knives



Photo by Pfc. C. Rogers, 16th Bn.

keep a representative at Austin during legislative sessions to see that guard interests are watched over.

"If we don't, we'll come out with nothing," one officer warned.

It was suggested that a committee be appointed to provide funds for the expenses of a "watchdog" at legislative sessions.

Major Samuel R. Haggard, director of The Guardsman, read a financial report on the publication. It was recommended that the proceeds going to the Officers Association should be retained in a fund to further the interest and welfare of the Texas State Guard.

Those Present

Present at the executive committee meeting were: Major Donald W. Peacock, president of the association; Major Vincent Chiodo of Houston, chairman of the Publications Committee; Major Edward Konken, second vice president, Houston; Major H. W. Stilwell, third vice president, Texarkana; Capt. Carl C. Hardin, Jr., adjutant, Austin; Major Weldon M. Swenson, finance officer, Austin; Major Julian A. Weslow, chairman of the rules and resolutions committee, Houston; Major Edward F. Riedel, chairman American Legion liaison committee, Austin; Major Samuel R. Haggard, chairman of interstate cooperation, Houston; Major Don Hinga, executive editor, The Texas Guardsman, Houston; Lt. Albert Nibling, assistant executive editor, The Guardsman, Houston; Major James Delmar, Houston; Major

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Walton B. Killough, of the 16th Battalion; Capt. J. M. Murphy of Houston; Capt. James A. Cushman of Houston; Capt. Stewart Harkrider, associate editor of The Guardsman, Austin; and Capt. L. A. DuBus of the 16th Battalion.

On April 22 on the eve of the executive committee meeting the Houston chapter of the officers association gave a spaghetti dinner honoring the visiting officers. Captain J. M. Murphy, president of the Houston chapter, presided.

This meeting served as a "sounding board" for the committee meeting and the officers "let their hair down" on several phases of guard activity, particularly slowness in issuing equipment.

On the motion of Major Chiodo, seconded by a chorus, the Houston chapter voted unanimously in favor of a switchover to a regimental organization after a composite of views over the state had been outlined by Major Peacock.

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20th Combines Work With Fun



Legion Of Merit Medal Awarded To Llano Officer

Capt. Heber H. McLean of Llano, who is the highest ranking naval officer from Llano County, has been awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for his "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service" by Vice Admiral T. C. Kinkaid, commander of the 7th Fleet.

The citation mentioned Capt. McLean's duties in his respective capacities as Commander Submarine Divisions 61 and 21, Operations Officer Tank Force 71 from August 2, 1942, to December 18, 1943, Operations Officer to Commander Submarines 7th Fleet, and Chief of Staff to Commander Submarines 7th Fleet. He is a son of Mrs. J. H. McLean and the late Judge McLean of Llano.

Headquarters detachment companies of the 20th Battalion, TSG, at Alpine recently combined target practice with barbecue and refreshments as the guests of Maj. George W. West, commanding the 20th.

The target practice was held at Fort Inge, three miles south of Uvalde, which was established in 1849, and where for many years United States troops were stationed to protect the border against Indian and Mexican bandit raids.

The 20th Battalion holds its maneuvers and target practices at Fort Inge regularly.

Shown above:

Top left: Headquarters rifle company, service company and medical corps. 1st Lt. Joe W. Watson, Jr., commanding rifle company, is at extreme right.

Top right: Ready... fire!

Lower left: Captain Sam S. Schleicher catches a fish.

Lower right: Chow! Come and get it.

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Class E allotment-of-pay accounts for the army have passed the two billion mark on the books of the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits, it was announced by Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, USA, Director.

A total of 2,032,031 allotments-of-pay accounts are now in effect, the Director stated. The ODB, an activity of the Army Service Forces, administers the major benefits for dependents of army men and women. In addition to Class E allotments-of-pay, these include family allowances and dependency allotments-of-pay.

Authorization of allotments-of-pay continue to pour into the ODB at the rate of 10,000 a day, with as many as 15,674 received in a single day. To date, the huge war agency has mailed more than 14,814,744 allotments-of-pay checks for a total of well over a billion dollars.

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Louisiana Guard Case Is Headed For High Court

The question of whether the Louisiana State Guard can be called out by the governor under martial law in connection with a controversy over a state office appears to be headed for the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

Last October, the Louisiana Guard, acting under a martial law proclamation signed by Governor Sam Houston Jones, moved into Plaquemines Parish, removed Dr. Ben R. Slater, acting sheriff, and installed Walter J. Blaize, appointed by the governor, to succeed the late Sheriff L. D. Dauterive.

Dr. Slater sought an injunction against Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Porter and other officers of the guard and state police, asking that the defendants be enjoined from removing him as acting sheriff. Slater claimed the appointment was illegal, that Dauterive's term had term had over a year to run.

Judge R. R. Reeves, of the 25th judicial district, in a ruling on the injunction plea, ruled that the state guard was functioning unlawfully in Plaquemines. He held that the governor has authority to call out state troops to suppress disorder and aid civil authorities in enforcement of the law, "but never by and under martial law, but always as peace officers aiding and assisting the local peace officers."

Gen. Porter said the guard would remain on duty in Plaquemines until the high court had reviewed Judge Reeves' decision.

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Corporal: "He's sick."
Topkick: "Aw, he's not sick. That guy just thinks he's sick."
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Topkick: "How is that goldbricking private?"
Corporal: "He thinks he's dead."

Six Laredo Brothers Seek To Join Same Time



The brothers Garza—all six of them—volunteered last week at Laredo, and five were accepted. Standing, left to right, Paulino, Ricardo and Guadalupe, who were accepted for the navy, and Cristelo, who failed to pass his physical examination. Seated, left to right, Esttanislado, who chose the marines, and Jose Garza, who joined the navy. They are sons of Mrs. Cristelo Garza Lopez of Laredo. All are married.

While many parents of the country have sent three, four, five or more sons to the armed forces since the war began, leaving their homes at intervals to don the uniform, Laredo has established a record hard to beat. Six sons of Mrs. Cris-

telo Garza Lopez have volunteered for service.

The six brothers, all married, have a total of 24 children. After the first brother had gone to Fort Sam Houston and passed his examination for enlistment in the navy and returned to his home in Laredo, the other five brothers decided to volunteer for service, and left with a contingent of selectees for San Antonio.

Added to the Garza family record George Decker, a son-in-law of Mrs. Lopez, joined her sons in going to the induction center to take his examination for induction.

The six Garza brothers volunteering for the service are: Jose, 22, who passed his physical examination March 10 and was accepted; Estanislado, 24; Paulino, 28; Ri-

cardo, 32; Cristelo, 37, and Guadalupe, 34. When the brothers left for San Antonio friends gave them a big ovation.

Five of the six passed their physical tests and were accepted. Cristelo, oldest of the brothers, who will be 38 in June, was not accepted. Estanislado Garza, after passing his test, joined the marines, while the other four joined the navy.

Captain: "There's a Nazi spy 3,000 feet away escaping with some of our plans. Shoot him in the eye."

86th Division Private: "Yes, sir; which eye, sir?"

Bomber Pilot Pays Tribute To Infantry

You might think that the dashing airmen in this war, who due to the death high in the clouds might understandably think they were tops in this war.

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