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State Financial Aid For Guard Urged

Resolutions Approved At Convention

Maj. Julian Weslow, 48th Battalion, Houston, chairman of the important resolutions committee, submitted the following resolutions, all of which were approved, to the Monday afternoon general assembly of the Texas State Guard Officers Association:

"Whereas, our retiring president, Maj. Donald W. Peacock, has rendered an outstanding and distinguished service to the State of Texas and to the Texas State Guard during his tenure in office; and

"Whereas, the faithful, industrious and intelligent work of our president has resulted in building a strong, active and alert State Guard Officers Association through which the Guard as a whole has been benefited and improved;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the State Guard Officers Association in convention assembled do acknowledge this service of Major Peacock with gratitude and a lasting affection for the place that he has won in the hearts of the members of the association by reason of his splendid service."

Hardin And Aide

"Whereas, the position of Adjutant in this association calls for laborious and constant effort on the part of the officer filling that responsible position; and

"Whereas, Capt. Carl Hardin has performed an arduous task efficiently and well and through his efforts the work of the association has been coordinated and its programs kept moving;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this association does here in convention assembled express its appreciation and thanks to Captain Hardin and his efficient secretary, Miss N. Stephens, for the fine work they have performed."

"Whereas, one of the greatest improvements that has been made in the operations and maintenance of units of the Texas State Guard has been the ample, prompt and efficient method in which supplies and equipment are now being issued; and

"Whereas, this work has been carried on often under extreme difficulty by Lt. Col. Sidney Mason and Capt. John Tyson of the Adjutant General's Department;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, the State Guard Officers Association in convention assembled do commend and express its appreciation of the splendid work now being done by these two officers in the issuance of supplies. This important work has resulted in a decided improvement in the morale of the Texas State Guard and has given the members of the Texas State Guard greater pride in their membership."

On Discharges

"That the Texas State Guard Officers Association recommend to the Adjutant General's Department that some proper regulation be adopted in connection with issuance of discharges to officers and enlisted men of the Texas State Guard, whereby all discharges in the future issued prior to the expiration of enlistment period will indicate whether or not the dischargee rendered actual and reasonably faithful service during his membership; (See RESOLUTIONS, Page 4)

"Order Of The Day



—To Quit My Post Only When Properly Relieved."

ILLINOIS COLONEL OUTLINES LINEUP OF RESERVE MILITIA

Col. M. D. Johnson, commanding the 6th Infantry, Illinois Reserve Militia, was a recent visitor in Houston and looked over some Houston battalions of the Texas State Guard.

"I was anxious to get a chance to see what you have here," the Colonel told Maj. Ed Konken, commanding the Second Battalion, "because other Illinois officers have made very impressive reports about what the Texas State Guard is doing."

"Illinois officers report that in army service schools they have attended they have always found at least one Texan and they also have found that Texans are not averse to

telling the world about their State Guard."

Major Konken conducted Colonel Johnson on a tour of the Second's armory, which formerly was the armory of the famous Houston Light Guard.

"You must have a good appropriation," he told Major Konken, and when the Major told him that financial support in Houston, as well as over the state, was obtained locally on a contributory or

solicitation basis, he was amazed at the progress that has been made.

Questioned about the difference in set-up between the Texas State Guard, which has a strength of around 18,000 officers and men, and the Illinois Reserve Militia, with a complement of around 5500 officers and men, Colonel Johnson gave the following outline:

The State of Illinois, whose last biennial appropriation for the state militia was \$2,839,452, provides these items:

Armory rentals, salaries of custodians, firemen, guards (as needed); complete uniform layout of officers (everything except socks (See ILLINOIS, Page 6)

"The War Bond Buyer Wants His Money Back"

An American soldier, in a sniper's post on one of the steaming, Jap-infested islands of the South Pacific, had been doing his job and doing it well. Suddenly, a movement in the jungle behind him. It was his superior officer whispering: "Buddy, you'll have to give me your rifle."

"Why?" inquired the sniper. "I've been doing all right. In the last five hours I've picked off 19 of the yellow Nips. Why must I give up my gun now?"

"I hate to tell you," said the officer, "but back home the fellow whose war bond purchase paid for that rifle, wants his money back."—Better Business Bureau Bulletin.

Beg Pardon, Colonel

The Guardsman staff isn't psychic. But we don't want to be guilty of disrespect for your rank.

Most of the TSG majors, by the time you read this, probably are officially lieutenant colonels. But we had no way of knowing if your papers went through.

So we decided to call you all majors in this issue of the Guardsman. So we beg pardon, majors . . . oops . . . we mean colonels!

Thanks And Apologies

Battalions over the state have been particularly diligent in sending in stories of their activities, for which the editors of the Guardsman are duly grateful.

However, in order to cover the convention of the TSG officers association properly, space was shorter this month than usual so some of your stories were held over until next month. Keep them coming in and we will see that they are printed as soon as possible.

Maj. Konken Heads Officers Association

Maj. Edward D. Konken, commanding officer of the Second Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Houston was elected president without opposition of the Texas State Guard Officers Association at the third annual convention held at the Driskill Hotel in Austin October 8 and 9.

Capt. Claude K. Karr of the 35th Battalion, Dallas, was elected first vice president; Maj. H. W. Stilwell, 50th Battalion commander, Texarkana, second vice president; and Maj. Jacob A. Harris, 36th Battalion, San Antonio, third vice president.

Capt. Carl A. Hardin, Jr., Austin, was re-elected adjutant, and Maj. Weldon Swenson, Austin, was re-elected finance officer.

One hundred and eighty-three officers were registered from 34 battalions.

Outstanding resolution adopted by the convention endorsed a plan of military training for Texas schools and colleges under citizen leadership, but with army officers as instructors.

Other resolutions included: That financial needs of the Texas State Guard should be provided by the state.

That discharges of members of the guard indicate whether the discharge gave faithful service and that this be indicated on the service record.

That thanks be extended to specifically named officers of the association and members of the adjutant general's staff for loyal service.

Capt. James F. Ewers of the 31st Battalion, Mission, was unanimously elected chairman of the board of directors at the initial meeting

On other pages of the Guardsman will be found stories covering more fully the speeches and committee actions of the TSG officers convention in Austin.

of the convention Sunday morning, October 8.

At the Sunday afternoon general assembly meeting, Col. J. Franklin Spears of San Antonio, member of (See CONVENTION, Page 4)

Guard Efficiency Of Utmost Value, Birkhead Says

Officers of the Texas State Guard missed an old familiar face at their annual convention in Austin.

Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead, Texas National Guard, could not attend. However, he sent the following wire to Maj. Donald Peacock:

"Regret inability to attend meeting. I consider State Guard's continued high efficiency and readiness to serve of utmost value and importance to our people now and after duration in the rebuilding of our national defense."

General Sees TSG As Force For Prevention

Brig. Gen. A. D. Knickerbocker told the Texas State Guard Officers Association that the Guard should keep its strength up to 100 per cent so that it would be a preventative instead of a corrective agency.

"I believe, and I know that you gentlemen know," the General said, "that our mission may be more important in the future than it has been in the past.

"You know some of the definite things that are going on, the seething unrest in some places. I would like to see this organization built up, to hear its strength is a hundred per cent, its efficiency the highest, because if you are trained to that degree, the general public knows that as well as anyone else.

"Other organizations know that, and in that way you will be one of the finest preventative organizations that we can have in this state, and it may be possible because of that, you will not have to be called out as a corrective agency.

"Sounder To Prevent"

"It is much better and much sounder to prevent some of these things than to try and correct them after they do happen. That is the principal thought I have for you today. Get your outfit ready and we hope that we will never have to use it as an armed force."

The General then took up the question of post-war military organization saying that he thought this would be the greatest single factor at the peace conference.

"I say that when we, the United States, sit at the peace conference, that each and every other nation should know that we are prepared to back up everything that we advocate with the proper military establishment, if necessary, in this country of ours.

"If some of you gentlemen did not see General Marshall's statement recently on the policy of the War Department, I hope that you can get copies. I shall try to get sufficient copies to send each and every one of you, because it was a gleam of hope again for the citizen soldier. Recently, I am sure you have heard and have been impressed by the tendency of the War Department for a large standing army and to wipe out any ROTC and Reserve and National Guards, meaning in that, all state militia.

"General Marshall's statement goes back and says the policy, the directive from the chief of staff himself, that the citizen soldier, the state militia, will be the backbone of the future national military establishment. That is the thing that swayed it, if nothing else had previously done so.

"I hope that you men, when you think on these subjects, if at any time you have constructive ideas, opinions or recommendations, that you would send them to the State Military Affairs Committee through the Adjutant General's Department, and it will reach them and they will be given every consideration. Please remember that they will have to be the basic principles that we in no way would attempt to set up in detail what an infantry company should have in the way of equipment and training. We will have to depend upon the authorities that

Capt. Gunstream



Capt. Gunstream Named Visual Aid Leader For Guard

Austin, Texas, Oct. 12.—Appointment of John W. Gunstream as captain on his staff to serve as Visual Aid Coordinator for Texas State Guard battalions, was announced today by Texas Adjutant General Arthur B. Knickerbocker.

"Captain Gunstream's experience and knowledge of visual education will be of great material assistance in extending the training program of the Texas State Guard," General Knickerbocker said.

"The Guard now has more than 600 motion picture films in addition to scores of film strips for use in training men. These two types of visual aids are the same as used by the U. S. Army and they are 80 per cent effective as time-saving devices in training soldiers."

will be returning from the war to be the instructors along that line.

"That is right and the way it should be. Don't try to build up an artillery regiment or a medical battalion in detail, because that again, I say, will come from the men returning from the present war and from their experiences. Those things will have to be worked out.

Col. Banister Urges Guard To Be Unselfish

Col. Neil Banister, chief of staff, made a brief talk at the Sunday afternoon guard assembly, saying that the guard was prepared, and "I believe that you would deliver for us and for your community if the occasion arose."

The Colonel's talk in part follows:

"I am a little indisposed, but my heart is still full of love for you and the Texas State Guard.

"Several years ago when I was called to the Adjutant General's Department under our former friend, General Page, he called me because I had served as his adjutant in the other war, and he pitched into my lap the question of the home guard. You are all familiar with its development, because many of you I have seen so many times.

"Quite a number of the officers

But I can assure you that if you have any worthwhile recommendations, that they will be considered, and I personally guarantee that they will be considered at that committee.

"So use your prerogative, gentlemen, and I hope that at no time will we be unable to express our opinions regardless of whom they disagree with, but keep those opinions and those ideals on issues and principles, and not in personalities.

"You men here today are indicative of the fact that the Texas State Guard is unified in its efforts. Oh, I know that if fifty of us get together, we might have fifty different opinions, but I mean basically and fundamentally, you are as unified as any group can be. This is fine. Through unity of a few individuals, we will accomplish our mission."

here I have not met, but our one ambition has been and has always been to furnish this State and the communities in this State a dignified, responsible, representative group of men for them to use in case of emergency, and I hope we have done some good along that line.

"After all, when you take men from their homes and jobs, you cannot expect them to meet the requirements of training of intense combat with the limited time for study that they have.

"But I will tell you what has always been proved, that the man with the right nerve and the right heart can take a gun and kill anything that got in his way. That is what we have to be prepared to do. I believe that you would deliver for us and for your community if the occasion arose. That is what we are putting our time in for and at.

"I want to say that the cooperation and the assistance that you have given our department in trying to frame this Guard with all its organizations and at the same time trying to keep proprieties of the military organization has been most helpful. I personally am very grateful to you.

"There are many times when an idea cannot be put over. Let's keep one thing in our minds, getting rid of all personalities and all personal selfishness, that our ambition is to be a good, responsible organization. It so stands throughout the United

States; for which we have had good confirmation from the National Guard Bureau and many of the high officers of the War Department. You have made this possible, and I want to make my personal acknowledgment to all you officers who have been so fine and friendly."

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Lt. Col. Spears Sees Place For Every Patriot

There will be a place for every man who wants to serve his country in the post-war military set-up, Lt. Col. J. Franklin Spears of San Antonio predicted in the principal address to the TSG Officers Association general assembly Sunday afternoon.

That place will be in the training of youths so that this country never again will be caught unprepared as it was during the last two world wars. The Colonel said:

"I want to see that situation remedied to where we do not have to do the training overnight or in a few weeks. I want to see it done over a period of years, to where a man becomes one who is capable of protecting himself and his homeland if need be.

"And that is something you can certainly work for, and you CAN help. I want you to get interested in it.

"Who is going to train those boys? Those men are going to be trained by a lot of the youngsters today. They are not going to pick men who are lieutenant colonels and majors. They are not getting army men.

"They are going to pick a lot of youngsters, lieutenants, mostly seconds, with some firsts. They will be made a part, I think, of the regular army, but a lot of that training, in my opinion, is going to be done and ought to be done by such men as you, at different, periodic, stated times of the year when you can be called on active duty and then go back to your business.

"The 36th Division, the Texas National Guard, is not going to push the State Guard out. They have no intention of doing that. I heard some talk about it. It is

ridiculous to talk about, or think about.

"A lot of them are killed and wounded, and have reached the age where they do not want to be active in any organization of military nature in the post-war world. Their places must be taken—by you.

"There will be an absorption and merger of the two organizations in the defense agency they may call the Texas Defense Guard, the Texas National Guard, or whatever they choose to call it. But whatever they call it, the nucleus will be from your organization and from the men who are returning from overseas and those who have not been overseas.

"Not only is that true, but you will find many men that will come from civilian life who also will take an active interest in that and become officers in it.

"There is a place for every man who wants to serve his country. There is a place for every officer in the State Guard who can pass the physical examination and who probably has not reached the age of retirement, or else is too old to do something."

Good Neighbor Policy

Colonel Spears said that in his opinion "one of the greatest things that probably would eliminate war would be a good neighbor policy if we just quit talking and doing lip service about it and actually do something."

Among incidents of racial discrimination which he cited was the case of a Mexican youth who came back from overseas with a Purple Heart and a Silver Star for gallantry who was turned down in a restaurant with the curt remark, "We don't serve Mexicans here."

He decried such discrimination and said, "I think one thing the State Guard can do, one of the greatest things it can do, is to try to build up good will among those men, not by talking, but by actually doing."

"This is a melting pot of all nations, all classes, creeds and nationalities. They can't be mistreated. We should not mistreat anybody whether we have a war on or not.

"I believe that one of the most noble things the Guard could do would be to have a committee make a study of those things and try to build up good will and good feeling between peoples that must live in this country after the war."

Colonel Spears recalled how he had a part in framing legislation that brought the Guard into being, how he had served with General Birkhead in early Guard days, and how the men of the Guard, "loyal, unselfish and patriotic," had stood as a bulwark against invasion in the dark days right after Pearl Harbor.

"I am glad to be here. I am a friend of your cause. I know what you have done, and that you have performed a grand job.

Legion Chief Is Speaker At Convention

Henry Love, commander of the Department of Texas, American Legion, was a speaker at the TSG officers association meeting in Austin October 8 and 9.

Mr. Love, who was accompanied by his adjutant, Harry Rather, paid tribute to the guard and pledged support of the organization.

His remarks in part follow: The American Legion is an organization that for a number of years has been dedicated to rehabilitation of our veterans and certain other objectives. We believed in peace by preparedness. We preached that. We expect to continue to preach it.

Your department has 46,000 members. We have a membership already for the coming year of 17,000 members, approximately more by 8000 than a year ago, to show you the interest the boys are taking. About 22%, perhaps higher, of that membership are veterans of the second World War.

I mention that membership to tell you one thing that I am sure you gentlemen will be interested in knowing. The adjutant tells me that the December issue of the Legion News will be dedicated to the State Guards. It will contain articles that will be of interest to members of the Guard. There are several reasons in it to Legionnaires why they should get behind their Guard and volunteer their services. There are a lot of us who should be in, who have not been in.

The American Legion Department of Texas is extremely proud of the privilege it has had for the past several years in working with you gentlemen in supporting the State Guard. We have deemed it an honor and assure you it is our intention to continue to serve in every possible way that you might call on us. Sometimes, we might even help when you do not call on us if we see something that we think we can assist you with or something you might want us to do and might be hesitant to ask about. We will go ahead and do it.

We have in the Legion our Liaison Committee, for the coming year, of which Major Chiodo is chairman, Major Joe Daniels, Major Lou Roberts, Capt. C. D. Bennet, Capt. McAnally. Those gentlemen are officers of your organization who are very active members of ours. Two, Majors Chiodo and Roberts, are past department commanders. I say that to try to show you the interest we have in your organization.

"There is one job that we are all going to have to work toward. I am only going to mention it, something I know you are interested in, and a lot of you gentlemen have preached it as Legionnaires. That is universal military training. It is something that we are going to have to insist upon, something that your Legion thinks is essential for national security in the years to come. I just wanted to mention it, because it is a major objective of the Legion.

Our rehabilitation work. Your executive committee last Sunday in session here in Austin appropriated approximately \$14,000 out of its year's income for the direct service

The Adjutant Speaks (Outloud)

The report my private operative gives me is that everyone who was absent from the Texas State Guard Officers' Association second annual convention missed something. I know that I enjoyed it from start to finish and the way the food disappeared the night of the get-together had your Adjutant, the hotel Matre D'Hotel (is that the way you spell it?), and the Finance Officer in quite a stew. And if a few more had showed up we might have been eating stew.

The recent announcement of the blanket promotions for all battalion commanders was received by most of them with whom I talked as a forward step. However, I certainly hope that the multitude of colonels does not react in Texas as it has in Kentucky. Of course, the colonels of Kentucky are rumored to have been made on the basis of political expediency rather than on meritorious(?) service rendered.

It seems to me that if the units would send in some pictures of their mistakes rather than their glowing successes, we could profit by them rather than wondering if they have the same trouble we have in our unit. For example, I am going to have a picture made and sent to the Guardsman showing the dire results of a concertina put together with light-gauge wire, one made with loose ties and one made with a torque in the wire. We have learned more from our mistakes than from a luckily completed job.

Capt. Carl C. Hardin, Adjutant, Texas State Guard Officers Association.

work to the veterans of both wars, for advice, service officers' work as you know it, and about \$9,000 of the balance of our budget was indirectly in behalf of service work for the veterans.

I wish to congratulate you and to assure you that many people in your communities realize the value of the great work you are doing, although they fail to take advantage of the opportunities of telling you when they should. This is one time I believe in flowers for the living, because throughout the State we have failed lots of times to tell the State Guard of the appreciation of the citizenship for the great work they are doing.

Girl: "Do you know what they are saying about me?"
GI: "Sure, that's why I came over."

Platonic love is like being invited down into the cellar for a bottle of ginger ale.

State Guardsmen In Nation Total 160,000

In the Continental United States 160,000 State Guards are organized in 44 states. These organizations consist of three divisions, 28 brigades, 111 regiments, 518 battalions, 2,206 rifle companies, 12 cavalry troops, 11 machine gun companies, 5 special weapons companies, 7 military police battalions 18 air squadrons, 3 motorcycle companies, 1 chemical company, 7 engineer companies, 8 transport companies, 1 intelligence and 1 camouflage company, 24 signal companies, 244 medical detachments, 1 battalion of 5 companies of nurses, and 8 bands.—Maj. Gen. John F. Williams, Acting Chief, National Guard Bureau.

Down in the deep south, two bullies became involved in a bitter dispute. Presently there was an exchange of searing insults, and honor could not be satisfied without a duel—"pistols, suh." On the field of honor, after lengthy preliminaries had been concluded, the two antagonists discharged their firearms—without effect.

"Well, gentlemen," suggested one of the seconds to the duelists, "now that honor has been satisfied, suppose you shake hands?"

"Tain't necessary," snapped the other second. "Their hands have been shaking now for half an hour."

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"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."—Article Two, Bill of Rights, from the Constitution of the United States.

Salute to Lieutenant Colonels

Announcement was made in October by the Adjutant General's Department of promotion of all battalion commanders to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

The promotions are dated on seniority and will not become effective until the officer's position on the seniority list is reached.

The majority of these have served in the rank of major since the beginning of the Guard in 1940.

It is gratifying that now they will enjoy the same rank that battalion commanders of state guards in many other states have enjoyed during a comparable time.

The Adjutant General's Department is to be congratulated on recognizing the long and faithful service of these men.

Green German Troops Verified By Bazooka

With the 36th Division, France.—The first question asked by the German prisoners who have been taken on this new front is: "What is that weapon you use that spurts flame from its rear?"

Evidently the German forces fighting in the south are green troops, for they speak in reference to the bazooka, American rocket gun which has made history from Africa to India.

Designed originally as an anti-tank gun, the bazooka has been perfected by front line soldiers to such a point that it can be used effectively against machine gun nest, pillboxes, and even fortified houses. It is handled by a two-man team, loader and gunner. It weighs little more than an ordinary rifle and can be used everywhere. The Germans fear it more than they fear our artillery, and some have referred to it as mobile cannon. One German

commander, being fired at by bazookas for the first time, is known to have said, as he surrendered his entire tank column, "When you fire six-inch guns at us, it's time to quit."

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Convention—

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the Texas Senate, was the principal speaker.

Maj. Vincent Chiodo, 7th Battalion, Houston, chairman of the publications committee, had approved the policies of The Guardsman, and added:

"This publication is recognized not only in Texas but throughout the United States. Letters of commendation from many Guardsmen and newspapermen throughout the State have been received."

Reports also were received from several other committees, such as medical, chaplains and judge advocates and company commanders.

Maj. S. R. Haggard, Interstate Relations Committee, reported that numerous letters from other states had been received, asking for copies of the Texas constitution and by-laws, but that no attempt had been made to organize a national state guard officers association.

Maj. Ed Riedel suggested that the incoming president appoint a committee to make a survey of other states and find out their wishes on a national organization, and his motion was adopted.

Brig. Gen. Arthur Knickerbocker told the Monday morning assembly that the Guard should be kept at 100 per cent strength and efficiency to cope with post-war problems.

The General said that word that the Guard was at full strength would get around to every part of the state and that that this would act as a great preventative instead of a corrective force.

Referring to the post-war status of the Guard, General Knickerbocker said that a great deal of study was being devoted to that question and urged members of the Guard to send in their suggestions to the Adjutant General's Department for referral to the State Military Affairs Committee.

The General said that these suggestions should be on basic principles and not in detail because details would have to be worked out after men return from the present war and the benefit of their experiences can be obtained.

Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason and Lt. Col. Royal Phillips also spoke to the general assembly briefly.

Colonel Mason thanked the association for the commendation given his department in expediting supplies and told the gathering that "The spirit of the State Guard is the same spirit of the little organization which fought in the days of the Republic when we had to have protection for our homes. Now we need that protection just as badly and will continue to need that protection during the reconstruction period to insure continuance of the things which for the past hundred years have made Texas."

The Colonel reminded the convention that the greatest source of supplies was the War Department and the greatest aid in obtaining those supplies is the influential Texas Congressional delegation. He urged that the officers see that this delegation keep advised about the fine work the Guard is doing and the continuing need for supplies if the fine work is to be continued.

Maj. Donald W. Peacock of

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San Antonio, retiring president of the association, reported that there are now 833 paid-up officers of the association.

Major Peacock also reported to the executive committee that the proposal to take enlisted men into the association has been tabled because the enlisted men themselves did not want the action to be taken. A handsome wrist watch was presented to Major Peacock by the association in appreciation of the yeoman service he rendered as head of the organization.

Capt. William A. Sammons, 47th Battalion, Wharton, proposed to the executive committee that dues of the association be put on a uniform basis rather than having a differentiation as to rank. A proposal to refer the proposal to the constitution and by-laws committee for consideration was defeated.

Two representatives of the American Legion, Department of Texas, were introduced at the Sunday afternoon general session by Maj. Vincent Chiodo, Seventh Battalion, Houston. They were Harry Rather, adjutant of the department of Texas, and Henry Love, Texas department commander.

Commander Love paid tribute to the Guard and pledged continued support of his organization.

Sunday night a buffet dinner and dance was held in the Driskill Hotel ballroom.

Resolutions—

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and that the same facts be indicated on the service records of all who have received discharges in the past."

"That this association endorses and shall sponsor the maintenance of a well-trained and equipped citizens military force; that in order to accomplish this purpose, it does endorse a plan of military training through Texas schools and colleges which shall prepare and equip our youth to take their places in the military forces when emergency arises; that this shall be accomplished under the control and leadership of the citizens of the states and be instructed and planned by full-time military instructors furnished by the Federal government."

State Funds

"The State of Texas has one of the largest State Guards in the United States. The work and training of the Guard has been hampered in the past by lack of ade-

quate funds for its operation, maintenance and uniform training. We believe that it is the responsibility of the State of Texas to provide for the financial needs of the Texas State Guard in the same manner that it formerly provided for the needs of the National Guard now in Federal service inasmuch as the Texas State Guard has succeeded to the responsibilities of the National Guard.

"For the purpose of securing adequate appropriations for the maintenance, training, operations and equipment of the Texas State Guard it is recommended that the president of this association appoint a legislative committee with power to act, such committee to study the needs of the Guard and to make request of the next session of the Texas Legislature for appropriations to supply those needs."

Resolutions of thanks to Major Delmar and the Gulf Brewing Company for furnishing us the Grand Prize beer last night. And it seems that some of us found a bar over here in the quarters of the Guardsman that was conducted for your refreshment by Major Haggard of the Guardsman, with his compliments to the association. To Major Harris of the 36th Battalion and to the women of the Motor Corps who are attached to that battalion and Sgt. Major Bennett we give thanks for the clerical work in getting up the work of this association.

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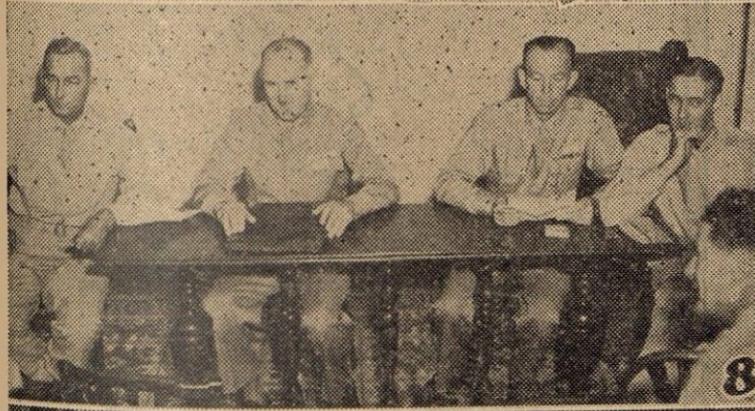
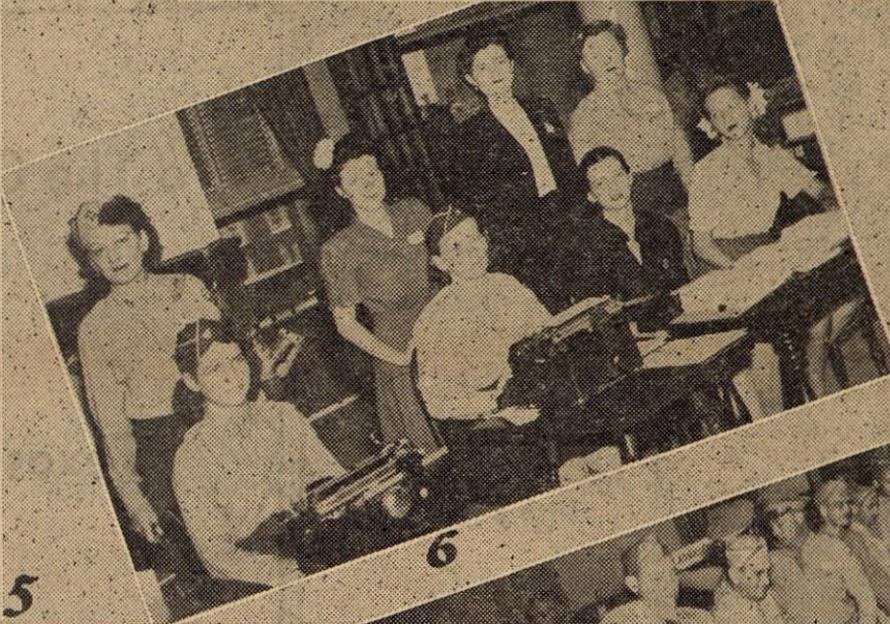
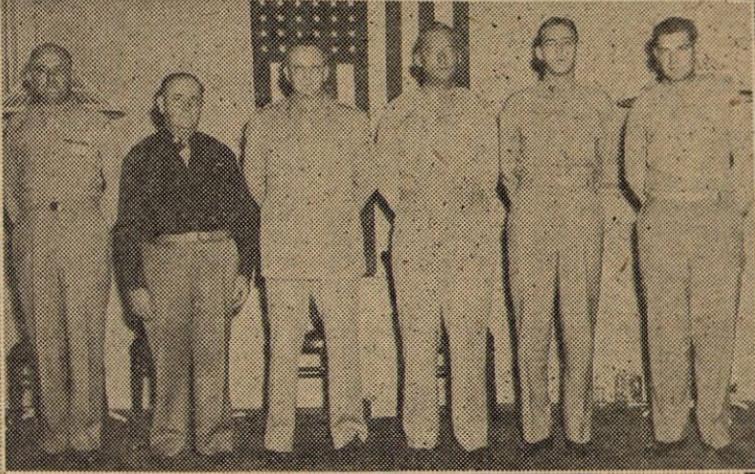
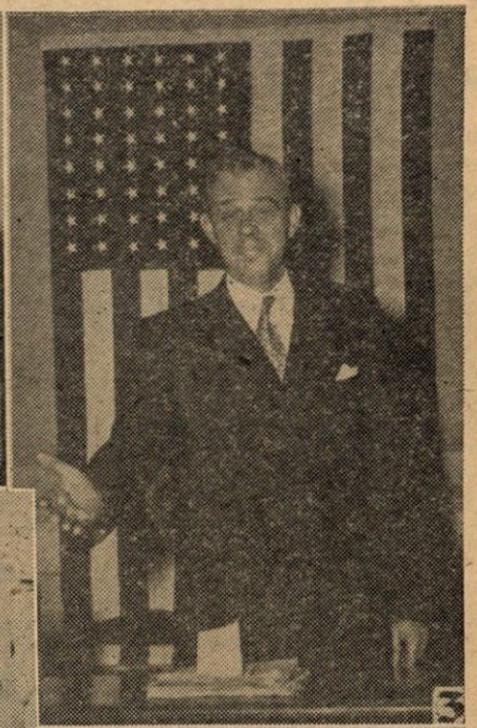
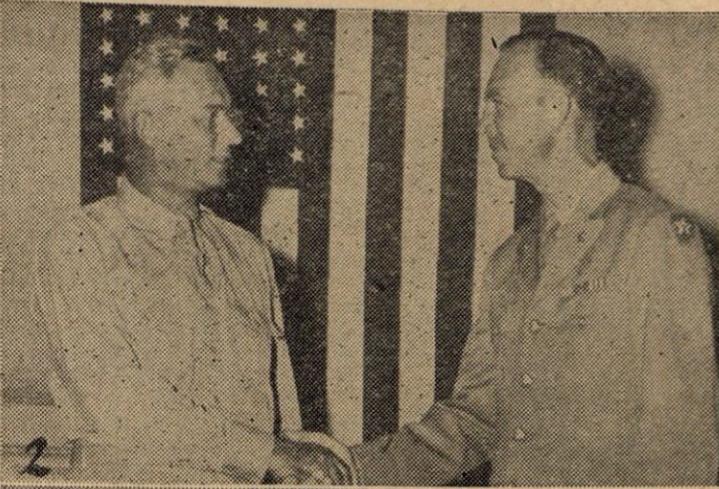
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Highlights Of Austin Annual Convention



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Highlights of the annual convention of the Texas State Guard Officers Association convention in pictures.
No. 1—Brig. Gen. Arthur Knickerbocker, who addressed the convention.
No. 2—Maj. Ed D. Konken, 2nd Battalion, left, being congratulated on being elected president of the association by Maj. Donald W. Peacock, 2nd Training and Research Unit, retiring president.

No. 3.—Col. Franklin D. Spears, U. S. Army retired, addressing the assembly.

No. 4—New officers of the association, being presented to the assembly. Left to right are Maj. Jacob A. Harris, 36th, third vice president; Maj. H. W. Stilwell, 50th Battalion, second vice president; Capt. Claude K. Karr, 35th, first vice president; Maj. Ed Kon-

ken, president; Capt. Carl Hardin, Jr., reelected secretary, and Maj. Weldon Swenson, reelected treasurer.

No. 5—Maj. Lloyd Bentsen, 31st Battalion, making his report as chairman of the board.

No. 6—Members of the Motor Auxiliary Corps of the 36th Battalion, San Antonio, who aided in registration.

No. 7—Major Peacock looking admiringly at the watch members of the executive board gave him.

No. 8—Leaders of the association caught during a general assembly. Left to right, Major Konken, Major Bentsen, Major Peacock.

No. 9—Lining up for registration. First in line is Major Stilwell. Capt. Jesse L. Caveness of

the 7th, Houston, is close behind.

No. 10—In the chow line at the buffet supper and dance.

No. 11—Captain Hardin and the little lady who did all his work—Miss N. Stephens, his secretary.

No. 12—Major Konken looks at his plate as if he did not think it was big enough to hold that bite in his other hand.

36th Division Park Board Is Appointed

Members of the 36th Division State Park advisory commission have been named by Governor Coke R. Stevenson.

The commission is made up of active or former members of the 36th Division. It will be charged with taking action in conjunction with the redesignation of Lake Brownwood State Park as the 36th Division State Park.

Members of the commission:

Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Fort Benning, Ga.; Maj. Gen. C. V. Birkhead, San Antonio; Brig. Gen. P. A. Weatherred, Dallas; Brig. Gen. R. O. Whiteaker, Buda; Brig. Gen. Walter B. Pyron, Houston; Brig. Gen. J. Watt Page, Austin; Col. Carvin D. Steen, Fort Worth; Col. Charles C. Scott, Houston; Col. E. O. Thompson, Austin; Col. Richard B. Dunbar, Fort Worth.

Col. John J. O'Reilly, Austin; Col. Dallas J. Matthews, Houston; Lt. Col. M. S. Chataignon, Galveston; Lt. Col. Blucher S. Tharp, Amarillo; Lt. Col. H. Miller Ainsworth, Luling; Lt. Col. Carl L. Phinney, Austin; Lt. Col. Richard J. Werner, San Antonio; Lt. Col. Albert B. Crowther, San Antonio; Lt. Col. John J. Garner, Corsicana.

Lt. Col. Albert W. Price, Fort Worth; Tech. Sgt. Charles E. Kelly, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tech. Sgt. William F. Parrott, Dallas; Tech Sgt. Harry R. Moore, Fort Worth; Staff Sgt. Robert L. Chudej, Temple; Sgt. John R. Aaron, Ranger; Staff Sgt. J. L. Whitfield, Coleman, Tech. Sgt. Alfred H. Carnot, San Antonio; First Sgt. Robert E. Childers, Waelder.

Illinois—

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and underwear), including .38 Colt pistols, holsters, and web belt; state cars for brigade, regimental, and some battalion commanders (also some executive officers) where their units are scattered over a sizeable area; funds for battalion training maneuvers; payment of expenses for all officers attending state officers' association meetings; state payment of medical examination fees (50c a person) for recruits; State Guard lapel buttons for all officers and enlisted men.

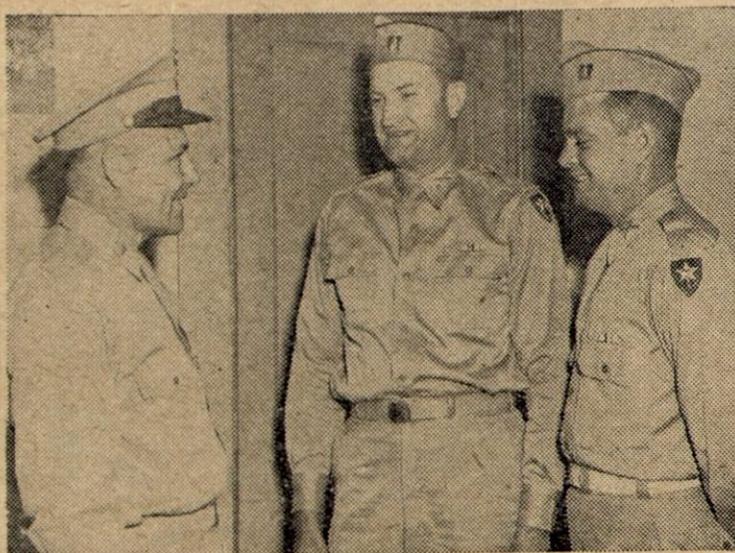
Enlisted men on active duty are paid at the rate of \$4 a day for privates, with a sliding upward scale for the others. Officers receive the regular army pay scale, including longevity pay for service in any recognized state or federal military unit.

The Illinois Reserve Militia has been on active duty quite regularly, mainly in connection with disasters occasioned by floods. In fact, some units have had so much active duty of this nature that projected regimental schools for officers and non-commissioned officers have had to be curtailed.

However, during this year one school for officers was held at the Military Police camp at Skokie Valley, near Chicago, consisting of a highly concentrated four-day program. Selected non-commissioned officers were sent to Fort Sheridan for specialized training for a four-day period. A special class was held at Fort Sheridan for cooks and bakers, this course lasting two weeks.

When the Illinois units receive a move-out order in active duty, this is what takes place: Orders come through channels, from the Adju-

Amarillo Guards Rated "Excellent"



"Excellent," says Maj. C. F. Hartman, Federal inspection officer, to Capt. Sam Davis and Capt. Jack Rogers, commanding officers of Amarillo's two State Guard companies. Major Hartman, commanding officer of the Texas Tech ROTC department, said, "These Amarillo units are as fine as any I've ever inspected. Drill, discipline and equipment are unusually good. The State Guard has a definite place in the community. Its service will be as necessary on V-Day as on any other in the past. The State Guard is the guardian of civilian population until the regular National Guard can return from active duty."

tant General to the Commanding General of the IRM, down to brigade, thence to regimental headquarters, on to battalion and company headquarters.

Battalion and company commanders order out busses and trucks to transport men and their equipment at state expense to the scene of the duty. Previous arrangements have been made for this transportation, in accordance with unit emergency plans.

No funds for special emergency expenditures are taken from the regular allotment for the year-round operations of the militia. Each emergency brings forth the estimated funds to cover it.

All units have cots, mattresses, and blankets, and these items are moved where needed by trucks operated by common carriers. Each regiment has two walkie-talkie radio sets allotted to it, to facilitate communications.

Training, and the problems incorporated into battalion and regimental training activities, is centered around the various types of emergency duty.

A typical 24-hour training exercise includes: Movement to bivouac

area, establish bivouac, display of equipment, mess, gas demonstrations, then a movement on a small town nearby, with several different situations developing out of the simulated emergency requiring action by the component units.

The Illinois Reserve Militia has had numerous calls to active duty in various parts of the state due to floods, according to Colonel Johnson, and this type of duty usually breaks down into these three phases: evacuation of civilians from stricken areas, protection of the evacuated homes and businesses, and actual emergency preventive work such as sand-bagging.

Illinois has this officer set-up: The Adjutant General is a Brigadier General; the Commanding General of the IRM is a Major General. The IRM has three brigades, each commanded by a Brigadier General. Within these three brigades are 7

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Disabled American Veterans To Train Wounded Buddies

Washington.—A new type of training program for service-disabled veterans of this war, to prepare them for the life-long job of helping their own battle-wounded comrades, has been announced by the Disabled American Veterans.

The training, sponsored jointly by the DAV and the U. S. Veterans Administration as part of the federal agency's vocational rehabilitation and education program, started October 2.

The program includes five months of academic work at American University here, and up to 18 months of on-the-job training under the supervision of DAV national service officers now in the field.

Purpose of the course, being given at the request of the DAV, is to train selected service-disabled veterans of this war for jobs as national service officers of the Disabled American Veterans.

"I run things in this house," said the Chief as he pushed the vacuum cleaner.

regiments of infantry, each commanded by a full Colonel. The commanding general has a staff and headquarters enlisted personnel; as do the brigade, regiment and battalion commanders

Death Rate From Disease In Army Is Six In 10,000

Maj. Gen. George F. Lull, deputy surgeon of the American army, revealed recently at a meeting of the International College of Surgeons at Philadelphia that only about six men in 10,000 in the army die of disease compared to 141 in the first World War.

He said the death rate from all diseases, with the exception of deaths due to influenza epidemic, dropped from 14.1 (per 1,000 army strength) in World War I to .06 at the present time.

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Personnel Of Company A, 14th Battalion



The picture at top shows the non-commissioned officer personnel of Company A of the 14th Battalion at Amarillo. The company was named heavy weapons unit for the battalion. Below is a picture of the company in formation in the armory.

Captain Cries 'They Got Me,' But It Was Only Coconut

An Advanced Base in New Guinea.—Freshly promoted Capt. Harold Jacobson has had his first anxious moments in combat. Captain "Jake," commanding a rifle company in the 31st Division, now in combat in the Southwest Pacific under command of Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, was leading a patrol in the jungle when the group was suddenly pinned down by enemy mortar fire and snipers. A shell burst in a palm over the Captain. "They got me," he gasped to the man nearest him. But it wasn't so. Shell fragments had dislodged a coconut which fell squarely on Jake's head.—Army Times.

"Is Jane the kind of a girl you'd give your name to?" "Maybe, but not my right name."

Major Holman Named On Legion Committee

Henderson.—Maj. Ralph Holman of the 23rd Battalion, Texas State Guard, and commander of the First Division of Texas Legionnaires, has been appointed a member of the Texas Department's finance committee for a period of five years, it has been announced. The appointment was made by Department Commander Henry Love of Fort Worth. A member is named each year for a five-year term.

The classification officer at the reception center was interviewing the recruit.

"... and we want to place you where you are best fitted," he concluded. "Now, what was your occupation in civilian life?" "I was a bill collector," said the inductee. "Fine," replied the C. O., "you'll make a good bugler." "How do you figure that?" inquired the inductee. "Because you're used to having lots of people hate you."

Co. A Named Heavy Weapons Unit Of 14th

The 14th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Amarillo has designated Company A, under command of Capt. Jim Jack Rogers, as the heavy weapons company of the battalion.

Captain Rogers is an experienced machine gunner of long standing, having spent seven years in a machine gun outfit of the 45th Division.

Company A went on the range near Canyon on September 6 and some very good scores were turned in. The men fired all three types of weapons, namely, tommy guns, .30-calibre machine guns and Model 1917 Enfield rifles.

Breakfast and lunch were served by the mess detail composed of S/Sgt. Jack E. Walsh, T/5 (Cook) John Orr, and others.

Company A is ready and waiting for V-Day. The company is already "alerted" and will upon the sound of whistles go immediately to the armory and will stay mobilized for three hours.

Results of firing on range August 6, 1944:

Expert Riflemen	Score
Sgt. Virgil Ballew	88
Pvt. V. W. Fergus	85
Capt. Jim J. Rogers	82
Pvt. Damon Nutt	81
S/Sgt. Louie Daniel	80
Sharpshooter	
Sgt. James Holley	77
Cpl. Clinton Clark	77
Sgt. Ray Graham	77

Marksman	Score
T/5 Lyndol Carter	76
T/5 George Walsh	75
Sgt. Clyde Bearden	75
Sgt. Travis Tadlock	70

It was a hot August afternoon, and the tough sergeant had been drilling raw, awkward recruits until the men were ready to drop. A captain paused to eye the spectacle, and at that precise moment an especially clumsy recruit dropped his rifle. The captain called the recruit out of line.

"How long," he said with a withering look, "have you been in the Army?"

The recruit, with all the weariness and woe of the world writ upon his countenance, stammered, "A-a-all day, sir."

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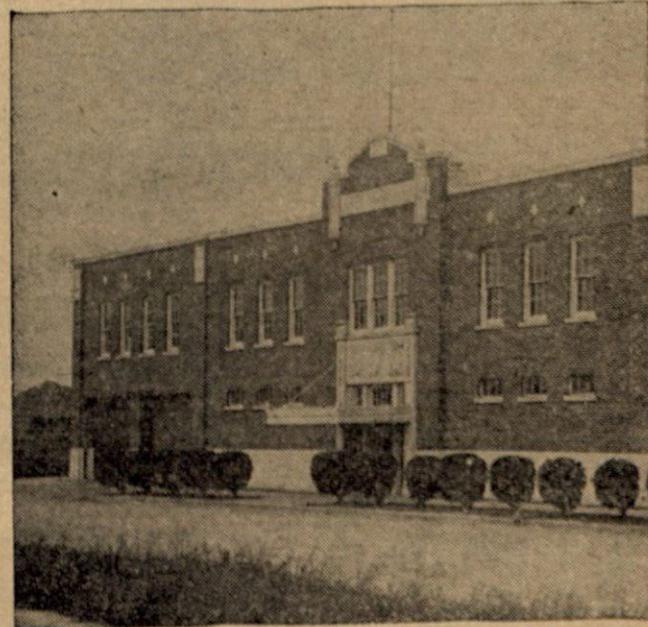
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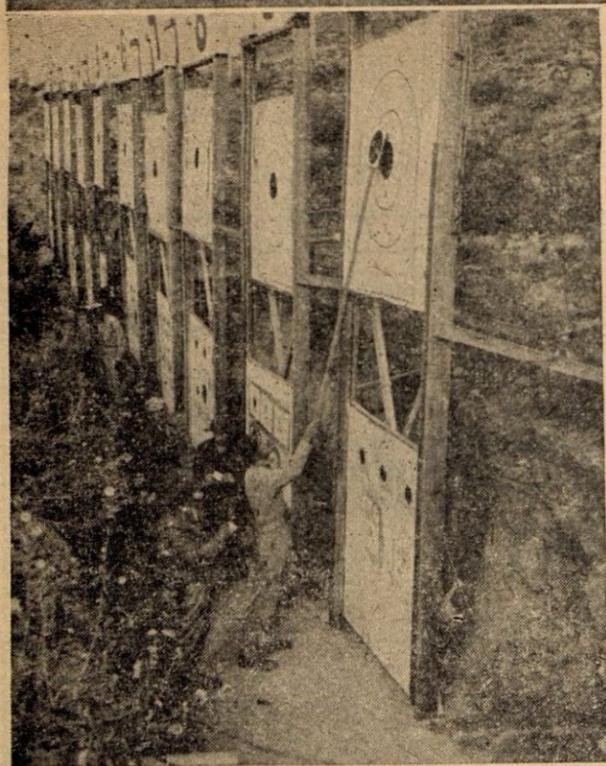
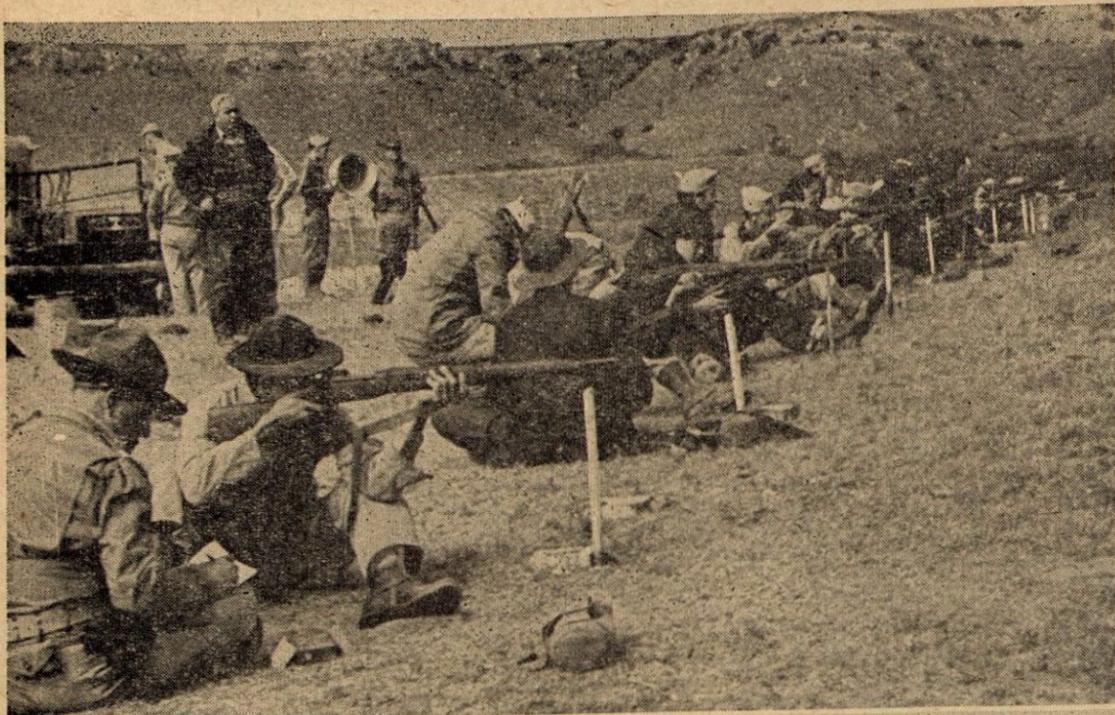
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39th Battalion Fires On New Range



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Top: On the firing line. Ten targets are available.

Center: Looking down the range on the 200-yard firing line. Range is capable up to 400 yards. This range was recently acquired by the 39th Battalion TSG, from the South Plains Army Air Field. It is on the site formerly used for a target range by the now famous "Lost Battalion" in Java, of the Texas National Guard.



39th Battalion Hits Targets On New Range

By CAPT. T. BRUCE CRAIG

Companies of the 39th Battalion of the Texas State Guard assembled in an area overlooking Yellow-house Canyon of the upper Brazos river on September 23 and 24. The site for the overnight bivouac and scouting and patrolling problem was the famous Johnson's ranch.

The companies were divided into two battalions, the Reds and Blues, and the battalion headquarters was set up as a regimental headquarters serving both provisional battalions, utilizing the headquarters and service detachments in the regimental headquarters.

Communications to the provisional battalions were set up, using three message centers—one for each of the provisional battalions and the one at the regimental headquarters. One of the outstanding features of the problem was the splendid manner in which communications were handed down to the patrols operating in enemy territory.

Each company of the 39th Battalion is equipped with field telephones, and the provisional regimental headquarters set up the telephone switchboard of the 39th

Battalion, through which the provisional battalions reported to the regimental headquarters. In each the Red and Blue battalions the field telephones were used to outposts which successfully reported all activity to the Red and Blue C.P.'s which were very successfully set apart from the maneuver area so that the commanders were not captured in spite of the heavy enemy action.

All officers of the provisional regiment were briefed on the problem; then each provisional battalion briefed his officers and men, before the start of the problem. At intervals timed by the regimental headquarters certain sounds and noises were utilized for patrols to report on; as were movement of automobiles, and flashing of lights.

With the exception of very few sounds all were corrected, reported and timed. A heavy northeast wind came up during the maneuver resulting in the failure of sounds to be heard. While speaking of the northeast wind, perhaps this battalion was the first to wear the new field overcoats issued by the Federal government.

The 39th Battalion is commanded by Maj. B. C. McCasland of Lubbock, and the companies are stationed at Tahoka, Levelland, Plainview, Floydada, Crosbyton and Lubbock. Headquarters Detachment, Medical Detachment and Service Detachments are from Lubbock.

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Major: What are arithmetic bugs?

Sam: They're cooties.

Major: Why do you call them arithmetic bugs?

Sam: Because the add to my misery, subtract from my pleasure, divide my attention, and multiply like the dickens.

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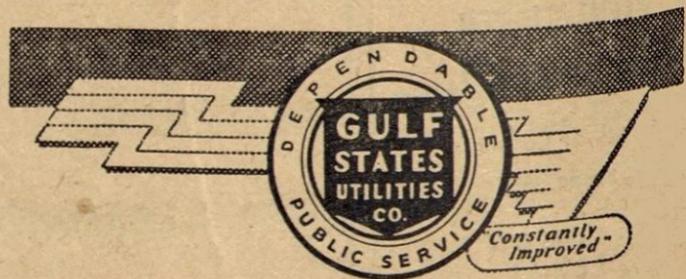


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15th Battalion Units Capture 'War Prisoners'

By CAPT. J. E. BELCHER

After participating in the most successful and instructive maneuvers in their history, Company E, Mineral Wells, and Company C, Stephenville, both of the 15th Battalion, returned to their home stations from a joint training exercise in the field on Sunday, October 1.

The companies left their respective armories Saturday at 8 p. m., and arrived at their bivouac area 30 miles south of Mineral Wells at 9:30. The camp and maneuver grounds were located on the 10,000-acre Dug-Out Ranch owned by First Sergeant Parkey of Company C. Company E moved to the grounds by motor convoy, in army trucks and jeeps furnished by Camp Wolters.

The maneuvers, under the joint direction of Capt. J. E. Belcher, commanding Company E, and Capt. Harry Brauer, commanding Company C, provided two distinct training exercises. H-hour for the first was 2:30 a. m. Sunday, and for the second, 8:30 a. m.

The Problem

The problem in the first exercise simulated the following situation: 75 German prisoners of war have escaped from the Camp Wolters stockade, and after capturing weapons, ammunition and vehicles have entrenched themselves on Dug-Out Ranch near Morgan's Mill, highway 281.

Aerial photo maps of the area, showing location of the POW, having been furnished the two companies, they were ordered to capture or kill all of the escaped prisoners. Previously placed booby traps and land mines, and blank cartridges supplied the men, added to the realism of the exercise.

The two companies traversed a rugged terrain over two miles, and at 4:30 a. m. captured the hill on which the prisoners were entrenched.

The second exercise, beginning at 8:30 a. m., gave the troops a problem in riot control. A prisoner held in jail at Morgan's Mill (it was simulated) has been threatened by a mob whose leaders are urging them to break into the jail, seize the prisoner and lynch him. The rioters have gotten beyond the control of the civil authorities, and the governor has declared martial law in the town.

Units Called Out

Companies C and E were ordered to the town to establish martial law and remove the prisoner to a safe place. The companies moved to the outskirts of Morgan's Mill by motor convoy, and on the way were attacked by CAP planes which had been seized by the rioters at Morgan's Mill.

Road blocks were established, motorized patrols sent out, and then the companies moved into the town with fixed bayonets, in riot

Pecos Rifle Team Unbeaten



Members of the Rifle Team of Company B, 1st Battalion, in the enclosed picture are, standing, left to right: Pvt. Dale Sadberry, Sgt. Paul Morrison, Sgt. Olin Green. Kneeling, left to right: Lt. Hu Bryant and Pvt. H. G. Meyer.

This team has been shooting in small-bore competition with other State Guard unit teams and United States Army team for over a year and to date remains unbeaten and untied.

Some of the matches and scores fired in the past year are as follows:

Company B, Pecos 454, Pecos Army Air Base 436.

Company B, Pecos 1638, New Mexico State Guard Co. 6, Carlsbad, N. M. 1596.

Company B, Pecos 1628, New Mexico State Guard Co. 5, Artesia, N. M., 1479.

Company B, Pecos 551, Company D, Monahans 442.

formation, wearing gas masks. Simulated tear gas was used to quell the rioters (half of each company was used to simulate the mob) and the prisoner was taken from the jail, placed in an armored car, and removed to safety.

Company B, Pecos 1654, Company C, Ft. Stockton 1546.

Company B, Pecos 1661, Company C, Ft. Stockton 1569.

All matches were fired from the four regulation army positions over the 50-foot and 75-foot courses. Regulation army and N.R.A. targets were used.

With Company B of the 1st Battalion in Pecos, marksmanship has been stressed as an important part of each guardsman's training. It has proven a source of strength in maintaining membership and obtaining new recruits.

Company B at Pecos has both outdoor and indoor range facilities which afford maximum opportunity for guardsmen to practice. The match rifles and other equipment used in competitive shooting are individually owned by the Guardsmen.

Wife: "A letter came for you today marked Private and Personal."
Husband: "What did it say?"

Jap Wheel Makes Ice Cream For U. S. Troops

An Advanced Base Somewhere in New Guinea.—A captured Japanese bicycle wheel is now doing its part to keep the men of a 31st Division service company happy. The Jap wheel is an integral part of an ice cream freezer.

Ice cream is a rare treat in this equatorial land, and the fact that a Jap wheel contributes to its freezing makes it taste better than any the corner drug store ever set on the counter.

T/4 Herman Cole is the designer and chief putter-together of this device. The freezer was rigged up from the following parts: A 10-gallon milk can (U. S.), one end of a 55-gallon gasoline drum (a 1½-ton screw jack (Jap), an airplane defroster, bolts from an ammunition crate (all lead-coated), a section of ¾-inch pipe, grass rope salvaged off old tents, and the Jap bicycle wheel, which serves as one of the pulleys.—Army Times.

"Shoulder Pads" On Menu For Breakfast

Camp Butner, N. C.—Here's an addition to the already picturesque GI language.

One morning when hot cakes were the breakfast special at the Eastern Personnel Reassignment Center, this conversation was heard between two of the boys, one headed for the mess hall, the other away from it.

"What did we have for chow?" queried the soldier headed for the mess hall.

"Shoulder pads," was the reply.

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51st Bn. Fires 30 Calibres At Camp Wolters

The rifle range at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, was turned over to the 51st Battalion recently for the first firing of their 30-calibre Enfield rifles. Tabulation of scores has not been completed but from advance reports it is believed a good percentage qualified. The range was 200 yards and 22 rounds (four practice) were fired by each man. The qualifying rounds were: four prone, four sitting, four standing, three rapid fire prone and three rapid fire sitting.

The first contingent, under the command of Maj. Harold B. Younger, moved out from the Dallas armory in a convoy of 17 cars and established bivouac near the range and was joined the following morning by the balance of the battalion, who had departed in convoy from the Dallas armory at 4 a. m.

Prior to going on the range, the battalion was assembled and given thorough instructions on range regulations and handling of rifles.

It was an impressive sight to watch the battalion, marching in long columns, moving on an armory camp range as if it were a daily routine.

It was the first time many of the men had fired a 30-calibre rifle and until they got the "feel" of their gun and adjusted the sights, Maggie's Drawers (complete miss of target) were quite prevalent.

Tense moments were had when one of the targets gave trouble on two occasions. On the raising of target No. 28, it was thrown loose from its frame, making it impossible to lower the target from the pit. With 32 men on the firing line with loaded rifles, it was necessary for a man to climb the target and hold it in place while it was being lowered. Every precaution was taken before the men were allowed to place themselves in the line of fire.

The mess detail for the entire battalion was assigned to Company D, and everyone enjoyed swell meals, thanks to Mess Sergeant Frank Hamilton.

1300 General Officers On Duty In Army Now

Washington.—The Army had 1,300 general officers on active duty on September 1, the War Department reports.

Of these 1,185 were Regular Army officers, 76 were National Guard officers, 25 were Reserve officers, and 14 were commissioned from civilian life.

The Army had six full generals on active duty on September 1—Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. Malin Craig, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. H. H. Arnold, and Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell.

Lieutenant generals on September 1 totaled 34; major generals 343, and brigadier generals 917.

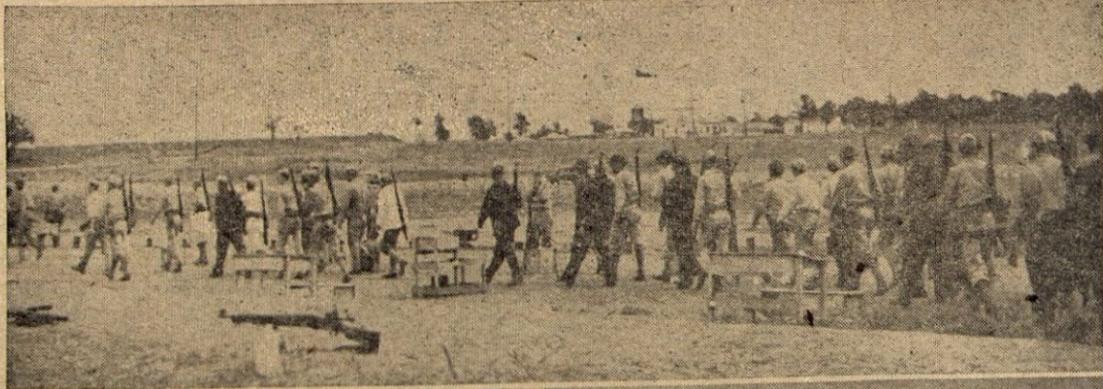
A lucky GI is one who has a wife and a cigarette lighter—both working.

Professor: "What books have helped you the most?"

Student: "Mother's cook book and father's check book."

My boy, beware the baby stare,
Because if it is bluff,
She knows too much—and if
it's not,
She doesn't know enough.

51st Battalion On Firing Line



Top: Group moving on the firing line after having worked targets in the pits.

Bottom, left: Lt. Fisher, in charge of the pits, supervises lowering of a target that was thrown out of frame.

Bottom right: Maj. Harold B. Younger, right, discusses rulings on scoring with Capt. Roy Pender, range officer.

College Training Plan Outlined By Vet Administration

Washington.—On the advice of leading educators the Veterans' Administration has guaranteed to pay tuition of at least \$10 a month, \$30 a quarter or \$40 a semester for the college education of war veterans.

The agency has also decided to permit state and municipal colleges to charge "non-resident" tuition for all veterans, regardless of whether they are residents.

In making these decisions, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veteran affairs, recognized the low cost of tuition in most tax-supported institutions and yielded to the requests of state educators that the "customary tuition" provision of the GI Bill of Rights should not be interpreted strictly.

Money for board and lodging is paid directly to the veteran and is not affected by the announcement. General Hines said that 10,000

veterans had applied for training; that 5,600 already had been ruled eligible, and that 422 were at present attending colleges.

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"Hips on shoulder—Place!" he barked.

Then after a moment of deliberation, he said: "As you were, men. That can't be done. Hips down."

Weekly advice to the lovelorn: Love with old men is as the sun upon the snow—it dazzles more than it warms.

One of the rookies from an outfit with a rugged topkick was ready to leave for home on furlough when the sarge, who happened to be from the same hometown, asked the private to say hello to his mother.

Upon his return, the rookie jumped for cover every time the topkick came near, until finally one day the first sergeant collared him and asked:

"Say, why do you duck every time you see me coming?"

"Wel-l-l," stammered the private, "I don't know how to say it, but when I was home your mother asked me to er-er, to take good care of you."

If you have idle time on your hands, become a pipe smoker and you'll never have another moment of rest, what with the cleaning, filling, lighting, packing, loosening, relighting, packing, puffing, cleaning, filling, etc.

Soldier Dad (to son): It's none of your business how I first met your mother, but I can tell you one thing—it certainly cured me of whistling.

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Knickerbocker Sees Continued Need For Guard

Texas State Guardsmen have no more right to quit their important jobs of guarding the home front now than have the soldiers now standing on the banks of the Rhine the right to turn their faces toward Paris.

Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker of Austin was the speaker. That was his statement to the State Guard Officers Association of Texas banquet on September 29 at Dallas' Hotel Adolphus.

The war is not over, contrary to popular belief, said General Knickerbocker. And even when fighting has ceased there will be important work to be done at home, work that only a state militia can do. He urged the officers to train their men like they have never been trained before so that the State Guard may serve as a great preventative agency against any possible internal disturbance.

"If we have 16,000 men, these people will not be anxious to get out of line," he said. "I believe our greatest duties are ahead."

He concluded: "Keep up the home front like those boys are keeping up the battlefield on the banks of the Rhine."

Praise From Gen. Donovan
Praise for the Texas State Guard came from Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan, commanding officer of the Eighth Service Command. He compared TSG work with that of the colonial militia which held off the enemy until the Continental Congress could organize an army in 1775. They fired the shot that heralded the birth of freedom around the world.

"No unit of the army," said General Donovan, "has covered itself with more glory than did the first Army that set foot on the soil of Europe—Texas' own 36th Division. The 112th Cavalry can be proud that it left its horses in Texas to take Tarawa."

For soldiers inducted into the Army through the Selective Service, the Army needed leaders. It called upon the National Guard and the Officers Reserve Corps. But now, the General declared, the National Guard is off to war. In its place you are serving. You and your men will lead in making the men who are off at war sure their homes will be protected, he asserted.

Praises Sacrifices
He praised the Guardsmen for the great sacrifice they are making—sacrifice of time, money.

"I know," he said, "that the Texas State Guard is ready to take over so Texas will never have to call on the Federal government for Federal troops."

"Because of the close ties that have existed between the Eighth Service Command and the Texas State Guard, we have been able to watch your growth into the efficient, capable organization it now is. Much of that capability and efficiency is due directly to its officers. No military organization of any sort can function unless the men who lead it set an example their subordinates want to follow. "I am confident that when we once again return to a peaceful life, your work as officers of the Texas State Guard in wartime will be remembered with gratification by the people of Texas and especially by the victorious veterans whose places you have so ably taken."

Lt. Col. Weaver Baker, judge advocate general of the Guard, told of the legal problems of the Army. Regulations governing the Texas State Guard, he said, are subscribed to by the Secretary of War.

Laws made the National Guard, the Texas Defense Guard and the Texas State Guard, and the only serious situation the Guard has encountered in Texas was in the Beaumont racial strife, he said.

Said Colonel Baker: "We didn't have to call the Army. The Texas State Guard was so well trained that they gave prompt and efficient service and took the situation in hand."

TSG is a creature of legislation and can be disbanded by the govern-

The Spirit Of The Guard

The spirit that made the Texas State Guard what it is today was outlined in a story told by Capt. Lawrence Melton, U. S. Army, in the dinner given in Dallas on September 29 by Chapter No. 1, Texas State Guard Officers Association.

Captain Melton was formerly Major Melton, one of the organizers of the Texas Defense Guard in Dallas. He went back to the days when everyone bought his own uniforms to illustrate the spirit of the Guard.

"I visited one company one night back in those early days when everyone bought his own uniforms," Captain Melton said. "We were a deadly earnest lot in those days and every man in the company was on his toes. I noticed one man particularly because he was not in uniform. His clothes were neat

but of poor material. He carried himself like a soldier.

"I asked the company commander about him and was told that this man was one of the best soldiers in the guard.

"Later, as I was driving home I came upon this man walking down the road several blocks from the drill site. I stopped and asked if he wanted a lift. He thanked me and climbed in."

"I was impressed by his knowledge of military courtesy and as we got to talking, asked him where he worked. He said that he did not have a regular job but lately had been digging ditches. I asked him what pay he made and he said \$12 per week.

"We talked some more and I learned that he had a wife and five children, that he walked to and from the armory two and three times a week and that he was proud that he was a part of the guard.

"I was so impressed that I finally turned to him and asked if I might buy him a uniform. His answer came quick and firm.

"No, sir," he said. "I am going to buy my own uniform."

"My wife is saving fifty cents a week out of what I make. When we get \$6 together I am going to buy my own uniform."

"I drove him home and thought as I drove: 'Here is a man who serves because he feels that he is needed by his country. Here is a man who denies himself even the smallest of luxuries that he might wear the uniform of his state and country.'

"Here is a man who personifies the spirit of the Guard."

Poetic Hiker (to farmer) "And does this glorious setting sun mean anything to you?"

Farmer (mopping his brow): "I'll say it does; it means that I can eventually unhitch the horses and go home."

Dallas Sheriff Says He'd Like To Adopt Guard

Sheriff Smoot Schmid of Dallas County has his own idea of what to do with the Texas State Guard after the war.

The tall, genial Smoot, who got his start in sheriffing by fixing bicycles when he was a lad, expounded his idea during a discussion of post-war plans at the meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the Officers Association.

"Shucks," the sheriff said. "I don't see that's any problem. You fellows have done such a swell job that you'll be needed war or no war."

"I'd like to have you on my side all the time. I figure us sheriffs ought to take you over on a county basis and make you part of the sheriff's force."

"You've proved what you can do to maintain order."

Knowing the sheriff was kidding, a listener asked him whether he'd take his sheriff's star off his chest and wear it on his shoulder.

"That would make you a general, Smoot," he was told.

He smiled as if he might like the idea.

More Entertainment For Overseas Troops

Washington.—An expanded program of entertainment and recreation for the Army overseas is announced by Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, director of the Special Services Division of the Army Service Forces.

"The program is being expanded," General Byron said, "because the fighting man who has more time on his hands and who's been keyed up to a pretty high pitch will need recreation."

Many more athletic stars, singers and dancers will be needed to go abroad, General Byron said, adding: "We will take all we can get." A new departure will be an attempt to organize recreation, to get leading baseball, tennis and golf players to go overseas to instruct the men.

Overheard at the GI barber shop: Pvt. (twice nicked by the barber's razor): "Water, water!"

Barber: "What's the matter?"

Pvt.: "I want to see if my neck leaks."

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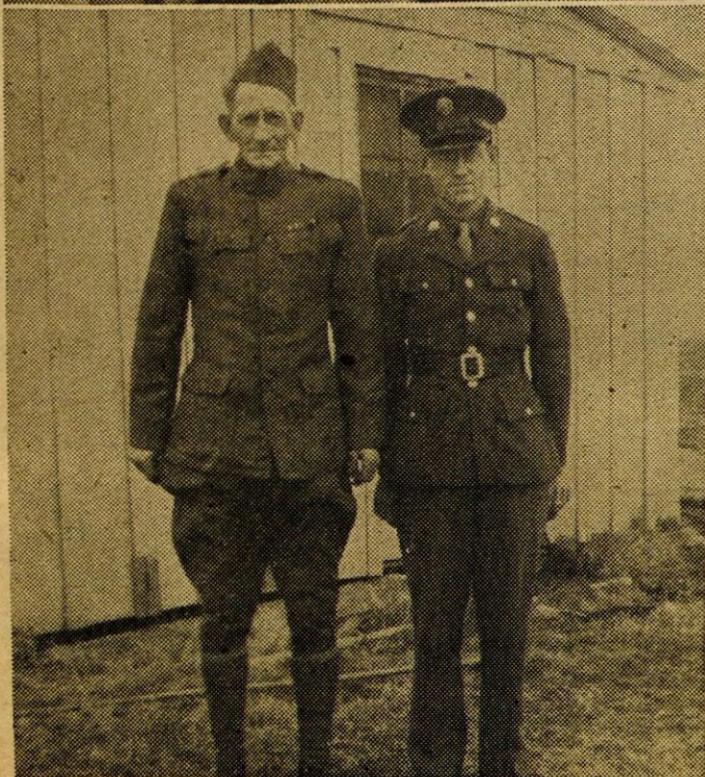
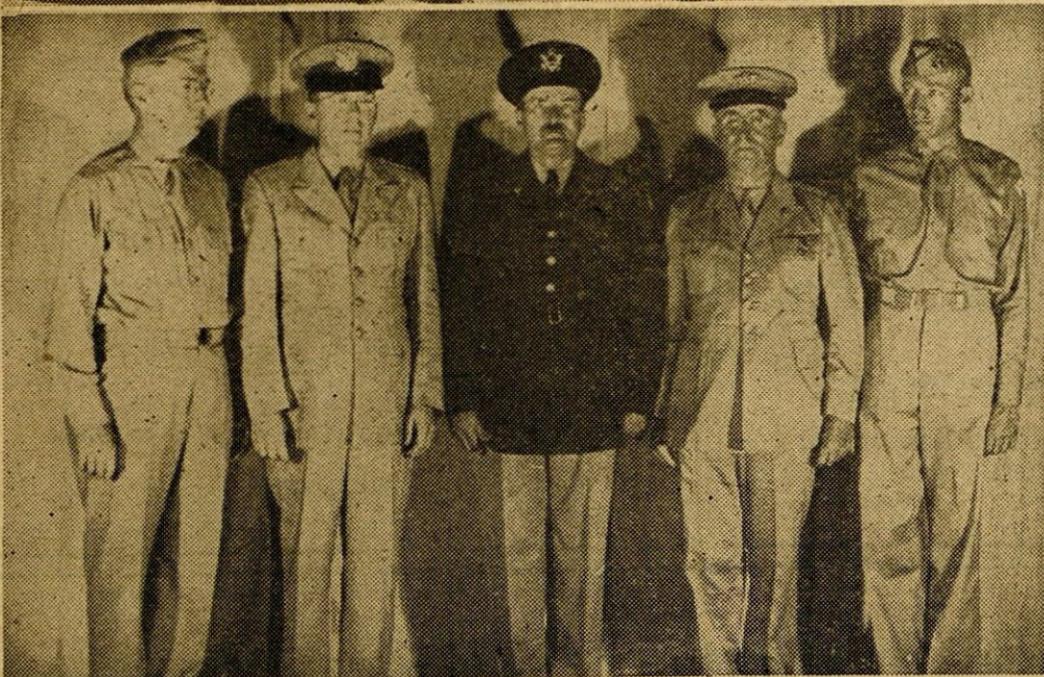
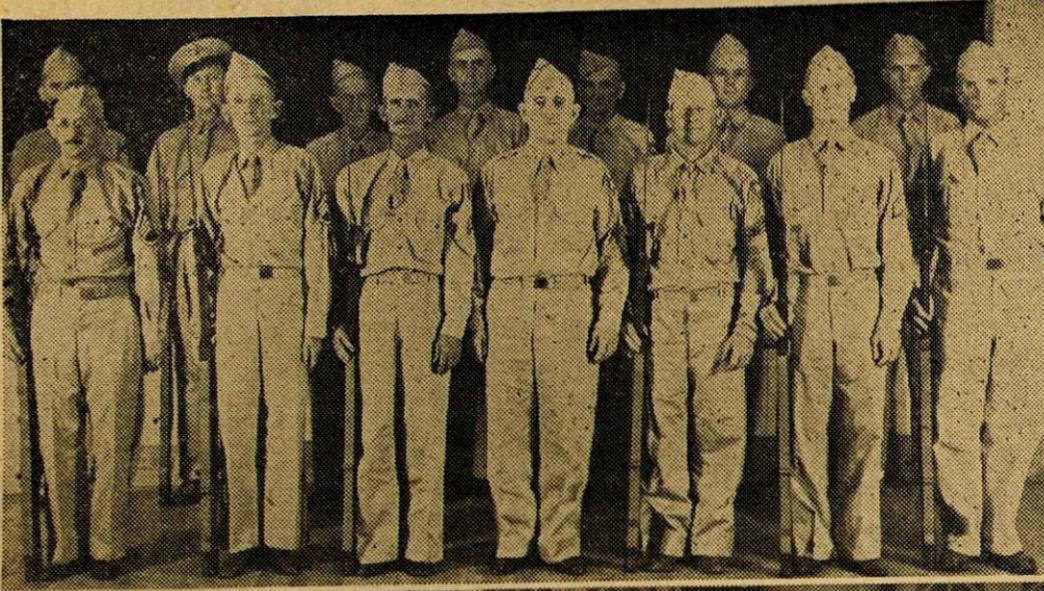


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Personnel Of Burkburnett Company



Top: These 14 officers and non-coms have been members of Company C, 25th Battalion, since its organization, which was in October, 1940, and are still active officers. Reading from left to right, front row: S/Sgt. Morris Bookbinder, S/Sgt. Ira Hullum, Cpl. J. M. Bryan, Capt. Moseley C. Tucker, Sgt. Louis R. Todd, Sgt. Fred Thompson, Sgt. J. B. Gibbs. Second row: Sgt. F. E. Cruce, S/Sgt. Joseph H. Nichols, First Lt. Cletus F. Johnson, Second Lt. S. A. Weaver, S/Sgt. J.

W. Blackwell, Sgt. W. B. Matthews, First Sgt. J. E. Cypert.

Center, above: A part of Company C, 25th Battalion. This picture was made June 23, 1944. A large number of the company were employed on their regular civilian jobs and could not attend on this meeting night. Reading from left to right and beginning on the top row, they are: Pvt. Orbit Cypert, Pvt. Lowell Ladd; S/Sgt. Ira Hullum, Pfc. Boyd I. DeVore, S/Sgt. Joseph H. Nichols, Cpl. J. M. Bryan Sr., Sgt. J. B. Gibbs, Cpl. Jess Hageman, Sgt. Ivan Frields, Sgt. W. B. Matthews, Pvt. Bernon Alvey, Pvt. Ernest Webb, Pvt. John Bilven, Pfc. Avon Frields, Sgt. F. E. Cruce, Cpl. Jack Allen, S/Sgt. Jesse Blackwell, Pfc. A. C. Todd, Pvt. Joe Story, Pvt. Edward Stevenson, S/Sgt. J. D. Grizzle, S/Sgt. Morris Bookbinder, Pfc. O. H. McBride, Pfc. Howard Jennings, Sgt. Fred Thompson, Pfc. James Blewett, Sgt. Louis R. Todd, First Sgt. J. E. Cypert, First Lt. C. F. Johnson, Capt. M. C. Tucker, Second Lt. S. A. Weaver.

Center, below, left to right, are shown Capt. Austin F. Leach, Medical Officer for Company B, 25th Battalion; Capt. W. B. Adams, Medical Officer of Company A, 25th Battalion; Major J. A. Little, Executive Medical Officer of the 25th Battalion; Capt. C. W. Monroe, Medical Officer of Company D, 25th Battalion; and Capt. Phillip Carpenter, Medical Officer of Company C, 25th Battalion.

Major Little has been connected with the 25th Battalion since its inception, having better than three years continuous service to his credit.

Captain Carpenter of Company C has been associated with the Guard close to three years, with a splendid record of service.

Captain Adams and Captain Leach have each been giving freely and unselfishly of their time for the past two years, and Captain Monroe, who was formerly connected with a National Guard unit, has been appointed as Medical Officer for Company D at Electra, Texas, which has just been recently organized.

Bottom: First Lt. Cletus F.

Johnson, Sr. and Pvt. Cletus F. Johnson, Jr., the father being dressed in World War I uniform, of which he is a veteran, and the son being dressed in World War II uniform. First Lt. Johnson is not only District Commander of the American Legion, but also a very capable officer in Company C, 25th Battalion, Burkburnett. The son, shown in this picture with him, is a former member of the Texas State Guard. He has another son, Dale Franklin Johnson, who has just recently been discharged from the State Guard and has joined the armed forces of the United States Army.

Mineral Wells Unit Adds New Members

Company E of the 15th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Mineral Wells, has just concluded a successful drive for new members among the students at Mineral Wells high school.

Responding to the offer of the school superintendent to allow an affiliated credit in physical training to those who joined the guard, about 60 high school boys enlisted. Those under 16 are to be carried on the rolls as supernumeraries.

Capt. J. E. Belcher, commander of the company, announced that his unit was practically up to full strength after the concerted drive, which included running trailers in theatres and distribution of handbills. A tent was set up downtown as a recruiting station.

The new recruits were taken along on a field maneuver at the end of September and performed exceptionally well, Captain Belcher reported.

"Did you know, dear," purred the sergeant to his wife, "that the biggest idiot usually marries the prettiest woman?"

"No," she said gingerly, "but it's high time you were paying me a compliment."

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Scenes At Corpus Dinner And Officers Of 28th Battalion



—Photos on this page by McGregor, Corpus Christi.

The pictures shown here were taken at Corpus Christi during August, when a meeting of Texas State Guard officers of the Corpus and surrounding battalions was held at the Plaza Hotel. Some of the pictures show the 28th Battalion, Texas State Guard, in action during the hurricane alert. The meeting of officers was held to discuss Guard affairs and to plan publicity for the special Corpus Christi issue of the Guardsman magazine. Major Samuel R. Haggard and members of the Guardsman staff were present at the meeting. The banquet was given on the officers' deck of the Plaza Hotel with Major Haggard and Major P. R. Kelly as hosts.

The pictures show:
 Top panel, left: Looking over maps planning the battalion hurricane alert. Left to right, sitting: Major Thomas W. Gahagan, Insp. Gen., Dept. ADG; Major M. P. Lymberry, commander 28th Battalion; Major Preston H. Kelly, MI-G2; and standing: Captain Francis J. Kasper, 28th battalion chaplain. Second picture to right in top panel shows Capt. Pat Limerick issuing orders to Company G, 28th Battalion, during the August 22 alert. Next picture to right in top panel shows the radio equipment and operators of the 28th. The radio sending and receiving set is one of the most complete in the en-

tire Texas State Guard. Sgt. W. B. Scott, left, and Pfc. J. W. Peterson are the radio operators. The picture on the right in the top panel shows the Company A supply room where equipment was issued during the alert. At right, back to camera, is Corp. J. C. Louison; facing camera is S/Sgt. Eduard L. Olsen, and issuing equipment is Sgt. P. E. Clark.

Center panel, left picture, shows special guests at the banquet.

Front row, left to right: Capt. Arthur N. Johnson, executive officer 28th Battalion; Capt. Hobart Houston, executive officer, 21st Battalion; Major Arthur Padillo senior medical officer, 28th Battalion; Lt. Albert Nibling The Guardsman.

Back row, left to right: Major Meydon P. Lymberry, commandant, 28th Battalion; Major Allen Rooke, battalion commander, 21st Battalion; First Lt. Johnny Joynson, civilian air patrol; First Lt. Buster Shely, civilian air patrol; First Lt. Paul C. Ferguson, The Guardsman; Major Samuel R. Haggard, managing director, The Guardsman.

In center picture in center panel are visitors to banquet: Left to right: Todd Tilton, Jack Sharpe, police commissioner;

Frank Harrison, Jeff Bell, Bob McCracken, Max Swindowky.

At right, center panel: Singing at banquet in honor of 28th and 21st Battalions.

Bottom panel, left, shows command commanders of 28th Battalion. Standing, left to right: Capt. Ed. Erxleben, Co. D, Ingle-side, Aransas Pass; Capt. Roy Terrell, Co. F, Kingsville; Capt. Bill Childress, Co. B, Corpus Christi; Capt. Ben Shaw, Co. A, Corpus Christi. Sitting, left to right: Capt. Andrew R. Alvarez, Co. E, Corpus Christi; Capt. Francis J. Kasper, battalion chaplain; Capt. Jack Bickley, Co. C, Robstown; Capt. Pat Limerick, Co. G, Corpus Christi. Picture at left shows, standing, left to right: Major Meydon P. Lymberry, commander 28th Battalion; Major Arthur Padilla, senior medical officer, 28th Battalion; Major Preston H. Kelly, MI, 28th Battalion; Capt. Arthur N. Johnson, executive officer, 28th Battalion. The man at the far right, standing, and the officers sitting down are officers of the 28th Battalion.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead
 Who, when he spies a girl in red,
 Has never turned his head and said:
 "Not bad."

Private Solves Problem, Writes Pass For General

Brownsville.—Brig. Gen. E. H. Marks, of the United States Army engineers, tells this one on himself.

He was here on a routine inspection trip and started to go to Matamoros with some civilian friends for a game dinner.

At the bridge an M. P. approached and asked to see his pass. The General, not familiar with border crossing regulations here, had no pass.

Both the General and the M.-P., a private first class, were at a loss as to how to proceed. Finally the M. P. consulted a customs officer and said: "I will write you a pass, General."

He did so and General Marks decided he would keep the pass, since it was the first time he ever had heard of a private writing a pass for a general.

But when he returned from Matamoros there was a different M. P. on duty. And the M. P. stuck to regulations—the General had to surrender the pass.

"Who gave the bride away?"
 "I could have, but I kept my mouth shut."

Flying Increases But Accidents Decrease

Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, director of the A.A.F. training command, said at Chicago recently that the army air force accident rate has decreased despite a substantial increase in flying.

Yount said that 20,100,000 military flying hours were logged in the first six months of this year, 6,500,000 more than during the corresponding period of 1943, but "fatal accidents and death totals were actually reduced."

"Where's the mess sergeant going in such a hurry?"
 "He's on his way up to the Service Club for dinner."

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Bivouac Held By 33rd Bn. At Marshall

By CAPT. JOHN F. LENTZ
Ser. Det. Inf., 33rd Bn.

Climaxing a special training program given the 33rd Battalion, Texas State Guard, in August, Maj. Harris Y. Hinson, battalion commander, ordered a bivouac during the last week in the month. Company commanders in Marshall, Timpson, Jefferson and Waskom were alerted at 1200, August 26 with orders to move into the bivouac area (in Marshall's city park) by 2100, August 26.

Although rains persisted during the afternoon and night, bivouac plans went according to schedule. Weapons companies and the headquarters, service, and medical detachments moved into the area by the appointed hour. Mess details began at once setting up field kitchens.

The command post was located in the American Legion Home, facing the park, and was occupied by Major Hinson, members of his staff, and several non-commissioned officers. Officers present at the command post were: Major Hinson; Maj. C. A. Wyatt, medical officer; Capt. Louis W. Kariel, executive officer; Capt. Vivian H. Hackney, operations officer; Capt. John F. Lent, supply officer; Capt. W. H. Rickles, dental officer; Capt. Henry F. Selcer, chaplain; First Lt. Newman Wells, adjutant; First Lt. Joe Woods, intelligence and assistant operations officer; First Lt. Martin Hirsch, medical administrative officer; and First Lt. A. C. Johnson, Jr., service unit adjutant.

Heavy Weapons Problem

The first bivouac problem began at 2230, August 26, when the heavy weapons company (Company D, Marshall) was alerted to guard a mythical prisoner of war from mob riot who was being held overnight in the city jail. First Lt. Leonard E. Clark's machine gun squads set up the .30-calibre weapons within the jail yard, while Second Lt. Harry Parker's rifle squads were stationed at strategic places about the jail.

At 2300, Company A (Timpson), under Capt. Thomas E. Taylor, was alerted to disperse a mob which was supposedly forming on the public square, about five blocks from the jail.

As the problem developed, the mob began a march towards the jail. Reinforcements from Company B (Jefferson), under command of Capt. Newton McBride, and Company C (Waskom), under command of Capt. Pearson P. Pollard, were sent in and the problem ended as the combined strength of the companies halted the mob with a wedge formation. The headquarters detachment ran communications for the problem and the service and medical detachments served as guides and scouts.

Damp Shelter Halves.

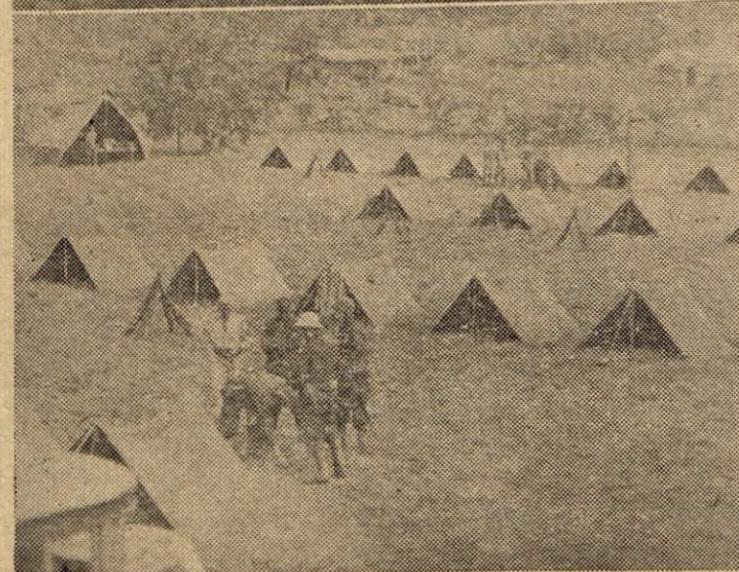
Guardsmen bedded down in damp shelter halves about 0100, August 27. Interior guard duty was maintained from the time the units moved into the area until reveille and all newly enlisted men were given the opportunity to stand watches. Although the new men walked their posts in the rain, there was no complaint. Men entered into the thing with the spirit of good soldiering as their only forethought. Officers had only praise for their high morale.

Much credit was due, also, to the hard working Guardsmen on mess details who worked the entire night splitting wet wood and burning it down into hot coals for the morning mess. Many of these men, reporting to the bivouac area directly from their civilian jobs, went for 30 hours without rest.

Following reveille at 0600, August 27th, Capt. Henry Selcer, 33rd chaplain, directed church services for the entire battalion. Guardsmen then reported back to their respective units for mess, which was the most welcome problem of the bivouac.

The service detachment's mess unit, which prepared its initial mess since its organization, served the staff as well as the three detach-

Scenes On 33rd Battalion Maneuver



Above is a part of the officers and men of the 33rd Battalion on its maneuver at Marshall. Below is shown the bivouac area with shelter halves in place.

ments. The efforts of the mess detail were highly complimented by Major Hinson and members of the staff. Guardsmen gave only satisfied grunts.

Briefing Given

At 0830, all companies were given the same briefing prior to the second problem which was to begin at 0900. A subversive group was reported as trying to damage one or more of Marshall's public utility system. Each weapons company was dispatched in a different direction with orders to investigate utility installations in their area for signs of the "enemy." Each unit was to telephone the command post of their progress and, if the "enemy" was not located at that particular point, guards were to be posted and the units were to move on further. Scouts and guides were assigned each company from the service and medical detachments, while the headquarters detachment, commanded by First Lt. Newman Wells, had been dispatched an hour earlier to act as subversive group.

Advance patrols, attached to Company A, located the "enemy" at a water works in the east end of the city within 25 minutes after the problem started. The command post was notified and Company A moved in to attack. Companies B, C and D were contacted at once and ordered to reinforce Company A. The combined strength hit a stubborn "enemy" from all sides and the "battle" raged hot for about an hour. Resistance weakened, however, and Guardsmen moved in to "mop up." The problem ended at 1130.

The bivouac was considered successful from every angle, and Guardsmen were dismissed, weary but happy.

Heretofore, the 33rd has been handicapped from maneuvers of this type because of equipment shortages. Now, however, with issues beginning to arrive, plans are in progress for much more of this important training.

Natural surroundings about the battalion's locations afford many ideal spots for bivouacs and maneuvers. And with the interest and

German Dead Since 1939 Have Totalled 8,500,000, Paper Say

A dark picture of the situation in Germany—dark to the enemy but bright to the Allies—is pictured in the Swiss newspaper Die Nation, according to Swiss broadcasts picked up by the British radio.

A compilation of figures by Die Nation claimed that German casualties since 1939 totaled:

Dead 8,500,000.

Wounded, 6,300,000.

Ill in Germany, largely from "war experiences" or malnutrition, 21,000,000.

Shelterless from air raid destruction, 18,000,000.

"Only two German cities, Dresden and Breslau, can be more or less called cities," the paper was quoted in the broadcast recorded by OWI. "The rest are heaps of ruins."

The paper said in addition to losses in manpower and property, Germany's natural resources had been exploited ruthlessly until its

A steward on an ocean liner was asked how he liked his work, and replied, "Fine," that the tips were very generous, but that he nearly lost his job on the last trip. It seems that there were several days of rough weather, and, in taking a bowl of hot soup to a stateroom, he unfortunately lost his balance, tripped and poured the contents of the bowl into the lap of an old gentleman asleep in a deck chair.

"I tapped the old fellow on the shoulder and said, 'I do hope you feel better now, sir'."

The sergeant died from drinking shellac. The boys said he had a fine finish.

GI (drinking beer): "Here's how."

Gal: "Say when—I know how."

efforts displayed by the men of the 33rd in the current maneuver, what else could occur but more of the same—only bigger and better.

\$5000 Cash Prize Offered Wounded Soldiers For Book

New York.—"The GI Joe Literary Award," carrying with it a \$5,000 cash prize, is announced by E. P. Dutton Company, publishers.

The competition is open to members of any branch of the U. S. service, men or women, whether officers or in the ranks, who have been wounded in action, including the auxiliaries—but not to professional correspondents.

The Dutton Company also states that similar awards of \$5,000 will be given in 1945, 1946 and 1947. The closing date for the 1944 award will be January 1, 1945.

Upon acceptance of the manuscript, \$2,500 will be paid, with an additional \$2,500 going to the author upon publication of the book, these to be considered as an advance against royalties, under a publisher's regular contract.

In addition to the winning manuscript, all manuscripts submitted for consideration are to be considered for possible publication subject to contractual terms.

Interested servicemen and women may obtain detailed information from Mrs. Florence W. Bowers, Publicity Director, E. P. Dutton & Company, Inc., 286-302 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.—Army Times.

Once there was a GI named Practice Who picked up a girl named Perfect. (The end of this story is obvious.)

Japs Didn't Think "Crazy" Americans Would Invade Morotai

New York.—The Japanese had advance warning that the Americans were going to invade Morotai, north of Halmahera Island, but the plan seemed so illogical that they dismissed it.

According to a story related at Allied headquarters and reported by Aneta, Netherlands News Agency, the natives of the island had learned through their grapevine route that the Allies were preparing to invade. They fled to the hills but left their priest to welcome the liberators. The Japanese seized the priest and demanded to know why the others had left.

After torturing the man for hours, they got him to confess. "I am waiting to welcome our deliverers," he said. The Japanese thought he had been crazed as a result of the beating, and released him. They reasoned that it would be fantastic that the Americans should invade the small rocky island instead of rich Halmahera, located 11 miles to the south.

On September 15 the Americans did land on Morotai, overran it and captured its air strips. This made Halmahera useless as a Japanese base. When the U. S. troops came ashore the priest, in spite of his battered condition, went up to the nearest officer and delivered his welcoming speech.

"Darlin'," he cried in tender tones, "I ne'er have loved but thee." "Then we must part," the maiden said, "No amateurs for me."

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Maj. McLean Reorganizes 49th Battalion

By ORLANDO BLACKBURN
Texas City Sun

Maj. George W. McLean, Jr., commander of the 49th Battalion of the Texas State Guard, has recently been promoted from major to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and Elmer D. Hartel, executive officer, has been advanced from captain to major.

Major McLean has recently reorganized his battalion, shifting Company B and Headquarters from Galveston to Texas City. With the change came changes in the officer personnel of the battalion.

Capt. W. B. Scrimgeour is the operations and training officer. Lt. W. D. Collings has charge of intelligence and is assistant operations officer. Lt. R. W. Jackson is adjutant and headquarters detachment commander. All of the above are from Galveston.

Medical Officers

Maj. P. J. Mock, M.D., is the battalion surgeon and medical detachment commander. He is from La Porte. Capt. W. L. James, D.D.S., of Galveston is the battalion dentist.

Capt. W. J. Gates of Galveston is the battalion supply and transportation officer and service detachment commander. Lt. George B. Nelson of Seabrook is assistant supply and transportation officer. Company A is located in Galveston and meets every Monday night, and has headquarters at 2109 1/2 Mechanic street. Capt. C. D. Halfin is the commanding officer. Capt. L. Anigstein, M.D., is the company medical officer, with Johnnie Burns serving as first lieutenant and George E. Heyen, Jr, second lieutenant.

Company B is located at Texas City and meets on Monday and Friday nights. The headquarters is in the old marine armory located at 317 Texas avenue.

Texas City Unit

Capt. L. C. DeWalt is the commanding officer and Capt. L. Twidwell is the company medical officer. J. A. Martelli of La Marque is first lieutenant, and Francis E. Puckett, second lieutenant.

Company C, located at Seabrook, meets Monday nights. Capt. R. H. Brewer is commanding officer and Capt. D. R. Aves is the company medical officer. Lt. G. H. Counts and Lt. H. J. Spear are the other company officers, all from La Porte.

Company D is located at Dickinson and meets every Tuesday night. Capt. F. C. Parker of Webster is commanding officer. Lt. J. C. Magiolo, M.D., of Dickinson is the company medical officer. P. T. Wright of League city is first lieutenant and M. T. Ervin of Webster is second lieutenant.

Any man can have his wife, but the ice man has his pick.

Heavy Weapons Of 49th



Private: "I smiled at a girl last night as she passed, and she gave me a smile in return."
Pfc.: "So? What followed?"
Private: "I did—naturally."

The above picture of Company C, 49th Battalion, heavy weapons company, was taken in the field on a recent bivouac near Dickinson.

It takes a baby two years to learn how to talk, and a man forty years to learn to keep his mouth shut.

The shortest distance between two points, observes Private Perennial, is the dates on your furlough papers.

HONOR ROLL FOR SEPTEMBER

Company and Battalion	Home Station	Grade
Medical Detachment, 51st Bn.	Dallas	100
Third Training & Research Unit.	Austin	100
Headquarters, 6th Bn.	Round Rock	94
Company D, 35th Bn.	Dallas	88
Company A, 3rd Bn.	Fort Davis	88
Medical Detachment, 19th Bn.	Dallas	85
Company E, 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi	84
Company D, 51st Bn.	Dallas	84
Company A, 6th Bn.	Lampasas	83
Company B, 45th Bn.	Gonzales	81
Medical Detachment, 11th Bn.	Ballinger	80
Medical Detachment, 2nd Bn.	Houston	78
Company C, 34th Bn.	Crane	76
Company D, 25th Bn.	Electra	74
Service Detachment, 27th Bn.	Fort Worth	60

HONORABLE MENTION

Medical Detachment, 26th Bn.	Mercedes
Service Detachment, 36th Bn.	San Antonio
Company C, 10th Bn.	Moran
Headquarters, 19th Bn.	Dallas

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS SEPTEMBER, 1944

Name	Pmtd. To	Unit
Gunstream, John Wesley	Captain	AGD
Eoff, James D.	Captain	Med. Det. 11th Bn.
Padilla, Arthur	Major	Med. Det. 28th Bn.
Portela, Adolfo de la Pena	Captain	Med. Det. 28th Bn.
Dodgen, Durward F.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 42nd Bn.
Garrard, Thomas E.	1st Lt.	Hqs. 43rd Bn.
Buck, Paul Dee	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 15th Bn.
Rosenthal, Raoul S.	1st Lt.	Med. Det. 19th Bn.
Childress, William T.	Captain	Co. B, 28th Bn.
Mendell, Evri B.	Captain	Med. Det. 35th Bn.
Johnson, Frank A.	Captain	Co. A, 40th Bn.
Smith, Lionel C.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 40th Bn.
Davis, Joe W.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 40th Bn.
Eaton, Calvin E.	1st Lt.	Med. Det. 3rd Bat.
Rosenstein, Philip F.	Captain	Med. Det. 7th Bn.
Becker, Fred Y.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det. 11th Bn.
Meza, Francisco	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 13th Bn.
Klindworth, Lawrence W.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 19th Bn.
Copeland, Alvin A.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det. 37th Bn.
Petter, William J. H.	1st Lt.	Chap. Corps 42nd Bn.
Ferguson, Paul Carrol	1st Lt.	G-2 ADG
Bohannon, William G.	2nd Lt.	2nd Tr. and Res.
Farrell, Murray B.	Captain	AGD
Caraway, Robert E.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 3rd Bn.
Millican, Edward L., Jr.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 4th Bn.
Felker, Henry D.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 4th Bn.
Echaniz, Pedro A., Jr.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 4th Bn.
Mallicote, Thomas B.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 27th Bn.
Shipman, Charles A.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 39th Bn.
Jackson, Frank B.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det. 41st Bn.
Victor, Joseph O.	2nd Lt.	Co. B 42nd Bn.
Woodward, Reginald B.	1st Lt.	Hqs. 1st Bn.
Johnson, Warren B.	Captain	Co. B, 3rd Bn.
Gregg, John E.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 3rd Bn.
Peevy, Dana S.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 3rd Bn.
May, William B.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 11th Bn.
Reading, Robert E.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 19th Bn.
Scaief, James S.	Captain	Co. D, 24th Bn.
Hood, Thomas M., Jr.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 27th Bn.
Brewington, Harvey J.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 27th Bn.
McDowell, James A.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 35th Bn.
Summers, David A.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det. 48th Bn.
Franks, James P.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 51st Bn.
Mishler, Benjamin Ross	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 51st Bn.

I'm Glad He's A Guardsman!

I am the wife of a State Guardsman. I know what it is to sit home nights when my husband drills. I've learned to decline invitations with a smile, and mean it, on drill nights. And it's worse to try to play bridge or go on that basket picnic as an "extra woman." Sometimes it seems that my husband cares more about the State Guard than he does his home.

When the children ask, "Where's daddy? Isn't he coming home to dinner?" . . . it would be easy to be impatient, to reply, "Oh, he's down at that Armory again."

I suppose the neighbors wonder why my husband is "out" so many evenings a month, and comes in after most of the houses on the street are darkened.

When he talks about the manual of arms and Captain So-and-So and all of the other strange new activities he's engaged in lately, I find it difficult to be as interested as we usually are in things together.

I seldom see him in uniform. He changes at the Armory and comes home just like any other civilian whose activity in the war is limited.

Once I asked him, "When are you going to stop playing soldier and stay home more?" I won't do that again. I didn't realize how much the Guard meant to him.

And then I began to take stock of myself in times of war. Supposing my husband didn't get home ANY night during the week and was serving his country . . . in some far-off place? Suppose I was an "extra woman" at every card party? And to face the fact that I hadn't admitted to myself before: My husband would have volunteered to wear the uniform seven days a week and like it, if it hadn't been for the children and me . . . not to mention the mortgage!

Last night when he came home from drill, dog-tired, hot and red-eyed after a normal day's work and then his drill at the Armory, I decided that I had little to complain about when all I had to do was read and listen to the radio during the evening.

I decided that I was a little proud of this soldier in our house who is serving his state and country the best way he knows how.

I resolved to encourage him to study and spend an extra evening now and then if he wants to advance himself in this work.

I'm glad there's a State Guard to protect the authority of my state.

I'm glad . . . and proud . . . that my husband is in it.

I AM THE WIFE OF A STATE GUARDSMAN!

—From The Kentucky Militiaman.

Strategy Saves Candy For Marines

Here's one that both the Army and the Marine Corps laugh about these days.

It seems that after the First Division Marine Corps boys had been in the jungles of Guadalcanal for some time, they developed a terrific craving for sweets. Variety was something unknown in the diet down there at that time. And when the boys in their foxholes could dream, often it was of being back home with Mom making a batch of fudge in the kitchen on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

Then the Army quartermaster's men came into the island with stores, including candy.

A bunch of Marines slyly informed the Army boys that when an air alarm sounded they must drop everything and run to their foxholes. The bombing from Jap planes was terrific, the Marines warned the Army. About that time, strange as it may seem, an alert sounded. The Army boys did as the Marines had told them to do, and the Marines backed a truck up to the supply quarters and carted off the candy.

He who shoots craps after taps Responds but heavily to reveille While he who is frugaller Is up with the bugaller.

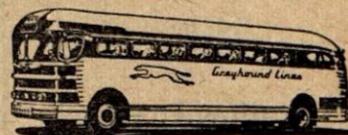
Jet Planes To Lead After War, Bell Says

Lawrence D. Bell, president of Bell Aircraft Corporation, predicts that within five years, jet-propelled planes "will definitely eliminate all other types of fighter aircraft, and sometime in the future jet propulsion will be used in bombers, transports and helicopters." The company manufactures the P-59A jet aircraft.

Newspapermen saw the propellerless airacomet during a routine test flight. The plane, capable of high speeds and high altitudes, has twin engines with two air intake vents, one on each side of the fuselage and below the wing.

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2nd Battalion Goes On Range At Wallace

By CAPT. C. F. MURRAY
S-3, 2nd Bn., TSG

Over 150 officers and men of the Second Battalion participated in caliber .30 range practice at the U. S. Naval Station range, Camp Wallace, Texas. Dawn of 17 September found the battalion enroute for the 50-mile trip to the range, where firing was scheduled for 0800, under the direction of the battalion range officer of the day, Lt. A. R. Bethea, and his able assistants, Lt. J. S. Bailey and S/Sgt. Frank Wood.

Both instructional practice and record firing, in accordance with AGO Training Memorandum No. 2, was conducted on the 200-yard range. Three main firing orders were formed and assigned—one to the firing line, one as coaches, and one to the pits. A fourth firing order was organized to enable all members of the "permanent" range administrative detail to fire, following the third main firing order. The battalion furnished field phones for pit-firing-line communications, and utilized its own mobile public address system, together with the Navy's PA equipment.

Maj. J. A. Mann and Lt. G. F. Bending of the Houston R.O.T.C. staff were guests of Maj. E. D. Konken. The Army officers brought with them two M1 rifles, resulting in an amusing incident which occurred when Capt. J. M. Murphy, executive officer of the Second Battalion, took his place on the firing line with one of the M1's. As he expended his last round, the M1 ejected the heavy clip with a resounding z-zing, startling the Enfield riflemen on either side, who thought the Captain's "Enfield" had blown up.

Scores, on the whole, were good. Many men who had never before experienced the kick that comes from a .30 caliber firing expressed satisfaction with the experience, and a new-born confidence in their basic arm.

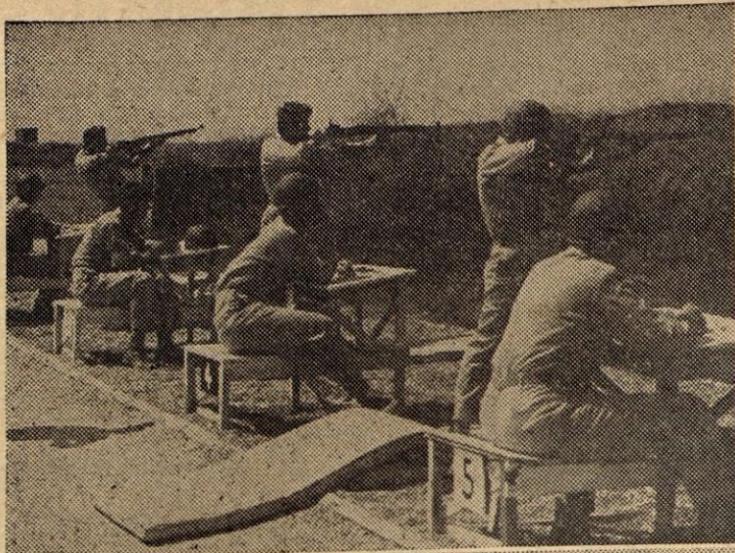
Sergeant Kills 16, Captures 13, In Day

Washington.—When in a single action an infantryman kills 15 Germans, wounds two, and captures 13, he is justified in thinking, even under the hard-bitten code of the doughboy, that he has done a good day's work.

T/Sgt. Roy H. Dullam, a rifle platoon sergeant whose home is at Alamo, N. D., accomplished that, and more, last June 16 in the attack on Istia, Italy.

Under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Dullam did his "one man Army" stunt when he took three German machine gun nests and either killed, wounded or captured their occupants, according to the report to the War Department.

Firing On Range At Wallace



Above are scenes of the Second Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Houston, firing on the range at Camp Wallace.

Top: Firing for record after having completed preliminary or "sighting in" fire. The man at the left demonstrates that men get a kick out of firing the service rifle.

Center: Maj. Ed Konken put the pressure on the boys out in the pits with a gun all loaded down with telescopic sights.

Below: Here the fire is more rapid and really called for fast work on the part of the participants. The camera caught the men in action as they went from a standing position to the prone firing position.

An artist was painting in the country. Presently a soldier out on a problem came by and stopped to watch him.

"Ah," said the artist, "perhaps you, too, are a lover of the beauties of nature. Have you ever seen the golden fingers of dawn spreading across the eastern sky, the red-stained sulphurous islets floating in the lake of fire in the west, the ragged clouds at midnight, blotting out the shuddering moon?"

"No," said the soldier matter-of-factly, "not lately. I've been on the wagon for over a year."

The commanding officer of a crack British regiment stationed in India was called away from his unit for several months. When he returned he assembled the company for special announcement. There was a ring of pride in his voice as he addressed them.

"Men," he said, "officers and men, during my absence, my wife gave birth to an eight-pound baby boy. Gentlemen, I thank you."

The hot dog is man's best friend. It feeds the hand that bites it.

Maj. Konken's Address Of Acceptance

With a deep sense of the responsibilities of the position, Maj. Ed D. Konken, 2nd Battalion, Houston, accepted the presidency of the Texas State Guard Officers Association in the following address made before the Monday afternoon general assembly of the annual convention in Austin:

"Men, when facing a group of fellows like you, knowing what you stand for and knowing what you have done, it makes a fellow feel pretty humble to accept the responsibilities that you have given a president, and the officers of an association of this kind. Words cannot tell you how honored I feel, and how humble I feel about it.

As you know, I am going to have an awful job to live up to, to follow the footsteps of the president whose place I am taking. I do not think you will ever again have a president as good as you had in your first president. He really did the job and got things organized. Whatever success this administration may have will be due to the groundwork that he has laid.

"Do My Best"

All I can tell you is that I am going to do my best. I pledge you my loyalty, my honesty, my efforts and hard work, and I hope that you will continue to feel that this is your association, that I cannot, and these officers cannot, make it any better than you want it to be.

I do want and plead for your cooperation for ideas and for suggestions. That is about all a president of an association of this kind can do. We must have those things from you. We will guarantee you that we will do all in our power to carry out your wishes.

Our goal is the wishes of this organization. We want it to be the finest and best and biggest State Guard. It is going to be largely due to what you fellows out there want us to do, and ask us to do, and maybe sometimes force us to do.

There is one thing I want to get straight at this time. This officers association was started with a very small group. There were not a lot of fellows out here to elect officers from. We had to start at some point. I happened to be one who got on the executive committee. We had a lot of problems to confront us a lot of things that people in the field felt ought to be done. By fighting for these principles and these things we felt to be right, some people got to thinking it was a special group or a power or political group that was being formed in one section of the State, and they were trying to put over what they could for their areas and battalions.

"Not The Fact"

I want to tell you that that is not the fact, and it has never been, and I am sure that it will never be in this association. Another impression that erroneously got out is that the executive committee was

more or less dictatorial in regard to the Adjutant General's Department, that we were trying to tell them how to run their business.

We have gotten suggestions and recommendations from you men in the field, and we have put them into forms of resolutions and presented them in the proper manner from time to time. That is all there has been to that. I want to go on record at this time to let you know that it is not the intention, and it will not be, that we will at any time try to dictate to the Adjutant General how to run his business.

I hope that we are going to offer him good, constructive criticism and suggestions from time to time, and that they will accept them in like manner.

Her lips quivered as they approached mine. My whole frame trembled as I looked into her eyes. Her chin vibrated, and my body shuddered as I held her close to me. The morale of this is: Never kiss 'em in a jeep with the engine running.

Sergeant of the Engineers: "All present or accounted for, sir, except Corporal Ducrow."

Lieutenant: "And what happened to Corporal Ducrow?"

Sergeant: "He flunked his demotion test, sir."

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Landers Day Is Celebrated At San Antonio

By LT. PAUL O. FERGUSON

San Antonio.—In a city of traditions a new tradition is born—that of Landers Day.

Meeting at their quarters in the basement of the City Auditorium on September 19, the 36th Battalion of the Texas State Guard gathered to do honor to the man who organized their battalion under the name of the San Antonio Home Guard, over three years ago.

Col. H. L. Landers, U. S. Army, Retired, organized the San Antonio Home Guard, drilling and training them until the Texas State Guard was created.

Marching from the City Auditorium to the huge parking lot behind the Sears, Roebuck store, they paraded in review before the guest of honor, Colonel Landers.

Adding prestige to the review with his presence was Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, adjutant general of the State of Texas and commander of the Texas State Guard.

Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker stressed the fact that the Texas State Guard was organized for service, "to administer law and order without regard to race, color, or creed."

He pointed out that many enlistees owe their fine records in camps and overseas to their previous Texas State Guard training.

The General's simple, direct words bore out the statement of the master of ceremonies that "no matter how high he is raised, he is still one of us."

Major Jacob A. Harris, commander of the 36th Battalion, and his staff and visiting officers completed the reviewing party at the parade ground.

Colonel Landers praised the battalion for their loyalty to their state, their patriotism to their country, thanked them for their love for him, and charged them to remember at all times their duty to the community they serve.

A testimonial dinner was given by the officers of the 36th to Colonel Landers and visitors. Meanwhile the enlisted men were being served refreshments at the armory. Exhibited at the dinner was the beautiful mural-sized "Landers Day Resolution" presented last year to the Colonel by Major Harris on behalf of his officers and men.

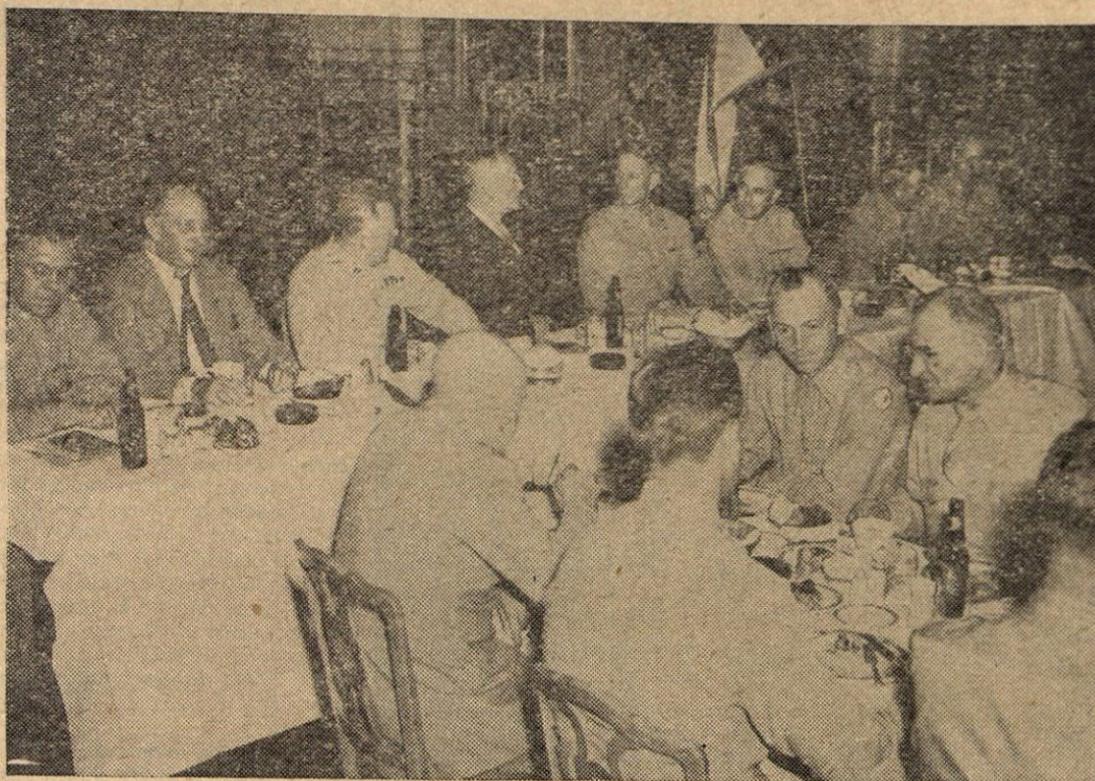
Colonel Landers told the gathering: "I accept these plaudits from you not for myself, but as a means of inspiration to future meetings of you, my fellow citizens; as a source of gladness and good fellowship for each man's own enhancement of heart and greater wisdom of mind. Not for me but for you, do I accept these honors."

Other speeches were made by General Knickerbocker who pointed out that the Texas State Guard was organized for service and to keep order in the state; "to administer law and order without regard to race, color or creed."

Lt. Col. Franklin Spears, U. S. Army, retired, heaped high praise upon the officers and men of the Texas State Guard "for their unpaid, patriotic service to their country."

Emphasizing the city-wide appeal of this State Guard celebration of Landers Day, were the talks by P. L. Anderson, city police and fire commissioner; Judge Charles E. Anderson of Bexar County; Henry Weiner, American Legion, who pointed out that members of the American Legion were potential

Landers Day Banquet



Among those who attended the banquet honoring Col. H. L. Landers, U. S. Army, retired, in San Antonio on September 19, were: Speakers' table, left to right: Major S. R. Haggard, managing director of the Guardsman; Commander Weiner of the Bexar County American Legion; Capt. J. C. Luther, 36th Battalion, TSG; Colonel Landers; Brig. Gen.

Arthur B. Knickerbocker, adjutant general, TSG; Maj. J. A. Harris, commanding the 36th Battalion; Lt. Col. J. Franklin Spears, U. S. Army, retired, and Maj. Donald W. Peacock, commanding the Second Training and Research Unit and retiring president of the TSG Officers Association. Table in forefront: Col. E. E.

Taulbee, U. S. Army, inspector, Eighth Service Command (end of table nearest speaker's table with back to camera). Facing Col. Taulbee is Maj. E. J. Menefee, U. S. Army inspector, Eighth Service Command. At Major Menefee's left, wearing glasses, Maj. J. L. Manoff, medical officer, 36th Battalion, TSG.

members of the Texas State Guard and that they would help the 36th Battalion to keep up to required strength.

Major Donald W. Peacock had one thought uppermost in his mind, and that was the three things which occurred to the 36th Battalion to improve it:

The selection of Major Harris as battalion commander; the aid and counsel and encouragement in the past of Commissioner P. L. Anderson; the get-together for the Landers Day celebration.

Col. Edgar W. Taulbee, U. S. Army, offered the help, aid and assistance of his office to the State Guard.

City Park Commissioner Henry Hein pledged his aid to the battalion.

One of the local GIs received a card from a defense worker. It read: "Having a wonderful time and a half."

Speaking of fairness, why isn't it all right to give the doctor a rubber check in return for a bouncing baby?

A fate worse than death evidently faced the woman who inserted the following ad in the classified section of a local newspaper:

"Unless I find a small apartment for my husband and myself, I shall be forced to return to Texas."

Corporal: "Sir, there is an applicant here who said he used to make a living by sticking his right arm into a lion's mouth."

Lieutenant: "That's interesting. What's his name?"

Corporal: "Lefty."

Policeman (after collision: "You saw that lady driving toward you. Why didn't you give her half of the road?"

Motorist: "I was going to as soon as I discovered which half she wanted."

The ward was full of ailing men, The air was full of groaning; The doctor entered full of fun: "Good moaning, men . . . good moaning!"

Public Relations, says Private Perennial, are those you don't mind admitting.

Crack Drill Team Formed At Henderson

Henderson.—Organization of a crack drill team under the supervision of Capt. Preston Allison of Company D, Texas State Guard, has been announced here.

The team will devote several hours weekly to drills and in the near future give demonstrations at various East Texas events.

Equipment for the team has been secured through the state military organization.

The eye doctor was examining the inductee at the Reception Center.

"Read the chart on the wall," he said.

"E," said the inductee, then halted.

"Continue," prodded the doctor.

"I can't see," replied the inductee.

"Come, come, man, you're not blind. Read the next line."

"I'll read the whole damn chart," said the exasperated inductee, "if you get this guy in front of me out of my way."

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36th To Have Six Times More Space In Its Armory

By CAPT. J. C. LUTHER

Step down the ramp to the basement of San Antonio's beautiful Municipal Auditorium these days and you'll be greeted by the smell of fresh paint, new tile work and the clatter of carpenter's hammers. Something new is being added to the old quarters of the 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard.

The crowded old Armory is expanding with the usual accompanying turmoil and litter. The hubbub and mess make it more crowded than ever at present but the gleaming white promise of better days and larger quarters in the new painted walls does much to sooth the gowing pains.

The reason for all this now-in-the-stages-of-completion of company store rooms and office space for the 36th Battalion is simple. Since its conception the battalion has collectively struggled and climbed and bumped into and over each other every drill night.

Store rooms have bulged, and supply sergeants have torn their thinning hair still thinner. But all that is now a thing of the past. With more than six times as much space allotted them and with fixtures for efficient, proper handling of supplies and equipment, the battalion breathes a sigh of relief.

The whole thing is the result of consistent, enduring effort on the part of Maj. J. A. Harris, battalion commander. For more months than anyone now cares to remember the "Old Man" has sought ways and means to accomplish this blessing. Here and there, pro and con, he met reverses time and again.

But at last his steadfast persistence overcame all obstacles and the "blessed event" burst upon us with a suddenness that was breathtaking. All arrangement at last made, the work was pushed rapidly and is now in the Umph stage.

When it is all over the 36th Battalion is going to have an Armory it can be justly proud of. From Battalion First Aid Station, with beds, operating table, etc., etc., etc., to the Major's new carpet, all will be there. Come up and see us some time.

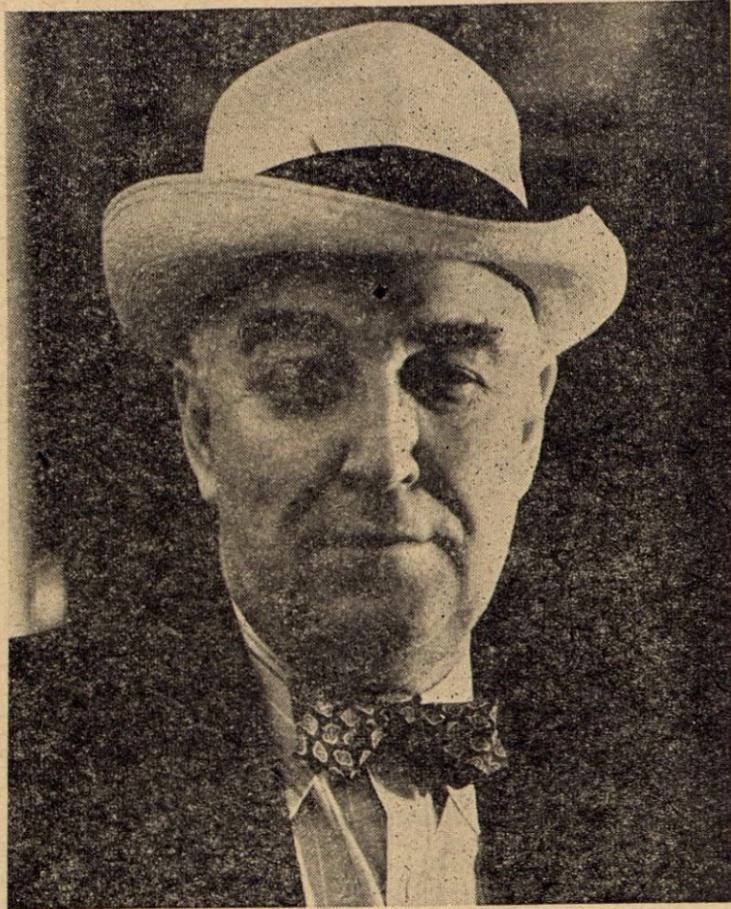
Here Is Another Story Why Men Love Gen. Bradley

Here is another story back from France which adds to the reasons why the men fighting under Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, commanding land forces in that country, love him so.

When ground troops were cleaning up around the Cherbourg area, they discovered a mammoth cave in which the Germans had cached a tremendous amount of champagne, wine, liquors and whiskey. Most of it was French, but had labels across the bottles saying "property of the German army."

General Bradley happens to be a teetotaler and officially frowns on too much drinking by soldiers. So the men expected him to issue orders immediately confiscating the tremendous store of wet goods and

Proven Friend Of The Guard



Above is shown Preston L. Anderson, police and fire commissioner of San Antonio, and one of the staunchest advocates of the Texas State Guard.

When he was a member of the Texas State Legislature he helped draft and pass the legislation creating the Texas State Guard.

In recent months he was in the front lines of the movement that secured for the 36th Battalion one of the finest armories in the state, located in the basement of the San Antonio City Auditorium.

Commissioner Anderson has held his present municipal office for three years and helped put across the Auxiliary Police Plan, whereby members of the Texas State Guard are members of the

auxiliary police, constituting a backlog of protection for the city in addition to the regular police force.

He's Most At Home On A Stretcher

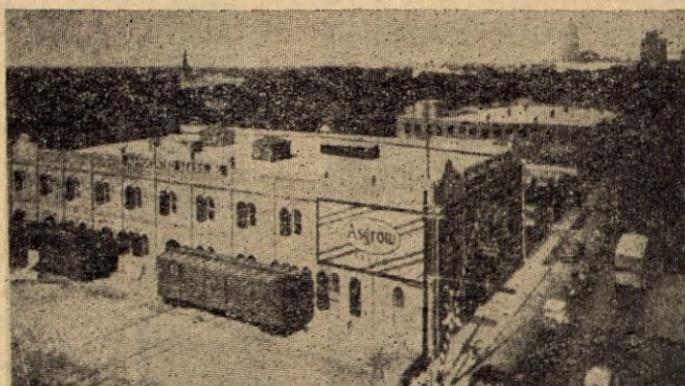
Fresno, Cal.—Pvt. Charles Cope had just completed 200 hours as a demonstrator for medical lectures in first aid at the Air Service Command Training Center when he was hit by a bus in downtown Fresno.

When the ambulance arrived, Cope jeered merrily about his 200-hour stretcher time. But, upon being placed securely on the litter, Cope promptly fell off, banging his head upon the pavement. Now he's hospitalized.

put it under guard.

No order came from headquarters, however. It was not until three or four days later, when virtually every man in that area had gotten at least one bottle from the hoard, that General Bradley called in his adjutant.

"Colonel," he said, with a twinkle in his eye, "I just learned that we had captured a large cave containing German liquor supplies. It would not be well for the men to get at it, so I think you had better have the cave sealed and guarded just as quickly as you can."



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"Fighting Chaplains" Of 37th Division Win 12 Decorations

With the 37th Infantry Division, Southwest Pacific Area.—This Division, whose enviable combat record is firmly established, regards its corps of "fighting chaplains" as a big factor in success against Japs over a two-year period in the Pacific battle zone. A record of 12 decorations bestowed on the chaplains of the Division—which possibly makes the most decorated staff of chaplains in any division—is evidence of the soundness of this view of their importance in the Division's life.

Not in comfortable rear-area chapels, but in front-line foxholes, these men of God have taught their best lessons of courage, greatness of heart and self-sacrifice. When Gen. Robert S. Beightler took his division into New Georgia and Bougainville no one could ever find a chaplain back in the rear echelon.

The dozen decorations include one Silver Star, six Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Heading the honor roll is Chaplain Thomas T. Brady of Chicago. Chaplain Brady died of wounds received in action on New Georgia. He left his foxhole in the midst of a violent artillery barrage to crawl over 10 yards of open ground to a wounded soldier. He received his own wound while administering first aid to the soldier he had gone to aid.

"Thus," reads the citation for the posthumously awarded Silver Star, "he sacrificed his own life to bring comfort to a wounded man, and by his exemplary behavior under fire

helped immeasurably to raise and sustain the morale of his men."

So it was with Chaplain Emmitt T. Carroll, of Stanford, Ky., whose big canvas bag, bulging with cigarettes and writing paper, was always a sure identification, even when he was crawling from foxhole to foxhole, bringing comfort to wounded soldiers. Chaplain Joel Wareing, of Toledo, was, according to his citation, "Always at the forward echelon of a regimental command post or aid station," where he doubled as a chaplain and an aid man—Army Times.

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General Gives Views On Postwar Policy

Future Of Militia Is Outlined

To All Members of the Texas State Guard:

I feel disposed at this time to write this open letter to all members of the Texas State Guard, regarding the matter of the post-war military policy of the organized militia of Texas.

As you know, a great many persons in Washington, and in the several states, are now working upon the solution of the post-war policy for the state militia. At this time no definite decisions have been made, or apparently can be made.

I have been endeavoring to keep up with the developments of these conferences, both as to the State Guard and National Guard, as to the Army, the State Militia, the Reserve Corps, etc.

It now appears that there is a pretty well settled general policy developing in the minds of the chief planners, looking toward the solution of this matter. This letter pertains principally to the militia of the several states. I wish to remind you that in the National Defense Act of 1916, as amended, there was finally written into the laws of the United States, provisions for the organization and maintenance of the Regular Army, the National Guard, and the Reserve Corps. Under the law, which has now been rather settled for many years, this

matter has been tried in the law, and there is a definite desire or tendency of present planners to maintain that law as above outlined, with probably the addition of the adoption of some type of universal military training.

Act Changed In 1940

You will recall that in October, 1940, the National Defense Act was changed, enabling the states to maintain a temporary interim force, later called, in most states, "State Guards," which force was to serve in the place of the National Guard, while the National Guard was out of the states, in connection with the Federal call to the Armed Service of the United States. You will also recall that the Federal law which, in practically all the states, was embodied in their state law, provides for the termination of the State Guards, as such, on the basis of their discharge, upon the return of the National Guard from the present war to their respective states. That is the law today.

I wish at this time to point out that the Texas State Guard is the organized militia of this State, as has been ruled by the decision of the attorney general. As a matter of fact, the men and officers who served in the capacity formerly as National Guardsmen, and now as Texas State Guardsmen, are the organized militia of Texas, regardless of whatever name they may be given.

I would like to point out further that the general contemplation tends now toward the maintaining of the National Guard in the reorganization of the military policy of the country. And it is further the consensus of opinion that all the states, or practically all of them, will want to retain by name the organizations that they have had for many years in the National Guard, and which have, as such organizations, served through two world wars. For instance, in the reallocation of units to the states, it is unthinkable that the "Thirty-sixth Division" would be given to any other state, or that its name would be changed. It is believed there will be general sentiment throughout the country to see that this

Reactivation Question

Now coming to the question of reactivation of the National Guard when it returns from the war, it must be remembered that this organization, unless it were wholly Federalized, will be the organized militia of the State of Texas, and its membership will be composed of citizens of Texas from whatever source. Drawing upon experience following the first World War, as recorded, it must be remembered (See FUTURE OF, Page 20)

Rudolph Tamez



Holder Of National Small Bore Title Is Member Of 36th

The 36th Battalion has recently been blessed with a newcomer of the type every unit commander prays for. He is Rudolph "Rudy" Tamez. He comes to the Guard with a most enviable record and top national honors as a marksman. He is a crack member of the R. O. T. C. unit at Tech High in San Antonio, but more important, national champion small bore marksman. And that's something to shoot at, soldier. It means briefly that he is the nation's best with a .22-calibre rifle over the prescribed ranges of the National Interscholastic-Intercollegiate matches.

Rudy just received that honor last spring and obtained it only by breaking the world's record score in matches of that type. In eight progressive matches for a total of 800 points he dropped only seven along the way. His scores in the first two matches were "possibles." One hundred out of one hundred both times up, and soldier, that's shootin' on anybody's range. Then he slid off a bit to pull off those seven in the next six matches, but he finished with a 793 out of 800.

Perhaps the most amazing thing is that Rudy has been shooting a .22-calibre rifle for only a little over a year. He is a confirmed shotgun man and a shotgun is the only weapon he ever owned. (We wish we knew what his shotgun scores were, but they are not available at this time.) He started shooting with a .22-calibre rifle at Tech under the

4 Days After It Was Given, Blood Saves Lives In War Zones

Four days after it was contributed in America, live blood saved the lives of American soldiers in the Siegfried line. The blood was flown from the United States to the battlefronts.

Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hanley, chief surgeon of United States forces in Europe, in disclosing increased demands for whole blood, said it was superior to plasma for immediate treatment of badly wounded soldiers.

The Army began flying whole blood from the United States in August and now 60 per cent comes from there, said Maj. Robert C. Hardin of University Hospital, Iowa City, senior consultant in blood transfusions in the European theatre.

expert coaching of Master Sergeant C. W. Tuttle.

The 36th Battalion and B Company, of which he is a member, are proud of him too and proud of the honor that comes with him to the Guard. Needless to say, his job in the company and in the battalion is cut out for him. The O. & T. officer is already planning a tour of special duty for this master marksman as instructor.

San Antonio Has Boasted Home Guard 204 Years

By CAPT. J. C. LUTHER

Frequently of late this or that battalion has burst forth in The Guardsman with its private little boast of proud background and ancestry and all the other ramifications of a full-grown family tree. This or that battalion is the descendant of such-and-such, a National Guard outfit, or these "Rifles" or those "Grays."

We of the 36th Battalion have read and appreciated fully the various and sundry claims of antiquity. We have understood the pride with which these outfits looked back upon their glorious pasts. Who could understand better than we who have the grandest past of all?

Most of the contenders have so far struggled back through a scant hundred years or so to their beginnings. Compared to the 36th Battalion they are youngsters, still in their rompers. One hundred years ago—that would be 1844, remember—when the Republic of Texas was not yet a decade old—when towns like Houston and Dallas and Fort Worth and many others were only a signpost at the crossroads, National Guard, Home Guard, Militia—call them what you will—were unheard of thereabouts. But in San Antonio the Home Guard was even then more than 100 years old.

With no intent of discouraging the youngsters, the 36th Battalion feels that the time is at hand to assert its claim to the longest, the most colorful, the most famous of backgrounds. It is a far cry from 1740 to today, and yet we have come all that way.

In that year the Home Guard of San Antonio battled Comanches in what is now the heart of our city. For a hundred years they argued by force of arms with the Comanches, the Apaches and others of the redmen who objected to their little community on the banks of the winding Rio San Antonio.

Frocked - priest fought with

mailed - soldier and pantalooned-peon against the common foe. With the turn of the century they turned their attention to Spaniards who objected to the revolutionary tendencies of the community. Next they fought Mexicans for the same reason. Then came an interval of peace and fancy uniforms and evening drills on the plazas for the ladies. This was before the War Between the States.

It was the Civil War that sent the San Antonio Home Guard away from home to chase Yankees. One of the first local Guard companies in the South was formed in San Antonio. There followed an era of crack drill outfits and the National championship fell more than once to the famed Belknap Rifles of San Antonio—remember them, historians? They were good and they were ancestors of the 36th Battalion. Some of them still come out to see us drill. They went to the Spanish-American War and came back to help form the Texas National Guard a decade later.

We don't feel that it is necessary to go into the history of the San Antonio units of the Texas National Guard. That is an honor we share in common with all the rest of Texas, Texas divisions in the first World War, and this need not be faltering words.

All that I intended to point out was that for 204 years San Antonio has had a Home Guard—by whatever name. That's what we can look back upon. That's what we are proud of. More than two centuries of defense of the lives and property of Texas citizens against "all their enemies whomsoever."

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36th Aids In San Antonio Traffic Count

The traffic bureau of the San Antonio police department with the cooperation of the 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard and the Bexar County air raid wardens, took a 24-hour origin and destination traffic count for the Texas State Highway Department on October 6 and 7.

The count began at 6 on Friday morning, October 6, and ended at 6 o'clock Saturday morning. The purpose of this traffic count was to determine the origin and destination of the traffic which flows through San Antonio.

In conjunction with the origin and destination count, a volume classification count was taken. This second count classified traffic as to the kinds of vehicles such as heavy trucks, buses, light trucks or passenger cars, and also gave the volume of each type and the total volume. Count stations were located on each of the principal highways which serve San Antonio. The motorists entering the city were stopped at one of the checking stations to receive a card. He was asked to keep this card until leaving the city, when he will leave the card at the checking station on the highway over which he leaves.

At the end of the 24-hour checking period all cards were sorted by the use of special sorting machines, and a record of the station through which each vehicle entered and departed from the city, and the time of entry and the time of exit, were obtained. To facilitate the sorting of the cards by machines, the motorist was requested not to fold or bend the cards.

The information obtained from the traffic survey by the Texas Highway Department will be used by the engineers of the Michael Baker, Jr., firm in conjunction with their contract for preparation of a report for inter-regional highways for San Antonio.

For the guard, the problem was somewhat difficult. The 36th was asked to man a prescribed number of posts for a 24-hour tour of duty.

Future Of—

(Continued from Page 19)

that these units will come back to the States as paper units, or paper organizations. Then the Governor of the State will find it expedient to instruct the Adjutant General to proceed with the organization of such units as are allocated to Texas, drawing from whatever source available, officers and men who can meet the age and physical requirements for membership in the organized National Guard. This means there will be every opportunity for all men and officers of the Texas State Guard, or whether they have ever belonged to the Guard, to make their application for, and enlist, or be commissioned in such organization, providing they can stand the two tests, age, and physical condition.

To furnish the officers and men for this organization, it will require practically all of the available qualified men and officers of the State Guard, and those returning to Texas from the National Guard, to fill the complement the State will require for the reorganization of its organized militia.

Many of the older officers of National Guard, as well as enlisted men thereof, will, for any one of many reasons, not be available to re-enter the National Guard. Likewise, many of our State Guard officers and men will find for reason of physical qualifications, age limit, or business reasons, that it is impossible for them to enter the organization.

Amalgamation Due

It is firmly believed that the reorganization of our National Guard, whether it finally be designated as "National Guard" or "State Guard" or "State Militia," will result in the intermingling and amalgamation of both the former members of the National Guard and the present or past members of the State Guard. It is firmly believed that the men

Auxiliary Drives Trucks To Maneuvers



The members of the Woman's Motor Corps Auxiliary, 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at San Antonio, drove the trucks which transported the battalion on a maneuver to Boerne Fair Grounds September 3. Members of the

battalion and their trucks are shown above. Front to rear the drivers are: Lt. Myrle Zappone, Sgt. Esther Weeber, Pvt. Annie Benton, Pvt. Dorris Pittman, Pvt. Nellie Herring, Pvt. Kathryn Lutteringer, Sgt. Eva Wells, and Sgt. Virtes Pullin.

who have remained in Texas, and have gone through a three or four-year period of training, will be sought after for places of responsibility in the new organization.

A question which might arise in the minds of some is whether or not states would maintain wholly as a state organization, the units of their militia, without reference to any Federal assistance. It is inconceivable that the states will appropriate the necessary moneys to fully arm and equip all units of such an organization, which the state would be bound to do if it maintained the organization exclusively as a state organization.

It is believed that the dual status of the organized militia of the State will be preserved, because by thus preserving it this is a force which has Federal recognition in the State, but at all times during peace time this force is strictly under the command of, and under the orders of, the Governor of the State. By virtue of the dual status, this same organized militia (by whatever name it is called) can, by Act of Congress, be called into the Army of the United States in time of war.

Committee Appointed

The Governor of the State of Texas has appointed a State Military Affairs Committee, charged with the responsibility of assembling, analyzing, and then recommending the military policy of the State of Texas. Any factual and well thought out plans or information presented to them will be given thorough and careful consideration.

I want all of the Texas State Guard officers to carefully note the outline of this letter, and to bear in mind that I am a State Guard officer, and as such I am very proud of it, but at the same time, as Adjutant General of the State, there are still under my custody and control, and for constant administrative action, thousands of individual records of men and officers of this State, who have formerly gone

through the militia service, and this is a continuing record, and must be kept up. Likewise, whoever is Adjutant General of the State will be bound by the same obligations to organize and develop, by whatever name (State Guard, National Guard, or whatnot, etc.) the militia of Texas and to formulate the organization that develops after the war.

There is no schism between the State Guard and the National Guard, or vice versa. There must be none. And by proper explanation of this subject to those interested, it is believed there will be no misunderstanding.

I would like for the battalion and company commanders, staff officers, non-commissioned officers, and other in the State Guard, who are in position to know the basic fundamentals for the government and organization of the state's militia, to explain to their personnel that they have no cause for any uneasiness in our future. It is hoped that they will explain to those interested, or to those making inquiry, this matter in simple, straight, ordinary words, so that it may be understood by all who are interested. In this connection, it is requested that battalion commanders and their staff discuss the subject matter of this letter among themselves, and that all unit com-

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Texas Flag Scarred But Still Flying In Pacific Area

The flag of Texas is very much battle scarred but still is flying proudly alongside Old Glory in the Southwest Pacific, Pvt. Sherman Johnson of Bun reported on his arrival at McCloskey General Hospital in Temple.

"This old state is just as well known to the Japs as it is to the Jerries," said this First Cavalry veteran, back minus his left leg.

"The Texas flag was in every action my unit participated in," he said. "I know the 36th Division carried her into Italy and the 90th into France, but we took her into the Admiralties." According to Johnson, his troop was almost entirely Texan.

Johnson reported vast quantities of American supplies were captured from the Japs after the victory on Los Negros, adding it was "stuff they captured in the Philippines."

manders publish the same to their personnel at assembly.

I can assure the Texas State Guard that they need have no fear for the development of our citizen soldier, or rather the organized militia in this State following the war.

Sincerely,
Arthur B. Knickerbocker,
Brigadier General,
The Adjutant General of Texas.

300,000 Prisoners Of War Held In U. S.

Washington.—There were 300,382 prisoners of war held within the continental limits of the United States as of October 1, the War Department announced Wednesday.

Breakdown as to nationalities was:

German—248,205.
Italian—51,034.
Japanese—1,143.

The Provost Marshal General's Office stated the prisoners were held at 131 base camps and approximately 300 branch camps located in all sections of the United States. The branch camps are designed to place prisoners near current work projects.

300-Man Army Guards Borders Of San Marino

Italy.—The republic of San Marino, the smallest republic in Europe, lies on the Italian peninsula 14 miles southwest of Rome.

Proud of its sovereignty, San Marino doesn't like trespassers. Recently it mobilized its entire armed strength—300 armed men—and posted signs on the edges of its 36 square miles of territory, warning everyone, Ally and Nazi alike, to "Keep Out. This is Neutral Territory."

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When his leaders set proper examples, the respect for authority trait will manifest itself not merely in a "hand waving" movement, but in a clean military salute.

Punishment is one of the means of discipline. It should be impersonal and intended solely as corrective measure. If he is punished, the soldier should not allow himself to cherish resentment. He should acknowledge his shortcoming, and take his medicine soberly. The spirit of discipline must be so strong that the soldier instinctively does the right things. The State Guard is composed of zealous patriots, yet its membership comprises all ages and type of individuals. It is necessary, at times, to employ some penalty devices in order to maintain and to develop good discipline in the ranks. A list of devices employed is given below, ranked in descending order of effectiveness, with an intelligent estimation of percentage of success entered at the right of the item:

Penalties Applied	Percentage Successful
1. Kindness and sympathy.....	95
2. Reduced in rank.....	60
3. Handled by Bn. Commander.....	58
4. Extra work.....	50
5. Lecture.....	45
6. Ridicule.....	40
7. Reprimand.....	35
8. Ignoring.....	30
9. Sarcasm.....	20
10. Nothing.....	.5

It is concluded that discipline is primarily concerned with the state of

mind, not automatic execution of orders for the sake of carrying out the mere order. It implies a guarded shifting of responsibility for the proper discipline to the soldiers themselves, in the process of which the degree and kind of responsibility are always determined by the leadership of the command. The State Guardsmen must come to look upon their school as but one aspect of the total, and military discipline must reflect the larger and important functions that lie ahead. He must conceive of discipline as constructive and as concerned with the development of those attitudes and habits of doing the right things that contribute to the well-being of the soldier and the effective achievement of the objectives of the State Guard. The correct techniques of management and methods of instruction must be regarded as the principal agency of good discipline within the range of the State Guard. The following suggestions are offered as criterions to wholesome discipline instruction:

1. Correction should be private.
2. Correction should be impersonal.
3. Correction should be certain.
4. Correction should be swift.
5. Correction should be meaningful.
6. Correction should be made by the officer closest to the men.
7. Correction should be adequate, and correct.

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LESSON No. 16—The Psychology of Military Discipline With Special Reference to the Texas State Guard.

I. Introduction.

Poor discipline is the greatest single cause of failure among both commissioned and non-commissioned officers in any military organization. It is legitimate to say that without good discipline the ideals of the State Guard cannot be achieved. When good discipline obtains, the realization of the best in the State Guard purpose is in the process of achievement.

Discipline prepares a command for the task before it. It makes organization, training and leadership effective. To establish and maintain discipline is one of the chief duties of leadership. The leader must know:

- (1) What discipline is.
- (2) How it can be implanted and maintained.
- (3) The indications by which the state of discipline may be judged.

II. What Discipline Is.

Discipline is the soldier's mental attitude towards the performance of his duties, and is the result of all his

training. It is the most important item of his equipment, but it cannot be issued to him like clothing and weapons. Money cannot buy discipline, law cannot create it. It requires time and effort to build up, but it can be destroyed quickly and easily. A single promotion may be instrumental in shattering the foundations of discipline during one short drill period; on the contrary, one promotion may be the initial step in building up good discipline. No single problem should be more thoroughly thought out than that of choosing and appointing leadership.

Discipline is the total sum of the soldierly virtues. Amongst these are patriotism, loyalty, respect for authority, courtesy, the habit of obedience, thoroughness, stamina, initiative, resourcefulness, a sense of superiority, self-respect, pride and confidence in self and comrades, a sense of responsibility, and intelligence. Any measure that helps to develop these traits is a means of discipline.

Habitual obedience is typical of the

C U T H E R E

36th Division Park Will Be Located At Lake Brownwood

By ERNEST JONES

(The following article is reprinted through the courtesy of The Houston Chronicle.)

Brownwood. — Texas war veterans, when they return home, will have their own state park. In it they will find elaborate facilities for recreation, an ideal reunion site, and a last frontier of the old west.

The 36th Division State Park at Lake Brownwood has been officially designated as a memorial to the famous Texas infantry division, first American troops to make an amphibious landing in this war on enemy-held European soil. The

Texas state parks board voted unanimously to change the name of the park.

The new designation will be the subject of a ceremony soon in which a red Texas granite marker placed in the park by veterans' organizations of Brownwood will be unveiled. Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commander of the Fort Benning (Georgia) Infantry School, has been invited to represent the fighters he commanded in Italy at the ceremony.

\$1,000,000 Memorial

Located in the heart of Texas, within 30 miles of the geographical center of the state, the 36th Division State Park consists of 538 acres of high land in a gooseneck formed by beautiful Lake Brownwood. The park and its extensive improvements represent a completed \$1,000,000 memorial. Actuated (Continued on Page 22)

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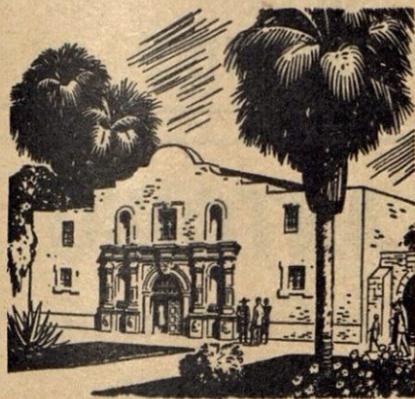
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well trained soldier. Orders, or wishes of superiors, must be obeyed in letter and in spirit. A soldier should exercise intelligence, initiative, and resourcefulness in the execution of an order. It must be remembered that it is the results, and not mere automatic obedience, that is demanded. The criterion is not "Did you obey my orders?" but "Did you accomplish what I wanted?"

Self-respect and pride are attributes of the normal man. They impel him to do his duty, to refrain from ignoble acts; and generally to conduct himself so as to merit the respect and esteem of his comrades and his leaders. The normal man in the State Guard wishes to regard himself and to be regarded by others as a superior individual, and it is this sense of superiority that will drive the State Guard onward to cope with any situation that may be its concern.

Discipline includes a host of apparently petty matters, but they are all important, and combined they result in the whole of discipline and efficiency. Nothing is so unimportant as to warrant neglect. Indifference and carelessness are the enemies of discipline. The greatest number of Guardsmen start at the bottom in his military life. The soldier who is always present for his duties, whose person, clothing and equipment are clean and serviceable; who executes all orders promptly and efficiently, and observes all the requirements of courtesy, soon becomes a squad leader. As a leader

he sees that the men under him do the things he has learned to do. He has a good squad, and he is fitting himself for more responsibilities in a higher command.

Discipline is intelligent, willing and cheerful obedience to the will of the leader. Acceptance of authority does not imply the surrender of all initiative by the enlisted men who are subordinates. On the contrary, it calls for active cooperation in carrying out the commander's desires. Leaders must be firm and fair. Harshness and arrogance must be avoided. The very nature of the State Guard organization with its diversity of age groups and temperaments tend to resist any limitations upon their 'personal liberty,' even though it is conceded that military regulations must prevail. The old adage, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink," suggests the so-called perversity of temperaments. The State Guard, citizens in civilian life for the greater part of the time, are to be handled tactfully if military discipline is to prevail. The idea of personal independence has permeated popular social thought to the extent that it is difficult to get Guardsmen sometimes to do even desirable things which to them savors of acting under compulsion. Absence at drill, open disrespect and disobedience to the officers are characteristics of problems associated with soldier resentment. The following are listed as some of the factors that give rise to discipline problems. These fac-

tors should not be overlooked even though some cannot be corrected by the individual officer or officers. For the leadership to recognize them, though, is to be stimulated to make all adjustments possible to nullify their bad influence. Where they exist the leadership can in some measure overcome the following conditions:

1. Lack of patriotic spirit in the organization Every opportunity should be taken to observe, celebrate and recognize events that tend to encourage and build up a sense of feeling for the soldiers country and flag.

2. Methods of Instruction. Those charged with the obligation of instruction should never meet his group without preparation. He should be capable of disciplining men and interesting men and in teaching men. The most modern methods of instruction should be employed.

3. Indifferent organization of routine. Men appreciate definiteness and orderly procedures in their drill or in any type of military work.

4. Monotony. Men become tired and disinterested in too much of the same type of training week after week. The Plans and Training Officer should be the first to see that a drill schedule covers the fundamentals and the kind of learning that the men need. The drill period should allow alternating periods for various activities. Drill master should never accelerate his men into advanced work before the rudiments are well learned, neither should he continue to drill on that phase that his men have learned well.

Through a flexible drill schedule it is possible to eliminate fatigue and minimize monotony.

5. Recreation (Fun). It is well to have an occasional "Fun Night." Every organization has talent for making people laugh. This talent should be utilized in a wholesome and fun-making manner for the benefit of all the men in a particular command. Frequent "Feeds" is another way to develop good fellowship. These forms of recreation build morale, stimulate interest and in the long run pave the way to teaching good discipline. The psychology to be applied is: Work hard when you drill, and play hard when you play and eat well when you eat.

"Courtesy amongst military men is indispensable to discipline." In a military organization the chief manifestation of courtesy is the formal salute. The salute is not a mark of subordination, but an exchange of courtesies, a sign of recognition and a mark of respect as between members of an honorable organization; or a sign of respect to the flag or National Anthem. Carelessness in saluting is a sign of poor discipline. The leadership of every unit in the State Guard should capitalize on such traits as pride and respect for authority in obtaining proper salute discipline. When a man is proud of his squad, of his platoon, of his company, of his battalion and of the state organization, he will not neglect the proper execution of a correct military salute.

F O L D H E R E

36th Division-

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ally the cash investments probably exceed that amount.

Efforts have been made to preserve in the park some of the now rare things for which Texas has, in the past, been famous.

J. Frank Dobie, Texas folklore author now in England, donated to the park two years ago a herd of Texas longhorns. Strenuous efforts are being made to expand this herd, but the calf crop this year was embarrassing, according to Mayor Wendell Mayes of Brownwood, member and former chairman of the state parks board. The calves had white Hereford faces. Steps have been taken, Mr. Mayes said, to correct that situation. The longhorn herd bull at Lake Brownwood now has a monopoly in the park precincts, and the half-breed calves were sold to keep the park herd true to strain.

Buffaloes Swim Out.

A small buffalo herd was imported from Oklahoma and placed on McCartney Island in Lake Brownwood, near the park, but the animals promptly swam across the lake and lost themselves in vast acres of neighboring ranches. They have vanished, Mayes said.

Brownwood has tentative plans to erect in the park a large museum-auditorium seating 5000 with separate rooms for each unit of the 36th Division in which battle flags, mementoes, pictures and historical material would be housed. Here the division, its wives and progeny could hold reunions.

Brownwood and Brown County have designated as their number one post-war highway project the extension of State Highway 279 from the state park to Cross Plains, where it will connect with the 36th Division Memorial Highway. Highway 279 is paved from Brownwood to the park, 18 miles. The road is

unpaved from the park to Cross Plains, a distance of 16 miles. Highway 36 runs from toward Galveston and Houston through Temple, Comanche and Cross Plains to Abilene. The state highway department is expediting completing of surfacing on Highway 36 as a memorial to the division from Texas.

Park Was Part Of Ranch

Lake Brownwood State Park was part of a large ranch when the confluence of Jim Ned Creek and Pecan Bayou was dammed to create the 7500-acre lake. The Izaak Walton League of Brownwood saw the recreational opportunities of the peninsula resulting from impounding these waters, and made a contact with Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1, governmental body which owns the lake, to buy the 538 acres.

Eleven years ago the state parks board took over the contract of the Izaak Walton League, and the park became state property. The land, purchased for about \$15 per acre, is being paid for out of park concession revenues.

Of 36 improved state parks in Texas, the one at Lake Brownwood is among those most extensively used by the public. It is also one of the best improved.

Has 16 Cabins

A large clubhouse, a lodge, 16 cabins and a bathhouse, all of na-

tive stone, are among the improvements. The park water system cost \$35,000, the sewer system cost \$25,000, and the park owns its electric distribution lines. Numerous picnic units and five miles of road were built, mostly by CCC units stationed in the park. More than three miles of park roads are paved, the remainder rock-gravel surfaced.

The idea of transforming the park into a memorial to the 36th (Continued on Page 29)

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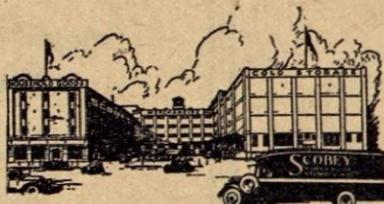
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Military Rites Given C. O. Of 9th Bn.

Maj. Frank C. Flanagan, 54, commanding officer, 9th Battalion, Texas State Guard, Port Arthur, Texas, died at his home at 531 Mobile Avenue, at 5:15 a. m., September 9, after an illness of several months.

He was vice president and secretary of the firm of C. Flanagan & Sons, Incorporated, a veteran of World War I. He enlisted as a private in the U. S. Army Air Corps and later was commissioned a captain and assigned to duty with the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps. He served with distinction throughout and after the war, including two years overseas. He was a Catholic and 4th degree Knights of Columbus, a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks, Eagles, and the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Sabine.

In 1940 when the National Guard was called into federal service and state and national leaders were advocating an organization to replace it, Major Flanagan immediately offered his services and was commissioned a captain in the Texas Defense Guard, later changed to the Texas State Guard, and assigned to duty with the 9th Battalion, as adjutant. He served in this capacity throughout the years of 1941, 1942 and 1943. He was rewarded for this volunteer service to his country when on December 9, 1943, he was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to duty as commanding officer of the 9th Battalion.

William L. Sikes, acting commander, received a request from his family for military funeral services to be conducted by the 9th Battalion.

Captain Sikes called a special meeting at the armory which was well attended with representatives from the 43rd Battalion, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, and Funeral Director T. W. Oberle, where plans were made.

Capt. F. J. Hollier, assisted by Captains S. B. Corley and W. L. Runte, was placed in charge of the Honor Guard, who kept two men on duty, relieving at two-hour intervals, in the chapel of the Grammier Funeral Home, at all times, while the body lay in state.

Capt. Clell J. Mallet was placed in charge of the escort, including Mass Colors of the 9th Battalion, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Firing Party (12 selected men from all units of the 9th Battalion), and buglers from the 9th and 43rd Battalions.

The following officers were selected as pallbearers: Captains W. L. Sikes, Fred L. White, Lloyd R. Watkeys, Chester A. Garner, and First Lieutenants Ralph H. Palmer and W. C. Asutin.

Chapel services were held at 9 a. m. Mass at St. Mary's Church, September 11, 1944, with Chaplain Henry A. Drouilhet of the 9th Battalion officiating.

New Sergeant Of 36th Saw Plenty Of Pacific Action



SGT. J. F. KNAPP

The 36th Battalion has another of the things it takes to make a crack outfit. Recently there came to E Company a new member. He is Sgt. James F. Knapp, but recently discharged from the U. S. Army. His record brings to the 36th a wealth of experience.

He enlisted in the army January 6, 1940, at Fort Sam Houston. Rapidly he ran through a series of transfers and reassignments that broadened widely his field of military experience. From Fort Sam to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and the Headquarters Company 21st Infantry Brigade, then to the 11th Signal Company at the same post. The next assignment was the 11th Ordnance Company at Fort De Bussy, Hawaii, and shortly thereafter to the 25th Division in the field.

That was the assignment he had been waiting for. Embarking for destination unknown, he sailed into the battle of the Coral Sea and on to bloody Guadalcanal. There he saw action at fiercely contested hill 27. There followed hill 51 and hill 53.

Nip lead passed him by, but the dreaded malaria did what the Japs couldn't do. It put him out of the fight. Yellow jaundice helped to complicate matters and in the end he was ticketed home for discharge.

The way back led through the New Hebrides and New Zealand. There were field hospitals and base hospitals and then the gleaming white peacefulness of a hospital ship to San Francisco. From there he was sent to Longview, Texas, and at last received his discharged

Veteran Loans Will Be Safe From "Sharks"

Washington.—The ground rules which are expected to make home or business owners of some 10,000,000 GI's will be completed "soon," the Veterans Administration said here.

Harold W. Breining, assistant administrator of the VA, said writing of these regulations has reached the "crystallizing" stage.

"It is planned to have the final draft so ironclad, so complete, that the veteran's interests will be fully protected and there will be no need for him to pay for expert advice to make his loan," he added. "We are going to see that he is protected against any manipulators, land sharks or fly-by-night promoters."

Numerous conferences are still in progress with bankers, mortgage loan companies, real estate boards, veterans' organizations and government agencies, which have made suggestions and objections.

Only Section Operating

This is the only phase of the GI Bill of Rights, passed last June, not already in operation. Students are graduating from colleges under its educational provisions. Other veterans of this war who are unemployed are receiving compensation. But the lack of understanding of what Congress meant when it wrote the bill has been holding up the loan machinery for homes, farms, businesses. Evidently, the bill was written with more enthusiasm for helping the returning GI than legal knowledge.

Chief reason for delay is that the Veterans Administration must put an interpretation on such terms as "reasonable, normal value." Another reason is that the rules as written must be applicable over all conflicting state laws pertaining to deeds, titles, property exchanges.

There are already nearly a half million discharged men and women

in this war, many of whom want to be taking advantage of this law. Many want to build homes, and a large per cent are waiting to establish their own businesses. In the meantime they are unemployed and unsettled. Some veterans who are already home owners might be borrowing money to make back payments on their property, to make repairs, or to pay back taxes, were it not for the delay. A farm-owning veteran could buy livestock, equipment or supplies for his farm.

Deluge Of Questions

These service men and women have been deluging bankers, loan and trust companies, real estate men, etc., with questions. These houses want to do business with the returned heroes, and are embarrassed at having to turn them down until the law becomes operative.

Although the VA will make no confirming statement, there is a strong possibility that it will delegate its authority to approve three kinds of loans to other government groups. It is probable National Housing Agency will overlook home loans, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation business loans, and the Department of Agriculture, farm loans.

The veteran is assured by law two safeguards against getting "gypped"—the Veterans Administration or its delegated agency must appraise the property and approve the loan, taking into consideration the veteran's ability to repay and his ability to make a "go" of a farm or business.

Chief problem for veterans under the law, it now appears, will be to decide which route to take in negotiating his loan. Before he steps, he should ask himself which route is going to mean greater aid to himself under the VA powers in terms of free interest for the first

year on a greater or lesser loan.

Good Character

The veteran can get his loan without having a penny in his pocket if he borrows from a private lending agency doing business with the Federal Housing agency or similar government agency, provided, of course, as in any loan he makes, that he has a good credit rating and/or character references. This is provided for under Section 505 of the law. But there may be advantages for the veteran also in dealing with individual capitalists or banks under Section 500 of the Act.

Under Section 500, following the government agency route, the individual makes a loan with a bank, real estate agency or other institution whereby 80 per cent of his total is insured by FHA at 4½ per cent. The one-half of one per cent is for carrying charges. But there must be a down payment of 20 per cent. The soldier could make a second loan, and borrow this from a bank by getting the VA under the (See VETERANS LOANS, P. 27)

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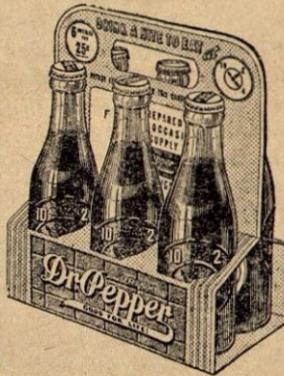
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THIS is a story about the most important
American in World War II, and the most
neglected. He is the Infantry private. Six
months ago I became an Infantry private my-
self. Before that time I, like many others,
was wont to look on the buck private as the
untutored kindergarten child of the Army.

Now I know better. Now I know that the
Infantry private is the most versatile, all-
around fighter in the Army. When he goes
into action, he is prepared as no other fight-
ing man in American history ever was for
effective destruction of the enemy.

I know now that no war is won until the
infantryman imposes his will on the enemy
infantryman. No land is conquered until he
plants his muddy GI boots on it, and holds it.

Every other branch of the armed services
is in existence solely to enable infantrymen
to come to grips with the enemy. This is a
fact which motivates every military council,
but is almost completely ignored by the
public.

The men who fly over him, the men in
tanks which thunder by his side, the sailors
who buck the seven seas, the men who drop
from the skies in parachutes, the men who
build bridges in the face of enemy fire, and
all his other comrades-in-arms sweat and die
so the foot soldier can fulfill his mission.
Every weapon, from mighty cannon to the
dreadnaught and the blockbuster of the
superbomber to the black-jack and trench
knife of the Ranger, was conceived in his
behalf.

His basic weapon is still the rifle, with the
deadly bayonet still attached, but the infan-
tryman is also equipped with a dozen other
streamlined modern weapons, all of which
have the same primary purpose as the Air
Forces and the Artillery—to help the basic
fighter, the Infantry rifleman, to come to
grips with his supreme opponent. That
supreme opponent is the hostile rifleman.

Our riflemen are taught to use about ten
of these streamlined auxiliary weapons. The
heavier ones are manned by specialists, who
in turn must know how to use many of the
lighter weapons all foot soldiers employ.

BY the time they have completed basic
training, GI Joes know all these skills and
more. Yet all the techniques they learn are
almost incidental in this business of making
a civilian into a fighting man.

There can be no better example of what the
Army can do for a soft-living civilian than
my own case. I was the pin-up boy of the
Yellow Cab Company in forty-seven cities.
Force me to walk a block, and I had to draw

on my second wind. I suffered the tortures
of the double damned during my first month
of training.

But when I finished I was reluctantly
capable of hiking thirty miles over tortuous
terrain with full field equipment on my back.
Furthermore, when I reached my destina-
tion, I could have walked another thirty miles
or engaged in a full day's combat. After all,
an infantryman does not walk thirty miles
in order to go to sleep. He marches for only
one reason—to close with the enemy and try
to kill him.

The process by which an Infantry soldier
reaches this point has been the most fascinat-
ing experience of my life. I was like any
other civilian who found himself in the In-
fantry. I didn't like it. I knew there would
be no glamour, no fancy uniforms, no movies
based on my deeds, no headlines acclaiming
my glorious achievements. I resented this.

I resented it more when I started doing an
infantryman's work. It seemed to me to be
the hardest, dirtiest, most unglorious of all
military occupations. It was mud and drill-
ing, sweating and drilling, digging and drill-
ing, studying and drilling. It was, to be
honest, griping and bellyaching and drilling.
It was just plain hell.

That is, for the first month or two.

I can't tell exactly when it happened, but
sometime in the third month I suddenly felt
a terrific pride in being an infantryman. At
about the same time this same pride began to
show itself in my squad, my platoon, my com-
pany, my battalion, my regiment. All of a
sudden, every man in the outfit would have
died for the blue braid on his cap and the
crossed rifles on his lapel.

Don't ask me how it happened, but I think
I can tell why: We had finally come to realize
what we were and what our job as soldiers
was. We were the anonymous Joes of the In-
fantry, and we were destined to be nothing
more inspiring than a black line on a war
map—but a line that would show where the
fighting was, a line formed by us in our
foxholes.

It came to us—all of us—with magnificent
clarity, that there was not one living soldier
on earth, regardless of rank or branch, who
could stare us down.

We were men who could shoot. We were
men who could be sent straight from our
camp to a beachhead and hold it. We were
men who knew that ours was a dirty job. We
were men who had learned to glory in our
ability to do that dirty job—come mud or
flood, come bayonet, come hunger, come
fatigue past all belief, come all other hazards
of war the average American civilian has
never had to face before.

We were Infantry privates.

Joe: "What's this I hear about
your having a fight with your wife
and making her come crawling to
you on her knees?"

Bill: "Yeah, she was on her knees
all right, but what she said was,
'Come on out from under that bed,
you worm!'"

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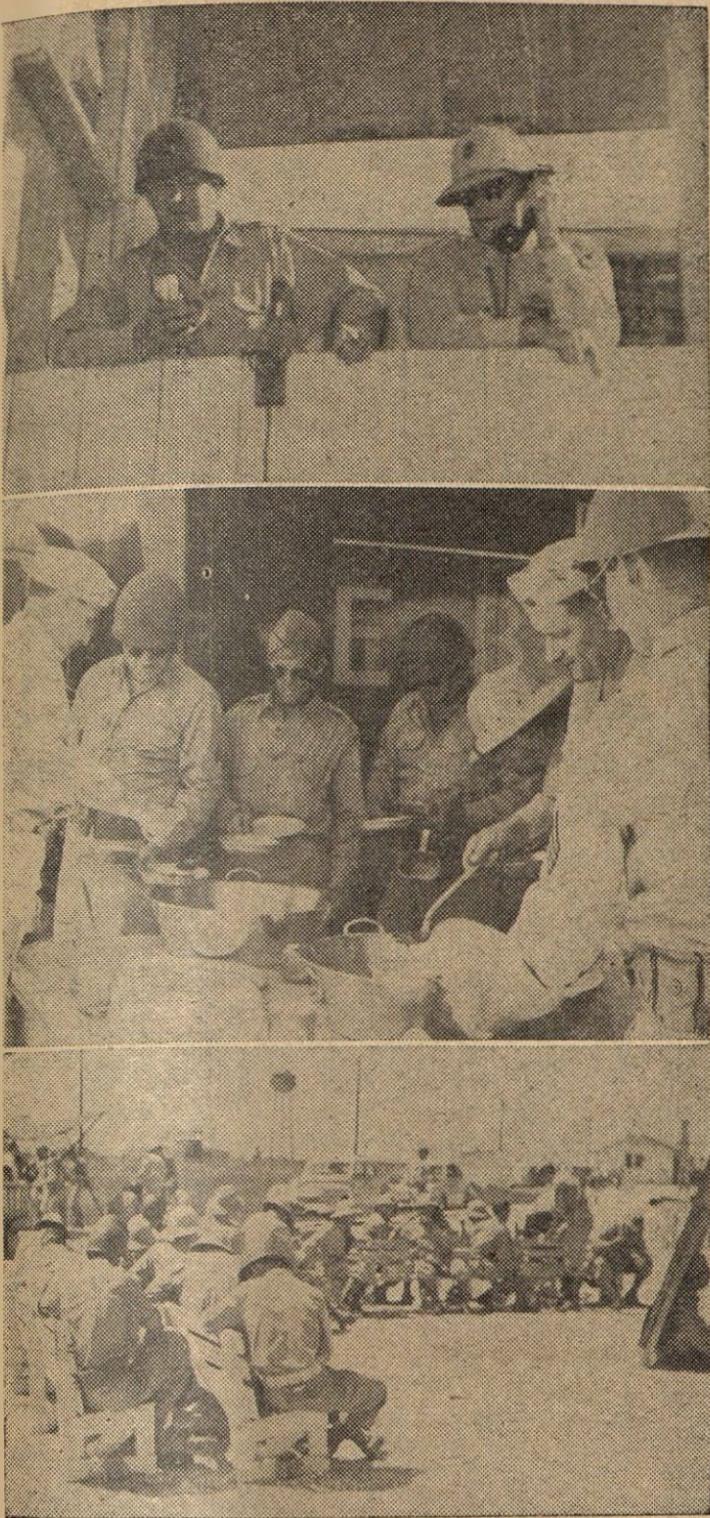
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The Marines On The Range



The 48th Marine Battalion, Houston, commanded by Major Julian A. Weslow, went on the rifle range at Camp Wallace.

The top picture shows Capt. Jerre Pierce, operations officer, directing fire from the tower. The center picture shows the men lined up for mess, and at bottom is a scene on the range.

48th Goes On Firing Range At Wallace

By SGT. FRED G. NORMAN
Hq. Detachment, 48th Bn.

The 48th Battalion (Marine), TSG, of Houston, fired the qualification course as instituted by Training Memorandum No. 2, Technical, AGD-TEX, 5 June 1944, on the Navy standard 200-yard range at Camp Wallace on Sunday, 24 September 1944.

The battalion was mobilized by Battalion General Order 19 September 1944, effecting mobilization at the armory at 0630 and the battalion moved out as follows:

Communication Section under First Lt. King H. Robinson, with his Assistant Sgt. Fred Norman, was dispatched in advance of the convoy at 0630 in order to connect up field telephone lines and set up public address system.

Troops of the four line companies were entrucked by command of Capt. B. J. Teague, executive officer, at 0645 in transport busses, and convoy moved out at 0700.

Battalion Medical Detachment under command of Maj. Arthur L. Smith, with his administrative officer, First Lt. W. H. Holmes accompanied the convoy in battalion ambulance.

Battalion Service Detachment under command of Capt. Frank Jameson, with his assistant, First Lt. Sam Ayo, received orders to complete accumulation of field equipment, rations held under refrigeration, and depart from Houston when ready.

Met By Major

Maj. Julian A. Weslow, commanding officer, met the battalion on arrival at Camp Wallace.

Upon arrival personnel detrucked and battalion was assembled, companies in line, under arms. Roll call was had and strength reports delivered to Capt. Lester J. Pierce, range officer. Captain Pierce then divided the enlisted men five relays, using three relays on the line and two relays in the pits. The relays on the line alternated as coach, scorer and rifleman. Company A, heavy weapons company, was released from the last relays for 30-calibre machine gun practice.

Assistants On Range

The following officers assisted Captain Pierce on the range:

Firing Line: First three relays—Capt. James A. Cushman with Capt. Gaston H. Miles and Second Lt.

Frank Brite, assistant.

Remaining relays—Capt. Griffin D. Vance with Lt. Wm. D. McBride as assistant.

Pits: Capt. William F. Gray for first three relays.

Second Lt. Joseph B. Henry for remaining relays.

Scoring: Capt. Basil J. Teague. Ammunition: Second Lt. William G. Ervin first three relays; First Lt. Paul C. Lewis for remaining relays.

Control Tower: First Lt. Ansley P. Wilson.

The first relay took position on the line and started firing at 1000 and the fifth relay was completed

at 1525. A sixth relay was organized for enlisted men of the Service Detachment and men on other duties during the firing. The sixth relay went on the line at 1530 and completed at 1618.

Mess call was sounded at 1225 and was served, which consisted of stew with ice cream, cake, and coffee as dessert. Fatigue call was sounded at 1310 and the fourth order of men marched to the line to fire.

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Guardsmen Join Mexico In Celebrating Independence



Colorful ceremony marked the observance of Mexican Independence Day, September 16, at Reynosa, in which 300 Texas State Guardsmen from the Valley, headed by Brig. Gen. Arthur Knickerbocker, commanding general of the Guard, took an active part. The scenes on this page give you an idea of the color of the observance.

Top left: General Flores Villar, Mexican army, and his staff, appear in this photo. Left to right are an unidentified officer; Maj. Ignacio Rodriguez Grajales, Col. Tiburcio Garza Zamora, Gen. Flores Villar, Lt. Col. Humberto Iluebert Schultz, Sub. Lt. Salomon Ramirez Zavala (rear), Capt. Jose E. Macias, and an unidentified officer.

Top right: A mounted Mexican cavalryman, one of many who took part in the celebration, parades past the reviewing stand at present arms, his saber in rigid position, leading a squad of cavalry trumpeteers who provided martial music for the occasion.

Center left: Reynosa's ancient Cathedral looks on as one pla-

toon from the Rio Grande City company of the 31st Battalion, Texas State Guard, marches past the reviewing stand on the south side of the Reynosa plaza. Out of sight at the right is the reviewing stand at the municipal palace.

Center right: The colors of Mexico, the U. S. and Texas join in this scene. At left is the leader of the Reynosa girls' color guard bearing the national flag of the Republic of Texas. Composing the color guard in center are S/Sgt. Paul D. Moore and M/Sgt. Charles Owens (hidden by flags), Sgt. Charles P. Seger and Pfc. Alvin Rouse, all of the 31st Battalion's headquarters and service detachments, McAllen.

Lower left: A Texas-Mexican handclasp marked the high point of the celebration. Brig. Gen. Miguel Flores Villar, left, shakes hands with Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker of Austin, commander of the Texas State Guard, as they meet in front of the colors of the two nations. Mr. Sgt. Charles Owens of McAllen, commanding the color guard of

the State Guards, smiles in the background.

Lower center: Chow time after the parade took place at the Whalen Park near McAllen. Mess sergeants of the guard dish up the food to weary marchers, including this youngster.

Symbolic of unity on the border is this group of officers' hats, shown as they were placed on a table during a pause in the day's ceremonies. Both the U. S. and Mexican armies are represented in the headgear.

Official representatives of two governments at the Reynosa celebration were Mexican Consul Lauro T. Yzaurre of McAllen, left, and U. S. Consul Henry G. Krause of Reynosa.

500 MP CASUALTIES

Washington.—The Army's Corps of Military Police, which recently marked its third anniversary as a separate service, already has suffered more than 500 casualties due to enemy action in this war, the Provost Marshal General's office has revealed.

"Where Do We Go From Here?"

By
Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker

To All Members of the Texas State Guard:

One of the common questions about the Texas State Guard, as the success of our military forces mounts overseas, is: "Where do we go from here?"

Nobody can tell you exactly; but I can assure you that it is more important than ever for the Texas State Guard, every man of it, to stay on the job. This war is NOT over. It is NOT nearly over, particularly when we think of it in terms of returning to normalcy. That will require a considerable span of time, even after the shooting ceases.

It is as unthinkable for a Texas Guardsman to leave now, on the strength of the war being over, as it would be for an American soldier at the Rhine River to say: "Well,

boys, we have licked them this far. We may as well quit."

We must keep a going organization, a growing organization, to maintain a sound home security military force until a permanent post-war program can be put into effect. Before that is done there is every likelihood that the Texas State Guard will be needed many times. Our duties are many. We help out in times of disaster and civil disturbances, as well as training as troops of the line. Until the boys over there actually get home, it is our duty to stay in service on the home front, to help in the ceaseless campaign to keep our companies up to strength against the day when they may be called upon, though God grant that they will seldom be needed.

There may be some who wonder
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New Walkie-Talkie Lets You Keep Head Down

Ft. Monmouth, N. J.—A new walkie-talkie being provided by the Signal Corps will be a boon when used in actual battle areas. It has no "squeal," as did its predecessor, has a greater transmitting range, an extra gooseneck antenna which permits the user to remain inconspicuous while lying on the ground or in a foxhole, and is water-resisting and fungus-resisting.

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Texans' Biggest Thrill At Saipan Meeting Each Other



Marine Barracks, Treasure Island, Calif.—For two Marines from Cleveland, Texas, their greatest excitement on Saipan came, not from the action, but from meeting each other.

The Texans are Private First Class Charlie Robinett (left), 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Robinett, and Private First Class James B. Peebles, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Peebles, now residing at Pasadena, Texas.

Both Marines, who recently arrived at this West Coast port with members of the famed Second Marine Division, attended school together in Cleveland. They were home town buddies before the war separated them.

Robinett was with the Second Division at Guadalcanal and Tarawa before the Saipan battle.

"Imagine my surprise when I met James during the Saipan action," he said. "He was with another division, but we had a good visit."

Peebles saw combat action at Roi Island in the Marshalls before the Saipan engagement. On Saipan he received his orders to return to the States for V-12 training and officers' candidate school. These orders enabled him to return on the same ship with Robinett.

Asked to relate their most exciting experiences—next to their meeting—during the Saipan engagement, Peebles told of a Jap handing him a grenade and Robinett of a Jap sniper.

"I had a big scare while we were cleaning Japs out of the many caves they had holed up in on Saipan," Peebles said. "As we approached one cave, a Jap came out and handed me a grenade. After seeing how anxious some of these Japs are to join their ancestors, I was afraid this fellow had the same idea in mind. But it turned out that he was trying to tell me he was giving up and didn't want to fight any more."

Of his experience, Robinett said: "Guess my biggest moment, next to meeting James, came when I was standing under a tree. I didn't realize what was happening for a minute or two, when one of my buddies opened up with his automatic rifle, shooting directly into the tree I was standing under. A dead Jap sniper fell out of the tree."

The British dirigible R-34, which landed in New York July 6, 1919, was the first craft of its kind to cross the Atlantic.

Drab Country
 The interior desert country of Australia has been described as "nothing but miles and miles of nothing, but miles and miles."

Veterans' Loans--

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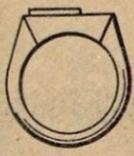
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Co. D, 40th Gets Loyal Support By High Marks

By CAPT. ADD G. WILSON

Seventy-one former members of Company D, 40th Battalion, TSG, have entered the armed services of the United States since the company was organized late in 1941. Nine of these received commissions.

One of the latter, Second Lt. Pat N. Roberts, Jr., a fighter pilot with the Army Air Forces, was killed when a transport plane on which he was a passenger crashed near Naper, Neb., August 3, 1944.

Authorized less than three weeks after Pearl Harbor, Company D was organized on December 26, 1941, recruited to full strength in one day, and was inducted and inspected by representatives of the Adjutant General's office on December 27. The first company commander was Capt. John D. Reese.

Present officers are Capt. Add G. Wilson, First Lt. Paul K. Wilson, and Second Lt. Pat N. Roberts. Both Capt. Add G. Wilson and Lt. Paul K. Wilson are veterans of World War I. The latter holds the French Croix de Guerre and the Purple Heart.

Enlisted members of the company who are also veterans of World War I, include Sgt. Eric B. Nelson, Sgt. Reuben A. Penny and Cpl. E. F. Eastham.

Well Trained

Following a rigorous training schedule, Company D has maintained a well trained membership despite the heavy turnover in personnel due to enlistments in the armed forces, conflict with civilian duties and removals from the home station. Rifle and submachine gun practice are held frequently in addition to the training required by the drill schedule.

Both the City of McKinney and Collin County have been liberal in support of the local Guard unit. Their interest and support are due much of the credit for ratings the company has received on Federal inspections, according to Captain Wilson. A rating of "Superior" was received on one inspection, made by the inspector general of the Eighth Service Command. On another inspection the company received a rating of "Excellent."

The company was commended for its part in maneuvers held last year at Lake Dallas, in which all units of the 40th Battalion participated. An overnight bivouac was a part of the scheduled program.

Members of the company assisted in the dedication program for Ashburn General Hospital in 1943, serving as auxiliaries to the MP detachment at the hospital, and acting as guides in conducting visitors through the hospital.

Drill Programs Over County

To acquaint all the county with the State Guard, officers of the company have conducted drill programs at several of the smaller towns in Collin County. Demon-

Denton's Crack Rifle Team



One of the top rifle teams of the Texas State Guard is that of Company A, 30th Battalion, at Denton. Crack shots listed in this picture are:

First row, left to right: S/Sgt. J. B. Burrow, Pfc. Joe Smoot,

W. H. Robinson, Cpl. Paul Killingsworth, T/Cpl. Nolan Thurmond, Pvt. Ira McCauley.

Second row: Sgt. Otis Akers, Pvt. Joe Johnston, Pvt. Robert Fox, Pvt. Don Halverson, Pfc. J. M. Carlack, Sgt. Cyril Young-

blood.

Third row: Capt. L. H. Ligon, commander; Sgt. Hallis Calvert, Pvt. Bob Trotter, T/Cpl. Jiggs Smith, Pvt. Ray Allender, Jr., Pfc. Morris Wallace, Cpl. Hugh Corbin.

strations of mob and riot control, as well as handling emergency relief measures are given at these drills.

Most members of the company hold first aid certificates from the Red Cross. A first aid course was given all members last year supplementing the regular drill schedule. A few of the members have qualified for advanced first aid certificates.

Three members holding the rank of captain is the record of the family of Captain Add G. Wilson, commanding officer of Company D, 40th Battalion. Each of the three captains in the family are graduates of Texas A. & M. College. All of the three are licensed land surveyors.

Captain Wilson's eldest son, Capt. Tom B. Wilson, is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, with the Corps of Engineers. He was engaged in the abstracting business with his father when he entered the army prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Capt. Addison G. Wilson, Jr., is with the Fifth Army in Italy, and has been overseas for more than a year. He holds both the Bronze Star and the Silver Star, awarded for gallantry in action while serving with the Field Artillery.

Two sons of Cpl. Lindsay L. Bowen of Company D are in the U. S. armed forces on foreign duty. Lt. Turner Bowen, pilot of a Navy Catalina, has been in the service for more than three years and is in

Corporal Right Back Where He Started

Camp Blanding, Fla.—After taking him thousands of miles from home for training and for months of service in Alaska, the fortunes of war have returned Cpl. Robert J. Batten practically to his doorstep.

Born in Starke, Fla., Batten was farming in the Kingeley Lake region when he was inducted into the Army back in July, 1942. He went to Camp Roberts, Calif., for basic training, and then served as a cook with an Infantry outfit in Alaska.

Coming back to the States in June, he is now awaiting assignment as a cook in Camp Blanding's Infantry Replacement Training Center here.

the South Pacific. Lt. Lindsay L. Bowen, Jr., of the army air forces, is pilot of a transport plane based in Italy. Another son has been in the service but recently received a medical discharge.

Corporal Bowen is one of the original members of the unit, and has been faithful in attendance at drill and in participation in all activities of Company D.

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Denison Guard Has Sent Many Men To Service

By LT. FRED M. PERRYMAN, Jr. MI-G2

Company B, 40th Battalion, Denison, points with pride to the fact that in the nearly four years of its existence it has sent 40 per cent of its enrollment to the armed forces and still keeps the company's strength in the 90 per cent bracket. Attesting to the thoroughness of their training, about 5 per cent of the Denison guardsmen who have gone into the service hold ratings. At last count, 180 Company B men were in service.

In addition to 40 per cent of its enlisted men in the service, Company B is represented by 18 commissioned officers who also got their training at Denison

Officers In Service

Headed by former First Sgt. Joseph W. Brantley, who is now a captain in the air corps in England, here are the officers:

- Bedford Polk, 1st Lt., Paratrooper.
- Virgil H. Stevens, Lt. (jg), U. S. N.
- Cecil E. Coonrod, 2nd Lt., U.S.A.
- Johnnie T. Camp, 2nd Lt., U.S.A.
- Richard W. Arndt, 2nd Lt., U.S.A.
- Amer L. Cater, 2nd Lt., U.S.A.
- Robert E. Tropp, 2nd Lt., U.S.A.
- Ray L. McKinney, Jr., commission in Coast Guard.
- Robt. N. Blair, 1st Lt., Combat Eng.
- George T. Jefferson, 1st Lt., Air Corps.
- Edwin James Wagner, Lt. (jg) Naval Air Corps.
- Geo. Hamilton Hedick, Jr., 2nd Lt., U.S.M.C.
- John Joseph Redman, Lt. (jg), Naval Air Corps.
- Theodore W. Marisco, 1st Lt., A.C.
- Jerry K. Lucas, 2nd Lt., A.C.
- Kenneth A. Thomas, U.S.N.
- Donald Wolfe, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

The first drill was held in the old Chamber of Commerce hall on November 29, 1940. The armory was taken over December 12 the same year. The company was mustered in on April 2, 1941.

Captain May Still Commands

The company was originally formed and is still commanded by Capt. Joe D. May. Captain May is 44 years old, and served in the first world war as second lieutenant in infantry. He was commissioned in February, 1919, and served three years and 7 months. He was stationed at Andromacht, Germany in the army of occupation, was mustered out at the end of the war as a captain, and as such was held in reserve until 1933.

Company B is a very versatile unit. They are represented by all types of occupations from banker to gunsmith. They have a standard range of two, three and 500 yards. This range the men built virtually with their bare hands, and to date, have fired more than 6,000 rounds

New Army Jacket



Sgt. Lamar Aderholdt of Pontiac, Mich., models the Army's new olive drab wool jacket, authorized in lieu of the service coat for wear in the United States. The jacket already has been issued to Yanks in the European theatre of operations.—Army Signal Corps Photo.

of ammunition without an accident of any sort.

The men go to the range nearly every Sunday afternoon. Sometimes they take their rifles, sometimes their tommy guns, and on occasions their 30-calibre machine guns, of which they have two.

When it comes time to fire for record, there will be a lot of medals to hand out. For instance—at 200 yards and a pretty bad cross wind, Cpl. Kenneth Ransom socked nine bull's-eyes out of ten shots. There are many in the company who can do nearly as well, and Captain May has held expert for years.

Red Cross Instruction

Company B boasts of five top-notch Red Cross instructors. Headed by Captain May, they have taught and instructed a class of 160 men and women in first aid. Cpl. Kenneth Ransom is also a water safety instructor.

The average age of the company is 30.6 years. They will run from 16 years old to 57.

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36th Division—

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Division began to take form last April. It originated with Gus J. Rosenberg, Brownwood merchant who served as an officer in the 36th until relieved in 1940 because of physical disability. Rosenberg found that his friends in the division overseas were wondering if they'd have a voice in memorial plans for the fighting infantrymen.

Brownwood veterans' organizations wanted to hear from members of the division what they thought about a memorial and a committee was named to submit a proposal. This committee wrote to General Walker, then 36th commander, asking him to appoint an advisory group from among his officers and men in Italy and suggesting that Lake Brownwood State Park be made a memorial, renamed the "36th Division State Park at Lake Brownwood."

Appreciated By Men.

"This is a most patriotic move and one which the officers and men of the 36th Division greatly appreciate," General Walker replied in a letter dated May 30. Walker complied with the Brownwood committee's request by naming 36th Division members of the advisory commission.

Walker asked that Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead (retired), San Antonio, who preceded Walker as commander of the division when it trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, be named to head the commission. Other members named by Walker are:

- Col. Marvin D. Steen, Dallas, Headquarters Eighth Service Command; Lt. Col. H. Miller Ainsworth, Luling; Lt. Col. Carl L. Phinney, Austin; Lt. Col. Albert B. Crowther, San Antonio; Lt. Col. John J. Garner, Corsicana; Lt. Col. Andrew F. Price, Fort Worth; Tech. Sgt. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly, Pittsburgh, Pa., who won the Congressional Medal of Honor; Tech. Sgt. William F. Parrott, Dallas, Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Tech. Sgt. Harry R. Moore, Fort Worth, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Staff Sgt. Robert L. Chudej, Route 2, Temple, Distinguished

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Committees In Charge Of Convention

Following are the names of committees which directed the business of the Officers convention:

- Constitution and By-Laws Committee**
Capt. James F. Ewers, 31st Bn., chairman.
Major John F. Sheehy, 8th Bn., Waco
Major Lou J. Roberts, 14th Bn., Borger.
Major Harold B. Younger, 51st Bn., Dallas.
Major Ed D. Konken, 2n Bn., Houston.
- Resolutions Committee**
Major J. M. Weslow, 48th Bn., Houston, chairman.
Major H. W. Stillwell, 50th Bn., Texarkana.
Major Emmett D. Cox, 11th Bn., San Angelo.
Major Earle Cabell, 29th Bn., Dallas.
Capt. Hobart Huson, 21st Bn.,

Service Cross; Sgt. John R. Aaron, Ranger, Silver Star; Staff Sgt. Jessie L. Whitefield, Coleman, Silver Star; Tech. Sgt. Alfred H. Carnot, San Antonio, Silver Star, Bronze Star; First Sgt. Robert B. Childers, Waelder.

Post-War Ceremony Planned

Members of the Brownwood committee which instituted the memorial park project are Gus J. Rosenberg, chairman; Mayor Mayes; Glenn Hutton; past commander of Isham A. Smith Post No. 196, American Legion; D. C. Willis, past commander, Heart of Texas Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Ernest Jones, editor of the Brownwood Bulletin, and James C. White, publisher of the Brownwood Banner.

Mr. Mayes submitted the committee's request to the state park board, of which he is a member, that the name of the park be changed to 36th Division State Park at Lake Brownwood.

All living members of the 36th and other Texas war veterans will be invited to an elaborate ceremony at the park after the war.

- Bn., Dallas.
Major James M. Delmar, 22nd Bn., Houston.
Major Jacob A. Harris, 36th Bn., San Antonio.
Major John H. Alvis, 10th Bn., Abilene.

American Legion Liaison Committee

Major Edward F. Ridell, Austin, Rules Committee and Parliamentarian
Major William H. Collier, Dallas, Executive Committee Meeting Board of directors meeting with executive committee those attend- Woodsboro.

Publications Committee.

Major Vincent Chiodo, 7th Bn., Houston, chairman.
Major Samuel R. Haggard, Houston.

Capt. Robert M. Carter, 19th Bn., Dallas.

Capt. Joseph M. Murphy, 2nd Bn., Houston.

Capt. Stewart Harkrider, 5th Bn., Austin.

Nominating Committee

Major Lloyd M. Bentsen, 31st Bn., Mission, chairman.

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11th Medicos Treat Injury



Pvt. George Newby, 11th Battalion, being treated for blistered feet on a recent maneuver. Members of the Medical Detachment shown in the picture are, left to right: Capt. R. E. White, Sgt. Jack Rudd, Lt. D. G. Posey, and Pfc. J. L. Davis.

11th Battalion Holds Parade And Maneuver

By FIRST LT. R. E. CAPSHAW
The 11th Battalion was alerted for 6 p. m. Saturday, September 9, at which time a parade of the entire battalion in full equipment was ordered. The parade traversed the length of the business section of Chadbourne street, led by the Good-fellow Field Air Force band, which is directed by Warrant Officer Antonio Coppola.

On arrival at the Company A armory, the battalion was entrucked, and proceeded several miles north of San Angelo to the fair grounds, where shelter halves were set up in company streets, and an interior guard was established. After evening mess, training films were shown. Following the training session, men who were not on duty were given passes into San Angelo, returning to the post not later than 11:30.

Sunday was open house, and following the religious services at 8 o'clock by Capt. Rodney Gibson, battalion chaplain, the public was given a demonstration by companies, of mob and riot control, and street fighting. In a competitive manual of arms drill, a team from Company B, commanded by Capt. E. K. Kelley, was judged the winner, and one of the team members, Staff Sgt. Charles T. Frieble, won an elimination manual of arms drill.

Company rifle teams competed for high score, and the team match was won by Company E, of Ballinger, scoring a total of 492 out of a possible 600.

Team members and their individual scores were: Sgt. Joe W. Baxter, 81; Pfc. Walter Midgeley, 89; Pvt. Herman B. Scoggins, 70; Sgt. Thomas A. Caudle, 86; Sgt. Marlin A. Foy, 87; and First Lt. Otto C. Sykes, 79. High individual score was won by Sgt. James W. Partin,

with a 91 out of a possible 100. Sgt. Partin is a member of Company A. Members of the winning drill team were, besides Sgt. Frieble, Sgt. A. G. McLaughlin, Sgt. Alvin G. Hudgens, Cpl. James M. Williams, and Pfc. Alfons W. Palowski.

Committees—

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- Major Allen D. Rooke, 21st Bn., Woodsboro.
- Major Jefferson D. Dickey, 35th Bn., director.
- Capt. Charles Chandler Hoag, director of 43rd Bn.
- Capt. Lawson H. Richardson, 2nd T. & R.
- Capt. Sam V. Stone, 6th Bn., director.
- Capt. Si Johnston, 5th Bn., director.
- Capt. A. L. Dodge, 36th Bn., director
- Major Julian A. Weslow, 48th Bn.,

executive committee.

- Lt. Bryan S. Culpepper, 16th Bn.
- Major Emmett T. Grimes, 6th Bn.
- Major John H. Alvis, 10th Bn., director.
- Major Don Hinga, Guardsman.
- Capt. William A. Sammons, 47th Bn., director.
- Capt. Dan C. Sparks, 50th Bn., director.
- Capt. C. F. Murray, 2nd Bn., director.
- Lt. A. L. Nibling, Guardsman.
- Capt. Joseph E. Cassidy, 3rd Bn., T. & R. director.
- Capt. A. N. Johnson, 28th Bn.
- Major M. P. Lymberry, 28th Bn., director.
- Capt. E. C. Bone, 34th Bn.
- Major Ed Riedel, executive committee.
- Capt. J. A. Peach, 19th Bn.
- Capt. W. E. Yarrow, 32nd Bn., director.
- Major J. A. Delmar, 22nd Bn., director.
- Major Ed D. Konken, executive committee.
- Major Lloyd M. Bentsen, executive committee, chairman of the board.
- Capt. Carl C. Hardin, executive committee.
- Major H. W. Stilwell, executive

"And A Tread Off The Old Tank"

A tow headed four-year-old boy, dashing down a Washington avenue on his scooter, yelled, "Out of my way, lady!" as he collided violently with a dignified matron.

"What is your name, young man?" she asked icily.

"George Patton Waters," he replied in very audible tones.

"Are you related to the General?" she asked.

"Grandson," he replied, now some distance away on his non-armored transport, "and a tread off the old tank."

Grandson George's father, Lt. Col. John Waters, received a Silver Star for leading his detachment

against the Germans in Tunisia. He was captured in the action and is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

What GI Joes Ate On Thanksgiving

If any GI went hungry this coming Thanksgiving Way, it will be because he is AWOL or so sick he can't eat. The master menu served in every mess of the Armed Forces in continental United States was as follows:

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- Roast Turkey with Giblet Sauce
- Sage Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes
- String Beans
- Corn
- Cranberry Sauce
- Celery Olives Pickles
- Hot Rolls Butter
- Apples Tangerines Candy Nuts
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Company C, 40th, Got First Taste Of Action Early

When you write about the history of Company C, 40th Battalion, you go back to a freezing cold night just after Pearl Harbor.

Company C had been sworn in just a few months and was just beginning to hit its military stride when the Japs sneaked over their attack on Pearl Harbor.

The next thing Capt. Lloyd Tarver knew he got a call from Jones Field, a primary training field for the army at Bonham. Maj. B. S. Graham, in command, needed armed guards badly.

Captain Wainwright called his men out for interior guard duty. For twenty bitterly cold nights his men did duty in cotton uniforms and won high praise and appreciation for their work.

Company C was sworn in in April 1941 with Capt. Arthur Wainwright, company commander and Lloyd Tarver and Jack Leonard platoon commanders. Captain Wainwright, after a time, was transferred to battalion headquarters at Sherman, and First Lt. Tarver was raised to company commander.

Pvt. Ed Rogers, who served with Company C during these 20 nights, has been reported as prisoner of war in the German concentration camp, having been shot down while piloting a B-24 bomber on his 42nd mission over Germany. Lt. Rogers volunteered in the air corps while a member of the State Guard in Bonham.

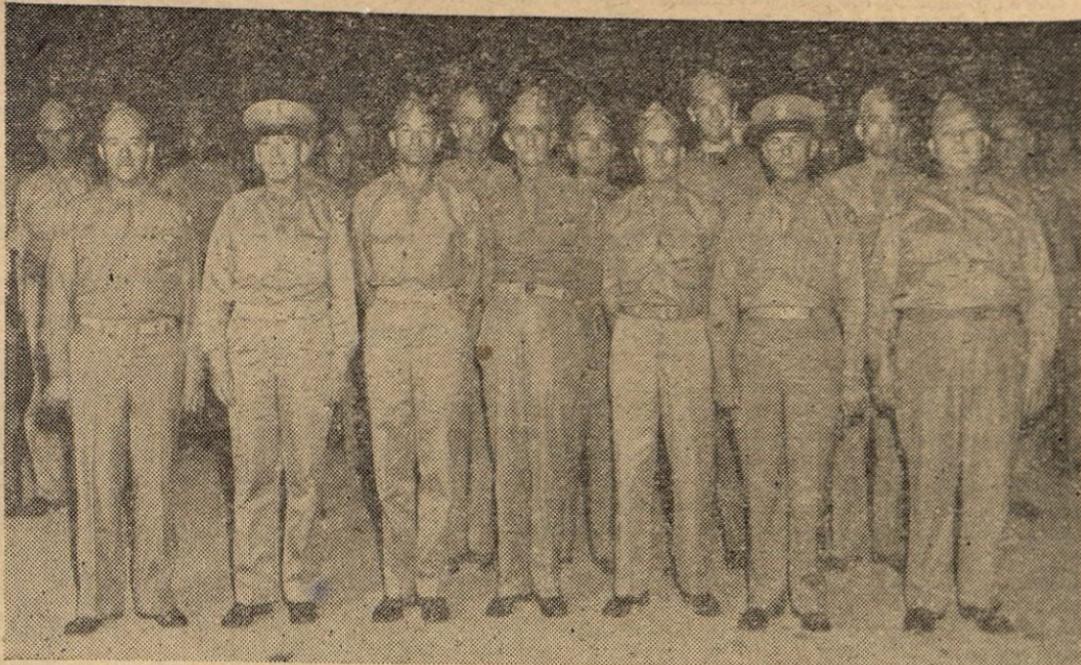
Upon resignation of Capt. Lloyd Tarver, John C. Farmer, who had risen from the ranks, was commissioned captain and made commanding officer of Company C, ably assisted by W. A. Barr and Edgar Womack as platoon commanders. On June 9, 1943, Captain Farmer resigned to enter the armed services as a volunteer. He is now Lt. Jno. C. Farmer of the Marine Corps.

Succeeding John C. Farmer was Willie Barr. Captain Barr had served with the Guard in nearly every capacity in the three years and five months that he has been with Company C. The platoon commanders under Captain Barr are First Lt. Edgar Womack and Second Lt. V. E. Hawes. Both Captain Barr and Lieutenant Womack are veterans of World War I, having seen action in France.

Company C is represented all over the world in every branch of the service. Company C has an honor roll of over 100 men who have gone into service.

First Well
In 1859 Col. E. L. Drake struck oil at Titusville, Penn.—the first oil well in the United States.

Staff Of Alert 40th Battalion



One of the most alert battalions in the Texas State Guard, and one which has been rather hiding its light under a bushel of modesty, is the 40th in the Sherman-Bonham area.

The camera recently caught the officers of the 40th on a maneuver, and they are shown

above. Left to right, front row: Maj. John T. Nall (since picture made promoted to lieutenant colonel); Maj. George E. Watkins, inspecting officer for Eighth Service Command; Capt. Curley, inspecting officer for the Eighth Service Command; Capt. Claude A. Morrison (since picture made

promoted to the rank of major); Lt. V. E. Burlison, Sherman; Capt. William B. Evans, Sherman; Lt. Potter, Sherman.

Second row, left to right: Capt. Willie A. Barr, commander Company C, Bonham; First Lt. Edgar Womack, Bonham; Second Lt. Velpeau E. Hawes, Bonham; First Sgt. Martin R. Epley, Bonham.

Where Do We Go—

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what kind of a State militia we are going to have when the war is over. Of this much I can assure you: Whatever the form, it will be big enough to need every man of you who wants to continue in the service, and who can pass the physical. Do not be alarmed that anybody is going to displace you, who have performed so tirelessly at home during the war.

I rather think that the post-war militia will be much like the National Guard, the famous Thirty-sixth Division, which has distinguished itself from Salerno through Cassino to the German frontier. We ought to keep its name, and live up to its reputation.

Whatever its name or its form,

there will be room for every willing and able-bodied man of the Texas State Guard. Our problem then, as the problem with military organizations always is and will be, not to find places for the men we have, but to find them for the places.

There will be a place for each of you in the future. There is a great place for you today in the Texas State Guard.

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48th Goes On—

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tire range policed and the battalion assembled in formation before the control tower, and presented the troops to the battalion commander. Major Weslow in an address then praised the men highly for their excellent conduct on the range, the large number of qualifications, and the excellent scores of nearly all the remainder, who attained a near qualifying record. Major Weslow particularly praised the work of

Captain Pierce as range officer,	
Captain Jameson and Lieutenant	
Pfc. Leon A. Lewis	59
Pfc. Bernard Vise	61
Pvt. Percy W. Turk	62
Company B	
1Sgt. George C. Nockolds	69
S/Sgt. George N. Caridas	65
S/Sgt. James H. Gibson	61
S/Sgt. Raymond C. Rockwell	61
Sgt. Herbert M. Riedel	60
Cpl. John E. Goebel	67
Pfc. Edwin Craig	67
Pfc. Arthur F. Huse	60
Pfc. Robert L. Keelin	59
Pvt. Harry M. Fairston	68
Pvt. Clifford G. Trahan	69
Pvt. Homer D. Willis	59
Company C	
Sgt. James C. Matteson	66
Sgt. Arno Petry	61
Cpl. Charles B. Nilson	64
Cpl. Lawrence L. Shannon	59
Pvt. Louis J. Alexander	60
Pvt. Joe A. Delgado	60
Pvt. Jesse Esparza	59
Pvt. Ernest L. Hopper	66
Pvt. Jesse C. Martinez	60
Pvt. Agapito T. Rodriguez	62
Company D	
S/Sgt. James V. Descant	64
S/Sgt. Arthur L. Sweitzer	69
Sgt. John W. Bigby	63
Pfc. Johnnie L. Goodman	61
Pvt. William C. Byrd	69
Pvt. Stephen P. Eminian	61
Pvt. Lloyd H. Jones	63
Pvt. Francis H. Keller	70
Pvt. John F. Miller	62
Pvt. Edgar E. Pennington	60

Ayo on the mess, and Lieutenant Robinson on the communication system, which functioned perfectly, and thanked all the other officers for their excellent work. The troops were dismissed to their unit commanders at 1700 and the battalion entrucked, returned to the armory, cleaned and stored equipment, and were dismissed individually.

Those qualifying are indicated below:

EXPERT RIFLEMAN		
Name	Unit	Score
Pfc. Jesse A. Bonin	Company B	78
Pfc. Louis DeLaine	Company B	78
SHARPSHOOTER		
S/Sgt. Arnold H. Marquart	Company D	75
Sgt. William W. Cox	Company B	73
Sgt. Carl N. Gautney	Company B	74
Sgt. Robert J. Harrell	Hq. Det.	73
Sgt. Hugh V. Juenger	Company B	74
Cpl. Byron F. Casin	Company C	73
MARKSMAN		
Company A		
S/Sgt. Aaron L. Finger		64
SSgt. Chester Grevesky		68
S/Sgt. Lawrence L. Hart		61
Sgt. Paul B. Hoefle		64
Sgt. John L. Lambert		61
Sgt. Dale M. Read		66
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T/5 Dwane L. Mason		60
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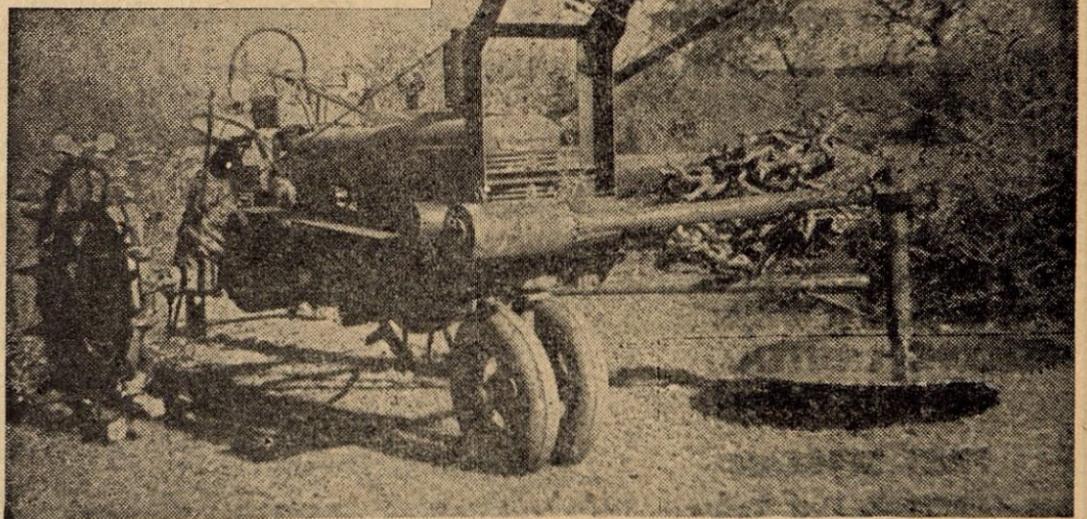
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Changes Made In Staff Of 31st Battalion

By LT. MYNATT SMITH

Several changes in the commissioned officer staff of the 31st Battalion, TSG, have been announced by Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen of Mission, commanding officer.

The Major announced the promotion of Lt. Murray D. Hensley of McAllen to the rank of captain to command the battalion's service detachment, quartered at McAllen. Captain Hensley succeeds Capt. J. B. Ashcraft, who recently resigned when he moved to Harlingen. Captain Ashcraft had commanded the detachment since its formation in December, 1943, and prior to that had served as first lieutenant commanding the battalion's headquarters detachment, which was reorganized in January, 1943. To succeed Captain Hensley, Major Bentsen announced that First Sgt. Mynatt Smith had been discharged and commissioned a lieutenant with the service unit.

Two other resignations in the battalion were those of Capt. Grant Montgomery, who has commanded Company D at Alamo, and First Lt. Leland A. Smith of Company A, Mission. Captain Montgomery recently sold his Alamo canning plant to a group of Alamo business men and plans to move from this area. Lieutenant Smith has accepted a position with the state headquarters of the American Legion at Austin.

Other changes necessitated by the two resignations have not yet been announced.

Three Majors Promoted

Three majors commanding as many battalions of the Texas State Guard in the Rio Grande Valley became lieutenant colonels on October 12 when a directive from AGO au-

thorizing that rank went into effect.

Raised in rank by the order were Majors Lloyd M. Bentsen of Mission, commanding the 31st Battalion; James B. Taylor of Mercedes, commanding the 26th; and Isadore Dorfman of Brownsville, commanding the 24th.

All of the majors are veterans as State Guard commanders. Colonel Bentsen was sworn in on March 17, 1941, and has commanded the 31st Battalion continuously since that time.

Join In Funeral Services

Company F, Edinburg, TSG, joined in funeral services September 25 for S/Sgt. Ramon V. Lopez of Edinburg, who was killed in action in the invasion of France. The services were a high mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Edinburg, and members of the Edinburg company attended en masse in uniform. Sergeant Lopez was the son of Mrs. Dolores V. Lopez of Edinburg.

At McAllen, Lt. Elmer Copenhaver of Company B TSG, commanded a Texas State Guard firing squad which officiated at funeral services October 11 for the late D. F. (Dud) Baltis, prominent produce shipper. Baltis was so well known for his work in entertaining aviation cadets and officers at Moore Field that not only was the TSG called upon to furnish the firing squad, but a military escort from Moore Field accompanied the body to the grave and the McAllen American Legion post directed services there. Baltis in World War I was an ensign in the Navy.

Guardsmen Aid Playground

When youngsters of Reynosa, Mexico, frolic in the near future in a new public playground now under creation there, they will know that funds contributed by two officers of the Texas State Guard assisted in financing the project.

Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, commander of the Guard and an official visitor at Reynosa on September 15, Mexico's inde-

pendence day, and Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen, commander of the 31st Battalion of the Guard, contributed funds to the project. They presented to Mrs. Rodrigo Gonzalez, wife of the mayor of Reynosa, checks totaling \$160. Mrs. Gonzalez is directing the fund raising for the playground.

Winter Uniforms

The swelling flow of supplies for Texas State Guardsmen left a hint recently that winter can't be far off.

Virtually all units of the 31st Battalion have been checking shipments of boxes filled with O. D. uniforms to be issued for winter use. Among the most popular supplies that have arrived thus far, according to the supply sergeants, are wool-lined, water-proof winter coats that will be issued soon to all men. They take the place of the recently returned C. C. C. mackinaws and jackets.

Lt. Leland A. Smith of Company A, Mission, 31st battalion, was given a real send-off in the October 6 edition of Texas State Guard news on the Mission company, which is carried weekly in the Mission Times.

Leon H. Brown, veteran member of the Mission company and author of its news column, wrote in part:

We very much regret to learn that Company A will lose from its rolls First Lt. L. A. Smith, who expects to move to Austin, Texas, about October 16. Smith will be sorely missed by Company A, which he has served since soon after the early organization of a nucleus drilling unit more than four years ago, in August 1940, which later became Company A, authorized November 4, 1940, by the Adjutant General of Texas to be a company of Texas Defense Guard, more than a year before Pearl Harbor. He has been present at drills or N. C. O. meetings practically every Monday and Wednesday night for some four years, except when out of town. His service has been long and faithful, and in several capacities, a private

Padre Calls Down "Fire From Heaven," Saves Men

Special British Force H. Q., Burma.—Cameronians serving with General Lentaigne's Special Force in North and Central Burma have a high opinion of their padre. They have good reason, for he once saved the situation when they were in a tight corner, by invoking "fire from heaven." At least, that is how the men described it to a Special Force Officer Observer.

The padre is Capt. (the Rev.) Thomas Hawthorn, of Coalburne, Lanarks, and he was right forward with the Cameronians when they were ordered to establish a road block and blow a bridge in the rear of the Japs. A platoon went forward 200 yards to carry out the order. At that time a large Jap force was believed to be five miles away and the C.O. appreciated they would not put in an appearance for about five hours as they were operating in dense jungle.

Suddenly, without warning, at least 50 Japs put in a fierce attack on the platoon. The Cameronians were pinned to the ground and in a very sticky position when the padre came to the rescue.

Grabbing a "walkie-talkie"—it was the first time he had been seen to use one—Padre Hawthorn went right forward and gave a running commentary on the action.

"The padre kept his hand on the wireless mouthpiece and no one else could get a word in," said the C.O., Lt.-Col. W. M. Henning.

But the padre went on calling in the ranks, then as company clerk, then as first sergeant, and for some three years as first lieutenant. During that time he has devoted without compensation many long hours to drills and maneuvers as well as study during extra hours, and has attended the Camp Bullis annual schools for Texas State Guard officers. A World War I artillery officer in France, he has been a valuable addition to Company A.

down the fire and by his presence of mind and accurate observation saved the situation. The whole of the platoon who had gone to ground were able to crawl out carrying their wounded with them. Padre Hawthorn encouraged them with his shouts and not a man was lost.

In fact, the position was so effectively evacuated that the Japs were not aware of it and the Cameronians watched them put in a yelling charge on the vacated area. This gave the machine guns an opportunity to deal terrible havoc amongst the Japs.—Army Times.

The big cruiser was in port, and visitors were being shown around. A seaman was exhibiting a bronze tablet set in the deck.

"And here," went on the guide, "is where our gallant admiral fell." "Well, no wonder," said the nervous old biddy, "I nearly tripped on the damned thing myself."

Tenderly he pushed her quivering shoulders back against the chair. She raised beseeching eyes in which faint hope and fear were struggling. From her parted lips the breath came in short, wrenching gasps. Reassuringly he smiled at her.

A distinguished visitor to a lunatic asylum went to the telephone and found difficulty in getting his connection. Exasperated, he shouted to the operator:

He: "Look here, girl, do you know who I am?"

She: "No, but I know where you are."

A bather whose clothing was strewn

By winds that left her quite nude, Saw a man come along

And unless I am wrong You expected this line to be lewd.

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