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## Colonel Brown 'Sizes Up' Bullis School

### Subcourses For Guard Are Listed

A list of subcourses designed to give progressive, theoretical, inactive-duty training to officers and selected non-commissioned officers of the Texas State Guard has been announced by Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3, of the adjutant general's staff.

The purpose of the subcourses is to prepare Guard personnel to perform efficiently their duties immediately incident to mobilization, and to provide a foundation for active-duty training.

The training memorandum sent to all Guard units reads in part:

#### To Issue Certificates

"Each Battalion Commander will conduct his own subcourses under the direction of a competent instructor selected for each course. These instructors may be commissioned officers of the battalion, from an adjutant battalion or outside source. Certificates of completion will be issued to each officer or enlisted man when his name has been certified to the G-3 Section at Austin. This certificate will be signed by the Instructor of the course, the Battalion Commander, and authenticated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, with the official seal of the Adjutant General's Department, State of Texas.

"The following subcourses have been researched by the Second Training and Research Unit, TSG, and Major Donald W. Peacock, Assistant G-3, and are now available to battalions of the Texas State Guard upon request. Acknowledgment is made to the 36th Battalion at San Antonio for its participation and cooperation in conducting several of the subcourses to date, including Defense Against Chemical Warfare, Communications, Elementary Map Reading, and Riot Control (Military Police).

"Upon application by the Battalion Commander, giving the name and qualifications of the Instructor selected, any of the subcourses listed will be authorized, together with the lesson outline, references, and other pertinent information necessary for the successful conduct of the course. These are not correspondence courses. They are similar to the correspondence

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### Names, Addresses Of Guardsmen Now Overseas Needed

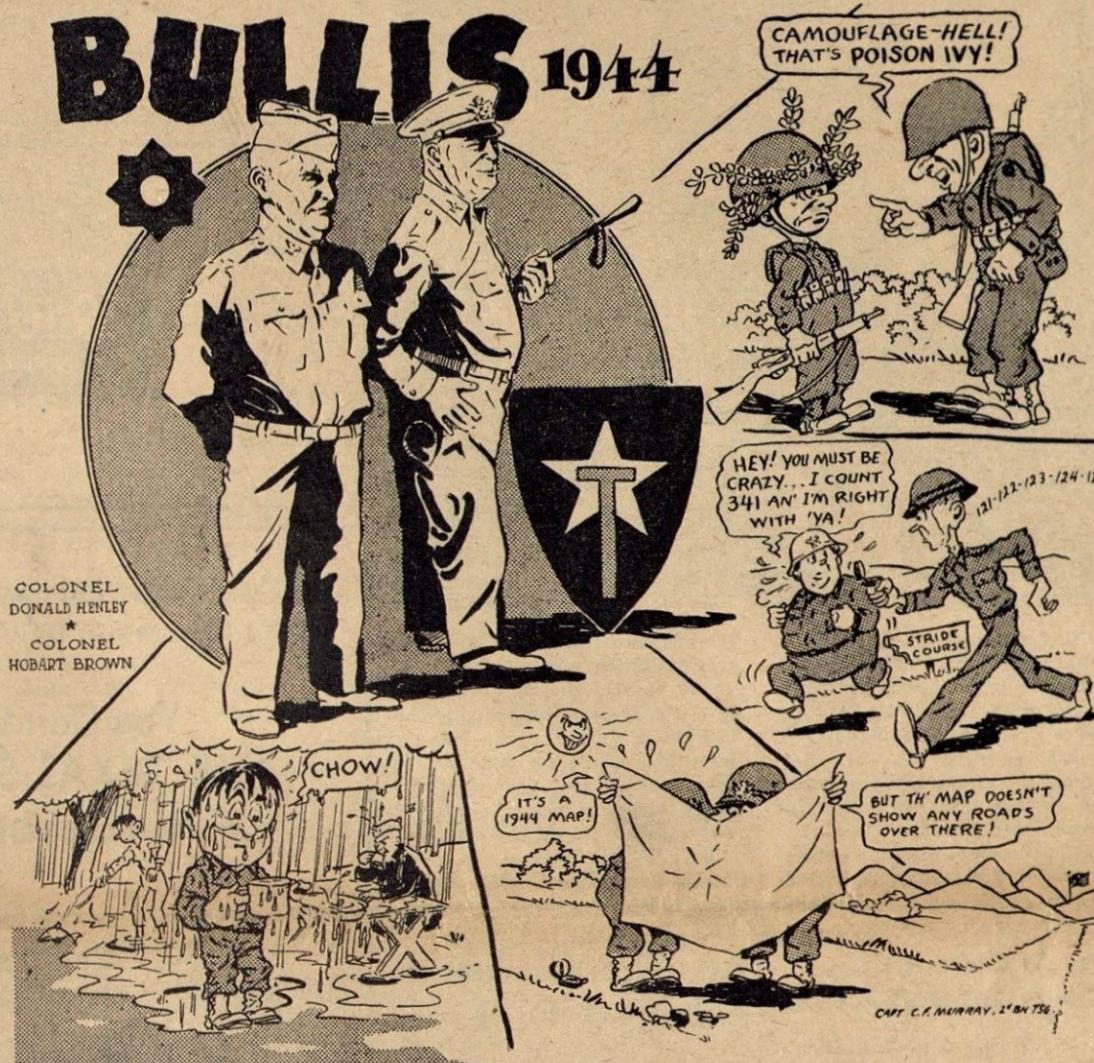
The Guardsman has received many letters from former Guardsmen now serving overseas, saying how much they have enjoyed copies of The Guardsman sent them.

And a lot more Guardsmen are going to have this same pleasure.

Quite a number of persons over the state have sent in subscriptions to The Guardsman—more than The Guardsman has names to take up these subscriptions.

So, we are asking that each unit commander send The Guardsman the names and addresses of men from their units who are on duty in foreign lands. We want to pass these subscriptions along to these men.

If you'll get them in promptly, we'll send them the next edition.



COLONEL DONALD HENLEY  
COLONEL HOBART BROWN

### Policy For Training Is Called Sound

A critique on the Texas State Guard school, conducted during July by the Eighth Service Command at Camp Bullis, has been submitted to Gen. Richard Donovan by Col. Hobart M. Brown, school commandant. The report also was forwarded to Adjutant General Arthur B. Knickerbock, commander of the Texas State Guard.

In a letter to General Knickerbocker, Colonel Brown commended the adjutant general's staff for the assistance given in the preparation and staging of the school.

#### Colonel Brown's Letter

Colonel Brown wrote General Knickerbocker:

"From the very beginning of the planning and preparation for this school every assistance was given me physically and morally by you and the members of your staff. The detail of three officers from your headquarters was of distinct advantage to the school, and their knowledge of the personnel of the Guard was of great value in maintaining proper discipline and morale. It is recommended that such a detail be added to the staff of next year's school. It is further recommended that State Guard personnel attending the school as observers be again placed under the command of the Senior Liaison Officer in order that their activities may be thoroughly coordinated with the policies of the Commandant.

"Your policy concerning the specialized training and grouping of Field and Staff Officers, Company Officers and Officer Candidate Students has proven to be in the best interest of efficient training, and it is recommended that this plan be continued, with even more specialized training for each of these three groups.

#### Training Policy Sound

"After this brief experience it is my belief that your general training policy is sound, and it is my recommendation that the Texas State Guard soldier continue to be trained along the lines of your present policy. A well-trained infantry soldier can act efficiently and intelligently under any circumstances and is prepared to perform any mission assigned him independently or in cooperation with Federal Military Forces.

"Your request to stress the application of military courtesy was carefully complied with, and the wisdom of that training was dem-

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## Guard Officers Association Meets In Austin On October 8-9

The annual convention of the Texas State Guard Officers Association will be held in Austin on October 8 and 9, Capt. Carl Hardin, Jr., adjutant of the association, announces.

Date of the convention was set after a poll of the several hundred members of the association was taken.

Major Peacock urged every member of the association to attend the meeting and take part in the discussions.

On of the most important matters to come before the convention will be the suggestion made by Captain Hobart Huson, S-1, 21st Battalion, Refugio, that plans be made for an organization to include both officers and enlisted men of the Texas State Guard.

This organization would be open to all officers and men who have served in the Guard from the time of its organization and throughout the present war.

The suggestion was presented in a letter to Major Donald W. Peacock, president of the officers association, which was read at a meeting of the arrangements committee for the convention held in Austin on August 27.

The committee approved a resolution that Captain Huson's proposal be placed on the convention program and offered two amendments to the original idea. These were that all applicants for membership in this association must be approved by their unit commander and that associate memberships be made available to all persons who have aided the guard in a financial way.

Captain Huson suggested that the organization might be known as "The Texas Legion," or a similar name, according to the wishes of the convention.

"It seems to me," the captain wrote, "that if such an organization was projected and publicity given at this time that it might help recruiting, as the organization might be a very powerful one after the war and many

### Guard Officers Association Now Has 800 Members

Seventy-nine new members have joined the Texas State Guard Officers' Association during the month of July, now raising the total membership to approximately 800 officers, a large majority of the commissioned personnel of the Texas State Guard.

New memberships continue to come in daily, and it is hoped that by the time of the annual convention October 8, the association will total 1,000 members. With many matters of great importance on the agenda for the convention, and the election of new officers for the coming year, every officer in the Guard should belong to the association.

Dues, which include a year's individual subscription to The Guardsman, are \$5.00 for Field Officers (Majors and above), \$3.00 for Captains, and \$2.00 for Lieutenants. Send your dues to Capt. Carl C. Hardin, Jr., Adjutant, Texas State Guard Officers' Association, P. O. Box 1151, Austin 3, Texas.

probably would like to make themselves eligible to be identified with it."

"The association has accomplished a great deal for the general betterment of the Texas State Guard during the past year," says Major Peacock, "and it will accomplish a great deal more in years to come if every member takes an active part.

"One of the best places to take that active part is in the state convention.

"The convention offers a fine forum for a free and lively exchange of ideas from every member. This exchange should benefit everyone. The suggestion you might have to make might prove of inestimable value to your neighboring battalion or one far across the state.

"The criticism you might have to make might well result in improvement of the Guard in every section.

"While we have accomplished a lot in 1943, there is still a great work to be done in Texas by the State Guard. In Austin we will discuss plans whereby this great work can be carried out."

An interesting and instructive program is being worked out. Full details of the program will be carried in the October issue of The Guardsman.

One of the most important items on the program is the election of a new slate of officers to carry on the work of the association during the coming year.

And—

Officers who attended the convention last year know that the annual meeting will not be all work.

Watch subscription expiration date after your name. Report any error in name, address or date promptly. Last time Mailing List was corrected: August 24th. Changes since then will appear in next correction.

### Army Times Put On Preferred List

Washington.—In a survey initiated in May by the Army Service Forces, the soldiers indicated a preference for Army Times, as a result of which Army Times has been placed on a preferred list of magazines of general circulation.

The survey, conducted in order to carry into effect the provisions of the new Federal voting law, established a list of 189 magazines according to the War Department.

Under the law, the Army is permitted to make available to soldiers magazines of general circulation in the United States, irrespective of political content, if a preference therefor by soldiers is determined under a reliable method established by the Secretary of War.

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## Veteran Warrior, Guardsman Gets Diploma From Thomas



Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, assistant chief of staff, G-3, presents the graduation certificate of the 36th Battalion's Military Police School to First Sgt. W. W. Woods, Company E, 36th Battalion, a veteran of two years and eight months service in the Texas State Guard.

Sgt. Woods is the proud owner of the Certificate of Merit awarded him at Mindanao, Philippine

Islands, on February 13, 1903. He was the fifth man in the U. S. Army to receive the Certificate of Merit. It was issued during the Philippine Insurrection. Having lost this certificate by fire, it was replaced by the Congressional Medal of Honor. Later it was called in by the government, and in lieu thereof he was given the Distinguished Service Medal and Purple Heart.

### Identification Cards Will Be Issued Vets

Washington.—So that discharged veterans of World War II as well as of all previous wars can readily establish their identity with the United States Employment Service in seeking employment, the War Manpower Commission an-

nounces that it will have available in the near future identification cards obtainable upon application. Entitlement to these cards, which is to be first identification system established, will be through discharge certificates for service men and women in World War II, World War I, Spanish-American War, Philippine Rebellion of 1898, and the Boxer rebellion of 1900.

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### New Antiaircraft Gun Costs \$100,000 A Unit

Erie Proving Grounds, Ohio.—Demonstration of the new 120-mm. anti-aircraft cannon, capable of out-reaching the highest-flying bombers, was made here by Army ordnance experts.

The new 30-ton mobile monster, which costs more than \$100,000 per unit, has a potential firing rate of 12 shells a minute. It requires a crew of 19 and its control mechanism is highly secret.

Newest feature of the gun is an automatic rammer, which sets a 50-pound shell in the breech, adjusts its fuse and rams home a semi-fixed charge of powder.

### Invasion Gliders Salvaged 'On Fly'

A Field in Normandy.—When a C-47 transport sky train swooped over this field, snatched a D-Day glider up in the air and towed it back to England, it inaugurated the new Army salvage program for the motorless box-cars.

According to Col. Glynne M. Jones, Ninth Troops Carrier Command officer, this was the first time that the gliders had been reclaimed on the fly from the combat areas from anything but prepared landing strips.

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**Subcourses**

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courses formerly used by the National Guard and Officers Reserve Corps, but are to be conducted under the "troop school" plan."

**Subcourses Listed**

Following are the subcourses listed:

- Number, Subject and Hours:
- 1. **Administration** (5 lessons), 10 hours. Organization of the Texas State Guard; the essentials of small unit mobilization, military correspondence, company reports, use of reference books, etc.
- 2. **Military Discipline, Courtesies and Customs** (3 lessons), 6 hours.
- 3. **Interior Guard Duty** (3 lessons), 6 hours.
- 4. **Cover and Concealment: Scouts and Patrols** (4 lessons), 8 hours. Tactical Training of the Individual Soldier.
- 5. **Security and Information** (4 lessons), 8 hours. Conduct of scouts and patrols and their uses and duties; the writing of messages, security measures to be adopted by small forces while on the march, at a halt, or in bivouac.
- 6. **Military Sanitation and First Aid** (4 lessons), 8 hours. Elementary sanitation with special reference to the protection and maintenance of the health and physical efficiency of personnel, including first aid for non-combat injuries. (Should be taught by a Medical Officer.)
- 7. **Riot Control** (5 lessons) 10 hours. Duties of Military Police, Traffic Control, Control of Crowds and Mobs, Technique of Arrest and Search, Important General Rules of Riot Control.
- 8. **Map Reading** (5 lessons), 10 hours. Orientation; direction; distances; vertical and horizontal; slope; visibility; conventional signs; coordinates of maps; use of the compass; preparation of march graphs.
- 9. **Communications** (5 lessons), 10 hours. Field wire line construction, field wire splices, field wire ties, telephone switchboard operation, use of the field telephone, use of the message book, infantry battalion communications, message center procedure.
- 10. **Defense Against Chemical Warfare** (5 lessons) 10 hours. Defense against chemical agents; elementary knowledge of chemical agents, chemical weapons, and their use from the viewpoint of protection. Use of gas in domestic disturbances.

**Guard Humor**

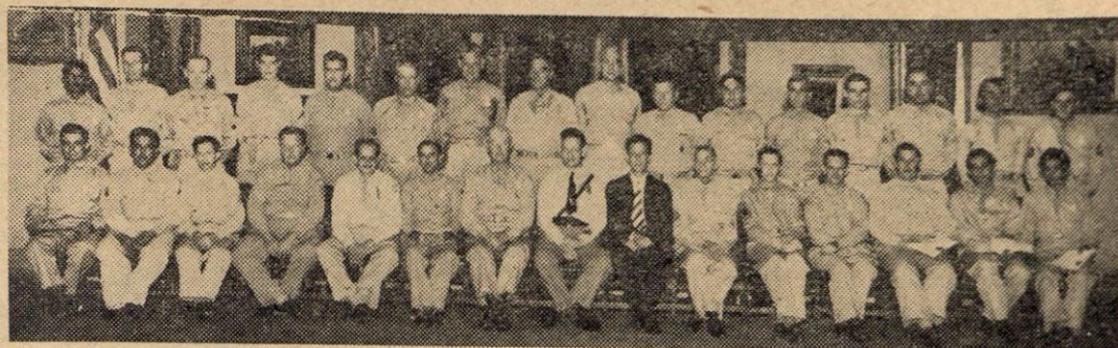
Company B, 2nd Battalion, Houston, recently held an amateur night show. S/Sgt. Norman Charlton sent the following waggish cracks that were in the show to The Guardsman, thinking that other Guardsmen over the state might enjoy them.

A rather funny thing happened out on Bivouac last night. During the evening Colonel Henley decided to make the rounds of the guard posts and one of the sentries shouted: "HALT! Who's there?" The Colonel replied, "Colonel Henley." A few minutes elapsed and the sentry did nothing about it. Finally the Colonel started to move on and the guard shouted, "HALT!" The Colonel, very much aggravated, said, "Well, I am halted. Don't you know your general orders? What in the hell are you going to do?" The guard replied: "I don't know, but you damn sure are going to stand there until I find out."

You know our tactical officers have really had a job on their hands during this training program. The other night Major Peacock was out walking around checking the guard, when one of the sentries stopped him and said, "HALT! Who goes there?" The Major replied, "The officer of the day." The sentry replied, "Well, what in the hell are you doing out this time of night?"

It seems that there were many young ladies working out at one of the defense plants around Houston, God bless the ladies. All of the girls were requested to wear their badge over the right breast so that it could be plainly seen by the

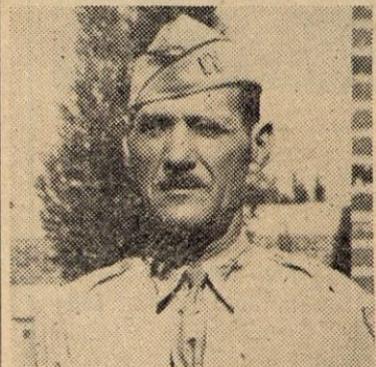
**Class In Guard Police School At San Antonio**



Pictured above is the class at the 36th Battalion's Military Police school held at San Antonio in August.

First row, left to right: E. Kleeman, S. Medrano, Jose Garza, H. Meckel, P. Raffa, S. Neiman, A. J. Goetz, Capt. E. Bo-

**Commerce Captain**



Commerce is the home station of Company D of the 42nd Battalion, one of the outstanding Guard units of its section of the state. Capt. William W. Cagle, shown above, is commanding officer of the Commerce unit.

guards when checking them out of the plant. One evening one of the more buxom damsels came out of the plant wearing the badge on the right rear, instead of the breast. The guard stopped her and said, "Say! what in the ..... is the idea of wearing the badge there?" Said the fair buxom one, "Why not? You never look any higher."

And then we have the last one of the evening. Right after Lt. York came into the service he wrote home to a friend that he had been raised on a dairy farm and he had milked so many cows that each time he shook hands with a person he found himself shaking hands one finger at a time.

It seems that Captain Nelson was questioning a private not long ago about some items of interior guard duty. The captain asked the rookie: "Suppose you were out on a dark, lonely, isolated post and someone came up from behind you and put their arms around you, pinning your rifle on your shoulder, what would you do?" The rookie replied: "Let go, Honey."

**Military Police School Held By 36th Battalion**

San Antonio.—A Military Police school of the 36th Battalion, TSG, was closed August 4 with the presentation of certificates to thirty graduates by Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, on behalf of General Knickerbocker.

The school was organized by Lt. Col. Thomas, Major Donald W. Peacock, Assistant G-3, General Staff, TSG; Major Jacob A. Harris, commanding 36th Battalion, TSG; Lt. A. J. Goetz, intelligence officer, 36th Battalion, TSG, and Capt. E. P. Bogasch of the Training Division of the San Antonio police department. Valuable assistance in conducting the school was afforded by Fire and Police Commissioner P. L. Anderson of San Antonio.

Thirty hours of instruction was given in the following subjects: General duties of military police, personal descriptions, traffic control and enforcement, crowd control and riots, law of arrest and search, interrogation, physical evidence, and explosives and crank bombs.

And by the way, in closing let me remind all of you that if you have any problems in connection with the old Army game of "Tug of War" refer these problems to Colonel Thomas—he's an expert!

**Heating Plants Easily Converted**

It will be no problem to convert many oil-burning heating systems to coal, say combustion engineers, because a survey in anthracite territory in the East revealed that almost 90 per cent of the domestic oil-burning installations were originally designed for coal and were using substantially the same boiler as has formerly been designed for coal.

**'Careless Matches'**

Reminding everyone who visits the woods this year that "Careless Matches Aid the Axis," the U. S. Forest service reports that 465 more forest fires were caused by willful or careless acts of man during the first six months of 1942 than during the same period last year.

gash, Instructor; Geo. Bixel, Traf. Eng., Police Department; W. W. Woods, G. Bennett, S. Pokloff, G. Garza, A. Urrabaza, F. Ramirez. Second row, left to right: R. Paez, J. Stedham, W. Ward, M. Singleton, L. Ortiz, B. Saenger, R. Hamilton, Col. M. R. Finney, R. Hall, M. Panaygin, J. Botello, C. Allison, R. Elmen-dorf, J. Brune, R. Lopez, Gus A. Beurshausen.

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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.

### It's Not All Work Deep In The Jungle

U. S. Army Forces on New Britain—"Tropical Topics of 1944," a musical comedy produced by Army Engineers, has played its 29th performance in Volcano bowl before an audience of thousands of jungle soldiers.

The show was broadcast on an imaginary jungle network, sponsored by "Carter's Little Atabrine Pills," a remedy for rock happiness and lonesomeness in this forgotten part of the world.

### Dropping An 'E' Causes Stir At Camp

Special service staff members of 103rd Division Artillery at Camp Howze sat puzzled in their new recreation hall office the other day.

Visitors, they noticed, would halt in front of the door, look quizzically at it, then break into a smile.

A quick inspection sent Pvt. Edmund Butler, Service battery, 928th Field Artillery battalion, out with a paint brush to add an "e" to the "Moral" in the sign "Special and Moral Services Section."

## Erhard Neuse Knows Value Of Training

Pfc. Erhard (Red) Neuse, U. S. Marine Reserve, expresses his appreciation for instruction he received while a member of the Co. C. 36th Bn., TSG, in a letter recently received by Co. C.

Neuse was squad leader in the New Braunfels organization with a 100% attendance record. After reaching the age of 18, he enlisted in the Marines to avenge the imprisonment of his brother in Japan. He was included in a Marine garrison and was taken over by Japs in the Singapor area during Pearl Harbor. The letter reads as follows: Hello Buddies:

I thought that I would drop you a few lines to let all of you know how I am getting along out here. I am doing just fine and I hope that this letter will find all of you the same. How are things getting along back home these days?

I get The Guardsman regularly now so I can sort of keep up with all that happens back home while I am gone. I see according to it that you had and are having a lot of target practice on the home range. Well, I sure hope that the government will let you keep it up because some day it may come in handy if you know how to fire a rifle.

I also see that all the high honors that are given out go to the younger men of the Guard. What's holding up you older men? Come on, let's get hot, what do you say? Some of the older men are doing pretty good and some are doing very good, but let's have more like that.

Well, Capt. Schumann, or whoever gets this letter, I really am proud of the Texas State Guard and what it is doing in this war. Tell all the members to keep up the good work, or even better, post this letter on the bulletin board if you wish so all can read.

The training that I got while I was in the Guard has really come in handy out here. Tell all the men, especially the younger men, to get all that they can out of the training that you are giving them because some day it may help you save your life.

### Midway Isle Fliers Teach Birds To Fly

Santa Monica, Calif.—It's reversing the usual procedure but on Midway Island they're teaching birds to fly.

According to Douglas Aircraft officials a dive-bomber pilot found a brood of gony birds deserted by their parents. He became their advisor and flight instructor.

The fledglings were afraid to try their wings so he herded them into the airship and rigged up the prop of his plane.

The gonies soared into the air—but when the prop was stopped they tumbled to the ground. He herded them back and tried again. On the third try the gonies got the idea.

## Pfc. Erhard Neuse



## Quiet Boy Of 19 Is Hero Of Sergeant

Washington.—The bravest man he saw in Italy was Pvt. Frank J. Bell of Pittsburgh, who volunteered to repair a wire mortar line, said Sgt. William Alcorn, infantryman of Baltimore, just returned from overseas duty with the 36th Infantry Division, and whose statement was released by the War Department.

Alcorn, said Bell, was a slight, quiet boy of 19, who calmly crawled into the danger zone, lit a cigaret and went about his work without a moment's hesitation. When mortar shells landed close to him he would rise to his knees and shake his fist at the Germans.

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### Cook Carries Food To Foxholes, Wins Star

Washington.—The Bronze Star Award is a rare thing for a cook to receive, but T/4 Banks H. Buzbee, of Idabel, Okla., a cook with the 45th Infantry Division, has been honored with it for "meritorious service in direct support of combat operations" at Anzio.

Sergeant Buzbee, who is now back in the United States, says Anzio was so hot he didn't get much time to cook. His story was released by the War Department.

"It was too dangerous to do any mass feeding of hot chow at Anzio," said the infantry cook. "We were up against it to get any kind of food to the outposts and front lines."

Sergeant Buzbee spent most of his time crawling from foxhole to foxhole with canned and packaged rations for the men and did most of his work at night. In addition to the Bronze Star, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.

During his duty with the 45th, he took part in the invasion of Sicily, the Sicily campaign, the fighting at Salerno, the slow march toward Cassino, and finally the Anzio landing and campaign.—Army Times.

### Donna Guard Unit Captures Rifle Match

By **FIRST SGT. MYNATT SMITH**  
Serv. Det. 31st Bn.

Texas State Guardsmen who learned their firing in long hours on both indoor and outdoor ranges dominated the first annual Rio Grande Valley Small Bore Rifle Tournament in McAllen Aug. 3, when teams from Donna and McAllen tied for first place in the meet, Donna winning in a decision handed down by the range officer.

Company E, 31st Battalion, of Donna, commanded by Capt. J. H. Vertrees, was the winning team, and in effect the Donna men scored an upset for they had been entered as a class B team only to shoot in class A fashion and come out winners of the tournament.

The tie was between Company E and Company B, McAllen, also of the 31st Battalion. The two five-man teams turned in identical scores of 488 out of 500 each, with 28 shots in the X circle. The teams also furnished two of the high individual scorers of the meet. Sgt. Tom Cole of Donna posted a perfect 100 with eight X's, while Lt. Lee Smith of McAllen had a perfect 100 with six X's.

#### High Scores

Captain Vertrees and James Brown, shooting on Donna's State Guard class A team, turned in scores of 100 each with seven X's each, but the team score was one short of tying with the winning squads—487 out of 500, but with 29 X's against 28 for the others.

The McAllen Pistol & Rifle Club, which sponsored the tourney, ranked fourth in the team standings with a score of 485x500. A member of this team, Border Patrolman Jerry Stephens, was high individual for the shoot with 100 and nine X's.

Another State Guardsman, Capt. J. B. Ashcraft of the service detachment team of McAllen, was among the high scorers, tying with

### Top Marksman



(Photo by Mynatt Smith)

Sgt. Cole of Donna as second high individual with a card of 100 and eight X's.

Other State Guard teams firing in the matches were Company D, Alamo, of the 31st Battalion, and Company D, Weslaco, of the 26th Battalion.

The meet was one of the largest ever held here and attracted entries not only from Guard units and private clubs, but from Moore Field as well.

Guard members who served as scorers were Capt. Vertrees of Donna and First Sgt. Mynatt Smith of McAllen.

Donna's winning State Guard rifle team is pictured above. Left to right are Lt. Gordon Wood, Sgt. H. E. Hoffhine, Sgt. Don Shelton, Sgt. Homer Stowe and Sgt. Tom Cole.

### Japs Go Scooting Clad In Underwear

Talasea, New Britain.—Pfc. Edward L. Korwald, Lewiston, Mont., will never forget how he came to be awarded the Purple Heart.

The former Greyhound bus driver was wounded slightly while helping to attack a band of Japs, fighting and retreating in nothing more than their underwear.

### Camp Bullis—

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onstrated by the improvement in military bearing of the students at the end of each week.

"It has been a real pleasure serving in this assignment. The sincerity and integrity of purpose evidenced by the State Guardsmen who have been students at this school has been an inspiration to me," Colonel Brown wrote.

An analysis of students' questionnaires on the percentage basis, based on answers of 423 students during the second and third weeks, showed 45 per cent superior, 50 per cent good and only five per cent inferior. The breakdown of subjects covered in the questionnaires follows:

Item	Good	Superior	Inferior
Quarters	66	29	5
Military Training	57	42	1
Military Courtesy (Students)	59	26	15
Discipline	60	27	13
Course of Study	58	37	5
Instructors (quality)	31	69	0
Privileges	64	31	5
Food	19	81	0
Mess Hall Service	28	72	0
Morale (Esprit de Corps)	50	47	3
Efficiency of Student Officers	58	32	10
Character of Students	57	43	0
Training Aids	42	57	1
Avg. of All Items	50%	45%	5%

Based on experience gained in the 1944 school, Colonel Brown set forth the following suggested program for future schools:

1. Instruction in the Use of Insect Repellents..... 15-min.
2. Close Order Drill..... 30-min.
3. Military Courtesy and Customs of the Service..... 45-min.
4. Military Sanitation, Personal Hygiene, Inspection and Care of the Feet..... 45-min.
5. Administration, Orders, Messages, Reports, Message Center Procedure, Chain of Command..... 45-min.
6. First Aid..... 45-min.
7. Leadership of Small Units; How to Give Commands and Orders..... 45-min.
8. Bayonet Training..... 45-min.
9. Security Patrols; Motorized Patrolling..... 90-min.
10. Basic Traffic Control; Execution, Communications..... 90-min.
11. Martial Law, Domestic Disturbances, Alerts..... 90-min.
12. Reconnaissance and Estimate of the Situation..... 90-min.
13. Military Training Aids, Construction and Use..... 45-min.
14. Map Reading..... 90-min.
15. Emergency and Disaster Relief Plans..... 45-min.
16. Tactical Use of Gas Masks, Gas and Smoke in Connection with Riot Duty and Street Fighting, and Preparation of Field Problems Necessary for the Above..... 90-min.
17. Stripping, Cleaning and Care of Rifles; Training and Employment of Machine Gun Platoons\*..... 90-min.
18. Riot Control, Riot Formations, Handling of Mobs and Crowds, Street Barricades..... 180-min.
19. Range Procedure; Rifle and Machine Gun Firing..... 1-day
20. Field Exercise and Overnight Problem; Motor March and March Discipline; Critique of Field Exercise—Thursday Night and Friday morning.

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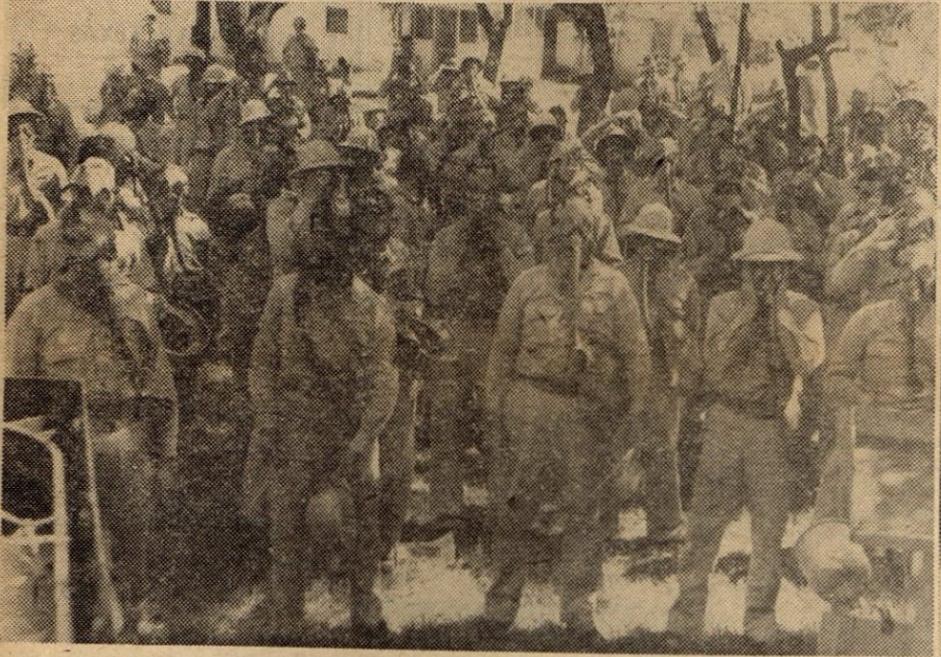
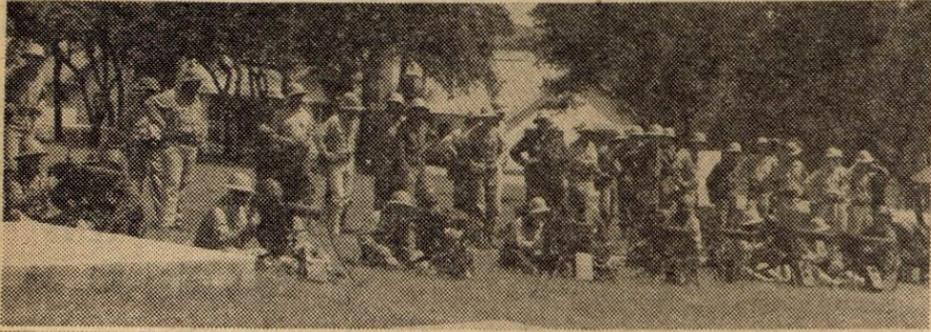
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# Gas Masks And Guns Studied At Camp Bullis



## Course Teaches Using Brain As Well As Brawn

Trainees in the IRTC at Camp Hood, Texas, are being taught to fight with their brains as well as weapons by training on the Combat Reaction Course, better known as the "Blitz Course," because things happen quickly and with an element of surprise.

Devised by Capt. Tom Dyer, Ass't S-3 of the 91st Regt., IRTC, this course tests the ability of the individual soldier to think and act quickly, check his aggressiveness and tests his ability in the use of weapons.

It contains 12 different situations to stimulate actual battle conditions. While moving through the dense brush the trainee is suddenly confronted by surprise targets, each representing enemy soldiers attacking him from a concealed position.

### Enemy Behind Tree

At one point, the soldier is passing through along a heavily wooded terrain when a rattling can attracts his attention to a dummy behind a tree. The dummy is an enemy which is about to attack. In this man-to-man combat the soldier must immediately use the right counter-measures to protect himself and dispose of his attacker.

At another point the soldier reaches a clearing where he is

fired upon by a sniper stalking him from a high tree. The soldier takes cover, locates the sniper, and fires back. Under similar conditions the soldier is fired upon from the brush while he crosses a log bridge, spanning a creek.

Here again he must react promptly and correctly. During this exchange of firing, dummy rounds are used. Cadremen act as the foe.

### Approaching Houses

Approaching a house where enemy soldiers (dummies are used in this case) are poised to attack any unwary passerby is another of the many situations offered by the course. The soldiers must take cover, then use a circuitous route to reach the house and dispose of their adversaries.

Following sufficiently in the rear, not near enough to interfere with the action, is an instructor who observes and criticizes the response at each station. In some cases the instructor may recall the trainee and make him repeat the action for the purpose of correction.

Emphasis is always placed on the fact that although the enemy is only a "dummy" he could be regarded as an aggressive foe, armed with weapons and ready to make a kill. The course strives to attain a proficiency in reaction that will prove valuable in actual battle.—Camp Hood News.

Line Sergeant: "The man who sneaked out of the barracks last night and met a girl in the woods will step forward . . . COMPANY HALT!"

Here are more pictures taken at the Camp Bullis State Guard School held in July.

Top left: Reading the news while they wait for the battalion to fall in are, left to right, Capt. Elvy Gray of the 37th Battalion, and Second Lt. Thomas C. Curtis, also of the 37th Battalion, Corsicana.

Top right: This tank took a terrific beating from the bazooka tracer shells as it ploughed and wheeled on the hillside while the bazooka fired at it. Guardsmen of the second week got a real kick out of the bazooka firing.

Center left: Squatting behind machine guns, non-coms of Company C get itchy fingers during the instruction period. Later, they were taken to the ranges, where they filled up the magazines of the gun and fired it at will.

Center right: Coming up on the double with ammunition is Sgt. Richard Lewis, right; behind the machine gun, Sgt. Herman Depew; in prone position is Capt. Jack Massingale. The Guardsmen were drilled thoroughly in the technique of handling the gun before going to the firing ranges.

Below left: The men get the feel of gas masks before being marched to an area west of Bullis where they were carried through a gas attack.

Below right: It's a simple matter to go through gas—if you have the know how of the gas masks, as these men of the second platoon of Company B, second week's class, found out.

The sergeant has just given his wife a beautiful skunk coat as a gift. "I can't see," she mused, "how such a nice coat comes from such a foul-smelling beast." Wearily the sergeant replied, "I don't ask for thanks, dear, but I do demand respect."

Junior (at 9 a. m. last Sunday): "Dad, did you go to Sunday School when you were a little boy?"

Father (smugly): "I sure did. Never missed a Sunday."

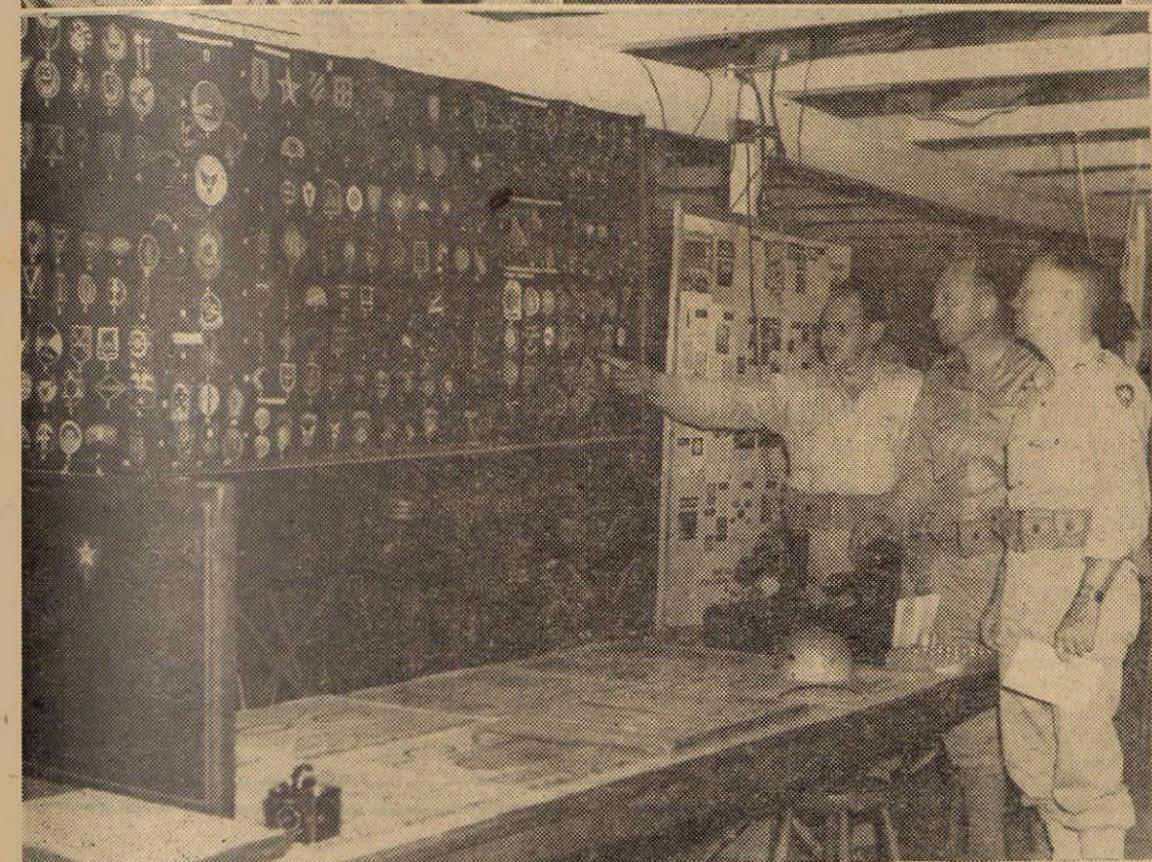
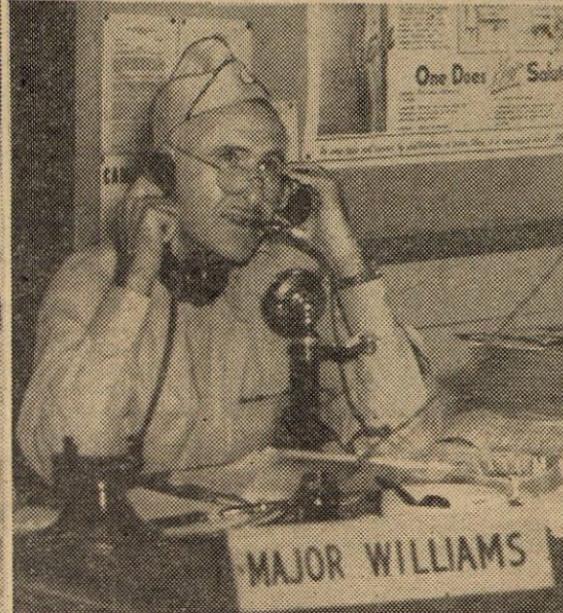
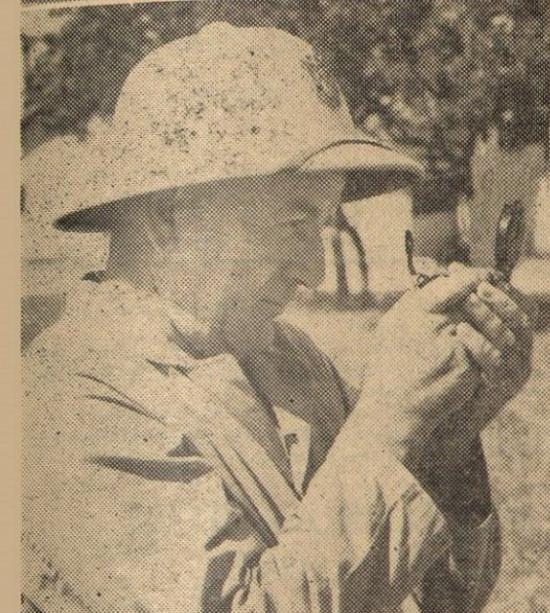
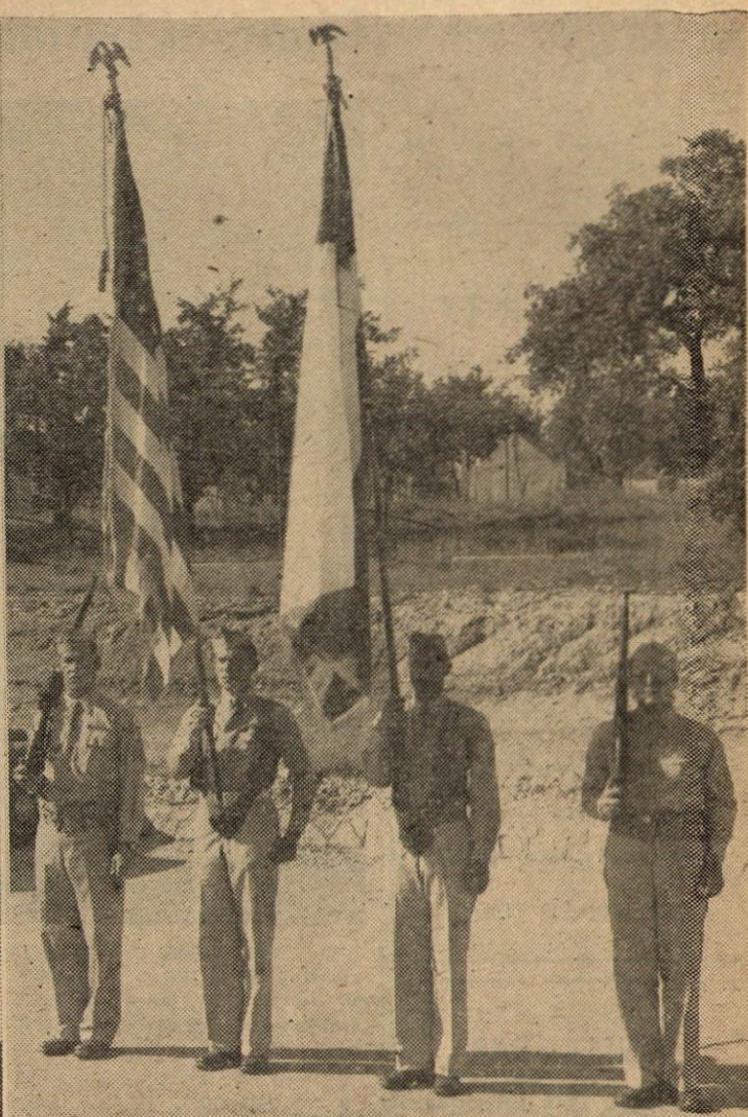
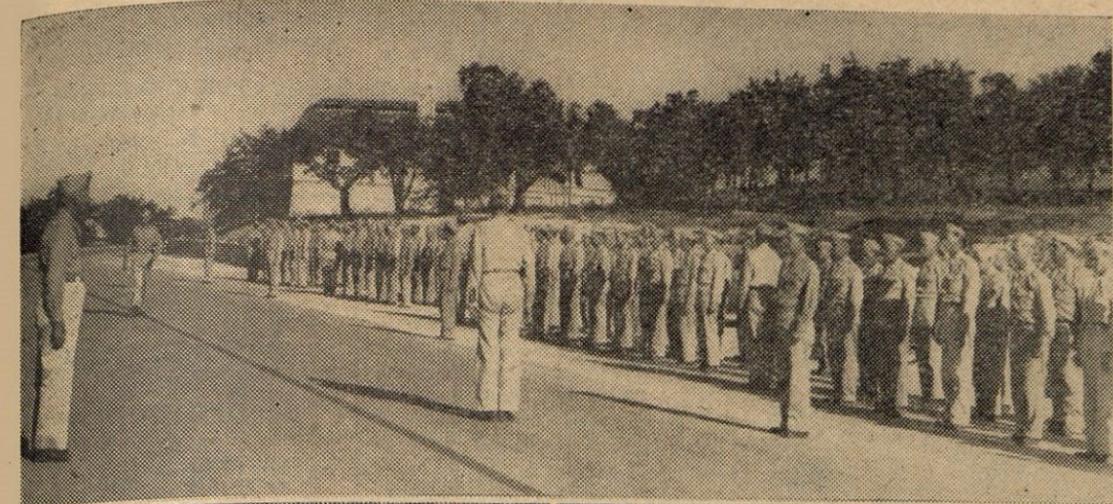
Junior (turning to mother): "There now, mother. See? It won't do me any good either."

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## Varied Activities At Bullis In Pictures



### Eight Given Awards For Braving Typhus

Washington.—An officer of the Sanitary Corps and seven enlisted men of the Medical Department who conquered a virulent form of typhus on Goodenough Island in the South Pacific have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the War Department announces.

"Though fully aware of the danger of this particularly virulent form of typhus and its high mortality rate," their citation states, they "voluntarily applied themselves to the task of eliminating the causes of it. Their zeal and thoroughness resulted in the rapid and complete control of the disease on this island."

Awards were made to Capt. Charles Lose III, East Cranford, N. J.; S/Sgt. John O. Beasley, Charleston, W. Va.; Sgt. William G. Osborn, Bronx, N. Y.; T/4 Joseph S. Burat, Swedesburg, Pa.; T/4 Joseph H. Downing, Cranford, N. J.; Cpl. Stephen P. Findeis, Linden, N. J.; T/5 Nicholas A. Barbarotto.

These pictures show varied activities at the Camp Bullis State Guard School.

Top left: Provisional battalion commander Major Joe Daniel of the 37th Battalion, Corsicana, left, forms the battalion for the retreat ceremony during the second week's camp.

Top right: The colors were carried each week by the M. P. company and were in evidence at each ceremony preceding and ending the four school terms. They made a smart and extremely military appearance.

Center left: Checking on the azimuth reading given by Col. Henley in the map reading course is First Lt. Dugger Ray of Company D, 32nd Battalion, of Tyler.

Center right: A couple of more telephones and Major Robert Williams, TSG liaison officer, really would have been busy.

Below left: Patches contributed by soldiers from the battlefields of New Guinea and Italy are among the many and unique shoulder patches of army marine, and guards which made up the collection on display at Lt. P. E.

Raffa. Most prized patches in the display were the Fifth Army and Seventh Army patches from Italy. These came straight from the soldiers who took part in the campaigns in this theater of war. Another unique patch came from a doctor in India. It is the CBI patch, China-India-Burma patch. More than a year was required by Lt. Raffa to collect the display of some 300 patches. It is valued at \$600. Left to right: Lt. Raffa, Capt. Workey Jones and Capt. A. L. Dodge.

Below right is a section of the display in the Visual Aids building at the school. This display was very complete, featuring literature on training, posters, practical items for use in the field, weapons and other equipment. Major Donald W. Peacock and his Second Research Unit played a big hand in preparing and sponsoring the exhibit with full cooperation of the army. In the picture above Sergeant Sarkis of the Eighth Service Command, custodian of the building, stands by.

### Dad, Son Reunited In Jungles Of Assam

Along the Ledo Road.—It was a million-to-one chance, but Dame Fortune smiled upon Lt. Howard E. Wrench, and his son, T/5 Howard T. Wrench, of Decatur, Ill.

When Lieutenant Wrench, personnel and supply officer for an engineer depot company stationed at a jungle outpost in Northern Assam, arrived here four months ago, he received word that his son had left for overseas service.

Step by step, he followed his son's progress. Finally, word came that the boy was in India.

Last week, T/5 Wrench's aviation engineer outfit arrived in Assam, and father and son were reunited for the first time in nearly a year.

### Yanks Finest In All Ways, Stimson Says

Rome.—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, upon completing his recent inspection tour of the Italian theatre, told correspondents that the American soldier was without a doubt the finest in the world.

The Secretary, who covered the front completely, making part of the trip by air, talked with both generals and privates, said the result of this war is assured by the way the American soldier meets the enemy and masters him in combat.

Mr. Stimson believes that the willingness of the Yanks to tackle the enemy and the superior physical condition of our men, plus the latest in combat equipment, is insurance for Victory.

A man in an insane asylum sat fishing over a flower bed. A visitor, wishing to be friendly, walked up and asked: "How many have you caught today?"  
 "You're the ninth," replied the inmate.

A first sergeant may not know how to make many friends but he sure knows how to influence people.

## Dallas Sergeant Builds Communications System



Left, Cpl. Clifton, Pvt. Hodges and Sgt. T. L. Woods, Company D, 51st Battalion, shown operating company field telephone system.

A communication system complete from the Blinker System to a Field Telephone System with a switch for five stations is the realization of an ambition of Company D of the 51st Battalion to make itself a self-sufficient unit.

Captain Roy Pender, company commander, assigned the task of building a telephone system to Technical Sergeant T. L. Woods, who in civilian life is a local machine and tool maker at Guiberson Corporation. Sergeant Woods was untiring in his efforts to locate the necessary equipment to build the desired communication system but continued to run into difficulty as

most of the material needed was not obtainable. Finding telephone sets was one of the toughest problems in completing the system. It was necessary to even use children's phones for part of the equipment. Much of the equipment had to be made by him in the tool shop. The result of his efforts is evidence of the amount of work he put into his assignment.

The Field Telephone System is complete to the extent that it is operated much in the same manner that the switchboards are operated in the business world; signal lights, switch keys, ringing keys and all of the necessary parts that go to make up a telephone system. The major of the 51st Battalion can now keep in constant contact with all of the units and they in turn can keep in contact with headquarters.

Woods is known by his fellow Guardsmen as being an expert with a rifle, having held an expert rating in World War I, and also holds the same rating in the Texas State Guard. He has a son who is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Sergeant Woods and Company D offer their assistance to any other units which desire to construct a communication of this type.

The Army wife noticed that the couple next door seemed very devoted to each other. Feeling a little envious, she said, "John, the man next door kisses his wife every time they meet. Why don't you do that?"

"Well," replied the GI, "I hardly know her well enough."

## Phosphorus Brings On Chilly Strip-Tease

Washington.—The impromptu and very chilly strip-tease performed by an American infantryman on a freezing day during the battle for Venafro, Italy, may not have been strictly according to regulations, but as Pvt. Louis Nagy of Logan, West Va., declares: "When that phosphorus starts burning holes in you it's time to shuck those clothes."

Pvt. Nagy was crouching between two rocks near the town when a German chemical shell exploded less than 10 feet from him and sprayed him with white-hot fragments of phosphorus.

"Lucky for me I was cold that day—I had on two pairs of heavy woolen underwear, a pair of wool pants and shirt, combat suit and, to top it off, my heavy GI overcoat," he related. "Before that stuff could burn through all those clothes I had them off, with the help of my buddies."

His story was told by the War Department.—Army Times.

Went to bed with his stockings on,  
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# Cuero Guards' Enthusiasm Keeps Growing

Cuero.—Company "D," 45th Battalion of Cuero, Texas, is one Texas State Guard unit which has no intention of storing its banners when the war is over, for enthusiasm in the Cuero Guard unit is growing, rather than diminishing.

Company "D" is a unit made up principally of boys under draft age, and today is at full strength.

Cuero's older citizens have taken a back seat, for they realize the true value of the training the lads are receiving. As long as the company remains at full strength then, they will be content to be classed in a reserve status.

Capt. James W. Angerstein, veteran of World War 1, heads the Cuero company, and is ably assisted by First Lt. Reiffert Blackwell and Second Lt. B. B. Thorn.

### 100 Per Cent Support

Captain Angerstein and members of his guard unit are receiving 100 per cent support on the part of Cuero citizens.

Business men of the city contributed more than seventy-five uniforms to the guard upon its organization here more than three years ago.

The city of Cuero appropriated a substantial sum for the purchase of sub-machine guns and other equipment, the city's contribution being matched by the DeWitt county commissioners' court.

The company then is one of the best equipped in the entire state.

Mayor J. T. Newman and members of the city council went even further. They have provided an armory, turning over spacious quarters in the city hall to the guard.

### Seventy-Five "Graduates"

More than seventy-five Cuero

boys now in the armed forces of their country have received training in Cuero's guard unit, and without exception they declare the fundamentals they learned as members of the guard have proven most beneficial to them as they continue military training in army camps of the nation.

The Cuero guard has organized and trained a firing squad, available should the tragedy of war so demand.

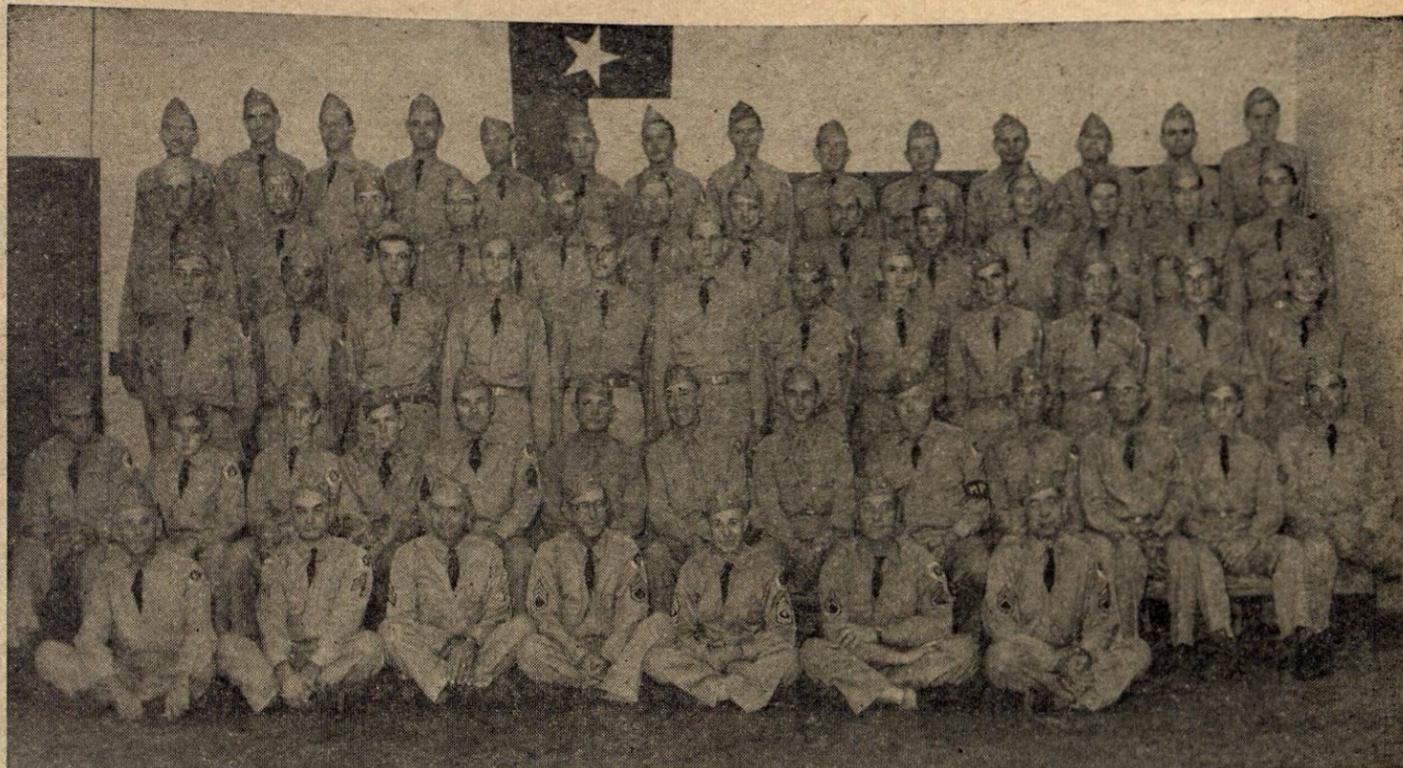
The unit participates in all civic affairs where needed, can be assembled in less than twenty minutes, and is one which works with the enthusiasm which only youth can provide.

Yes, Company "D" is a growing unit with a waiting list of volunteers. It will be ready at the word "go."

"I caught my boy friend necking."

"I caught mine that way, too."

## Company D, 45th Battalion, Cuero



A pigeon on its way to the Middle East came down to rest on the crosspiece of a warship's mast in the Mediterranean.

Presently it was joined by another pigeon which settled down next to it.

Said Pigeon No. 2: "Are you by any chance carrying Army circular 14356 of 1944, paragraph 3, subsection 5?"

"I am," answered Pigeon No. 1. "Shame," said Pigeon No. 2, "I'm carrying the amendment."

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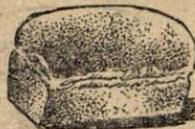
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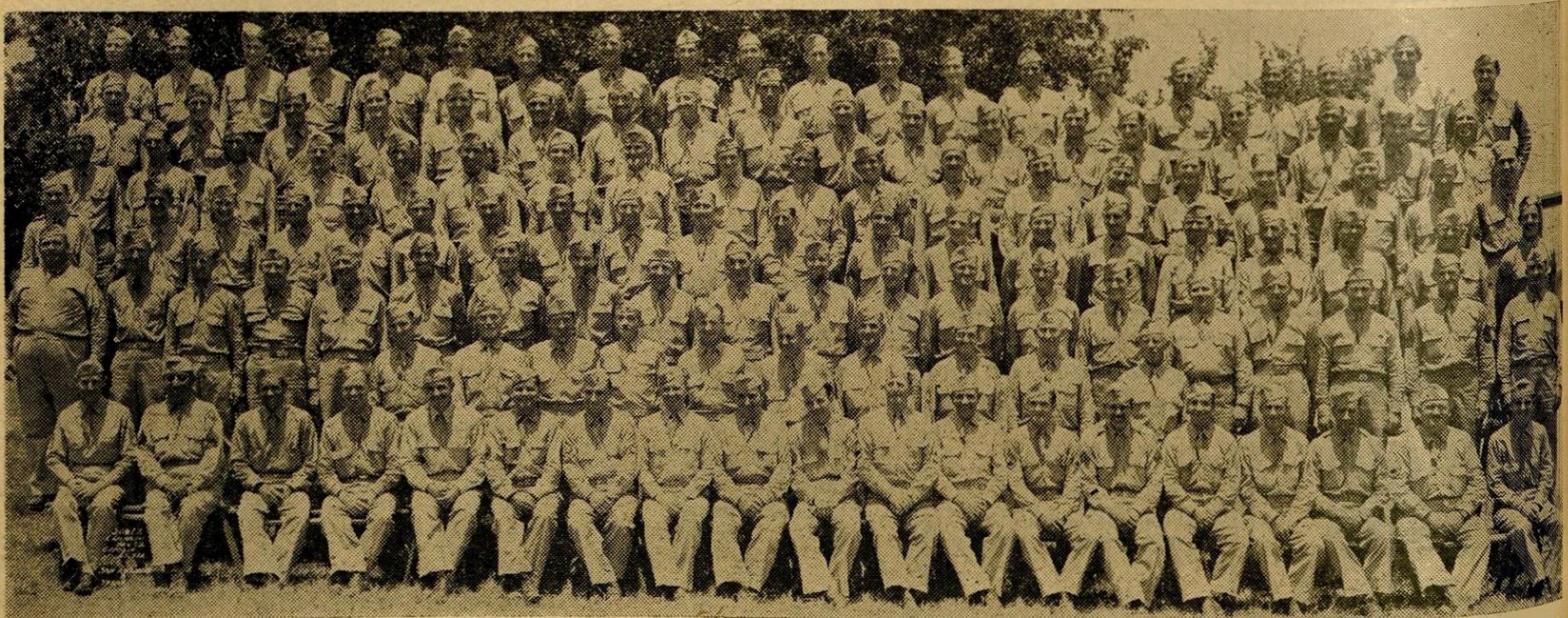
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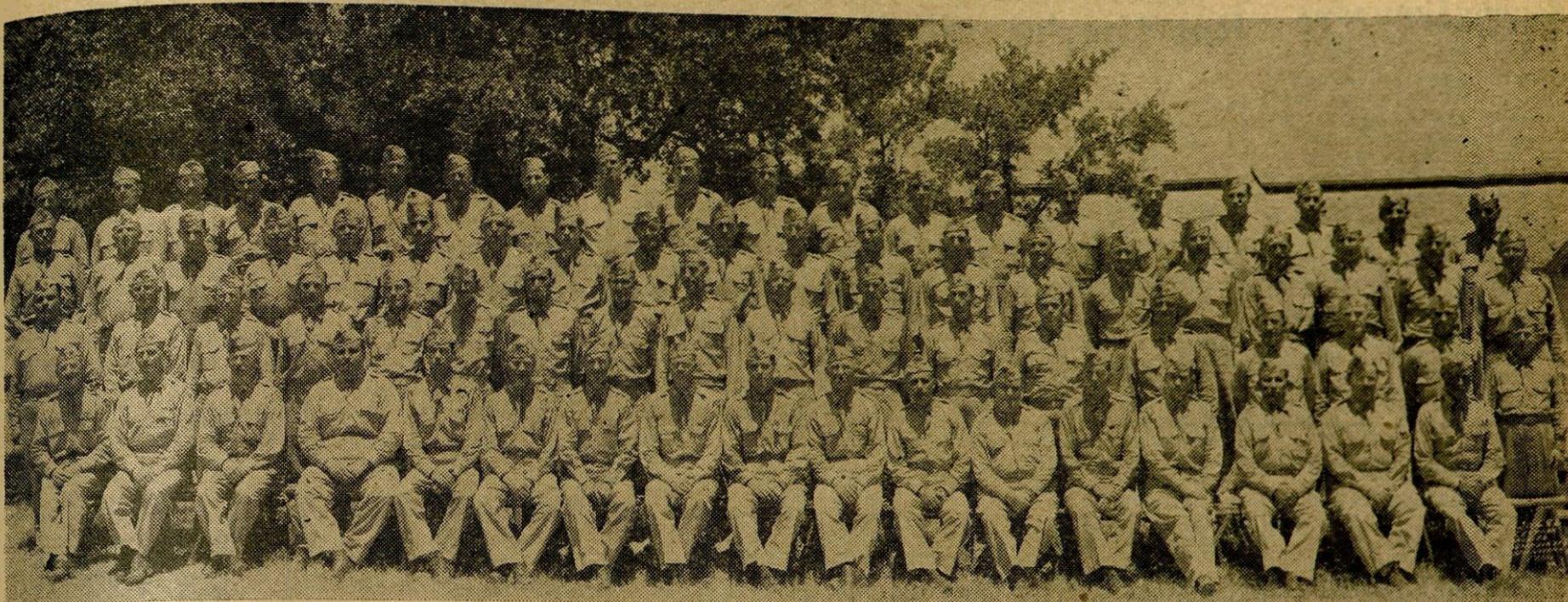
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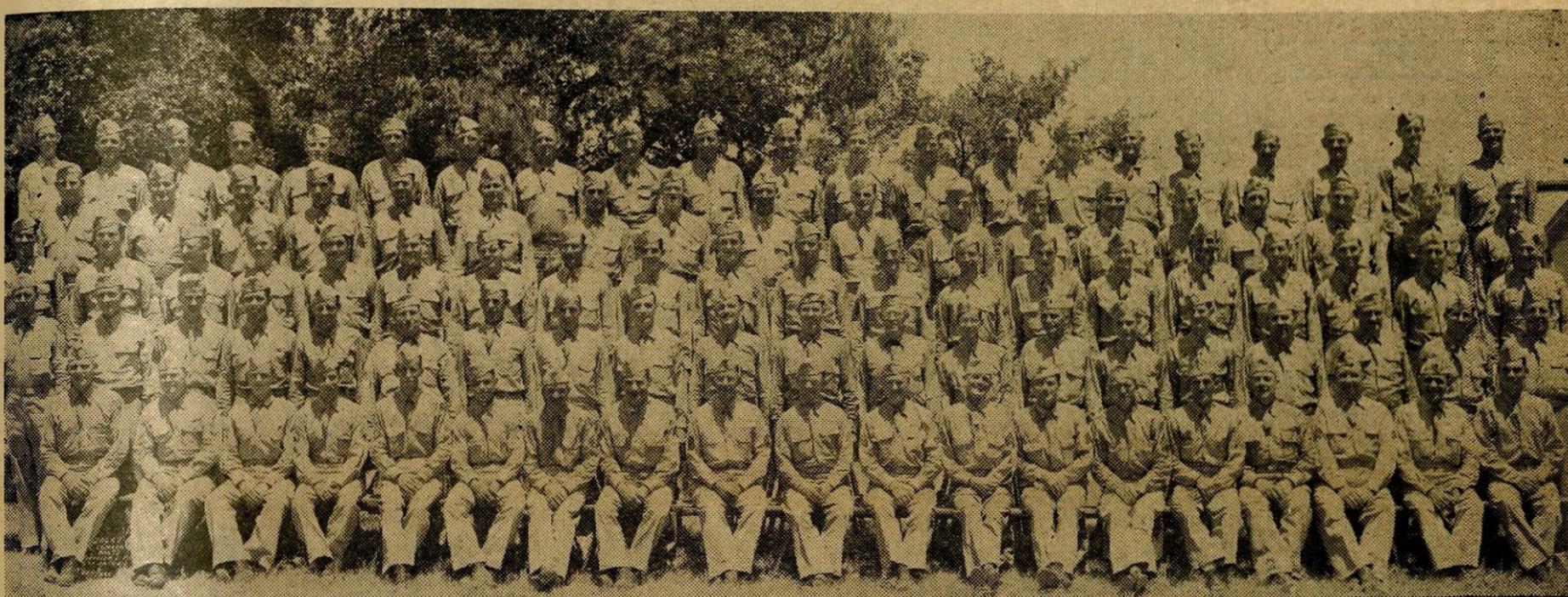
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## Company A Fourth Week At Camp Bullis



## Company C Fourth Week At Camp Bullis



A sergeant, a corporal and the sergeant's girl sat in a dimly lighted booth. Eventually the sergeant mumbled something about 'brushing his teeth' and excused himself. "Now's your chance, darling," said the girl, leaning invitingly toward the corporal. "So it is," replied the corporal, glancing furtively around, as he drank the sergeant's beer.

## Buggus Reddus Texansii Knows Moment A Field Trip Starts

By PVT. ROBERT FLAGG  
Co. F, 410th Infantry

The buggus reddus Texansii, commonly known as chigger, jigger or the blankety-blank little so-and-so, has for its habitats the greater portion of both the United States and Texas.

The chigger is the only animal that knows when a field trip starts and when it ends, because he is always there when you arrive and always leaves with you or in you.

Even though the bite of the chigger is not usually fatal, there is at least one case on record where a GI scratched his leg off right to the knee.

There are many ways to alleviate the itching of the chigger, of which these are a few of the choicest current in Co. F:

On the strictly scientific side Doc Lamb, the medic, advocates a mixture of sulfadiazine, ichthyol, penicillin and cough syrup.

Should these ingredients be unavailable, S/Sgt. Moon recommends that you get hold of a fifth of Scotch and a fifth of vodka. You rub a jigger of vodka on the bites and drink a jigger of straight Scotch. Repeat every five minutes until the chiggers start fighting among themselves. After about an hour you'll find the chiggers are about gone out of the bottle and you don't notice the Scotch biting you any more.

The remedy of Pvt. Frank is usually effective. Stay out of the field, says Pvt. Frank. Yes, yes. Or, says Yost the mess sergeant, two-day-old GI coffee. Pvt. Stefens says to mix up a shot of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, HCl, HNO<sub>3</sub>, HeBo<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>6</sub>, HCOOH, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub> and water. (H<sub>2</sub>O—Editor.)

Stand in a footbath and grasp

the ends of a pair of live wires in Sgt. Miller's method.

"An old Army remedy," adds F/Sgt. Clark, "was to mix equal parts of alcohol and sand. The theory is that the chiggers will drink the alcohol and stone each other to death with the sand."

Pvt. Stewart, an amateur chemist, takes orange peel and coke. The citric acid from the peel and the carbonic acid from the coke unite to form a third acid which has a strange effect on the little animal, causing the chigger to swallow himself until he is completely inside out.

Scratch yourself into a Section VIII, opines Sgt. Smith.

Get married, says Pvt. Cory. But which is worse?—Camp Howze Howitzer.

### There's No Better Name Than 'GI Joe' Poll Shows

Fort McClellan, Ala.—"GI Joe" is here to stay!

Infantry officers announced that they had failed to find any name they deemed suitable for the American Infantryman, after studying hundreds of entries in the contest conducted by the McClellan Cycle, weekly enlisted men's newspaper, to replace "GI Joe."

Civilians and soldiers throughout the country sent in suggestions, offering such names as "Hellbuster," "Gloryboy" and "Kellymen." Letters came from soldiers in the South Pacific, England, Ireland, Italy and North Africa.

When the contest began, many newspapers commented editorially, some of them claiming that "GI Joe" was born in the barracks and belonged forever in the American

language. Some said that "Doughboy," the title of World War No. 1, was excellent and deserved to remain.

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Sgt.: "Was she pleased when you gave her that new lingerie?"

Cpl.: "I guess so. She cried a little and said it was her first slip."

### This WAC Private Should Have Medal

Ft. Oglethorpe, Gr.—Six-in-one is Pvt. Ima Burke of Houston, Texas, who went through basic training here.

She's a WAC, the mother of a WAC, the mother of a SPAR, the wife of a soldier, the sister of a soldier, and the mother-in-law of a soldier!

The family tree includes WAC daughter Pvt. Christine Duff, Camp Wolters, Texas; SPAR Seaman 2/c Eileen Statham, stationed at Palm Beach, Fla.; son-in-law SPAR Statham's husband, Cpl. Alvin Statham, a bombardier in Italy; soldier husband Cpl. Allen R. Burke, an Army engineer in Persia; and GI brother, Pvt. Tom Mullin, in the Army Air Forces.—Army Times.

A blushing young woman handed the telegraph clerk a message to a soldier containing only his name, military address and one word—"Yes."

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### Barron Commands Athens Company

Athens.—Capt. Leon Barron has assumed command of Company B, 37th Battalion, Texas State Guard, to succeed Fred Gilliam, who was forced to resign because of business reasons. Capt. Barron had previously been connected with the Guard as an officer.

Several new recruits have been added in the past few weeks, bringing the full strength of the unit up to the minimum of fifty, and plans to improve the grounds and recruit a medical detachment are under way. New equipment was received recently and issued to the new recruits last week.

### "Thousands Of Miles Away But They're Still Texans"

From somewhere far out in the Pacific, The Guardsman has received a one-pound Australian note for subscriptions.

The note came from Captain Knud Linde, of the U. S. Transportation Corps, who will be remembered as Major Linde, on the inspection staff of the AGD. The Captain's letter, which takes some of his brother Guard officers over the hurdles for failure to answer his letters, suggests that a paragraph in The Guardsman, with "regard to absentees who are absent for a purpose over which they have no direct control, might jog up the boys' memories to the realization that although we are thousands of miles away, we are still Texans.

Knud W. Linde, Captain, T.C., Transportation Corps Supply, Base Section 7, A. P. O. 927, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif. 28 July, 1944.

Samuel R. Haggard, Major, A. G. D., T. S. G., Managing Director, "The Guardsman," 727 Chronicle Building, Houston 2, Texas.

Dear Ray: I received your letter of May 17, 1944, just now. I am sorry to say that I have only had two (2) issues of "The Guardsman" reach me, and I believe they were from January and February.

Although I am cut off from per-

sonal contact with you fellows, my heart is still in Texas, and very much with the Guard. I have made several requests to Major Bentsen and Captain Ewers for permanent membership in "The Guardsman," but have received no reply from either one of the "hounds." This makes one think that the old adage, "Out of sight, out of mind," holds good, as far as we are concerned out in the Southwest Pacific.

As a matter of fact, I have written many letters to my old brother officers, in the Guards, and have received no reply from any of them, you included. Maybe a little paragraph in "The Guardsman" with regard to "absentees" who are absent for a purpose over which they have no direct control, might jog some of the boys' memories to the realization that although we are thousands of miles away, we are still Texans.

The two (2) issues of "The Guardsman" referred to were excellent, and, I think, quite a credit to you as managing director, and I would be very proud and happy to have all the 1943 issues, so that I can at least keep in touch with what you fellows are doing. With my very best regards to you, and all my other friends in the Guard, I am,

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Top: Presentation of the service flag of the Women's Motor Corps Auxiliary, 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard.

Center Left: Capt. Harry Underwood and Pvt. M. Todaro preparing coffee on the first bivouac held recently at Boerne.

Center Right: Capt. Minnie Veillon and Lt. Gene Reddick putting up their tent on the bivouac.

Lower Left: Determined Pvt. Ellen Coryell pitching her tent at the bivouac. No, she wasn't taught by the 36th Battalion Guardsmen to do it this way, but where there's a will there's a way.

Lower Right: First aid being administered by the Women's Motor Corps Auxiliary, 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard.

The Women's Motor Corps Auxiliary, 36th Texas State Guard, was recently organized to serve with the 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard of San Antonio, principally as its motor corps, but all members are also trained to work with the medical corps, communications center, supply, first aid, ordnance, and clerical units. In fact, the members of the Women's Motor Corps are trained so efficiently that a member is always available to serve in any capacity when called upon. The Women's Motor Corps was

formerly an independent voluntary organization which is recognized by the State of Texas and has its own charter. Since its organization in April, 1941, it has trained 500 women, 35 of whom are now members of the Armed Services. At the present time the Women's Motor Corps has a membership of 550 and it is captained by Captain Minnie Veillon.

Since the Women's Motor Corps has become an auxiliary of the 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard, it is expected to increase its membership considerably, as it is depending on the wives of the Texas Guardsmen to do their part and serve by the sides of their husbands to protect their home front.

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the Municipal Auditorium.

It seems that the fighting in Italy was really getting up to its peak. The Germans were counter-attacking and things looked pretty black for our side. The Captain called his group together and said, "Men, we are outnumbered four to one—make every bullet count. Let's hold, men, and not let them through." The fight was getting very hot when the Captain noticed a long, tall, lean boy from the State

of Texas leaning on his rifle smoking a cigarette. Incidentally, this boy was trained at Camp Bullis in the State Guard Training School. He made all bull's-eyes on the range. Said the Captain, "Man, what in the world is the trouble with you—why aren't you fighting?" This tall, lean boy raised up and said, "Well, Sir, I've killed my four."

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# Keeping The Records Is A Real Job

Keeping the records straight on 20,000 members of the Texas State Guard is a man-sized job, and it is being ably handled by First Lt. Charles Gamble, new personnel adjutant, adjutant general department, who succeeded Capt. Wallace Adams, resigned.

Lt. Gamble began the job of keeping the records straight way back there in the early history of the guard as company clerk of Company D, Fifth Battalion. In fact, he was active in the formation of the company, and thereby helped create the job for which he was and is eminently fitted, keeping tab on forms, records, and files.

Having served as a company clerk, and later as chief clerk in the personnel section of the AGO, he is very familiar and knows from first hand experience the job of personnel adjutant from A to Z. He also knows the headaches a poor company clerk can give his company commander, and the personnel section office when company records and reports are not properly kept or incorrectly filled out.

### Causes Frame Of Mind

"Incomplete physical examinations, enlistment blanks signed by non-coms instead of commissioned officers, use of nicknames, lack of parents' consent for 16-year-old applicants—these are just a few of the things which cause a personnel adjutant to tear his hair and put him in the frame of mind to beat up his wife after a hot day in the office," declares Lieutenant Gamble.

"Remember this one fact," implores Lieutenant Gamble. "The enlistment blank of a guardsman is a permanent record, and it will be right here in the files when the end of the world comes. Therefore, it should be filled out completely and correctly, and for heavens sake, do not put a man's name down as Shorty Jones when his name is William A. Jones."

Lieutenant Gamble's efficient right hand man in the personnel section, or rather his chief record clerk, is a girl, Miss Betty Dasbach, who has been in the adjutant general's department for three years.

Miss Dasbach has served in every capacity from file clerk stenographer, record checker, special order clerk, general order clerk, officer'

## AGD Personnel Section



file, and personnel file clerk to chief clerk, the position she now holds, and to which she was promoted when Lieutenant Gamble was made personnel adjutant.

### Reorganized Section.

Captain Adams, who resigned as personnel adjutant to enter the practice of law at Sulphur Springs, reorganized the personnel section during his tenure of office and installed a system of records second to none in any state guard office over the nation. He compiled the Standard Operations Procedure, a manual for company administration, the first to be published by the adjutant general's office for use of guard companies.

Another accomplishment of Captain Adams the past year was the organization and training of the chemical warfare unit, of the state headquarters company. He was the first commanding officer of the unit and gave the men their initial training. This unit, although it has not been called to active duty, is composed of former service men who can leave their jobs on instant notice to go to any part of the state if additional help is necessary to handle a situation.

"Judy, your hair is all mussed up. Did that soldier kiss you against your will?"

"No, Mother, he just thinks he did."

These are the new members of the personnel section, adjutant general's department, whose job it is to keep the records straight on thousands and thousands of Texas men who have served, are now serving and will serve in the second echelon, the Texas State Guard.

New personnel adjutant recently promoted from chief warrant officer to first lieutenant and placed in charge of the section is Charles Gamble, center. He has nine able and attractive assistants helping in the big job of handling all the records, files, orders which flow into and out of the personnel section every day. Any company clerk can vouch for the job of keeping records for a company. Multiply the task by about 20,000 and he would have an idea of the job of caring for the records for the entire Texas State Guard.

Standing, left to right: Mrs. Doris Clark, record clerk; Alice Munguia, typist; Mrs. Evelyn Averyt, file clerk; Mrs. Emma Ingle, record clerk; Margaret Donaldson, file clerk; Mrs. Verlie Williams, stenographer; Betty Dasbach, chief record clerk; Mrs. Edyth Glass, record clerk. Missing from picture, Cecile Kopecky, special order clerk.

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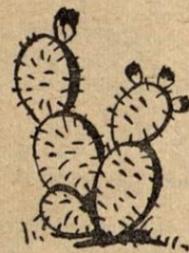
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Figure 3—Correct sitting position.

from the chamber. Inspect the magazine and chamber to insure that they are empty.)

(6) During simulated firing, the pupil should never take his eye from the target except to reload.

(7) Pupil should count his shots.

(8) The exercise is conducted from the standing position to the prone, sitting, squatting and kneeling positions.

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9. The new clip is inserted quickly and without fumbling.

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### PREPARATORY TRAINING CONTINUED

#### A. Fourth Step—Sustained Fire.

1. Review the principles learned in slow fire and apply all these in sustained fire.

#### 11. BOLT-MANIPULATION EXERCISE:

(1) The magazine floor plate, magazine spring, and follower must be removed from the rifle or the follower must be depressed to present it from blocking the bolt. Cam surfaces on the bolt should be lubricated to avoid

undue wear during the exercise.

(2) Practice in the bolt-manipulation exercise should be held in all positions, and no pupil will be considered proficient until he can operate the bolt at least 20 times in 20 seconds while in the prone position. The first hour of sustained-fire training should be devoted to bolt-manipulation exercises. Thereafter each pupil should be given additional practice from time to time until he is considered proficient.

#### (3) PROCEDURE:

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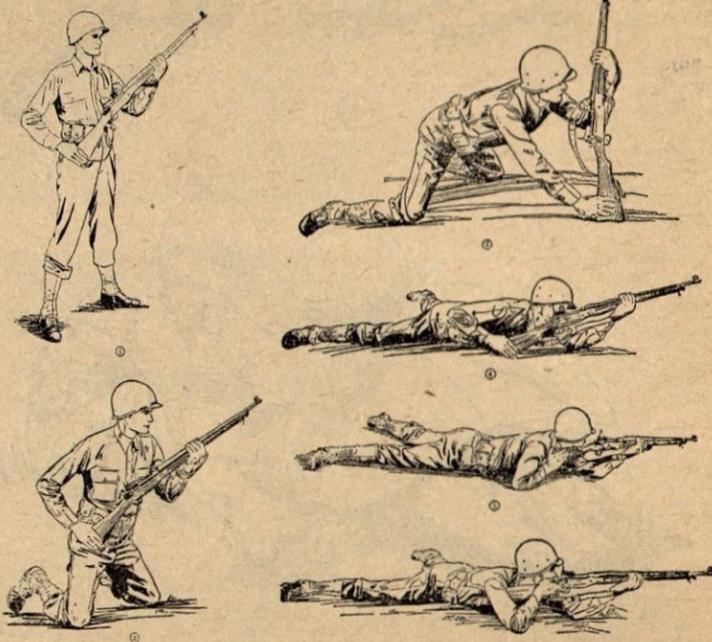


Figure 3—Left, method of taking prone position. Right, method of taking prone position rapidly.



Figure 4—Correct squatting position.

### (3) THIRD SUSTAINED-FIRE EXERCISE:

(1) The group is paired off as coach-and-pupil and is placed on the firing line.

(2) Full sized targets are placed at 200 and 300 yards from the men.

(3) Sights are set to correspond to the range being used.

(4) Practice dummy cartridges are used. The pupil has 4 practice dummy cartridges in his hand, and one full clip of practice dummy cartridges in his belt.

(5) The commands are: 1. Four Rounds, Load; 2. Lock; 3. Ready on the Right; 4. Ready on the Left; 5. Ready on the Firing Line; 6. Commence Firing; 7. Cease Firing; 8. Unload; 9. Clear Rifles. (To clear rifle, open bolt and draw it fully to the rear, extracting and ejecting the cartridge

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"No."  
"Do you go out with women?"  
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 (c) Exercises should not be continued longer than about 20 seconds at a time.  
 (d) Frequent changes of coach-and-pupil are necessary to prevent undue fatigue.  
 (e) After requiring the pupil to assume a firing position, the instructor commands: 1. BOLT-MANIPULATION EXERCISE, READY. 2. EXERCISE; 3. CEASE FIRING; 4. REST.

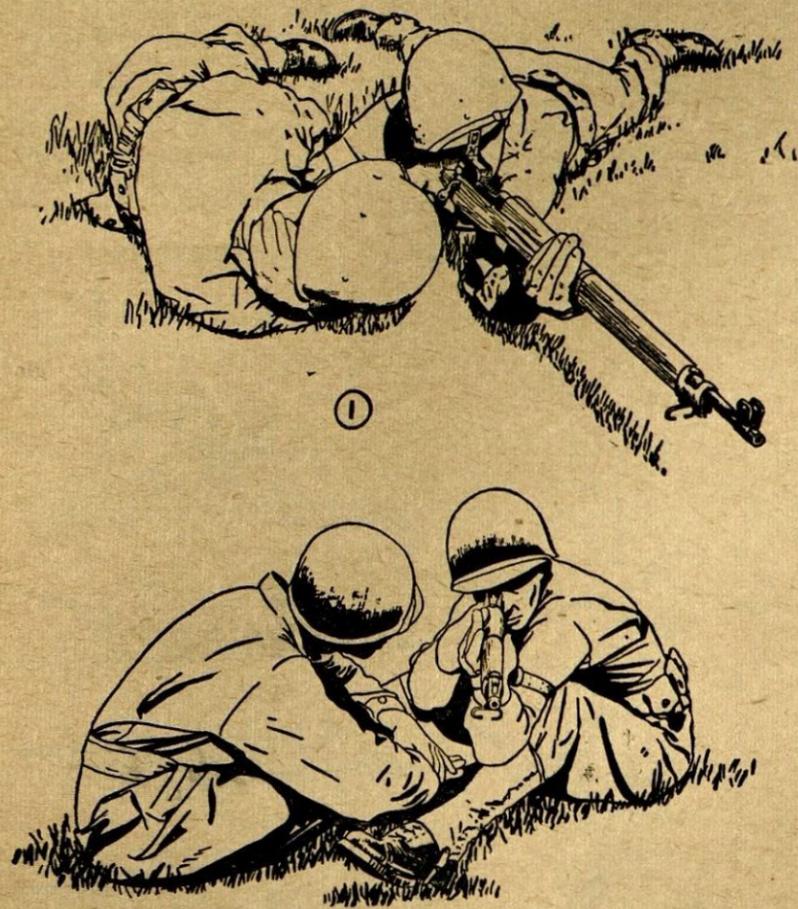


Figure 1—Position of coach.

(4) DUTIES OF COACH:  
 In the bolt-manipulation exercise, the coach insures that:  
 (a) The bolt is operated properly and rapidly.  
 (b) The eye is kept on the target, and muzzle depressed to right.  
 (c) The right hand is brought to the small of the stock, the rifle to the horizontal position, and the cheek is placed against the stock each time the bolt is closed.  
 (d) The butt of the rifle is kept against the shoulder.  
 (e) The elbows are kept in the proper place for the position in which he is performing the exercise.  
 (f) No attempt is made to aim or press the trigger.

IV. SUSTAINED-FIRE EXERCISES.

(1) Cadence exercise (first exercise):  
 (a) Correct timing in firing will vary from about 10 seconds per shot for the beginner to about 4 seconds per shot for the experienced man. The development of proper timing in firing depends on the correct positions of the rifleman. The rifleman's position is not correct unless the sights return automatically to the aiming point after each shot is fired. With the follower depressed or removed, the rifleman then manipulates the bolt, re-aims, concentrating on the sight picture, and instantly begins to squeeze the trigger. Repeat this procedure for each shot.  
 (b) Before conducting timing (cadence) exercises, the instructor assembles his group and explains and demonstrates:  
 1. The correct positions.  
 2. The correct method of aiming.  
 3. The correct bolt operation.  
 4. The correct trigger squeeze.  
 5. What is meant by correct timing?  
 6. How speed in timing is gradually increased, as skill is acquired, until an approximate rate of 6 seconds per shot is attained.  
 (c) PROCEDURE:  
 Following the above explanation and demonstration by the instructor, cadence exercises, using the coach-and-pupil method, will be given in all positions except standing.

1. The pupil takes position and aims at a target.  
 2. The coach takes position when he can observe the pupil's eye and trigger finger. (SEE FIGURE 1.)  
 3. The instructor, with watch in hand, commands: BOLT (or he may sound a whistle). Upon the command or signal, each rifleman operates the bolt and then takes up the slack with a heavy initial pressure until the firing pin is released. The instructor repeats the command or signal at 10 second intervals for 1 minute, with approximately 1 minute between exercises. The exercise is conducted in all positions except standing until each pupil is familiar with the 10 second interval. The pupil must be taught not to hurry the trigger squeeze but to squeeze the trigger smoothly.  
 (d) After proficiency in all positions is attained with the 10 second time limit, subsequent exercises should be conducted with a time allowance of 8 seconds. The time should ultimately be reduced to 6 seconds.  
 (e) In order that the pupil will get a correct idea of time interval he will manipulate the bolt only upon signal.  
 (f) Taking positions rapidly—Study the following illustrations for assuming these positions rapidly:  
 1—PRONE: FIGURE 2.  
 2—SITTING: FIGURE 3.  
 3. SQUATTING: FIGURE 4.  
 (2) SECOND SUSTAINED-FIRE EXERCISE:  
 (a) Combine the cadence exercise (1) above and taking positions rapidly for this exercise.  
 (b) The follower is depressed or removed.  
 (c) The instructor commands:  
 1. Four Rounds, Simulate Loading; 2. Lock; 3. Ready on the Right; 4. Ready on the Left; 5. Ready on the Firing Line; 6. Targets Up (or commence firing). At the command Ready On the Firing Line, rifles are unlocked. At the sixth command, all riflemen take positions and simulate firing four rounds. Reloading is simulated, and 5 more shots are squeezed off. The instructor keeps the group informed of the passage of time by

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 A farm laborer conscripted by the Nazis in Posen poisoned the chickens and pigs of his "employer" by adding artificial fertilizer to their fodder. He was executed.

The bartender was mopping the dew on the mahogany when an

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# Thomas Talks At Birthday Of Del Rio Guard

By CAPT. LYLE S. ALMOND

Col. George D. Thomas, G-3, Adjutant General's Department, was the principal speaker at Del Rio on July 23 when the local company of the Texas State Guard celebrated its third anniversary with a barbecue.

Approximately 60 members of Company B, 20th Battalion, and their guests heard Col. Thomas stress the importance of maintaining the Texas State Guard at full strength, and also the importance of training the men to meet emergencies. He stated that any community was very fortunate indeed to have a company of the State Guard in training, ever bearing in mind an emergency is always possible.

He emphasized that "time and work spent for the preparation for any emergency" is never wasted.

Responding to Col. Thomas' remarks, Judge W. F. Boggess, president of the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, pledged the cooperation of his organization, of the business men and of the citizens of Val Verde county to the Guardsmen. He urged the men to continue their training and praised them for their work during the past three years and their faithfulness in maintaining their company.

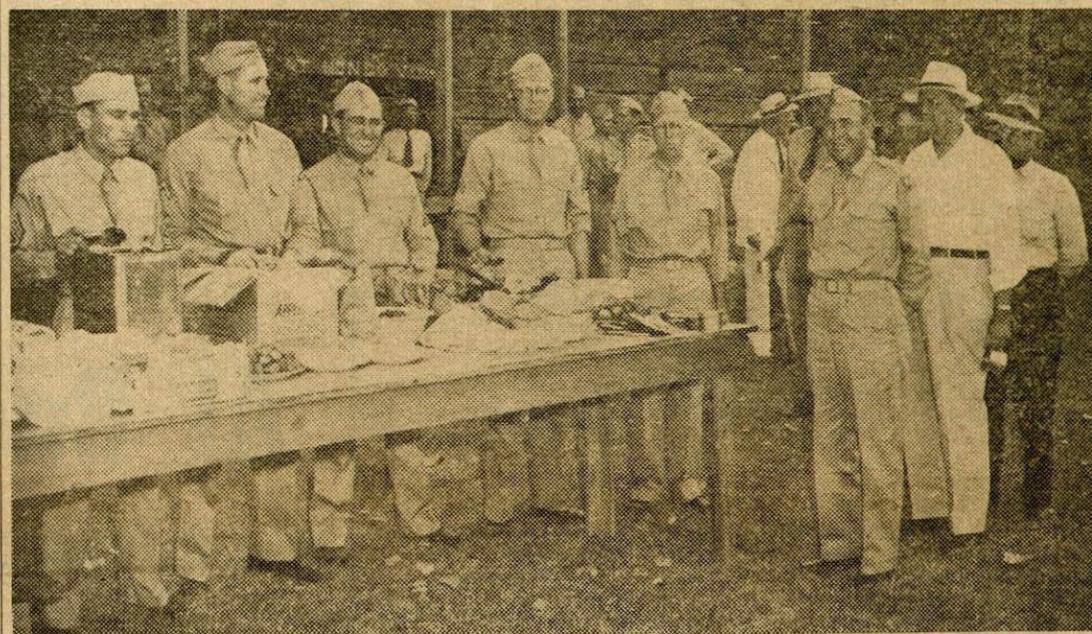
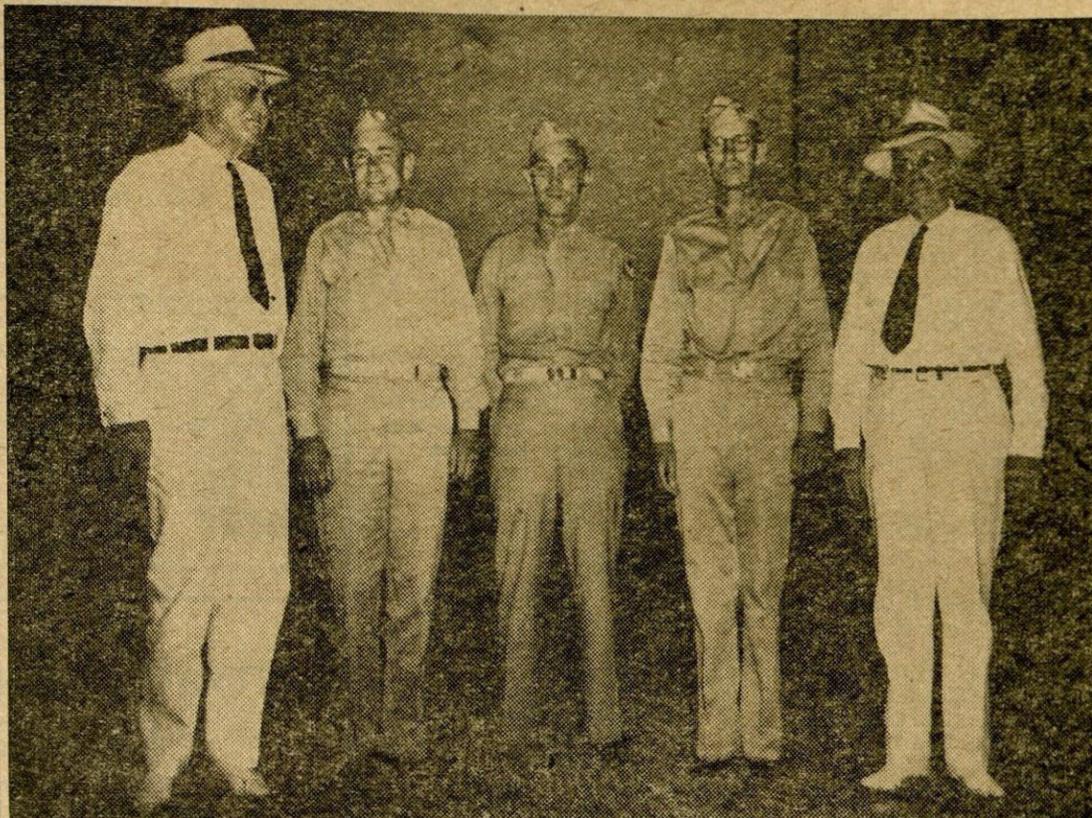
Capt. Lyle S. Almond, company commander, reviewed briefly the history of the company since its acceptance by the Adjutant General's Department on July 23, 1941. Capt. Almond reported that enlistments were received beginning on July 31, 1941, and 20 days later the company was at full strength and accepted officially as a unit in the Texas State Guard.

Major Brian Montague, Assistant Judge Advocate General, T. S. G., was the first company commander, and was commissioned on July 3, 1941, as was Almond. Robert H. Word, the present first lieutenant, was enlisted on July 3, 1941, and was commissioned on November 5, 1942. Second Lieut. Charles D. Wood enlisted on August 13, 1941, and was commissioned on March 1, 1943.

Members of the company who have completed their three-year enlistment and have re-enlisted are First Sgt. Jack L. Harrington, S/Sgts. Egbert H. Cofield, William H. Lundberg, Sgts. James M. Boone, Timothy B. Cobb, Morgan C. Locke, Otto A. Remmert.

Others who will complete their three-year enlistment in the next two months are: S/Sgt. Robert D. Hodge, Sgts. William C. Hanson, Willie L. Brown, William E. Miller and Cpl. Hugh M. Hutchinson.

Guests included Col. Thomas, Major Brian Montague, Robert H. Thurmond, district attorney; Judge W. F. Boggess, Grover C. Poole, county judge; Walter Fawcett and Hussie Gallaway, county commissioners; Frank Walton, mayor, and Clarence Herferford and M. L.



Whistler, city commissioners; R. C. "Red" Hawkins, chief of police; W. M. Abbey, president of Roach's Inc.; W. P. Wallace, Jr., president Del Rio school board; J. C. Netts, secretary Del Rio Chamber of Commerce; W. W. Gaines, editor Del Rio News-Herald; Sam H. Walk, manager Central Power & Light Company; E. K. Adams, chairman OPA; Capt. Puig, Laughlin Army Air Field, Del Rio; John Ingram, Willie Stool, George Sartwell and Marion Linney.

A group of notables at the third anniversary celebration of Company B, 20th Battalion. Left to right they are:

W. F. Boggess, president of the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce; Col. George D. Thomas; Capt. Puig, Laughlin Army Air Field, Del Rio; Capt. Lyle S. Almond, commanding Company B, 20th Battalion; Major Brian Montague, assistant judge advocate general, T. S. G.

Bottom, lining up for chow: From the smile on Col. Thomas' face, it looks like the mess detail had done a good job.

A retailer, annoyed because he had to wait several months for a large order, wired the manufacturer: "Cancel order immediately."

Back came the reply. "Regret cannot cancel immediately. You must wait your turn."

Army Doctor: "Have you any physical defects?"

Selectee: "Yes, sir; no guts."

## General McFadden Does Kitchen Police

Camp Blanding, Fla.—There's no question about this being the world's most democratic Army.

General McFadden is doing his share of kitchen police duty and enlisted men here had the opportunity of watching General McFadden smile before taking his turn as latrine assistant.

Pvt. General McFadden (and that's his real name), in spite of his "high rank" finds duties "generally" the same.

## Navy Cadet Goes Back To The Farm—For A Day

Corpus Christi, Texas.—A cadet from a nearby naval air station knocked on the farm house door of Mrs. Ben Matula.

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## Suggestions For School Are Listed

The report of Col. Hobart M. Brown to Gen. Richard Donovan sets forth a list of recommendations for future Texas State Guard schools at Camp Bullis.

The recommendations follow:

**Tactical Officers:** An Army Tactical Officer was assigned to each company in addition to his other duties as Instructor, and assumed command for the first day. Thereafter, he was responsible for general supervision only.

**Recommendation:** It is suggested that an Army Officer be assigned as Company Commander for each company, as his sole duty, through the entire period thereafter. This would result in better discipline and meet with the approval of the students.

**Individual Field Equipment:** It was found that students had little or no knowledge of how to assemble and adjust the individual field equipment, and consequently are not qualified to give instruction or corrective criticism on this subject to their commands.

**Recommendation:** It is suggested that instruction in this subject be made part of their inactive training.

**Absence From Instruction:** Most absenteeism from instruction resulted from the improper care of the feet, especially the wearing of light civilian oxfords and cotton socks.

**Recommendation:** It is suggested that each student be directed to bring a pair of "broken in" shoes similar to the army GI issue, and several pairs of woolen socks.

**Rifles:** The Enfield rifles brought to camp by students were, in a great many cases, not in condition for firing, being full of cosmoline.

**Recommendation:** It is suggested that instruction in the care and cleaning of this weapon, and the machine gun, be made a part of the inactive training schedule. The lack of knowledge of weapons and range procedure was clearly demonstrated and resulted in delays on the range.

**Commands and Orders:** The correct method and manner of giving commands and orders was with few exceptions a definite weakness of all students.

**Recommendation:** It is suggested that instruction in these subjects be included in the inactive training program.

**Program of Instruction:** The training program was good, and in the time available, well covered.

**Recommendation:** It is suggested that, in future schools, more applicatory exercises and actual student participation be scheduled.

It is further suggested that the following subjects be eliminated:  
 Overnight March and Bivouac  
 Individual Cover and Concealment  
 Field Fortifications and Camouflage  
 Safeguarding Classified Information  
 Malaria Control.

It is recommended that the time given to the above subjects be devoted to subjects more applicable to the overnight march and bivouac, a problem wherein it is simulated that the Governor has declared martial law at the nearby town of Boerne. Prior arrangements having been made with the city officials, the student battalion would be alerted and moved by motor convoy to the town, where a tent camp would be erected, road blocks established, motorized patrols sent out, etc. Traffic control, march discipline, conduct of advance guards, interior guard duty, searching of prisoners, and many other pertinent subjects could be included during this 24-hour exercise.

**Riot Control:** While the subject of riot control and street fighting was included in this year's program, it consisted of demonstra-

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tions only by Company A on the 766th MP Battalion. Actual application and participation in a problem by the students is desirable in order to obtain the maximum instruction in the use of correct formations. In this connection, it is recommended that next year's program include demonstration and application in the use of the bayonet.

**Directive Letter:** The directive letter, 23 May 1944, PM 352, does not clearly indicate what responsi-

bility the Post Director of Supply, Fort Sam Houston, had as to supplies and equipment for the school. Some difficulty was experienced in securing the necessary transportation, ammunition and chemical warfare materials, as an example.

**Recommendation:** The suggestion is made that supplies needed for the school be, as near as possible, definitely arranged for in advance, so that the supply division concerned can justify the issuance in the amounts necessary.

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### Fifty Members Of El Campo Company Go On Maneuvers

El Campo.—On July 16 about fifty members of Co. B, 47th Bn., Texas State Guard, bivouaced in the Pickering Pasture across Sandies Creek and about twenty miles north of El Campo. The company assembled at the city hall at 7:30 a. m. and proceeded by motor convoy, including one truck and nine cars, to the bivouac area by way of Louise, where some additional members were picked up. Each man was equipped with full pack, rifle, canteen and mess kits. Tents were erected and the bivouac was established in a liveoak mott.

After religious services, which were conducted by Cpl. Arnold Reber, and religious songs led by Sgt. Elam Carlson and Pvt. Roy Roome, the remainder of the morning was taken up with a lecture on field sanitation by Sgt. Glenn Johnson, a lecture by Sgt. Albert Moore on sighting and firing the Enfield rifle, and a lecture and demonstration by Sgt. Bill Brewster on scouting and reconnaissance patrol.

Sgt. Johnny Burstrom and Cpl. Stanton were in charge of mess, and provided an excellent meal consisting of barbecue meat, rice salad, pickles, onions, bread and tea or coffee.

After dinner and a rest period, Capt. L. W. Lockhart, company commander, put the company through various close and extended order formations, right formations, and had them practice creeping and crawling and other methods of approaching an enemy.

Targets were set up on a dirt embankment, and every man was permitted to fire five rounds of .30 caliber ammunition with the new Enfield rifles recently issued to the company. The firing range was in charge of Sgt. Albert Moore. About 6 p. m. the company stood retreat, and the colors were lowered while the bugles played "To the Colors."

In the absence of the regular company bugler, Scouts Larry Ripple and Edward Martinek played the bugle calls. Capt. Donald M. Duson, battalion executive officer, attended the bivouac as a guest of Capt. Lockhart and the company.

Lt. Ramsey was going with a girl down in the city and one of the girl's friends asked her, "Why the Lieutenant didn't take her to the show any more?" The young lady replied, "Well, you see, it rained one night and we stayed home."

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Turner, Loyd Y.	Captain	Hq. 1st
Townes, Edgar E., Pr.	2nd Lt.	Ser. Det. 2nd
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Lansberry, Charles V.	1st Lt.	Med. Det. 6th
Hogue, Ernest W.	1st Lt.	Med. Det. 6th
Garner, Chester A.	Captain	Hq. 9th
Johnson, Woodrow J.	1st Lt.	Hq. 9th
Austin, William C.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det. 9th
Claxton, Odis A.	Captain	Co. B, 10th Bn.
Skaggs, William R.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 10th Bn.
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Smith, Gomer Lee	Captain	Ser. Det. 12th
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Pace, Olney C.	1st Lt.	Med. Det. 15th
Belkner, Frank W.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 28th
Hardin, Josh R.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det. 29th
Vance, George H.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 31st Bn.
Wood, Gordon B.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 31st Bn.
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Dunivan, Ramon B.	1st Lt.	Med. Det. 34th
Matkin, Charles R.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 35th Bn.
Means, Paul L.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 35th Bn.
Barron, Leon R.	Captain	Co. B, 37th Bn.
St. John, Horace W.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 38th
Smith, George M.	Captain	Med. Det. 39th
Phillips, Forby H.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 40th
Jones, Alvah H.	Captain	Med. Det. 42nd
Murphy, Robert O.	Major	Hq. 42nd
Brannen, Ransom	1st Lt.	Co. A, 43rd
Schneider, Alvin B.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 43rd
Pinkerton, Bassett W.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 44th
Medford, Ernest P.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 44th
Commons, Glenn G.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 44th
Christenberry, James I.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 47th
Marquess, Percy L.	Major	Hq. 47th Bn.
Duyka, Joe W., Jr.	1st Lt.	Hq. 47th Bn.
Ervin, William G.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 48th Bn.
Tidwell, Leonard	Captain	Med. Det., 49th
Puckett, Frances E.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 49th Bn.
DeWalt, Lucian C.	Captain	Co. B, 49th Bn.
Ritcheson, William H.	Captain	Ser. Det. 51st
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All of those things were described by the infantry officer who did them as "just a part of the day's work."

The "day's work" was performed by Capt. Robert Hand, of Selah, Wash., at Alta Villa.

The story of Captain Hand's busy day is based upon the official report of his regimental commander.—Army Times.

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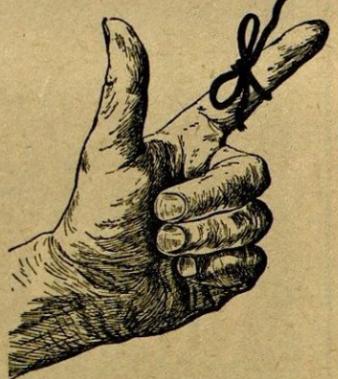
Honolulu.—Hula girls now get paid \$100 a week, with bonus, for not hula-ing.

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It seems like last week Colonel Thomas was out on the Bivouac. It was getting dark when a non-com rushed up to him and said: "Here, hold my rifle, will you?" Colonel Thomas drew back and said, "Say, my good man, don't you know I am an officer? The non-com replied, "Sure, but I'll trust you for a few minutes."

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## 2 Companies Of 49th Bn. Transferred

By ORLANDO BLACKBURN  
Texas City Sun

The transfer of Company B and Headquarters company of the 49th Battalion from Galveston to Texas City has been completed, and both units are now in their new quarters.

"I am well pleased with the move and the new organization of Company B," Major George W. McLean, Jr., commander of the battalion, said, "I am expecting the Texas City company to be one of the best in the battalion."

The 49th Battalion now consists of Company A at Galveston, Company B and Headquarters at Texas City, Company D at Dickinson and Company C at Seabrook.

More than 120 men have signed up for Company B and Headquarters. Physical examinations have been completed, uniforms issued and drilling has started.

### Officers

L. C. DeWalt, former chief of police in Texas City, has been selected as captain for the company, John A. Martelli of La Marque is first lieutenant, and Francis E. Puckett of Texas City is second lieutenant.

Major McLean has for his battalion executive officer Captain E. D. Hartel of Galveston; Captain William B. Scringeour of Galveston is the plans and training officer in charge of operations; Captain Walter J. Gates of Galveston is commanding officer of the service company.

Lt. George B. Nelson of Seabrook is first lieutenant of the service company; First Lt. R. W. Jackson of Galveston is the battalion adjutant and commanding officer of the Headquarters detachment; First Lt. W. D. Collings of Galveston is the S-2 officer in intelligence; Major P. J. Mock of La Porte, medical corps, is the battalion surgeon; Capt. W. L. James of Galveston, medical corps, is the dentist; and Capt. L. Anigstein of Galveston is the assistant battalion surgeon.

### Quarters Secured

Headquarters company has obtained quarters in the old bank building at 105 Fourth Street North. As soon as it is renovated and rearranged all equipment will be moved here from Galveston.

Company B is located in the old Marine armory on Texas Avenue.

## First Sworn In



Above is pictured Major George W. McLean, Jr., commander of the 49th Battalion, swearing in Travis Nuckols, of Texas City, as the first man in the newly organized Company B. Nuckols is largely responsible for the recruiting of 120 men for the company, and Major McLean said he wanted to pay a special tribute to him for his good work.

This is also used by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Until further notice Company B is drilling on Monday and Tuesday nights.

"I believe we have a bunch of good soldiers here," Major McLean commented as he watched the men drill after their third period of instruction.

## Coke Chases GI From Africa To Alabama

Ft. McClellan, Ala.—Pfc. William Chapman of Shamokin, Pa., carefully unwrapped the package he had just received from his wife and found one bottle of Coca-Cola neatly done up in cotton and gauze. He wondered why on earth she'd sent him that—here he was, stationed in Alabama, the birthplace of Coca-Cola.

Then he remembered—he'd written her from a hospital in North Africa telling how he'd offered a nurse a dollar for one coke, the first he'd seen in a year. Mrs. Chapman had replied that she was sending him one, but it had just caught up with him.

## Japs Work 20,000 Prisoners To Death

Chungking.—According to a recent News Agency statement, more than 20,000 American, British and Filipino war prisoners have died during the past year and a half in forced labor on a Burma-Thailand railway.

## 48th Observes 3d Anniversary Of Activation

The 48th Marine Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Houston, celebrated the third anniversary of its activation as a Guard unit on August 13 with a party for the men, their families and friends.

Presentation of three-year bronze star service awards to 13 officers and eight enlisted men was a feature of the party. A battalion review was staged and watermelon was served.

The bronze star was presented to Major Julian A. Weslow, battalion commander, by Col. S. G. Harrison, USA, and Major Weslow presented the star to the following members of his battalion:

Officers: Capt. L. J. Pierce, Capt. George A. LeForge, Capt. Frank Jamison, Capt. Gaston H. Miles, Capt. James A. Cushman, Lt. Paul C. Lewis, Lt. Frank A. Bright, Lt. Wm. D. McBride, Lt. Walter T. Keith, Lt. Ed Borgelt, Lt. James B. Henry and Lt. Ansley P. Wilson.

Enlisted men: Staff Sgt. Percy W. McKirihan, Staff Sgt. Ernest F. Goff, Staff Sgt. George Caridas, Staff Sgt. Jesse A. Bonin, First Sgt. Joseph R. McGee, Sgt. J. L. Stanley, Sgt. Christian Barziza, and Sgt. Sam Emden.

## 120 Hospitals Now Use Occupational Therapy

Washington.—Occupational therapy, now in use at the sixty Army general hospitals, will be introduced into the reconditioning programs of sixty regional hospitals July 1, recently announced Mrs. Winifred C. Kahmann, chief of the Surgeon General's occupational therapy branch.

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## Soldier Has Idea For Post-War Jobs

Camp Blanding, Fla.—T/5 Mirvin Nearier of the 176th Station Hospital here has a solution to the problem of post-war jobs for veterans.

While he has the promise that his job with an industrial plant at Passaic, N. J., will be waiting for him after the war he is a little dubious. So he wrote the firm recently, making the following suggestion:

"Replace your drafted personnel with good looking, marriageable girls. Then when the soldiers return they will marry the girls, set 'em up in housekeeping, and get back their jobs. This will save you the trouble of firing the girls, and everybody will be happy."

## Army At Peak Strength Of 7,700,000 April 1

The army has reached its scheduled strength of 7,700,000 on April 1 and has been running on a replacement basis for the past three and one-half months, it is announced by United Press.

The navy also reached its desired strength of 3,650,000, bringing the combined might of the armed forces to its set peak of 11,350,000 and putting future induction calls on a replacement basis.

Unless future military operations require sudden and increased demands, it was expected that induction quotas can be cut below 100,000 per month. The army has required replacements in the neighborhood of 70,000 men monthly, and the navy ordinarily less than 10,000.

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## Co. D, 40th Bn., Spreads Guard Gospel Around

As a means of better acquainting Collin county citizens with the Texas State Guard, and to stimulate interest of men eligible for enlistment, officers of Company D, 40th Battalion, at McKinney have adopted a plan of holding regular drills at small towns and communities over the county.

At these drills, held on regular meeting nights, the schedule of training is followed. In addition, non-coms explain various phases of training to the audience.

Capt. Add G. Wilson, commanding officer, explained to groups of citizens at Princeton and Anna recently that the Guard unit's plans for internal security included protection of the entire county, and were not confined to the headquarters of the company.

Considerable interest has been shown in the Guard at the smaller towns. Members of the Vocational Home Economics class at Princeton served doughnuts and coffee to Guard members following the drill there. Plans are being made for an exhibition drill at Celina in the near future.

One private asked another: "Say, what is the best way to teach a girl to swim?" Says the other: "Well, you place your arm around her waist, then take her gently by the left hand . . ." "Say, this is my sister I am trying to teach." Second private: "Oh, hell! In that case, just push her in."

## Stomach Position Firing



Surprisingly accurate fire can be obtained by firing the sub-machine gun from the stomach position as demonstrated by First Lt. Treadwell, commanding the

headquarters company of the Guard at Austin. This is the army's latest technique of using the tommygun, according to Lt. Treadwell.

## Great Need For Guard Training Told By Colonel

The great need for such as organization as the Texas State Guard, especially in the training of boys 16 and 17 years old for military service with the United States, was emphasized recently by Col. Loren Benton, commanding officer of Fort Clark, at the review of Company B, 20th Battalion, TSG, at Del Rio.

"As I saw you swing into action on the drill ground it brought back memories as I belonged to the Texas National Guard 15 years following World War 1 and I know all your trials and tribulations," the Colonel said. "I compliment you on your appearance and the manner in which you drilled."

The review closed a week's school of instruction under the direction of Capt. Charles V. Mundy, U. S. Army retired, of San Antonio.

Others who praised the training, devotion to duty and the contribution the Guardsmen are making to their community included:

Major Brian Montague, assistant judge advocate, adjutant general's department; Major George West, commanding the 20th Battalion; County Judge Grover Poole; James C. Netts, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Capt. Lyle S. Almond, commanding Company B, and Lts. Robert H. Word and Charles D. Wood.

At a dinner given in Villa Acuna by Major West to the officers and men of Company B and their guests, each man in the company was given an opportunity to speak.

All told of the benefit they had received from State Guard training and their determination to work to build up the Guard in the future.

## Solomon Islanders Have Own Red Cross

Wellington, New Zealand. — The war's civilizing influence on the Solomons was revealed in a statement issued by the New Zealand Air Force on the rescue of a New Zealand Ventura crew forced down at sea while flying from the New Hebrides to Guadalcanal.

Paddling ashore at a remote island, the fliers were taken by the natives to a hut marked "hospital," containing a bed, drugs and a white gown marked with a Red Cross.

The fliers slept in blankets and linen and next day they found water, soap, towels, safety razors and shaving brushes waiting them.

They were invited to stay for a month, but they were picked up by a small ship the same day.—Army Times.

Hubby: "I miss the old cuspidor since it's gone."

Wife: "You missed it before—that's why it's gone."

The complaining GI was describing his symptoms to the medical officer. "I feel as if I've got steel bands round my chest," he moaned. "My head's like a sieve, my heart beats like a steam engine, my eyes are like balls of fire, my throat's like a file, my feet are like lumps of lead."

The medical officer suppressed a smile. "H'm," he said, "I think you'd better go straight down to Salvage and turn yourself in."

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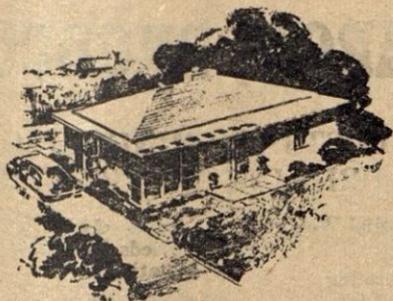
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# Book Reviews

By CAPTAIN JOS. M. MURPHY  
Executive Officer, Second Battalion, Houston  
Book Editor, The Guardsman

"RACE RIOT," by Professors Lee and Humphrey, The Dryden Press, New York, \$1.50.

This is an extremely interesting book. In spite of the fact that a great deal of thought-provoking research has gone into its preparation, you will not like some of the conclusions of the authors dealing with race relations.

But you will learn a lot about race riots; what causes them, how they start, the general pattern of race riots, what to do and what not to do when you have one on your hands.

We in the Texas State Guard can learn many lessons from the book. The riots in Detroit, the week of June 20, 1943, served as a guinea pig from which much of the factual information was gathered. The events leading up to, and during, the riots are arranged in chronological order, so the reader may follow the action as he applies some basic thinking to the various phases, and notes how they carefully follow a general pattern.

We recommend that every officer have access to this book; that commanders and their staffs devote some study and discussion to its wealth of factual material. You can disregard some of the suggested remedies for better racial relations because, strictly speaking, that is none of your official business.

"A BELL FOR ADANO," by John Hersey, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, \$2.50.

This is one of the few fiction books we have reviewed in this column. It is chosen because John Hersey, one of the nation's outstanding war correspondents, has written an excellent piece of literature, one which, because of possible censorship, Hersey did as fiction. The Army and the people of this nation might well profit from some of the lessons woven into the narrative, because much of our success in getting along with the peoples of the liberated countries depends upon an enlightened viewpoint.

In his foreword, Hersey tells that the thoughts in it were inspired by a desire to have the readers know and understand his Italian-American hero, Major Victor Joppolo, USA, and his experiences as AMGOT (now AMG) representative in the Sicilian town of Adano.

"No other country has such a fund of men who speak the language of the countries we must invade, who understand the ways and have listened to their parents sing the folk songs and have tasted the wine of the land on the palate of their memories," writes Mr. Hersey. "Until there is a steaming stability in Europe our armies and our after-armies will have to stay in Europe. Each American who stays may very well be dependent on a Joppolo, not only for language, but for wisdom and justice and the other things we have to offer Europeans."

Major Joppolo, born in the Bronx, drew the assignment of running the town of Adano, and his first hour on that job brings him many prob-

lems right off the bat. You will feel a great sense of pride that this American, of foreign-born parents, has assimilated so thoroughly the best of life in America and in so doing tries valiantly to spread the virtues of its merits among his new charges.

Day by day, after skillfully unsticking a mass of red tape, the Major goes about his business of stamping out the blackness of fascism and giving back to the people the self-respect they need to find their way to a better day. The natives gave him some troubles, as would be expected, but his greatest worries came from his colleagues. He does a slick job of getting a snooty naval officer to help him with some of his problems; handles his small staff with tact and finesse. But he strikes a figurative stump in the person of a very self-important American general, noted for his quick temper. The general adds to the good major's woes on several occasions, and he is the villain in the last act who has the hard-working Joppolo relieved from his task just when the blessings of peace were making themselves felt in Adano.

It's a great story, and serves to give a great many of the highlights in the typical AMG officer's work.

"BOOT," by Corporal Gilbert P. Bailey, USMCR, MacMillan, \$2.50.

This is a handsome, amusing book. We recommend it for reading by all men who have occasion to train other men in the military sciences. Corporal Bailey was editing a weekly newspaper in Delphia, Indiana, when he saw a movie about Wake Island. He joined the Marines, went to Parris Island for his boot training. The girl he met on the train said he didn't look like the Marines she'd seen on the posters; the conductor on the jerk-water local told him to holler all he pleased now, but keep his mouth shut on the Island. The fledglings were met by busses (actually they were just big, bumpy trucks) and were chanted into camp by those more advanced boots: "You'll be sorry!"

Bailey's life was, "Right—FAYH! Laf—FAYH! Laf—don't lean forward! How many times do I have to tell you people? Right—FAYH! Well, I'll be a sad sack!" for weeks on end. He learned the whole procedure, everything from rifle care to foot care.

He was told that the Marine Corps would rub out the last traces of individuality, and the boot writer believed it when he looked at his

new haircut in the mirror. He was told that every Marine, whatever his detail must be a fighting man. Sergeant Rountrees expressed it this way when "lecturing" on the use of a rifle: "Let the other bastard die for his country. You LIVE for yours!"

There are a lot of good photographs by Cpl. Edward J. Freeman and Pfc. John H. Birth, to give the book added interest.

"TELL THE FOLKS BACK HOME," by U. S. Senator James M. Mead, D. Appleton-Century Co., New York, \$2.00.

The Senator from New York, dynamic, humorous, cordial, sincere, and a famous story-teller, was President Roosevelt's personal emissary on the recent famous flying tour of American troops in all the war theatres made by five U. S. Senators.

The chief purpose of the trip was to inspect all fronts where American fighting men were engaged and to learn from first-hand information how the war was being managed.

The five Senators visited every military and governmental chief on each battle-line. They went to all of the battlefronts. They met and discussed problems with Churchill, Chiang-Kai-shek, Giraud, DeGaulle, MacArthur and many other well-known leaders.

From his great experiences, Senator Mead has culled a mass of highly informative and entertaining anecdotes, with clear expression of his conclusions and impressions concerning our policies in Europe and Asia.

The chapters are short, pithy; you are always on the move with

the Senator, here today and miles away next day. Each chapter packs a wallop of smiles, information, and deadly seriousness.

At Bizerte Senator Mead talked with two young Nazi lieutenants who had just been captured. They were ashamed of being captured, sullen, and insolent. But after a time Mead started a conversation with them, and found that they knew little about America except the lies they had been fed since childhood. So he told them about America, and how many races and many nationalities had contributed to the greatness of the country; and of the opportunities that even the poorest child has to grow secure and to achieve. Excerpts:

"Look!" said one of the Nazi boys. "Don't expect us to believe that. We understand you treat the Germans badly in America."

"Say," said I, "don't you know your best Germans have regularly become our finest Americans—many of our greatest citizens, scientists, statesmen? Look at the names of our men who are winning this war—Nimitz, Fredendall, Spaatz, Krueger, Eisenhower. Those must be familiar names to you."

"No, we never thought of that," one said. "But what about that Irish fellow?" (mentioned in their earlier conversation).

"Well," I said, "he started to work when twelve years old, on the railroad. And now he is a member of the great U. S. Senate."

They both looked relieved: "You don't expect us to believe that one, I hope. Didn't have a name, did he?"

"That man is me," I said, "and so you see it's kind of easy to prove. There's no boss over there," I said. "Why, in the darkest hour of the war, we Americans went to the polls as free men and selected the men of our choice to lead us. You can't beat a country like that," I said, "and right down deep in your heart you know it." They smiled good-naturedly and looked as though they believed that, too, as I left. Did me good to deliver that lecture.

Among the many other stories, Senator Mead tells one about Admiral Halsey: "He (Halsey) was court-martialed once when in command of a destroyer division during maneuvers. Ordered to attack a superior cruiser force, in typical

style he sent his ships racing among the bigger ones at top speed, discharging blank torpedoes in all directions and roaring off to safety. Called up on charges of 'reckless conduct' endangering major ships, he was asked if he wanted counsel. He did not, and when called on for his defense, he gave it in seven words: 'I was ordered to attack. I attacked.' He was exonerated by the court, and feted by his men."

A thoroughly enjoyable book, crammed with lots of information the folks back home need to have.

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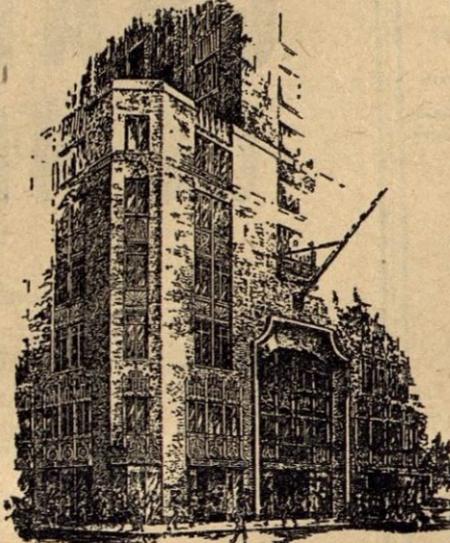
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### Co. A, 31st Bn., Given New Indoor Place To Meet In

A new indoor meeting space has been arranged for Company A, Mission, of the 31st Battalion at the Mission city hall.

A room has been set aside for the guard there and the city commission has appropriated \$500 to have it placed in shape for the guard's use. Capt. J. F. Ewers of the battalion headquarters staff and Sgt. Leslie D. Morgan assisted in the arrangements.

Company A has devised a new system for maintaining a high attendance by staging at least one feed each month. Late in July the company had as its guests Major Lloyd M. Bentsen, commanding the battalion, and Captain Ewers, who provided a load of iced watermelons to go along with a barbecue that had been arranged for the men. Major Bentsen in an address to the company urged the men to keep up their attendance, saying the men at home owe it to the men at the front to remain on the job as long as do the men in the battle lines.

Robert H. Wicks, former member of Company A, is in navy boot camp at San Diego, where he found his rifle range instruction in the guard especially helpful in his new assignments. He scored 134x150, ranking fourth in a company of 184 men, during his first firing with the army rifle.

Cpl. Roy Page of the Marines, a former Mission guardsman, took part in the engagement on Saipan with the 4th Marine Division, and in a letter written home told how he shot at least two Japanese "by sound." Corporal Page said he was a sentinel on patrol at the time and that the night was so black nothing could be seen. He lay still, heard the Japs advancing toward him, and then shot them dead after judging where they were simply by listening to them. The corporal said he prayed just before he pulled the trigger.

Those credited with 100 per cent attendance records in June in Com-

### Thank You, Capt. Baird

"The Guardsman is a great publication and I cannot imagine any unit in the Texas State Guard not subscribing for it. The publication is a most vital part of our general set-up and carries an abundance of news of Guard activities, instruction and other matters of importance."

The above paragraph is taken from a letter received by The Guardsman from Capt. Clayton R. Baird, Company F, 31st Battalion.

Thank you very much, Captain, for the praise. Our goal is to put out a Guardsman that will bring letters like yours from every battalion in the state.

### Nude Pilots Jump Into Planes To Fight Foe

Alliance Army Air Base, Neb.—

It would have been pretty embarrassing, to say the least, if Capt. Albert H. Burr, of Coral Gables, Fla., had had to bail out of his fighter plain during an encounter with Japs over New Guinea one sunny day while he was stationed there.

The captain, now at this troop carrier command base, was taking a sunbath with three other pilots in New Guinea when an air raid alarm sounded. They took off on the triple and leaped into the cockpits of their P-39s—strictly in the nude. There simply wasn't time to dress.

Up they went, with nothing on but their Mae West life jackets. Luckily, nothing happened. But when they hit 25,000 feet—well, Captain Burr still shivers when he thinks about it.

pany A were Capt. Lonnie E. Reed, First Lt. Leland A. Smith, Second Lt. Carroll D. Lyons, First Sgt. William G. Triplett, St. Sgts. Edwin G. Balthrope, Leslie D. Morgan and Albert H. Wicks, Sgts. George R. Boyle, Medardo P. Chapa and Admiral D. Williams, Pfc. Robert D. Reynolds, Pvts. Hector F. Farias, Vance F. Ferguson, Domingo O. Flores, George Horn, Jr., Alan C. Norton and Jesus Valdez.

### Co. B, 32nd Bn., Has Barbecue With Veterans As Guests

Company B, 32nd Battalion, recently combined a good time with a thought to the men who are fighting our battles overseas when they held a barbecue and dance at the Tidewater Recreation Center at Kilgore.

They had as their guests two wounded infantrymen who are recuperating from battle injuries at Harmon General Hospital at Longview—Sgt. Alex Alexander of Oklahoma City, and Pfc. Charlie Gonzales of El Campo.

Sgt. Alexander, formerly of Amarillo, was wounded on the Anzio beachhead. Prior to his enlistment in the army in July, 1941, Sgt. Alexander had been a member of the National Guard for seven years. He was awarded the purple heart and the infantry medal.

Pfc. Gonzales joined the armed forces in October, 1942, and after eight months training was sent across. He was wounded at Cassino and has been awarded the purple heart. Both men participated in the African campaign, were in the battle for Sicily and were on the Italian beachhead.

Early in the morning the mess detail of Company B got busy, and when the 300 pounds of beef was ready to serve, 165 persons, Guardsmen, their families and friends, sat down to eat. They chased the barbecue with 10 gallons of coffee, 15 cases of soda water, and took in all the trimmings that go with a good Guard barbecue. Afterward there was dancing.

Several prominent citizens spoke to the throng, praising the Guard for the service it is performing for the community.

When "taps" was sounded, a vote of thanks was given the officers of the company for what everyone termed "a swell evening," and the company left with the determination to "keep the Guard up for a bigger and better Guard."

Colonel: "Corporal, where did you file those discharges? They're not under the 'd's.'"

Cpl.: "I filed them under the 'C' for congratulations, sir."

### Casualties In Excess Of Those Of World War One

Washington.—American casualties in the Second World War have surpassed those of the First World War, an analysis of the latest official reports discloses.

In this war 31 months of global fighting have brought 261,541 casualties, as compared to the 259,735 casualties during the 19 months of United States participation in the 1917-18 conflict.

A breakdown by categories shows:

This war—56,772 dead, 107,938 wounded, 55,903 missing and 40,928 prisoners.

Last war—53,878 dead, 201,377 wounded, and 4,480 prisoners.

United States Army casualties as broken down into theaters of operations through May 31, 1944, are as follows:

	Killed	Missing	Wounded	Prisoners	Total
North Africa	16,244	7,691	47,373	9,578	80,886
Philippines	1,086	15,613	1,694	12,892	31,285
Southwest Pacific	2,783	1,821	5,229	1,025	10,858
European	4,860	11,371	3,657	10,207	30,095
South Pacific	2,467	541	7,152	8	10,168
Central Pacific	868	333	1,908	10	3,119
Middle East	558	1,442	344	551	2,895
North American	1,302	211	1,050	3	2,568
Asiatic	457	642	466	136	1,700
Total	30,625	39,625	68,873	34,409	173,572

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## Some British Guards Train 4 Nights Week

John L. Hammer, former technical sergeant of the Fifth Battalion, sends another of his interesting letters from England, where he is in service. This letter, addressed to Col. George D. Thomas, says in part:

Your letter of March 21 arrived some time ago and was greatly appreciated. You're most complimentary as usual, thanks.

If a way is found to send them, I'll pass on to you several British Home Guard books which I have been able to pick up. Their training seems to vary a great deal from section to section to fit local conditions, but my impression is that their efficiency is quite good.

There is the general program, of course, but they seem to go strong for specialization. They catalogue each guardsman, listing every job he has ever held, his hobbies, and other pertinent information so they can quickly pick a man for some job and be sure they have the right one.

While the purposes of the British Home Guard and ours vary in some details, their general purposes are the same. Their most valuable contribution at present seems to be the training of men for army service.

## HONOR ROLL FOR JULY, 1944

Company and Battalion	Home Station	Grade
Medical Det. 49th	Galveston	100
Company C 35th	Dallas	91
Company A 6th	Lampasas	88
Headquarters 6th	Round Rock	87
Medical Det. 34th	Brownfield	83
Company B 45th	Gonzales	81
Medical Det. 6th	Round Rock	80
Medical Det. 19th	Dallas	80
Company D 29th	Electra	80
Company D 35th	Dallas	80
Company C 34th	Crane	80
Headquarters 19th	Dallas	80
Company E 28th	Corpus Christi	78
Company E 7th	Houston	70
Company B 36th	San Antonio	69

### HONORABLE MENTION

Service Det. 36th	San Antonio
Service Det., 4th	El Paso
Company F. 31st	Edinburg

Youngsters between 15 and 18 receive pre-induction training. Of course they supplement the civil authorities, clean up after air raids, fight fires, etc.

When our Springfields were taken up and we changed to shot-guns, we wondered, you remember, what became of those rifles. About that same time the British Home Guardsmen received Springfields. Before they had had practically nothing but sticks, knives—many home made—and what few old and odd caliber guns could be scraped together. They must have gone through some tough times with the threat to invasion hanging over them. They still believe strongly

in being prepared for hand-to-hand combat and count on cold steel for close quarters.

Did you know some units here train four nights a week in addition to their Sunday maneuvers? That is in addition to their regular war work jobs and work during alerts and after attacks.

Somehow the fellows aren't too good about sending me news about the Guard, but I'm still interested in the doings and my old buddies.

Chaplain: "My boy, are you following the Ten Commandments?"

Soldier: "I don't know, sir. It's all I can do to keep up with the notices on the Bulletin Board."

## Capt. C. D. Martin Takes Charge Of McAllen Company

A veteran of the Texas State Guard, Capt. C. D. Martin has again assumed command of Company B. McAllen, of the 31st Battalion.

He succeeds Capt. Hans H. Rothe, who has resigned his commission and plans to re-enlist as a private in the McAllen unit. Captain Rothe had held the post for several months since the resignation of Captain Martin, but said his private duties were so pressing that

he was forced to give up the command. Captain Martin recently returned to McAllen from Kansas City and entered the real estate business.

Captain Martin was commanding officer of the company when it was originally organized more than three years ago and served with distinction until his resignation last fall.

He resumed his command late in July and the company already has a drive under way to increase attendance and enlist more men. Three recruits were added to the company roster the second drill at which Captain Martin was in charge.

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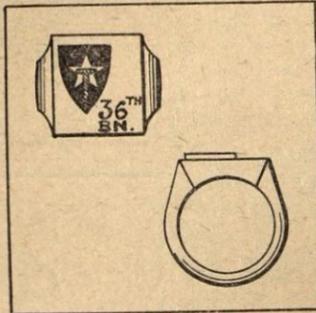
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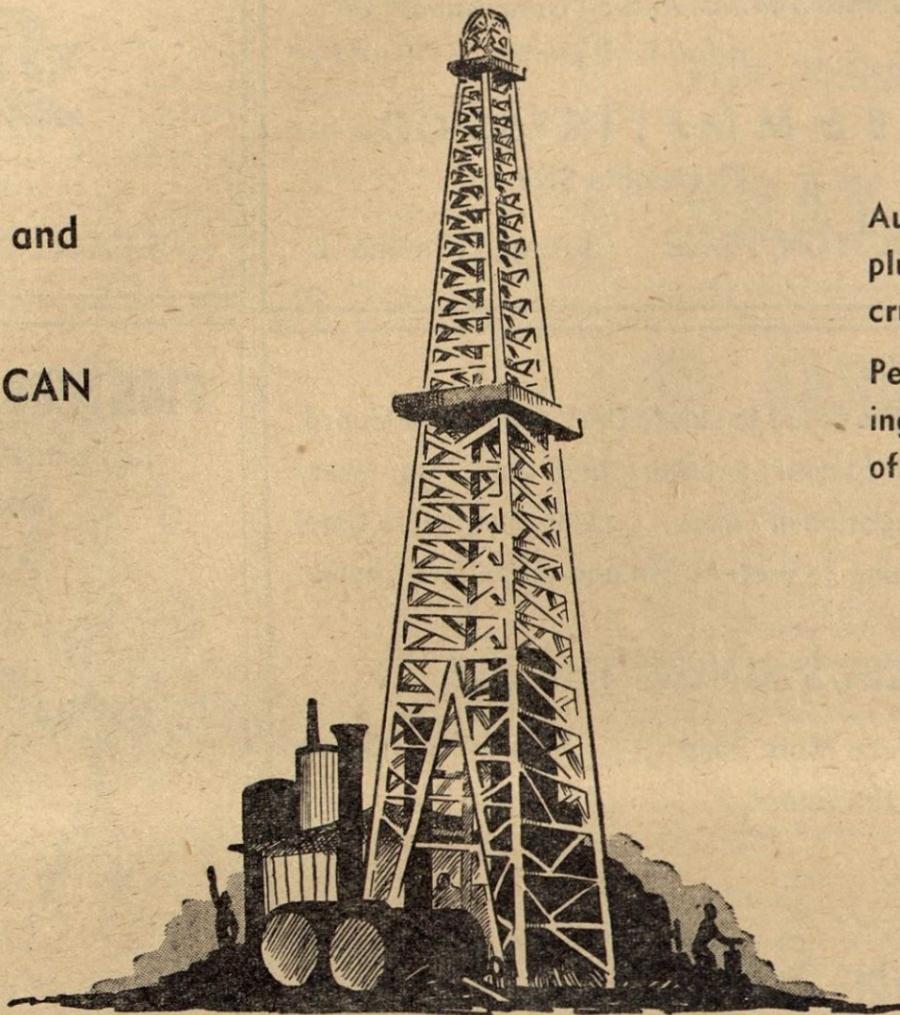
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