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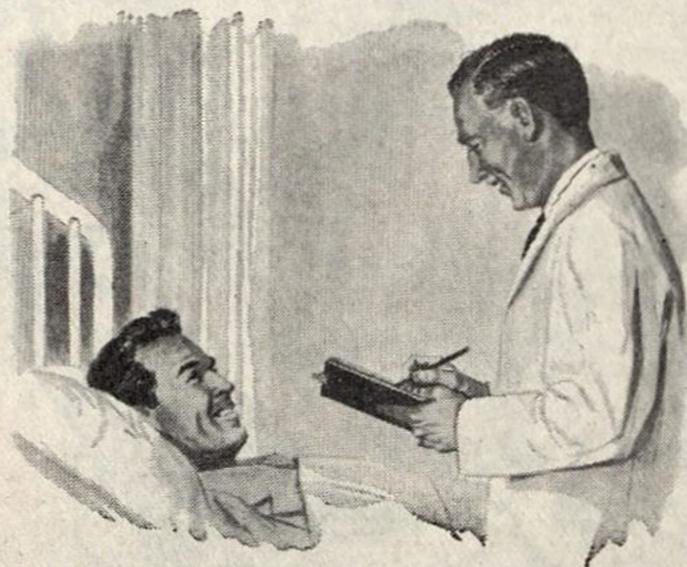
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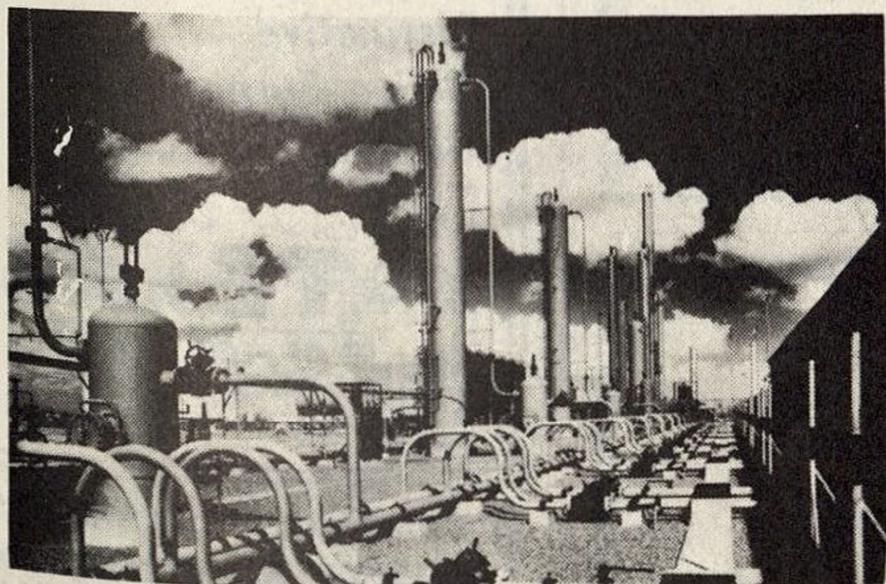
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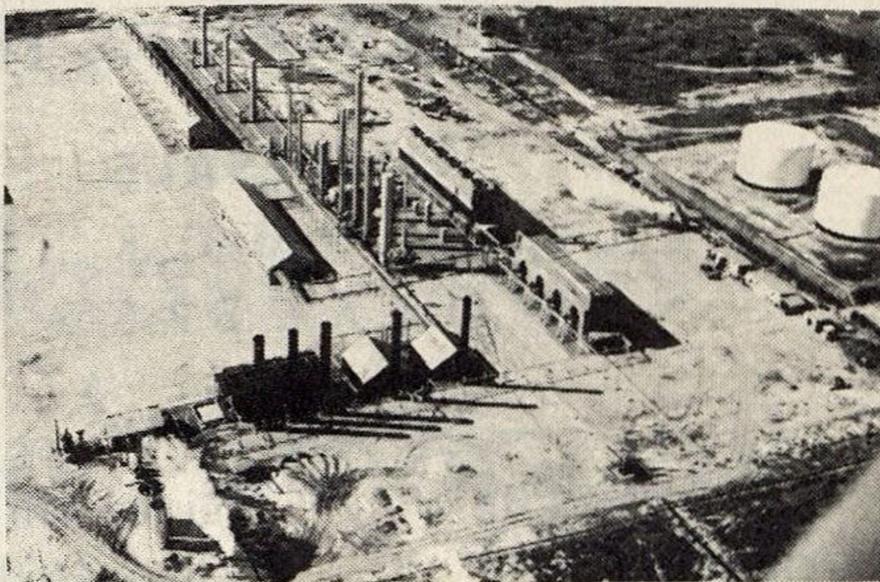
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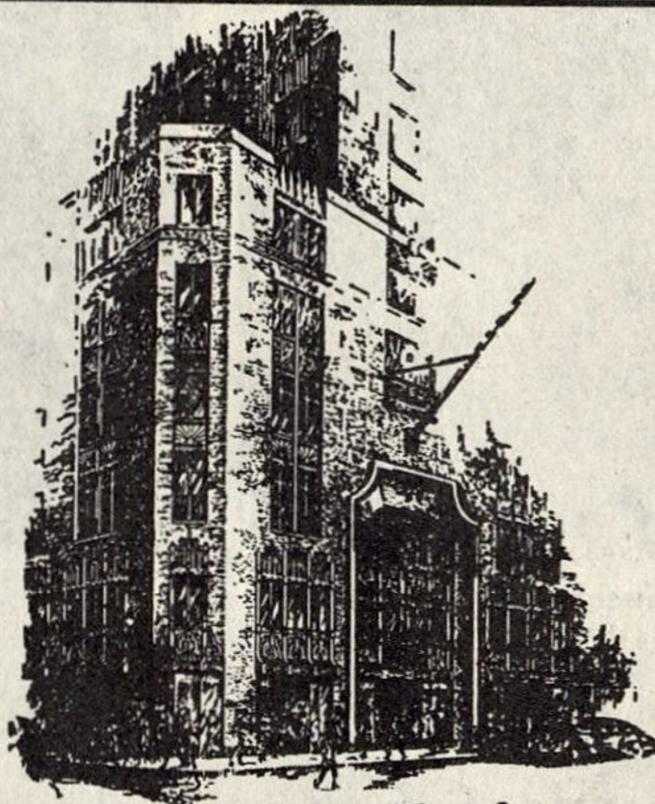
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General Dwight Eisenhower



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Texans Take Reins of Supreme Army, Navy Command

Two native Texans will command the American army and navy during the critical postwar period.

When President Truman Tuesday named Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to be chief of staff of the army and Adm. Chester Nimitz to be commander in chief of the fleet and chief of naval operations he turned over supreme command of the American armed forces to two men born in Texas.

Admiral Nimitz already has returned to Texas for a hero's welcome, and it is expected that the time will not be too long before General Eisenhower goes to his birthplace at Denison for a visit. General Eisenhower has promised Texas friends in Washington that he will go to his birthplace at the first opportunity and it is believed that as soon as he completes his shift in jobs he will make the Texas visit.

Command of the army air-forces also may go to a Texan, Gen. Ira C. Eaker of Field Creek, who is now deputy commanding general of the airforces. General Eaker is one of the officers under consideration to succeed Gen. H. H. Arnold, slated to retire soon, although Gen. Carl A. Spaatz is understood to have the inside track for the post.

Another Texan with a great military record very much in the limelight in Washington is Adm. J. O. Richardson of Paris, who by his straight-shooting answers about precautions he advised before Pearl Harbor, threw light on behind-the-scenes events before that date.

Richardson was commander-in-chief of the fleet and conferred with President Roosevelt and state department officials, urging that the fleet not be massed in the Pacific.

He was relieved and the post turned over to Admiral Kimmel.

General Eisenhower, although reared in Kansas, spent some time in Texas, having been stationed at San Antonio.

Had Ike Eisenhower been born in Texas a few months later he might have been young enough to have satisfied strict age regulations for the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Being just over the top age limit of 20 in 1910, he went instead to West Point.

Eisenhower's father was a civil engineer for a railroad, a fact which took the family of stern, Pennsylvania Dutch stock from a farm in Abilene, Kan., to Tyler, in 1890. The family later moved to Denison.

Eisenhower's father won the Distinguished Service Medal in World War I for his command of the tank corps training center, in Pennsylvania, a job he learned to do while training with the Illinois National Guard at Camp Wilson, Texas, in 1916.

Nimitz was descended from a family in the German colony there. His father died before he was born. The grandfather who reared him gave the boy his first feel of a deck. Charles H. Nimitz owned the hotel which had been built in the form of a ship because he himself loved the sea so well.



General Ira Eaker

The Guardsman

The Future of the Veteran is the Future of Texas

Col. Myron G. Blalock of Marshall, spoke recently on the civic responsibilities of veterans over the Texas Quality Network and affiliated stations.

Col. Blalock is a veteran of the two World Wars. He was one of the able cadre of officers of the Texas National Guard which activated the famous 36th Division. After a year's service with the 36th Division, Col. Blalock was called to duty in the office of Under-Secretary of War Patterson.

The program on which the distinguished Texan is to appear is one of a series on veterans' affairs, entitled "Now is the Time," being presented by the Veterans' Personnel Division of the State Selective Service System. Radio House of the University of Texas is producing the series.

Col. Blalock's address:

Now is the time to think seriously about the future of the 750,000 patriotic men and women Texas sent away to war—that is, 750,000 less the several thousand valiant sons who gave their lives for the betterment of mankind.

Future of Texas

The future of the returning veteran is the future of Texas!

That future will be great or small, glorious or inglorious—as measured by the manner and degree in which the veteran discharges his civic responsibilities, and the extent to which we discharge our civic responsibilities to the veteran.

The entrance of the veteran into his full estate as a citizen is the primary responsibility of civilians.

The waging of war demands our finest young people. The pursuits of peace require no less.

It seems but elementary that we should look to that splendid body of young men and women who served Texas and the Nation with glory and renown during the war.

The body politic will benefit greatly by the leavening effect of veterans who are schooled in the spirit of service and sacrifice for country. It is they who have victoriously triumphed over the greatest crisis the nation has ever faced.

Leadership in public affairs is but their rightful heritage. The veterans must prepare and fit themselves to receive this heritage. They must school themselves to the discharge of civic responsibilities with enlightenment, and with the same unselfish patriotism which they demonstrated in war.

We must not permit the returning veterans to be repelled by an unyielding attitude. We must not permit them to become indifferent. Many of them will be overly modest and hesitant about projecting themselves into civic activities. Many of them feel that what they have done in the war is a small thing and but their duty.

An Obligation

It is the civilian's obligation to extend a warm welcome to the veterans and make them feel we expect their participation in all public affairs.

They will be impatient with circumlocution and aimless deliberations. They will not be tolerant of petty



Col. Myron Blalock

quarrels and squabbles which impede progress. In justice to them, we should not involve them in ancient quarrels which have no hope for worthwhile solution.

Wipe the slate clean and give freedom to their tempo of progress—a tempo that calls for direct action and procedure which deals with the realities and facts as they are, a tempo attuned to the idea that prompt action must be taken and tangible results must be achieved.

Otherwise, there is great danger that many of our veterans will become indifferent and cynical, or that they may fall prey to the prejudicial appeals of the demagogues who will seek to use them.

An alternative is that the veterans might adopt their own mass methods of forcing what they want by sheer weight of numbers. With proper encouragement the veterans can give tremendous impetus to the development of Texas. They have great pride in Texas and they have made her renowned throughout the world. We must give them full scope and encouragement in fulfilling the destiny of Texas.

Most of our civilians, I think, are ready to encourage the participation of veterans in community affairs and to accept their vigorous and patriotic leadership. We can expect to find, of

course, a few extremely selfish people who will undertake to push the veterans aside or seek to take advantage of them.

Seek to Exploit

Extremists of the rule-or-ruin stripe will seek to exploit the veterans.

Our servicemen and women who have traveled over the seven seas and to the far corners of the earth have a more developed outlook on life and will return with a deeper appreciation of American democracy. It is safe to say that a majority of the veterans will expect sound and progressive development of their communities.

The veteran is going to expect a fair and even break in industry and is not going to submit to being pushed aside by someone else who happened to be in an advantageous position while the serviceman was away. It is likely that he will be impatient with any idea that privileged groups of either wealth or labor may have an undue influence in the affairs of his country.

He is going to have a new perspective of our relationship to other countries and other races and classes of people.

It is gratifying to report that the military phase of veterans affairs in Texas is being handled with speed and efficiency under the direction of Brig.

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SALERNO TO THE DANUBE

THE BATTLE STORY OF TEXAS' 36th DIVISION



Chapter 3

By **BILL JARY**

(World War II Editor of 36th Division Newspaper, T-Patch)

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Men who had fought for Naples, had spent their rest periods and pay there, were leaving Italy through the same city. Now its liberators were going, as they had come, by sea, to strike a second blow.

The atmosphere aboard ship had been unwarlike; the men sat around and joked and played cards. Most of

The 141st Infantry Regiment landed on beaches Blue and Green. The Germans, good troops with a leavening of second-rate forces, possessed excellent defensive positions. Not all of them had been knocked out by the preliminary naval and air bombardments, and those left fought tenaciously, making full use of their advantageous positions. There was bitter fighting through the streets of the small French town and up the exposed slopes to root out the well-entrenched enemy.

infantry and tanks. Contact was made with the 45th Division beachhead on the left flank. On the right flank, the 141st pressed eastward to make contact with a force of French commandos operating in the Cannes area.

More than 1900 German prisoners had been taken by noon Aug. 17, and as the lines extended, growing numbers were brought into the division cages.

The Seventh Army beachhead firmly consolidated along its entire span, sprang into violent life when "Task Force Butler" pounded north towards Lyons. Hastily organized on D-plus-three, Task Force Butler was made up largely of 36th Division components.

The 36th charged after it, carrying the right flank of the Army around like a hinge to block the only German escape routes to the northeast. An advance guard for the division drove parallel to the Rhone Valley—cleared Digne, pressed through the mountains to Sisteron, reeling off 90 miles in 14 hours.

This was a dangerous gambling attack. In one day the division had increased its lines of supply and communication by 100 miles, and it continued to press its advantage by slashing at the German rear areas with speed and vigor.

By Aug. 22 elements of the 143rd had occupied the college town of Grenoble without resistance. But the 36th Division left Grenoble as rapidly as it



When the 36th Division went ashore in Southern France, the officers made it a point that every doughfoot knew what he was up against. Lt. Elmer H. Cummings, Mason City, Iowa, tells his infantry platoon what they can expect on the beach.

them had tried to act normal, but even veteran troops are nervous before attempting the unknown. They sat around by their packs, rifles and gas masks and did the same routine things they had done 20 times before and would do 20 times again.

On Aug. 13, the following message was flashed to Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, the new division commander in his ward room aboard the command ship: "D-Day, 15 Aug., 1944; H-Hour, 0800."

There were three division beaches, identified only as Red, Green and Blue. Reconnaissance had shown the presence of many underwater obstacles, a shore line encrusted with casements, and an ingenious defense mesh calculated to intercept a landing at its most vulnerable point.

Red Beach, sandy and admirably situated in the San Raphael Bay, was the finest landing spot. Farther east, Green Beach was a potential trap, flanked by an abrupt cliff and stone retaining wall on the left, a jutting barren rock formation on the right.

Blue Beach was little more than a deeply-indented cove, behind which rose Rastel D'Agay, razor-edged and formidable, a precipitous formation which commanded the entire division landing area.

The 143rd followed the first assault waves onto Green Beach, disregarded the battle raging not 500 yards away, and swung to the west to the pastel-colored summer resort towns on the road to San Raphael.

The 142nd never landed on Red Beach. The demolition boats were unable to force a passage through the underwater obstacles that lined the bay. Green Beach became the only division landing site. In less than 10 hours, 20,000 troops were finally put ashore there, over a boulder-strewn area less than 800 yards long and 50 yards deep.

It was a magnificent accomplishment. On this one beach rested the success of the division's invasion of the Riviera. Across it were put every vehicle, every gun, every piece of necessary equipment, and all the tons of supplies.

There were casualties. With the landings so confined, the Germans were able to mass their forces, but the Riviera landing was not the debacle of Salerno, where the 36th received its baptism under fire almost a year before. Nine hours after the initial landings the beaches were secure.

On Aug. 16, Red Beach was reported open for clearing parties; Frejus was taken; the 143rd cleared a road block at Bourlouis, after a stiff fight with



successful landing on the beach assigned to the 36th and the third wave is preparing to move in with the medics.

had come. A build up of enemy forces was reported in the vicinity of Montelimar. The division was already in contact with the enemy at three widely separated points, near Grenoble, near Digne, and at Gap. It had less than 60 per cent of its organic transport, and neither corps nor Army had supply or transportation elements available. The first decisive battle of the campaign was beginning. On Aug. 23, the Texas Division began to move its forces to meet the enemy.

Two hundred and fifty miles from the Riviera beaches, eight days after the first assault waves had charged ashore, the German 19th Army was pushed into the gunstudded lap of the 36th Division.

Here was a chance for a brilliant plan. To make the kill required eight days fighting. Simplicity itself was the plan. To block the roads and so trap the Germans, then, wipe them out. Complexity itself was the struggle. Surrounding forces were in turn surrounded, attacking forces fired over a greater arc than did the besieged army; the battle was in reality a maelstrom of assault and counterassault.

On Aug. 25, the 141st, reinforced with elements of the 143rd, attacked and cut Route 7, several miles north of Montelimar, beating back determined enemy infantry and armor.

Troops of the 36th Division continued to drive towards the Moselle River line. German resistance now grew stronger since Vesoul was taken, and every town had to be cleared of enemy troops.

The retreating Germans threw up roadblocks at strategic points, but these were quickly overcome. The 1st Battalion of the 141st Infantry Regiment ran headlong into one on Sept. 14, 1944, costing the enemy 50 killed, 100 prisoners, and 11 vehicles.

On Sept. 16, armored units attached to the 36th entered Luxuielles-Bains, last large defended town ?? Remire-

mont and the Moselle River defense line.

The cracking of the Moselle River line was a great victory. The Germans had promised they would hold out all winter behind this water barrier, and while the 36th fought into Plombiers and toward Remiremont, they brought up reinforcements and sent for more.

The Nazis had a lot of troops along the Moselle River; units salvaged from Montelimar, special defense battalions sent from the Third Reich to man the defenses, crack Luftwaffe ground forces employed as infantry.

The fall rains had already begun. In a fortnight, there would be a ravaging flood across the entire valley. The Moselle was rising steadily. The swift advance from the Riviera had stripped the division of its supporting trains. There was no bridging material available. Soon the river would be unbridgeable. Meanwhile the enemy was growing stronger.

Three battalions were committed in the fight to take Remiremont as the

flank of the line. To prevent the enemy from discovering the nature of the 36th Division situation, Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, division commander, did a difficult thing; he pressed his tired regiments to the attack.

The 141st drove overland into Sainte Ame, the 142nd seized the high ground south of Tendon, and the 143rd captured Docelles.

Then on September 25, the Germans counterattacked. For three days they beat furiously against the 36th Division line, but the aggressive moves of the Division had frustrated them. The Texans had penetrated too deeply to be shaken from their bridgehead.

Through their speed and durability their performance under hardships, despite heavy casualties and limited reserves, the 36th had attacked the line behind which the Germans had hoped to rest all winter, and led Gen. Patch's 7th Army to the Vosges Mountains.

(Continued next month)

The beachhead has been secured and this photo shows the 36th moving up to the line, tanks, rifles, medics and plasma.



142nd struggled against heavy resistance on the west bank of the Moselle. Until the 141st made its way into positions behind the bridge and road leading to Remiremont, the Germans continued to wage a punishing war; then they broke contact, blew the only bridge and withdrew across the Moselle. The 142nd entered Remiremont and the entire weight of the division was brought into play along the still narrow bridgehead.

The bridgehead was less than a mile deep, and progress was slow against stubborn enemy resistance in heavily-wooded, hilly, roadless terrain. The cold, rainy weather caught the troops without winter equipment. The situation was not favorable.

There were no available reinforcements. The 3rd Division, in the south, was heavily engaged and unable to move. Advancing toward Epinal, the 45th Division was committed in full strength.

It was up to the 36th, and the division reacted with vigor, shifting its drive to the north and toward Docelles and Bruyeres, deploying on a front 25 kilometers wide and 11 kilometers deep. There was no left flank. It was completely open, but the change in the direction of the attack in some measure protected it, forcing, as it did, the Germans to move in from the north and northeast into the front and a strong

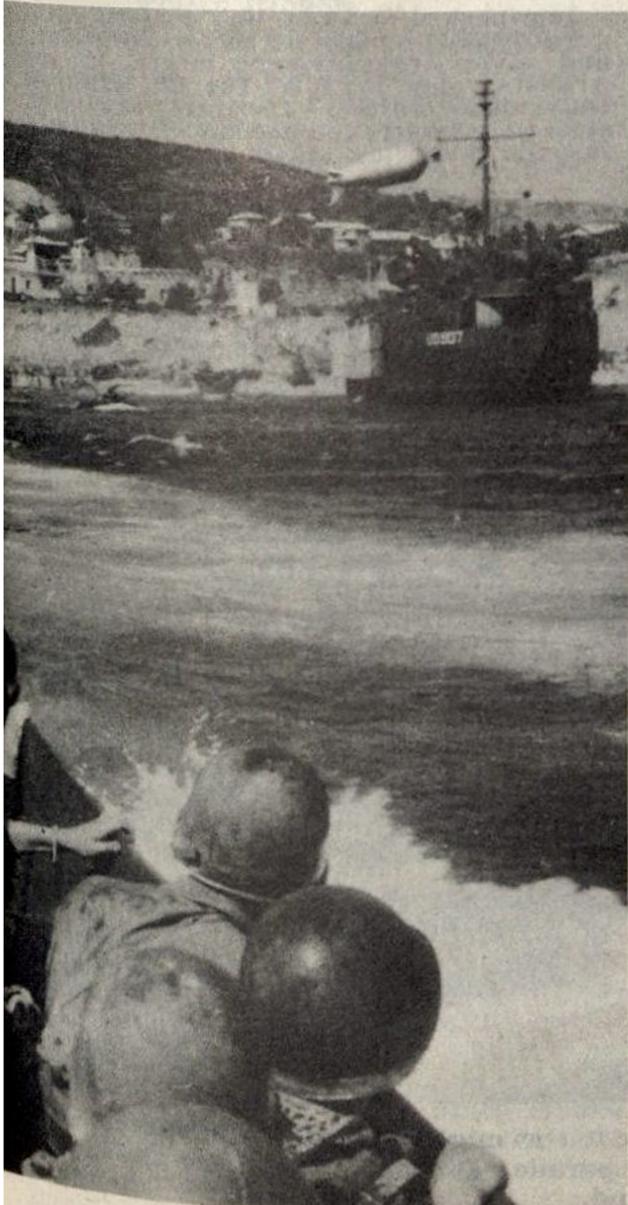
Campaign on 36th Memorial Gains

With early responses already coming in, the campaign to raise \$50,000 for erection of a memorial to Texas' fighting 36th Division of World War II is progressing satisfactorily, Col. H. Miller Ainsworth of Luling announced.

The campaign, directed by a committee headed by Col. Ainsworth and including Col. Marvin Steen of San Antonio, Lt. Col. A. B. Crowther of San Antonio and Lt. Col. Carl Phinney of Dallas, was launched two weeks ago at the behest of Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker.

The courageous 36th, made up principally of Texans, wrote one of the outstanding records of World War II, fighting all the way from Salerno to north of Rome, then through Southern France, into Germany and on into Austria, where many of the nazi bigwigs were among its captives. These included Hermann Goering, von Kesselring and others.

The campaign is to finance a memorial to the courageous men of the Division at Red Beach at Salerno, where the Texans went in to meet Germans lying in wait for them and fought one of the most vital and bloodiest battles of the war. The memorial will overlook the cemetery nearby, where those who gave their lives in the battle now lie.



Plans to Use \$50,000 Fund Mapped

Accomplishment of initial steps toward obtaining and putting into use a \$50,000 fund from Governor Coke R. Stevenson for financing the training program of the Texas State Guard were announced in Austin November 13 after a meeting of Guard leaders with Adjutant General Arthur B. Knickerbocker.

The meeting was held after Attorney General Grover Sellers had ruled that it was within the law for the governor to make the \$50,000 deficiency appropriation.

The \$50,000 fund—not as much as is needed for the next 14 months but better than nothing—would be a supplement to the \$9000 fund set aside by the 49th Legislature for the Guard training program.

It will be necessary for battalions to continue to receive local city and county funds to carry on their training program, even with the \$50,000 allocation.

Committee Named

The adjutant general appointed a committee composed of Lt. Col. Sidney Mason as chairman, Lt. Col. J. C. Jones, Miss Lucille Phelps, chief clerk in the adjutant general's department, and Capt. Carl C. Hardin, Jr., president of

the Texas State Guard Officers Association, to work out a plan for using the funds.

The adjutant general at the November 13 meeting asked Captain Hardin to act on the committee and to help see that the information on the use of the fund is carried to the field. Captain Hardin told the general he would be glad to do so.

The task of the committee will be to work out a plan for distributing the funds in a manner which will involve as little bookkeeping as possible.

No Direct Aid

No funds will be sent direct to battalions. Each battalion will send in requisitions based on its needs and the adjutant general's department, in accord with law, will make purchases of requisitioned items and pay for them.

The committee went on record as opposing direct payment to instructors because it would be a subterfuge. The effect would be to make some member of each battalion a state employee while all others would be serving without pay.

The committee will work out a plan whereby the actual needs of each unit, within the \$50,000 limitation, can be paid by the state.

About \$1000

Actually, each of the battalions of the state guard would receive only about \$1000 for the next 12-month period.

It was apparent that it will be the first part of 1946 before these funds will be in shape for payments, assuming that the governor approves the plan for handling the funds and gives his approval for payment a deficiency basis.

The money will be distributed on the basis of units in each battalion, usually about six units for each battalion, including rifle companies, headquarters unit, and special service detachments.

It was made clear that no actual money will ever be paid to the battalions. Purchases, according to law, must be paid for through the adjutant general's department.

The special committee appointed at the October meeting of the Texas State Guard Officers Association is working closely with the adjutant general's department on the program.

Austin Honors War Dead

Battle-tested veterans of the second division from Camp Swift near Austin, World War I veterans, civilian organizations and the motorized 5th battalion special troops of the Texas State Guard marched in tribute to the dead of the two World Wars on Armistice Day in Austin.

These combat-scarred veterans who returned from the wars of Germany together with the veterans of the Pacific zone, many members of the Texas State Guard, also assembled at noon Nov. 12 at the Driskill Hotel in the annual servicemen's luncheon sponsored by the American Legion where they heard Maj. Gen. E. M. Almond, commanding officer of the Second Division, pay tribute to the American fighting men of two wars and memorialized the thousands of American veterans who made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of victory for the United Nations against Axis oppression.

Four wearers of the Congressional Medal of Honor in this area were among the guests invited to attend the noon servicemen's luncheon at the Driskill. They were Col. Neel

Kearby, T/Sgt. James Logan of Luling, Pfc. Cleto Rodriguez of San Antonio, and S/Sgt. Marcario Garcia of Sugarland.

St. Edward's ROTC State Guard unit consisting of a band and three companies totaling 350 men dedicated Armistice Day to making a citywide campaign of Austin in the sale of victory bonds after participating in the Armistice Day parade. This program was directed by Maj. J. E. Cassidy, executive officer of the State guard battalion at St. Edward's University.

The colors pass during the parade, carried by the Travis post American Legion drum and bugle corps.



The motorized 5th battalion special troops with a section of their motor equipment headed by Lt. Col. Welton Swenson.



Jam-packed crowds line historic Congress Avenue in Austin to watch military and civic organizations march in the Armistice day parade. The St. Edward's University Military Institute band and state guard battalion are shown approaching the reviewing stand.



Camp Hood sent the mighty 90 MM. tank as its contribution to the parade. It is shown on the truck, followed by the band.

San Marcos Cadet Corps Reviewed

By MAJOR STEWART HARKRIDER
 For the purpose of awarding commissions to cadet officers and also announcing Texas State Guard promotions, the San Marcos Academy cadets staged a formal dress parade Sunday afternoon Nov. 4 on the football field before a reviewing line headed by Lt. Col. James C. Jones, assistant chief of staff adjutant general's dept.

Col. Jones made a short congratulatory speech to the cadet officers and non-commissioned officers and presented commissions and awards to them. With newly-commissioned Cadet officers, the cadet corps marched past the reviewing line and off the field.

In the line were Lt. Col. Jones. Lt. Col. John F. Flowers, Major Murray B. Farrell, President R. Kay, Capt. Lewis Ford, Capt. Charles E. Lumpkin, Lt. Wm. McNeil, 1st Sgt. Homer Richardson of San Antonio, and Dean R. E. Lyon.

For the second half of the program members of the Texas State Guard Unit of San Marcos Academy in uniform received promotions and the service ribbons, denoting one year's service in the Guard, from Col. Jones. Major Farrell read the promotions and Col. Jones gave the certificates.

Lt. Col. Flowers, professor of military science and tactics for the San Marcos Academy Cadet Corps, was first connected with the Academy as P.M.S. & T. from 1924 to 1937. He went on active military duty in the summer of 1940 as first lieutenant, commanding the 28th Ordnance Company at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. From there April 1941, Col. Flowers was transferred to the headquarters of the IV Army Corps in Jacksonville.

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G-1 PRESENTS RIBBONS

1. Lt. Col. James C. Jones presents Sgt. Gordon McDonald, American citizen residing in Mexico, with one-year State Guard Service Ribbon.

NEW COMMANDER PRESENTS WARRANT

2. Lt. Col. John F. Flowers hands Charles M. (Tennessee) Troutman TSG Tech Sergeant warrant. Troutman is from LaFollette, Tennessee.

PASS IN REVIEW

3. National and Unit Colors appear as San Marcos Academy Cadet Corps passes reviewing stand.

REVIEWING LINE

4. President Kay and Lt. Col. Jones head reviewing line. Others, reading left, are: Lt. Col. John F. Flowers, Major Murray B. Farrell, Captain Lewis V. Ford, Captain Charles Lumpkin, 1st Lieut. (chaplain) William McNeil, Sgt. H. Richardson and Dean R. L. Lyons.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHOWS EQUIPMENT

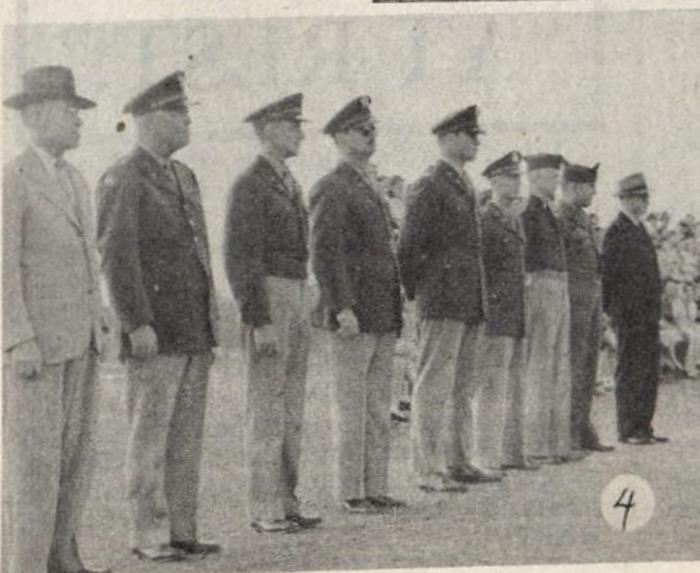
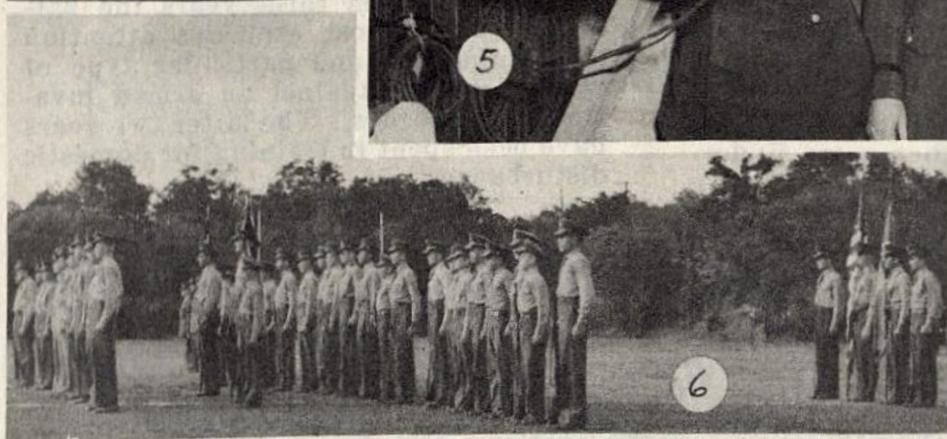
5. Major Murray B. Farrell accompanied by Lt. Col. Jones and Lt. Col. Flowers inspects the projector equipment of the visual aids sect. in the projection room, established since Major Farrell's arrival at San Marcos Academy.

OFFICERS CENTER MARCH

6. Officers and non-coms present themselves for ratings in cadet corps which were presented by Lt. Col. Jones. National and Unit Colors in the background.

NEW C.O.

7. Lt. Col. Jones presents State Guard commission to John F. Flowers, Lt. Col., OD, AUS, res, new commander of 4th Training and Research Unit.



31st and 26th Being Deactivated

By Lt. Mynatt Smith

Five years of Texas State Guard history are coming to an end for the 31st Battalion in the Rio Grande Valley, commanded throughout its service by Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen of Mission.

The battalion announced early in November that it has decided to disband, and the deactivation process has been under way since that time.

By the first of the year the last of its 30 officers and 300-odd men are expected to have received their discharges. The biggest task in the disbandment has been checking in, inventorying and returning to the state property officer the large amount of equipment made available to the battalion.

Colonel Bentsen said there were several reasons behind the decision of the battalion's officers to disband.

Chief Reasons

Chief among them was the end of the war emergency, the availability of federal troops in case of a domestic disturbance, the slim likelihood of a call to action in the battalion's immediate area because it is an agricultural and not an industrial area, and a desire to muster out the battalion while it is still active and in strength rather than waiting until its personnel has been reduced.

Two representatives from the Adjutant General's office attended a conference at Colonel Bentsen's office with all officers of the battalion, at which points for the deactivation were set in motion.

Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason and Lt. Col. Royall G. Phillips attended.

Colonel Mason expressed the Adjutant General's regrets that the 31st was disbanding, crediting it with being one of the best battalions in the state for a number of years.

"I have seen other units go out of service because they were understaffed and not up to operative strength," said Colonel Mason, "but this is the first time that I have helped officiate at the 'embalming of a live patient.'"

He said there had been no question at any time but that the 31st stood ready for an active call to duty. He complimented the officers on the status in which the battalion had been maintained since early 1940.

Colonel Mason said any men or units of the battalion who preferred to remain on an active status with the view toward seeking National Guard enlistments later on might do so, with the approval of the Adjutant General.

The task of checking in supplies preparatory to issuance of discharge certificates to enlisted men got under way in the 31st shortly after the disbandment decision was announced by Colonel Bentsen. All units were engaged in that work during the first half of November.

Colonel Bentsen said that in five annual federal inspections given his troops, the 31st had been given ratings of excellent on three occasions and satisfactory on two.

26th Battalion

One other battalion in this area, the 26th headquartered at Mercedes under command of Lt. Col. James B. Taylor, is likewise deactivating. One of its units, the line company at Harlingen, is remaining on an active status and plans to make its personnel available for National Guard training.

Hats off! The Guard is Passing By

A public salute to the 31st Battalion for more than five years of unbroken civilian defense and civic service in the Rio Grande Valley counties of Hidalgo and Starr was given the organization Nov. 6 by Editor Si Casady of the Valley Evening Monitor at McAllen.

The following appeared on that date in the editorial column of the Monitor:

Hats Off!

The Guard Is Passing By

The Texas State Guard deserves a public salute as it goes through the routine of disbanding this week.

The men who made up this volunteer security group and spent the past five years training for a possible emergency that never came were inspired by the highest of human motives. They received no pay, and only negligible honors.

It was in mid-1940 that the 31st Battalion began to take form. The first company was organized at Mission, and the commissions of several officers still in the battalion date back to that year.

Well ahead of Pearl Harbor, the 31st was preparing for its war-time role. At first the Mission company was a local organization of men interested in weekly military drills as preparation for anything that might arise.

During its first three years the battalion gave almost exclusive attention to training for one particular type of work—defense against an armed invasion of the border. The latter two years have been spent in training for domestic disturbances.

Alerted Twice

On two occasions the battalion was prepared for a call to active duty—calls which did not materialize.

It has taken part in dozens of field maneuvers, ranging all the way from operations in company strength to battalion and regimental maneuvers.

On two occasions it has been host to Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, Adjutant General of Texas. In September, 1944, he came to the Valley to take part in Mexican Independence Day ceremonies which turned into a colorful military show at Reynosa, opposite McAllen. In the same month of 1945 he came back to participate in a similar celebration at Mission, when Congressional Medal of Honor winner Jose

"AT REST!"

When the decision for disbanding of the 31st Battalion was formally announced, 2nd Lt. Edgar E. Martin of Co. B, McAllen, used a single line of type to tell the story.

The lieutenant for more than two years has written one of the most popular State Guard columns in the state. Its name is "At Ease!" and it has appeared weekly during that time in the Valley Evening Monitor at McAllen.

Martin's final column read as follows: "July 2, 1943 to Nov. 2, 1945. AT REST!"

They knew they might be drilling and learning their military lessons all for naught. And yet they stayed in rank against the day when they might be called to active duty, expecting no reward and receiving none, other than the inner satisfaction of knowing they were contributing to the welfare of their communities and the security of their fellow men.

Soon, now, the Texas State Guard will be only another memory. But it will always be a proud one!

Lopez, a sergeant in the American infantry in the Battle of the Bulge, was the guest of honor.

Their five years of work, fellowship and association will not end completely for the officers and men of the 31st when disbandment is completed. Already they are talking plans for an annual reunion. Many of them are joining the National-State Guard Veterans organization, launched at Houston, as a means of maintaining the ties which bound them together in TSG service.

And the parting words of Colonel Bentsen to the AGO representatives were perhaps symbolic of the 31st:

"These men will still be here. They can reassemble on short notice in case they are needed.

"They will be ready."

Government in Canada operates through three main branches—the Federal Parliament and provincial legislatures, Federal and provincial executives and the judicial system.

31st Troops Qualify For Marksmanship

Twelve officers and men of Co. E, Donna, of the 31st Battalion, Texas State Guard, have qualified for appropriate badges in marksmanship after record firing under prescribed State Guard regulations.

The list, as usual, is led by the name of the company commander, Capt. J. Harold Vertrees, one of the best all-round shots in the Rio Grande Valley.

The list of names follows:

Expert: Captain Vertrees 182, Sgt. D. Sheldon 180, Lt. Gordon Wood 179, Sgt. A. Todd 178, Sgt. T. Cole 177, Sgt. H. Hoffhine 176, Sgt. H. Stowe 176, Sgt. Cleo Vinyard 173.

Sharpshooter: Lt. George Vance 166, Sgt. Ed Koelle 162.

Marksman: Pvt. G. Park 155.

Qualified but awaiting final AGO approval as expert is Sgt. A. Collier 173.

The company still maintains the most modern outdoor target range in the Valley and for several years has had the ranking target shooting team—military or civilian—in this area.

Applications for NSGV flock in

Applications for membership in the National-State Guard Veterans, organization to recognize those persons who served to guard the internal security of the nation during the war, are flocking into the headquarters in Houston.

The applications, along with letters asking how Rendezvous Points, local units of the organization, can be set up, have been received from not only Texas but several other states as well.

Honor for having the first activated R.P. goes to Corpus Christi where on November 13, members of the 28th Battalion gathered and formed their organization. This is R.P. No. 5.

Lt. S. F. LaChance, acting adjutant of the organization, officiated at the activation of the Corpus Christi Post and announced that 44 persons signed up.

Meanwhile, various committees of the NSGV, have been busy rounding up details to complete the state and national organization of the new veterans organization.

The committee on insignia met and after lengthy consideration, drew up three designs for the pin that members will wear to designate their service to the nation during the war.

One of these designs is carried on the cover page of this issue and the other two are printed on an inside page. These designs are just suggestions and members are asked to signify their choice in letter to the NSGV headquarters, 725 Chronicle Building, Houston.

The organization is open to commissioned and non-commissioned personnel, volunteer or former members of state guards, national guards, civilian air patrol, naval militias and coast guard auxiliaries.

National-State Guard Veterans was organized out of a desire to see that those persons who served to guard internal security, and who through no fault of their own could not qualify for regular military service, be given some measure of recognition.

The NSGV was given a rousing vote of approval at the recent convention of the Texas State Guard Officers Association and queries are coming in daily indicating a wide membership in the organization, which is headed by Lt. Col. Vincent Chiodo, of the 7th Battalion, Texas State Guard, Houston.

Colonel Chiodo and his staff are merely temporary officers, chosen to get the organization under way. Permanent officers and a permanent constitution and by-laws will be voted at the first convention of the organization, to be decided upon by a vote of the membership.

Adjutant LaChance urges that all units who wish to become charter members of the NSGV send in their applications immediately to the headquarters, 725 Chronicle Building, Houston 2, Texas.

Dallas Rifle Match Winners

After knocking at the door for five years, A Company won an overwhelming victory in the annual 19th Battalion Small Bore Rifle Match held 30 September.

The match, held at the small bore range of the Trinity Rifle Club of Dallas, was shot in a sea of mud, during a foggy mist. Despite these factors, many fine scores were turned in. As a matter of fact, A Company piled up a higher aggregate than any other single team has scored in this annual classic since its inception.

The McLain Trophy Match, a four position, military competition, provides a total possible of 250 points per man and a team aggregate of 1,250 for the five positions.

High individual scorer for the match was S/Sgt. R. E. McMains, who turned in a fine 235—an unusually high score for a four position course. This score has been topped only once in this match—that being by Captain Ed Miller of D Company, who shot 236 in the 1941 match. It was tied for 235 in 1941 by Lt. Chas. Levi (formerly of A Company), World War II hero of the Paci-

fic who has led Filipino guerillas behind the Jap lines for several years.

Second high honors were shared by 1st Sgt. J. P. Viglini and Corp. T. F. Johnson, both of A Company, who turned in 229 each. Third place was copped by Sgt. Kirkman of D Company who turned in 224 to lead his Company in scoring.

The Runner Up, B Company, shows a very consistent card, with Sergeants Holden and Clevinger sharing top honors with 220 each. S/Sgt. Yates of C Company and M/Sgt. Fry of Headquarters shot 215 each to lead their respective teams.

A handsome trophy will be presented to the champions. Medals will be awarded for first, second and third high individual scores.

The officials for the match were Captain Monty Mann of the TSG P. R. O., who served as range officer-referee, and 1st Lt. Jimmie Pitts, adjutant for the 51st Battalion, who served as head score-keeper. Both men are former 19th Battalion members, who shot in this annual match in days gone by.—Capt. Monty Mann.

Contestant	(Slow Fire)			(Rapid Fire)		Total
	Prone	Sit-Kneel	Stand	Prone	Sit	
S/Sgt. R. E. McMains	50	47	43	50	45	235
1st Sgt. J. P. Viglini	50	44	41	49	45	229
Corp. T. F. Johnson	49	47	40	50	43	229
S/Sgt. H. J. Sides	49	48	36	46	45	223
Sgt. V. A. Kagay	50	46	33	49	42	220
Aggregate total						1,136
Aggregates for the other fine participants were as follows:						
B Company (Runner Up)						1,066
D Company						1,024
C Company						947
Headquarters						926



Left to right—Front row (seated)—A Company Rifle team: S/Sgt. R. E. McMains, Sgt. V. A. Kagay, S/Sgt. H. J. Sides, 1st Sgt. J. P. Viglini, Corp. T. F. Johnson.

Left to right—Back row (standing)—A Company Rifle team coaches and alternates: Sgt. T. J. Stovall, 1st Lt. D. M. Collingwood, T/4 J. H. Wright, Sgt. R. B. White, S/Sgt. J. M. Spencer.

Texans Flock To Army

Eighth Service Command has enlisted 25,000 men; original goal increased 50 percent.

Texas State Guardsmen can now relax, secure in the knowledge that the many miles of border the Lone Star State contributed to the United States of America will be well guarded by the guardians of victory who are every day swelling the ranks of the regular army.

Business men and employees who devoted so much of their valuable time during the war to training and maneuvers in order to provide a citizen wall against invasion are now being joined by the thousands of willing, ready and able men who are electing to make the Army their careers. Already, in the Eighth Service Command alone, more than 30,000 veterans and young men with eyes on their futures have enlisted. The goal was originally set at 70,000 men in the Southwest, but the response was so great that the sights have been elevated to that figure plus 50 per cent more, by July 1946. The national goal at that time is 1,600,000 men.

Colonel Robert L. Bacon, combat seasoned veteran of the European Theater of Operations, who directs the Military Personnel Procurement campaign for the Command, allows no foolishness to sabotage the drive for recruits.

"This is not going to degenerate into a laughing matter," he says. "We are going to have an aggressive policy, and we are going to keep the Army on a high level. Men who are now joining the Army have a definite goal in mind. There never again will be any room to refer to soldiers as men who couldn't make a living anywhere else."

Here's Why

Ask any veteran why he is reenlisting. Nine answers out of ten will all be in the same vein—"We don't see how civilian life can offer us the security, benefits and retirement plan the Army offers." Ask any young man joining up for the first time, and the ratio will be the same—"We don't see any possibility of insuring a college education so easily or any chance of retiring on such good pay in so short a time."

And those enlistees and reenlistees aren't kidding. They have looked into the matter thoroughly and talked it over, both with Army officers and their families. Take the case of a man who was drafted at the age of 20, went overseas, and put in a total of three years service. After coming home, he decides to remain in the service.

On the average, he's a bright lad and knows that if he stays on the ball his chances of promotion are good. In 30 years, he can count on being a first three grader at least, and probably a master sergeant. At that time, here's



Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commanding general, Eighth Service Command, congratulates Sgt. Bernard N. Helfert, Jr., 5000th soldier to reenlist in the Command's current drive for recruits. The figure has now passed 30,000.

what he would be drawing: \$207 a month, and retirement pay of \$155.25 a month when his 30 years are up! If he retires at the end of 20 years, his monthly check would be \$97.70. And he wouldn't be too old to hold another job, either. On top of that, if he were disabled in the service, his pension would add to the monthly check he is certain to receive.

But liberal pay and retirement isn't the only inducement the Army has for recruits. As long as a man is in the service, he is sure to have a post exchange as his "general store" where he can buy everything from Junior's diapers to the special brand of chewing gum his wife prefers. Then, there are cash allowances in lieu of quarters and rations for married men living off the post, and dependency allowances for family men whose folks are living away from them. The free mail privilege is still in effect, low-cost Government insurance, and free medical care.

For the Young Man

What's in it for the young man? This is especially pleasing to you dads, for now a son may receive four years of college without planning a strict budget for the entire family to see him through. It's simple; all he has to do is enlist for three years and then take advantage of the G. I. Bill of Rights. He gets one year for each year's service, plus a "bonus" of one year, just for being in the Army.

And all the time a man is in the Army, he is getting specialized training in the branch he chooses to serve in. The old days are gone, when the tempo of war made it necessary in many cases to rush a man into a branch he did not want to enter. Now, they choose their arms and branches. Business students choose the Finance Department. Radio bugs get in the Signal Corps. Flying fans get the choice of the Air Corps. Then, USAFI, the United States Armed Forces Institute, makes available to men while in the Army extension courses from colleges and universities and a regular G. I. line of correspondence courses.

Think that over, fathers and business men. Sounds like a pretty good



Col. Robert L. Bacon, Inf. Director, Military Personnel Procurement

deal for your sons, and the sons of your friends. But wait a minute—let Colonel Bacon give you the clinching argument.

"Every man who reenlists gets his mustering out pay, a reenlistment bonus of \$50 for every year served, and a reenlistment furlough of 30 days for every year served, up to 90 days. And he still gets his board and room, free medical and dental care,

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32nd Holds Joint Drill

Three companies of the Thirty-second Battalion met for a joint drill on the evening of October 30. Companies in attendance were Company A, of Longview, commanded by Capt. Wilmer T. Meredith; Company B, of Kilgore, the host company, commanded by Capt. Jack Roach; Company D, of Tyler, commanded by 1st Lt. Arthur Hayes; The Battalion Service Detachment, and Headquarters. The Battalion was under the command of Col. James L. Tillery.

The program began with a demonstration of an informal guard mount under the direction of Capt. Roach of Kilgore with all units participating. This was followed by a machinegun demonstration by Company A under the command of Capt. Meredith. The Battalion then passed in review. Refreshments were served.

The idea of joint drills was conceived at a regular officers' meeting some time ago in an effort to create interest and also to give the members of the various companies experience in working together. As all companies are depleted in strength, units are combined. The men are taking to the idea and the officers predict better attendance as each meeting is arranged.—Story and photos by 1st Lt. M. H. Lehman, S-2, 32nd Bn.

Guard Entitled To Partial Exemption On Poll Tax Payments

Members of the Texas State Guard are entitled to partial exemption from payment of the poll tax under certain conditions but in any event must pay the \$1 poll tax for support of public schools, the attorney general's department said in an opinion Nov. 19.

The opinion, sought by Walter Pierson of the executive division of the secretary of state's department, said the constitutional amendment adopted last August 25 exempted from poll tax payment only members of the armed forces of the United States or of the armed forces reserves and its component parts.

The state guard, said the opinion, is not mentioned in the amendment and statutes expressly provide that the guard is part of the militia forces of the state.

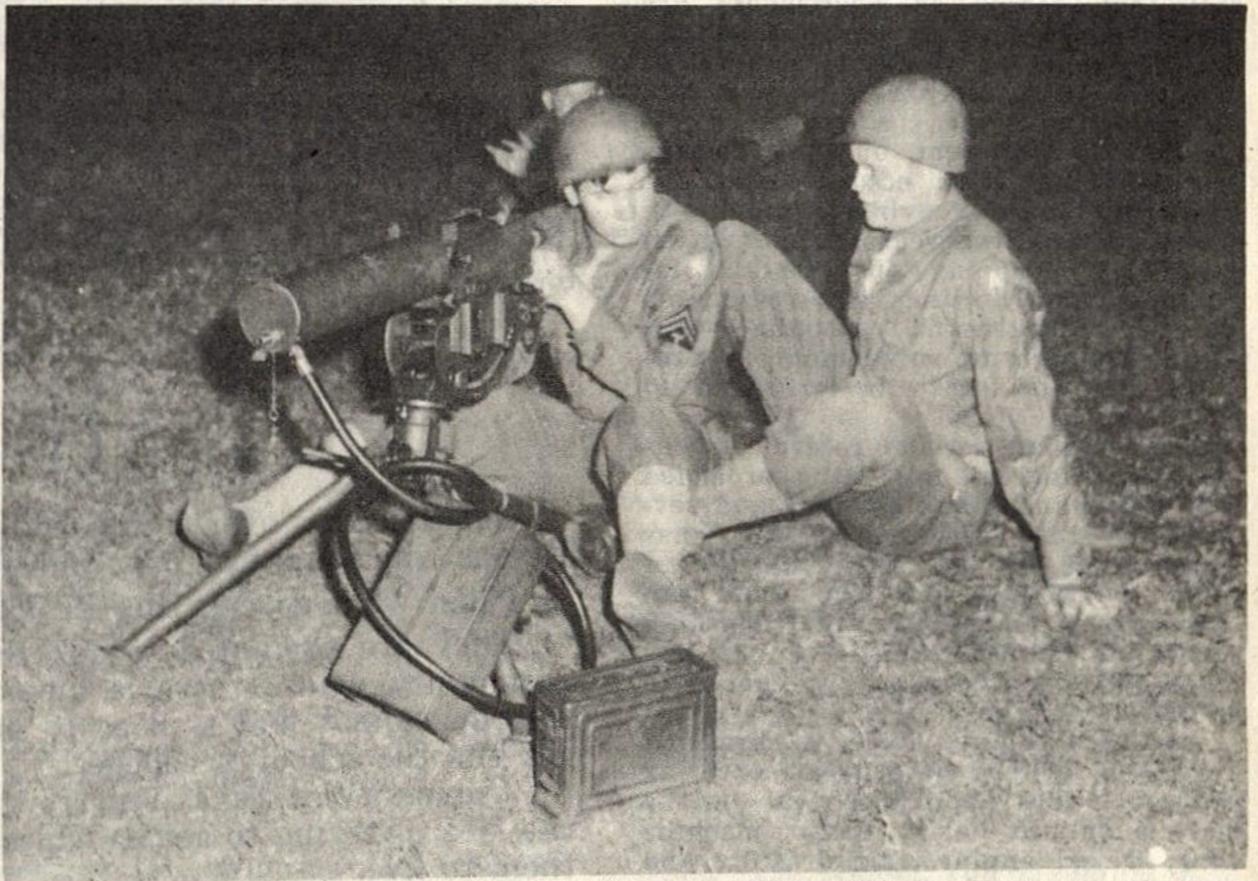
However, officers and enlisted men of the guard may obtain exemption from payment of all but the \$1 portion of the poll tax for support of schools if they comply with certain articles of civil law. These require that officers and men file each year between January 1 and April 1 with the tax assessor-collector of their home county a certificate that they were active and in good standing with the guard in the preceding year.

Colonel, 62, Enters School

GENEVA, N.Y.—On the axiom that "you're never too old to learn," Lt. Col. Perry M. Shepard, at 62, has gone back to school.

Colonel Shepard, veteran of both World Wars, who retired in January, 1944, has entered Hobart College as an undergraduate under the GI Bill of Rights.

A former member of the Hobart Board of Trustees, Colonel Shepard, who last attended college in 1903, plans to major in history and complete requirements for a bachelor's degree.



Houston U. Vets Find it Rough, Too

Nearly 1075 veterans, with problems ranging from "Where can I find a house?" to "Has anyone seen my dog?" keep the University of Houston's veterans counselling office in a continuous uproar, according to R. O. Jonas, chief counsellor.

The vets, who are expected to number around 2000 on the campus by the beginning of the summer, come from everywhere from Maine to California, and formerly held ranks ranging from private to lieutenant colonel, the counsellor said.

Right now, other than registration, Mr. Jonas said that the two greatest questions facing the veterans are where to find a place to live and where to find part-time jobs so the advantages of the G. I. Bill can be taken. In regard to the housing situation, Mr. Jonas reported that several veterans who have canvassed the city say a good many vacancies exist, but that houses are usually for sale at impossible prices, and that rooms or apartments are either too high or, in many cases, are not for rent to veterans because of children, or "simply because they are veterans."

About 5 per cent of the veterans are dropping their education at the university after having started, he stated. The three reasons most often given for dropping out are the inability to find housing at a reasonable price; inability to find part-time work paying enough to supplement government aid, and the wife is "about to have a baby."

The average service record of veterans entering this fall well approached four years and many have six and seven years to their credit. Mr. Jonas stated that by far the majority of them are young men who went into the service almost directly from high school or college, and have not had much job experience and no chance to choose a vocation.

Although many fields of training are asked for, the majority are entering the mechanical and electrical in the more advanced fields. Radio, machine shop, Diesel engineering, drafting and auto mechanics dominate in the technical field, and Mr. Jonas stated that quite a number who have had certain specialized training under the G. I. methods in airplane mechanics, communications and other fields are finding that their service training is too narrow for industry, and are asking for additional training. In fact, it was pointed out, demands for additional training are so great that all shops are filled to capacity day and night, and new shop buildings and equipment are urgently sought.

Among the nonengineering fields, Mr. Jonas said that business administration—especially accounting—holds most interest. Because of an unusually wide variety of courses offered, the university is able to offer a complete program in business and technical fields to suit almost any demand.

While the majority of veterans come from Houston and its immediate vicinity, a large proportion are from other states.

A paint consists of a mixture of a solid pigment, and a liquid medium usually composed of linseed oil (or other drying oil), a drier, and turpentine or other volatile thinner.

Amarillo Co-op Trains Vets for Civil Life

Working with the Federal government and the Veterans Bureau, the regional cooperative wholesale, Consumers Cooperatives Associated at Amarillo, has been authorized as a training center for returned veterans of World War II. This program was established by the educational department of CCA on the first of July and three returnees are at present in training, learning the methods of operation of cooperatives, Co-op merchandise, Co-op bookkeeping systems, and cooperative theory and philosophy.

The first period of training, or Basic Training, is given at the Amarillo warehouse. The trainees learn to handle Co-op merchandise, prices and quality, specifications and uses, and the manner in which it is received from the national suppliers and how it is distributed over the CCA system in the Southwest. Also while in training at the regional wholesale, these men are given basic knowledge of Co-op merchandising, purchasing, selling, advertising and display, and instruction in basic Co-op bookkeeping, in the general office. They are also given an over-all picture of the operation of the cooperative through field trips, taken with field men in the territory.

During the basic training period, these trainees are given three courses of study in cooperative activity. A course in Co-op Philosophy and Theory, giving historical background of the cooperative movement, its purpose and aim, its ideals, its potentialities and accomplishments, is taught along with courses in Co-op Merchandising and Co-op Bookkeeping.

The Courses

These courses consist of six one-hour lectures each and are distributed over a six- to eight-week period, while the trainee is at the regional wholesale warehouse and office. The faculty teaching these courses is made up of the employees of CCA and include Leonard F. Cowden, general manager; Edward S. Gardner, comptroller; Donald W. May, educational director; Ted R. Wade, assistant comptroller; Porter R. Underwood, cost accountant; C. W. Manley, purchasing agent; and Don H. Wood, service manager.

Following the training period at the regional wholesale, the trainees will be placed at local associations throughout the territory for specific training in the operation of cooperative organizations.

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Why?

Reports from over the broad state of Texas indicate that hundreds of Texans who fought all over the world are asking:

"Just what good is this GI Bill of Rights?"

They are prompted to ask that because in practically every Texas community where there is an educational institution of any size, the veteran cannot find a place to park his weary frame even if he could get into the school or college.

University of Texas reports that hundreds of veterans have given up the idea of trying to get an education there because there is no place for them to live.

Houston University reports that many veterans who planned to attend that school have just decided to "skip it" rather than try to find a place to live.

These are just two instances. Look around the state and you will find many more.

The communities are trying valiantly to scare up rooms. But school enrollments dropped during the war and landlords accepted other types of renters.

Construction stopped during the war and the shortage of houses and apartments constantly grows greater.

Maybe the communities are not to be blamed. But someone is. The Guardsman would like to know just why the thousands of feet of building space erected during the war at army centers could not be made available for housing these veterans.

After World War I, this was done in many localities. Army cantonments were divided into apartments and veterans given preference.

Fort Worth has made a move to help its veterans. The National Housing Agency has agreed to allocate 1000 temporary housing units for veterans. They will be shipped to Fort Worth from as far as 500 miles.

If this can be done in Fort Worth, why can't it be done wherever a veteran can't find a place to live, either for himself or for his family, if he has a family.

The Houston Chronicle sums up a disgraceful situation forcefully in a headline:

"They won the war but can't find homes."

Andy brings 'em the great outdoors

Sportswriter teaches vets you can still land a whopper, slam a long drive, even if you left an arm, a leg, or an eye on the battlefield.

(The following story was written by Mary Grimm Frazer, staff writer for the Houston Press, and is printed in The Guardsman through the gracious permission of Mr. Deskin Wells, editor of the Texas Press Messenger, in which the article appeared).

It's the touch of Texas about Andy Anderson, famed sports writer of The Houston Press, that first captures the interest of the boys from 48 states who crowd Uncle Sam's big army and navy hospitals.

They like the little guy, from the moment he enters the wards, armed with rod and reel, friendly and uninhibited as a fox terrier, ready to "give a show."

But . . . it's the practical assistance toward resuming the great American sports despite heartbreaking handicaps war has wrought, that makes Andy the veteran's own.

It's never a "one day stand." He's a dynamo who's set hundreds of permanent sports projects to working. Months after they first meet Andy, they're feeling the full impact of his visit. They're enjoying fishin' trips he's scheduled, tying flies according to the course he's set up in Occupational Therapy, flexing long unused muscles in newly acquired casting skills.

And, before long, many a soldier-turned-civilian will be enjoying his favorite sport because of some one of Andy's inventions. During his trips, he's noted the special needs of certain handicaps set about to develop the "gadgets" to serve these needs.

His fan mail is enormous. His friends from coast to coast number in the thousands.

Andy has brought a new vision to the lads who lie for weeks and months wondering what it'll be like "when they get out." The sunshine and the trees and the streams back home have a special meaning to many a vet who'd thought they were no longer for him.

Since the first show Andy put on at McCloskey General Hospital in Temple, a little over a year ago, he's visited 68 spots from New York to New Mexico. He's given the sick and wounded soldiers and sailors "something different" in a very simple sort of way.

Andy's program is not a set one. It can be staged in a ward hallway for 20, in a Red Cross auditorium for a thousand. But the basic principles are always the same.

"Let's go fishin', fellas," he begins. Then he shows them how. Whether an arm or a leg has been lost in far-away beachheads or battlefields, whether a lad has never held a fishing rod before, Andy can teach them.

Andy just starts talking, in his drawling Texas way, meanwhile making a cast that demonstrates how to bring the rod over and smoothly put the power in the right places. First the casts are simple. Then he throws

in a trick shot, accompanied by a tall tale of how he had to learn that one.

Andy will wander from bedside to bedside, if he's in a ward, asking this kid and that to be a "stooge." Nonchalantly, he'll ask how they'd like to go on a fishin' trip . . . soon.

Later, the master fisherman will gather outside with a group of ambulatories (walking patients), usually with a full quota of amputees among them. Without referring to the handicap, he'll soon have them all casting on imaginary waters on the hospital grounds.

It doesn't resemble a lesson, really, or a lecture, or a demonstration. It's more of a visit with a great caster, packed with the personality and fishin' lore only Andy can supply.

Shy of civilians who "come to do good," and often openly antagonistic as many patients are, Andy soon has them on his side for sure. Perhaps that's because he uses none of the stock approaches. Perhaps it's because he's Andy.

A little man in stature, but plenty big once he gets going, Andy is fiftiesh, tanned from years of practicing what he writes about in his popular Press sports section, addicted to plaid shirts, cowboy boots and typical Texas toppers. Two conferences always follow his ward visits: one with the Occupational Therapy officer, the man in charge of lessons in handicraft which serve the dual purpose of filling long hours and strengthening injured muscles. That's to set up a "fly tying" course, to start sports-minded men on a new hobby that may prove lucrative, is bound to prove a happy adjunct to later fishing.

The other is with the public relations officer, to help plan fishing trips for wounded vets, sponsored by local groups or organizations in nearby cities. Andy has endless lists of people who want to so entertain the boys, and serves as middle man in putting host and guest together.

Usually, he confers with the commanding officer, also, to check on needed sports equipment later to follow through and see that the items are obtained. Anything from fishing rods to a golf course may be provided, through his understanding of the problems, salesmanship in getting them solved.

Andy is the sole originator of the hospital tours. He just got the idea somehow, disabled veterans could be helped physically and mentally in their rehabilitation, by a long term sports program.

He thinks renewed interest in normal peacetime pastimes, or the acquiring of a new sports skill, beats fancy psychology all hollow.

Warm-hearted as all outdoors, Andy nevertheless is sparing of the sympathy he voices for the thousands of patients he sees each month. It's "Hi fella," not "you poor kid." Nevertheless, one knows Andy is doing a little constant thanksgiving that his own son, veteran of five European battles and wounded, is now hale and hearty.

That his idea of bringing the great outdoors and its great pastimes to disabled vets is a good one has proved twofold:

The entire hospital personnel, from new patients to those who've sweated it out on narrow beds for many months, from ward boy to commanding officer, always ask for more. Repeat engagements are naturals, and Andy fills all he can, despite his mounting engagement schedule.

That's one reason it's known he clicks and satisfactory entertainment for sick soldiers and sailors is no mean achievement in itself.

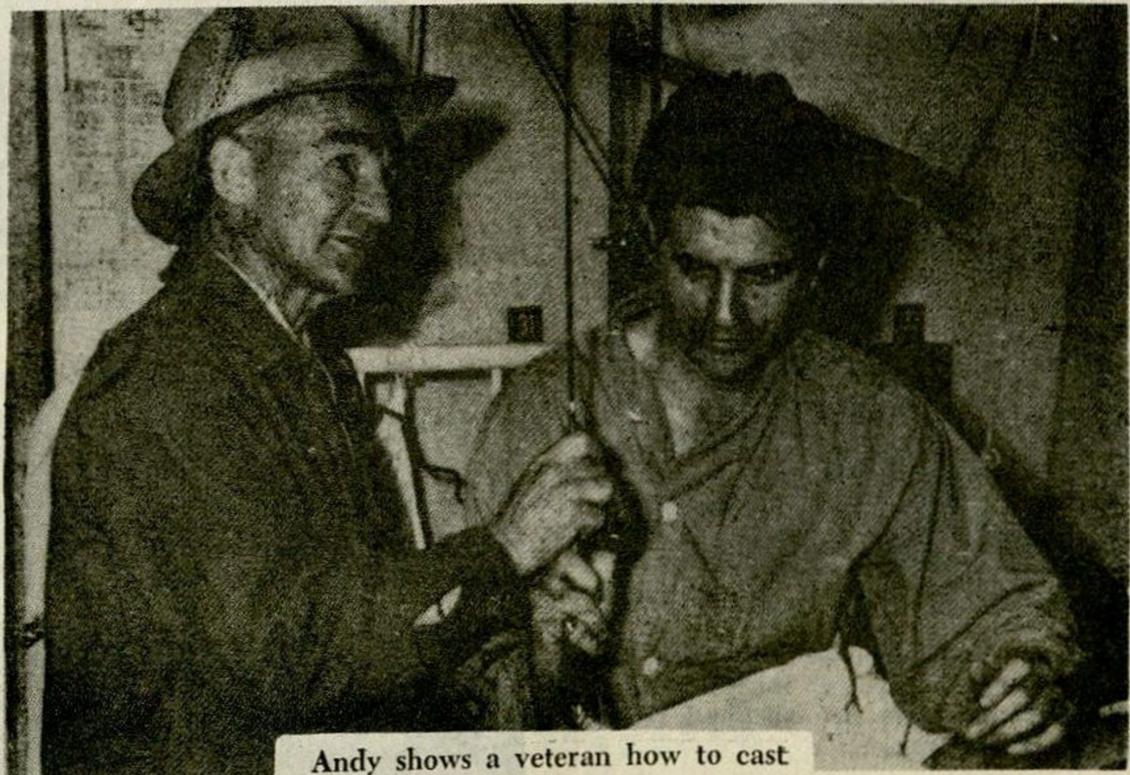
The other reason is the tremendous support of personal sponsorship of continuation of "fishin' tours," and long range projects to carry fishin' to the boys, or the boys to fishin'.

Anglers clubs, employee groups, labor unions, wealthy sportsmen, have through its coordination, scheduled regular week-end trips for men at nearby hospitals. They provide everything from boats and bait to lodging and bang-up meals . . . the latter climaxed by a supper featuring the vet's catch.

"I'd never caught a fish before, but last week I hooked a 40-pounder," a letter might tell him one day. The writer will be a private with a missing leg, whom Andy saw months before.

Or, "I'm sending you a sample of my fly-tying skill," another will write. Usually he'll add that he caught a "beauty" with a similar one.

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Andy shows a veteran how to cast

Austin Future Based on Solid Growth

Austin — Since a cold morning in February, 1839, when five horsemen stopped their mustangs in the Colorado River valley and picked a site for the capital of the Republic of Texas, Austin has played a major role in the sweeping progress of the Lone Star empire.

Symbolic is the taming of the once wild Colorado, now driving gigantic turbines that produce vast power in the form of electricity at man-built dams.

In the fertile river valley picked as the capital site in 1839, "the City of the Violet Crown" nestles among picturesque hills, a city playing a key role in the economic, moral, religious, social and political life of the state.

In addition to being the capital, Austin is the home of the University of Texas, among the top-ranking schools of the nation. The university is noted for its valuable and nationally important libraries; for its thousands of successful and loyal graduates; for its modern educational methods and extensive facilities for scientific research; for its practical extension services; for its contributions to the agriculture, commerce and industry of the state, and for its magnificent buildings with its towering administration building dominating a picturesque campus.

Like the city, the university, established in 1883, has grown to where it now covers much more than the "original 40 acres."

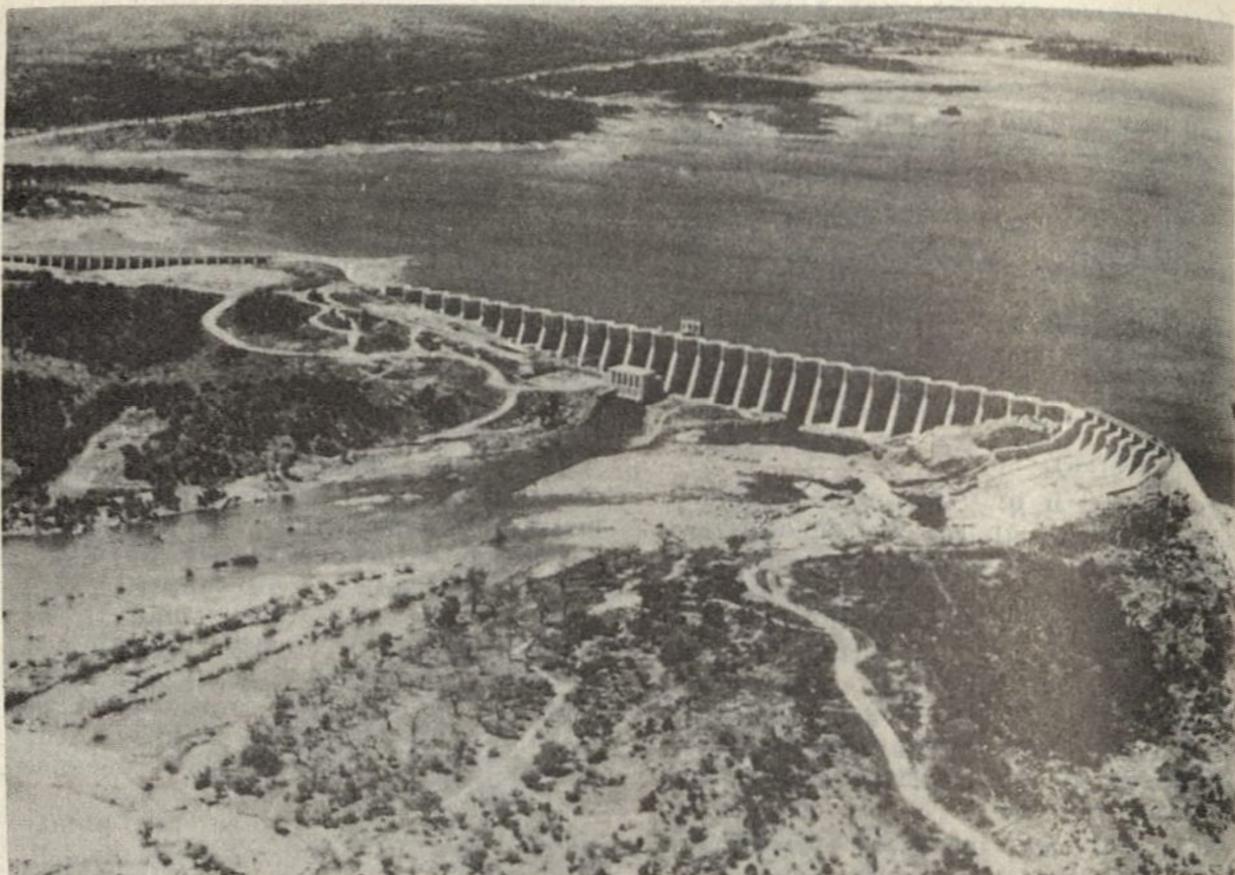
Growing Rapidly

Austin's growth, not built on sudden oil wealth, was climaxed by a 65.5 per cent increase in population from 1930 to 1940. The 1945 estimate is 112,000. Her citizens are proud of their city manager form of government, begun 1926, and of the lowest tax rate of the 10 largest cities of the state.

The city and surrounding area offer a rare combination of advantages seldom found together. Cheap electricity abounds from four large Colorado dams. Two major companies supply natural gas. Clear, cold and remarkably pure water is abundant.

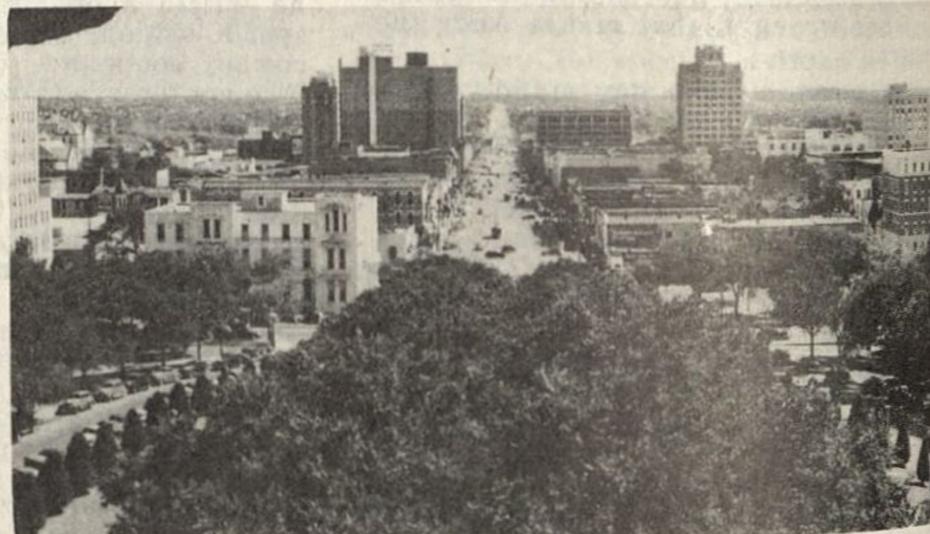
Minerals abound. These include asphalt rock, basalt, bauxite, calcium carbonate, cement, clay, brick, coal, copper, dolomite, feldspar, fuller's earth, granite, graphite, gypsum, iron

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BUCHANAN DAM
Two miles long — forms Buchanan Lake two miles wide and thirty miles long—larger than the Sea of Galilee.

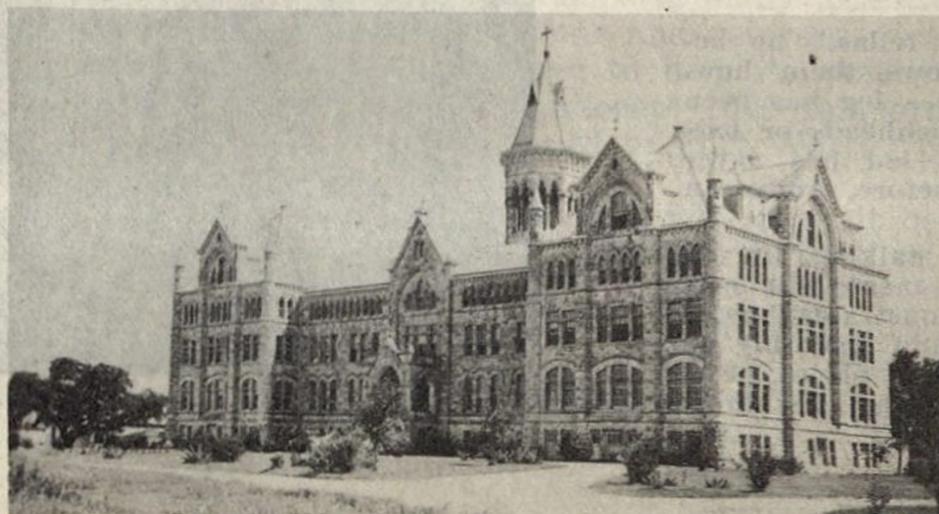
A bird's-eye view of downtown business section of Austin pictured from behind the southern arch of the state capitol—100 feet above the ground.



Main building the University of Texas — attended by nearly 90,000 students. St. Edwards University — Catholic — one of the oldest educational institutions in Texas — on the eminence overlooking the capitol city.



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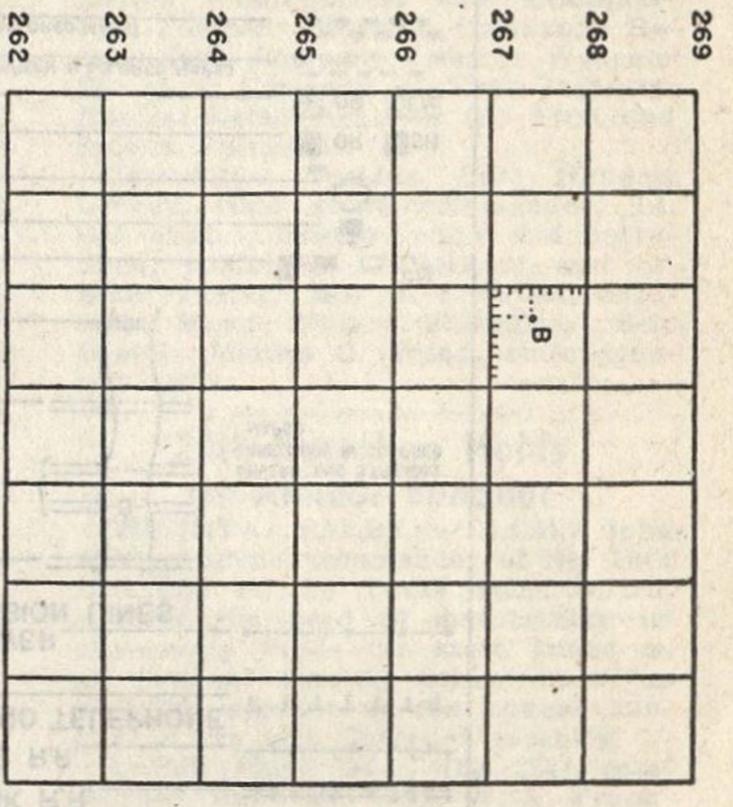


FIG. 2
Rectangular Coordinates

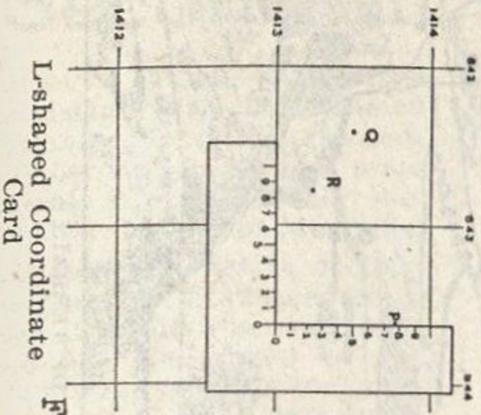
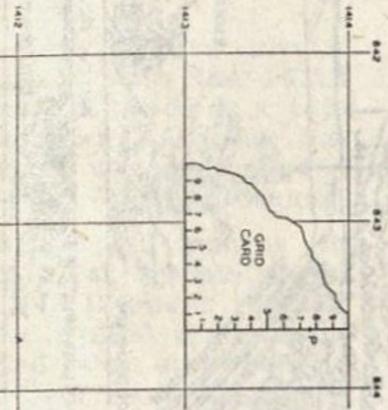


FIG. 3
Rectangular Coordinate Card



FOLD ALONG THIS LINE

1. MAP

(a) A MAP is a representation of a portion of the earth's surface upon a plain surface, to scale, showing natural features and works of man. Map substitutes may be: road sketches, aerial photographs, photographs or mosaics, provisional maps, geographical or road maps.

2. SCALE

(a) The SCALE of maps may vary, but may be defined as the ratio between distance on map and distance on the ground between corresponding points. The SCALE may be shown graphically, in words or by a representative fraction. Scales are classified: SMALL 1/1,000,000; INTERMEDIATE 1/200,000 to 1/500,000; MEDIUM 1/50,000 to 1/125,000; and LARGE 1/10,000 to 1/20,000. SEE FIG. 1.

(b) To measure the distance on the ground between two points on the map, lay a strip of paper with edge passing along and between the two points. Mark and apply to graphic scale; take reading in miles or yards. Another way to obtain distance on the ground is to measure distance on the map and convert according to the WORD scale or REPRESENTATIVE FRACTION.

3. TO ORIENT THE MAP

(a) A map is said to be oriented when the north and south arrow on the map points north on the ground. There are two simple ways of orienting a map:

(1) Locate two points on the map that you can locate on the ground. Draw a line between these two points on the map, and stand at one of these points on the ground with the point on the map over the point on the ground. Turn or rotate the map until the line of sight between the two points on the ground.

(2) By compass. To orient by compass. Open the compass, place the hairline on the compass lid over the

4. DETERMINING VARIOUS FEATURE POSITIONS

(a) One of the most important features of map reading is the ability to determine quickly and describe accurately the positions of various features on the map. One method of doing this is the RECTANGULAR COORDINATE SYSTEM or GRID SYSTEM. A series of parallel east-and-west and north-and-south lines are placed on the map, thus dividing it into a number of squares. This series of lines is called a "grid." The interval between these lines is usually 1,000 yards; that is, each square is 1,000 yards on a side. Beginning at the lower left-hand, or southwest corner, the lines of the grid are numbered. The lines running north-and-south are numbered in order from left to right; that is, from west to east. The lines running east-and-west are numbered from bottom to top; that is, from south to north. These numbers are placed on the margins of the map.

(b) To locate a point B as in FIG. 2, give first the north and south line west of the square "B" and next the east-and-west line south of the square "B" with a dash between them and enclosed in parenthesis, thus: (152-267). Now, on this map all north-and-south lines start with 15, and all east-and-west lines start with 26, so we may designate the square "B" thus: (2.0-7.0). To locate the point "B" in this square these two lines are divided into ten equal parts. Then "read right up" and point "B" is (2.3-7.4).

L-shaped or rectangular coordinate cards may be constructed on a piece of cardboard similar to the illustration, FIG. 3, when grids on map are known.

5. THE MAGNETIC AZIMUTH

(a) If we look at a compass we note that the dial is divided into 360 degrees, commencing with 0 (zero) at magnetic north and reading around the circle in a clockwise direction 0 (or 360 degrees) is reached again and that east is 90 degrees, south is 180 degrees, west is 270 degrees, and north is 0 (or 360 degrees). This is called the **MAGNETIC AZIMUTH** of those points, and the magnetic azimuth of any object may be determined by the compass reading, expressed in degrees of a line extending out from the center of the compass toward the object.

(b) To obtain a magnetic azimuth from a map, draw a line parallel to the north-and-south grid through your location on the map, then place the center of a semi-circular protractor on the point with the edge on the line just drawn. Place a straight edge on the center and rotate it to the point desired and then make a reading where the straight edge crosses the edge of the protractor. This will be the grid azimuth. Then add or subtract the difference in the declination

between grid north and magnetic north, depending upon whether the declination is east or west.

6. CONVENTIONAL SIGNS

(a) All maps or map substitutes have signs to show cities, rivers, different types of roads, bridges, etc. These are known as conventional signs. Study the illustration FIG. 4.

7. GROUND FORMS

(a) To show "ground forms," lines are placed on the map to represent an imaginary line on the ground, every part of which is the same height above sea level. These lines are called **contour lines**. If you walk along a contour line you go neither uphill nor downhill but always stay on a level. If the lines are numbered the figure indicates number of feet above sea level. Study the illustration, FIG. 5, which indicates Military Features of Terrain.

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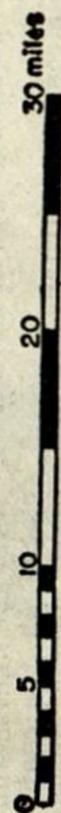
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A GRAPHIC SCALE

3 INCHES = 1 MILE

B WORDS & FIGURES

$\frac{1}{63,360}$ OR 1:63,360

C REPRESENTATIVE FRACTION (R.F.)

FIG. 1 Scales.

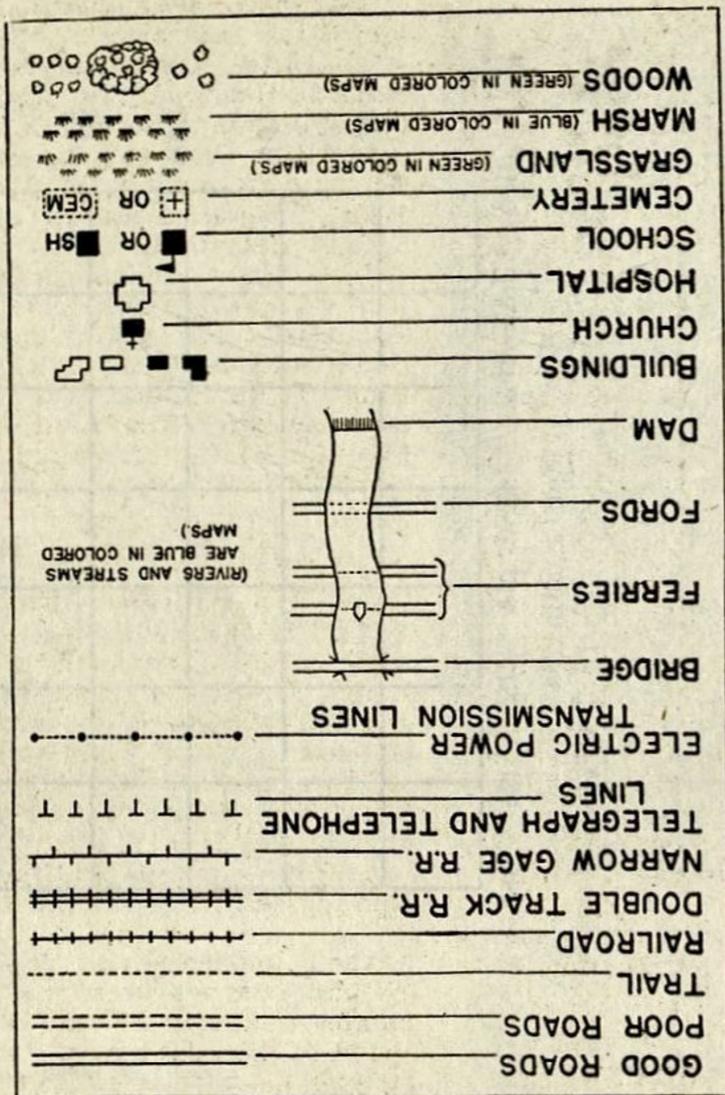


FIG. 4 CONVENTIONAL SIGNS

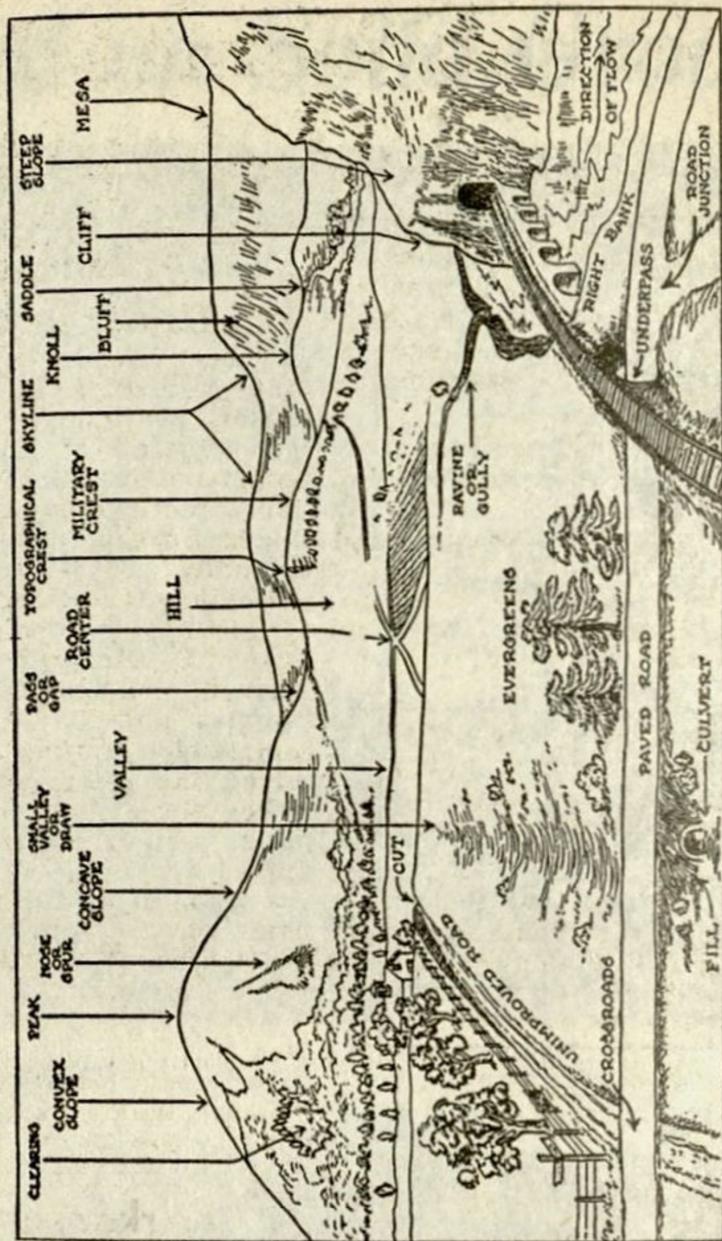


FIG. 5 MILITARY FEATURES OF TERRAIN

Arkansas Names New Second in Command

Lt. Col. Murrel L. Eikleberry, veteran National Guardsman, has been named assistant adjutant general of Arkansas, Brig. Gen. Heber L. McAlister, state adjutant general, announced. He succeeded Lt. Col. Ves Godley, of Magnolia.

Colonel Eikleberry, a native of Dardanelle, Arkansas, was graduated from Arkansas Tech, Russellville, and Oklahoma A. and M. He served in the Army Reserve Corps following his graduation from A. and M., and was graduated from the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 1936.

The colonel entered active service as personnel adjutant with the 153rd Infantry December 23, 1940, as a captain. The regiment, an Arkansas National Guard outfit, was commanded by General McAlister, then a colonel.

The colonel spent 32 months in Alaska, where he was promoted to major and then to lieutenant colonel. He returned to the United States February 4, 1945 and was stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas as commander of the 129th Infantry Training Battalion.

He was released from active service October 26, 1945.

Colonel Godley also entered service with the 153rd and became assistant adjutant general soon after he was released from active duty early this year.

General McAlister expressed regret at losing the services of Colonel Godley and consented to his release only after he had agreed to serve in an advisory capacity when the National Guard is reorganized.

Arkansas Guard Units Commended

Three companies of the Arkansas State Guard won commendations of Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commanding general of the Eighth Service Command and Maj. Gen. John F. Williams, acting chief of the National Guard Bureau for "maintaining superior units."

Regimental Reserve Rifle Company of Little Rock, commanded by Capt. Frank C. Mebane; Company F, Hot Springs, commanded by Capt. K. W. Douglas and Company M, Jonesboro, commanded by Capt. Fred Micklish received the commendations.

The three units were rated as "Superior" in Federal inspections conducted recently. The three companies are a credit to the state, General Williams wrote each commanding officer.

"It is gratifying to note this high degree of efficiency attained by this company and I am pleased to commend them in their efforts in maintaining an efficient command," the letter said. General Walker added his commendations to the letter.

Arkansas Stages Guard Schools

A series of battalion schools for officers and non-commissioned officers of the Arkansas State Guard opened November 4 and were scheduled to be completed December 9. The schedule:

At Magnolia, November 4 for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion and Companies A, B, C, D, and E, Sixth Infantry.

At Fort Smith, November 18 for Headquarters and Headquarters Com-

pany, Second Battalion and Companies G and H, Sixth Infantry.

At Pine Bluff, November 25, First Separate Battalion.

Jonesboro, December 2, Third Battalion, Sixth Infantry.

At Little Rock, December 9, Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Service Company, Reserve Rifle Company, Reserve Weapons Company, Company F, Sixth Infantry, Medical Detachments of the First and Second Battalions.

Instructors include Col. Hendrix Lackey, state guard commander; Lt. Col. Carl I. Hosack, plans and operations; Lt. Col. C. L. Barkely, and Lt. Elmo Taylor; Maj. I. J. Steed, adjutant; Major Willard Billingsley, S-4; Captain Marion G. Wand, state property officer.

25th Battalion Holds Its Annual Banquet

WICHITA FALLS. — Lt. Col. John Alvis, Abilene, commander of the 10th Battalion of the Texas State Guard, stressed the need of maintaining by city-county funds the state guard as an internal security organization, as principal speaker at the annual banquet of the 25th Battalion recently.

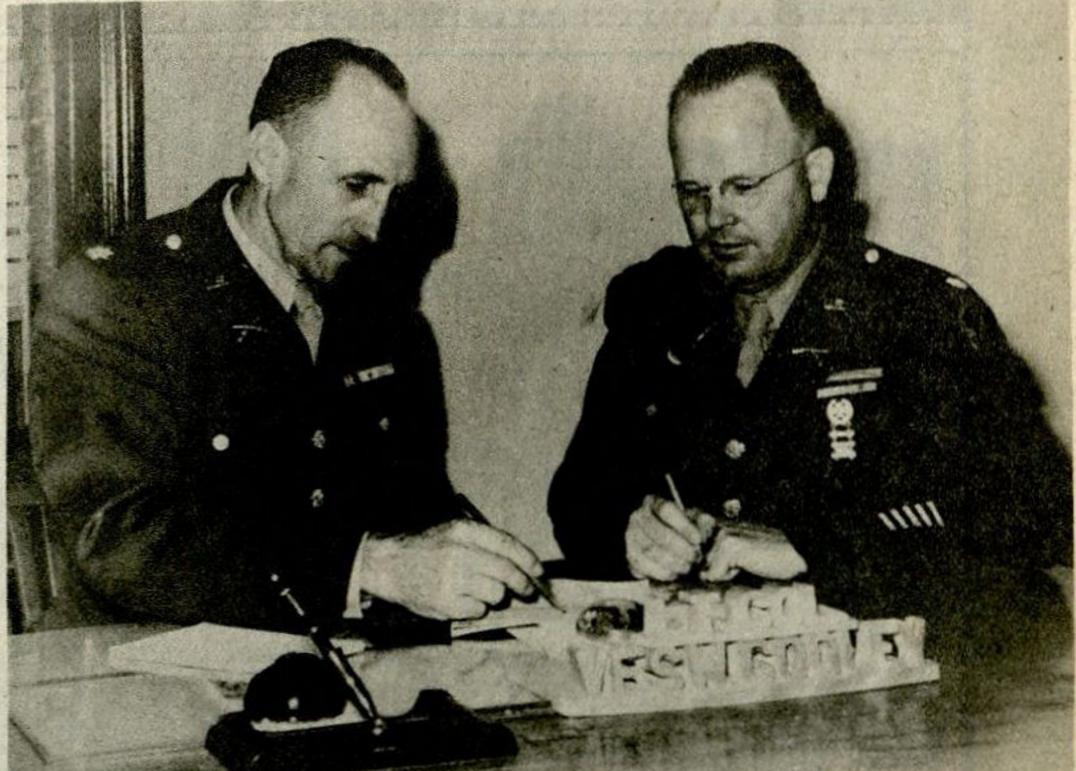
Lt. Col. Floyd Dean, the 25th commander, was host. Capt. W. A. Franklin led the singing of the National Anthem and gave the invocation. Maj. William Carnes was master of ceremonies. Music for the evening consisted of selections by a Hawaiian quartet under direction of Staff Sgt. William J. Kekuna.

Among those attending the banquet were J. H. Allison of the Times Publishing Company, Judge H. W. Fillmore, Lt. Col. Olney H. Bryant, of the State Guard adjutant general's office in Austin, and Representative C. M. McFarland.

Lt. and Mrs. Tom Cunningham prepared the meal, which consisted of venison steaks with all the trimmings. Mrs. R. W. Ramming was in charge of decorations.



—Photo by J. R. Scott, Jr. Units of the Arkansas State Guard led the Victory Parade which formally opened the Victory War Loan campaign in Arkansas. Companies and company commanders participating were: Regimental Headquarters, Capt. Fred Brown; Reserve Rifle, Capt. Frank C. Mebane; Weapons, Capt. Gordon E. Wood and Service Company, Capt. Percy Machin, all Greater Little Rock units, and Company F, Capt. K. W. Douglas, Hot Springs and Battalion Headquarters and Company D, Pine Bluff commanded by Capt. Euel Price.



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Veterans Are Warned Against Swindlers

WASHINGTON. — Veterans are warned against the legion of swindlers who look upon the returned soldier as an easy mark, by William Trufant Foster in the 32-page pamphlet, Gyps and Swindlers, published by the Public Affairs Committee of New York.

"Many a soldier has in his pockets his back pay, plus travel expenses home, plus part of his mustering-out pay. . . . Soldiers and sailors and their families have more than thirty billion dollars in war bonds, plus enormous savings in banks, plus the privilege, under the GI Bill of Rights, of having loans up to \$2000 guaranteed by the government." "Never before," Dr. Foster points out, "have swindlers seen so much money almost within their grasp."

Veterans, as well as others—"for let no man fancy that he is safe from gyp schemes"—are warned by this new Public Affairs Pamphlet to watch out for such swindlers as partnership rackets, "territorial rights" for a patented product, fake schools, and the plantation racket that promises a life of ease on the income from "your golden orange grove."

Apparently we like to be fooled, for gyps and swindlers mulct the public of more than \$100,000,000 a year, we are told.

Of the more than 500 frauds that the Better Business Bureaus have run down, Dr. Foster explains some of the most popular and most "effective": repair rackets, door-to-door deceivers, lucky charms, tricky advertising, illegal money-lending, get-rich-quick schemes ranging from fur farms to oil gushers, and "still more ways of losing your money."

One by one, the danger signs are pointed out on the "many advertised roads to health, riches, and big bargains."

Magic cure for baldness!

Want a wealthy, pretty sweetheart?

Take this course by mail; we guarantee your employment.

You can't lose; we will buy it back at any time!

You are the lucky man in the drawing, you have won a free house lot.

The warning is clear: "Use the available sources of information," the author cautions. "Heed the warnings of the Better Business Bureaus:

Read before you sign—and keep a copy.

Before you invest—investigate."

The 10-cent pamphlet is issued by the Public Affairs Committee, nonprofit, educational organization at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y.—Army Times.



Halsey Made Ranger

Admiral W. F. Halsey was granted an honorary commission as a Texas Ranger by Adjutant General Arthur Knickerbocker of Texas, right, on the seadog's arrival at Houston on a national bond tour on Nov. 17.

Dad Hears Pinched Kid 7000 Miles by Phone

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—Capt. Emerson Tanner, of Union City, Tenn., and the 335th Infantry, has never seen his young son, but he talked to the youngster over the telephone recently.

The telephone call was the high spot of the captain's pass to Switzerland.

"It was just like talking to my family from one room to another," he said.

The captain spent most of the call trying to get his boy to gurgle a few words.

"Squeeze him! Pinch him! Do something, but make him talk!" urged the captain impatiently. His efforts were rewarded and the youngster's voice wailed 7000 miles into daddy's ear.

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Nominations of 68 Generals Are Sent to Senate

WASHINGTON. — Nominations of 68 Army officers for promotion to temporary and permanent general officer grades have been sent to the Senate.

Fifty-four nominations were for permanent appointments—the largest number of such appointments ever to be submitted at one time.

Seventeen of the permanent appointments go to imprisoned officers who served in the Philippines in recognition of their sacrifices. They will be additional numbers in grade. Ten permanent appointments to major general will give the Army its authorized 21 major generals, while 27 permanent appointments to brigadier general will give it 47 of its authorized 50 brigadier generals.

Included among these permanent appointments are a Reserve officer, James H. Doolittle; a National Guard officer, Raymond S. McLain, and three Regulars, Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Curtis E. LeMay and Lauris Norstad, who do not qualify for generalcies under present law because they are not in rank of lieutenant colonel or above.

Special bills to permit the appointment of the three "under-grade" Regulars, the Reservist and the Guardsman and the appointment of the 17 liberated generals as extra generals were introduced in the Senate, and action probably will not be taken on any of the permanent promotions until the bills are passed.

None of the permanent promotions increases the number of generals on active duty because all are now in temporary general ranks. The 14 temporary promotions, given in recognition of services rendered for the most part, are more than counterbalanced by the approximately 200 generals relieved from duty for all causes within the last four months.

The nominations follow:

Permanent promotions to fill vacancies—

Brigadier general to major general (10), temporary rank being shown: Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Gen. George C. Kenney, Gen. Carl Spaatz, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith, Gen. Mark W. Clark.

From rank shown to brigadier general (27), temporary rank is lieutenant general, except where otherwise indicated: Col. Alexander McC Patch, Col. Wilhelm D. Styer, Lt. Col. Harold L. George, Col. William H. Simpson, Maj. James H. Doolittle (Air-Reserve), Lt.

Col. Lucian K. Truscott, Lt. Col. Richard K. Sutherland, Col. John C. H. Lee, Col. Leonard T. Gerow, Lt. Col. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Lt. Col. John K. Cannon, Maj. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Col. Oscar W. Griswold, Col. Walton H. Walker, Col. Wade H. Haislip, Lt. Col. J. Lawton Collins, Lt. Col. Lucius DuB. Clay, Col. Alvin C. Gillem, Jr., Col. Barton K. Young, Lt. Col. Matthew B. Ridgeway, Lt. Col. Leroy Lutes, Lt. Col. John R. Hodge, Lt. Col. John E. Hull, Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain (National Guard), Lt. Col. Manton S. Eddy (temporary major general), Capt. Curtis E. LeMay (temporary major general) and Capt. Lauris Norstad (temporary major general).

Permanent promotion of liberated officers—

Temporary major generals (5) to be permanent major generals, permanent rank being shown: Brig. Gen. Edward P. King, Jr., Col. William F. Sharp, Col. George F. Moore, Col. George M. Parker, Jr., and Col. Albert M. Jones.

Temporary brigadier generals (12) to be permanent brigadier generals, permanent rank being shown: Col. Clifford Bluemel, Col. James R. N. Weaver, Col. Maxon S. Lough, Col. William E. Brougher, Col. Joseph P. Vachon, Col. Carl H. Seals, Col. Charles C. Drake, Col. Bradford G. Chynoweth, Lt. Col. Clinton A. Pierce, Lt. Col. Arnold J. Funk, Lt. Col. Lewis C. Beebe and Col. Luther R. Stevens (Philippine Army).

Temporary promotions—

Brigadier general to major general (3), permanent rank being shown: Lt. Col. Harold N. Gilbert, Lt. Col. Edward W. Smith (Reserve) and Lt. Col. Thomas F. Farrell (Reserve).

Colonel to brigadier general (11), permanent rank being shown: Lt. Col. Dominic J. Sabini, Maj. Kenneth S. Sweany, Col. William W. Vaughan, Lt. Col. Clifford C. Nutt, Lt. Col. James B. Edmunds, Lt. Col. Norman E. Hendrickson (National Guard), Maj. Gen. C. McBride (Reserve), Col. Robert Cutter (AUS), Col. Ken R. Dyke (AUS), Col. Henry Parkman, Jr., (AUS), and Col. Erik H. Nelson (AUS).—Army Times.

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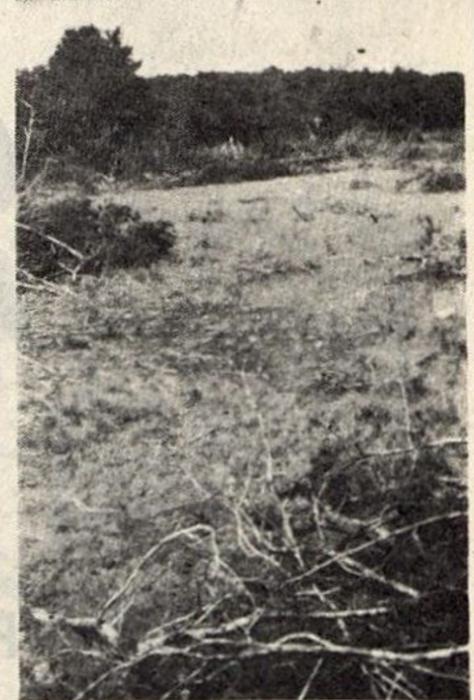
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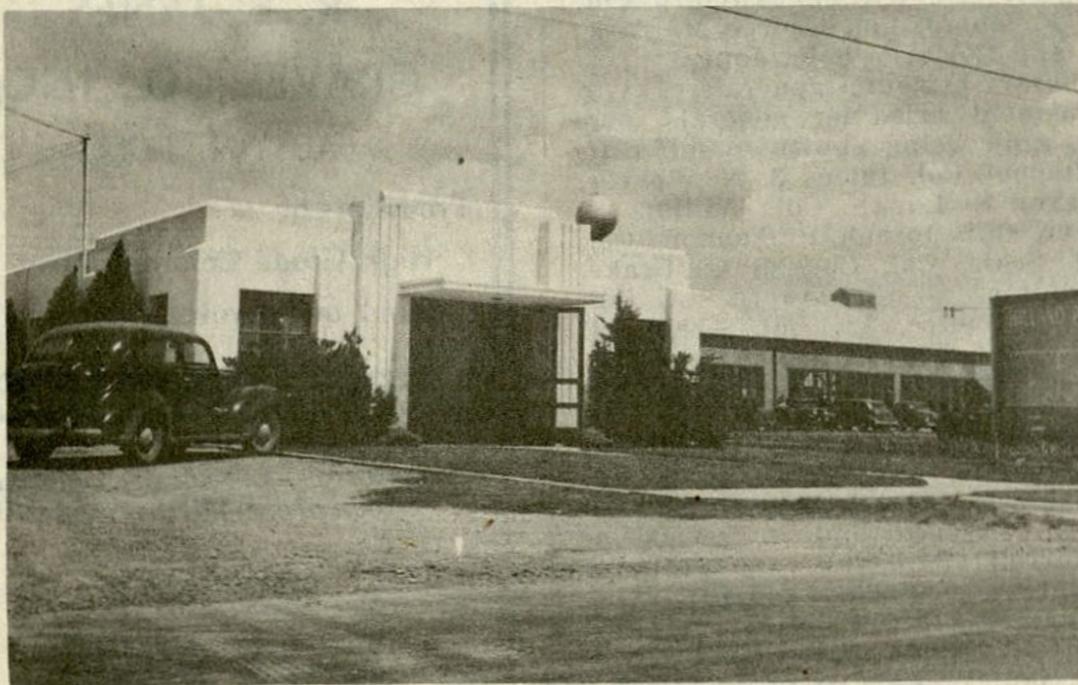
By SGT. RALPH W. MYERS, USMC
(Formerly with Houston Press)

V-J Day found the Marine Corps operating an overseas boot camp for civilian life at full division strength, reinforced.

Marines in the Pacific were getting an education via the correspondence school route to the tune of 22,531 active "classroom attendance" on the day

President Truman announced Japan's decision to surrender. Total enrollment in the Marines' educational program, including men at sea, stateside and elsewhere, nearly doubles that figure.

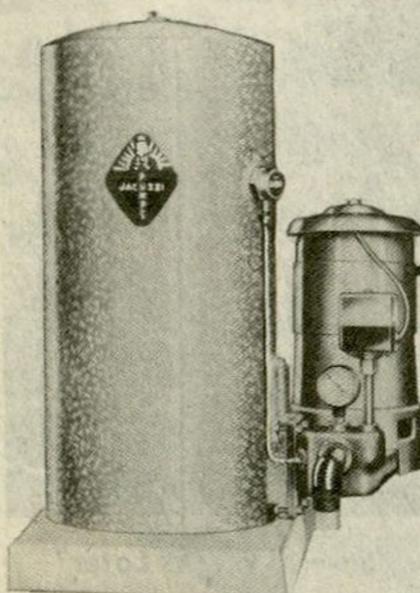
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tions were making plans to trim sail, MCI was looking forward to an increase in business.

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High School Credits

The great majority of MCI's Leatherneck students are trying for straight high school credits—credits that will keep them out of adolescent classrooms when they peel off the khaki shirts.

Most of the 15,000-odd men taking academic and business courses on the high school level were working for credits that would get them a diploma and qualify them for college work under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

The prospect of slacking of training schedules in the divisions, giving men more time to train for peace, will boost MCI's enrollment to a new high, school officials believe.

The institute is a salty outfit, established back in 1920, and many a high ranking Marine got his formal education in manila envelopes. It is a Johnny-come-lately outfit to the Pacific. The branch at Pearl Harbor moved out early in 1945 to reduce the time it takes to mail lessons back and forth to men in the field. The time lag of the added 4,000-mile round trip was threatening to wreck the program as the "students" fought their way hundreds of miles westward.

MCI admits that education in a classroom under a good teacher is far better than the correspondence sort of learning, for the average fellow. But they also point out that the man who sweats out a course under his own steam, with nothing between him and knowledge except the cold, printed word of textbook and canned lessons is almost a cinch to know his subjects when the course is finished.

Still Expanding

MCI offers 158 courses, and still is expanding its curricula. These include 32 college courses, 48 high school courses, 68 technical subjects and a dozen special studies such as modern crime detection and post exchange accounting.

When the men at MCI snap open their records for public inspection, they do it with a certain flair of satisfaction. And those records reveal some interesting things about tomorrow's man in mufti.

Many a Marine will leave the service speaking and writing the language better than he did when he joined. English is the most popular subject in the high school bracket. Math subjects are second and history a close third. These three and Civics are the top ranking subjects—largely because all are "musts" in most school diploma requirements.

A glance at the enrollment figures in a study like English literature, for instance, proves that the courses appeal most to men with one or two years of work unfinished for a completed high school record. In the first two grades, freshman and sophomore, the enrollment is small—just over 100. But in the junior and senior grades, where many men's educations were interrupted, enrollments total more than 500. The break-down by grades is similar in grammar, composition and rhetoric and

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English expression courses, where more than 1,400 others are enrolled.

The records show the Marine has a wholesome interest in his country's history. Nearly four men are studying American history for every one studying in the other historic fields—ancient, medieval and modern European.

Business Courses

Interest in bookkeeping took a sharp upward turn at the time small business opportunities were announced in the G.I. Bill of Rights. More than 1,300 men in the field were taking this course as the war ended. In July alone 290 men began studying bookkeeping. And at the same time a sharp rise in business law was recorded in both the high school and college levels.

Interest in the college courses has been growing steadily, and took a big boost in enrollments when Marines with "shipping over" plans learned that completion of two years of college work with MCI will qualify an enlisted man for a commission as readily as two years of college elsewhere.

Courses in the institute's long list of technical studies, ranging from automobile technician to industrial management, attract one-third of the total student body in the Pacific, and advances in enrollment is keeping pace with the other brackets.

Each man gets personal service from a section of MCI's head office in Washington if he is trying to complete high school credits, however. His school is contacted, and a transcription of his records received. Then MCI tells the student what required and optional subjects are necessary to get that sheepskin, and an educational guidance plan is outlined for his particular needs if he has some special career or vocation in view.

Every indication is that the country's educators are standing by to do their share in helping veterans along the road of learning. A bulletin issued by the University of Florida, titled "Education for Veterans" illustrates the spirit of the schools that await the men from the services.

It says "Students will be admitted who can demonstrate in a series of tests that they are able to profit by college work, regardless of secondary school credits earned."

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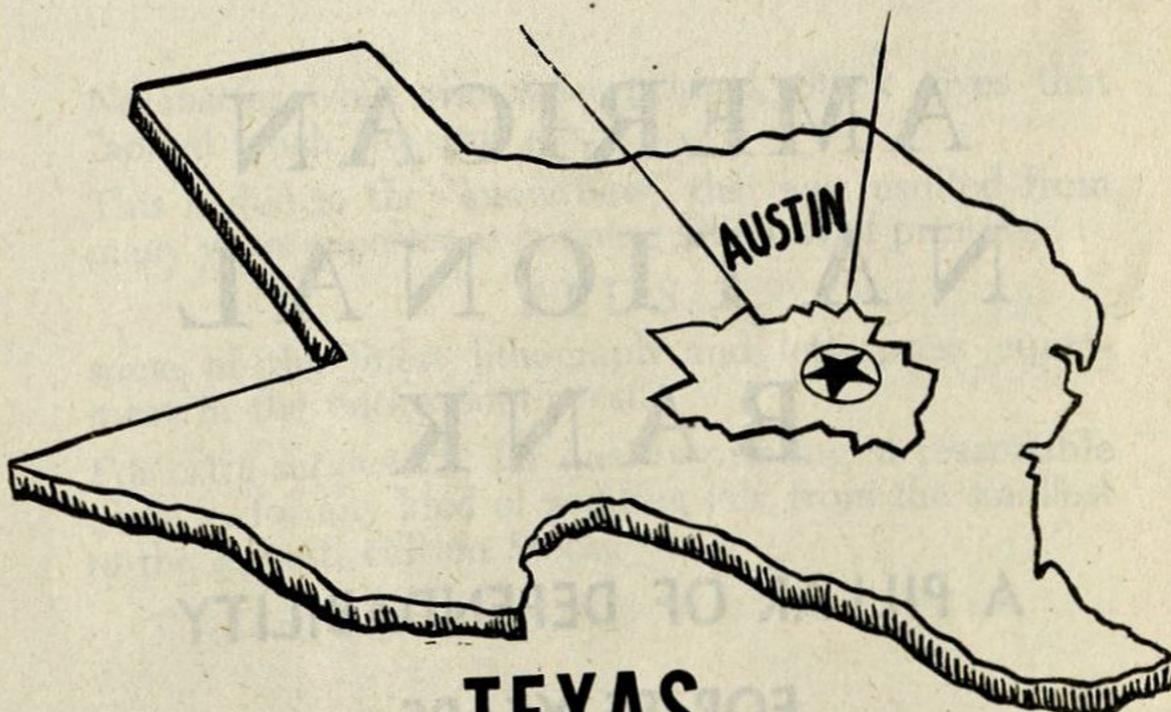
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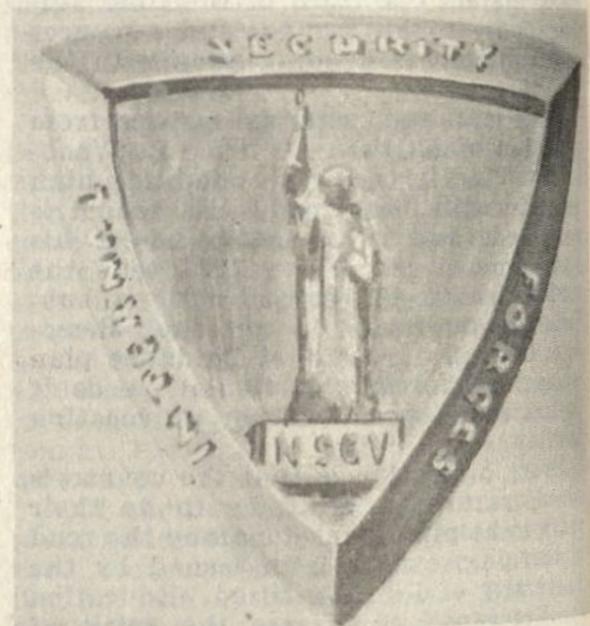
This Month's FRONT COVER

The design on the cover of this month's edition of *The Guardsman* is one of three suggested as the insignia of the National State Guard Veterans, an organization of persons who served their country in the internal security forces during the war.

Below are two more designs, which were worked out by the insignia committee of the NSGV for submission to the membership.

In submitting these designs, the committee asked *The Guardsman* to invite further ideas from members of the organization. These ideas may be mailed to *The Guardsman* office and will be relayed to the committee.

The insignia chosen will be made into the membership button that will be worn by men who protected the internal security of the nation while its regular armed forces fought around the world.



AP MAN GETS MEDAL
WASHINGTON. — The Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to Larry Allen, Associated Press war correspondent who fought for freedom of the press even in a German prison camp and continued to furnish a daily news service to his fellow prisoners despite threat of death, the War Department announced.

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Veteran Pacific Warrior Joins Guardsman Staff

Back from 37 months in the hell of the Pacific, during which time he won 12 bronze stars, the Asiatic and Philippine Liberation Ribbons and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Lt. Ward Douglas Neeper has joined the staff of The Guardsman.

Addition of Lt. Neeper to the staff is in line with The Guardsman's policy of giving and finding jobs for returning servicemen.



Lt. Ward Neeper

Lt. Neeper's service reads like calling the roll of the major campaigns in the Pacific.

Serving aboard the USS Portland, Lt. Neeper took part in the following campaigns:

Tarawa, Bititu, Santa Cruz, Guadalcanal, where the long drive toward Tokio was begun; the 3rd Savo campaign.

Then his ship pointed her bow north and he took in the Aleutians, Kiska, Little Kiska, and Great Sitkin.

He went on to serve in the Gilberts, the Marshalls, at Eniwetok and Majuro and was there when the fight for Kwajalein was going on.

Continuing, his ship served at Parry, Japtan, Palaus, Peleliu, Anguar, Yap, Ulithi, New Guinea, a raid on Truk.

When MacArthur started for the Philippines, Neeper was aboard the Portland and saw service at Leyte, Suigao Strait, Luzon, Mindoro and the Lingayan Gulf. He was there when Corregidor was liberated.

Then the fleet turned to Okinawa and the last big campaign before the invasion of Japan proper. The Portland was there, assisting in landings and defense and Neeper was aboard her.

With Okinawa secure, and everything in readiness for the invasion of Japan, came the atomic bomb and Tokio's surrender.

Neeper came home recently and in November received a commission in the Texas State Guard and became a member of the staff of The Guardsman.

Guardsman Can Use Veterans

Through the wide circulation of job questionnaires, THE GUARDSMAN has received many fine offers to employ veterans in lucrative and responsible positions.

In Texas and all other states, THE GUARDSMAN can immediately use the services of many men in its Editorial, Advertising and Circulation Departments.

If you are interested in learning the particulars of some of these splendid opportunities, write THE GUARDSMAN, 724 Chronicle Building, Houston 2, Texas, giving brief résumé of your education, training and experience, also the type of work you are interested in.

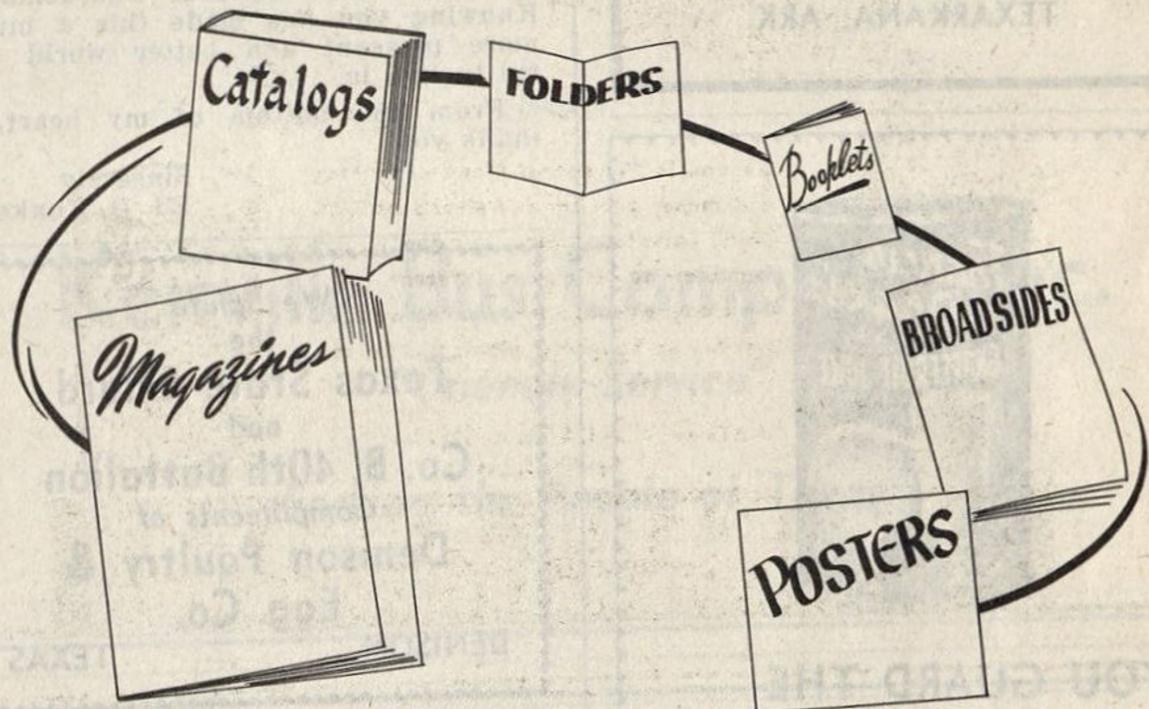
Super Fort Wing To Stay in Japan

TOKYO—A wing of about 180 Super Forts will be stationed in Japan permanently, Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, newly named commander of the United States Strategic Air Forces, has announced.

Other Super Forts will be stationed in the Philippines, the Marianas and on Okinawa. General Giles hopes the Tokyo planes will be there 100 years.

Of the nine colleges in existence at the signing of the Declaration of Independence all are still active but not all under the same names: King's has become Columbia; Queen's is Rutgers; College of Philadelphia is University of Pennsylvania; the College of New Jersey is now Princeton; the College of Rhode Island is known as Brown.

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Konken Pens His Thanks

Lt.Col. Edward D. Konken, retiring president of the Texas State Guard Officers Association, in the following letter, pens his thanks to brother officers for their aid during his term of office:

I have just finished a very pleasant task—inscribing your name in my little book of "Immortals and sincere friends."

My tour of duty and usefulness in the Guard now being over, I can look back with pride, pleasure, humiliation, and thankfulness at the good fortune that came my way when through our Association I was privileged to work with you and learn the type of unselfish, loyal, high principled, decent fellow you really are. In the future, I hope that our paths cross often.

Whatever success our Association achieved during our last convention was due entirely to men like you who had the moral courage to fight for the principles of their conviction. For the few misguided people and cliques, who had as their goal only selfishness, greed and self-aggrandizement, we should feel compassion and pity, rather than contempt.

In closing may I say, "Well done thou good and faithful Guardsman." Knowing you has made this a much more pleasant and better world for me to live in.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

Sincerely
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Tom E. Foster, right, well-known Texas newspaperman, received congratulations from Rear Admiral Carl H. Cotter, director of the Western Pacific Division of the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks after receipt of a citation from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz for his work in organizing and editing SEABEE, service magazine for the Navy's Construction Battalions.

Foster, a Seabee Chief Petty Officer, is wearing the commendation ribbon which the citation authorized, and which was presented to him in a brief ceremony in Admiral Cotter's Pearl Harbor office. Foster founded the Daily News at Kilgore and was its owner-publisher until October, 1940. He enlisted in the Seabees in November, 1942, and is still overseas after 25 months of continuous duty in the Pacific.

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THE FUTURE OF THE VETERAN

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General J. Watt Page, director of the state selective service system. General Page's staff officer in charge of veterans' affairs is Lt. Col. Paul L. Wakefield, a veteran of World War I and with an outstanding record of service in our National Guard. He is handling the problems of veterans with sympathetic understanding. Col. Wakefield tells me that more than 200,000 Texas veterans have already returned to their homes. Texas men and women are now being discharged at the rate of 2,000 daily.

To our Texas veterans let me offer a word of admonition. In the war your leaders called upon your strength. They summoned all that was strong and noble in your character. You had the confidence and will to fight.

History will record the great magnitude and glory with which these were rendered.

The same strength of character should be summoned in your service as a citizen. Let me urge that you beware of the would-be leaders who appeal to doubt and weakness. Avoid those who would pander to your fears. Stay clear of extremists. Distrust those who would undermine your self-reliance. Remember the words of Woodrow Wilson: "The firm duty of government is justice, not pity."

The time to undertake civic responsibilities is NOW. Participate fully in all community affairs.

Now is the time for civilians to see that the returning veteran is accorded the fullest measure of citizenship.

Welcome him into your councils. Let him know that you have confidence in him, and that in him is the hope for the greater destiny of Texas.

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112th Cavalry Group Holds First Reunion



Marking their fifth anniversary of call to federal service Nov. 18, 1940, 37 members of Troop G, 112th cavalry, including 23 who were with the troop from the time of its mobilization until they were returned to the United States for discharge, met in Abilene Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17th and 18th, for the first postwar reunion of the 112th Cavalry association.

Veterans, who left Abilene on Nov. 27th for training at El Paso in order to get that "year's service over with and be done with the Army," heard Lt. Col. Clyde Grant, commanding officer of the troop when it was mobilized,

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Left to right, they are Lt. Col. Clyde Grant, Lt. Ezra (Babe) Meeks, Kit Johnson and J. P. Coppinger, all of Abilene, at the dinner-dance which marked the first postwar reunion of Troop G, 112th Cavalry.

praise the troop for its combat record overseas.

Grant, who later became regimental commander of the 112th, told the group that Troop G had the reputation of being the best combat troop in the regiment, and that of all the units he had dealt with, Troop G had the most enthusiasm when there was a job to do, and could play harder and get in more trouble than any other during periods when work was light.

Grant spoke at a dinner-dance at Hotel Windsor, Saturday night, saying that, "As I recall on this fifth anniversary, my chief selling point when I was getting enlistments for the troop was enlist now, serve your year and get it over with."

Members observed a period of silent prayer for Guy Griffin, Vernon Voyles, Jack Tucker, Bill Agnew and Jim Bob Wheeler, original members of the troop who were killed in action. Griffin, Voyles, Tucker and Wheeler were killed in the Pacific and Agnew in Europe after he had returned to the States and gone through officer candidate school.

Entering combat on New Britain Dec. 15, 1943, the troop was either in active combat or in a forward combat zone until the end of the war. There were 92 enlisted men and five officers who left Abilene for combat with the troop.

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TEXANS FLOCK TO ARMY

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clothing and the benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights will be waiting on him when he leaves the service." Some men have drawn as high as \$1,200.00 by reenlisting.

The Army chose the men to handle the recruiting campaign with care. Colonel Bacon himself is thoroughly familiar with the life of enlisted men, and he knows how to tackle their problems and iron out the wrinkles that crop up. His recruiting corps, officers and non-commissioned officers, are hand-picked men, trained to get the job done and to be of most service to the men interested in reenlisting. During this war, he commanded the 359th Infantry Regiment of the 90th Infantry Division, in Lt. General Walton H. Walker's famous XXth "Ghost Corps." A West Point graduate, he has been in service since July 1914 and wears the Silver Star and Cluster, Bronze Star, French Chevalier Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre with palm, Victory Ribbons for both World Wars, American Defense ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with six battle stars and the American Theater ribbon.

Publicity for the campaign is being directed by Major Carl O. Hagman, a fierce Texan-by-adoption whose name is familiar all through the Lone Star State from the countless advertising and publicity campaigns he has engaged in before, during, and since both wars. His Army publicity posts include Fort Sill, Eighth Corps area at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Howze, Camp Claiborne and the Eighth Service Command Headquarters.

As Commanding General of the entire Southwestern military district included in the Eighth Service Command, Lt. General Walton H. Walker is personally interested in the drive and does everything possible by statements and his personal touch to forward the campaign.

The Army has an important mission to perform. It has been made attractive to bring more and better men into its ranks, but no matter what the cost, the American public through the support of the recruiting campaign has made it clear that no expense is too dear to keep America prepared for any eventuality.

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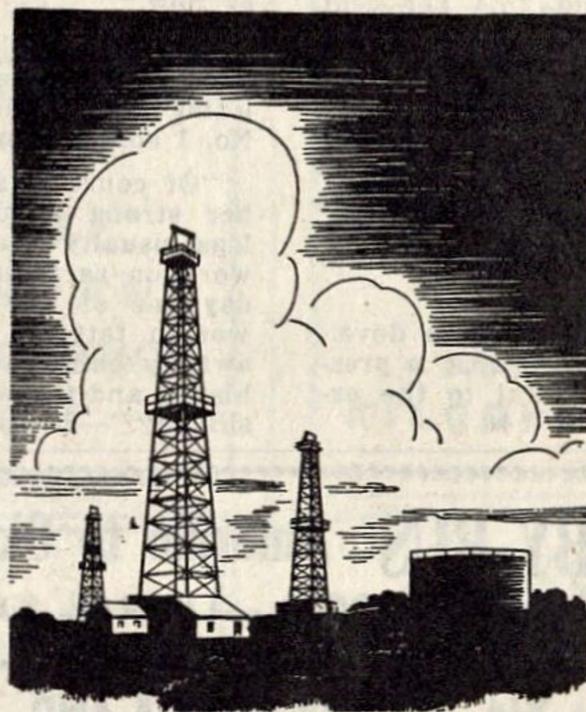
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**Col. M. O. Beebe New
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Colonel Milton O. Beebe, who served in the Mediterranean theatre, is the new chaplain for the Eighth Service Command.

Col. Milton succeeds Col. John MacWilliams, on leave awaiting retirement.

**Thousand Per Day
Are Joining Regulars**

WASHINGTON — Enlistments in the Regular Army are now averaging 1000 a day, Brig. Gen. Robert W. Berry, deputy assistant chief of staff, G-1, told the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

Of those enlisting, 64 per cent were fifth grade or higher, 9.7 per cent were privates first class and 26.4 per cent were privates.

47th Unit Disbanded

Company D, 47th Battalion, stationed at Sugarland, has been disbanded upon the recommendation of the inspecting officer and with the approval of the commanding officer of the Texas State Guard.

The type of uranium used in developing the atomic bomb, U-235, is present in the natural mineral to the extent of only one part in 140.

"Aching Back Queen"

ASSEMBLY AREA COMMAND, France. — Lt. Virginia Wirtz, of Hollywood, Calif., was crowned "Queen of Aching Backs" at the Camp New Orleans Mardi Gras when she revealed that she had treated more than 6000 aching GI backs in 10 months overseas.

Lieutenant Wirtz is a physical therapist in the 193rd General Hospital near Reims, where she averages 20 aching back treatments a day.

"I've got the treatment down pat by this time," she said. "I put the soldier in a heater, then I lay him out on a nice soft bed and massage him. He rests for half an hour and he's as good as new."

The tall, well-built masseuse confided that the aching back is slowly losing out to the twisted knee as the No. 1 soldier complaint.

"Of course," she remarked, rubbing her strong hands together, "soldiers' legs usually aren't as interesting to work on as their backs, but the other day one of my patients had a naked woman tattooed on his calf. He was awfully embarrassed when I massaged his leg and the woman did a shimshamshimmy."—Army Times.



General Walker Honored

Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker (right) commanding general of the Eighth service command, as he received the Legion of Merit from Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Fourth Army commander, at a ceremony at Fort Sam Houston, on Nov. 6. General Walker was decorated for an attack which resulted in the capture of the German bastion city of Metz, France, in November, 1944. Lt. Gen. Walker then commanded the XX Corps, Third Army.

**Shirt Flies Out Window,
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MIAMI, Fla.—His shirt—and money—went out the window of a transport plane, but most of his money is coming back to Flight Officer Leroy R. Welch.

The money, \$368, was in the pocket of the shirt which took to the air over Georgia two weeks ago.

Later, Sheriff W. I. Crumley, of Sylvania, Ga., wired Welch that "Found shirt with everything complete. Negro wanted reward. Wire disposition."

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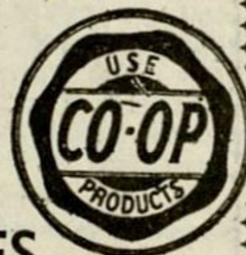
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Long Records

The three men now training under CCA's training program all have long-service records and all three are veterans of overseas action in different theatres of war.

Carthel Coyle, of Amarillo, the first trainee to enter the CCA training program, spent four years, two and one-half months in the service. In the South Pacific theatre he was stationed in Australia and saw action on New Guinea, in the Admiralties, and in the Philippines. He went into service in March of '41 and was released from service in June of '45. He is the holder of the Bronze Star for action against the enemy on Luzon.

Carl J. Blakeley, of Dalhart, spent 37 months in the service, 32 of which was spent in overseas service. He took part in the African Campaign and was stationed in Egypt. He is the holder of a Unit Citation and the good conduct medal.

Neil S. Braboy, of Wellington, with a record of 32 months in the service, spent 14 months in the European theatre of war. He entered the service September of '42 and was discharged in April of '45. He was stationed in England with the 436th Troop Carrier Unit, AAF. Braboy is the holder of two battle stars and a Presidential Citation.

As soon as these three men complete their training at the regional warehouse and are qualified for positions in the cooperative system, other returned veterans of this war will be trained under the same program.

Through this system of training, the cooperative movement in the Southwest will be afforded the services of trained men, who have served their country well in war and who have qualified themselves to serve their country in peace.

From Memory?

Two young models were attending an art exhibit one afternoon when one suddenly grabbed her friend by the arm and, pointing at a particularly daring canvas, exclaimed, "Why, Mabel, that is a portrait of you. I didn't know you posed in the nude!"

"I don't," replied Mabel grimly, "the rat must have painted it from memory."

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"This Is the Army" Ends 38-Month Run

HONOLULU, T. H.—After an overseas run of 39 months, "This Is the Army," greatest camp show of World War II, was closed this week after appearing before a total audience of 2,500,000 servicemen.

Wearing a World War I uniform, Irving Berlin flew from the mainland for the show's final performance. More than \$19,000,000 was netted for Army-Navy relief.

The increase alone in the world's population during the past 50 years has been equal to its entire population 200 years ago, 545,000,000.

Nisei Critics Called "Barfly Commandos"

NEW DELHI.—The formation of a "pickax club" to protect Japanese-American soldiers from "barfly commandos" has been advocated by General Stilwell.

Declaring that he would like to be a charter member of such an organization "Uncle Joe" said the Japanese-Americans "bought an awful big hunk of America with their blood."

Although there are only 92 chemical elements in nature, scientific experiments have produced almost 500 unstable (radioactive) types in the laboratory.

ANDY BRINGS 'EM THE OUTDOORS (Continued from page 17)

More than \$18,000 worth of fishing tackle has been given veterans through Andy's enthusiasm that caught on like wildfire in Birmingham, Washington, Columbus, Cleveland, Denver, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, El Paso and, of course, his home town Houston.

For his own show, Andy has the minimum of equipment. "Just enough to show 'em how," he says. He also says he has reduced the science of bait and fly casting to four simple fundamentals—guarantees to teach the average fisherman how to cast in 20 minutes.

Subtly, he shows trick "one hand" casts. These are eye-openers for boys whose arms are badly wounded, or amputated.

Many of the patients are city boys who never fished, and who, as Andy's visit began, thought it was "not for them." Too old to learn new tricks they say. But before he's reached the 1500-foot color film of fishin' expeditions that is Andy's finale, he's got even the kids who "dared him to entertain them" on his side.

Incidentally, the films do their good share of "chamber of commercing." They prove what a paradise is Texas for fishermen . . . and many military and civilian junkets to Texas waters have resulted.

"The American public owes its disabled veterans something more than a set of ribbons and a Purple Heart," Andy says simply. And he shows 'em what he means, when he adds that public interest must be kept alive to preclude apple-selling in the next decade.

In addition to scheduling permanent fishing trip arrangements for the veterans and inaugurating the fly-tying course, Andy shows what he means by "keeping interest alive," with "gadgets."

These inventions will, in the years to come, provide many a man with the means to enjoy health-giving recreation. They include a special grip for golf clubs which allows handicapped men to "hit with two arms"; a rod hold and belt for left-arm amputees, special reel handle for right arm amputees, adjustable rolling crutch to be used in bowling, and a special line for blind boys.

All have been tried, and enthusiastically approved.

All will be patented, but Andy is turning over any proceeds to Disabled American Veterans. He just wants to make sure, by patenting, there'll be no "rooking" of vets by unscrupulous persons, later on when the public eye is focused more on peacetime matters than military.

Is the World War II prosthetic (artificial) limb an improvement over that of the last war? Yes, says Andy—and who should know better, from firsthand observation than he does? But, there's still big room for improvement, he adds.

A nationwide movement to insist on better artificial limbs should be started.

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for they're still woefully inadequate, Andy says. As for the hospitals, they're generally far ahead of World War I. Here again, Andy is the voice of authority, for he's a World War I veteran, was hospitalized for a time.

The advice Andy has given civilians through his column, in syndicated Scripps Howard writing, and in the talks to civic clubs throughout the nation, do their big share, too, in helping the wounded veteran.

"Treat the boys who come home minus arms and legs as you would any returning veteran," Andy advises. Inspire socialization programs in your home towns that follow the lines of Army medical departments. The amputees have learned the fundamentals of self-care. So don't be over-solicitous, it only makes for self-consciousness. Help them to help themselves.

On the other hand, don't tell permanently disabled men they're as good as ever. They're not, and they know it. What they need is constructive help that will keep them from being "cripples." In other words, a "cripple" is helpless; a disabled man, properly equipped, instructed and assisted, is self-sustaining.

The Red Cross, Andy observes, is setting a splendid example on the how, why and where of helping wounded boys. It's a good example to follow, and Mr., Mrs. and Miss America can do more good by using their "help them back to health" plan, than by giving fancy parties, plying them with liquor—and then forgetting about them.

The American way is really the basis of Andy's sports program. The veteran who comes home wants to find a job he likes, establish a home, and enjoy himself. He wants a good share of fun . . . and Andy has unlocked a brand-new door to recreation for many, pointed to many more a way back to the pastimes that seemed lost forever, when war took its toll of limbs and health.

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Review Honors Col. Swenson



Honoring Lt. Col. Weldon Swenson, shown above, who retired as commander of the old 5th battalion Texas State Guard, the guardsmen of the 5th battalion special troops, Austin, marched in review across the parade grounds at Camp Mabry Monday night, Nov. 27.

The parade review was held immediately after federal inspection, and the military band from St. Edward's state guard furnished music for the occasion.

Succeeding Col. Swenson as commanding officer of the 5th battalion special troops is Lt. Col. Ralph A. Lewis, who was originally an officer in the famed 36th infantry division, and who is now serving on the adjutant general's department staff, in addition to his duties as battalion commander.

Col. Lewis' home is in Austin, and he was a member of the old National Guard unit which was stationed in Austin before it was called to active federal service.

Col. Swenson, who rounded out four years service in the Texas state guard, succeeded Maj. Charles O. Betts about one and a half years ago as battalion commander. William J. Lawson, former secretary of state, was the first battalion commander and assumed the command when the old Texas Defense guard was authorized in 1941.

Col. Swenson signed up as a member of the old Texas Defense guard on June 6, 1941, and became a member of Co. C as a private.

He held every grade in the guard from private to lieutenant colonel during the four years he was an active member of the Austin unit, and he attended every school held at Camp Bullis for the Texas State Guard.

In 1933-35, Col. Swenson was a member of the National Guard, and also served about two years in the 111 quartermaster regiment of the National Guard, resigning in 1940 after several years service with that outfit.

A very active member of the Texas State Guard Association from the very start, Col. Swenson served as finance officer until he refused to take the position again this fall at the regular meeting of the association.

Many men of Texas have served in the old Texas Defense guard and Texas State Guard since it was authorized five years ago, but few have worked harder or longer than Col. Swenson to make the state guard a really dependable and efficient state military force. One of his last jobs as battalion commander was to submit and have adopted by the AGO the plan for the 5th battalion special troops which will give the state a highly mobile and experienced administrative force for the task force commander in case of an emergency.

28 Years in Army, Sarge Won't Quit

FORT SILL, Okla. — M/Sgt. Frank Kvistek, a member of the 38th Infantry regiment, once stationed at Fort Sill for 14 years, and who was marched 1287 miles as a prisoner-of-war, "seeing Germany on foot," is back at Fort Sill with the Infantry Training detachment, Field Artillery School Troops, waiting to reenlist. He has been in the Army 29 years.

A veteran of two world wars, Sergeant Kvistek wears seven campaign stars on his theater ribbons. In World War II, he was overseas 20 months with the 2d (Indian Head) Infantry Division. He was in the D-Day invasion at Normandy and fought in the drive through France and Belgium. In the Battle of the Bulge in December, 1944, two of his platoons were wiped out before he was captured. Then it was a succession of long marches to various prison camps as the American armies advanced. He finally was liberated April 13, 1945.

AUSTIN FUTURE SOLIDLY BASED
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Noted among the nation's cities for its health record, the capital has mild winters without drastic cold. The altitude of 473 to 700 feet provides comfortable summers with low humidity.

Many types of recreation are available in and around Austin. Boating, fishing and bathing are offered in nearby Lake Austin, 20 miles long. Beside it is a 1000-acre park. Scenic loops wind through the western hills. On the edge of the city is 355-acre Zilker Park, with a spring-fed bathing pool, tables, barbecue pits, riding stables, skeet fields and other sports attractions. Thousands enjoy open-air programs there in the summer. Other parks, playgrounds, tennis courts, band stands and athletic fields abound in the city.

Homes and Schools

Attractive homes impress visitors. About half are owner-occupied. Plentiful stone has resulted in many home-builders using it. The climate has resulted in profuse flowers, shrubbery, trees and lawns.

Educational institutions, in addition to the University of Texas, include Catholic colleges, state schools for the deaf and blind, business colleges, two theological seminaries and several private elementary and secondary schools. Two colleges serve negroes. Public schools include 19 elementary, one opportunity school, four junior high schools and one senior high school for white children; and one senior school, a junior school and six elementary schools for negroes.

The city has five hospitals, four banks, an industrial bank, and building and loan associations.

Converting to peacetime pursuits, the Tips Engine Works is now turning out a mobile saw, designed as an attachment for installation on tractors of most all makes. It is used extensively in all parts of the nation by ranchmen, farmers, contractors and the sawmill and logging industry.

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Housing of Vets Tough at Texas U.

By CAPT. ALBERT NIBLING

A No. 1 headache for the officials of the University of Texas is the problem of housing returning war veterans who want to resume their education.

Scores, probably hundreds, of Texas heroes have had to go to other schools—or not go to school—because there just is no place for them to live.

It isn't the university's fault. The soldiers are allowed to register, and special committees beat the bushes to find rooms.

Few who have enrolled have been forced to leave. Newspaper and radio campaigns have jarred loose rooms from people who have never rented a room before.

Several Factors

The greatest loss has been among the would-be students who just did not come after inquiring about housing facilities and getting a gloomy answer.

Charles V. Dunham, assistant dean, sets forth several factors which contribute to the situation.

All stem from the war and its problems. The normal peacetime enrollment of 10,000 dropped to about 6000 during the war.

Householders who had rented rooms to students, shorn of the support of students, developed a new clientele—war workers, army officers and other adult roomers.

And the reconversion to student patronage is slow to get under way. The university has had to go into more distant parts of the city to find housing for its students.

Most single men were taken care of. It was the married man who wanted to bring his family who had the hardest luck.

Hubert Jones, acting head of the Veterans Advisory Service, a university group, says residents of Austin are cooperating well in the drive to provide rooms. He says that when a veteran shows up to register he is encouraged to wait around for a week or so in the hope that a place will be found.

The number of students forced to forego enrollment appears to be a moot question. The Daily Texan, student newspaper, once placed the estimate at 500. University officials contacted said it was hard to arrive at a figure.

The officials of the university have reconciled themselves to turning every stone which might bring forth a room.

And the students themselves resort to every possible ruse—even offering rewards.

One figured his political affiliation might help. In an Austin paper he advertised:

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112TH CAVALRY GROUP REUNION
(Continued from page 30)

Maj. Jack Minter, of Abilene, regimental adjutant who served with the troop in the Pacific, is the last to return to the States. He returned from Japan last week and is expected in Abilene soon.

The 112th Cavalry association, Troop G, was formally organized Sunday morning with Ezra H. (Babe) Meeks of Abilene as president and Lt. Col. Clyde Grant of Abilene, honorary commanding officer for life.

Other officers elected were Harvey Thompson of Dallas, vice-president; Kit Johnson of Abilene, secretary-treasurer; and Mac Tarleton of Ralls, sergeant-at-arms.

The group voted to make Nov. 18, anniversary of the troop's mobilization, the annual meeting date, and selected Abilene as site for the 1946 reunion.

Families of former Troop G members who were killed in service were made honorary members of the association. They will be invited to each annual reunion.

Registered for the reunion were Grant Meeks, Rudolph Plowman, Hoyt Bynum, Jake Zabloudil, Leonard Parker, Ray Dundy, John B. Agnew, Monk Daniels, Theron E. Lewis, Charles Hufstetler, Earl Pinkston, Jack Taylor, Robert Parks, Joe Bynum, Hollis Hutchins, J. P. Coppinger and C. W. Johnson, all of Abilene; Ralph Lane of Merkel, John Swenson of Lueders, James A. Vise of Eden, and Jack Smith and Lester F. Dorton of Merkel, all members of the original troop.

Other troop members registered were: Claude Wilkerson, Bob Edwards, Lee R. Lovelady, Robert Swan, E. V. Price, Howard Cook, John Davis and Harvey Thompson, all of Abilene; Mac Tarleton and Tip Hilland of Ralls, N.M.; Dale Snyder of Snyder, Herman Schmidt and Antone Donsbach of Seguin and Toby Proctor of Big Spring.

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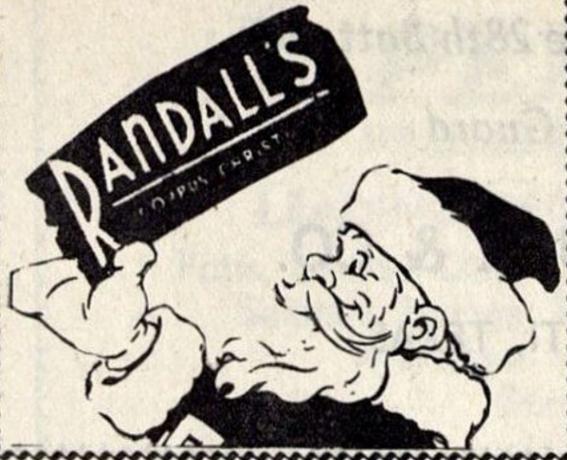
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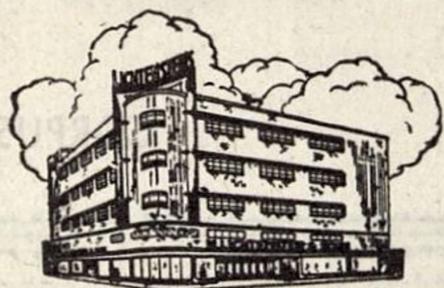
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Panama Service

He was sent in December of the same year to command the 10th and 41st Ordnance Companies in the Panama Canal Department. His next position was that of commanding the 149th Ordnance Battalion. In 1944, Col. Flowers was transferred to Ordnance Officer, Coast Artillery Command, Panama Canal Department.

Col. Flowers was promoted to captain in October, 1940. He later became a major and received his last promotion, as lieutenant colonel, in June, 1943. He returned to the United States in December, 1944, and was released from active duty June 25, 1945.

Of the cadet corps, Col. Flowers says, "This year has started off with a boom. The cadets are very much interested and are doing some hard work. I am sure that, as the year continues, things will be very successful and much will be accomplished."

Prior to the war Major Murray B. Farrell, commandant of cadets, held a commission in the Texas State Guard, but he resigned from the guard and entered the Army infantry as an officer candidate. After going through officers pool he received a medical discharge. On his return to Texas, he was re-commissioned in the Guard and was assigned to assist the Adjutant General's Department in the G-3 section (training section).

Visual Aids Coordination

After three months of duty there he was placed in charge of visual aids coordinator for the Texas State Guard and established the training film library for the Adjutant General's Department through the cooperation of the Eighth Service Command central film library in Dallas. While with the department he also established the plans for free film transportation from all of the War Department film training libraries within the State of Texas to all Texas State Guard Units through the medium of the transportation lines such as the Heart of Texas Film Lines.

These organizations handled the films used by commercial theaters. At the request of the Laredo Public Schools, Major Farrell was assigned as the professor of military science and tactics for the 55C Unit which was to be formed at Martin High school at Laredo. He organized the Unit from the very beginning and at the conclusion of the year, his unit was awarded the "Honor School Rating" by the Eighth Service Command for exceptional schools.

At the request of President R. R. Kay and with the approval of the Adjutant General of Texas and the Army Specialized Training Division, he became a part of San Marcos Academy. His duties will be to act as Commandant of Cadets and, as Visual Aids Officer, he will be in charge of all visual aids training.

The following named officers at the ceremony were issued the Texas State Guard Service Ribbon:

- Ford, Lewis V., Captain
- Lancaster, York, Captain
- Lumpkin, Charles, Captain
- McNeil, William, First Lieutenant

The following named enlisted personnel were issued the Texas State Guard Service Ribbon: Anthony Occhipinti, Lewis French, Gordon McDonald, Billy Funk, Carroll Lancaster, William Martin, Jack Smith, Bill Standard, Robert Stone, Herschel Brooks, Robert Jordon, Johnny McGlothlin, Alfred Steinmuller, Bruce E. Schultz, Sam Lee Brown, Robert Caldwell, Billy Pugh, Robert Powell, and Don Purswell.

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Capt. Roy E. Barr, Med. Det., 41st Bn
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Romeo E. Gonzalez	2nd Lt	Co A 24th Bn
Frederick C. Armstrong	Captain	Med Det 27th Bn
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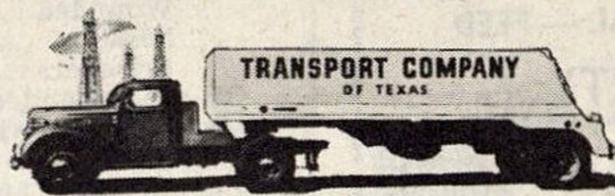


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Ser. Det., 41st Bn	Childress	95%
Med. Det., 35th Bn	Dallas	90%
Hqrs. Det., 37th Bn	Corsicana	89%
Co. A, 39th Bn	Lubbock	88%
Hqrs. Det., 36th Bn	San Antonio	87%
Med. Det., 19th Bn	Dallas	84%
Co. A, 14th Bn	Amarillo	78%
Co. E, 28th Bn	Corpus Christi	78%
Ser. Det., 4th Bn	El Paso	77%
Med. Det., 51st Bn	Dallas	76%
Ser. Det., 9th Bn	Port Arthur	76%
Ser. Det., 15th Bn	Breckenridge	76%

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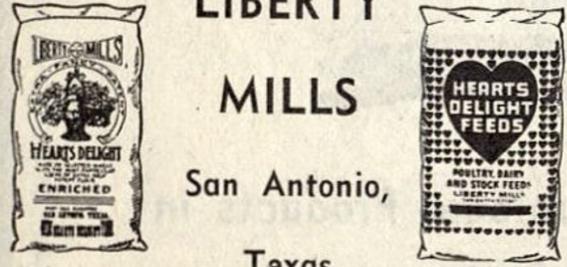
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"I'd like to know," the colonel said, "what subjects the Texas guardsmen would like to have included in the Home Study Course. This course is designed solely for your benefit and if you will write me, the staff of our unit will be glad to include the subjects you think most necessary."

**Army Casualties
Totalled 922,645**

WASHINGTON. — The War Department announces that Army casualties as reported through Oct. 21 totalled 922,645. These included:

Killed	216,966
Wounded	571,330
Missing	18,565
Prisoners	115,784

Of the wounded, 364,736 have returned to duty, while of the prisoners, 107,457 have been officially listed as exchanged or returned to military duty.

The total of killed includes 7252 who have recently been reported as having died while prisoners of war.

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**Average Age of
Generals Is 51.4**

WASHINGTON. — The average age of the 1539 Generals of the United States Army on July 1, 1945, was 51.4 years. This figure is taken from a statistical bulletin published by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

When the Nazis blitzed their way across Europe six years ago there were only 100 Generals in our Regular Army. From the Army retired list, from the Reserve Corps and National Guard, and from civilian life, came over 1400 new Generals to lead the Armed Forces. Almost 35 percent of these men were under 50 years of age.

Naturally, the higher the rank the higher the average age although the youngest of our five-star Generals, Dwight D. Eisenhower, is only 54. Second youngest at 59 years is Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, Henry H. Arnold. Chief of Staff George C. Marshall is 64, and the oldest of our five-star leaders is Douglas MacArthur, whose next birthday cake will boast 66 candles.

During the wartime expansion program many young men have been promoted to positions of high responsibility, particularly in the Air Forces. For example, Richard C. Sanders was appointed Brigadier General at the age of 28, and Brig Gen. Clinton D. Vincent won his high commission a year ago when he was only 29.

The exacting physical qualifications required for air service may explain why the average age of the 322 Generals in the Army Air Corps as of July 1 of this year was just short of 47 years.

Although the Air Corps claimed but one-fifth of all the Generals in the Army, they accounted for all five Generals under 35, almost three-fourths of those from 35 to 39, and for fully one-half of those from 40 to 44 years.

Process Themselves

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—A hundred and twenty-five men from the Infantry Replacement Center here discharged themselves—or at least each other—from the service on the last day the auxiliary separation center was in operation in the IRTC. After working all last week on other men eligible for discharge, the personnel of the project got themselves out of the Army.

During its five days of operation, the center discharged over 750 men.

**Rep. Johnson Favors
Large Army, Navy**

Rep. Luther Johnson, of Corsicana, expressing his sympathy with President Truman's plans for compulsory military training, declared on a recent visit to Corsicana that he felt the United States should maintain a large army and navy for many years.

"It is much better to have American soldiers and sailors on guard in Europe and Japan than to have Germans and Japs on guard in our country," he said. "We must remain strong; we might not have time to prepare if and when the next war comes."

"I think the details of the training bill should be worked out so that every boy entering the service can be able to continue his education at the same time—in other words an enlarged ROTC."

Three Units of Arkansas Guard Rated 'Superior'

By LT. COL. CARY I. HOSACK
Arkansas State Guard

Little Rock, Arkansas—Three units of the Arkansas State Guard received ratings of "Superior" while no unit was rated below "Very Satisfactory" in Federal inspections completed during the month of September.

The inspectors were Major Hyman Rosenblum (Cavalry) from Camp Robinson and Captain Kenneth L. Boullion (Infantry) from Camp Chaffee. The inspectors were accompanied on the inspections by Lt. Col. Ves Godley, assistant state adjutant general, and Lt. Col. Carl I. Hosack, executive and plans and training officer for the Guard.

Companies receiving the "Superior" ratings were:

Reserve Rifle Company, Little Rock, commanded by Capt. Frank C. Mebane.

Company F, Hot Springs, commanded by Captain K. W. Douglas.

Company M, Jonesboro, commanded by Captain Fred Micklish.

Eleven units were rated "Excellent" by the federal inspectors and 13 were rated "Very Satisfactory."

Brigadier General Heber L. McAlister, state adjutant general, and Colonel Hendrix Lackey, state guard commander, said they were well pleased at the showing of the Guard.

Bivouac was held 6-7 October, 1945, with the Third Battalion Headquarters, commanded by Captain C. H. Bell, and Company L, Batesville, commanded by Captain G. E. Gamel. Major Oran J. Vaughn is Battalion Commander. Very interesting problems were given the two units to work out, especially on domestic disturbances. There was a good attendance, plenty to eat, and the training was especially interesting and helpful. Other units over the State are planning bivouacs to build up morale and increase the interest in recruiting.

The new Arkansas National Guard will have an Infantry Brigade Task Force with adequate special troops to make it self-sustaining if the National Guard Bureau follows the recommendations of the State Military Department, Brigadier General Heber L. McAlister, adjutant general, has announced.

The Task Force would be composed of two infantry regiments with adequate artillery, engineer, quartermaster, ordnance, signal, and medical troops.

If present plans are approved, one infantry regiment will be a reorganization of the 153rd Infantry Regiment and one, the organization and conversion into the other infantry regiment.

Other units would be allocated to other sections of the state which have filed applications for National Guard units. These will be organized as sufficient personnel can be secured and funds made available from either state or federal sources for the construction of armories and the maintenance of the units.

The request also included the reorganization of the 154th Observation Squadron. The specific type of this unit will be determined later from information on the type of Air Force units which will be available.

Special troops would include a band, military police unit, ordnance company, quartermaster company and signal company.

All state guardsmen who could qualify physically and professionally will be transferred to the National Guard, General McAlister said.

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Texas Leads In Medals of Honor

Washington, Oct. 17.—Nine per cent of all Congressional Medals of Honor conferred in this war went to Texans, a higher percentage than any other state, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Field Creek, Texas, deputy commanding general, army air forces, pointed out to a group of Texans here.

Of the 219 Congressional Medals given out, 19 went to Texans, he said. This means that five Texans per every 100,000 who served won this decoration for valor.



General Ira Eaker

General Eaker was discussing Texas' contribution to the war:

"No one can deny Texas and her sons did their part in the war, as these random figures attest: 485,000 Texans in the army, 185,000 Texans in the navy, more than 10 per cent of all Texans in the armed forces."

He cited the fact that August 1, this year, the army had 446,000 men in Texas, more than in any other state. The army air forces have more than 100 airfields in the state and 229,999 air force officers and men in the state.

Of the 23 leading aces, five were Texans.

"These were Major Maguire, 38 victories, killed in action; Colonel Kearby, 22 victories, missing in action; Colonel Duncan, 22 victories; Colonel Westbrook, 20 victories, killed in action; Colonel Hill, 18 victories."

General Eaker praised members of the Texas delegation in congress for aid to the airforces in fighting the war. Particularly he mentioned Speaker Sam Rayburn of Bonham, who he said typified the characteristics for which Texans were well known—active interest, friendliness and informality.

General Eaker, who since leaving Field Creek in West Texas, has been decorated by several European nations and most of the South American countries, said: "Wherever I have seen Texans abroad or on the far-flung battle fronts, their conduct has made me proud to acknowledge Texas as my state."

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Victoria Company Commander Resigns

VICTORIA — Commanding the Victoria unit of the Texas State Guard, Company A, 47th Battalion, for the past three years, Capt. Cody Lentz has resigned his commission, it has been announced. Cody is being succeeded as acting commanding officer by Lt. Leon C. Levy.

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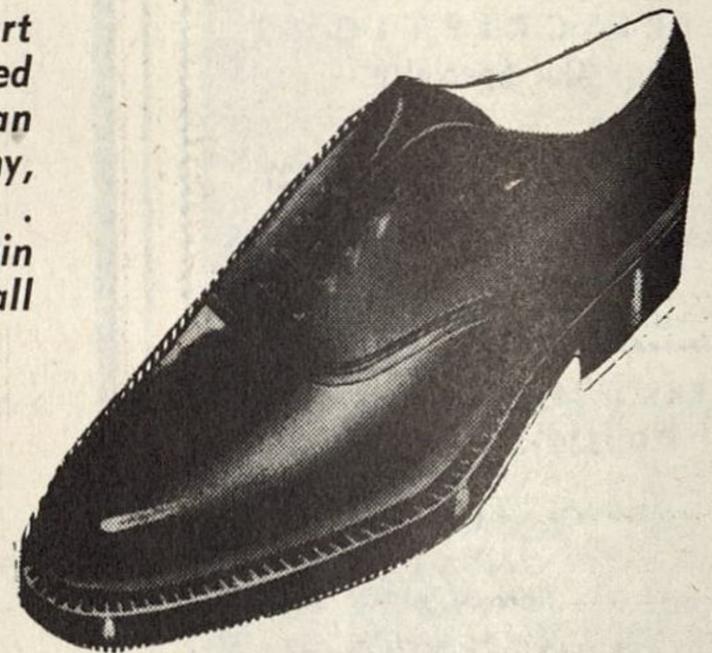
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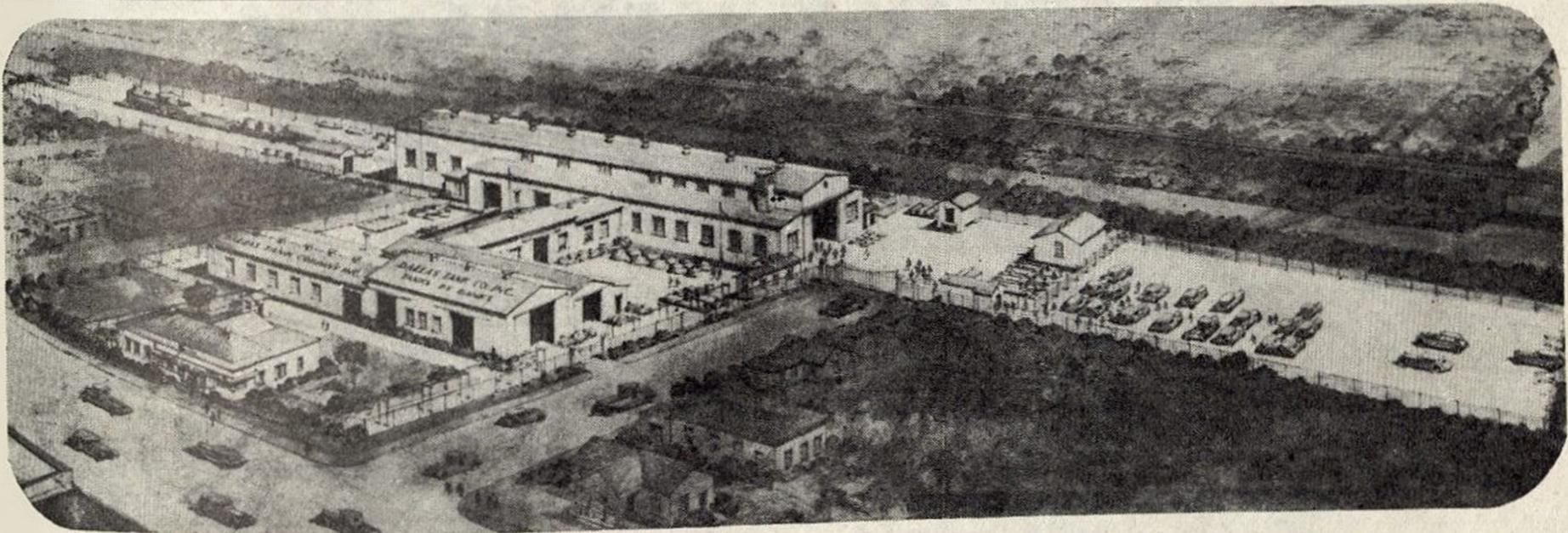
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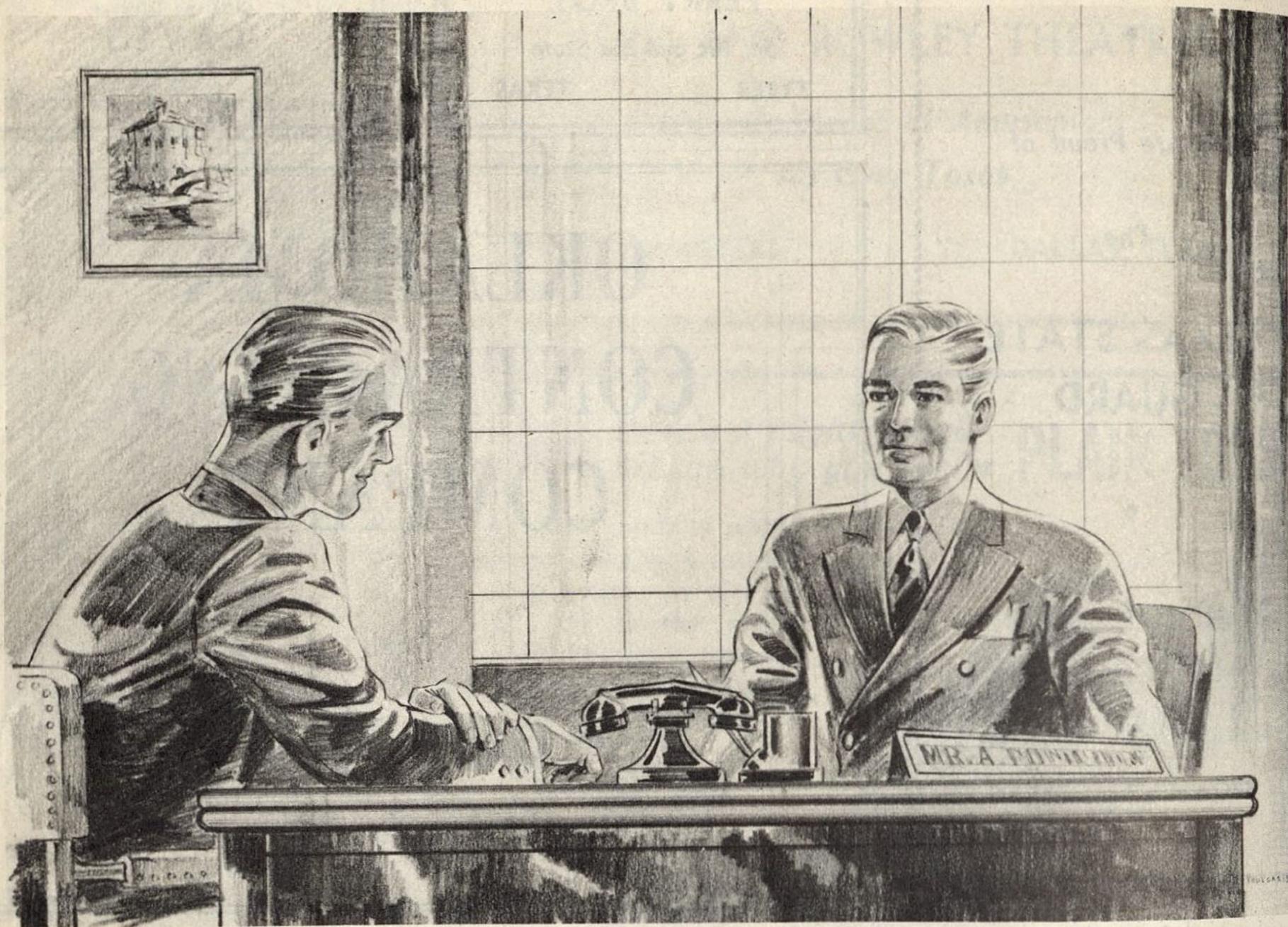


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