



## FIRST DISTRICT SCHOOL HELD SUCCESS

### Senate Urges Continuance Of State Guard

A resolution recognizing the splendid service of the Texas State Guard and stressing the importance of these voluntary military units continuing in service during the postwar area was adopted by the Texas Senate on May 14.

The resolution, written by Senators J. Franklin Spears of San Antonio and James E. Taylor of Kerens, both veterans of World War II, follows:

WHEREAS, the Texas State Guard is a volunteer organization of patriotic citizens of Texas devoted to the purpose of preserving domestic security and carrying on the responsibilities borne by the Texas National Guard before the 36th Division was mustered for glorious service on European battlefields; and

WHEREAS, the members of this organization have given and are giving their time and effort without recompense to the work of maintaining a trained and disciplined militia at the command of the Governor of Texas, and have already demonstrated in one internal crisis that they are fully worthy of their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the War Department has recognized the necessity for and the value of the Texas State Guard by issuing to its units ordnance, ammunition, clothing, motor vehicles and other equipment to the value of approximately \$15,000,000, and the Eighth Service Command has further emphasized the importance of this work by setting up a series of field mobilization training schools for the units of the Texas State Guard, covering a period of 16 weeks, May 16 to September 23, 1945; and

WHEREAS, experience has shown that the confusion and disorder of readjustment in the postwar period makes it potentially the most troublous and difficult state in the life of the Guard; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Senate of the 49th Legislature of the State of Texas does hereby recognize and express its appreciation for the contribution made thus far by the Texas State Guard, and further urges the importance of continuing these voluntary activities as long as these services may be necessary for the internal security of the State and the protection of lives, homes and property.

### Former Medic Wins Awards As Fighter

With the 5th Army, Italy.—Pfc. William W. Bryant, 21, of Frostproof, Fla., a former medical aid man who volunteered for and was assigned to duties as a rifleman, now wears the Silver Star and two Oak Leaf Clusters, denoting three citations for gallantry in action on the 5th Army front in Italy.

Serving as an automatic rifleman in Company C, 168th "Rainbow" Regiment of the 84th "Red Bull" Division, Bryant recently killed three Germans and wounded two after they infiltrated his unit's positions under the blanket of a heavy fog. Two other members of the Nazi patrol escaped.

### "Mob Leader" Is Searched



Bayonet punching him in the side, the leader of the "mob" submits to search by the sergeant on the Fifth Battalion field problem. Careful there, sergeant, you should have your right foot hooked under the "prisoner's" right leg, while frisking him so that you could jerk

him flat on the ground if he made a move. The action took place in the downtown area of Austin when elements of the Fifth Battalion rounded up an "unruly mob" simulated by men of the Sixth Battalion during a field problem of the first

Eighth Service Command guard school.

Guardsmen were given a very good lecture, demonstration and application by First Lt. George Christi and the army sergeants on the technique of arrest and search of prisoners on last night of school.

### No Time To Relax Vigilance

V-E Day has a special significance to members of the Texas State Guard.

To many it may mean a gradual letdown in the splendid effort the United States has put forth to bring the German war machine to its knees.

To the Texas State Guard it means a re-dedication to the task that brought the Texas State Guard into service.

The problems that beset the home front were not solved by victory in Europe. In the majority of instances they were increased.

Girding for war—with its terrific patriotic stimulus—is always easier than readjusting a nation to the ways of peace.

War, with its tremendous emotional upsets, leaves many of those who come in contact with it, with twisted thinking. War's brutal imprint often leaves little of the rules for normal living in the minds of those who have seen it face to face.

As I see it, the Texas State Guard can serve its greatest purpose in helping to channel the tremendous effort that made V-E Day possible into the peaceful pursuits of peace.

We can, by our own example, set an example to others that will help to make the difficult period of readjustment a period of tranquility instead of an era of clashing ideologies and interests.

The Texas State Guard came into being as the only internal security force in Texas. We are still the only military force that guards that security and will continue to be until the Japanese war lords hoist the white flag of surrender.

In the first flush of victory in Europe we are apt to forget that salient fact.

The need for an internal security force is just as great as ever.

It is made even greater by our task of helping to adjust a nation—geared high for a victorious war effort—to the way of peace for which we have paid such a high price.

—Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker.

### 5th And 6th Act Smoothly To Stop Mob

By CAPT. WELDON HART

State Headquarters Company Eighth Service Command instructors and demonstrators have moved on to Luling for the school of the 36th and 45 Battalions, after reviewing Central Texas guardsmen in the fundamentals of Texas State Guard work over the week end of May 19-20.

Some 200 officers and men of the Fifth Battalion, Austin, attended the three-night school and the overnight maneuver. For the problem the Fifth was joined by the Sixth Battalion, composed of troops from Georgetown, Taylor, Round Rock, Lampasas and Burnet. A school for the Sixth had run concurrently, with the same instructing staff.

In all, about 350 troops were bivouacked at Camp Mabry Saturday night and sent to a designated downtown area Sunday morning to quell an "unruly crowd." Guardsmen of the Sixth Battalion took the part of the "mob." Lt. Col. C. T. Edwards, acting G-3 of the adjutant general's department, commanded the task force.

### COL. HENLEY DIRECTS

Col. Donald Henley, Eighth Service Command's TSG supervisor, was general director of the five-day program. Col. Sylvester Downs, director of military training for the Eighth Service Command, was present as an observer.

Lectures and demonstrations ran two hours nightly, starting at 2000 and ending promptly at 2200. Various units of the Fifth assembled at their own barracks each night and marched to the Co. B lecture hall, where instructors were ready with charts, blackboards, movies and other training aids.

First lecture here was given by Maj. Elmer J. Menefee, 3838 SCU, ROTC director in San Antonio high schools, and concerned the standing operating procedure of the Texas State Guard—the general procedure that would be followed in alerting a Guard unit and getting it promptly into the field.

The authority upon which a battalion commander orders his troops out, the moves of the adjutant general and possibly of the governor, and the process of calling in additional forces if needed was explained.

### TYPICAL FIELD ORDER

Also discussed and documented with charts was a typical field order, more specifically, the source of information and the planning that lie behind orders which, Maj. Menefee remarked, are often greeted with: "Whatsamatter with those guys? They don't know what they're talkin' about!"

Emphasis was placed on the problems of transportation, preparation of an entrucking chart, use of the speedometer multiplier, etc. Incidentally, trucks and other vehicles coming from four different towns over distances varying from nine to 60 miles, reached the initial point, Round Rock, within five minutes of one another and pulled out on time with troops of the Sixth Battalion en route to Austin Saturday night.

The SOP lecture was of general interest to all troops but of more direct interest to officers and high- (See FIRST SCHOOL, Page 5)

### "Citations" Awarded On First School

By CAPT. STEWART HARKRIDER

Special mention should be made of the efficient organization and prompt arrival at Camp Mabry of the 6th battalion convoy.

The convoy rolled down the hill to its bivouac area right on the dot of scheduled 2300 o'clock. Credit goes to Maj. Johnny Kokernot, Capt. Harry Quist, and Lt. Col. Grimes, commanding the 6th battalion.

Capt. Fred Graham and his gang of the service detachment, 5th battalion, served up a hot chicken dinner at 0100 o'clock Saturday night for all officers. Lt. Col. Royal Phillips didn't like the chicken, after his seventh piece.

State headquarters company, commanded by Capt. Weldon Hart, turned in a bang up job in the communications section with task force headquarters.

### MESSAGES EXPEDITED

The same goes for Lt. N. D. Barker and the men of the headquarters detachment, 5th Bn. They were on the beam with the radios, and handled all messages and orders promptly, efficiently and strictly according to good message center procedure.

Col. Sylvester Downs, director of military training of Eighth Service Command, didn't miss a trick during the school and problem. He sat on the front row at all lectures, and he was in the thick of things, as were all the officers of the army instructing detail, when the guardsmen pitched their tents without the benefit of even a dim moon Saturday night.

A special citation for Col. Don- (See CITATIONS, Page 3)

# Haskell Unit Observes First Anniversary

With more than fifty guests present, Co. A, 17th Battalion, at Haskell, held open house at the Armory on May 1 in observance of the first anniversary of the organization in Haskell.

An impressive program was arranged for the occasion, with the highlight being the presentation of Service Ribbons to thirty-seven officers and enlisted men who had been in the Company since it was inducted April 27, 1944.

Solemn note of the occasion was a tribute given by the entire Company in memory of S/Sgt. Troy Ash, Jr., former member of Company, who was killed in action in Germany, April 15.

### CAPT. RATLIFF SPEAKS

Capt. Dennis P. Ratcliff, company commander, in a brief talk welcomed the visitors and explained the work and duties of Guardsmen, and outlined progress the Company has made since induction.

Next came a reading given by Mrs. Fred Stockdale, followed by serving of meals buffet style, to the women and children present, and to the personnel of the Company.

Following presentation of Service Ribbons, the Company went through close order drills on the Armory grounds, with guests of the evening as spectators.

### RECEIVE RIBBONS

Officers of the Company receiving Service Ribbons were Capt. Ratcliff, Lieuts. Bill Richey and Thos. B. Roberson. Enlisted men receiving the ribbons were:

Non-commissioned officers—Sgts. Carlton A. Williams, Theron G. Cahill, David A. Middleton, George L. Neely, William P. Ratcliff, Ollie B. Vernon, Benjamin C. Bennett, Bill D. Guinn, Ben C. Kittley, Robert A. Lane, Alfred C. Pierson, Shelton M. Royall, Virgil E. Sonnamaker, Atha H. Wair. Corporals—Floyd E. Cook, William Q. Casey, John B. Duncan, George T. Reeves, Roy A. Sanders, Dewey L. Speer, Willie C. Johnston, Roy L. Thomas. Private first class, Alvis R. Bird, Walton C. Collins, Horace R. Crawford, Walter V. Felker, Robert W. Herren, James W. Kennedy, James L. Kennedy, Alonzo Pate, Ernest F. Stockdale, Abe M. Turner, Slover E. Bledsoe, Kenneth W. Thornton.

### Job More Exciting; Refuses Trip Home

With the 43rd (Winged Victory) Division, on Luzon.—GIs may not believe it, but there's a soldier who turned down rotation.

Pvt. Jack Emerson, of Hattiesburg, Miss., a reconnaissance scout, who has served more than two-and-a-half years with the 43rd Division on Guadalcanal, the Northern Solomons and New Guinea before making the combat landing in the Philippines, recently had the chance to go home but refused.

Private Emerson explained: "My job is to go behind the enemy lines for information. Several times I've landed on Jap-held islands ten days before our troops came in. I like my outfit and no job's more exciting. Why should I go home?"

# Notables Dedicate St. Edward's U. Armory



### Americans' British Brides To Be Guests Of Army Enroute Home

London.—British brides of American GIs will be guests of the Army en route to their homes in the United States, according to an announcement by Maj. Gen. G. R. McLaughlin, assistant adjutant general in charge of "return of dependents."

The plan provides for every possible comfort for the estimated 20,000 or more wives who are expected to go to their husband's homes. This includes nurses, special diet kitchens, and facilities for caring for babies. About 200 have already gone to the United States.

The U. S. embassy here has already received 20,000 applications for passports, and since many of the wives may delay application for transport until their husbands return home the Army's estimate may be considerable below the mark.

The new armory of St. Edward's University was opened recently with a military ball that was attended by several hundred guests that included notables of the state and Austin.

In the pictures above are shown:

Top row, left to right: Mayor Tom Miller of Austin (center) drinks a toast with Fathers O'Brien and O'Hara; Governor Coke Stevenson, at the mike, delivers the opening address; the grand march of the ball.

Second row: Major and Mrs. J. E. Cassidy lead the grand march; The Rev. William M. Robinson, C.S.C., president of St. Edward's, receives the Minute Man flag from Texas Guardsman Kralis; Guardsman O'Brien urges all present to buy bonds; Mayor Miller gives the dedicatory speech;

Guardsman Frank Wilson and Miss Virginia Burns.

Third row: Mrs. Rubarth and Mrs. Burkholder at the punch bowl; McCloskeys Dixieland Orchestra, which played for the ball; the P.-T. A. Committee—Mr. Grove, Mr. Carson, Mrs. Fruth, Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Moozygamba, Mrs. Carson.

Fourth row: Texas Guardsmen and their ladies; Chaplain Doherty delivers the dedicatory prayer; Guardsmen and their ladies.

Fifth row: More views of the crowd enjoying the ball.

She: "Would you like to see where I was operated on for appendicitis?"

Cpl.: "Heck, no. I can't stand hospitals."

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ald Henley because changes have been made in the lecture courses for future schools which will result in better training for the individual guardsman who attends all the lectures.

STREET PATROLS

Cpts. Carl Hardin and Charles Leggott of the 5th battalion almost missed their double cluster "citations" for the splendid job they and their men did on the street patrols in the "Chili" park area of Austin Saturday night.

So quickly and efficiently did they do the job of rounding up, searching, and recording the planted "POW prisoners" in the area that they called in the patrols and were taking it easy in the cozy guard house about 2 o'clock in the morning—until the phone rang and informed them that brass was on its way to observe their street patrols at work.

A certain captain in the 5th battalion missed his citation completely when he answered a barked order from his commanding officer with a very unmilitary "Huh?"

A pat on the back for Capt. Charles Gamble of the AGO who gave a short and pithy talk the first night to clerks on a subject which is always a nightmare for company clerks on maneuvers—the various reports, mobilization, payroll, sick, strength, etc.

The biggest "citation" of all goes to the boys in the ranks, the privates, corporals and sergeants.

They are the men who rigged up the lights at the bivouac area, cooked the meals, ran the messages by foot when other communications failed, walked the sentry posts, drove the trucks, and did many other things without which there would have been no maneuver.

Army Times' Idea On Peace Meeting Given To Congress

Washington.—Rep. Raymond S. Springer (R., Ind.) has published in the Congressional Record of April 12 two editorials carried in the Army Times on the subject of a GI Joe at the peace table.

The editorials were "Fox Hole Peace Plans" for the issues of October 28, 1944, and "A Joe At The Peace Table" from the issue of March 31, 1945.

The first editorial suggested that fox-hole occupants have their own peace plans and pointed out that it would not be ill-advised to recommend that "Joe" have his representative at the peace table.

The later editorial specifically nominated Sgt. Bill Mauldin, famed "Willie and Joe" cartoonist of World War II.

"We believe Bill first should be invited to the San Francisco Conference," the editorial said. "With his intimate knowledge of the mud, pain, death, and realities of war he would contribute stability and reality to the conference as the representatives jockey for power and prestige. Sergeant Mauldin would keep his eye on the ball."

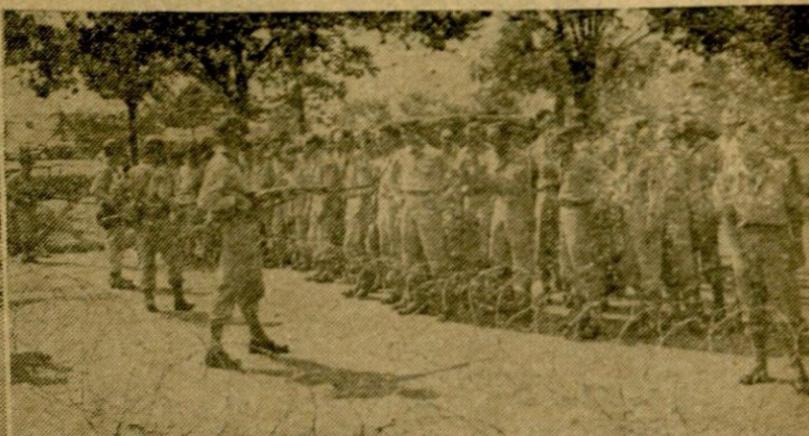
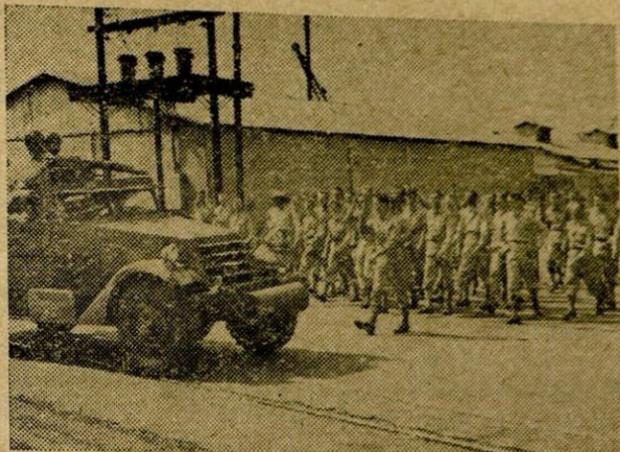
He Outshone Goering, But Was Dog Catcher

With the 90th Division, east of the Rhine.—Clothes might make the man but they also make a lot of trouble on occasion—especially where American soldiers are concerned.

Capt. Herbert K. Oemichen, of Keokuk, Ia., was told by one of his men that a new type of Nazi had been captured in street fighting. The prisoner's uniform was quite different from the run-of-the-mill German soldier and the GIs evidenced their excitement over their catch as they crowded around the unhappy Heinie.

Upon questioning the man, Captain Oemichen found the Yanks really did have a "catch" on their hands. The prisoner was the city dog catcher.

Mob Under Control Before Support Arrives



Two scout cars with mounted machine guns and a platoon of bayonet carrying guardsmen virtually had the simulated "mob" under control before supporting elements of the Fifth Battalion arrived at the affected area, "Chili" park in downtown Austin.

Men of the Sixth Battalion simulated the "mob," and the problem was held Sunday morning, concluding the school's work.

Bursts of firing from the mounted machine gun would have stopped this rush on the scout car had it been the real thing, upper left picture.

Concertina road blocks, upper right, were set up by Company D, and the "mob" appears to be undecided about forcing a crossing, and rushing that cold steel in the hands of the infantrymen. Raise your bayonets a little, boys, and point 'em at the necks of the "mobsters!"

Well guarded, the leaders of the mob have been rounded up, and separated from the main "mob" soon will be hustled to task force headquarters.

Heads down and in a spread eagle position, these "German POWs" get a thorough going over by Capt. Carl Hardin, right, as Lt. Joe Nelson levels his .45 at them. Note Captain Hardin's right leg and foot, it's hooked under the prisoner's right leg while he is searching him. A move by the prisoner and the captain can jerk him flat on the floor with his foot.

Studying the situation in battalion headquarters are, left to right, Capt. Lonnie Shannon, Capt. Chas. Leggott, Lt. George Baker, Capt. Froman of 45th Battalion, Lt. Col. Weldon Swenson, Maj. Si Johnston, and Cpts. E. C. Duke, Stewart

Harkrider and Carl Hardin. "Isabel to Queen, Isabel to Queen, over!" With code signals, this group from the headquarters detachment of Fifth Battalion maintained radio communications between all units during the problem. Kneeling, Bn. Sgt. Maj. George Atkins and First Lt. R. N. Barker. Standing, Sgts. Charles Farrow, Lamar Richardson, Pvt. B. R. Bentley, Hoyt Adams and Jim Dyer.

"Say there, Glub," roared the top sergeant, "why weren't you out for drill this morning?"

"Because," replied the quaking private, "I threw my ankle out of joint last night."

"That's no excuse!" boomed the sergeant, "I've turned out for drill after having my whole body thrown out of a half dozen joints!"

Soldier Wounded In Heart By Bullet Saved By Miracle

With the 5th Army, Italy.—A miracle saved the life of Pfc. Ray Shaffer, of Greensburg, Pa., when a German bullet which came ripping across from the enemy lines pierced a lung and broke into his heart.

Miraculously, the doctors said, the slug dropped into an artery and was passed out through the

blood stream. The bullet was finally located in the lower abdomen.

Members of a surgical team sewed up Shaffer's heart and lung and then went after the bullet.

"It just didn't seem possible the boy could still be alive," Major Robertson, one of the team, said. "He'd have bled to death in a few minutes but for the fact that a portion of the injured lung collapsed and partially shut off the flow of blood."

Shaffer received in transfusions 15 pints of blood—more than he had in his body to start with.

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

## First Railway Bridge Over Rhine Up In Record Time

Headquarters Communications Zone, ETO.—The first railroad bridge built by the U. S. Army over the Rhine was erected in the record time of 10 days, five hours and 15 minutes by the 1056th Engineer Port Construction and Repair Group, assisted by other engineer units. Some 3000 men working three shifts, 24 hours a day, to rush its completion.

The bridge was estimated as a 14-day job.

Within an hour after its completion two trainloads of supplies had crossed the bridge.

Working with the 1056th Engineers were the 355th Engineer General Service Regiment, the 371st Engineer Construction Battalion,

the 1st Battalion of the 341st Engineer G. S. Regiment, and two companies of the 1317th Engineer G. S. Regiment.

## An Editorial

The field representatives of The Guardsmen wear the uniform of the Texas State Guard.

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Every member of the staff of The Guardsman is a member of the Texas State Guard.

He wears the uniform with the same pride as every other member, and it is your assurance as to his responsibility.

## An Officer

One of the best descriptions of the qualities an officer should possess or acquire is contained in the address of Admiral John Paul Jones to the Marine Committee at a meeting in 1775, which is worth repeating and remembering. He said: "It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy should be a capable mariner. He must be that, of course, but also a great deal more. He should be, as well, a gentleman of liberal education, refined manner, punctilious courtesy, and the nicest of personal honor.

"He should be able to express himself clearly and with force in his own language, both with tongue and pen."

"He should be the soul of tact, patience, justice, firmness and charity. No meritorious act of a subordinate should escape his attention or be left to pass without its reward, if even the reward be only one word of approval."

"Conversely, he should not be blind to a simple fault in any subordinate, though, at the same time, he should be quick and unflinching to distinguish error from malice, thoughtlessness from incompetency, and well-meant shortcoming from heedless or stupid blunder. As he should be universal and impartial in his rewards and approval of merit, so should he be judicial and unbending in his punishment or reproof of misconduct."—The Virginia Guardsman.

## Drowning Didn't Matter Any More

With U. S. Forces, on Western Front.—Pfc. Nuncio V. Ciura, Chicago, swears to his sobriety when he fell into a 20,000 gallon vat of cognac. He makes no statement, however, on his later condition.

It happened when Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment, was searching a large building in Munchen-Gladbach, for enemy records and documents. Ciura, being an individualist, wandered off by himself and yanked open the door of a cellar room. The floor was wet, but Ciura espied an attractive desk in a far corner, which looked as if it might contain possibilities. He took only three steps towards it, when, whoosh! he was over his head in cognac. The room contained a huge vat of the stuff, whose overflow had obscured its presence.

Ciura's splashings and muffled glugs were fast becoming weaker before his astonished buddies found him and fished him out, very wet, smelling like seven busy barrooms and not a little tipsy. "For a while I thought I was going to drown," he explained dreamily. "But after I'd swallowed a couple of quarts, it just didn't seem to matter any more."—Army Times.

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## San Antonio Gen. Gets High Medal For Training Work

Maj. Gen. John W. Leonard of San Antonio, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the War Department.

His citation said that as commanding general of the 9th Armored Division from October 1944 to February 1945 he "displayed unusual ability, high professional knowledge, and rare foresight in preparing his division for combat and in its conduct in battle.

"Assigned as corps reserve until December 1944, he instituted and carried out a training program, the complete success of which was fully demonstrated when the full fury of the German offensive in the Ardennes fell upon his troops.

"By rotating his units in the line and indoctrinating them under combat conditions of actual battle experience, he welded his division into a highly efficient combat force.

"Employed as separate combat commands in its first major engagement, his personal leadership and command ability resulted in each combat command holding against overwhelming odds and in the face of terrific German pressure. His effort contributed materially to the successful repulse of the Ardennes offensive."

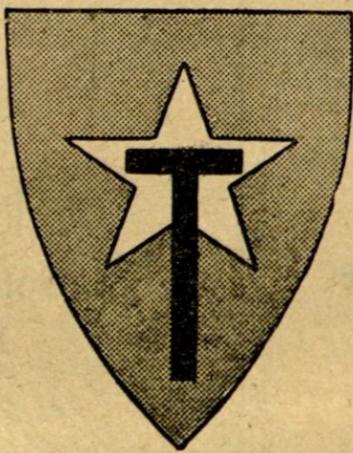
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**First School—**

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ranking non-coms than to the main body of Guardsmen.

**SECOND NIGHT**

Second night's program was conducted by Lt. Henry A. Knackstedt, 3836th SCU, ROTC director at New Mexico Military institute. It began with a review and evaluation of primary wedges and diagonals useful in riot control and a few words about proper use of the bayonet—a subject covered in more detail the third night. Setting up and securing various types of road blocks was discussed. Next Lt. Knackstedt charted the proper positions of scout car crew members, explained their responsibilities, demonstrated proper methods of getting in and out of the scout car and proper positions for inspection and discussed briefly the weapon carried.

On the field a seven-man crew of army non-coms demonstrated with a scout car what the instructor had discussed in the classroom. Some of the Fifth Battalion's concertina's were examined and this outfit credited by Lt. Knackstedt with several improvements in method of construction over the standard procedure.

Films on concertina construction and riot control concluded the second school night. This phase touched on numerous fundamentals of Guard work and was particularly instructive for newer members.

**CITY PATROLLING**

The important items of city patrolling on foot and the handling of prisoners were taken up Friday night by Lt. George T. Christie, Jr., ROTC director at the University of Arkansas, and his army of assistants.

Personable Lt. Christie introduced himself as a former Florida defense guardsman and showed a familiarity with Guard problems, such as rapid personnel turnover and the co-ordination of a program that must be interesting and instructive for members whose ages, experience and civilian pursuits vary widely.

Demonstrations by the non-coms of proper methods of subduing, arresting and disarming trouble-makers supplemented the showing of a military police film on two-man patrolling. Also shown was an FBI film on arrests and personal searches.

**CARE OF WEAPONS**

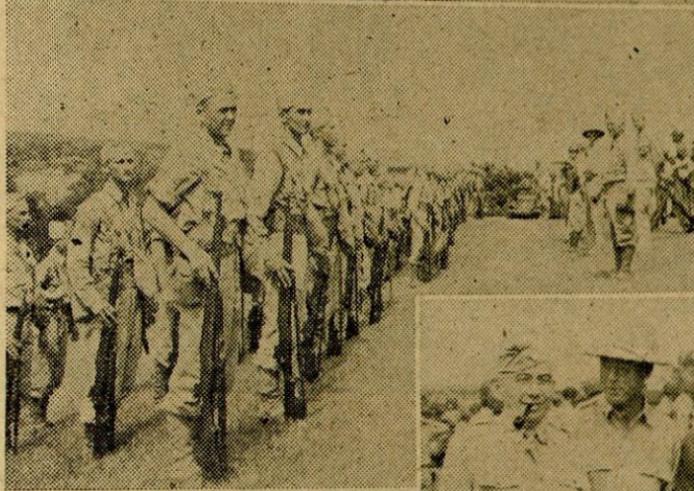
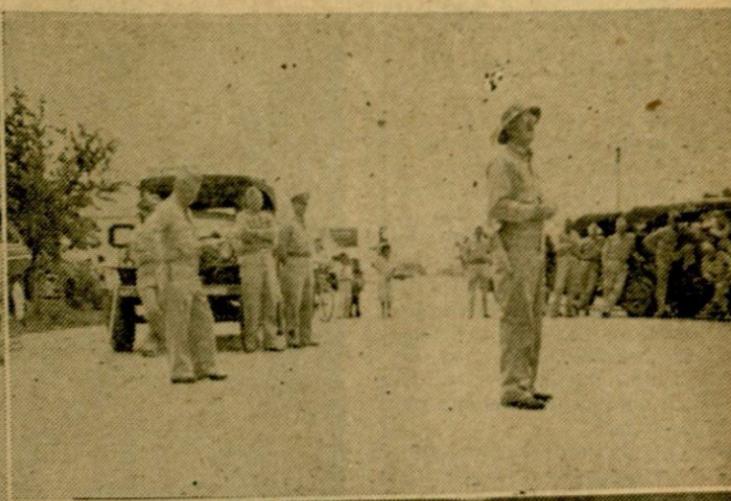
Proper care of the Guard's basic weapons, with a demonstration of cleaning the Enfield, Thompson sub-machinegun and .30 caliber machinegun, concluded the third session.

Although every guardsman knew that the battalion was to be called out Saturday night, the mobilization time was not known until the alert was given late Saturday afternoon. Assembly hour was 2000; the troops moved out at approximately 2115 and were in the bivouac area (the Camp Mabry rifle range) at 2115.

A portable power plant furnished necessary lighting. Shelter tents were pitched by the various units in their designated areas and guards posted. Patrols were sent to the downtown "trouble" area. Task force headquarters was set up at the Camp Mabry administration building.

The general problem was this: German prisoners of war, sent to Austin to help clear the debris and repair damage done by a severe storm, were giving trouble. Nazi and anti-Nazi factions were involved. The Fifth and Sixth battalions had been alerted and moved into

**"It's All Over Except The Critique"**



It's all over now except the critique! Privates, sergeants, lieutenants, and colonels gather round at the close of the problem to learn what they did or didn't do correctly.

Tired after twenty-four hours of week-end field work which included pitching tents, sleeping on ground, running messages, chasing-down simulated German POWs, and just plain waiting for something to happen, this group, upper left, is just about ready to call it a day and go home.

Center is First Lt. W. L. McClain of Sixth Battalion. Sitting, left to right, Sgt. Johnny Clifton, Maj. John Kokernot, First Lt. Adoue Parker, Maj. Si Johnston, Lt. Col. Weldon Swenson, and Maj. Arthur Matz of AGO.

Task force commander Lt. Col. C. T. Edwards, upper right, is telling it to 'em at the critique.

Forming the battalion on the river bank at the end of the Sunday morning problem, the Sixth Battalion prepares to entruck for

position for quick response in case their help was needed to quell a disturbance.

**ALL PICKED UP**

Four army non-coms, part of the demonstration unit, donned fatigues and entered the downtown area, posing as loose German POWs. All were picked up by the patrols, questioned and searched by the methods explained in the third school lecture, and then sent to task force headquarters for further questioning.

Personnel of State Headquarters Company, serving in the capacity for which it was organized, operated the message center and also furnished communications men for the task force staff. The unit's gas squad was attached to Co. A of the Fifth.

The Fifth's service detachment served breakfast to all troops in the

return trip to Georgetown and surrounding towns.

Watching a demonstration during night school are Lt. Col. Swenson of Fifth Battalion and Col. Sylvester Downs of Eighth Service Command.

"Off trucks!" signals Lt. Henry Knackstedt with his hands during a very fine demonstration by army personnel on the duties of crew members of a scout car.

A little of the brass at the critique lines up for a picture, left to right, Lt. Cols. Sidney Mason, Olney Bryant, Royal Phillips and Maj. John Kokernot.

"Spies" planted by the intelligence officer of the Fifth Battalion mingled with the "mob" Sunday morning, and kept the battalion headquarters informed on the position, action, and leaders of the gathering. Looking like a farmer, right, is Capt. J. P. Crowe, who with his accomplice, Pvt. Louis Baethe, snapped pictures of the gathering, as well as obtaining information.

bivouac area. The Sixth moved downtown first to establish itself as the "mob" in the problem. Co. C, the Fifth's scout car and heavy weapons company, was ordered in to patrol the area and Co. D assigned to block off the streets.

Other Fifth Battalion troops were kept at Camp Mabry, where task force headquarters continued to operate, until late Sunday morning. When they received orders to move in, they found Co. C in almost complete command of the situation, with most of the "mob" rounded up.

Radio was used for contact between task force headquarters and the various units during the problem, except for a few orders carried out by motorcycle messenger.

The problem was concluded, a critique conducted, and the task force headquarters closed a tactly 1200.

**Bill Asks For Paid 30-Day Leaves Prior To Discharge Date**

Washington.—The suggestion of Adm. William H. Standley, former Navy Chief of Operations, that all members of the armed forces be given a paid 30-day leave prior to discharge has been adopted by Rep. J. Harry McGregor (R., O.), and introduced in Congress as a proposed law.

Congressman McGregor's bill provides that each enlisted member of the land or naval forces be furnished the cost of transportation to his place of residence and granted a furlough with full pay for travel time plus 30 days "when it is determined that he is eligible to be honorably discharged."

Although the bill does not so specify, Congressman McGregor told fellow members of the House of Representatives that he believed veterans who are eligible for discharge "should be given the opportunity to decide whether or not they shall be discharged or remain in service."

The bill recites simply that upon termination of the paid 30-day furlough "if he so desires he shall be immediately discharged from such service at his place of residence."

**Ford Production Of B-24 Planes To Stop In August**

Detroit.—Because of the "collapse" of the German Luftwaffe, and the shift of the war picture to the Pacific, orders have come to the Ford Willow Run plant that production of B-24 planes will terminate next August. Army Air Forces will now concentrate on production of "heavier, faster bombers, such as the B-29."

Curtaiment on B-24s by Ford will affect 21,731 workers at Willow Run and 9000 working on parts and assemblies at other plants. War Manpower Commission announced, however, many of these workers would be absorbed in filling 16,000 job openings in the Detroit area.

The Ford plant last month turned out its 8000th B-24, on which it began production in March, 1944.

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## 27th Battalion Has Demonstration At "Jaycee Night"

A small but enthusiastic crowd attended a Jaycee Night entertainment of the 27th Battalion at the Texas State Guard armory. They witnessed first an inspection of four of the battalion's ten units by the following staff officers: Lt. Col. Marshall H. Kennady, battalion commander; Maj. R. B. Boyle, executive officer; Capt. Howard Maddox, commanding officer of the service detachment, and Capt. Orsen E. Paxton, Jr., operations and training officer.

Guests were then taken on a tour of the armory, visiting supply and orderly rooms, infirmary, rifle range and the battalion headquarters. Capt. William F. Tucker explained the exhibit, showing equipment and weapons issued to each man joining the Texas State Guard.

Visitors were next taken across to the battalion drill field and Company B, the heavy weapons company of the 27th Bn., put on a demonstration showing how gas and smoke are used in defense. They were under the command of Capt. Jack F. Massengale. Other Co. B officers, 1st Lt. Lonnie D. Carruth and 2nd Lt. Max Ellis were in charge of heavy weapons and gas demonstrations respectively. Two 11,750-pound armored scout cars, manned by machine gun crews, took part in the practice maneuver.

The evening was concluded with an open house and refreshments.

## 27th Bn. Emphasize Bayonet Training

Lt. Col. Marshall H. Kennady announced at the regular monthly meeting of 27th Battalion officers that the showing on the inspection of all units recently was very satisfactory. He pointed out however that all units were below their authorized strength and that men are needed to volunteer for this vital work.

Capt. Orsen E. Paxton, Jr. battalion operations and training officer, commented on the drill schedule for May and added that the training during the next few months will point toward the field mobilization to be conducted by 8th Service Command officers in Fort Worth week of August 6th for the 27th and 30th Battalions.

Capt. Paxton also announced that during May each of the units would receive 2 hours of bayonet training under the direction of S/Sgt. Roy M. Hulsizer of Co. F, a bayonet expert with wide experience. He served 29 years in the regular army fighting in both World War No. 1 and No. 2.

Second Lt. Edwin N. Huff of Co. C introduced 1st Lt. R. R. Boykin, 2nd Lt. John H. Moore and 1st Sgt. Gus Heiling of Co. D, 35th Bn. Dallas who were over to plan a joint maneuver with Co. C, the night of May 23rd. Capt. L. H. Painter announced that over 100 visitors attended their recent open house held at the armory.

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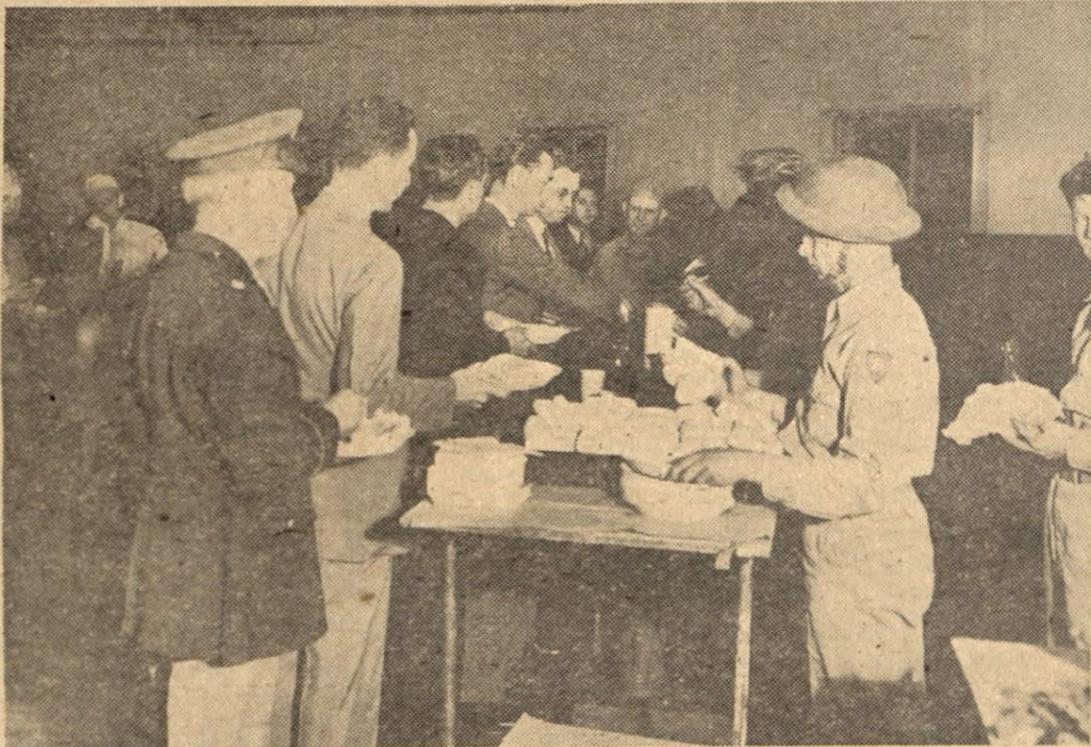
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## 27th Holds Open House



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get the feel of it." Harry went outside and returned a moment later. The tailor rushed up to him with a smile.

"Good morning, stranger," he beamed, "what can I do for you?"

Officer: "What's the big idea? What are those men doing climbing trees and crawling through the bushes?"

Sergeant: "Well, sir, we camouflaged the gun before chow and now we can't find it."

## In The Pictures

Top: One of the Texas State Guard, 27th Battalion, armored scout cars manned by a machine gun crew from Company B, heavy weapons company of the battalion. Two cars and crews were used in a demonstration put on at an open house recently. Guardsmen in the 11,750 pound car at the right are: Sgt. C. M. Black, Pvt. A. M. White, Cpl. C. E. Sherman, Sgt. C. C. Witherpoon (driver), Pvt. T. W. Gibbs, Pvt. L. M. Walker, Pfc. M. S. Moore and Pfc. Jake W. Moore.

Bottom: A group of visitors to the armory in the "chow line." Guardsmen serving open house guests include Sgt. Robt. E. Lee (far end of table) under whose supervision refreshments were prepared. In foreground is Lt. Col. O. E. Paxton of Ft. Omaha, Neb., whose health forced him to retire in 1943 after over 26 years service with the regular army. He is the father of Captain Orsen E. Paxton, Jr., TSG operations and training officer of the 27th Battalion and First Lt. John Paxton of Company F, 27th Battalion, TSG.

## Ten Inch Shell Taken From Stomach Of GI

With the 96th Division, Okinawa.—A three-pound, 10-inch unexploded mortar shell was removed from the stomach of an American soldier here in one of the "miracle" operations of the Okinawa campaign.

Capt. Sidney Cohn, of the Bronx, N. Y., who performed the operation, said the soldier would live.

The mortar shell passed through the soldier's body to the point where the fins were imbedded in his back. It destroyed the left kidney and caused other damage to internal organs.

The operation to remove the shell required only ten minutes, but an hour and 40 minutes was spent to complete the operation.

During the operation Captain Cohn followed closely the advice of Lt. Richard Greenman, of Philadelphia, bomb disposal expert, in order to complete the ticklish job without detonating the shell.—Army Times.

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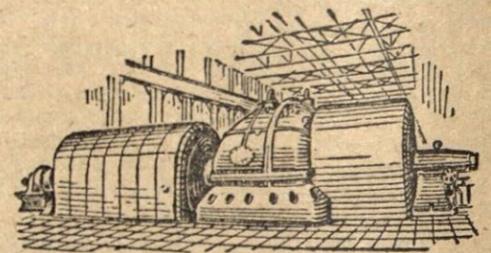
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## Guard Called In Louisiana To Fight Flood

Louisiana's worst flood since 1927 provided the opportunity for the Louisiana State Guard to prove that it had the men and the training to cope with any situation to which it might be assigned.

While units of only two battalions were called out, the entire Guard was alerted and was ready to assist in rescue, feed, or care for in any other way victims of the rampaging waters of the Mississippi, Ouachita, Red, Black or other streams.

Units which did not have an opportunity to display their quality were proud of the manner in which fellow-Guardsmen acquitted themselves at Ferriday, Jonesville, Mansfield, Columbia and other points from which the men of Lt. Col. O. V. Slaughter, the Sixth Battalion of Shreveport, and those of Lt. Col. Percy H. Farmer of Ferriday of the Fourth Battalion, conducted their work.

The Guard's place in the interior defense scheme of the state was recognized fully when, at a meeting called by Governor Jim H. Davis at Baton Rouge April 5, Brig. Gen. Raymond H. Fleming, adjutant general of the State Guard, was designated co-ordinator in the state wide relief set-up.

### CHECKED LEVEES

Already, however, Colonel Farmer and his men had been busy checking levee conditions and the rising water of Tensas, Catahoula and Concordia parishes. Some officers and enlisted men already had been called out and had started their work.

Following his designation as co-ordinator for the relief and rescue work, General Fleming called Maj. John G. Apfel into active service and assigned him as liaison officer to the Red Cross headquarters at Alexandria.

About the same time Capt. Earl Blevins, Corps of Engineers, Eighth Service Command, was assigned to General Fleming's staff for consultations in connection with the flood.

After manning boats, helping to feed refugees and performing guard and other duties in the Mansfield area, along Bayou Pierre and other flood waters, Colonel Slaughter's Guardsmen were mustered out with the thanks of General Fleming and other officials for their excellent service.

### WATERS PILED UP

In Colonel Farmer's area of Concordia and Catahoula parishes, however, it was a different story. While the crest of the Red river, draining off the flood waters of the Mansfield area, these piled up against Old river and began backing up into Colonel Farmer's area.

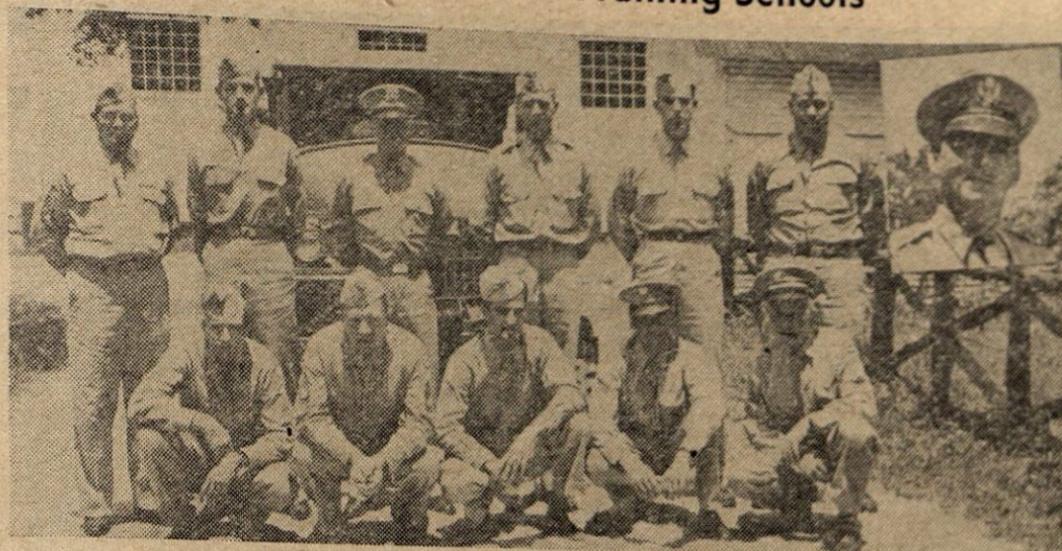
This necessitated continued activity of Colonel Farmer's men until finally the entire area of Concordia was under water with the exception of a small area at Vidalia. Ferriday, Colonel Farmer's headquarters, was under water ranging in depth from several inches to six feet and deeper.

As The Pelican went to press some 44 enlisted men and 11 officers were still in active service. As the conditions were being stabilized, however, there was little that these could do and they were being mustered out to assist their individual families, who were victims of the backwaters.

Colonel Farmer originally had 59 enlisted men and some 16 officers on active duty.

All of Company B and Head-

## 8th Service Aids On Training Schools



Tricks of the trade in the use of the bayonet against mobs, method of arrest, and two-men street patrols, are only a few techniques of guard work this group from the Eighth Service Command will teach to the 15,000 Texas State Guards-

men this summer in the series of schools.

Maj. Elmer J. Menefee, right, is in command of the group.

They are, standing: S/Sgt. Jim Wood, S/Sgt. Russell F. Walker, First Lt. Henry A. Knackstedt,

First Lt. George T. Christie, S/Sgt. Robert Baker, and T/Sgt. Joseph Bode.

Kneeling: Sgt. Joseph D. Cambre, T/Sgt. George F. France, Sgt. Michael Broody, Sgt. Leo Lockhart, and M/Sgt. Harry Siegel.

## Engineers Build Bridge Backwards To Thwart Heinies

With the 9th Army.—When Nazi mortar and artillery fire upset the plans of the two Army Engineer units to rush a floating Treadway bridge across the Rhine from the western shore, Lt. Col. Walter De Renne quickly solved the problem.

The colonel ordered that the building process be reversed. The Engineers assembled sections of the bridge downstream, floated them across the river, and built the bridge backwards—from the east bank to the west.

This one is about a gambler who died. The funeral was well attended by his professional friends. In the eulogy, the speaker asserted: "Spike is not dead. He only sleeps." From the rear of the chapel came the interrupting words, "I got \$100 says he's dead!"

quarters Company of the Sixth Battalion at Shreveport who could be mustered were called out by Colonel Slaughter. Colonel Slaughter, however, had the misfortune to have to return to Shreveport after a brief service for hospitalization and Maj. R. K. Lothrop took over.—The Pelican.

## Burma Road Builders Get Plaques For Merit

Kunming, China.—The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque has been awarded to the Burma Road Engineers and five attached units, it was announced here by Col. Robert F. Seedlock, BRE commanding officer.

The special citation was awarded to Construction, Topographical, Maintenance, Medical and Headquarters units for their work on the Tengchung Cutoff of the Stilwell Highway.

Inquiring reporter: "If you could serve some place other than here at the front where would you like it to be?"

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## 18 Locomotives Flown To Burma In 27 Planes

Washington.—Eighteen locomotives, built in 92 days, have been flown to Burma in the first air-locomotive flight in history to help counter the British Army's supply problem there, the War Department announces. For the entire shipment, 27 planes were used.

The wire request came to Gen. Brehon Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces, on January 8 last. Order was placed with the Fate-Root-Hardin-Heath Company, Plymouth, O. Assemblage of the first three locomotives began March 27; engines were put together, tested and knocked down for shipment within two days. Then followed completion of the other 16 locomotives, each weighing 12,000 pounds, at contracted intervals. In all, 35 AAA priorities were necessary to run out the contract, which had been approved through Lend-Lease.

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2nd Blonde: "You mean his first furlough. Liberty is what a sailor takes. Soldiers never take liberties."

1st Blonde: "Oh, you poor misguided child."

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EXPERT	
Name, Grade and Company	Score
Boehler, Fritz, T/5th, Co. D	82
Boley, Robert B., Pvt., Co. D	82
Jones, Byron W., Pfc., Co. B	82
Bankston, Daniel L., Sgt., Co. D	80
SHARPSHOOTER	
Fleming, Harvey T., Pfc., Co. A	77
Wallace, Robert L., T/5th, Co. A	77
Mount, George Allen, Pvt., Co. A	76
Allen, Lee E., Pvt., Co. D	75
Daugherty, Vardman L., Sgt., Co. A	75
Powell, LoLyd C., Pvt., Co. A	75
Browning, Ralph R., Sgt., Co. A	74
Crooks, Adrian Ray, Pvt., Co. A	74
Hunt, James H., Pfc., Co. B	74
Clarabut, Sidney E., S/Sgt., Co. A	73
MARKSMAN	
Doughtie, Earl C., Corp., Co. D	72
Price, Wyndell H., Pvt., Co. B	72
Clark, Claude C., Pfc., Co. C	71
Huffman, J. C., Pvt., Co. C	71
Slaughter, Ira, T/5th, Co. B	71
Tittsworth, John H., T/5th, Co. C	71
Vogt, Rodney R., Pvt., Co. C	71
Choate, Herman P., Pvt., Co. B	70
Freund, Jules, Pvt., Co. C	70
Pippin, Howard R., Corp., Co. D	70
Wilkerson, Wm. B., Corp., Co. A	69
Stewart, Floyd M., Sgt., Co. D	66
Price, Charlie, Corp., Co. D	66
Vaught, Ira, Sgt., Co. D	68
Blanc, Jerome P., Pvt., Co. C	67
Brown, George M., Corp., Co. A	67
Castillo, Gabriel, T/5th, Co. B	67
Guthrie, Bobbie E., Pvt., Co. D	67
Snider, Edwin E., Pvt., Co. D	67
Tischendorf, August, Sgt., Co. A	67
Schwartz, Karl L., Sgt., Co. D	66
Dickerson, Co. C	65
Kirtley, Frederick L., Pvt., Co. C	65
Powell, Lonzo H., Corp., Co. A	65
Terry, Harold E., Sgt., Co. A	65
Witcher, David L., Pfc., Co. C	65
Baraziza, Gerande, Pvt., Co. A	64
Bell, Rheafor A., Pvt., Co. A	64
Davis, Robert A., Corp., Co. A	64
Bowles, Thomas W., Corp., Co. C	63
Waters, Leland E., Pvt., Co. B	63

## Second Battalion "Rescues" Clothing Drive



Members of the Second Battalion of Houston, commanded by Lt. Col. E. D. Konken, did a good job of "selling" the Texas State Guard to the public recently in connection with the United Clothing Relief Drive.

Prominent women of Houston

sponsored the drive to help clothe destitute war victims in Europe and did such a good job that soon their clothing collection buiged the Foreman office building in Houston.

There were some 750,000 pounds of clothing in the building and something had to be done soon to

get it in shape to forward to Europe.

Col. Konken called on his battalion. Around 300 men responded. They moved the clothing to the armory, classified it six ways—for infants, children, women, men, shoes and hats. They packed it in

## Private Salutes Corporal-In Peru

Headquarters, Panama Canal Department.—Democracy in the U. S. Army, underscored by the absence of saluting between enlisted men of different grades, has deeply impressed the 10 Peruvian soldiers rounding out four months' courses at the Panama Coast Artillery Command Training Center.

"In Peru," explained 1st Sgt. Alfred Vasquez-Zegarra, of Lima, in charge of the foreign students, "a private salutes a corporal, a corporal salutes a sergeant."

Sergeant Vasquez said that while in Panama he and his men have been doing as the Americans do, reserving salutes for officers, but he added that upon returning to their country they will abide by Peruvian standards of military courtesy.

export sacks and shipped it to New York for export overseas.

It wasn't long before husbands of the women came to Colonel Konken.

"We didn't know much about the Texas State Guard," they said. "But we saw what a job they have done in this clothing drive. Is there anything your battalion needs—money, equipment, etc.?"

Colonel Konken thank him and said no.

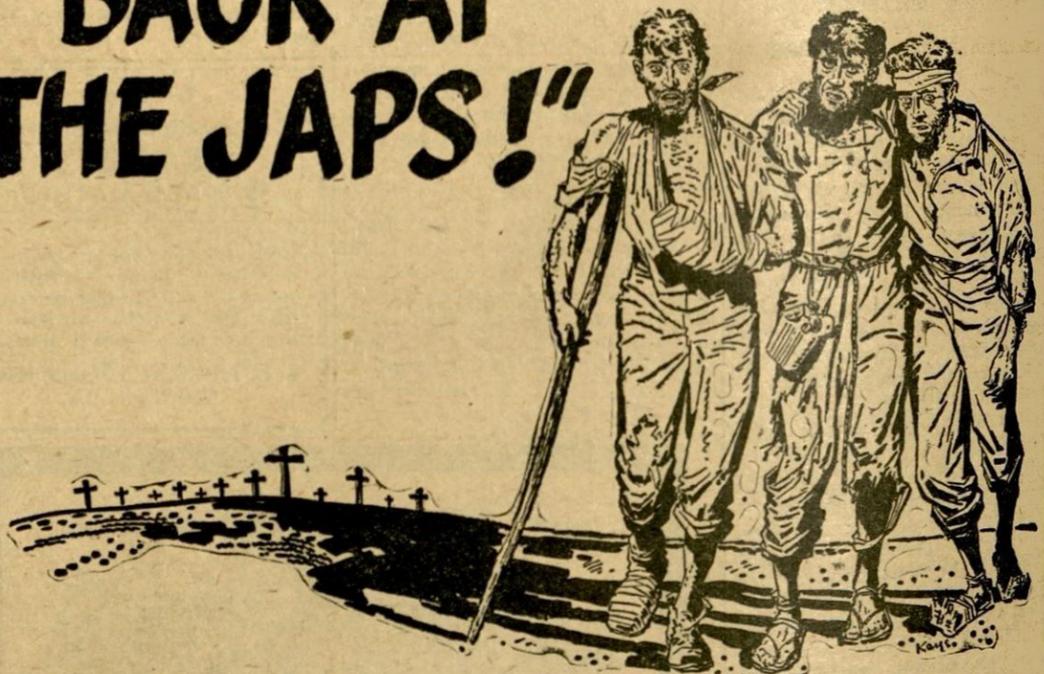
"Their awakening as to what the Guard can do to help in many ways was thanks enough," Colonel Konken told them.

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## 22nd Alerted, Spends Day In Riot Training

By FIRST LT. HAROLD MILLER

Lt. Col. James M. Delmar at 0800 hours 8 May, 1945, alerted all personnel of the 22nd Battalion, TSG, at the armory in Houston, to stand by and be ready to assist police authorities in case of any disturbances after the speech of President Truman proclaiming 8 May, 1945, as V-E Day.

By 0900 personnel started to report at the armory in full uniform. Capt. Victor L. Daily and Capt. S. R. Sikes, commanding Companies A and B, and Second Lt. Fred Gest of Company C were in charge of all enlisted personnel. By 0100 over 85 per cent of three companies had been reported at the armory. The men were drilled in riot formation throughout the day.

Headquarters was in charge of Major Walter L. Bell, executive officer. Service Detachment under command of Capt. William E. Dalhoff, assisted by Staff Sgt. C. H. Lendi, mess sergeant, who prepared the noon and evening meal, which was served to all personnel.

A loud speaker was installed on one of the scout cars under the direction of Capt. Charles H. Thomson, plans and training officer.

While the battalion was not called upon to assist in any way, the day was enjoyed by all members. Food prepared by S/Sgt Lendi was enjoyed by everyone and many second helpings were noticed.

The quick response of personnel of the 22nd Battalion to orders to report at the armory showed that everyone was on the job and ready to do his part.

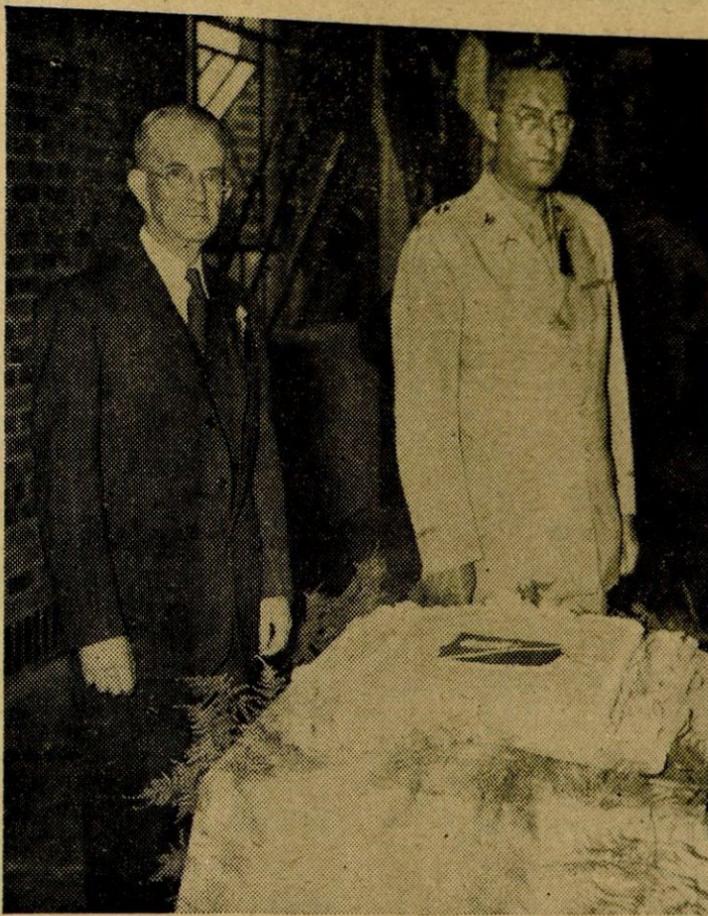
## Loud Speaker Scares Germans From Holes

With the United States Ground Forces, on the Western Front.—When the 78th Infantry Division went through a German town so fast that it didn't have time to clean out the enemy stragglers hiding in houses, Lt. Col. Lyle Kennedy, commander of the 1st Battalion of the 311th Infantry Regiment, Durham, N. C., simply set up a loudspeaker on the street corner.

It happened in the town of Beuel on the Rhine opposite Bonn. The men set up their "persuasion system" and announced: "We know there are German soldiers hiding in the cellars. If you don't come out within 60 minutes we'll come after you and kill all of you."

It wasn't long before Germans were pouring out of the buildings with their hands over their heads.

## Cut 72nd Birthday Cake



Col. E. D. Konken, right, and Capt. Milby Porter get ready to cut the birthday cake for the 72nd anniversary of the Houston Light Guard Association in Houston. Captain Porter is one of the oldest members of the association.

Two hundred and fifty members of the Second Battalion, Texas State Guard, were awarded honorary life membership in the Veterans Association, for their state guard service.

Some 350 guests were present

at the birthday party, including Lt. Col. Glenn Burgess of Lufkin, who represented Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker.

The anniversary included memorial services to Light Guard members who gave their lives in the present war and other wars in which the Light Guards have served.

The Houston Light Guard was the 143rd Infantry of the Thirty-sixth Division of the Texas National Guard and scores of its members have seen active service in Europe.

## Wounded Come Home At 30,000 Month Rate

New York.—Maj. George F. Lull, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, speaking at the annual meeting of the College of Physicians and Surgeons Alumni Association, Columbia University, said battle casualties are now being returned from overseas at the rate of 30,000 to 40,000 a month.

Because of this large number of casualties, he said, the Army will need many medical officers long after the war ends.

Flight Officer. "What's the last word in airplanes?"

Cadet: "Jump!"

1st Sgt.: "Why weren't you in that last formation?"

Pvt.: "I've been in the hospital for a month."

1st Sgt.: "All right, none of those lousy valid excuses. I don't want it to happen again."

## TEXAS STATE GUARD HONOR ROLL APRIL, 1945

Company and Battalion	Home Station	Grade
Service Detachment, 29th Battalion	Dallas	99%
Service Detachment, 27th Battalion	Fort Worth	98%
Headquarters, 51st Battalion	Dallas	94%
Service Detachment, 14th Battalion	Port Arthur	94%
Medical Detachment, 19th Battalion	Dallas	93%
Medical Detachment, 29th Battalion	Dallas	90%
Medical Detachment, 6th Battalion	Round Rock	90%
Service Detachment, 9th Battalion	Port Arthur	89%
Company B, 36th Battalion	San Antonio	86%
Service Detachment, 22nd Battalion	Houston	85%
Company C, 34th Battalion	Crane	85%
Company C, 19th Battalion	Dallas	85%
Headquarters, 6th Battalion	Round Rock	84%
Service Detachment, 45th Battalion	Luling	84%
Company E, 28th Battalion	Corpus Christi	84%
Headquarters, 17th Battalion	Munday	80%
Medical Detachment, 14th Battalion	Pampa	80%
Medical Detachment, 31st Battalion	McAllen	78%
Medical Detachment, 35th Battalion	Dallas	78%
Medical Detachment, 33rd Battalion	Marshall	78%
Company D, 19th Battalion	Dallas	78%

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Company B, 11th Battalion	San Angelo	73%
Company B, 45th Battalion	Gonzales	73%
Medical Detachment, 9th Battalion	Port Arthur	70%

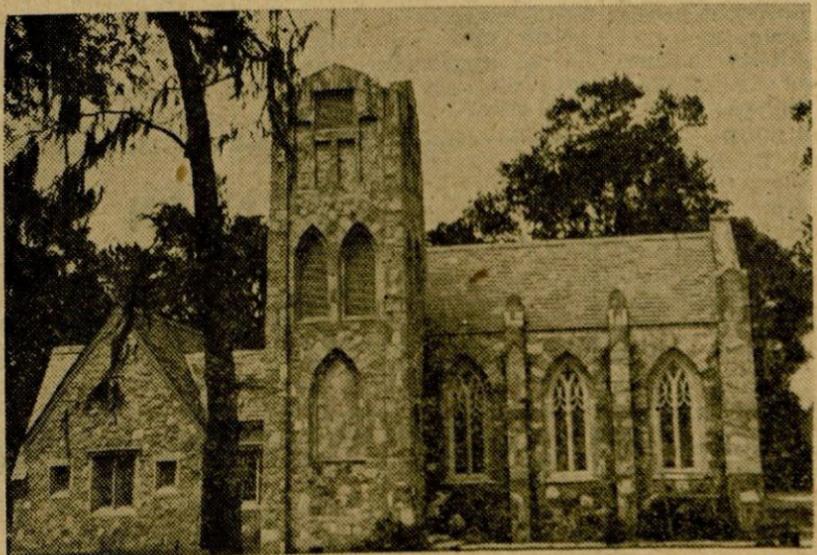
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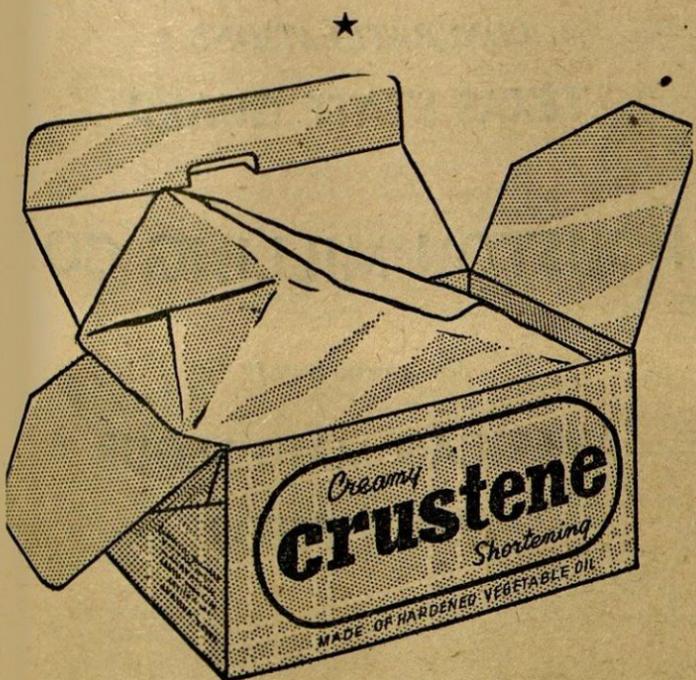
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## Ark. Guard Praised For Flood Duty

By LT. COL. CARL I. HOSACK

Federal, state and city officials paid high tribute to members of the Arkansas State Guard for their work in the state's second disastrous flood recently.

Units of guardsmen first were called out at Easter when the Arkansas, Ouachita, White and Red rivers went on a rampage covering thousands of acres of the state's most fertile farm lands and driving hundreds of families from their homes.

Two weeks later the second and larger flood swept down the same rivers and the guardsmen again were mobilized. The Fort Smith company was the first to be relieved in the last flood and their heroic action in saving lives and property was widely recognized.

At other points, guard companies were placed on the alert by Brig. Gen. Heber L. McAlister. At the request of County Judge Louis A. Mashburn, three Greater Little Rock companies were called out and bivouaced in barracks at Adams Field, Little Rock's municipal airport.

The Adams Field unit was under the direction of Lt. Col. Carl I. Hosack, guard plans and training officer. There had been considerable discussion about the length of time mobilization of the companies would require.

### SPEEDY RESPONSE

When the call went out, guard officials were amazed with the speed at which the men responded. Capt. Percy Machin's Regimental Service Company had trucks at the guard warehouse for supplies within less than two hours.

Officers had anticipated that some of the men would be unable to report, but the first formation showed 20 more men than had been expected.

For a week the guardsmen assisted county and city employees, augmented by volunteers, in constructing and strengthening a temporary levee which protected more than 15 square blocks of Little Rock's low East End industrial and residential sections.

The guardsmen patrolled the sandbag bulwarks; protected the evacuated property and kept motorists out of the area so the workers would not be hindered in their frantic fight to complete the levee ahead of the flood.

The Regimental Weapons Company, headed by Capt. Gordon E. Wood, and the Regimental Reserve Rifle Company, commanded by Capt. Frank C. Mebane, handled the guard work and patrolling, except for emergencies when officers, kitchen police and all pitched in to save the weakened levee.

### GOOD FOOD

Major Willard D. Billingsley, regimental supply officer, and Capt. Marion G. Ward, property officer, took General McAlister seriously when he said he wanted the guardsmen to have good food.

"You will have to feed them good if you want to get a lot of work out of them," the general said.

Supplies were obtained through the facilities at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, and the daily menu consisted of such civilian-scarce items as bacon, steaks, butter, cheese and

## Riot Formation Demonstrated



Men of Company M, Jonesboro, Arkansas, are shown going through riot formations at a

recent benefit party given by the Guardsmen at the Jonesboro

Armory. Proceeds went into the company fund.

## Holiday Happy!

With the 25th Infantry Division, in Germany.—In B Company, 109th Infantry Regiment, they call Pvt. Sam Baron, of Brooklyn, "The Holiday Kid."

Baron entered the Army on St. Patrick's Day, 1944; was wounded on Armistice Day; his wife was notified he was in the hospital on Thanksgiving Day; he returned to his unit on Lincoln's Birthday; he was married on Christmas eve; son was born Christmas Day, and a daughter arrived on New Year's Day.

canned fruits in liberal quantities and ample supplies of milk, coffee, sugar and hard-to-get desserts.

The Medical Detachment from Conway, under the command of Capt. H. O. Weatherly, dished out a few aspirins and a little Epsom salts, but there were no hospital cases and no injuries.

Guardsmen made regular reconnaissance flights over the flooded areas, and during one flight found two stranded airplanes. One was an army plane which had crashed about 20 miles from the guard barracks and, at the request of the army, the State Guard posted and maintained a guard at the crash until it was removed.

Many guardsmen volunteered for duty at danger points where the situation did not require an entire guard unit.

## Four Sergeants Total 100 Years In Service

Camp Croft, S. C.—The 33rd Infantry Training Battalion lays claim to some longevity record with the topkicks of its four companies having a combined Army service totaling 100½ years.

First Sgt. Walker F. Smith, of Ben Avon, S. C., has been in the Army 27½ years, served in France in World War I with the 5th Division; 1st Sgt. Chester A. Wrixson, of Martins Ferry, O., 26 years in service, was in Army of Occupation two years following the last war; 1st Sgt. Joseph T. Grimes, of Philadelphia, 26 years in service, also in the Army of Occupation, and 1st Sgt. Furman Wise, Sr., of Lake City, S. C., 21 years in the Army, served with the 8th Infantry Division in 1917.

All four have been at Camp Croft since it was activated in February, 1941.

"This is the first time I have ever been a judge in a beauty contest. I suppose I will have to feel my way around."

There once was an old man from Lyme Who married three wives at a time When asked, "Why a third?" He replied, "One's absurd! "And bigamy, sir, is a crime!"

## Lose Your Watch? Get Mine Detector

With the 83rd Infantry Division, on the Rhine.—Sgt. Morris Press, of Bronx, N. Y., provides a new way of finding a needle in a haystack—only it was a wrist watch.

Men of H Company of the 330th Infantry had newly installed themselves in a house. Everyone hit the hay. After a good night's sleep Press awakened and looked in vain for his watch.

Then he got an inspiration. Borrowing a mine detector from Regimental Mine Platoon—you guessed it—he quickly found the watch.

He: "What's to keep us from having a good time in the old town tonight?"

She: "Oh, my goodness!"

## Jonesboro Unit Stages Party To Aid Company Fund

Jonesboro, Ark.—Company M of the Third Battalion, Arkansas State Guard, commanded by Capt. Fred Micklish and assisted by the Medical Detachment headed by Capt. R. M. Sloan, staged one of the largest benefit parties ever held in Jonesboro recently. The proceeds went into the company fund.

Prizes were donated by Jonesboro merchants and guardsmen. These prizes included a pair of nylon hose, a five-pound roast, 10 pounds of sugar, many homemade cakes, a case of grapefruit juice, and many other items hard to get.

Ticket sales were in charge of Staff Sgt. H. C. Freeze. Company M gave two demonstrations in riot formations. A selected platoon went through the Manual of Arms. Lt. Morris Mays, Jr., was in charge of the demonstrations.

## Honor Medal For Roosevelt Asked

Washington.—A bill has been introduced in the Senate to award the country's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, to the late President Roosevelt.

The bill, introduced by Senators Barkley and Lucas, authorizes President Truman to award the medal posthumously. No Chief Executive ever has received the decoration.

A similar bill was introduced in the House by Representative Geo. F. Rogers.

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# Construction and Use of Wire Concertina

Compiled by A Company, Fifth Battalion, TSG, Austin.

## I. NATURE AND CONSTRUCTION OF CONCERTINA

The concertina is a permanent, expandable coil of barbed wire which can be stretched across avenues of approach to, or escape from, an area of disturbance or of military activity.

**Materials:** 12-gauge galvanized barbed wire on reel, copper alloy "hog nose rings," recessed-tip pliers for attaching rings, baling wire in 6-inch lengths.

**Construction Frame:** Two circular end pieces, 40 inches in diameter, of solid or rim type construction; rims connected by seven 1x2 inch slats, five feet long, to form an elongated squirrel cage structure. The frame is mounted upon a metal pipe axle and supported well above the ground for ease in rotation.

**Construction:** Run three complete turns of barbed wire about the frame near one end and join together securely in each space of the frame, using 6-inch lengths of baling wire as fasteners; this provides a heavy rim for one end of the concertina. (See Fig. 2.)

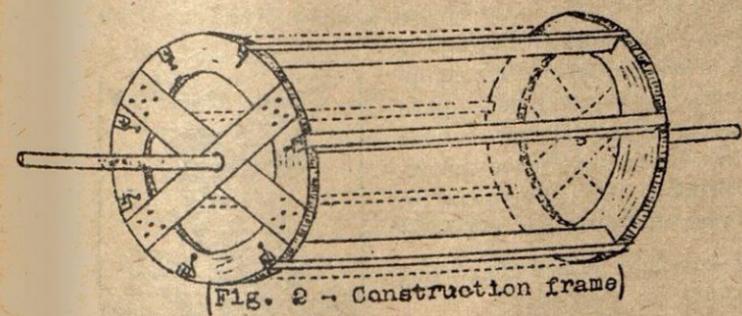
All succeeding turns of wire are joined by means of copper hog-rings as follows: After the emergence of the first single coil from the rim, the first turn is attached to the rim in alternate spaces of the frame; the second is attached to the first in alternate spaces of the frame; the third to the second, etc. Note that the odd number of spaces automatically causes spiral progression, so that errors in the attachment of turns cannot be made except through gross oversight.

When sufficient turns are made to provide the desired length, a second rim is constructed by making three complete turns which are wired securely together.

**Determination of Length:** Allow two complete turns of wire for each foot of expansion of the concertina; thus, a concertina of 120 turns of wire will expand easily, and without deformative stretching, across a 60-foot roadway.

**Warning:** Excessive stretching will permanently deform the concertina; do not over-stretch. When extra coverage is necessary, attach two concertinas end-to-end to provide the necessary length; or, when desirable, set up two separate concertinas with a guarded central gap which can be the area of activity.

## Fifth Battalion Is Expert On Concertinas



## II. ACCESSORIES FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CONCERTINA

**Sash Cord:** Four 6-foot lengths for holding the concertina in compressed doughnut form for convenience in handling; X-shaped plank holders may be used if desired, sandwiching the concertina;

**Canvas Bag:** 14x20 inches, drawing in top, containing: Hatchet, single bladed; Staples, 1½-inch, heavy iron wire; Spikes, six 8-inch nail type, headed; Groundhooks, iron, ¼-inch diameter, 8 inches long, hook end; Pliers, 8-inch side cutter; Pliers, 8-inch plain jawed; Gloves, 2 pairs, leather palmed; Baling Wire, bundle of 6-inch cut pieces, straight; Flashlights, two 2-celled, with signaling caps.

(Two complete sets of the above accessories, each in a canvas bag, with each concertina.)

## III. TRANSPORTATION

The squad which is to handle each concertina travels with the concertina and with the complete list of arms and equipment as described in a later section. It is imperative that the fully equipped squad and its concertina arrive together at the scene of action.

In the conveyance the squad

leader, the second-in-command, and the sub-machine gunners take positions nearest the exit, the remainder of the squad disposed behind them and farthest from the exit. The squad leader occupies the rear-

most right hand side position in the event that a standard truck is used as conveyance; this position provides the best point of vantage for observation of the approaches to an area.

The diagram at the right illustrates the disposition of a squad in a standard truck conveyance:

1. Riflemen; receive and deposit concertina in vehicle.
2. Shotgun men, after delivering concertina into vehicle.
3. Sub-machinegunners.
4. Squad leaders and second-in-command.

**Note:** In the event that a single truck is to convey two squads, the squad first to be deployed enters last and is situated as a unit (see order above) with its arms, concertina and accessories separate from the second or innermost squad.

## IV. SQUAD ORGANIZATION, ARMS AND DISPOSITION IN ACTION

**1. Squad Organization:** Eight men, including squad leader and second-in-command, for each concertina.

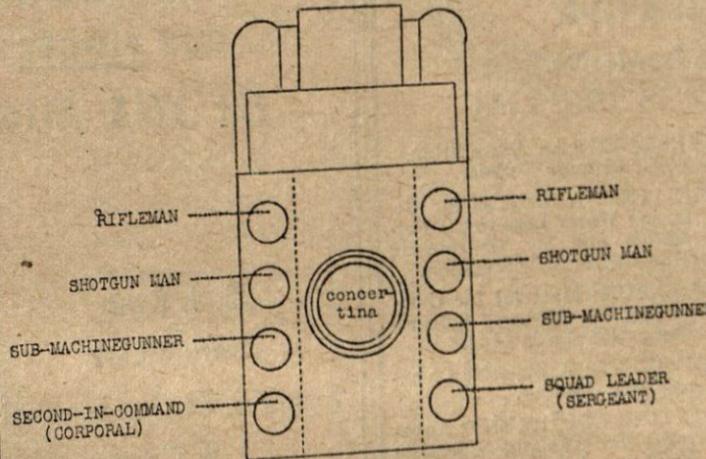
**2. Arms and Equipment:**

- (a) General, for each man of squad: Gas Mask; Gas, grenade, ON; Smoke grenade; Heavy billy.

(b) **Special Equipment:** Squad leader, rifle with bayonet; 2, sub-machine gun; 3, rifle with bayonet; 4, rifle with bayonet; 5, shotgun with sling; 6, shotgun with sling; 7, sub-machine gun; Corporal, rifle with bayonet.

(c) **Accessories:** Riot gun and complete case of equipment.

### 3. Disposition of Squad in Action:



(a) All men work in pairs, at all times.

(b) **Specific Duties:** Squad leader and corporal: Interpret general orders of commander, and at point of action determine position of concertina; maintain contact with commanding officer. **Sub-machine gunners:** Mount guard over conveyance immediately upon arrival at scene of action and maintain guard until relieved at command of squad leader or commanding officer. **Shot-**

gun men: Remove concertina from conveyance and place concertina in center of street or area to be blockaded, as directed by squad leader; immediately mount guard over operations, facing the area of disturbance; maintain guard until relieved. **Riflemen:** Prepare and expand concertina, arms slung; after fastening ends properly, maintain guard at the ends of the concertina with bayonets fixed, until relieved at command of squad leader or commanding officer.

Bouncing the concertina into position, pegging down the ends and posting guards takes less than two

minutes with the method now perfected by the Fifth Battalion as shown in the pictures above, snapped on a recent field problem.

Key men riding in the rear of the truck are the first to detruck, and they are shown in the upper left sliding the concertina out of the truck. The men are Capt. Fred Lewis, Sgt. Webb Woodland, Cpl. Vernie Wimple and Sgt. Joe Robinson.

It no more than hits the ground until the men swarm around it and begin unfastening the cord which holds the concertina together. Note the wooden cross frame—that's one of the ideas in use of the concertina worked out by Capt. Carl Hardin and Company A. The guardsmen are Capt. Lewis, Lt. Julius Schutze, Jr., Pvt. Norman Flenniken and Sgt. Woodland.

Bouncing the wire in the middle is the trick to use in setting it up as the other members of the detail grab the crossed boards and stretch the wire across the road.

It's now in position and Cpl. Wimple pegs it down securely as Lt. Schutze, left, and Capt. Lonnie Shannon, right, hold the supports.

Lower left, Pfc. James Michael takes up the position of guard at one end. Note that little white sack on the ground. It is always tied to the concertina and carries the cord, gloves, hatchet, pliers, everything used in setting up the road block.

Pvt. Maurice M. Perry is stationed about a block from the concertina to direct traffic. Note that STOP sign—that also is very important in the use of road blocks.

Just in case a mob takes a notion to rush the road block, the scout car with its mounted machine gun stands by, lower picture, to handle the situation. Sgt. T. W. Cox and a detail from Company C stand ready for any emergency. The radio man in the scout car isn't taking any chances on gas, and he already has donned his mask.

# Guardsman's Son Tells About Famous Jump Across Rhine

(The following vivid description of "The Jump Across The Rhine" was written by Pfc. George L. LaChance, of the 513th Parachute Division of the Army of the United States. He enclosed it in a letter to his father, Lt. S. F. LaChance, business manager of The Guardsman.)

It was 0400 in the morning on Saturday, March 24, when the men of the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment climbed out of their beds in a marshalling area somewhere in France. In the semi-darkness of early morning they lined up for coffee and doughnuts. Then the battalions started the march to the airfield. No one seemed to mind the walk. They were not unusually silent, nor were they over-talkative.

Each man had been thoroughly briefed; each man knew that the job of work was a tough one; each man knew that many of the others walking to the field early that Saturday morning would never come back. Each man knew these things so there was no need to talk about them.

They reached the field and sat on the ground near the planes. They smoked and talked, and waited. Then one after another they climbed into the shiny, new, C-46's, put on their equipment and waited once more. At 0800 the big planes took off and pointed their noses toward Brussels. Northeast of that Belgian city, the U. S. air fleet was joined by the Dakotas of the British 6th Airborne Division, then the mighty air armada started for the Rhine.

Inside the twin-engined transports, the troopers sat in their heavy equipment and uncomfortably tight chutes and still waited. They had been told that they would be stood up for about 10 minutes, then the red light of warning would flash on, 3 minutes later the green light and bell would be the signal to pile out.

Suddenly in thousands of planes, thousands of pilots signalled to thousands of stick leaders, and tens of thousands of paratroopers stood up and hooked up and waited the final few minutes. The men who stood in the door, saw the Rhine beneath their feet, then they felt the flak.

Some said it sounded like rain on a tin roof, a few thought it felt like driving a rickety Ford over a bumpy road. Most of them gripped their snap fasteners and closed up. Then the bell came, no warning, no red light, just the bell. The men of the 513th along with the rest of the 17th Airborne Division, and the 6th British Airborne, leaped into what the pilots said was the heaviest concentration of flak they had ever seen.

### SAW BUDDIES DIE

Many 513'ers saw their buddies die on the way down; many saw



PFC. GEORGE L. LaCHANCE

the guy next to them shot by snipers before he got out of his harness. When the smoke cleared a little, they realized that they had been dropped about three miles from the intended DZ (Drop Zone).

Using maps, compasses and intuition, the troopers started for their assembly areas. In small and large groups they cleared out houses, field and woods, capturing hundreds of prisoners the first few hours on the grounds. By 1700 hours the battalions had gathered enough strength to go in to the attack. A lot of brave men had died; and a lot of brave men lived; these men were out for revenge.

By approximately 0800 Palm Sunday morning Col. A. C. Miller's assault battalion (2nd) had taken the final objective set before the jump. Col. E. F. Kent's boys protected the regiment's rear, while Major Harry Kie's Commanches were massed in reserve waiting for trouble.

That afternoon the British forces

that had crossed the Rhine contacted the men who had jumped over it, bringing to a successful conclusion the first phase of the greatest airborne invasion in history.

### AGAIN ATTACK

After assembling near the original DZ, the regiment went into the attack once more. The First Battalion was the pivot with the Second and Third on its left. General direction of the attack was towards Dorsten and in its course the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment crossed the famed German super highway, the Autobahn. Jerry was scared as hell. He'd fight like hell, but when the troopers go too close he'd throw up his hands and holler

"Kamerad." Still the regiment's path could be followed by the dead and wounded that they left behind.

The only thing that slowed them down was the lack of motorization. That, too, was remedied. The troopers climbed aboard the Churchill tanks of the Scots Guards. Then under the cover of night they started toward Dorsten. Despite 88's, bazookas, and snipers, early the next morning Maj. Edwin Edwards and elements of the Second Battalion, which was leading the tank column, went into the city of Dorsten.

By noon the town was completely cleaned out, occupied, and defenses set up. The troopers dug in and rested and feasted on liberated

### This One Is Not Covered In Manual

With the 84th Infantry Division in Germany.—The reddest face in all Germany belonged to tough Sgt. J. D. Medders, of Co. K, 335th Infantry.

Sergeant Medders charged into one house and found the lady of the house without a stitch of clothing on.

"What could I do?" asked the sergeant. "I just turned around and

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# Are You A Twirler Or A I-Beamer? That, Sir, Is The Question!

Lt. Col. Julian Weslow, 48th Marine Battalion, Houston, recently made a trip from Camp Mabry to Houston in a one and one-half ton truck issued to his battalion.

Solemnly he sat down and reported that the truck was ready for rugged service, but that for comfort and speed he was not ready to report. He raised the question as to whether he travelled farther in a lateral direction or vertically.

Motivated purely by his passion for research, Lt. Col. Donald Peacock, commanding the Second Research and Training Unit, delved into the question and reported to Lt. Col. Sidney Mason.

And The Guardsman, motivated purely by a purple passion for service to the Guard, reproduces the report in full:

I May 1945.

**Subject:** Report on research project regarding difference between lateral distances traveled by State Guard transportation, including whether multiplication of bumps is more pronounced when the vehicle is operated by an officer of senior grade.

To: Colonel Sidney C. Mason, A C of S, G-4, Camp Mabry, Texas.

1. Pursuant to your request, this organization has researched the question brought up by Colonel Julian A. Weslow's report to you following his trip from Camp Mabry to his armory in Houston, Texas, during which he personally drove a government 1½-ton truck just issued his battalion.

2. Our research was complicated by the fact that no other battalion presents exactly the same situation as Colonel Weslow's organization, the 48th (Dismounted Marine) Battalion, as no other battalion includes in its membership officers and men of the same background, experiences, and large number of service ribbons and distinguished service records.

3. Colonel Weslow's report following his return to home station was as follows: "The truck is ready for rugged service, but as for comfort and speed, I would hesitate to comment. I do not know whether the distance that I traveled in a lateral direction was greater than that which I traveled up and down, or not, but I am sure of one thing, that the springs on this car treat bumps on the multiplication basis, instead of subtraction."

4. After detailed and tortuous research on this question, in which we enlisted the aid of officers and men of all ages and sizes from

other organizations, we have finally arrived at a complete estimate of the situation, which is attached hereto.

Donald W. Peacock,  
Lt. Colonel, GSC, TEX,  
Commandant.



LT. COL. DONALD W. PEACOCK



LT. COL. JULIAN WESLOW

### REPORT OF RESEARCH

1. On a sixty-mile maneuver the middle-aged, rotund officers enjoyed the first part of the trip. Their rotundity (which comes from excessive living on an officers' pay!) tended to cushion the fiendish intent of the springs. They may be said to have traveled in a modified lateral direction; in fact, the lateral designation was modi-

fied to cover four different directions, which produced the effect of twirling. These officers are now known as "The Twirlers," and Col. Julian Weslow was elected "Chief Twirler." After a respite, however, it was found that the twirlers were not so fortunate, for all buttocks resembled three-day old bread doughnuts. There was no resistance left to cushion the respective owners on the return trip.

2. It is felt, as a result of the same research, that the tall, thin officers traveled much further vertically. These officers are now designated as the "I-Beamers." They suffered greatly at first, as they spent most of their time between the cushion and the top. However, the ultimate effect of this was that they missed a great deal of the so-called spring action while in mid-air, therefore they caught fewer bumps. Eventually they got used to being in midair, and some of them reached the point of enjoying it.

3. Concerning the old or young as drivers: You have much less chance of reaching your destination with a young driver than you have with an old driver. On the other hand, the old driver will be so worn out upon reaching the destination that he won't be able to do whatever it was he set out to do when he gets there.

**Conclusion:** Be you tall and thin, short or fat, young or old, you are going to travel one way or the other, and be duly punished for it.

**Recommendation:** Join the Civil Air Patrol!

## Government Asked For 10,000 Planes For Crash Testing

Washington.—The United States aircraft industry is asking the government to make available 10,000 expendable surplus military planes for "crash" testing in the interests of aeronautical science.

Plans for a program of tests have been developed by the airplane technical committee of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce. The tests would make flights under conditions far exceeding normal requirements in the hope of providing answers to stability and control mysteries. They would investigate engine life at extremely high powers, and would aim to provide information on structural failures under crash conditions by observation with high-speed cameras.

## More Therapists, Dieticians Needed For Wounded Men

Washington.—To care for the needs of wounded men, being evacuated to this country in greatly increasing numbers, the Medical Department is calling for at least 300 additional dieticians and 100 therapists, the War Department announces.

With casualties being returned from overseas at a rate of 1200 a day, and with hospitals today numbering 50,000 patients more than were being treated three months ago, the Medical Department needs these men and women whose duty it is to plan menus and supervise the service of food for the sick and wounded.

Anticipating the increased patient load, the War Department recently authorized an added 2000 dieticians. Of this goal, 1500 have received commissions and 200 are in training, leaving a net shortage of 300.

Qualifications for commission as a dietician include a degree from an approved college with a major in either foods and nutrition or institutional management, and completion either of a dietician training course approved by The Surgeon General or two years of experience in a hospital approved by the Surgeon General.

Some dieticians have been serving in forward hospitals near combat zones where they rough it like the soldiers, wearing trousers, leggings, shirt and helmets, the last-named article being used for washing purposes. Others serve on hospital ships crossing the oceans.

After eight months of operation, the Army's emergency program to train civilian occupational therapists is proving successful, but 100 more who are already registered are needed to fill vacancies in the hospitals, the Surgeon General's office stated.

There are now 550 women college graduates enrolled in the

## Corporal Almost Talked To Hitler

With the 11th Armored Division, at the Rhine.—"I almost talked to Hitler," said Cpl. Erwin Remboldt of Santa Monica, Calif., "but not quite."

It happened when the Thunderbolt Division spearhead reached Andernach on the banks of the Rhine. Remboldt's battalion, the 63rd Armored Infantry, was just going into the town, and Remboldt, who speaks perfect German, was sent to check on the city's telephone exchange.

"The lines were still in," said Remboldt, "so I picked up a phone and, speaking in German, asked for Berlin. I got as far as Coblenz, but the operator there said something about trouble on the lines. I chatted with her awhile, and asked her about the weather in Coblenz. She said it was nice, but I guess somebody got suspicious, because before I could say any more we were cut off."

Army's intensive 12-month course. Of this group, 250 are in accredited occupational therapy schools taking the initial four months' instruction course. Three hundred have completed this course and are already in Army hospitals receiving their eight months on-the-job training. The final 100 applicants have been selected for enrollment, which completes the training quota.

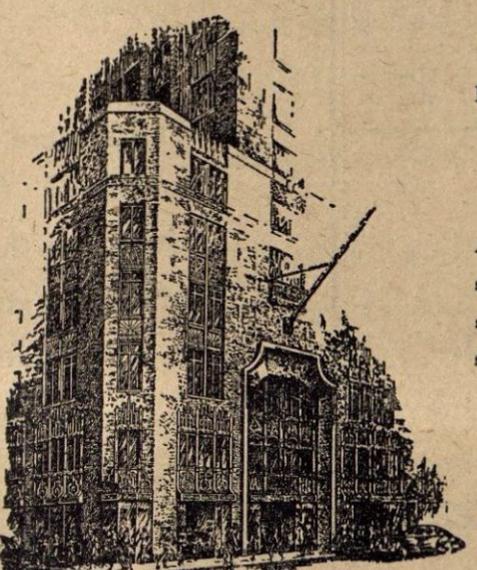
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## Ordnance Cost Cut 25% To 60% Since 1943

Washington. — Army Ordnance has slashed the cost of many guns, howitzers and many intricate aiming devices anywhere from 25 per cent to 68 per cent, saving American taxpayers millions of dollars annually.

Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, revealed the results of a recent Ordnance cost survey on eight typical items of artillery material covering the past two years.

The survey showed that the cost in 1943 of the huge 240mm "Black Dragon" howitzer, now pumping 360-pound shells into Germany's vital Ruhr district east of the Rhine, was \$123,322. By January, 1945, the cost of this weapon, weighing 81,875 pounds, had been cut to \$76,960—a reduction of 38 per cent. At this price the howitzer, together with its transport wagons, cost 94 cents per pound.

Two years ago the cost of the world-famous 155mm "Long Tom" gun was \$49,950. By January, 1945, the cost of this 30,600-pound gun had been cut to \$37,396, or \$1.22 per pound—a reduction of 25 per cent.

In 1943 the cost of the 155mm "Grizzly Bear" howitzer, weighing 11,966 pounds, was \$29,430. Today that cost is \$15,180, or \$1.29 per pound—a reduction of 48 per cent.

In 1943 the cost of the 105mm howitzer, the old reliable "Work Horse" of the Army, weighing 4970 pounds, was \$12,060. Today that cost is down \$8494, or \$1.71 per pound—a reduction of 30 per cent.

In order to aim field artillery and antiaircraft guns effectively, a number of watch-like precision instruments are necessary. Large savings have been achieved in the manufacture of height finders for antiaircraft weapons, directors to compute the proper range and direction of 37mm and 40mm antiaircraft fire, azimuth instruments for measuring ranges and observing the fire of field guns and panoramic telescopes.

In 1943 the cost of a height finder was \$23,700. Today that cost has been cut to \$12,196, or 49 per cent.

Two years ago the cost of one of the directors for 37mm and 40mm antiaircraft materiel was \$8651. That cost has been reduced by 68 per cent to \$2807.

The cost of an azimuth instrument, which in 1943 was \$1552, has been reduced by 58 per cent, and now costs \$656. The panoramic telescope, which two years ago cost \$777, now costs \$251—a reduction of 68 per cent.—Army Times.

## Freed Prisoners Of War Get \$500 To \$7000 From U. S.

Camp Myles Standish, Mass.—Amounts ranging from \$7000 to \$500 were paid to American soldiers, former prisoners of war in Germany, on their way home, recently. For some it was their first Army pay in nearly three years.

The payments were made in from \$100 to \$200 in cash and the remainder in government checks.

The group, made up of 300 officers and 1200 enlisted men, had reached the Boston Port of Embarkation. They were brought here, quizzed by intelligence officers, given new uniforms and made ready for 45 days' leave.

Most of the men, asked about what they intended to do with their money, had no definite idea.

## 36th Battalion Praised By San Antonio Police Head



P. L. ANDERSON

High tribute was paid to the men of the 36th Battalion at San Antonio in a V-E Day broadcast by P. L. Anderson, police and fire commissioner of San Antonio. The broadcast follows:

Good morning. This is P. L. Anderson, your fire and police commissioner, speaking to you directly from the dispatcher's office at the San Antonio Police Department Headquarters.

It is possible for me now to tell you that your Police Department and the Auxiliary Police have been alerted for probably seventy-two hours. I had been informed in advance as to the probable date of V-E Day and every possible precaution has been taken to see that the celebration today is conducted in an orderly manner. I have been on constant patrol since six-thirty this morning. Shortly after that hour, a tour was made of the downtown district with Major Harry Roberson, provost marshal of San Antonio. At this hour, I have just returned from a second tour of the city with Major Robinson, and I want to commend the citizens of San Antonio for the patriotic manner in which V-E Day has been received.

In cooperation with the United States Army and the Texas State Guard, which has the most splendid Auxiliary Police Battalion, we are prepared for any contingency. I want to express my appreciation to the Texas State Guard and the Auxiliary Police, under the capable leadership of Colonel J. A. Harris, who has spent many long hours preparing his command for any service which they may be called upon to render.

Without publicity or fanfare, he has created a wonderful organization and one of which all San Antonio may well be proud. In addition to this, of course, the Downtown Military Police, under Major Roberson, has done and is doing a most splendid job. Every policeman and fireman is on duty at this moment and I know all share with you the happiness that is felt when the news was received of their unconditional surrender of one of our enemies.

I am glad to say the greatest activity observed thus far today was the war workers en route to their various places of duty. To these essential citizens today is just another day and one step nearer our ultimate victory. I also ob-

## Pharr Company Holds Barbecue For Many Guests

The Pharr unit of the Texas State Guard, Co. C, 31st Bn., featured its April activities with a barbecue at which a number of guests were present.

Pharr firemen allowed the company, commanded by Capt. Hal S. Alcorn, the use of its park and grounds for the event.

Guests included Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen, battalion commander; his son, Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., home from Italy, where he served with the U. S. Fifth Air Force; Maj. Roy Conway, Mission; Capt. Frank Van Ness, Mission; and Lt. Clarence Stanard of the U. S. Calvary stationed at Fort McIntosh, Laredo. City officials on hand included Mayor A. A. Kelley, City Commissioner E. C. Shoemaker, County Commissioner G. L. Callis, Sheriff R. T. Daniel, Fire Chief Ward Walters and Water Supt. Lee Doty.

Deputy Sheriff George Ingram, barbecue expert, prepared the feed, assisted by Corporals West and Cameron of Co. C.

Captain Alcorn has announced the following promotions: Donald R. Morris to technician, fifth grade; Allen Arnold, Howard Davis, Wilber Dreibelbis, Leopoldo Gonzalez, Joe Hinojosa, Gordon Pierce, Leroy Salter, Robert Sorensen, Paul Snowden, John L. Stone, Alonzo Tagle and Garland Hartness, all to be private, first class.

The captain has also announced the discharges of Privates Robert Brooks, Harold Buttram and David Roundtree.

served hundreds of people going to and from the various churches of San Antonio, where the church bells have been ringing their glad tidings, as well as invitations to everyone to give thanks to God and to express to Him our appreciation for the victory over Germany and a speedy end to the war against our last enemy in the far-flung Pacific. May our boys soon draw the stingers from the almond-eyed wasps.

An eye-wink takes a quarter of a second—but a lot longer to explain to the wife.

## Three Years' Back Pay Goes To Whip Japs

Northington General Hospital, Ala.—Would you give three years' hard-earned pay to help a guy get a crack at the Japs?

That's exactly what Cpl. Howard G. Hall, of Birmingham and Haleyville, did after he'd received \$1510.05 of Army pay, which he'd accumulated during 33 months he'd spent in a Japanese prison camp at Cabantuan. He turned the entire amount over to his brother, Judge O. B. Hall of Birmingham, and said, "Buy me all the War Bonds you can, 'cause it'll help some guys shoot the Nips right out of the Pacific."

## Highest Type Sought For Economy Jobs

Bradley Beach, N. J.—That the Army has the most qualified men in its line-up behind the giant task of procuring Signal Corps equipment and settling unfinished war contracts is evident by a survey taken of the military personnel at the Monmouth Signal Corps Procurement District here.

In a report covering 333 men, 107 officers and enlisted men are listed as college graduates with the number of degrees they possess totalling 241. Heading the list of LL.B.s and B.A.s, with 62 each; Bachelor of Science degrees follow with 56, and B.B.A.s are next with 23. Graduates of Electrical Engineering total 10, while LL.M.s are seven; M.A.s, six; LL.D.s, four, and M.S. degrees two. Also there is one M.B.A. and one D.Sc. In addition to those holding degrees, some 110 have attended college for a year or more.

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# Sergeant Cited For Warning Of Deadly Gas

Sgt. J. L. Pendergraft, who had considerable training in chemical warfare gases, received a citation from the State Military Department for "alertness," in preventing possible serious injury or death to residents of Little Rock's East End.

Sergeant Pendergraft, a truck line employee who travels 12 miles on drill nights to attend sessions of Company G, discovered the presence of obnoxious fumes which were being emitted from a large trailer at the trucking company's Little Rock warehouse.

An examination revealed that tetrachlorethane, a lethal gas, was leaking from a drum in the trailer and was vaporizing as it fell upon the loading dock and ground.

From the regular routine training on chemical warfare, Sergeant Pendergraft determined that the gas probably was dangerous. He immediately called Major I. J. Steed, regimental adjutant, who dispatched Major B. E. Smith, chemical warfare officer, and Capt. W. A. McQuary from the State Health Department, to the scene.

Gas masks were obtained from the Guard warehouse and the major, captain and sergeant, accompanied by the dock foreman of the trucking company, entered the trailer, which had been moved to an uninhabited area.

The leak was discovered in one end of the drum. The drum was inverted and the leak stopped.

A tag was placed on the trailer door cautioning handlers at the destination to move with caution and gave instructions for unloading the drum.

The citation was recommended by Major Smith. It was presented at a drill of the company to the sergeant's wife. The sergeant was ill the day the ceremony was scheduled.

The presentation was made by Major J. C. Gibson of Fort Smith, Second Battalion commander, on behalf of Col. Hendrix Lackey, regimental commander.

Tetrachlorethane is a solvent used in the preparation of wax, airplane dyes and similar materials. In small quantities it is not dangerous. However, it is seven times more toxic than chloroform and continuous exposure to the fumes has caused anemia and other serious ailments.

Major Smith told of an instance where three individuals, working for three days where they were exposed to the fumes, became seriously ill and died.

## Boy Scout Troop Is League Of Nations

Teheran, Iran.—Thousands of miles from home in a land no longer strange to them, five American soldiers are promoting international goodwill by their sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop that comprises 11 nationalities and a half-dozen religious sects.

Fifty-four boys ranging in age from 12 to 18 years make up Troop 1 Teheran, one of the few troops outside the continental limits of the United States and the only one in Iran accredited to the Boy Scouts of America.

The international group represents Iran, Iraq, the U. S. S. R., Palestine, Turkey, the United States, India, Lebanon, Czechoslovakia and Sweden.

## Swing Band Swings Out Despite Jap Fire

With the 38th "Cyclone" Division on Corregidor.—A small group of musicians from the 38th Division Band has brought American music back to Corregidor for the first time since the fall of the historic rock three years ago.

Only a hundred yards from the jam session, a battery of 38th Division mortars was firing, occasional machine gun fire could be heard in the distance, and Jap snipers fired several shots.

## Scan Postwar Job Set-Up



Selective service officials of three states are shown discussing postwar employment problems with American Legion officials in New Orleans on May 14. Seated, from left, are: Col. Lawrence Long, state selective service director, Mississippi; Ralph

Lavers, national employment director of the Legion; Brig. Gen. Raymond Fleming, Louisiana state director, selective service. Standing, from the left, J. Pat Kelly, of the Legion's national employment committee, and Lt. Col. Paul Wakefield of the Texas state selective service office.

Their cars having collided, Jock and Angus were surveying the wreckage. Jock offered Angus a drink from his bottle. Angus drank and Jock returned the bottle to his

pocket. "Thank ye," said Angus, "but aye no going to hae a little nip yersel?" "Aye," replied Jock, "but not until the police have been here."

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When the 5th went on for the critical invasion of Italy, Gen. Mark Clark assured the skirted soldiers that they had won a place in the 5th Army and that as soon as possible he would send for them.

It wasn't a long wait, for in November of 1943, shortly after the

A sailor traveling through the Texas Panhandle en route to a new assignment got into a conversation with an old settler and his son at the railroad station. "Looks as if we might have some rain," remarked the sailor.

"I hope so," replied the native. "Not so much for myself as for the boy here. I've seen rain."

fall of Naples, the Wac unit moved into Italy, and for 16 months the Wacs have moved with every advance of the 5th Army.—Army Times.

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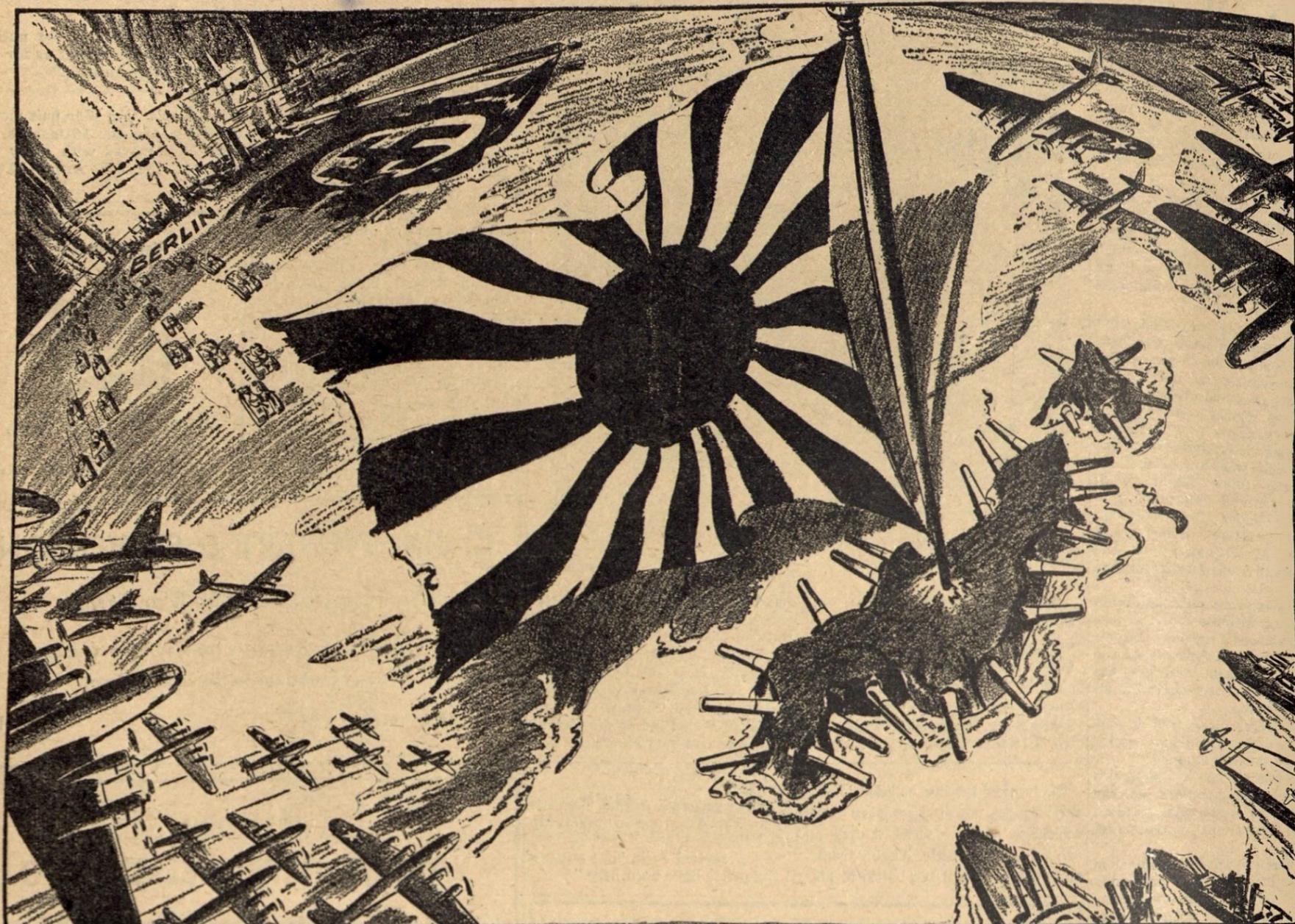
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## Former Member Of 47th Bn. Grateful For Guard Training

Company E, 47th Battalion, has received many letters from former guard members with regard to the benefits derived from guard training and how much it helped them in their basic training. Due to this preliminary training many of our boys became non-commissioned officers after a very short period in the regular service. Five former members entered the service at the same time and within a month all had received non-com ratings. Much credit for this goes to the non-commissioned officers who comprise the staff of Company E.

Following is a letter from Ensign Fred Ross, sergeant at the time he was inducted:

Dear Joe:  
How's everything in dear old Bay City? I would sure like to be there and go on another bivouac with you boys and get some of that good old coffee and stew.

I've really been grateful for my state guard experience. I didn't think I would be able to use it in the navy but the basic principles are the same. Of course, the field maneuvers aren't a part of our training, but watch-standing, close order, chemical warfare is the same.

Your doctrine of letting each man handle a squad, then a platoon, is tops. The only suggestion that I would like to make would be to bear down a little harder on the men and the mannerisms which they give their commands. The louder and deeper the voice, the better.

I believe, too, that additional training in the routine command given by the platoon leader, company commander, etc., during inspections, parades, etc., would be a big help to the men because when a bunch of men are inducted into the army the first call for volunteers from the recruits is for men who can handle these jobs. Here's hoping that the guards are all up to full strength and going strong.

The military personnel everywhere that I have seen have a great respect for the guard, and the work that it is doing. Even these Yankees believe it is a good organization. Most of the men in my outfit are Harvard, Yale and Boston graduates, but I have been able to hold my own with any of them, thanks to guard training.

Ensign Fred Ross, USNR, Div. 90, M.T.B.T.C., Newport, R. I.

## Treasury Reaps Good Profit From Prisoners Of War

Washington.—Prisoners of war held in the continental United States did more than \$44,000,000 worth of work during the first three months of 1945, the War Department announces.

Helping to relieve a serious manpower shortage in the United States, the prisoners performed 8,880,108 man days of work on Army posts and 3,230,465 man days of work for private contractors during the three-month period, the Provost Marshal General's Office reported.

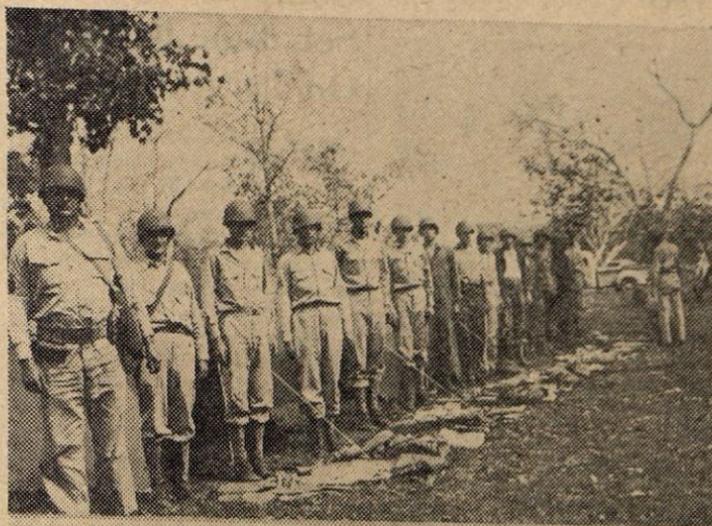
Prisoners working for private contractors were paid 80 cents a day, but the Government collected the full prevailing wage as set by War Manpower Commission for the work performed. As a result of this work \$8,932,290.17—the payments of the private contractors—was deposited in the United States Treasury during the three-month period.

Prisoners working on Army posts did work of an estimated value of \$35,155,590.80. They worked in laundries, bakeries, repaired clothing and equipment, rebuilt shoes, and, in general, did all types of work not directly connected with the war effort.

Briefing: "You men will hold this position at all costs, and if there's an explosion one of the platoon sergeants will blow a whistle. Any questions . . . ? Yes, Sgt. Williams."

"Just one question, sir. Do we blow that whistle going up or coming down?"

## Camera Catches 47th On Maneuvers



Top left: Company G, 47th Battalion, standing for field inspection on recent maneuvers.

Top right: Company E, 47th Battalion, preparing for field inspection.

Lower left: Proper position of use of Thompson machine gun as demonstrated by, left to right: Sgt. Snyder, Sgt. Smith and Cpl. Birkner, under direction of, standing with pistol, Lts. Bailey, and Hutchinson, seated second from left.

Lower right: Gas drill by special detail of Company E, 47th, testing mask.

## Wharton County Offers Rich Opportunities In Many Fields

Wharton, with a population of 6,200 people within a radius of one and one-half miles of the center of the city, is the county seat of Wharton County.

The citizens of Wharton are progressive and prosperous as reflected by the excellent condition of its two banks, whose deposits average 5½ millions and a Building and Loan Association which since its organization in 1926 has not owned a piece of property by foreclosure or otherwise.

Wharton being in the center of a rich agricultural county derives a considerable portion of its business from the agriculturists in this trade territory. The business life of Wharton is augmented by large all-year payrolls created by the oil and gas industries and through the mining of sulphur at Newgulf.

**HOME OF INDUSTRIES**  
Wharton is the home of several industries whose products are shipped throughout the United States. Principal among these are cotton seed products, handles for hoes, shovels, picks, rakes, etc.; five gallon water bottles, lamp chimneys, washboards and nut crackers. There are plants also which manufacture ice, ice cream and dairy products.

Wharton has an Elementary School and a combination of a Junior-Senior High School. The schools embrace a district of 64 square miles and employs 50 teachers. Both buildings are constructed of brick, with fresh air and ventilation predominating. The elementary school building is completely equipped with a two-way public address system. A new spacious combination auditorium and gymnasium is being completed on the Sam Houston high school campus. Well equipped cafeterias are in both schools. Three new concrete tennis courts have just been completed. A turtle back football field with flood lights and steel bleachers are included and a 440-yard track and field.

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**35 AFFILIATED UNITS**  
The High School offers 35 affiliated units and is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The policy of the schools is to build all-around individuals, good athletic teams and high ranking orchestras and bands.

In Wharton will be found beautiful churches representing practically all the Protestant religions—a Catholic Church and a Jewish Synagogue.

Ninety per cent of the streets in Wharton are paved with concrete and the remainder is paved with gravel. All sections of the city are served with modern sanitary and storm sewerage systems. The water supply of Wharton is ample in quantity and the quality is of the purest.

**ACTIVE CIVIC LIFE**  
Wharton supports an active Chamber of Commerce which is representative of the entire business, commercial, industrial, agricultural and social life of the community and an active Lions Club of 90 members.

The business of the city is conducted on the Mayor and Council plan. The Municipal Building in which the various offices of the city departments are maintained, contains an auditorium which will seat 750 persons.

The business offices of the Wharton County Fair are located in Wharton. The Wharton County Fair is recognized as being the outstanding county fair in the State of Texas and the premium awards at this fair are recognized

standards of quality.

Wharton is served by two railroads: Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe.

**ONE OF MOST PROSPEROUS**  
Wharton County, having been established in 1845 at the first session of the first Legislature of the State of Texas, has become one of the most prosperous in this great State.

Wharton County is 50 miles west of Houston, on the Military Highway connecting Houston with the Mexican Border and is 25 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico. It is traversed by the beautiful Texas Colorado River.

Residents of Wharton County are but a few miles from the finest Gulf fishing and bathing and have convenient access to the amusement and entertainment attractions offered by the larger cities of Texas.

**FARMING**  
Wharton County produces more rice than any other county in the State; more cotton on unirrigated land than any other county in the State; the second largest alfalfa producing county in the State; it is capable of growing an excellent yield of corn; all the feedstuffs required for your cattle and the soil and climate are excellent for truck gardening. Wharton County soil is

often referred to as being equal to that of the soil in the Valley of the Nile. The fertility of the soil in Wharton County is reflected by the fact that the early settlers named one town in the county Egypt because of the productiveness of the soil.

In Wharton County are located cotton gins and cotton oil mills, rice mills and numerous other industries but with the natural resources at hand (oil, gas and sulphur), with labor in abundance, this section is destined to become an industrial center in the near future, because this county offers unlimited opportunities to industry.

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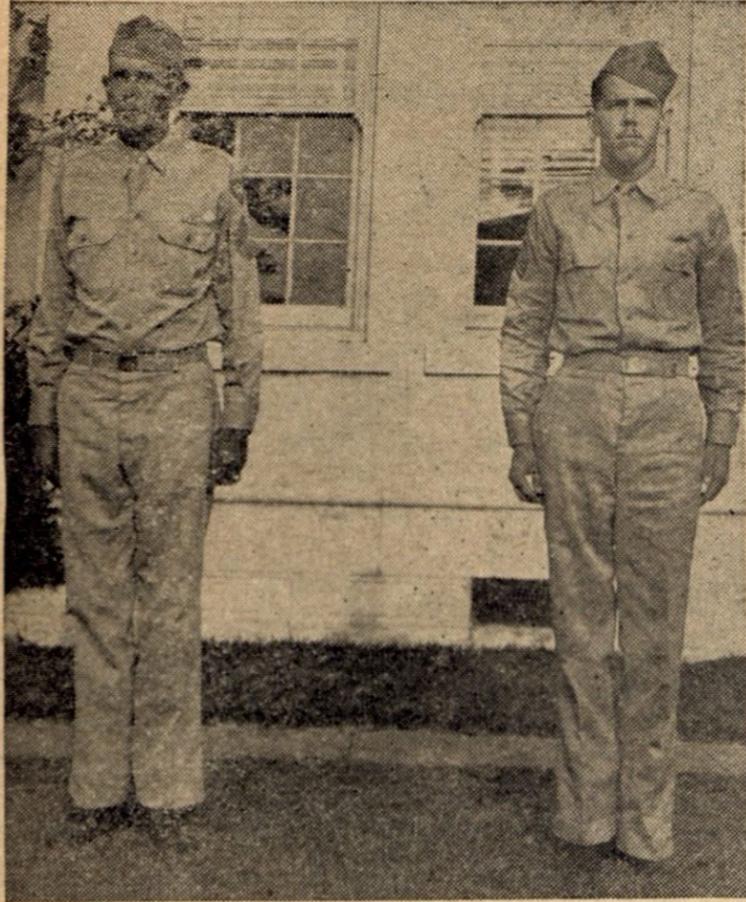
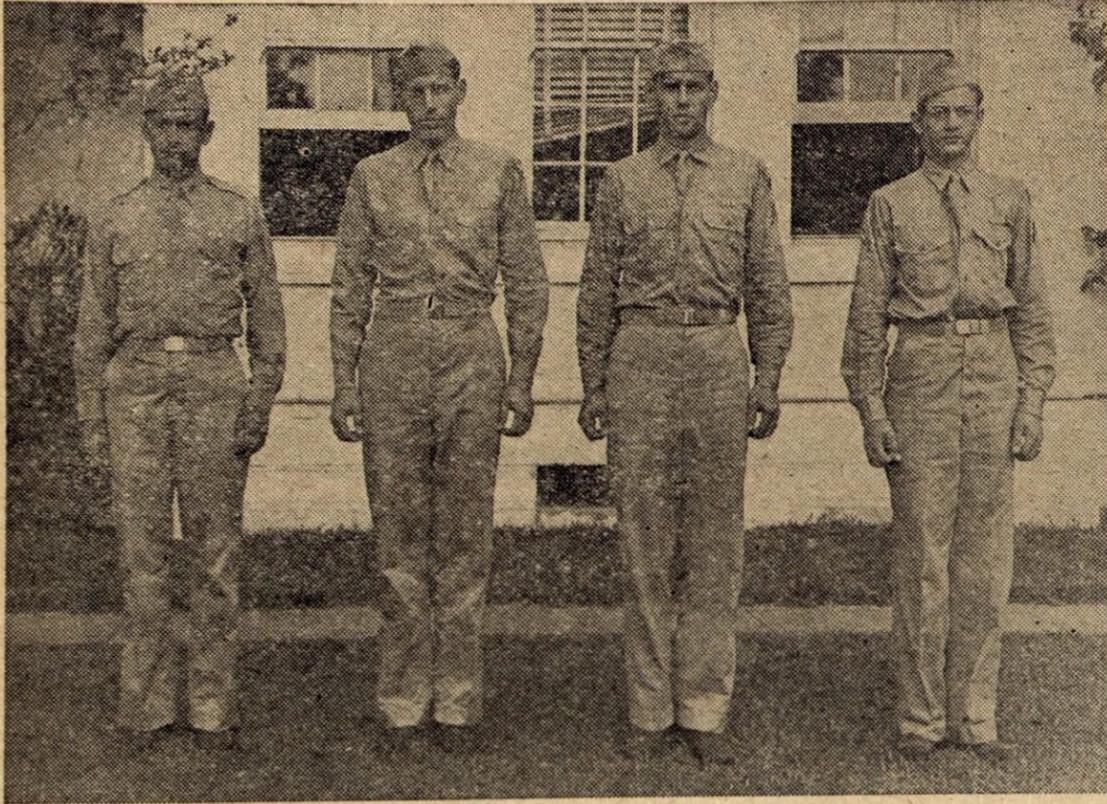
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Father And Son Teams In 47th



Top, left to right: Capt. Joe A. Birkner, Sgt. Ottis H. Birkner, Cpl. Otha W. Birkner, Pfc. Jack W. Birkner.  
Bottom, left to right: Sgt. H. A. Smith, Sgt. Frank H. Smith.

Few privileges in life furnish the deep satisfaction that a man receives from sharing worthwhile endeavor with his son. A man will naturally put forth just a little more effort when he knows that his son is watching, following and sharing his activities. Maybe that is the reason that Platoon Sgt. H. A. Smith of Company E has never

missed a drill or special maneuver in the more than three years of his enlistment—his son, Sgt. Frank H. Smith just won't let him forget a drill night.

Then there's Pvt. James T. Ralston, who must get satisfaction from the knowledge that his son, Johnnie M. Ralston, is making a better soldier and more quickly because of the training they shared in the Texas State Guard. Johnnie has just been discharged to enter federal service.

Fathers and sons have a fine example set for them by their commander, Capt. Joe A. Birkner, who

has had the privilege of having four sons serve with him in Company E. First Sgt. Alfred Birkner, pilot of a B-17 in Europe, holder of the air medal and with over forty missions to his credit; Sgt. Ottis H. Birkner and Cpl. Otha W. Birkner, twin boys still serving in Company E and both having received their three-year medals; and finally, Pfc. Jack W. Birkner, the youngest man in the company, and who drilled regularly and shared in week-end maneuvers for a year before being old enough to enlist officially.

Colonel Was Right On All But One Wig

With the 70th Infantry Division of the 7th Army, in Germany.—Doughs of the 274th Infantry Regiment discovered some wigs on their dash through the Saarland. At the next town where the men stopped for a break, some of them wore their wigs around town. At least they wore them until a colonel spotted them, told them off and made the men remove the wigs.

His duty done, the colonel strode down the street. Then he ran into another infantryman wearing a wig.

"Take that wig off, soldier!" the colonel shouted.

But the unruly mop of long, tangled hair was real.

Company E, 47th, Sets Fine Record On Target Range

Rifle practice was held at Wells Point, near Camp Hulen, recently, and was attended by the whole 47th Battalion. Company E qualified fifteen men for marksman and sharpshooter. This was quite a bit better than any of the other companies were able to do. The commander of Company E attributes this fine record to individual coaching received by the members and adjusting of the sights of the rifles. Below is a description, given by the company commander, of how each was coached prior to field day.

Each man's rifle, after being cleaned, was fastened in a vise and bore sighted on a target at 100 yards. A cartridge was then inserted and the rifle fired. If the sights moved—for instance, if a gun fired to the right of the bull's eye—then the front side was moved to the right, or the left, as the case may be. This procedure is kept up until the sight picture is aligned on the spot where the bullet strikes.

The pupil is shown the proper sight picture necessary to hit the bulls eye and is allowed to fire the gun with a partial rest to show him that the sights are properly aligned. This gives him confidence in his own rifle.

Junior and his mother were looking through the old family photograph album. "And here," said his mother, "is your Aunt Susie, there's Uncle Bert and there's Grandma."

Presently they came to a picture of a handsome young man with a mustache.

"Who's that " asked Junior.

"Why, that's your father," said Mother proudly.

"Yeah?" said Junior skeptically.

"Then who's that old bald-headed guy that's been living with us?"

47th Commander Presents 3-Year Medals To Men

Three years is a long time—52 weeks per year, and multiply those weeks by three hours per week in regular drill, add the time consumed by week-end maneuvers, and you have an idea of the time given by S/Sgt. A. A. Fryon, S/Sgt. J. L. Snyder, Cpl. W. G. Jones, S/Sgt. A. G. Hatchett, S/Sgt. A. H. Simon, First Sgt. N. H. Rice and Cpl. E. G. Balusek to the Texas State Guard.

These men know that their service cannot compare with a similar service in a foreign land, at grips with the enemy and under shell fire. They did not ask for a medal or any public recognition because their feeling of satisfaction from having taken time from a busy life to "also serve" was all they asked or wanted. But it was altogether fitting and proper that these men should receive recognition for the service they had so unselfishly rendered.

Lt Col. P. L. Marqués, commander of the 47th Battalion, was in Bay City to make a routine inspection of Company E, and following the inspection of the company, set up in the field with tents and full packs, presented the 3-year Service Star to the above mentioned men. This medal can well be worn with pride by these men.

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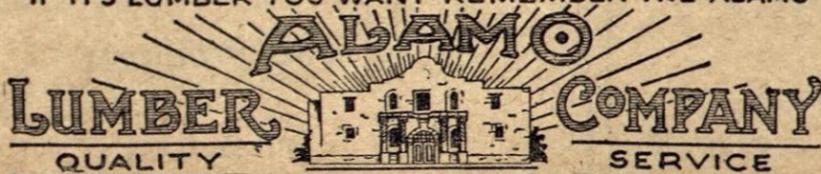
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# Co. E, 47th, Has Fine Record On Storm Duty

By LT. JOHN E. HUTCHISON

Company E, 47th Battalion, was organized February 5, 1942, and had its first call to duty on August 29, 1942, when a tropical hurricane of terrific intensity struck the town of Matagorda. The following is a report of Capt. F. O. Montague to Mayor V. L. Sandlin of duties performed by Company E:

1. Storm struck Saturday 4:00 p. m. August 29, 1942.  
2. At 7:30 had 12 guardsmen on duty at courthouse, high school, county jail, and churches, supplying first aid, etc. Registered 789 refugees, made comfortable as possible and served breakfast in cooperation with Canteen Corps of the Red Cross.

3. Local sheriff called headquarters 1:00 p. m. Sunday, August 30, asking that company be mobilized and take charge of town of Matagorda, which had been completely destroyed by hurricane. At 3:00 p. m. 48 men were mobilized, uniformed, armed and in Matagorda ready for duty. Immediately set up headquarters in center of town; contacted highway department for tank fresh water. Got Red Cross on way with food and cots. Immediately took charge of highway entrances to town to turn back sightseers, and to prevent pillage, requiring every conveyance loaded with plunder to have written order to pass guards on way out. Assigned sectors of town to individual Guardsmen to patrol.

4. Continued above program 24 hours per day until relieved midnight September 1.

5. Much favorable news reports on fine work done by our guardsmen and people of Matagorda very grateful of our services and assured us many times of our treatment of them and that we saved them hundreds of dollars from would-be philanderers.

6. Spirit and morale of men on duty was excellent for the duration. Thus was Company E initiated into its first active duty. As one who served through that first duty as a private, I know the above report to be true, and that having served gave us all a sense of accomplishment and pride for many months.

Our next call to duty came in connection with the crash of an army plane near Bay City, city limits. It was on a Tuesday night in March, 1943, and Company E was on the drill field for its regular drill night exercises when the sheriff called that an army plane had crashed near our city limits, destroying the plane and killing all occupants, and could Company E send some men to act as guards, as the wreckage was scattered over a large area.

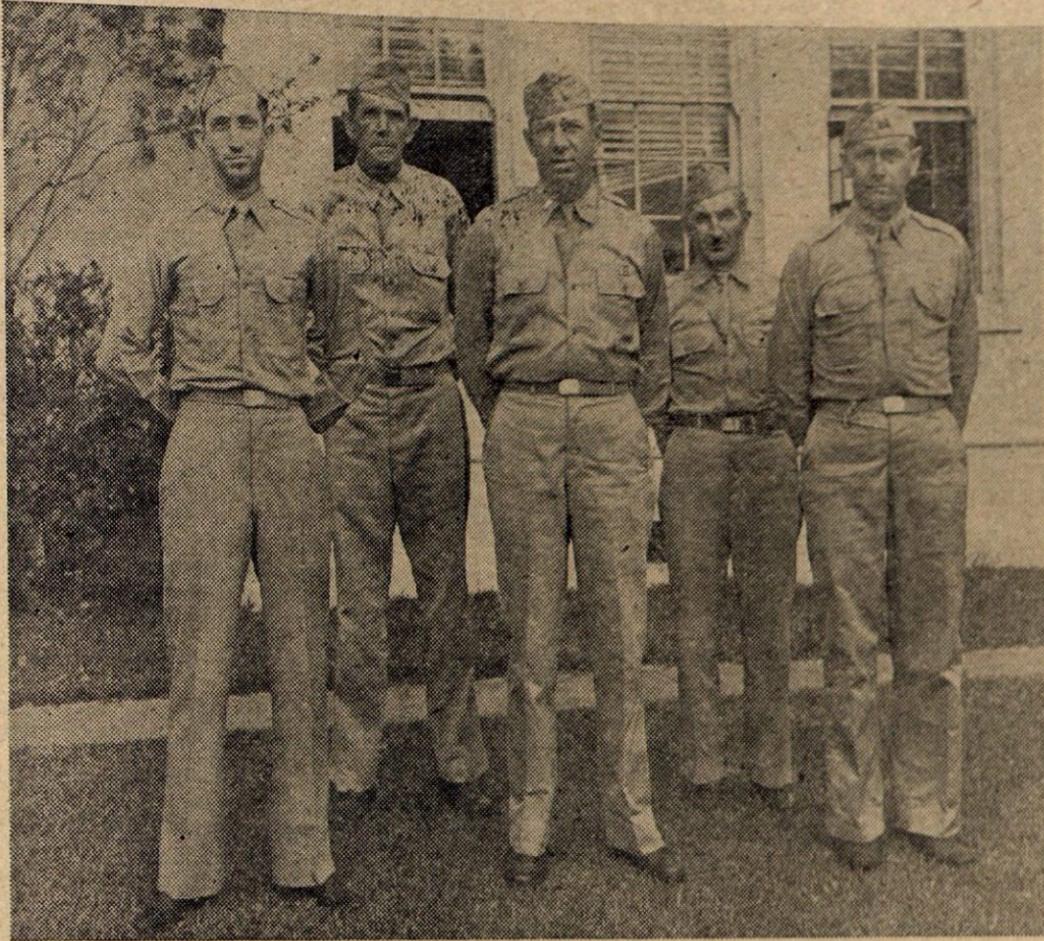
Company E could and did, and had 30 picked men on the spot in 15 minutes. When army officials arrived several hours later they asked guardsmen to stay on their posts until their own men could get there. The army post commander commended Company E highly for the efficient work.

The third call to duty came in September, 1943, when another tropical storm threatened our city, but this time our activities were limited to directing refugees to various places of safety as the storm did not prove to be a bad one.

Bay City is headquarters for Company E and is located in a strategic defense area, having several oil fields and huge refineries, sulphur production fields, and is the nearest company to the vast magnesium plants at Freeport.

Members of Company E hope they will never have another emergency mobilization, as such occasions usually denote impending disaster to some of our people, but if such should occur they offer their services as a well trained, well disciplined and efficient unit to do what the can to safeguard the lives, property and well being of their fellow citizens.

## They Serve In Co. E, 47th Battalion



Left to right: Lt. John E. Hutchison, S/Sgt. H. A. Smith, Lt. A. L. Bailey, S/Sgt. A. A. Fryou, Capt. Joe A. Birkner. Part of the staff of Company E, 47th Battalion.

A colonel and a major were sitting in a cafe. Across the floor sat a corporal and a beautiful girl. The colonel's wolfish instincts prompted him to send this note to the corporal: "I believe I studied with you at Yale and the major thinks he studied with you at Princeton. Please come over and straighten us out. Came the corporal's reply: "I didn't study at Yale or Princeton, but I did study at the National School of Taxidermy and I'm taking care of this pigeon myself."

A radio ham reports the following incident with great glee. Seems he was listening to a two-way radio conversation between a major on the ground and the pilot of a plane. Every time the major instructed the pilot, the airman would respond, "Roger-Dodger." Annoyed

at this, the major finally said coldly, "Roger will be sufficient." But the next time the major issued an instruction, the reply still was "Roger-Dodger." Furious the major picked up the mike, and bellowed, "This is MAJOR —! I said Rog-

er would be sufficient!" The voice from the plane came back, "Roger-Dodger, you old codger, I'm a major, too!"

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## They're Old And Tough And Rough On Their Enemies

Allied Force Headquarters, Italy. —"They call us 'Old Folks,'" said S/Sgt. William O'Neill, a squad leader in the 88th Infantry Division. He was talking about the men in his squad—the squad he has led for six months in the 5th Army's fight through the Apennine mountains.

"I guess they call us 'Old Folks' because all but two of the men in my squad are over 30," he said. "Most of us are from 30 to 37 years old.

"But don't get me wrong. There isn't a better squad in Italy. We've got teamwork and that's what counts."

"Curse it, curse it," hissed the villain as he grabbed the girl around the waist.

"No, it ain't either," she retorted. "It's only a girdle."

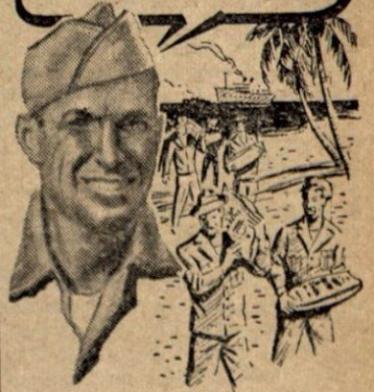
British Sailor: "Battleships? Why the flagship of our Navy is so big the Captain travels around the deck in an auto."

American Sailor: "That's nothing. The galley alone of our flagship is so big the cook has to go through the Irish stew in a submarine to see if the potatoes are done!"

A man who had just been commissioned a second lieutenant received a wire from the medical examining board several days later: "Regret to inform you that tests show you have heart trouble and tuberculosis." An hour later he got another telegram: "Please disregard last wire, your record confused with that of another candidate."  
The relieved loopy wired back, "Sorry, but I committed suicide forty minutes ago."

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# Bay City Area Is Planning For Post-War

By E. O. TAULBEE, President, Bay City Chamber of Commerce

Bay City is located on Bay Prairie approximately midway between Houston and Corpus Christi and 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico and is, undoubtedly the fastest growing town in this section of the Gulf Coast. Bay City has continued its growth during the war without the doubtful benefits of war plants, army camps, or air fields.

The Colorado River has been authorized for navigation to Bay City as a feeder for the 15,000-mile inland waterway system. It is expected with the advent of water rates and the wealth of natural resources here it will bring industrial development; sixteen producing oil fields, three refineries and with salt, sulphur, and mud shell available in unusual quantities. It is likely chemical plants and other industries will find this a suitable location for development. There are, in the county, a number of fields containing sufficient natural gas for all of the industries that could be located in the county.

### ADEQUATE WATER

Matagorda County has complete insurance as to adequate quantities of water for industrial development. Texas' underground water supply is being rapidly depleted and much of the Gulf Coast is in a dangerous situation as to water. Bay City is located on the Colorado River and with the enormous storage in the reservoirs above Austin could never be left with an inadequate supply of water.

Bay City is served by three railroads—Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, and Missouri Pacific.

Thirty miles south of Bay City is one of the finest gulf beaches in Texas and promises to be a famous playground after the end of hostilities.

Population in 1940, 6,590; in 1945, more than 9,000.

### OIL AND GAS

Matagorda County is primarily an agricultural area, but agriculture is now being closely paralleled by oil and gas development.

The great Magnolia-Abercrombie oil field is 15 miles east of Bay City and 500 of its employees and their families are residents of Bay City. It is the trading point for many surrounding towns in this and adjacent counties.

The city is spending \$300,000 in the expansion of its water and sewer facilities. Schools are in the program as a post-war development for the expenditure of some \$300,000. A city of fine homes and fine churches. Its citizens—friendly people—extend a welcome to visitors and prospective citizens.

### PROUD OF GUARD

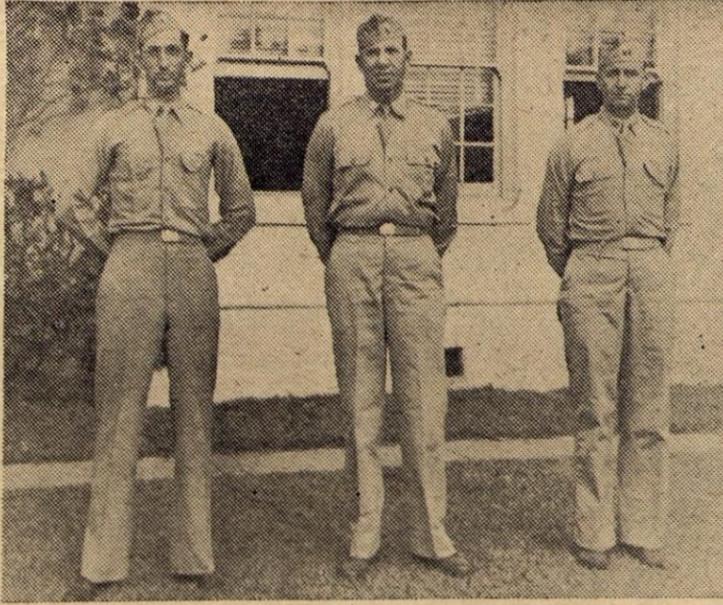
Bay City has always been proud of its fine Texas State Guard company, which has rendered splendid service since the advent of the war. On January 30 Governor Coke R. Stevenson spoke to the membership of the Bay City Chamber of Commerce at the USO Club in Bay City. Three hundred and fifty of the citizens of Bay City and surrounding towns heard the governor in a fine commendation of the local guards.

The guards were special guests for this occasion. The governor was warm in his praise of the service of the Texas Guards, especially in the critical period after Pearl Harbor.

## Col. Luther Hill Is Deputy PRO Chief

Washington. — Col. Luther L. Hill, A.C., formerly commanding officer of the 1001st Base Unit at Miami Beach, Fla., has assumed his duties as Deputy Director in the Bureau of Public Relations, War Department, relieving Col. Falkner Heard, G. S. C., who is to visit various overseas theaters in connection with the changing public relations problems which will result with the transfer of the military effort from Europe to the Pacific.

## Officers Of 47th Battalion



Left to right: Second Lt. John E. Hutchison, First Lt. Arthur L. Bailey, Capt. Joe A. Birkner.

## Co. E, 47th, In Touch With Boys Who Have Gone To War

Company E, 47th Battalion, believes in keeping in touch with former members of the Texas State Guard who have entered the service.

During the Christmas holidays they wrote form letters to the boys who had "graduated" from their ranks and the response to the letters more than paid for the trouble.

### MEMBERS IN SERVICE

The last drill night in November, and the first in December, was devoted to letter writing. The form letter was written on company stationery, then these forms were passed around, and each member of the Guard added a greeting in his own words. There being about forty former Guard members in federal service, different members of the Guard were assigned the duty of addressing and mailing the letter to the former Guards, with instructions from the company commander to add newspaper clippings and whatever items they thought might be of interest to the boys.

By the time these letters were completed, they were rather long, but were very much appreciated by the boys in service, as evidenced by some of the replies. Following is a copy of the form letter, and some of the replies received:

### FORM LETTER

The officers and men of Company E, 47th Battalion, Texas State Guard, send you Christmas Greetings and wish for you the happiest New Year possible. Above all, we wish for you speedy, safe and victorious return.

Each Tuesday night Company E still meets in the Old City Hall and spends some two and one-half hours drilling and training to prepare for an emergency that we hope never arises.

At each of these weekly meetings we miss the familiar faces of you who have gone into Federal service and are giving the best that you have as you fight the battles of our country overseas. We often hear indirectly from you and are proud of the records you are making.

We know that the small way in which we are permitted to serve

cannot compare in any way with the service you are rendering. But, we felt that you might enjoy knowing something of what is going on in your "old outfit." We have again been issued Enfield rifles and are proud of the fact that Company E has gratified more men as "Marksman" and "Sharpshooter" than any other company in the 47th Battalion. We also now have a full set of gas equipment for use in quelling domestic disturbances.

The officers and two non-commissioned officers attended the officers training school at Bullis this summer.

At least once each six weeks we spend the week-end in the field on overnight bivouacs and field training exercises

In short, we are trying to preserve the things you are fighting to protect and the things we all hold dear

Sincerely,  
J. A. Birkner, Capt.  
Lt. Arthur L. Bailey,  
Co. E, 47th Bn, TSG.

### "I AM PROUD"

"Dear Fellows of Company E:  
"Just a line to let you know that I, too, have been keeping up with

my old outfit. I am very proud of my short association, and that I was in on the company's activation. Since I left school at Fort Sill in September '42, I have been very busy training my boys. We are in a good outfit and ready to go.

"Tell all the old hands, when I squeeze the trigger, I'll pop a couple of caps for Company E, and, when we drop a mortar shell into a tube, we will christen one for you. I have a little rebel Texas Lone Star Flag. Pretty as a picture. I am taking it into battle with me. This letter in haste as you can see. I must work on my gear. Merry Christmas."

/s/ Capt. Morris Baker, 498 Armored F A Bn., 13th Armored Div., APO 263, N. Y.

Capt. Baker was a first lieutenant of Company E when he was inducted into Federal service.

Following is a letter from Sgt. Floyd Luna:

"I received the greetings from the Guard. I really felt good to know that they remembered me, and especially grateful for your letter. I know that you boys are doing a fine job at home. Maybe I'll be seeing you soon if it keeps going good."

/s/ Sgt. Floyd Luna, Co. D, 1759 Engr. Special Shop Bn., APO 928, San Francisco.

From Lt. Alfred Birkner we received this letter:

"Dear Uncle Joe:  
"I received your letter of December 5th along with a note from members of the guard today, and

was very glad to receive them. Thank you and the members of the guard, too. It is a good feeling to know that everything back home is being taken care of until everyone is back. I will drop a bomb for every member of Company E, 47th Battalion, if I don't get checked out."

/s/ Lt. Alfred Birkner, 352nd Bomb. Sqd., 301st Bomb. Gp., APO 520, N. Y.

Lt. Birkner was a private in the guard before entering the Air Corps.

Jack and Jill went up the hill  
At sixty miles or better  
The cop, unkind, was right  
behind,  
They're seeking bail by letter.

First GI: "I'm sorry to keep you waiting but I've been setting a trap for my wife."

Second GI: "Good heavens, man, that's too bad. Whom do you suspect?"

First GI: "A mouse in the kitchen."

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is pulling another vehicle; or another vehicle in case the winch is located on the truck or any vehicle that may be stuck. Other anchorages may be trees, large boulders, stakes driven into the ground, or any other support strong enough to resist the pull of the winch.

b. The capacity of the winch is fixed according to tonnage of the truck to which it is attached. The driver may be able to determine the capacity of the winch from the specifications plate mounted on the vehicle. For example, the winch capacity of 1½-ton trucks is 10,000 pounds or 5 tons.

E. Winch Maintenance Rules:

a. The driver must keep the winch and cable in good condition, and report all defects to his superior.

b. The driver must keep the winch cable clean and oiled at all times. Used crankcase oil is satisfactory for cleaning the winch cable.

c. When cleaning the winch cable, the driver should wear heavy gloves to prevent injury to his bare hands by broken strands.

d. Broken strands in cable should be reported immediately.

e. After using the winch, the driver should make sure that the cable is

properly wound, and that the sliding jaw clutch is engaged.

References:

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TM 9-2810 Motor Vehicle Inspection and Reventive Maintenance Service.
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Safest Driver Is Corporal In Army

Keesler Field, Miss.—The nation's safest driver is now an Air Forces soldier at Keesler Field. Holder of civilian and Army awards for his accident-free driving record of more than 1,500,000 miles, Cpl. Edward J. Smithwick has been cited upon numerous occasions for his driving ability.

Corporal Smithwick of School Sq. P., is a transferee from the Infantry. It was at Camp Adair, Ore., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., that he won his military recognition. His civilian records were made in Michigan in 1938 and '39 as high cab-mounted pilot of huge cross-country transport trucks.

HOME STUDY COURSE

FOR TEXAS STATE GUARDSMEN

Prepared by Second Training and Research Unit, T. S. G. LESSON No. 23—MOTOR TRANSPORT Unit 3—The Winch

1. OPERATION OF THE WINCH

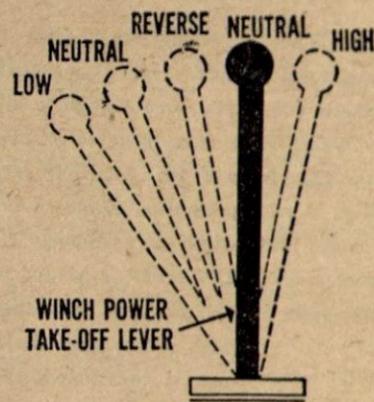
A. Definition of Winch:

(1) The winch on a military motor vehicle is a windlass that operates on power furnished by the vehicle's engine and is geared in such a way that it can pull a steel cable by winding it

B. Source of Power:

(1) Power for the operation of the winch is transmitted through a power take-off unit from the main transmission. Shifting is controlled by a power take-off unit gear shift lever located in the cab.

(2) Winch Gears—The power take-off unit has two gear ratios for winding (lifting or pulling), and one gear ratio for unwinding (lowering). There are two neutral positions, one between low and reverse, and the other between reverse and high. See Fig. 1. From the power take-off unit, power is transmitted to the front of the vehicle by a propeller shaft.



around a drum supported between the side rails of the vehicle's frame.

(a) Facts worth remembering:

- 1. Always depress the clutch pedal of the vehicle (disengage the clutch)

Wanta Dance? Get A Can Of Spam

With the 76th Infantry Division, on the Western Front.—In the hands of an artist, even the lowly Spam may contribute to the finer things of life. At any rate, Pfc. Roy Briggs of Battery Headquarters, Battery 778, AAA, AW Bn., has fashioned an imitation Stradivarius from an old MI Spam can, a violin arm and two strings. An abandoned violin bow and battery wax, in lieu of resin, complete the instrument. Cpl. George Hunting of Detroit, Mich., accompanies Pfc. Briggs on a shell-shocked piano unearthed in their present billet, and nightly they raise the battery's morale, while the battery lowers the Luftwaffe.

Professor: "When water becomes ice, what great change occurs?" Student: "A change in price, sir."

The GI was relating his adventures in the jungle.

"Ammunition, food and whiskey had run out and we were all parched for thirst."

"But wasn't there any water?" "Sure, but it was no time to be thinking of cleanliness."

The judge leaned over the bench and asked: "Your wife claims that you have been cruel to her—that she found life with you unbearable. Have you anything to say?"

"Why, yes, your Honor," the guy answered, "it was the other way around. She insisted on keeping a goat in our bedroom, and the atmosphere of the room became so rank and foul that I couldn't stand it!"

"Well," asked the Judge, "couldn't you have opened a window?"

"What!" yelled the husband, "and let out all my pigeons?"

Sweet young thing: "Have a cigarette?"

Innocent: "What? Smoke a cigarette? Why I'd rather kiss the first man who walked in that door."

Sweet thing: "So would I, but let's have a cigarette while we're waiting."

The officer gazed sternly at the private who had been brought before him.

"Did you call the sergeant a liar?"

"I did, sir."

"And a twister."

"Yes, sir."

"And did you go on to describe him as a pop-eyed, knock-kneed, black blighted stooge?"

The private hesitated. Then, with a note of regret in his voice, he said: "No sir, I forgot that."

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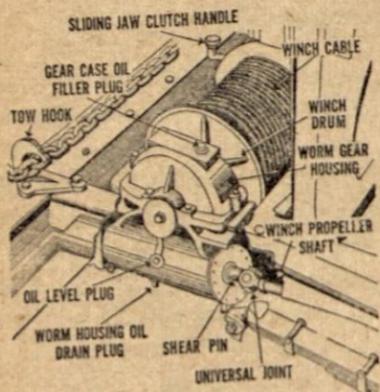
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before changing gears in the winch power take-off. Fig. 1 illustrates the positions of the power take-off lever for different winch speeds of one make of truck. Always consult the winch and power take-off name plate in cab of your particular truck for the correct lever positions, as these positions vary with different makes of trucks. When the winch is not being used, lock the lever in neutral position with hinged latch on the floor board.

2. Do not operate the winch at an engine speed exceeding 1000 RPM (¼ throttle).



3. Use the high speed of the winch for light loads and for reeling in the cable. Use the low speed for heavy

loads. The winch can be stopped instantly by disengaging the clutch of the vehicle.

4. Pay out the cable by disengaging the sliding-jaw clutch, controlled by a lever (Fig. 2) and pulling out the cable by hand. Use the reverse gear only, for easing the strain on the winch cable or for lowering a load downhill.

5. Never race the vehicle engine when winding the winch cable, especially when it has a light load or no load.

**C. Use the Winch Properly.**

(1) Look out for snapped cables.

a. When a strong steel cable is tightened it may break, flying back like a whip with force enough to kill a man. All new front-mounted vehicles are provided with SHEAR PINS (see Fig. 2) as a precaution against overloading the winch or snapping the cable. The SHEAR PIN is located in the yoke of the universal joint that drives the winch worm-gear shaft. When the winch is overloaded, the SHEAR is supposed to break instead of the cable. Never use makeshift pins of unknown strength to replace broken

SHEAR PINS; if the pin is too strong, the cable may snap and injure somebody.

(a) Facts to remember:

1. The shear pin is designed so that it will break before excessive strain can be put upon the winch.

2. Drivers should never replace a broken shear pin with steel rivet or other piece of metal. If this is done and the driver continues to operate the winch, instead of what should be a soft pin breaking, other parts may break and personnel may be seriously injured.

3. Broken SHEAR PINS should be replaced only with the manufacturer's regular soft-metal shear pin. THE DRIVER MUST KEEP AT LEAST TWO SPARE PINS IN HIS VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.

(2) Rules to Be Emphasized for Proper Use of the Winch and Protection of Personnel:

a. The winch cable should never be rigged around a sharp angle or against a sharp object.

b. In winding the cable or taking up slack, the driver should be careful to straighten out all kinks and twists in the cable.

c. Remember that when attaching the winch rope to a vehicle, the driver should pass the cable through one tow hook and then across the front of the vehicle to the other tow hook.

d. The winch should always be operated slowly and carefully.

e. Load strains should be applied gradually. Drivers should avoid sudden jerks which may damage the rope, winch, vehicle or load.

f. The winch may be used either to assist the vehicle, with the vehicle's wheels driving, or independently of the driving wheels. When the vehicle is in motion, the winch may be operated only if the vehicle is being driven forward in the lowest gears and that the winch also should be in low forward gear.

g. Keep the cable taut when hauling or lowering a load.

**D. Use of Winch in Difficult Situation:**

1. Anchorage:

a. The winch cable is 300 feet long. Before attempting any job with the winch, the driver must make sure that he has a firm anchorage available within the radius. This anchorage may either be the vehicle itself, in case it

**47th Lieutenant Praises Non-Coms In His Outfit**

By LT. JOHN E. HUTCHISON

It has often been said that the non-commissioned officers are the "backbone" of any efficient military unit and the success of such a unit depends largely upon them. The officers and men of Co. E, 47th Battalion, feel that they are fortunate in having the best possible non-coms to be found anywhere.

First Sergeant John L. Snyder is an ex-marine of World War I, member of the famous Marine rifle team and an expert on firearms and ordnance of all kinds. He has been and is an extremely valuable man in the organization.

Platoon Sgt. H. A. Smith, another veteran of World War I, who knows the school of the soldier like the palm of his hand and a stickler for discipline—he was an M. P. and still means business.

Sergeant A. N. Hansen, with six years Texas National Guard service to his credit and a squad leader who can really lead. Members of his squad who have gone into service probably owe him much for their quick promotions.

Guide Sergeant M. A. Nornak, another three-year man who knows his way around with motorized vehicles as well as on the parade grounds.

Staff Sergeant A. A. Fryon, the first man to be enlisted in Co. E upon its inception, is the company clerk and his records are models of efficiency and completeness.

Other non-coms who deserve much credit for their valuable service are Platoon Sgt. A. G. Hatchett with 3 years of service; Corporal W. G. Jones, another 3-year man; and Sgt. Leon Guzik, the supply sergeant, and don't try to tell him you didn't check out a helmet liner because he knows better and he can tell better than you what size shoes you should wear; Sergeants O. H. Birkner and F. H. Smith are squad leaders who can be relied upon.

Two other men who are often the most popular in the outfit are our mess sergeants, Harmer and Lewis.

**Plastics Will Be Used In Building Texas Residences**

Austin. — Plastic for window trimmings; glass in insulation; window screens of plastic, treated with DDT, and homes constructed of gypsum plaster are predicted for the future by a University of Texas chemical engineer.

"Homes will continue to be built of wood in Texas," says W. A. Cunningham, professor of chemical engineering, "but the interior finishings will be different.

"Texas has large quantities of magnesium, and materials from which to make plastic products," he said, "and these will be utilized immediately after the war.

Dr. Cunningham pointed out that magnesium, for example, is easily machined, corrosion-resisting, and ideal for certain household appliances (furniture, toys, garden tools), as well as for trimming. Plastic will also be used for door and window trimmings.

"More and more homes will be built out of hollow tile and gypsum plaster," Dr. Cunningham said. "The hollow tile is especially good because the outstanding production is in Texas, it has excellent insulating values, and it is adaptable to air-conditioning.

"Gypsum plaster — sheet rock with plaster to make it attractive — is another ideal construction material for Texas," he said.

The University engineer has developed a paperless board of high strength gypsum plaster, which is cool, fireproof, durable, suitable for air-conditioning, and insulates the home both summer and winter. "Air-conditioning will play an

important part in post-war building," he said, "and prospective builders will not only take serious consideration of proper materials to use, but also will plan their homes with the units included."

According to figures from the University's Bureau of Business Research, Texas will probably spend between four and five hundred million dollars annually during early post-war years, and much of this will be in construction of homes and buildings.

Pfc.: "I told a Lt. General where to get off one time."

Pvt.: "Gee. How'd you get away with it?"

Pfc.: "I was a bus driver."

A small boy was leading a donkey down the road through an Army camp. Some yardbirds tried to engage the kid in conversation but he wouldn't respond. Finally, one of them asked, "Why are you hanging onto your brother so tightly?"

And the kid came back: "So he won't run off and join the Army."

A soldier and his girl were riding out in the country on horseback. As they stopped for a rest, the two horses rubbed noses affectionately.

"Ah me," said the soldier, "that is what I'd like to do."

"Well, go ahead," said the girl, "it's your horse."

After giving the private a dressing down for being so late in returning with the supplies, the sergeant demanded, "Okay, let's hear how it happened."

"Well, I picked up a chaplain along the road," explained the rookie, "and from then on the mules couldn't understand a word I said."

Insubordination: A corporal who puts \$50 into War Bonds on pay day before the sergeant can get a crap game started.

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# Prosperity in Lockhart On Solid Basis

By CURTIS A. BELL

Secretary-Manager, Lockhart Chamber of Commerce.

In Lockhart, the county seat of Caldwell County, the strain of the founding-fathers carries on in 1945. Lockhart was founded, built, and developed by possibly the largest group of intellectual and financially independent men ever assembled in one countryside. The family unit has ever been predominant in Lockhart; it is through them that the intrinsic values of our community shine to advantage. Mingle a few hours with her people and you will discover the secret of Lockhart's charm and personality in a town.

When a town outgrows the personality of its people, that town becomes just a housing for an industrial machine. Notwithstanding its material wealth and strategic location, Lockhart has never and does not now aspire to become an industrial center; however, the temptation does build-up occasionally. Lockhart prefers to remain a thriving, hustling small city filled with home loving people who enjoy the friendship of neighbors and "love" plenty of elbow room.

Lockhart has two nationally famous industries: The Sternenberg Honey Company and Kreuz Bros. Barbecue & Sausage. Our industrial background, however, consists of agriculture, petroleum, livestock, dairying, poultry, and truck farming.

### MEBANE COTTON

In agriculture, Lockhart is the home of the late A. D. Mebane, who originated the world-famous Mebane Cotton. Two hybrid corn breeding firms are located in Caldwell County. One of those firms is doing research and experimental work in this county this year for A. & M. College of College Station, Texas. The Work-Unit Office of the Soil Conservation Service is located in Lockhart, serving Caldwell, Hays and Travis Counties. Farmers in the black-land belt of Caldwell County—that is, the central and western section of the county—are devoting much of their acreage to grains and grasses—clovers, sudan, sweet sudan, etc.

In petroleum, Caldwell County ranks high. The Luling field and Edgar B. Davis are known all over the USA. On a smaller scale we have shallow production in six different fields. The potential in petroleum in Caldwell County is still high.

In livestock production, Caldwell County has ranked high since 1862. Three of the old Trail Drivers are still seen every day on the streets of Lockhart. Berry Roebuck, Mac Storey and Jess Blackwell are all nearing the 90th birthday. Believe it or not, they are still hale and hearty. Berry and Jess can still put in a full day in the saddle, eat bacon and eggs for supper, drink coffee, and sleep sound all night. The most recent addition to the Hereford industry in Lockhart is the Fred J. Adams Registered Hereford Farms, which represent an investment of approximately \$300,000.00.

### DAIRYING

In dairying, Caldwell County has the highest milk production of any county of comparable size. Some of the outstanding dairies are as follows: Lockhart Creamery, Wilson & Langham, Albert Ohlendorf, J. W. Norman, John Horner, Arthur Howard, Kasch, all of Lockhart, and the Luling Foundation Farm Dairy of Luling, Texas.

In poultry, Lockhart has two hatcheries which operate the year round. Broadbreasted turkeys were introduced and pioneered in Caldwell County and South Texas by the Luling Foundation Farm. Today approximately 50,000 turkeys are marketed from this county; the surface of the potential production has only been touched. Realization of this fact led the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce to formulate an area development program in broadbreasted turkeys whose goal

# Port Arthur Guardettes Off For Maneuvers



Members of the Port Arthur Guardettes pose before the truck and car used to convey them to the Diamond S Camp recently. The camp was loaned to the Guardettes for week-end maneuvers by the Sabine Towing Company of Port Arthur. Many members of the Guardettes were prevented from attending the maneuvers due to their jobs in war industries.

Bess M. Reid of the Guardettes

asked The Guardsman to broadcast word that the Port Arthur group is anxious to get in touch with other Guardette groups over the state to discuss training and recruiting plans. She can be reached at the Gulf Oil Corporation in Port Arthur.

Shown in the above picture, left to right, are: Capt. C. J. Mallet, Franklin Mallet, Margaret Taylor, Lillian Hargett, Billie

Lou Hutson, Lena Cammareri, C. J. Domingue, Joyce Marshall, Lt. Chrystal Bland, official nurse; Lt. Maud McDonald, commanding officer; Bobbie Covington, Lt. Bess M. Reid, publicity officer; Sgt. Marjorie Broussard, Pauline Jorgensen, Mary Lee, Cpl. Doris Jones, Beatrice Melancon, Beverly Folks, Zelma Bourg, Odella Guillory, Sgt. A. M. Olivier, Una Guillory, Jack Lippincott.

is to make South Texas the turkey center of the universe.

In truck farming, Caldwell County is in its infancy. The county is blessed with a variety of soil, and all of them are highly productive. For example, sandy soils are in the eastern section and most of the land is unimproved. Its potential, based on similar land now in cultivation, is as follows: peanuts net \$50.00 per acre; sweet potatoes, 250 bushels per acre; vineyards, \$600.00 per acre; tomatoes, \$200.00 per acre; and so on. The average price of improved land is \$35.00 per acre.

### TRADE CENTER

Lockhart is a trade center. It is traversed by two super highways and the MK&T Railroad. According to size, Lockhart has more paved streets than any town in Texas. The courthouse is patterned after the state capitol, 30 miles away at Austin. The courthouse square has a modern, dual, one-way traffic system, and street lighting is modern and effective. The residential section has many palatial homes, but generally runs to the smaller homes, beautiful and "homey." Practically every religious faith is represented here with a church edifice. The Episcopal congregation have the oldest church building in Texas.

Lockhart is very proud of her school system. It has received special commendation from the University of Texas and from the Southern Association of High Schools. Its eminence is due largely to its superintendent, Dr. R. L. Williams. This past year it was selected for a new phase of school work.

The State Resource-Use Committee, which is composed of both school men and industrialists, selected the Lockhart schools as a base school to develop and perfect a course of study on soil conservation problems; the course of study thus evolved to be used as a guide for other schools in the state. The Vocational Agriculture Department of the school has received much favorable comment from A&M College of Texas. The department was one of three in this area to be selected for a free gift of 75 broadbreasted turkeys, given by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce as a project and demonstration in their area development program.

We have not mentioned the Lockhart State Park, one of the most scenic in Texas. Improvements

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# Question And Answer Guide For Federal Inspections

The following questions and answers were specially prepared by the Second Research and Training Unit, commanded by Lt. Col. Donald W. Peacock, for a recent federal inspection. Inasmuch as they apply to every unit in the Texas State Guard, The Guardsman is publishing them so that all battalions may better prepare for federal inspections.

### INSPECTION QUESTIONS (Possible)

- Q. What is your name?
- A. Pvt., Cpl., Sgt. ...., Sir.
- Q. How long have you been in the Texas State Guard?
- A. .... years, Sir.
- Q. What is the name of this rifle?
- A. U. S. Rifle, model 1917, Sir.
- Q. What is the weight of this rifle?
- A. Nine pounds, without bayonet, Sir.
- Q. What is the length of this rifle?
- A. 46.3 inches, without bayonet, Sir.
- Q. What is the normal range for battle sight?
- A. 400 yards, Sir.
- Q. Where is the extractor?
- A. Point to the extractor and say "There, Sir."
- Q. What is this (pointing to the bolt)?
- A. "The bolt, Sir."

Note: The above question may pertain to the front sight, rear consist of picnic areas with barbecue pits, golf course, club house, swimming pool, etc., approximating an expenditure of \$125,000.00.

From the foregoing paragraphs you get an inkling of why Lockhart people exude happiness and contentment. The spiritual values of Lockhart people are 100% charitable. The community is one big neighborhood. The people are always glad to share their values "with their brother or the stranger within the gates."

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A. A formation of more than one squad or section.

Note: If the Inspector asks you a question you do not know, your reply should be: "I do not know, Sir."

Q. What is the first and most important duty of a soldier?

A. Obedience, Sir.

Q. What is military courtesy?

A. Military courtesy is one of the outward signs of discipline, Sir.

### FIRST AID

Q. What is First Aid?

A. Simple measures which are taken immediately for the relief of sick or injured persons, sir.

Q. Name three types of hemorrhage?

A. Arterial, venous, and capillary, Sir.

Q. Name two types of fracture.

A. Simple and compound, Sir.

Q. What is the primary object in the first aid treatment of fractures?

A. To prevent further injury and shock, Sir.

Q. What is the first step in the resuscitation of the drowned?

A. Clear the air passages of water and foreign matter, Sir.

Q. What would you do in case of snake bite?

A. Apply a tourniquet between bite and heart and cross-cut to cause free bleeding, Sir.

### RESPONSIBILITY

Q. Who is responsible for the health of the Army?

A. Commanding officers of all grades, Sir.

Q. Who is responsible for the condition of soldiers' feet?

A. Organization commanders, Sir.

Q. Why do we brush our teeth?

A. To keep mouth and teeth clean and to prevent decay of teeth, Sir.

Q. By what methods are disease transmitted?

A. Direct contact, indirect contact, and special agents, sir.

Q. What is minimum amount of water for one day for one soldier?

A. One gallon per man per day, Sir.

Q. How is water made safe?

A. By boiling or sterilizing, Sir.

Remember: Always use the word "Sir" in speaking to an officer. Keep clean. Speak distinctly and loud enough to be easily heard.

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# Luling Proud Of City-Owned Power System

Luling, with a population of more than 5000, is the center of a prosperous farming and livestock area in South Central Texas.

And oil, which came to this section on August 9, 1922, has brought a booming new industry.

Caldwell County, in which Luling is located, is a cotton seed breeding center. The county has an area of 511 square miles and a population of 31,397 in the last census. Total tilled and raw lands available for crops is 172,939 acres.

The county is bordered on the southwest by the spring-fed San Marcos River. Soil includes rich black waxy prairie on the north and west; productive sand loam on the east and alluvial land in the river bottoms. A government erosion project has been established in Caldwell County. Scattered timber includes mesquite, post oak, live oak, ash, hackberry, hickory, walnut and pecans.

### CHEMURGIC EXPERIMENTS

The Luling area boasts excellent truck and fruit raising land; with soil adapted to the growth of all agricultural products. The Foundation Farm is experimenting for chemurgic advancement and control. Wide diversification of crops is fast gaining a foothold in Luling, while poultry, cattle and hog raising in this county ranks favorably among other counties in Texas.

Luling is a small, modern city, built on a solid economic base, with a high class, cultured and contented citizenship.

The city has varied industries, including an oil tank farm, laundries, bottling plants, flour and feed mill, bakeries, machine shops, cotton gins and a freezer locker plant.

Electricity and power development has furnished one of the major basis for this section's growth. The once turbulent Colorado River, which has taken uncounted toll of soil, cattle and human lives in its many floods, has been harnessed.

### CITY OWNED POWER SYSTEM

Luling's city-owned electric system, with its low-cost power, serves a growing number of oil companies, machine shops and other industries. Several poultry farmers also are served by this system, and electricity is available to farmers and ranchers in this section.

With a city commission form of government in charge, the city conducts its own sewer system, golf course and club houses; it has spent over \$250,000 on new sewers, electric and paving projects in the past year. New water mains have been laid.

All prominent denominations are represented among the city's churches.

The Luling Foundation Farm, established in 1927 as a free, public educational institution, specialized in turkeys of the broad-breasted type and produces about 4000 annually. Hundreds of turkey raisers of this section get their breeding stock from this flock. The farm's newest department is a modern abattoir and freezer locker plant.

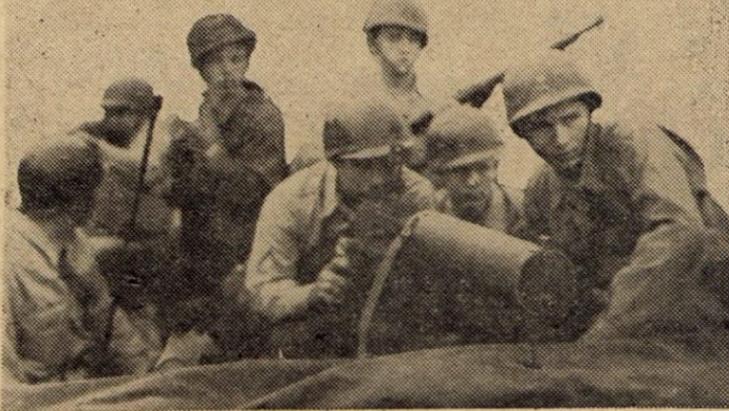
### SERVES THREE COUNTIES

The farm was set up primarily to serve farmers of Caldwell, Gonzales and Guadalupe counties, and to demonstrate the advantages of a diversified livestock program over the one-crop system. The farm contains 1200 acres with 18 soil types; it has six miles of river front. It has one of the finest dairy herds in the South. Breeding stock is offered the farmers at prices he can afford to pay.

The Luling school plant is located on a 15-acre campus. The high school building was erected in 1925 and the junior and primary buildings in 1930. A home economics cottage was built in 1927, a band and music building in 1940. Combined cost of these buildings and equipment is \$197,000. About 1000 children are enrolled, under about 45 teachers.

Luling is on the main line of the Southern Pacific and has seven major highways running through it. Amusements offered include a

# "Break 'Em Up With A Wedge"



"Break 'em up with a wedge!" The top picture shows guardsmen of the Fifth Battalion on a field application of the anti-riot wedge formation.

Trigger finger ready, the guardsman, lower, is ready just in case the mob rushes the scout car on which the machine gun is

mounted. Left in picture is radio man in the scout car, and backing up the machine gun are the riflemen in the rear. This group is a well trained scout car crew of Company C, Fifth Battalion, and shows them ready for action as they were covering a road block on a rent field problem.

## APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS APRIL, 1945

Name	Grade	Unit
Carroll, Carl Eston	1st Lieut.	Hqs. Det., 1st Bn.
Bailey, Josh H.	Captain	JAG, AGD
Laird, John Wesley	Major	JAG, AGD
Weaver, Luther Bell	1st Lieut.	Co. D, 29th Bn.
Bright, Delpher Wallace	2nd Lieut.	Co. D, 29th Bn.
Smith, Marshall N.	Major	Hqs., 32nd Bn.
Hodges, Jack Louis	Captain	Serv. Det., 32nd Bn.
Myres, Harry I.	Captain	JAG, AGD
Whitaker, Carlyn D.	1st Lieut.	Co. D, 37th Bn.
Harris, Arthur W.	2nd Lieut.	Co. D, 37th Bn.
Wellborn, Harold H.	Captain	Hqs., 23rd Bn.
Hudson, Ted L. W.	Captain	Serv. Det., 23rd Bn.
Johnson, David S.	1st Lieut.	Hqs., 23rd Bn.
Swick, Frederick A.	1st Lieut.	Serv. Det., 23rd Bn.
Woods, Limmie B.	Major	Med. Corps, 39th Bn.
Puckett, Horace C.	Captain	Co. B, 41st Bn.
Behal, Robert W.	Captain	Co. C, 45th Bn.
Dale, Carroll R.	Major	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
Leggott, Charles R.	Captain	Co. B, 5th Bn.
Black, Vernon A.	Major	Med. Det., 47th Bn.
Matz, Arthur	Major	TSG, AGD
Shoup, Howard M.	1st Lieut.	Co. A, 25th Bn.
Bloodgood, George R.	2nd Lieut.	Co. A, 25th Bn.
Balthrope, Edwin B.	2nd Lieut.	Co. A, 31st Bn.
Hughes, John C.	1st Lieut.	Hqs., 39th Bn.
Oliver, Herbert M.	Captain	Co. D, 2nd Bn.
Bethea, Aubrey R.	1st Lieut.	Co. D, 2nd Bn.
Kight, Ralph I.	2nd Lieut.	Co. D, 2nd Bn.
Seay, Thomas D.	Captain	Co. A, 42nd Bn.
Myres, Fred M.	1st Lieut.	Co. A, 42nd Bn.
McNabb, Edward H.	Captain	Co. C, 6th Bn.
Sikes, William L.	Lt. Col.	Hqs., 9th Bn.
Nelson, Thomas Mason	Captain	Co. B, 29th Bn.
Klein, Leslie S.	2nd Lieut.	Co. A, 29th Bn.
Lorenz, Robert H.	1st Lieut.	Med. Det., 35th Bn.
Clabaugh, Joseph A.	1st Lieut.	Hqs. Det., 36th Bn.
Chaney, Russell M.	Captain	Co. C, 42nd Bn.
Mauldin, Kenneth L.	1st Lieut.	Chaplain Corps
Quist, Harry E.	Captain	Quartermaster Corps
Cox, Walter L.	Captain	Signal Corps, TSG
Boone, Thomas W.	1st Lieut.	Co. A, 27th Bn.
Hogan, James W.	2nd Lieut.	Co. A, 27th Bn.
Pyeatt, Hugh M.	2nd Lieut.	Co. D, 34th Bn.
Strickland, Joseph W.	1st Lieut.	Hqs. Det., 45th Bn.
Barker, N. D.	1st Lieut.	Hqs. Det., 5th Bn.
Wildenthal, John	Captain	Co. C, 13th Bn.
Darnell, Alvin R.	1st Lieut.	Co. C, 13th Bn.
Ferguson, Ermer William	Captain	Co. C, 15th Bn.
Cox, Eli Robert	Captain	Med. Det., 29th Bn.
Anderson, Clarence G.	Captain	Med. Det., 29th Bn.
Newman, Joseph T.	1st Lieut.	Co. D, 45th Bn.
Lumpkin, Charles E.	Captain	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
Towle, James E.	1st Lieut.	4th Tr. & Res. Unit
McClellan, Rhynart R.	1st Lieut.	Co. C, 9th Bn.
Cheney, James H.	2nd Lieut.	Co. C, 9th Bn.
Coers, Walter C.	2nd Lieut.	Co. D, 21st Bn.
Gessel, Frank A.	2nd Lieut.	Co. D, 23rd Bn.
Pitts, Enoch M.	2nd Lieut.	Co. D, 44th Bn.

Judge: "Have you ever been up before me?"

Accused: "I don't know. What time do you get up?"

Sgt. (to buddy in France): "A dollar is worth about fifty cents in town."

Cpl.: "Buy me a few the next time you go in."

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# Lockhart Unit Has Sent 43 To Service

Lockhart.—On November 13, 1940, 78 men assembled in the National Guard armory here for the purpose of organizing a unit of the Texas Defense Guard. Preliminary plans were made and the company begin drilling once each week.

On May 12 the first state inspection was held and this organization was accepted and officially designated as Company D, Fifth Battalion. At a later date units were placed in nearby towns and Company D was redesignated as Company E, 45th Battalion.

Since its organization Company E has been one of the outstanding companies of the Texas State Guard. Its membership is made up entirely of the business and professional citizenship of Lockhart.

This organization is proud of the fact that it has furnished 43 trained men to the fighting forces of the land, sea and air, many of whom have secured rapid promotions and commissions.

Letters received from these boys praising their training in the State Guard makes all feel that their work has been worth while.

The officer personnel, Capt. Whit M. Du Bose, commanding; First Lt. James W. Myrick and Second Lt. Harry F. Annas, are all combat veterans of World War I.

All three officers and 26 enlisted men have been in the organization since the initial meeting November 13, 1940. The members of the unit realize their grave responsibility as Guardsmen and are ever ready to improve their ability through study and hard work.

County Judge Patton, Postmaster Mohle, Superintendent of Schools Williams and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, have been members of the unit since its organization.

Pvt. R. A. Shinn has a record that every member of Company E is proud of. Since the unit's initial meeting November 13, 1940, he has not missed a single formation of the company. Although death has occurred in his connection twice during this time, he appeared for roll call and was excused by the commanding officer.

Many members of the company have sons in service, practically every branch of the service being represented: Lt. Myrick, son in the Navy; Lt. Annas, son in the Navy; S/Sgt. Chapman, son in the Navy and son in Merchant Marine; S/Sgt. Mohle, son in the Army; Sgt. Coers, son in the Navy Air Corps; Pvt. Duran, two sons in Army; Pvt. J. L. Mohle, son in Army Air Corps; Pvt. Polley, son

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# Sorry, Can't Find Any Beaucoup Fags

With the 1st Infantry Division.—"Send me beaucoup cigarettes," was the way Cpl. James Pennington, Antitank Company, 26th Infantry Regiment, worded the request to his wife in Oneida, Tenn., at the time of the cigarette shortage among the armed forces in France.

Several days ago, he received a reply. His wife explained that she had canvassed the entire town, and the only brands the stores carried were Camels, Chesterfields, Lucky Strikes, Old Golds, Raleighs and Phillip Morris—but she could not find any Beaucoups.

"Please let me know, Jimmy," she concluded, "if any other brands but Beaucoups will do."

He let her know.—Army Times.

### CONSCIENTIOUS

Two nursemaids were wheeling their infant charges in the park, when one asked the other, "Are you going to the dance tomorrow night?"

"I'm afraid not," she replied.

"What!" exclaimed the other. "I thought you were so fond of dancing?"

"I'd love to go," explained the conscientious maid, "but to tell you the truth, I'm afraid to leave the baby with its mother!"

in the Navy; Pvt. Sanford, three sons in Army, daughter in Waves; Pvt. Schwartz, son in Army; Pvt. Shinn, son in Navy.

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# Cuero Builds Prosperity On Stock Raising

By EARL SELMAN, Manager, Cuero Chamber of Commerce

Cuero, center of a bustling agricultural section in South Central Texas, has grown to a city of over 8000, and its business is expanding constantly.

It is the county seat of DeWitt County, which was organized in 1858 and named after Gen. Green DeWitt. The county's 879 square miles has a population of 25,000, who had an income in 1943 of \$12,911,000.

The Guadalupe, running through the county, has more fresh water per minute flowing than any other stream in Texas. Scattered timber consists of mesquite, post oak, live oak, ash, walnut and pecan.

In Cuero you will find real hospitality, combined with energetic business practices. Each year a steady increase has been reflected in postal receipts and bank deposits.

Industries which furnish Cuero with a splendid payroll in addition to new money created by agriculture and livestock raising include the Cuero Cotton Oil Manufacturing Company which produces cotton seed oil and millions of pounds of meal and feed; Guadalupe Valley Cotton Mill, an around the clock cotton mill producing a high quality cotton ducking for government consumption; Crescent Valley Creamery, manufacturer of thousands of pounds of Valley Gold Butter, ice cream and other dairy products; Coca-Cola Manufacturing Company, where Coca-Cola is bottled for approximately four counties; 7-Up Bottling Company manufactures beverages for six counties; Cuero Livestock Commission Company which in 1943 had sales amounting to \$4,700,000, and many others.

## TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Cuero is favored by excellent transportation facilities by a four-way outlet of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and is also served by the Red Arrow Freight Lines and the Robinson Freight Lines, as well as the American Express Company. Five federal and state highways intersect Cuero. Electric and water facilities are municipally owned and operated, which makes for the lowest utility rates in South Central Texas; Southwest Natural Gas Company serves the area with ample fuel at a very reasonable cost to the consumer. The public school system is of the finest type, and excellent churches of all denominations may be found.

Long famous as the Turkey center of the world, Cuero has hitched her wagon to a new star—cattle. Or possibly a wider designation—livestock—would be more appropriate.

In the last four years, Cuero has zoomed forward with its cattle and stock industry, from just a sideline to turkey and farming, until today it can point with assurance and pride to fine cattle and hogs as its No. 1 endeavor.

In 1942 and 1943, Cuero was the largest shipping point for cattle in Texas, with more than 800 carloads going out each year. That fact alone indicates the trend, and the magnitude, of this fast-growing "money crop."

## TWO AIMS

Two things are leading the way. They are:

1. The aim of farmers and ranchers to develop finer blood strains so as to produce better cattle for the best markets.

2. The establishment of a market here at home for DeWitt County cattlemen and for those of adjoining counties.

This second objective has been reached through the efforts of one man—Willis Barfield. Mr. Barfield operates the Cuero Livestock Commission Company. He conducts a weekly auction in his air-conditioned auction ring. Stockmen from counties many miles from the borders of DeWitt County bring their stock to Mr. Barfield's ring, for they know that they will get the

# BRONZE STARS FOR APRIL, 1945

Company D, 4th Battalion  
First Lt. William H. Orme-Johnson.

Second Lt. Joseph M. Whitaker.  
S/Sgt. Harry V. Stenis.  
Pfc. Felix Ramirez.

Company C, 9th Battalion  
S/Sgt. James R. Landry.  
S/Sgt. Vernon L. Repschleger.  
Sgt. Earle A. Clary.  
Sgt. Charles A. Stephens, Sr.  
Pfc. Joe Salazar.

Company A, 10th Battalion  
Emmitt M. Whatley.  
Wilmer F. Sims.  
Herbert Middleton.  
Raymond T. Bynum.  
Delbert C. Hughes.  
Ernest W. Ledbetter.  
S. E. Pass.

Ben F. Richey.  
Oliver N. Thompson.  
A. E. Stevenson.  
I. R. Vick.  
A. T. Bontke.  
C. W. Gandy.  
William O. Holly.  
William P. Palm.  
E. W. Curtis.  
F. L. Adamson.  
George W. G. Browne.  
Ivy F. Daniel.  
L. G. Jackson.

Company B, 11th Battalion  
Capt. Earl K. Kelley.  
First Lt. Euston S. Woullard.  
Second Lt. Arthur G. McLaughlin.

First Sgt. Geo. H. McLaughlin.  
S/Sgt. Lucky C. Thomson.  
S/Sgt. Jim D. Alley.  
S/Sgt. Charles T. Frieble.  
S/Sgt. Alvin G. Hudgens.  
S/Sgt. William W. Leeper.  
Sgt. Robert L. Clark.  
Sgt. Sam C. Farmer.  
Sgt. Alfons W. Palowski.  
Sgt. D. J. Williams.  
Sgt. William L. Wynne.  
Cpl. Mansil R. Matthews.  
Pvt. John E. Kraemer.  
Pfc. Loil A. Balentine.

Headquarters, 14th Battalion  
Lt. Col. Lou J. Roberts.  
Major Fritz Thompson.  
Capt. Joe V. Roche.  
First Lt. Marshall F. Rawlings.  
First Lt. Lloyd V. McCarthy.  
Sgt. Paul F. Blankenburg.  
Pvt. Frank N. Lewis.

Company B, 15th Battalion  
Capt. Ernest F. Latham.

Company A, 18th Battalion

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More than 100 carloads of cattle each year are shipped by rail for sale at the Cuero ring. Today Cuero takes its place among the leading cattle centers of the nation. Here's how the auction sale's business has growing, showing how Cuero and DeWitt County have moved into the cattle industry's limelight:

In 1940 the Cuero Livestock Commission was organized and it sold \$251,750 worth of stock.

In 1941 the sales amounted to \$1,337,870.

In 1942 the livestock turnover in the auction ring amounted to \$3,449,550.

In 1943 autcon sales amounted to \$4,700,000!

## BOYS FOLLOW IN FOOTSTEPS

The boys are following in their days' footsteps. Early in March the Cuero Turkey Trot Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its seventh annual FFA Fat Stock Show and auction sale. The grand champion calf brought the record price in this section—44 cents per pound.

Since stockmen have considerable wealth in their pockets, naturally it has meant more spending in Cuero. Merchants have expanded their stores. It has meant a new prosperity to the city and the county.

Cuero has another big industry—flying. Brayton Flying Service School is training flying cadets for the Army in great numbers. So proficient has the school been that it has been selected as one of six primary training schools to teach West Point cadets. There are 80 West Pointers included in an early-summer class.

With exploration going on apace and with considerable production already in, DeWitt County is looking to oil as another source of wealth that is in its infancy here.

S/Sgt. Raymond Moyer.

Company D, 18th Battalion  
First Lt. Hugh McDonald.  
Second Lt. Rodney B. Christ.  
First Sgt. Walter L. Murf.  
S/Sgt. Oscar C. Carter.

S/Sgt. Roy Dunigan.  
Sgt. Ernest G. Bennett.  
Sgt. Frank Gaulding.  
Sgt. Bo Going.  
Sgt. Blakely Manuel.  
Sgt. Robert L. Smith.  
Cpl. Joseph A. Parthur.  
Cpl. Robert S. Rollins.  
T/5 Henry C. Anderson.  
Pfc. Foy A. Clubb.  
Pfc. Arsilian Courville.  
Pfc. Dahar Haddad.  
Pfc. Farnes Ledoux.  
Pfc. Simon Shaw.  
Pfc. Lewis W. Tully.  
Pfc. Joe W. Wilson.  
Pvt. Forrest Craigen.  
Pvt. Henry C. Hargraves.

Headquarters, 32nd Battalion  
Lt. Col. James L. Tillery.  
Clarence C. Beasley.

Service Detachment,  
32nd Battalion  
Capt. Marshall N. Smith.  
Lt. Delma A. Benton.  
Raymond A. Rouleau.

Headquarters, 35th Battalion  
First Lt. Fred H. McCommas.  
M/Sgt. Eugene Roy Alderson.

Company C, 37th Battalion  
Capt. Elvy H. Gray.  
First Lt. Roy R. Cloud.  
Second Lt. Jack A. Anderson.  
First Sgt. Leonard P. Thompson.  
S/Sgt. W. L. Bain.  
S/Sgt. Whit Scarbrough.  
T/5 John K. Beck.  
Pvt. Charles E. Reese.  
Pvt. Lester H. Shelton.

Company A, 38th Battalion  
Anthony H. Hunter.  
Richard H. Melat.  
James E. Reeder.  
Tom G. Rutherford.  
Walter L. Thorman.

Company E, 38th Battalion  
Capt. Laurence H. Lee.  
First Lt. John H. Clemmons.  
Sgt. Ezequiel R. Mora.  
T/4 Joe A. Valls, Sr.

Company B, 39th Battalion  
S/Sgt. Hartley A. Bates.

Company C, 40th Battalion  
Sgt. Albom McNabb.

Company A, 41st Battalion  
Cpl. Sidney Laufman.

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She: "Why look at all those other couples over there; that's spooning."

GI: "Well, if that's spooning, let's shovel."

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# Ark. Guard Camp Set For July 8-15

The annual encampment of the Arkansas State Guard will be held at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, near Little Rock, July 8 to 15, Brig. Gen. Heber L. McAlister, adjutant general, has notified staff officers and unit commanders.

During the encampment, the administrative set-up will be one regiment with one added battalion and Regimental Headquarters Company, Regimental Service Company, Regimental Reserve Rifle Company and Regimental Reserve Weapons Company attached.

Officers and enlisted men will receive pay according to rank and grade. Enlisted men will be excused from the drills by company commanders for extraordinary reasons, while officers may be excused only on application to the commanding officer, Sixth Infantry.

May 28 has been set for the deadline for completing arrangements for the encampment.

Companies will operate as individual administrative units, each unit being responsible for morning reports, sick reports and duty rosters. Five battalion messes will be operated under the general supervision of the Cooks' and Bakers' School, but all cooks and mess attendants will be furnished from the companies.

An interesting program is being arranged to include firing on all ranges, rifle, machine gun, mortar, pistol and grenade. This will be a training encampment and not a school, Col. Hendrix Lackey, Sixth Infantry commander, has notified the guardsmen.

Subjects to be reviewed will include military courtesy and discipline, platoon and company drill, riot formations, inspections, chemical and gas mask drills, rifle and bayonet practice, interior guard

# Three Companies Arkansas Guard Bivouac At McNeill

McNeill, Ark.—Three companies of the Arkansas State Guard came here for a week-end bivouac recently. The units included the First Battalion Headquarters Company in charge of Capt. Leslie E. Crumpler of Camden; Company A of El Dorado in command of Capt. L. A. Bull, and Company D, Magnolia, commanded by Capt. C. J. Duhon.

A hard downpour rained out a scheduled range practice. However, the messmen cooked up fine meals for the units. The units got some good training in interior guard work, compass problems and camp set-ups. They used tents.

Another bivouac is planned by the same units soon.

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# Gonzales Guard Company Is Active Force In Community

By SGT. JOE HY ROSSETTO

Company B, 45th Battalion, of Gonzales State Guard, was organized in February, 1941, with three officers and fifty-nine enlisted men. The company was mustered in June 17, 1941, by Major T. W. Gahagan of the Adjutant General's Department. The officers, Capt. William F. Witt, First Lieutenant A. G. Blackwelder and Second Lieutenant Jesse C. Jones, received their commissions March 25, 1941.

Company B has had two federal inspections, the first on May 19, 1942, by Col. Arthur E. Wilbourn, I.G.D. inspector general, Eighth Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, and the second on June 28, 1943, by Col. C. M. Tuteur, field artillery, P.M.S.&T., San Antonio, Texas, and several state inspections.

Reports from all these inspections give Company B's general rating as "Satisfactory" besides special commendations by department commanders. One of these commendations from Major Gen. John F. Williams, chief of the National Guard Bureau, Washington, D. C., makes us feel mighty proud of our organization, and reads in part:

This report reflects an excellent condition which is a credit to the unit and to those responsible for its organization and training.

Nothing said here can add to their own soldierly satisfaction in duty well done; but it might please them to know that their accomplishment has been noticed and recorded in this bureau.

### MOBILIZATION EXERCISE

On May 29, 1943, Company B participated in mobilization training exercises as a task force for the first time. Warning orders were issued to the three battalion commanders Frida yafternoon, May 28, and Major Charles O. Betts of the 5th Battalion, Austin; Major Emmett Grimes of the 6th Battalion, Georgetown, and Major Walter W. Cardwell, commanding our 45th Battalion, prepared their orders for the alert to be given some time the following day.

The following day, May 29, alert order No. 2 was received from battalion headquarters ordering Company B to move at once to bivouac and rendezvous at Camp Mabry. Company B (51 enlisted men and three officers) moved at once via highway 29 to Camp Mabry as rendezvous point as ordered.

Action started Saturday night when it was reported at headquarters that "subversive" groups were operating on the highways in the hills west of Camp Mabry. Companies A and B of the 5th Battalion, commanded by Capt. Sherman Birdwell and Capt. Victor Land, were ordered out to investigate the activities. The troupes did a quick job of wiping out the enemy and brought back to headquarters a number of prisoners.

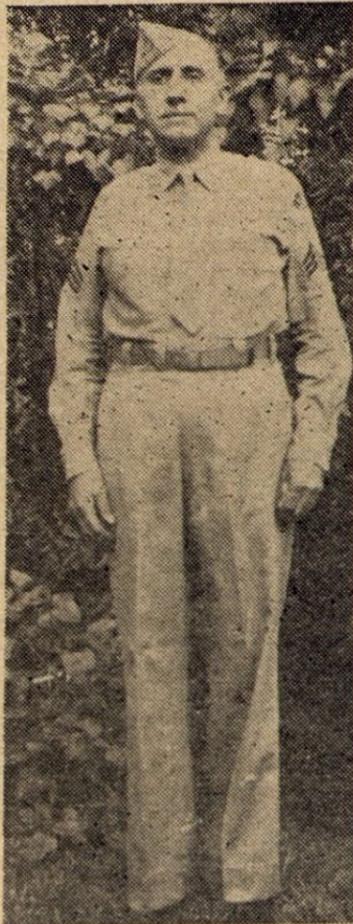
The following day Company B participated as a task force with the 5th Battalion, 6th Battalion and the 45th, our Battalion of Luling, in war games protecting vital installations in that area. The problem involved organizing and coordinating the movement of a large number of troops by motor convoy.

Rain failed to dampen the spirits and ardor of the three battalions on the maneuvers, and they entered into each mission with the skill and enthusiasm of seasoned soldiers, according to Col. Parkham.

On return to camp a short memorial service and a critique was held on the day's maneuvers. Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, Col. Neill H. Banister, Lt. Col. James C. Jones, Major Thomas W. Gahagen, Capt. John Kokernot and others from the Adjutant General's Department visited the bivouac area and assisted in the maneuvers as umpires.

Some of the high spots of the maneuvers, according to First Lt. Stewart Harkride, 5th Battalion, Austin, "Dead" men wouldn't stay dead, so now the bone of conten-

## Sgt. Rossetto



Sgt. Joe Hy Rossetto of Company B, 45th Battalion, one of the most enthusiastic of Texas State Guardsmen. Sgt. Rossetto has made many addresses to various groups in the Gonzales area and helps in many ways to keep the State Guard before the public.

tion between the 6th Battalion, Georgetown, and the boys of the Second Platoon, First Camouflage Company, Austin, who were the enemy, is who captured whom at the Turkey Creek engagement, and who really won the action on the heights of Mt. Bonnell, near Camp Mabry.

Umpires were not present to point out the dead soldiers when these two engagements took place during the first of the series of field mobilization training camps.

The first casualty for Company B was Pvt. Edward C. Mueller, dropped by a hand grenade in the hands of the enemy. Enthusiasm ran high during the engagements and some of the men forgot to drop "dead" when some one of the opposing side hollered, "You're dead, I just shot you."

Approximately seven hundred

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# Gonzales Has Rich Farm And Stock Area

Gonzales, the seat of county government, is 69 miles from San Antonio; 135 miles from the port of Houston; 160 miles from the port of Corpus Christi; 90 miles from the Gulf Coast fishing area; and 68 miles from Austin, the capital of Texas. Gonzales is located at the intersection of State Highways 3, 200 and 29, and is connected with the rural sections by a criss-cross of highways and farm-to-market roads.

Gonzales County has a total land area of 677,120 acres with approximately 220,000 acres in cultivation. According to the 1940 census, there were 3587 farms in Gonzales County. The rural population is about 19,000.

Gonzales County is a well diversified farming and ranching county, having a wide range of soils varying from the rich river bottom lands and heavy black upland soils to mixed and sandy soils. Every section of the county has a variety of soils as all soil types are probably more mixed and distributed in Gonzalez County than any other county of the state.

### ASSETS

Total estimated 1944 agricultural income—ten million dollars.

Livestock: Cattle, 61,000 in county; hogs, 11,000 in county; sheep, 5,000 in county.

Broilers: Largest producing county in Texas and second largest in the United States.

Turkeys: 250,000 annually, second in state.

Laying Hens: Ranks high in state.

Hatcheries: Setting capacity, 1,309,000.

Dressing Plants: Three poultry dressing plants, and three egg breaking plants, and five egg cold storage plants.

Pecans: Produces more pecans than any other county in state; 1944 pecan crop estimated at two and one-half million pounds.

Crops: Cotton, corn, grain sorghums, hay and peanuts, principal crops. The trend has been away from cotton to more grain crops and livestock. Estimated cotton

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age plants; egg processing plants; pecan shelleries; corn shelleries; three lumber companies; bonded cotton warehouse; one daily newspaper, one weekly newspaper; four cotton gins; chemical company.

On May 1, 1942, thousands from all sections of the state and adjoining states attended "Gonzales Pan American Day."

The day of celebration opened with a lovely colorful parade of six bands, many beautifully decorated floats, decorated cars and horseback riders and other entries.

Every float portrayed international amity by representatives of North and South America holding hands. Twenty-one beautiful Gonzales maidens took part and were designed to give feeling of Americanism and inter-Americanism to all present.

Dr. Raoul Herrera-Arango, first secretary to the Cuban embassy, Washington, was the principal speaker for the occasion.

A tea was given in honor of all Latin American representatives and dignitaries that afternoon which climaxed one of the most beautiful and colorful celebrations ever held in Gonzales.

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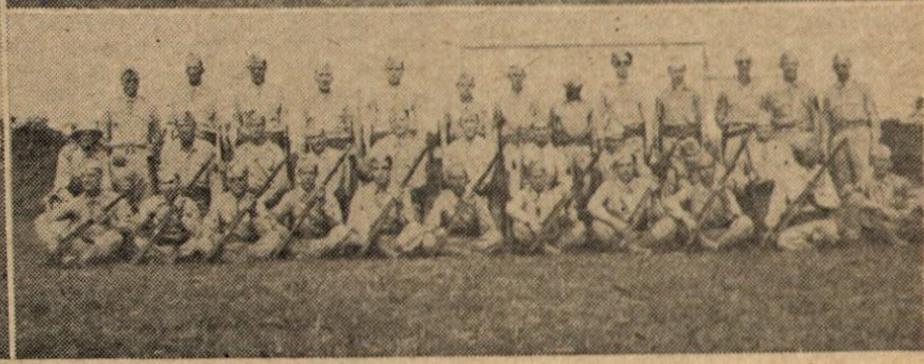
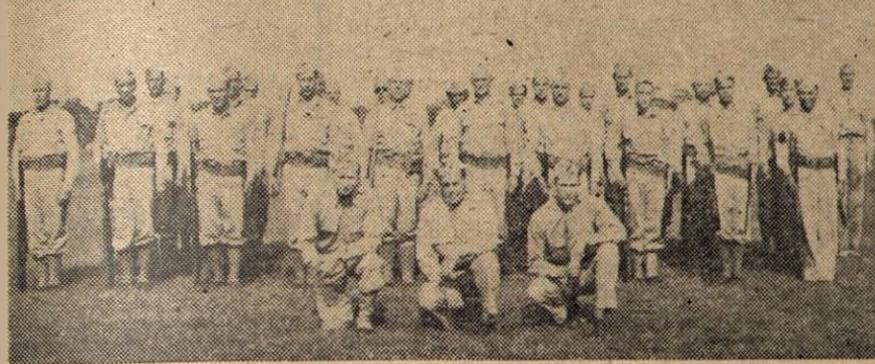
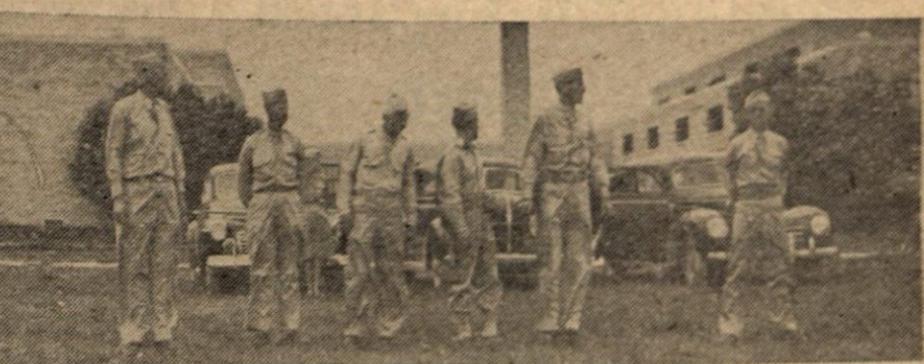
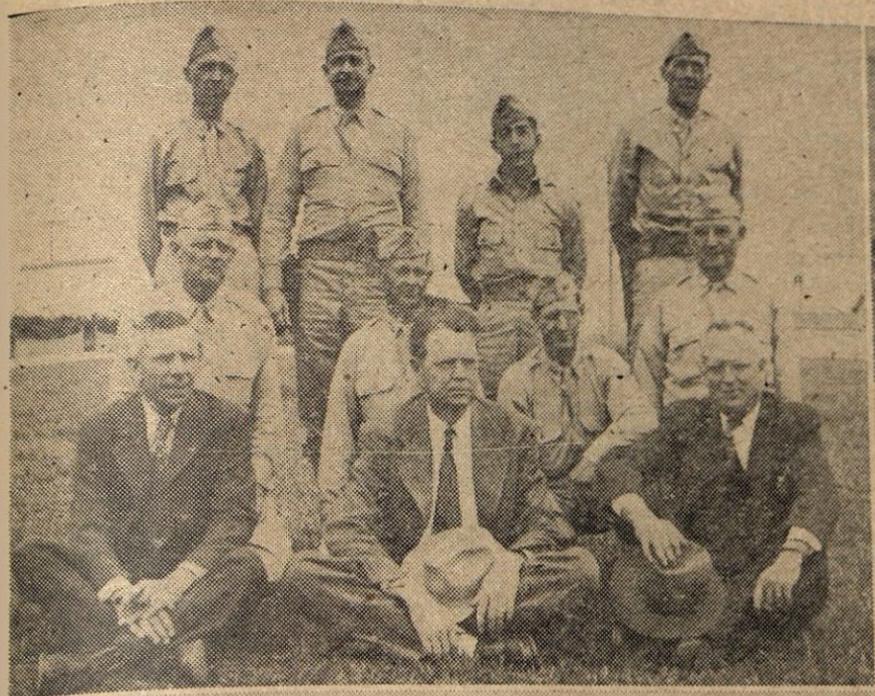


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# 9th Battalion On Maneuvers And Guests



## 9th Battalion Stops "Riot" At Anahuac

By LT. FRED PUTNAM

Port Arthur. — Footsore, weary but happy Guardsmen of the Ninth Battalion returned to Port Arthur on the afternoon of May 13 by truck convoy from Anahuac, where they participated in a two-day maneuver, 125 Guardsmen being present.

The Ninth Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. William L. Sikes, left Port Arthur Saturday morning for Anahuac, where the guardsmen bivouaced on the Anahuac high school football field.

Through the courtesy of Superintendent Riley of the Anahuac schools, the field house was turned into battalion headquarters, communications and medical center, the band house for Sunday church services, and the kitchen and cafeteria was used to feed the guardsmen, who were served mess by Mess Sgt. W. D. Stell and Sgt. Roberts of Company A.

Following mess and a meeting of the company commanders, and placing of military police on the streets, the battalion moved at nightfall to the county courthouse, where a simulated civil disturbance was taking place.

Parachute flares were used while removing a prisoner from the courthouse and suppressing the mock disturbance. County Clerk Jimbo Woolridge acted as the prisoner.

The local citizens were on hand to witness the demonstration and to welcome the guardsmen.

Sunday morning church services were conducted by Chaplain H. A. Drouilhet and many of the men attended the churches of their faith. After church and mess, a battalion review was held on the football field before commanding officers and civic officials.

Major Fred L. White, executive officer of the Ninth Battalion and the following officers of the battalion attended: Capt. Chester Garner, plans and training officer; Capt. W. C. Austin, supply and transportation; Major W. H. Sorenson, medical; Capt. Lloyd L. Watkeys, dental; First Lt. Ralph Palmer, adjutant; First Lt. Walter Smith, assistant supply and transportation; First Lt. W. J. Johnson, service detachment; First Lt. Fred

Top left: Staff Officers of Ninth Battalion, TSG, and guests. First row, left to right, sitting: Jimbo Woolridge, county district clerk, Chambers County, and district governor of Lions Club; Guy C. Jackson, navigation supervisor for Chambers County district, and ex-county judge; R. F. Riley, superintendent of Anahuac schools.

Second row, kneeling, left to right: Lt. Col. William L. Sikes, commanding officer, Ninth Battalion; Major Fred L. White, executive officer; Capt. Chester A. Garner, plans and training officer; Capt. W. C. Austin, supply officer.

Standing, left to right: Lt. Fred Putnam, public relations officer; Lt. Ralph H. Palmer, commander of Headquarters Detachment; Lt. Woodrow Johnson, assistant plans and training officer; Lt. Walter Smith, assistant supply officer.

Top right: Staff officers of Ninth Battalion lined up on edge of football field at Anahuac, in readiness for review of troops. From left to right: Lt. Col. William L. Sikes, Major Fred L. White, Capt. Chester A. Garner, Lt. Woodrow Johnson, Lt. Walter Smith and Sgt. Orey Patin, a visitor from Company C, 43rd Battalion, TSG.

Center right: Company C, commanded by Capt. W. L. Runte, participating in maneuvers at Anahuac.

Lower right: Company D, commanded by Capt. Schley Corley.

Lower left: Company B, commanded by Capt. Feliz J. Hollier.

Putnam, public relations officer; and company commanders: Capt. Clell J. Mallet, Company A; Capt. Felix Hollier, Company B; Capt. W. L. Runte, Company C; Capt. Schley Corley, Company D.

Pvt. Perennial's uniform fits him like a glove. Both sleeves come down over his hands.

## Gonzales Company Proud Of Men It Sent To Services

Company B, 45th Battalion at Gonzales, is proud of the many men trained in its ranks who have entered the armed services of the nation. Following is a record of these men who trained in the guard to do a better job for Uncle Sam:

Rank at Discharge	Name	Branch of Service
Pfc.	Raymond O. Neitsch	Navy
Pvt.	Antonio Zavalla	Navy
T/Cpl.	Reinhart P. Deschner	Navy
Pfc.	Jose V. Rivera	Army
Pfc.	William J. Maybee	Navy
Pfc.	James W. Raeke	Army
Pvt.	Milburn B. Cook	Navy
Pvt.	George E. Guckain	Army
Pvt.	William S. Houser	Army
Pvt.	Isadore Walk	Army Air Corps
Pvt.	Lester R. Morley	Army
Pvt.	Kenneth R. Pennell	Army
Pfc.	Henry J. Wermli	Navy
Pvt.	Edgar R. Cabron	Army
Pvt.	Joe M. Cantu	Army
Pvt.	Jesus Tovar, Killed in Action, Pacific Thea.)	Army
Cpl.	Henry W. Deschner	USMC
Pvt.	Benhard V. Ehler	Army
Pvt.	Richard L. Mercer	Army
Pvt.	Henry J. Stehle (Died in Line of Duty)	Army
Pvt.	Winston J. Brzozowski	Navy
Pvt.	Joe R. Flores	Army
Pvt.	Clarence D. Lowe	Army
Cpl.	Robert H. Ruddock	Army
Pvt.	Robert M. Galindo	Army
Pvt.	Lupe C. Valderas	Army
Pvt.	Randolph N. Witt	Navy
Pvt.	John Zavalla, Jr.	Army
Pvt.	Joel N. Lipscomb (completed his required missions over enemy territory and decorated)	Army Air Corps
Pvt.	Joe Gonzales	Army
Pvt.	Luciano G. Rodriguez	Army
Pvt.	Clifford V. Berger	Army
Pvt.	Huey Merced Killed in Action)	Navy
Pvt.	Fred Droupy	Navy
Pvt.	Raymond Milner	Navy
Cpl.	William L. Greer	Army
Cpl.	Chester K. Mick	Army
Pvt.	Robert S. Jaks	Army
Pvt.	Joe F. Mercer	Army
Pvt.	Thomas L. Robinson	Navy
Pfc.	Jesse P. Hindman	Army Air Corps
Pvt.	Bert O. Ehrig	Army
Cpl.	Elton R. Stulting (now Lt. Army Air Corps, much decorated.)	Army
Pvt.	Ralph R. Whittlesey	Navy
Pvt.	Jerry Barta	Army
Pvt.	Horace K. Duncan (Lt. Army Air Corps, reported missing over Germany.)	Army
Pvt.	Roderick M. Maybee	Navy
Pvt.	Frank Barta	Army
Pvt.	Robert J. Vackar	Navy

## American Traitor Captured Fighting For German Army

With the 1st Infantry Division, East of the Rhine.—All Americans are not heroes. A few Americans are traitors. The 1st Division caught a traitor in the uniform of the German Army.

In a batch of 214 prisoners brought in by the infantrymen in the mad rush into the heart of Germany, the PPW interrogators were startled by the strictly American accent of a private.

Investigation showed that the prisoner had gone to the United States when he was 11 years old and lived in Astoria, L. I., in the shadow of Manhattan. His father was a waiter at the Waldorf-Astoria and the whole family became naturalized citizens. Junior ran the whole course of Nazi activities in the New York City area. He became a member of the Bund and

attended Camp Siegfried out on Long Island.

In 1939, unlike most of the Bund members, the supposed American put theory into practice and went to Germany. He was tapped or volunteered for the Wehrmacht. He was placed in a special unit of the German signal corps—listening in to Allied plane-to-plane radio conversations in an attempt to determine where the planes were going and the nature of their targets.

When asked by an interrogator if he ever thought of what he was doing as treason, the Nazi replied that he enjoyed being a U. S. citizen and expected to take up his citizenship again after the war.

Captain: "You, private — you missed inspection yesterday, didn't you?"

Pvt.: "Not in the least, sir, not in the least."

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## Sgt. Brown Nears 5-Year Mark As Morale Builder For Guard

Five years of unbroken service as public relations officer of Co. A, 31st Battalion, in Mission will soon be the record of Pfc. Leon H. Brown, one of the "charter members" of the drill company which became, in turn, a unit of the Texas Defense Guard and the Texas State Guard.

It all started back in August of 1940 when a group of Mission citizens—well in advance of Pearl Harbor—decided it was time to organize the nucleus of a home defense unit. They started meeting for weekly drills in the school of the soldier. They had no equipment, no authorization, nothing but a desire to be ready for an emergency if one arose.

It was then that Brown was assigned the job of telling the public about the defense activities. In the fall of 1940 the Mission Times, weekly newspaper, agreed to give the organization space in one of its pages each week. The weekly chain has seldom been broken since then. Brown kept writing the weekly columns until Mar. 24, 1941, when Texas Defense Guard enlistments in Mission were authorized, and kept right on going when in May the company was mustered in. He called the column "Texas Defense Guard News."

"I have written some of the columns under difficulties," says Brown, whose record for service is not matched in this section of the state. He turned out the copy for some of the columns in Oklahoma, some high in the Guadalupe Mountains in the New Mexico mining district, and two of them came to the Times from the mile-high Chipinque resort at Monterrey, Mexico.

"But I have never missed in four years and nine months having a column typed double-spaced and in the hands of the Times printer, although they were forced by some late important news to omit the printing of it a very few times," Brown recalls.

"Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen (now a lieutenant colonel) and Capt. Lonnie E. Reed (commanding the Mission company) enthusiastically supported the idea of the column ever since it started."

In addition to the weekly news letter about Guard activities, Brown served for a time as company clerk—for 17 months, to be exact. His grade then was sergeant. When he had to give up the clerkship, he asked to be reduced to a private, first class.

"No one probably knows how much or how little good the column has done," says Brown, "but I have been personally rewarded by remarks from probably 100 outsiders that they read every word or that they read it first thing. I have been frankly surprised to be told that farmers, business men, women and some service men looked for it regularly. I hope it has done some good. I formerly set out more personal remarks and comments on war-time topics which these 'outsiders' seemed to appreciate or look for, but scarcity of newsprint forced me to cut the column 25 per cent to its present size."

Captain Reed has asked that Private Brown continue his work and in addition undertake the assignment of public relations representative in charge of recruiting. Whether he will be able to do so depends on his health. At last reports he was preparing to go to



SGT. LEON BROWN

an upstate hospital for an operation.

Brown served for three years as chairman of the Mission civilian morale committee and in that work published a weekly article on some phase of such morale. A veteran of World War I, he served as department adjutant of the American Legion of Oklahoma in 1922-24.

The prison officer decided to boost morale by having a party at the guardhouse. When he asked the prisoners what kind they wanted, they requested an open house.

## McAllen Unit Swells Ranks With Students

The roster of men in Co. B, 31st Bn., McAllen, was running low so 2nd Lt. Elmer Copenhaver and 1st Sgt. Osborne Webb decided it was time for action.

They arranged for an assembly program at McAllen High School and before a group of junior and senior boys who had been summoned to the session they explained what the Texas State Guard is and what it offers in the way of training for prospective inductees. They stuck to the facts and made no emotional appeals for enlistments.

When the program was over, 30 youngsters remained behind to sign up their TSG papers. Out of that group more than 20 have already completed their enlistments. The group includes Ernest Crisp, Rodolfo Alvarado, Israel Gomez, Reyes Guerra, Reuben Hernandez, Lester Billman, Henry Wallace, Ramon Davila, Paul Steele, Gilberto Bustamante, Lionel Canales, Eriberto Rodriguez, Enrique Ramirez, Raul Canales, Robert Whalen, Joe Brack, Gerald Maurer, John Duke, Bob Chaney, Billy Roe, Donald Cross, George Reynolds, Ernest Leal, Gene Doty, William Laughlin, Darryl Harmon, Harry Hansler, Bobby Smitham and Donald Van Ramshorst.

The sudden surge in recruiting was such that the company's supply of enlistment blanks gave out, but a new swatch was obtained in time to complete the swearing-in on time.

Co. B introduced a new wrinkle in target practice early in May. The company has completed a new indoor range with a steel plate-backed target with places for four targets simultaneously. So on May 6 the company turned out for a full day of target work. Mess was served at noon by the company mess detail and a TSG truck aided in bringing the men to the Guard armory south of McAllen. The new target was constructed by Lt. Lee C. Smith, Sgt. Lawrence Robinson and Pvt. Tom Simpson.

One of Co. B's veteran soldiers, S/Sgt. Andrew Kontos, has been discharged after completing a three year enlistment. He has served on

## Ace From 45th



Lt. Elton Stulting, former member of Company B, 45th Battalion, who distinguished himself in many flying missions in the African theatre of war.

the mess detail ever since his enlistment. Conflicting civilian duties prevented his re-enlistment for another hitch.

April was a month of significance to Co. B of McAllen. It was on April 5, 1941, that the first meeting which led to formation of the company was held, with city and chamber of commerce officials meeting with civic club leaders to discuss the formation of the unit. Few of the men who signed up for the company at that time are still with it. The group includes Capt. C. D. Martin, 2nd Lt. Elmer Copenhaver, 1st Sgt. Osborne Webb, Sgt. Garland Deal and Pvt. Hans Rothe. The latter is a former captain commanding the unit but was forced to resign because of business reasons and then re-enlisted as a private.

## Medic Stays Behind Enemy Lines 14 Days With Wounded Buddy

Camp Butner, N. C.—The words "greater love hath no man" could well be the title for a story describing the heroic exploits of 12-year-old Pfc. Thomas J. Zimmerer, of Cleveland, who is now a patient at the U. S. Army General hospital here.

Zimmerer, a medical aide man, stayed with a wounded buddy behind German lines for 14 days during the battle of the Belgium bulge, and kept the man alive until they were rescued by members of the famous 5th Infantry Division.

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# 31st Prepares Rigorously For Field Exercise

By LT. MYNATT SMITH

All-out preparations for the Eighth Service Command's school of instruction and regimental field exercises for Rio Grande Valley State Guardsmen marked operations in May by the 10 units of the 31st Battalion of the Guard.

From the time the May 30-June 2 schedule was announced, men of the 31st began preparing for it. They filled their regular weekly drill periods with heavy training in control of domestic disturbances and in activities required in the field—shelter half-pitching, interior guard duty, care and cleaning of the rifle and other equipment. Special unit training included communications and message center work by the headquarters detachment, field hospital work by the medical detachment and transport and supply training by the service detachment.

A battalion bivouac at Fort Ringgold, Rio Grande City, had been planned late in April before the state school was announced. This was cancelled so company and detachment commanders could concentrate their attention on preparations for the Army-sponsored instruction sessions and field exercises.

As originally planned, the activity in the Valley was to be a regimental undertaking altogether. Later, however, the instruction schools were separated into three sections, one each for the three TSG battalions in the Valley, at Brownsville, Mercedes and McAllen. The field problem was retained as a regimental operation for the 24th (Brownsville), 26th (Mercedes) and 31st (Mission) battalions. It marked the first time since June, 1943 that the three units had been together for field maneuvers.

## Company F Wins Small-Bore Rifle Match Of 27th Bn.

Fort Worth.—A five-man rifle team from Co. F, Texas State Guard, beat Co. B out for first place by the slim margin of one point in an inter-company small-bore rifle match conducted by the 27th Battalion at the Lake Worth range of the Fort Worth Rifle and Pistol Club.

Members of the Co. F team were: Sgt. Alexander C. Fewsmith Jr., Sgt. Kenneth K. Mauldin, 1st Sgt. Paul E. Inglis, Pvt. Marion A. Piland and Pvt. J. C. Whiting.

Highest individual score was shot by Cpl. R. L. Proffitt of the area band, 189 out of a possible 200 points.

Scores of the nine companies and detachments participating were: Co. F, 411 pts.; Co. B, 910 pts.; Co. E, 863 pts.; Co. A, 846 pts.; Co. D, 817 pts.; Co. C, 793 pts.; Area Band, 783 pts.; Service Det., 770 pts.; Headquarters Det., 766 pts.

Capt. Orsen E. Paxton, Jr., was range officer, 1st Lt. Charles Moline was assistant range officer and Sgt. Ewell Cross was supervisor of firing.

J. P. Steele, secretary of the Fort Worth Rifle and Pistol Club, served as judge and chief scorer, assisted by the following judges: O. R. Huff, W. J. McCracken and H. A. Litsey.

Capt. Jack F. Massengale, Co. B commander, challenged Capt. Wm. F. Tucker, commander of Co. F, to a return match between the two companies, which was accepted. Date and place will be announced later.

## Capt. R. W. Behal



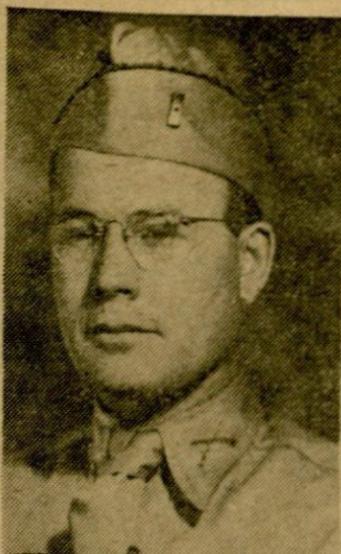
Capt. Robert W. Behal, Company C, 45th Battalion, Smithville, promoted to the grade of captain March 15, 1945. Has record attended 208 drill periods since May, 1941.

## Capt. W. F. Witt



Captain William F. Witt, commanding Company B, 45th Battalion, of Gonzales.

## Lt. W. D. Mauldin



First Lt. Wm. D. Mauldin, Company C, 45th Battalion, Smithville, promoted to grade of first lieutenant May 10, 1945. He is public relations man for Company C, and an expert rifleman.

## Chief Chaplain Of 31st Dies In San Antonio

Capt. Herbert McDermott, chief of chaplains of the 31st Battalion, Texas State Guard, for the past six months, died the night of Monday, May 7, at Medical-Surgical Hospital in San Antonio. He was 81.

Simple funeral services honoring the veteran of 44 years in the ministry took place at the First Presbyterian church of Donna, his former pastorate, on the afternoon of May 10.

Sixty officers and men of the 31st Battalion, headed by Lt. Col. Lloyd M. Bentsen and Maj. Roy P. Conway of Mission, attended the services in a group, Capt. John H. Vertrees, commanding officer of Co. E, Donna, of which Captain McDermott had served as chaplain for nearly three years, and a large group of his officers and men were on hand.

Captain McDermott had been ill for five weeks prior to his death. But as recently as last January he accompanied the battalion on an overnight field maneuver to Fort Ringgold, Rio Grande City, and there conducted religious services at an early morning chapel exercise which marked the start of the day's work in the field.

Captain, or Reverend, McDermott, had been a familiar figure in the Rio Grande Valley for many years. From Valley Forge, Pa., he came to the Valley to serve as pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Harlingen for seven years and of the First church in Donna for 17 years. He retired from the active ministry last September after 44 years of service.

He was widely known in the 31st because of his faithful attendance at guard functions. His appointment to the battalion chaplaincy and rank of captain were announced only a few months ago.

Rev. E. P. Day of Edinburg, an old friend, conducted the services here, attended by an overflow crowd. He was assisted by Rev. Frank McElroy, present Donna Presbyterian pastor. Burial was at the Donna cemetery, where the attending Guard officers and men stood in a file of twos near the grave. Elders of the Donna church served as pallbearers. They were S. N. Bush, George E. Bell, W. D. McKenzie, George Ross, C. K. Anderson and Nelson Jean.

He is survived by his widow, of Donna; and a brother, Malcolm, professor of law at Durham University, Durham, N. C.

## Sgt. Balthrope New Second Lieutenant Of Mission Co.

The new second lieutenant of Co. A, Mission, 31st Battalion, is former First Sgt. Edwin B. Balthrope, a veteran of World War I. He was recommended for the post by Capt. Lonnie E. Reed to succeed W. G. Triplett, who resigned his commission when he moved from Mission to Weslaco to go into business.

Lieutenant Balthrope, like numbers of other men still with the company, was one of the first who turned out for drills in 1940 and formed the organization which later became the company. He has four and one-half years of loyal service behind him in Mission and the drill nights he misses are extremely rare.

Through arrangements made by 1st Lt. Carroll D. Lyons, Co. A men were entertained with a steak supper early in April, followed by the filming of two training movies on armored patrols.

A former Co. A man, Capt. Donald Gentry of the U. S. Marines, recently visited mission en route to an overseas assignment. He served two years overseas before being brought back for special training at Fort Monmouth, N. J. He served for a time as senior instructor in communications at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

Pfc. Oscar L. Stowe of Co. A is a proud dad because he has three sons in the service. One of them, William Stowe, a former member of the Mission TSG company, is training at a Texas camp. A second, Pfc. Arnold Stowe, is attached to the Fourth U. S. Marines and came through the battle of Iwo Jima safely. The third son, Lt. Marvin F. Stowe, a pilot with the U. S. 12th Air Force in Italy, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for completing an important mission under heavy fire.

Recently discharged from Co. A were 2nd Lt. William G. Triplett, Cpl. Albert G. Hood, Pvt. Jesus Renteria, Pvt. William W. Davis, Pvt. Vance Ferguson, Pvt. Francisco Corrales, Pvt. Conrado Martinez, Pvt. Filiberto Martinez, Pvt. Juan Salinas, Pvt. M. Salinas and Pvt. John C. Wycoff. Two of the group, Corporal Hood and Private,

## Gonzales—

(Continued from age 26)

men in the three battalions and camouflage unit participated in the maneuvers.

The present strength of Company B is three officers and 70 enlisted men. The turnover has been large and many of the former members are now serving in the armed forces of the United States. Among them the famous flying ace, Lt. Elton R. Stulting, who distinguished himself in the African theater of war and was mentioned in dispatches many times, and others too numerous to mention.

One former member, Pvt. Huey E. Mercer, lost his life fighting for his country. First Lt. A. G. Blackwelder was placed on the inactive list, and Second Lt. Jesse C. Jones was promoted to first lieutenant. Pvt. John S. Clark was commissioned to second lieutenant to fill the vacancy.

State Guardsmen serve without pay and give freely of their time and money, with the only thought in mind to better serve their country during the emergency. The average guardsman is either too young or over 36 to be in the armed forces, therefore, we feel that we are well paid for the privilege of serving our great state of Texas and our nation, by preparing ourselves for any emergency that may arise.

Should the opportunity be tomorrow, you may feel assured that Gonzales Guardsmen, Company B, 45th Battalion, Texas State Guard, will be on the alert with the situation well in hand, an organization that we are proud to boast of second to none.

## Non-Coms Of 31st Hold Regular Meet

Approximately 60 members of the 31st Battalion Non-Commissioned Officers Association met at Whalen's park at McAllen late in April for their monthly session. An excellent feed was the repast.

Renteria, have joined up with the armed forces.

Added as new recruits are Pvt. Robert S. Martin and Pvt. Virgil Espino.

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With the present trend toward the decentralization of industry; and the existing tendency of so many industries to seek a new location in the Southwest, Texas is playing an increasingly important role. It is estimated that as yet only 15% of Texas natural resources have been developed; and this fact—plus its fertile soil and abundant supply of timber, minerals, and other resources, have made it an ideal new location for manufacturers.

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### OIL AND SULPHUR

In the greatest oil producing territory in the world today, Texas, Rosenberg plays its own important part. Within a radius of 25 miles of the center of town, there will be found ten producing oil fields. These fields produce crude oils of varying grades from a 55 degree Baume distillate to the heavier coastal crude. The increasing importance of the gulf coast area in the world petroleum picture presages an increased activity in the oil industry surrounding Rosenberg.

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### HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

Founded in 1844 at a public auction of the land that had originally been a grant from Mexico to Henry Scott, Rosenberg has since that day had a steady growth. Its aggressive citizenship, fine climate and abundance of natural resources have been chiefly responsible for this uninterrupted expansion.

Rosenberg was named for the former president of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, which company at one time owned most of the land now comprising this thriving modern city.

With a modern school system known throughout the State for its progressive methods—with nine churches spread throughout the city—with seven active fraternal organizations with a membership through all ranks of its citizenship—and with five civic clubs of varying natures, as well as an aggressive and well supported Chamber of Commerce, Rosenberg is a leader in civic activities.

Fine homes feature its streets, a modern park with facilities for all types of outdoor enjoyment is an outstanding part of Rosenberg life; and municipal activities receive enthusiastic and able cooperation.

## Perfect Record



S/Sgt. Marvin H. Albrecht of Rosenberg, who enlisted 27 March, 1944, at the time the 42th Battalion was mustered in, is the only member of this unit who has not missed regular drill night from 22 March, 1944, to date.

In addition to this exceptional record of faithful service, the sergeant has availed himself of every opportunity for extra training and has given willingly of his time, skill and energy to the promotion of the best interests of this unit. A salute to the sergeant. The Texas State Guard could use a lot more like him.

## 31st Battalion Sees Two Or More Films Per Month

More training films than most of the 31st Battalion's units have seen in recent months have been projected during April and May by Capt. Frank Van Ness of Mission, battalion training and operations officer.

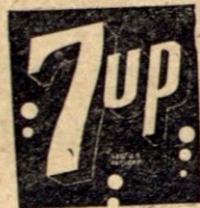
Most of the seven companies and three detachments have seen two films or more per month, and Captain Van Ness is now using a schedule whereby units with the same drill nights can meet together for the "movies." One such meeting was held recently in Alamo, with Co. A of Mission and Co. D of Alamo meeting with the three detachments quartered in McAllen.

The battalion is making arrangements to purchase its own projector, Captain Van Ness announced. In the past the Mission public schools have kindly loaned the organization their projector for considerable use.

Captain Van Ness said the type of training film now being issued to the Guard is the best that has yet been made available.

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## Guard Officers Honor Guests At Pierce Barbecue

As special guests of honor, invitations were extended to Lt. Col. Marquess, Commanding 47th Bn. TSG and Lt. Col. S. R. Haggard, ADG., Managing Director of the Guardsman, and men of the 47th Bn., at an all day picnic and old fashioned Texas barbecue, held on the ranch of Mr. John B. Ferguson just out of Pierce, on May 11, 1945.

Between 400 and 500 guests, from as far away as Houston, Humble, and Luling were present during the day and all were given "full run of the camp" and access to all the beer, soft drinks, coffee, ice water, and 400 lbs. of beef, 200 lbs. of pork and lamb they could hold.

Due to press of official business intervening at the last minute, Col. Haggard could not attend. The Guardsman staff was represented by 1st Lt. Paul C. Ferguson.

Many an eye danced to see the huge hunks of baby beef and pork and lamb slowly roasting in approved range style, namely, over a large pit, six feet wide by 15 feet long and four feet deep, fired by hardwood limbs of hickory and oak, curing and flavoring the meat as it cooked.

Ever the genial, hospitable host, Mr. Ferguson supervised the pit, saw to the comforts of his guests and made everybody welcome.

Without exception all the State Guard members present were of the opinion that the old fashioned Texas barbecue was one institution worth preserving the "internal security" of the State to uphold.

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## Lt. E. F. Huebel



Second Lt. E. F. Huebel, Company C, 35th Battalion, Smithville, promoted to the grade of second lieutenant May 10, 1945. Has an enviable record for attendance. Attended 20 drill periods since Company C mustered in February, 1941.

This happened in Hollywood: "Is it true that you are going to divorce your husband?"

"Certainly not. Why, I hardly know him."

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A traveling salesman wired his wife that he would return home on Wednesday instead of Saturday, as usual. Taking the short cut up the kitchen littered with unwashed dishes and empty bottles. Following the sound of voices, he peered through a crack in the door and discovered his wife entertaining a man—a stranger to him. Furious, he left the place, vowing that he would never return. Muttering to himself as he strode down the street he bumped into a friend and unburdened himself. "No, sir, I'm never going back. She can't get away with that sort of thing." "I wouldn't be too hard on her," cautioned his friend, "maybe she didn't get your telegram."

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# 15th Battalion Practices At Camp Wolters

All units of the 15th Battalion Texas State Guard, went on the firing range at Camp Wolters on April 29, by orders of Lt. Col. James R. Brewster, Breckenridge, 15th Battalion commander.

These units included Headquarters Company and Service Detachment, Breckenridge; Companies B, Ranger; C, Stephenville; D, Dublin, and E, Mineral Wells.

The rendezvous point for the entire battalion was the Armory (Convention Hall) of Company E (Mineral Wells). They assembled at 7:30 a. m., and from the Armory proceeded to Camp Wolters, arriving there in a body at 9:00 a. m.

A noonday meal was served in the field with rations furnished by the Service Detachment of the battalion. Camp Wolters cooperated by preparing hot coffee and having it ready to serve the men on arrival and at noon.

Company E awarded prizes to the first, second, and third best shots in the company. First place was tied by three men, S-Sgt. Aaron Hull, S-Sgt. Olie Carriker and Cpl. Bob Boardman. Second place went to Pvt. Edward Ford, and in third, six men tied for the honors.

Marksman, sharpshooter and Expert Rifleman Medals were also awarded to the members of the local unit, qualifying.

The following appointments for the day were made by Lt. Col. Brewster: Captain John E. Belcher, Commanding Officer Company E, range officer for the formation; First Lieut. Clarence R. Carter, Intelligence and Assistant Operations Officer 15th Battalion Headquarters, Assistant Range Officer. One hundred fifty officers and men took part in the firing and they report a very successful day.

# Japs Stronger Than Ever, Stilwell Says

New York.—The Japanese are stronger now than at the start of the war despite "all we have killed," Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, told an Army Day audience here.

"The Japs are tough, individually and collectively, and there are a lot of them," he said. "With all we have killed, they are stronger than when the war started."

General Stilwell said the Japanese will be in far greater strength on the Asiatic mainland than in other war theaters.

# State Guards To Continue, Washington Writer Says

The following interesting article was written by Bascom N. Timmons, nationally known Texas newspaperman who heads a bureau in Washington representing The Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express, Dallas Times-Herald and other newspapers:

If the brass hats in the War Department were planning on shelving the National Guard in overhauling the postwar military organization, they have altered their views since two old national guardsmen moved into the White House.

Not only President Truman but his military aide and former secretary, Col. Harry H. Vaughan, served with the National Guard units in the same division (the 35th) in the last war. They are still national guardsmen at heart, and it's not likely they will approve elimination of the peacetime divisions of civilian soldiers, recruited in local units and grouped into organizations by states, which are called into service first in wartime.

There are reports that the general staff was not happy to see Colonel Vaughan, a tall and rangy St. Louisan who kept his reserve commission after the war, move into the White House as President Truman's aide. He is the first non-regular army officer to serve as a presidential aide within the memory of the oldest regular. Nevertheless, he will probably be made a brigadier general shortly.

For this, regular army officers have only themselves to blame. Colonel Vaughan was Mr. Truman's secretary during most of his senatorial career. With the advent of war, he asked for active service and was sent to the South Pacific on an important mission. Probably he would still be there if he hadn't been in a plane crash and been ordered back to the United States to recuperate.

That was about the time the Senate War Investigating committee was being formed with Senator Truman as chairman. The Army, apprehensive of what the committee might do in interfering with the free exercise of procurement authority, assigned Colonel Vaughan as liaison officer between the War

Department and the Truman committee.

In that capacity, Vaughan practically resumed his old job as Truman's secretary. He made himself so indispensable, in fact, that when Senator Truman became vice president, he requested assignment of Colonel Vaughan as his personal aide.

That was a new departure, because no other vice president has had an aide. But the War Department was glad to oblige. Now they've got the National Guard firmly established in the White House.

When the War Department made a determined but ineffectual attempt to eliminate the National Guard from the postwar military organization after World War I, it attempted to hold up the 35th Division as a horrible example, which proved to be a terrific boomerang.

The Missouri-Kansas outfit had served valiantly overseas, but some of its National Guard officers had been summarily removed by their regular army superiors just before it went into battle, had been replaced with regulars. Some battle confusion resulted, losses were said to have been heavier than they should have been, and the result was a hot controversy which culminated in a congressional investigation.

The investigation proved nothing conclusive, but the report of the special committee reflected as much on the regular army as on the National Guard, rallied the whole powerful National Guard organization of the country to demand continuance of the state military units.

Congress, in the reorganization bill, provided for mobilization and drill pay for National Guard units, and they were the framework upon which the War Department mobilized the nation's armed forces in October, 1940. As a result many combat troops overseas have been in service five years.

# Donna Company Holds Motorized Patrol On River

Men of Co. E, Donna, 31st Bn., got in an advance workout in preparation for the May bivouac at Fort Ringgold when, in mid-April, they staged a motorized patrol along the Rio Grande south of Donna.

Sgt. Joe LeBow of the service detachment, McAllen, and a squad of men brought a command car and three cargo trucks to transport the men to the patrol scene.

From here on out, let's let Sgt. R. A. Jeffreys, Co. E's public information officer, tell it:

"The maneuver was enjoyed by all except Sherbert, who parked in a red ant bed a moment when he crawled over the flood control levee.

"Five wetbacks (Mexican citizens who entered the U. S. illegally by swimming or wading the Rio Grande) were given the scare of their lives when they unexpectedly found themselves face to face with armed men on a moonlit road, and the oiler at the first lift pumping plant left by the back door in nothing flat when the writer bounded into the pump building and into a commanding corner. He was reassured and returned to his work 10 minutes later."

Eight new men who recently have been recruited by the Donna Company were given their physicals during April by Capt. John G. Webb, company medical officer. Don Parkhill and E. Barritt are among the newcomers.

The company has recently completed some more work on its modern rifle range south of Donna. An all-day program of work was done there, followed by target shooting, and "Little Dan" Singleterry, one of the company cooks, served an excellent mess.

# Promotions Made In 27th Battalion

Capt. Lester H. Painter, commander of Co. C, Texas State Guard, 27th Bn. announced the following promotions in that organization: to Staff Sergeant, Sgt. Obie T. Cotter, Handley; to Sergeant, Cpl. Wm. E. Shaver, 4415 Meadowbrook, and Pvt. Jack W. Lark, 3411 Hanger; to Corporal, Pvt. Jesse E. Terry, 1812 Sixth Avenue; to Technician Grade Four, Pvt. John H. Basham, 4000 Ave. H; to Technician Grade Five, Pvts. Paul W. Gaines, 3100 S. Pecan and Chas. P. McDermott, 3040 Glen Garden Drive; to Private First Class, Pvt. Wm. R. Sanders, 2909 McLamore.

Capt. Painter announced that two men had been honorably discharged this week to enter the armed services. They are Pvts. Moses R. Cortex and Lupe J. Hernandez. He added that a large number of men have received valuable training in the units of the Texas State Guard prior to being discharged to enter the armed services, and added that this is a prime reason for continued recruiting by the TSG. Replacements for these discharged men must be found.

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## Reports From Company D Of 50th Battalion

By SGT. J. S. STARKES

The entire personnel of Co. D, 50th Bn. is striving to bring our enrollment up to full strength. At present we need to enroll about 15 new men. Those now on the roster are almost all regular in attendance, but we need a few more.

Members of Co. D, with perfect attendance for the five drill nights in April, are: Capt. Alverson, 1st Sgt. Starkes, St. Sgts. Rice and Truitt, Sgts. Garner, Kennington, Cpl. McClung, Tech. Grade 5 Gehrke, Moore, Thornton, and Pvts. 1st Class Francis, Garber, Hendrick, Williams and Pvt. Berry. Those missing all drills, still on roster are Pvts. Nobles and Foster. Those attending only one drill are: Pvts. Bender, Bruner, Coston, Elder, Ray, and Wright.

The following members of Co. D, were promoted in April. Sgt. Wall, from Cpl. to Sgt.; Cpl. McClung, from Pvt. 1st Class to Cpl.; Cpl. Hubbard, from Pvt. 1st Class, and Pvt. 1st Class Evans, from private. Private Elder was reduced from private 1st class.

First Lieutenant Collyer has been unable to attend drill for the past several weeks. He suffered a severe heart attack and has been confined to his home and the hospital. At this writing he is in the Veterans Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

Also on the sick list recently was Technician, Grade 4 Pearson, the company's first cook. It has been learned that he almost had pneumonia. Company D will be glad to see these two men back to drills.

During April ten men from Co. D were examined for the Infantryman Awards, six of them passing. Those who failed did so on map reading and are now studying up on the subject in order to try again. Those passing were: Advanced, Sgt. Starkes; Basic, Sgts. Garner, Hickerson, Truitt, and Kennington, and T-5 Gehrke.

During April a contest on attendance was held between the squads. The third squad of the second platoon, "the gas squad," under Sgt. Kennington, was winner, and was treated to a picture show by Capt. Alverson. Running a close second and third were the second and third squads of the first platoon (tied).

St. Sgt. Truitt was called to Dallas recently for a physical examination for the armed forces. He passed and is expecting his "greetings" at any time.

Company D has been issued an armored command car which is now under the care of T-5 Gehrke. Also bayonet scabbards have been issued the company.

On April 30th members were called to drill an hour early, at 6:30, and were surprised with a big feed. It was held at the Ameri-

## Officers Of 45th Battalion Ass'n

Believing that an active Officers and Non-Coms Club can be of inestimable benefit to a Texas State Guard unit, the 45th Battalion has one of the most active units of this type in the guard. Officers are: President, Sgt. Marvin W. Mueck, Lockhart; vice president, Staff Sgt. Joe H. Rossetto, Gonzales; treasurer, Lt. Justice, Luling; secretary, Capt. White DuBose, Lockhart.

## How Did We Escape? We're The Guards!

With the United States Ground Forces, on the Western Front.—Two German soldiers, casting furtive glances over shoulders, dashed away from their lines and surrendered to frontline infantrymen of the 78th Infantry Division. Capt. Ralph Gero, Shrewsbury, Mass., executive officer of the 3rd Battalion, 311th Regiment, fired questions at the Jerries: "Don't your men know they're surrounded—why don't they give up?"

"They can't," replied one of the Nazis. "The guards have been instructed to shoot anyone who tries to surrender. Most of them want to give up, but can't get past the guards."

"How come you two slipped away?" Captain Gero parried, suspiciously.

The Jerry answered, "We were the guards."—Army Times.

can Legion home, and consisted of cake, strawberries and ice cream. The cake was a large one and had the U. S. flag and "To the best company of the Texas State Guard" inscribed on it.

Two demonstrations were held during April, with Company D taking most of the honors at both. On April 9th, after an army style feed a demonstration was held at Grim Stadium by most of the 50th Battalion. Company D was called on for close order drill, riot formations, unarmed defense, as well as a demonstration of gas equipment maintained by this company.

On April 30th the Texarkana companies were called to the same site for other demonstrations. Company D demonstrated close order drill, riot formations, interior guard duty, and unarmed defense.

At this time plans are under way for a week-end maneuver at Daingerfield, Texas for the 50th Battalion. Company D is looking forward to going, as well as the school and maneuvers in July.

A bathing suit is a garment without hooks but with plenty of eyes on it.

## El Campo Is Built On Firm Foundation

El Campo, a modern small city, is built on a solid economic foundation, with a high class, cultured and contented citizenship, and offers opportunity to homeseekers and industrialists.

Situated on the Texas coastal plain, 72 miles southwest of Houston and 160 miles southeast of San Antonio, the city is on several major highways. These include U. S. Highways 71 and 96, the latter leading from Houston to the Lower Rio Grande Valley and the second heaviest traffic artery in the state; and State Highway 71, used as a military road linking Austin and Camp Hulen at Palacios. El Campo also is served by the T. & N. O. Railway.

Healthful, semi-tropical climate prevails, with outdoor life offered the year round. Average rainfall is 41 inches.

Ten Protestant and one Catholic church have active organizations.

### SCHOOL SYSTEM

The city's public school system has 34½ affiliated credits, with exceptionally good manual training and home economics departments. A lighted football field and concrete tennis courts provide opportunity for sports. The schools' 60-piece band has won high state ranking.

An inexhaustible supply of pure water, certified by the State Health Department, is provided, along with a sanitary sewer system and adequate fire protection which has resulted in a low fire insurance rate. Paved and graveled streets run throughout the city. Three hospitals, one run by the county and two privately, are operated.

Three city parks provide recreation.

Deep sea fishing is available within a 30-minute drive, while a golf course, swimming pool and

two theatres provide other amusements.

### WIDE TRADE AREA

The city's trade area is wide. It is in a heavily populated farm section made up of owners of small farms, which extends for a radius of 30 miles. Some 25,000 persons live in this area.

The wide diversification of the area around El Campo is established in the fact that it produces more cotton (a strictly dry farming crop) and more rice (a strictly irrigated crop) than any town of any size in the world.

Federal statistics reveal this area produces more cotton per acre than any unirrigated section in the United States. El Campo's seven gins are sorely taxed during the season to care for the cotton yield.

All the rice production in Wharton County (first county according to 1938 census in rice production in the state) is in the western part of the county, the area adjacent to El Campo.

### MEAT PRODUCTION

The county ranks high among the beef producing counties of the state. Native grasses provide fine grazing. Alfalfa and all clovers, maize, kaffir and kindred grains grow in abundance and assure an unflinching feed supply. Dairying, poultry raising and hog raising are profitably pursued.

Payrolls in some 15 industries stabilize the business of El Campo. Among these are a rice mill, mixed feed mills, cotton oil mill, meat packing plants, creamery, two bot-

tlng plants, two bakeries, a poultry dressing plant, a mattress factory, an ice cream plant and three newspapers.

The comparatively recent oil developments have resulted in several proven fields in various sections of the county. Natural gas has been found on every side of the city.

### CIVIC CLUBS

Civic clubs operating in the town include Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, Business and Professional Women's Club, American Legion, Retail Merchants Association, Garden Club, Farmers League, Women's Club, Junior Women's Club and Sorosis Club.

A branch of the county library is located in El Campo and has more than 13,000 volumes available for free distribution.

Official population was 3908 in the 1940 census, but was estimated at 5500 in 1943. El Campo has the council form of government, with a mayor and five city councilmen.



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