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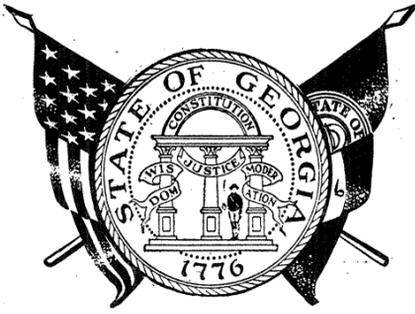
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19th Battalion Of State Guard Repulse 'Invaders'

While most of the folks of this section still slept Sunday morning, February 20th, the State Guard Companies of Valdosta, Adel and Nashville were moving through the flat piney woods southwest of Dupont to protect certain "vital installations" from an "Invading force of Hitler's paratroopers" (in reality the State Guard Company of Homerville and the Statenville Guard Platoon) which was advancing through the foggy underbrush on an imaginary powder plant, water works, power station, and other objectives.

The "invaders" were under the command of Captain Robert Allison, of Homerville with First Lieutenant McCrary as his aide. The "defense force" was commanded by Captain H. R. McKinnon, of Adel, member of Headquarters Staff. Company A, Adel, was commanded by Captain W. P. Fuller, Company B, Nashville, by Captain J. B. Boyett and Company D, Valdosta, by Captain G. D. Arnold. Lt. F. F. Staten commanded the Statenville Platoon.

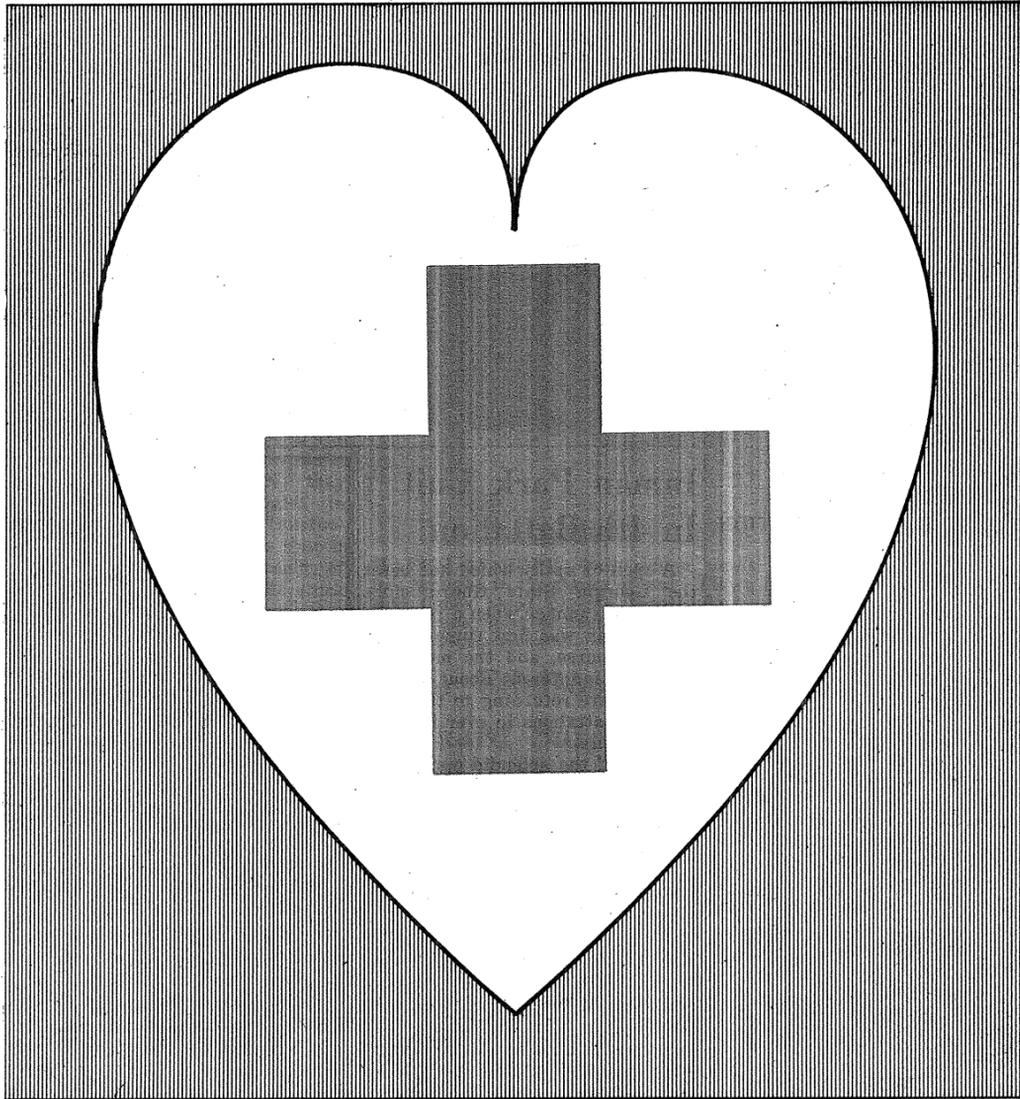
The paratroopers, wearing red arm bands, were successful in slipping through the defending lines to capture the "water tower" and in cutting a communications line laid by the Signal Corps, of Valdosta, under the command of Lt. Preston Sessions, but were unable to take the main objectives, the powder plant ruled by the umpire as "dead" or captured.

Col. Collins Present

Col. R. W. Collins, commanding officer of the Georgia State Guard, accompanied by Major Philip L. Peeples, G-3 on Col. Collins' staff, and Col. R. H. Wood, of Fort Ben-

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Give the RED CROSS a Big Place in YOUR HEART!



Red Cross War Fund Drive Starts March 1st

No American will want to miss the opportunity of sharing in the work of the American Red Cross in this war. The Red Cross will be appealing in the 1944 War Fund Drive for "the men under arms—for the aid to them in time of need, for their comfort in time of stress, for their recreation in time of weariness." The Red Cross is the people's agency through which these services are made possible.

Its humanitarian spirit extends from our own shores to every part of the globe where American men and women are serving the nation.

When bombs fall there is no time to send help half way around the world. When a badly wounded fighting man needs a transfusion, it is too late to begin looking for a blood donor or to find a nurse to care for him. When a lonely soldier learns of trouble at home, he needs help—immediately.

The American Red Cross provides that help wherever and whenever the need arises. A continuous procession of blood donors must be maintained, nurses must be recruited for the Army and Navy, trained Red Cross workers and supplies must be sent to camps, hospitals, foreign theatres of operation and even into the enemy lands, where possible, to our imprisoned men.

Both in Europe and in the Far East Red Cross workers have either gone with invasion forces into new combat areas, or have followed within a very limited period of time.

To fulfill its many obligations—to be "always at his side," the Red Cross will need the help of us all.

At home the Red Cross must continue to maintain a state of

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13th Battalion Maneuvers at Dublin Prove Interesting for Men, Officers

By Lieutenant E. T. Methvin
CO Company "A", Eastman, Ga.

Probably the first of its kind held since reorganization, the 13th Battalion, Col. Marshall Chapman of Dublin Commanding, conduct-battalion maneuvers at Sessions Lake, 3 miles from Dublin, Sunday, January 30th, from morning 'till afternoon, and in addition to putting State Guardsmen from five companies through their paces, presented Lt.-Col. R. H. Wood, Internal Security Commander of Ft. Benning, and Col. R. W. Collins, State Commander, to the entire battalion for the first time.

Large Number

Six companies, including headquarters company of Dublin, were present to participate in maneuvers. They were: Company A, Eastman, E. T. Methvin commanding; Company B, Lyons, with Lt. A. E. Coombs commanding; Company C, Dublin, Lt. Morris Hankin commanding; Company D, Dublin, Lt. Thos. H. Hobbs, commander, and Signal Company, Dublin, with Lt. Graham Dowling in command. Other companies not represented were from Vidalia, Alamo and Cobbtown, which at the present time are inactive.

In addition to Col. Wood and Col. Collins, other high-ranking officers from State Headquarters were: Major P. L. Peeples, G3; Major A. R. Rousey, Adjutant; Lt. Roy Grizzell, assistant G3; Lt. Dan

Lane, Staff Photographer; Lt. Chas. T. Harrell, of the administrative offices; Lt. E. W. Rose of District 4, U. S. Army, training cadet.

Carried out in strict military fashion, as each company arrived at the maneuver area, the CO reported to Battalion CP to "report in" and receive instructions regarding the establishment of his own CP, immediately after which the companies stood inspection on arms, uniform and attendance. Although all companies did well in the inspection the usual two or three dirty guns, loose buttons and flaps, plus empty canteens were found and marked against the company. Ratings given were, excellent, good and fair.

Officers and Men Tested

A well-planned program was put into effect which was based on the duties which the Georgia State Guard will be required to perform in case they are needed.

Without the CO's having been previously notified, several companies were ordered to post guards around a jail which held a prisoner who had committed a capital crime and whose person was desired by a mob bent on violence.

Other companies were instructed to guard bridge, vital installations, dams, etc., and in each instance both men and officers demonstrated marked ability.

In one instance the mob, com-

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Critical Year of War, Governor Says

By ELLIS ARNALL,
Governor of Georgia

Though this year may not see the final crumbling of the Axis bastions, certainly it will see the forces of the United Nations extending their beachheads on Fortress Europe and preparing themselves for the last mighty drive against Berlin, while pressing the Nipponese back toward their home bases to make a last desperate stand.

For that reason, this may be described as one of the critical years of the war—as critical as the twelve months that followed the attack on Pearl Harbor. For in their final desperation, clutching at every straw in their efforts to make victory so expensive to the United Nations that the Axis may gain a negotiated peace instead of the "unconditional surrender" that our leadership demanded, the Nazi and Jap warmongers will try every trick at their disposal.

It is essential that, through this period, as a safeguard against any hazard, as a guarantee of defense and order, the Georgia State Guard remain an efficient, effective, well organized and fully manned body.

The members of the Guard, under the able command of Colonel R. W. Collins, have done a fine job for Georgia, and a patriotic service of which the State is proud and

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Athens Guard Unit Needs More Men; Lt. Col. Ector Stresses Need of Recruits

Importance of having a well trained and efficient State Guard Unit in Athens, and in every other community, is stressed in a letter to First Lieutenant Charles R. Albert, commander of the Athens Guard Unit, from Lieut. Col. Virgil A. Ector, Fourth Service Command, Fort Benning, Ga.

In his letter, Colonel Ector points out that there are many possible instances wherein the State Guard would be the first line of defense and safeguard for the lives and property of citizens, citing, for example, such natural disasters as tornadoes, fires and possible disease epidemics. In this connection the letter recalled the Gainesville tornado of a few years ago.

Colonel Ector also pointed out that subversive interests and saboteurs find domestic conditions sometimes fertile fields for agitation, rumors, Fifth Column activities, sabotage and the general attempt to disrupt the normal life of a community.

Letter Tells Need

The letter to Lieutenant Albert from Colonel Ector, follows, in part:

"I was very much pleased with the personnel who are remaining in your unit on my recent inspection trip. Those men have remained interested and loyal to the State Guard, in spite of the discouraging factors which have affected the State Guard. Your equipment and

supplies were in good condition and well protected. You are fortunate in having a satisfactory armory on the University grounds and a satisfactory meeting place and drill ground which have been made available to you by the local American Legion Post. I am sure from the enthusiasm and interest of your organization that it will soon be recruited to full company strength.

"It is hoped that the importance of having a well trained, well disciplined State Guard Unit in your community can be impressed on the general public. Your State Guard organization has the full confidence of the Governor of the State of Georgia and the Commanding General of the Fourth Service Command, Col. R. W. Collins, who has had more than forty (40) years service in the United States Army, much of which has been spent as an instructor with the National Guard Board under which the State Guard now functions, has created a thoroughly military organization. All previous causes affecting the morale of the State Guard have now been eliminated. A new confidence and inspiration in the State Guard is evident by the fact that within the last sixty (60) days one thousand (1,000) new members have been enrolled.

Benefits Cited

"Reports coming to us from every one of the twenty (20) Bat-

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RED CROSS WAR FUND CAMPAIGN
To be held during March



We Should Give More in 1944

Bartow County Units Now Co. E, 1st Battalion

By W. E. FLOYD, Captain
Comdg. Co. E, 1st Bn., G.S.G.

The Bartow County Units of the Georgia State Guard have been designated as Co. E of the 1st Battalion, as a result of the reorganization of the State Guard.

All Units in Northwest Georgia are now part of the 1st Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Mark A. Cooper, with Headquarters in Rome. The Battalion is made up of 11 Companies, located as follows:

- Company A—Rome
- Company B—Rome (Tubize)
- Company C—Lindale
- Company D—Shannon
- Company E—Cartersville, Atto
- Company F—Calhoun
- Company G—Cedartown Rockmart.
- Company H—Dalton
- Company I—Ringgold
- Company K—Ellijay
- Company L—Blue Ridge, Mc-Caysville.

Each Company has an authorized strength of 147 men, divided into a Headquarters platoon and three Rifle platoons.

The internal reorganization of Co. E is in process and will be completed shortly. Some of the present officers and non-commissioned officers will be given new assignments, but all will hold their present rank. No promotions will be made at this time, but several are authorized as the strength of the Company increases.

Co. E has vacancies for more than 50 men and has equipment for them, and competent instructors to train them.

New Officers For Fitzgerald Unit

Promotion of Capt. J. E. (Bear) Mathis, Jr., to planning and training officer on the staff of Lt. Col. Osborn S. Williams, of Blackshear, commanding the 16th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, and commissioning of an entirely new set of officers for Company G, the Ben Hill county unit, was announced recently.

Captain Mathis was succeeded as commanding officer by Captain R. F. Powell, promoted from first sergeant. Sergeant C. A. Pickens was promoted to first lieutenant, Sergeant Jimmie Adams was promoted to second lieutenant, and Pfc. James Harden was promoted to first sergeant.

Complete replacement of the local officer personnel was required by Capt. Mathis' promotion, following upon entry into the regular army of First Lieutenant Johnny Lewis, and entry into the U. S. Navy of Second Lieutenant J. A. Barfield, formerly of Macon, and for several years manager of the Dr. Pepper plant in Fitzgerald, president of the Lions Club and Cubmaster for the Boy Scouts in Fitzgerald.

Captain Mathis' promotion to battalion staff planning and training officer was in recognition of the unusual record which has been made by the more than 100 members of the unit who have entered the armed services after preliminary training under Captain Mathis, most of them becoming officers or non-coms.

Captain Mathis served through World War I as a non-commissioned officer, winning the Croix de Guerre and other decorations and declining several opportunities to qualify for commissioned rank. He was one of the organizers of the unit of the State Guard and has won citations for efficiency, both for himself, his staff and his entire unit, from regular army officers of Internal Security Headquarters.

The Fitzgerald guard unit is now engaged in a recruiting campaign.

Guard Band Plays For Open House; Veterans Hospital

ARMY AIR FORCES
699 Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E.
846th AAF Specialized Depot
Atlanta, Georgia

January 26, 1944.

Captain M. A. Greenblatt, Fulton Paper Company, 157 Alabama Street, S. W. Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Capt. Greenblatt:

I cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciated the performance of your band at our Open House last Sunday.

We have received numerous favorable comments about the show and also about the superb manner in which your band performed on that occasion.

Your cooperation in other respects, such as loaning us the spotlights, is indeed appreciated.

Again thanking you and your men for their splendid cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eugene M. Musselwhite,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 9th, 1944

Capt. Mike Greenblatt, Director, Lt. Bevins, Co-Director, Ga. State Guard Band, 1025 St. Charles Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Capt. Greenblatt and Lt. Bevins: (Pardon, Lt. if the name is incorrect).

We, the patients of Hospital No. 48, want to express thanks for the splendid program you presented last Sunday, February 6th. The selections of music appealed to us greatly, and we know it wasn't easy to tone down to suit our small auditorium; the dance numbers by our "Sweethearts of No. 48" and the songs they sang went straight to our hearts as those two girls really belong to No. 48 and we love them. They have been performing here ever since they were wags, and we think they are adorable.

For each and every number rendered, we are indebted. You did much more for us last Sunday than any Medicos could have possibly accomplished. The deed you did for us boosted our morale so "we can take it" all this week in a much better fashion. Naturally, it means a lot to us to know that there are friends willing to work for us in order that we may have diversion while we are confined to a hospital—this fact, in itself, is worth everything. Then, to hear lovely music should comfort and entertain all people. Our "Buddies" who are bedridden also want to thank you as they say "it came in fine."

It was pleasant to renew acquaintance with friends of long standing—who do not get out as they did before gas was rationed, so you added that treat to our Sunday afternoon pleasures. We shall not soon forget all you did for us and may we wish you all success possible!

Sincerely yours,
Committee of Patients,
W. M. Mobley,
J. H. Strozier,
J. A. Lamden
Harry A. Schell

Steered by: Dessa M. Robinson
Mrs. D. M. Robinson
Recreational Aide.

THE GEORGIA GUARDSMAN
IS YOUR PAPER THE NEWS
AND PICTURES YOU SEND IN
MAKE THE PAPER. DID YOU
GET YOURS IN FOR THIS
ISSUE?

GUARD BAND PLAYING FOR AIR FORCES OPEN HOUSE



Inman Park Unit In 4th Battalion

A spell of apathy which had beset the Georgia State Guard since early last summer when a reorganization plan was first rumored has run its course, and the men who had been indifferent about attending drill are returning to their respective battalions in ever increasing numbers.

News of the splendid opportunities for training and service under the new battalion set-up is spreading fast. News of the standard rifles and other equipment is also having its effect on attendance. The progressive training now in practice under the company meeting plan is another long-sought feature which offers its appeal. Companies of 90 to 120 men are now meeting together, another incentive.

Company A of the Fourth Battalion, under command of Capt. E. W. Hathcock, voted Thursday night, January 20th, to go en masse to the Red Cross blood bank Sunday morning to donate blood. Some of the men have already given blood as many as five times.

Company A is composed of the former Inman Park unit No. 181 and three other units. The company is a part of the Fourth Battalion, Col. F. R. Fling, commander. In addition to Fulton the Fourth takes in five other counties, Paulding, Douglas, Cobb, Fayette and Clayton.

The Guard considers applications of men between the ages of 16 and 60. Good training and standard equipment is furnished by the government.

Is State Guard Profitable?

By REV. JAMES M. WINDHAM

A few people, parents particularly, have the mistaken idea that membership in the State Guard hastens a man's induction into the armed services, and thusly takes him away from home earlier. Such is definitely not the case. I quote from a Georgia State Guard official: "A person does not subject himself to any earlier induction into federal service because of his participation in the guard."

On the contrary, participation in the State Guard will render great helpfulness to those who are subject to military draft. The Guard provides an opportunity for men to achieve a knowledge of military drill and the science of tactics prior to their entry into military service. Its training includes close order drill, manual of arms, extended order drill, use of gas mask, rifle marksmanship, sub-machine gun practice, etc. Men who have been inducted into the armed forces found their State Guard training to be of invaluable help to them in preparing them for federal service. In many cases it has resulted in waiving of basic training and has led to more rapid promotion. Some of our own Cook County men attest to these statements.

But the man who is eventually inducted is not the only one to profit from State Guard training. His physical fitness program alone is enough to merit a man's enlistment. There is a commercial slogan which reads: "Ask the man who owns one." If you will ask the man who owns a share in the Georgia State Guard, you will hear him saying that he is a healthier, stronger man now than before. The Guard's program enhances health.

Furthermore, if, as has been suggested, the federal government should require short-termed military training of its citizens after the present war, the man with State Guard preparation will naturally be placed in better position to use that training to advantage.

Surely, the answer to our question is in the affirmative. IT IS PROFITABLE FOR A MAN TO BELONG TO THE STATE GUARD! It is profitable for our teen-age boys. You can make application for membership at the recruiting stations located at the City Hall, Adel, and at W. C. Roberts' Grocery, Lenox.—Adel News.

KEEP ON

"Backing the Attack"

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BUY WAR BONDS

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1944 Red Cross War Fund Drive Starts March 1st

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Disasters must be met as they occur—the tornado, the train wreck, the flood, come in time of war as well as peace. Nurses' aides and first aiders must be trained and other educational projects like Home Nursing and Child Care training must be carried on. Food parcels for distribution to prisoners of war must be packed, surgical dressings made and the thousand and one details of administering a far-flung organization, unique in its service to humanity—must be attended.

The American Red Cross receives hundreds of letters of appreciation from servicemen here and abroad. They are grateful for sweaters, for comfort kits, for the Red Cross clubs in England and Australia where they find places to stay and American food. They thank the Red Cross for the food packages sent to them in German and Italian camps which save many from malnutrition. No letters are more appealing than those expressing thanks for blood plasma. The service men are the best advertisers of what the Red Cross does for them.

Voluntary gifts and contributions are the sole means of financing the services of the American Red Cross. During March, designated by President Roosevelt as Red Cross Month, the organization must raise its 1944 War Fund which is set at the unprecedented amount of \$200,000 million because it must meet the unprecedented needs arising this year.

Your contribution will help to maintain all of the Red Cross Services. It is the least you can do for your nation—and the best.

"In God We Trust"

A Message from the Chief of Chaplains
By MAJOR LOUIE D. NEWTON

"It Looks Just Like . . ."

"How're you making it, boy?"

"Well, Bill, I was thinking as I came along to work this morning that it just looks like I've got my load. My boy has got to go, which will mean that I will have his wife and babies on my hands, and . . ."

"That's true, Joe, but ain't you grateful after all, that you can take them—that you have your home paid for, and enough room for little Joe's family? Think about these fellows that are in your same fix, only they haven't got an extra room to take in their in-laws. And think of those farmers that are losing their sons and their tenants."

"Yep, I reckon it could be worse, even for me. By the way, Bill, what is this I was seeing in the paper that we are going to be out 43 percent in canned fruits and 19 percent in canned vegetables this year?"

"That's what I understand, Joe, and I'll tell you what I've already decided to do. Last year I raised more vegetables in my little garden than I had in any two years since I've been settled, and as soon as the ground is fit to work and see if I can't grow more than I did in 1943. You have a rich spot in the back of your lot that you could turn into a vegetable garden. Why not try it?"

"Say, Bill, are you trying to make me out a grouch? I didn't mean to give the impression that I'm holding back. I guess I just got up on the wrong side this morning, or something. I have bought every dollar of bonds I can stand, and I'm intending to stay in there and pitch to the end. Just forget that I said about it being a heavy load. When I remember how those boys are wading through mud and flying through storms, it ain't becoming in me to be belly-aching about my part."

And Joe went on down the street whistling.

Life-Saving Plasma Given on Spot Whenever Needed

From the steaming fox-holes of the South Pacific to hospital planes above the North Africa deserts, blood plasma has trickled down slender rubber tubes of life into the veins of wounded fighting men. The precious yellow powder, processed from the blood contributed to the Red Cross Blood Donor Service by millions of volunteer donors, has seen life-saving service under conditions ranging from the tidy, white-tiled security of big general hospitals to the death-laden danger of an invasion beachhead. Carried by every Army medical unit and by all naval vessels large enough to have a doctor or pharmacist's mate aboard, plasma has gone into action on the high seas, at medical stations less than five hundred yards from the front lines.

Sometimes the fighting is so fast and furious that the wounded cannot be kept in one place long enough for a transfusion. Medical corpsmen trot alongside the litters, holding the plasma bottles aloft so the transfusions could be given nevertheless.

Fox-hole transfusions are fairly common. Medical corpsmen in the Pacific report many such instances during the patrols where they prowled through the jungles in search of wounded men. Transfusion equipment is so mobile that it may be hung from the branch of a tree or the butt of a rifle stuck into the earth by its bayonet.

Medical units attached to Army Air bases have equipped their ambulances specially for transfusion purposes so no time is lost between the landing of a plane and the administering of plasma to the wounded man. Perhaps this immediate availability of transfusions under almost any conditions is the reason that thousands owe their lives to plasma.

Georgians are sharing in the great and appealing joy of sending plasma to the front lines. A constant number of donors is needed not only at the Atlanta Chapter Blood Donor Service but at the neighboring chapters which have periodic appointments with the Red Cross mobile unit. If you live in Atlanta, do your part to save the life of a fighting man—make an appointment with the Center by calling WALnut 9635. If the mobile units visit your community make your donation there. Remember—you can reach across the ocean with a blood donation.

Col. Pease Talks At Reorganization Meet in Marion

Col. Henry B. Pease, of Columbus, battalion commander of this area of Georgia State Guard, addressed a group of Marion County citizens at the Buena Vista court house Monday night. This was a public meeting in the interest of the Marion county platoon of the State Guard.

Col. Pease was accompanied by members of his battalion staff representing medical, supply and headquarters departments. The meeting had been called for the purpose of reorganizing the Marion platoon.

Col. Pease emphasized the importance and the necessity of preparedness for any possible emergency where an organized and trained State Guard might be needed. He stated that in his opinion there was no danger of enemy invasion or bombing, but mentioned possible cases where the county sheriff might need assistance.

He said many feel that we do not need a local Guard organization, "But," he asked, "who can say that will happen tomorrow and that we will not need one then?" At the conclusion of his talk, the staff officers were introduced, and made short talks.

It was decided to reorganize the local platoon under the new State Guard setup, with a minimum of

HERE'S HOW YOUR BLOOD HELPS WOUNDED



HAVEN OF HOPE—Pain ridden, numb with shock, these Marines know the relief that medical science has brought to the rigors of war. Flown from the Solomons to a Navy hospital ship, they are being given Red Cross blood plasma transfusions—literally new life. Thanks to the blood donations of fellow-Americans most of them will live to tell the story. (Navy Photo).

Major Edelson Is Guard Surgeon

At the regular meeting of the Georgia State Guard at Columbus High school Tuesday night, January 18, Capt. L. R. Edelson was presented by Lt. Col. Henry Pease, before members of Company A, 11th battalion, with a certificate signifying that he had been promoted to the rank of major.

Major Edelson will now be battalion surgeon, and will head the medical department of the Eleventh.

The guards took up the first phase of their 1944 training program, and all the movements, close-order drill, extended-order drill and guard duty were practiced. Sixteen selected machine gunners were instructed in the nomenclature and use of the Thompson submachine gun.

Lieutenant E. E. Thiele, commanding officer of Company A, pointed out to new guard members the advantage of guard training, asserting that he had comments from a number of former Guardsmen now serving in the army, that their experience in the Guard had served to win them promotions.

Lieutenant Thiele particularly urged men over 38 and others deferred from the army to join the State Guard. Guard training also offers an opportunity for recruits to receive basic training in advance of their army entrance.

The following new recruits were recently initiated into Company A; Lloyd Thurston Hinton, Howard Louis Edge, and Chalmus Gordon Money.

Sergeant (after war game): "Private, didn't you realize you were exposing yourself to an imaginary enemy only 250 yards away?"

Private: "That's all right, Sergeant, I was standing behind an imaginary rock 25 feet high." 18 members including one lieutenant. Also, plans are being made for a medical unit to be established as a part of the Marion county platoon, with Dr. Henry W. Brooks to be commissioned and placed in charge. This medical detachment will be trained in first aid.

Col. Pease praised the present state guard commander of Georgia, who is a retired regular army man with much practical military experience. All citizens are urged to cooperate with the local officers in this reorganization. Men from 16 years old up are urged to join.

Co. A, 11th Battalion Holds Maneuvers

Company A, 11th battalion, State Guards here, went on a road march Monday night at Columbus High school Wildwood park areas and experienced some situations that smacked of real warfare.

Advancing in battle formation, there were two "sides" that took part in the "incidents." Railroad fuses were put out and there was intermittent rifle fire in a wooded section. Then, in open territory, there was encountered enemy resistance and flanking movements.

Altogether, there was an excellent opportunity afforded to teach guards different situations, liaison, communications with the rear, rear guard movements and the spectacle of a rifle company in attack.

After the maneuvers came to an end, men of both teams marched back to a designated field, where what is known as a critique was held. Discussions of strong points and weaknesses were held and ironed out for future use.

There were two umpires who observed how guards performed. These were Capt. Albert Wise, also in charge of the critique, and Lt. Ralph Holleman.

On hand was a weapons platoon composed of 18 submachine-gunners of Company A. They were close to the "front" where they could deliver a good volume of fire.

First Lt. E. E. Thiele, commanding Company A, was in charge of problems. Advancing forces were in charge of Lt. F. X. Poster, who led the company in attack. Lt. E. A. Feimster, commanded the main body, while Lt. W. S. Massie commanded the rear guard.

Whitfield Is Named Chaplain in Guard; Geiger Is Promoted

Capt. H. S. Sewell, commanding officer of Company A of the 16th battalion of the Georgia State Guard here, announced recently that Rev. Thomas P. Whitfield, pastor of the First Baptist church of Blackshear, has been named chaplain of Company A, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Simultaneously, Captain Sewell announced the promotion of First Sgt. Aubrey S. Geiger to the rank of first lieutenant.

Guard Hears How To Shoot Rifle

Highlighting the weekly meeting and drill of the Georgia State Guard at Columbus High school Monday night, February 7th, Lt. Col. R. C. Blatt, professor of military science and tactics and director of the ROTC at Columbus and Jordan High schools, talked to the guardsmen on "Rifle Marksmanship."

Lt. Col. Blatt stressed several points necessary in the proficient use of a rifle—sighting and aiming, gun position at shoulder, the Hasty sling, trigger squeeze, holding the breath while firing, effect of wind, slight change, and use of scope.

Following the talk, one hour of close order drill was held, led by the platoon sergeants.

Public relations officer, Capt. Ralph Holleman, announced that Lt.-Col. H. B. Pease, commanding officer of the 11th Battalion of the State Guard, spoke briefly to a guardsman rally at Preston, Ga., on Monday evening asking for new recruits and pointing out the advantages to be gained by association with the guard.

Wife: "Did you see those soldiers stare at that pretty girl boarding the bus?"

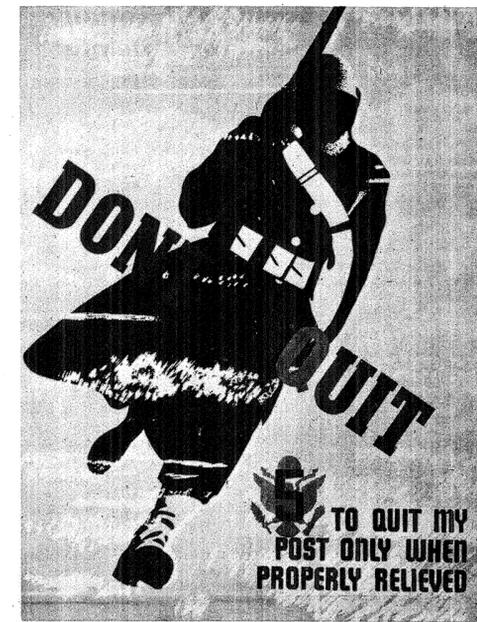
Husband: "What soldiers?"

"YARDBIRD"

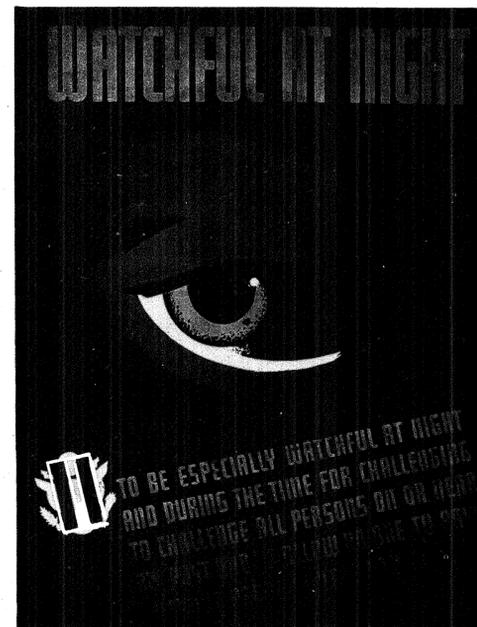
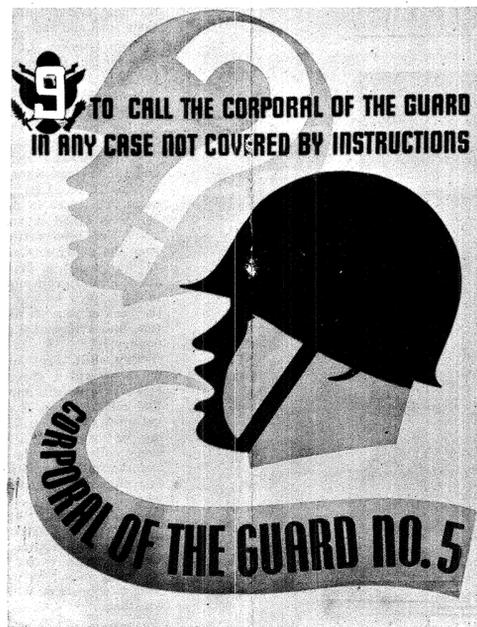
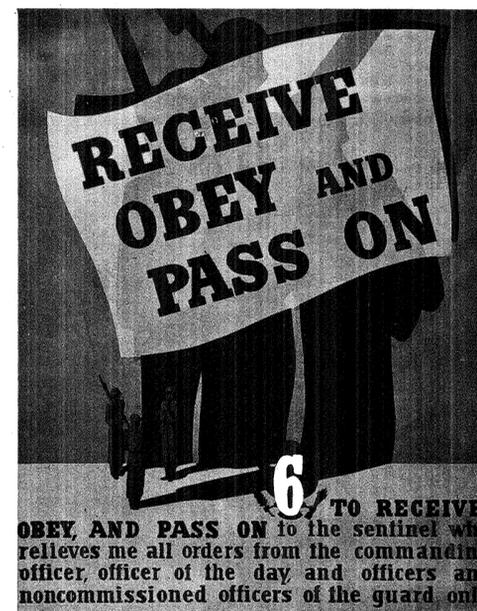
I do declar', hit looks like the army done found out at last that we got a mighty fine bunch. Here tell they air going to give the Guard some sho' nuff rifles and some regular O.D. uniforms. Guess its going to be quite a job making some of the boys realize they is still state militiamen and ain't the army and ain't supposed to be.

Tain't nothing to do now but show Uncle Sam we appreciates all this here stuff by working harder and a knowing our jobs better so that in case he needs us we will be a rair-in' to go.

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SENTINELS MUST KNOW THE 11 GENERAL ORDERS



Unit 194 Now Has 23 Men in Service

Names and addresses of members of Unit 194 who are now serving in the Armed Forces:

Pfc. Jack H. Anderson, 14139766
59th Training Group, Squadron 598-12, Keesler Field, Miss.

Pvt. Emmett M. Adams, 34689393
Co. D, 328th Inf., A.P.O. 26, Fort Jackson, S. C.

Pvt. Hubert T. Blackwell
507th Training Group, Sq. 25, Flight 92, Kearns, Utah

Cpl. Namon L. Bruce, 14138338
781st Eng. Ret. Dist. Co. 5th Prov. Tng. Regt. Camp Claiborne, La.

1st Sgt. Henry A. Bruce, 34261752
Hq. & Hq. Sqd., 316th Service Group, A.P.O. 528
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Pvt. Groover L. Gilbert, 34689272
Co. C—328 Inf., A.P.O. 26
Campbell, Ky.

Pfc. Cecil M. Gilbert
Processing Supply S.D. No. 5, Army Air Base, Salt Lake City, Utah

Harry M. Foss, S 2/c
U.S.S. West Virginia, 1st Division, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.

Pvt. J. L. Holcomb, 39458026
Hq. & Hq. Btry, 6th AAA Group, A.P.O. 928,
c/o Post Master, San Francisco, Cal.

A/C James W. Jordan, 34765171
Student Sqd. No. 4—Class 44-7, Section D 2—K.A.A.F., Kingman, Arizona

Pvt. John D. Mills
Co. E, 8th A.M. Tr. Regt. Camp Lee, Virginia

Lt. James W. Mathis
1st Student Tr. Regt. 14th Motor Maintenance School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. Harry W. Morris
Hq. & Hq. Sqd. 28th TEFTG, Columbus, Miss.

Howard R. Neal, S 2/c
R.S. P.S.N.Y., Bremerton, Wash.

Pvt. Ned R. Neal, 34820575
Co. D, 104th Med. Tng. Bn., 22nd Med. Tng. Regt. Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.

Pvt. James L. Naves
Newport Army Air Base, 1084 Guard Sqd. Newport, Ark.

W/O John L. Ogilvie
Q.M. Det. 508 A.B. Sqd. 20th Ferrying Group, ATC Municipal Airport, Nashville, Tenn.

Cpl. Marshall Peek,
Btry. D, 206th A.A.A. A.W. Bn., Camp Claiborne, La.

Pvt. W. W. Wright
Co. Bn. 409 Inf., A.P.O. 103,
Camp Claiborne, La.

Cpl. Frank E. Wall, 34267344
Hq. 11th Field Hospital, A.P.O. 302,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Capt. Asa B. Lee, Jr.
Division Hq. A.P.O. 449
Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Pvt. Emmett L. Cole
ASN 34824963,
Sqd. 3-215, 54th T. G., Keesler Field, Miss.

Chas. Henry Treglow, S 1/c
Co. 1879—U.S.N. Training Stn., Great Lakes, Ill.

Other men who have recently left and whose addresses have not been established will be sent later.

Robert J. McCamy, Capt. Commanding C Co., 1st Bn.

Guard Training Proves Helpful

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Camp Lejeune
New River, North Carolina
January 24, 1944.

Lt. William A. Green, Unit 211
Georgia State Guard,
Decatur, Ga.

Dear Sir:

My training and experience with the Georgia State Guard has proved to be invaluable to me during the past three months, while serving with the "Can Do" boys, the Seabees. I am now attached to a Marine Unit and am getting Marine training. At present I am on the rifle range, learning to fire the Garand M 1 rifle, and it sure is a honey.

The training I received in the State Guard has meant more to me than I ever could have realized. I have been able to execute all orders and commands in a much more military way than many of my comrades who have had no previous military experience. Consequently things have been much easier and more satisfactory for me, as well as the men I am associated with.

I heartily recommend the State Guard as one of the only organizations to enable a man to be of service to his State and at the same time prepare and enable him to be of greater service to our country.

Yours for victory,
R. H. Simril, E.M. 1/C

A Few Smiles...

In Washington, the shortage of stenographers has brought about the creation of a "stenographer pool" and this bulletin recently was posted:

"All officers wishing to take advantage of the stenographers in the pool will report to Room 801 and show evidence of their need."

Timothy Tuttle hated to stand
In line for liquor or bread;
He told me the sidewalks hurt his feet
And the cold air went to his head.

But Timothy's income a lot these days,
So when the earned tax came due
He filed on time, mailed in his check—
Now there is a tip for YOU!

Menaces to safe driving . . .
HIC, HIKE and HUG.

FOR MEN ONLY

I saw her swimming in the brook,
A moment swift and fleeting,
And from the shock of that brief look,
My heart almost stopped beating.

I worked my way around the trees,
To where the view was clearer,
And then on trembling hand and knees
I edged a little nearer.

I never saw such perfect lines,
As she was there displaying,
Beneath the shade of spreading pines,
In languid splendor playing.

Her twists and turns were full of grace,
Her body smoothly molded,
I know the joy showed on my face,
As each new charm unfolded.

And when she floated with the stream
The sight was most entrancing
Her wondrous body seemed to gleam,
From sunbeams, softly glancing.

I yearned for her with heart and soul,
And then I fell to wishing,
For I had neither hook nor pole,
And trout are caught by fishing.

Co. E, 5th Battalion Given Turkey Dinner

Company E, of the 5th Battalion, of which Byron Mitchell is Captain, and consisting of Platoons under the direction of Lt. Sharp, Lithuania, Lt. Hubbard, Milstead, Lt. Bennett, Conyers, and Lt. Cowan of The Georgia Girls Guard, was entertained by W. H. Brisendine, Commissioner, G. C. Sims and M. W. Hull, board of Advisory, of Rockdale County, at a most delicious turkey dinner Thursday evening, February 3rd, given in the Legion Hall.

Chaplain of our District and Company, First Lieutenant W. S. Adams gave thanks for this bountiful feast and wonderful fellowship.

Immediately following dinner, Captain Mitchell introduced the 3 G's and Lieutenant Colonel Scott Candler in command of our District Battalion, who was guest speaker for the evening. Other guests included Major A. R. Rousey and Major P. L. Peebles of the State Staff of Colonel R. W. Collins; Captain H. F. Higgins, Captain Joe E. Kelly on the Staff of Lieutenant Colonel Scott Candler, County School Superintendent C. J. Hicks, Sheriff W. L. McCart, Major L. C. Summers and Mr. George Goddard.

Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Candler gave a most interesting and informative talk on the plans of The Georgia State Guard, including maneuvers at Stone Mountain, the rifle camps at Toccoa and summer camps. He praised the 3 G's very highly for their work and for assisting in serving of dinner. Members of Colonel Collins' Staff and Lieutenant Colonel Scott Candler's staff gave brief statements regarding the work of the Georgia State Guard.

After a most enjoyable evening we were dismissed in time to reach our homes so that we could tune in on the British Home Guard Broadcast coming to the Georgia State Guard through WSB.

doan ax you whar you got it. Ah hopes you'll hab de same consideration foh me."

"What's your job, sailor?"
"Navy locksmith, sir."
"Then what were you doing in the galley when the Captain raided the dice game?"
"Making a bolt for the door, sir!"

The officer of the day stopped a mess orderly as he was carrying a soup kettle out of the kitchen.
"Here, you," he snapped, "give me a taste of that!" Obediently he was handed a ladle and tasted it.
"Great scott! Do you call that stuff soup?" he roared.
"No, sir," responded the orderly meekly. "That's dishwasher."

Three goats were walking on the desert and after a while took a 10-minute break. Papa Goat sat down on a cactus and said, "Ouch!" Mama Goat did likewise and cried, "Oh!" Baby Goat sat on a cactus and said nothing—just sat. Finally, Mama Goat turned to Papa Goat, saying, "Gosh, I hope we're not raising one of those Dead End Kids!"

"Pink elephant" — "Beast of Bourbon."

A girl was entertaining her girl friend and was pouring the tea, when her friend spied a full-length nude painting, hung on the wall.
"Why, Mabel, that is a painting of you; did you pose like that?"
"Why, yes, it's me, but of course I did not pose for it. Mr. R. painted it from memory."

English Home Guard Re-Broadcast



Col. Virgil A. Ector, of Fort Benning (seated), and Col. R. W. Collins, Commander G. S. G., (standing in forefront), at WSB studio during a re-broadcast of the program from the Home Guard of England on Thursday, January 27th

Lt.-Colonel Ector Stresses Need of New Recruits

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tations in the state, that those young men, draft age, who have been called into the Army of the United States have had a great advantage from the training they received as members of the State Guard. These young men have been rapidly promoted and are finding that their basic training has been made much easier due to the training.

"Also in your community there are numbers of members of the American Legion who have had valuable training and battle experience in the last war. These men should be contacted and at least placed on a reserve status where their services could be used in the event of emergency. Also there are in your community men who, because of minor physical disabilities, have either been discharged. These men could be very valuable to your organization and I am sure would be glad of an opportunity to perform this patriotic service to their community and the State of Georgia. It is improbable that your unit will ever be called to any service other than in your immediate community and then only by the order of the Governor of the State of Georgia.

Best Insurance

"The training and ability to organize quickly will be the best insurance that your community could possibly have again any emergency that might arise. Those citizens who take part in the activities of the State Guard will have demonstrated by their patriotism and love for the community in which they live and value as citizens, and in future years they will certainly be among those citizens who will conduct the affairs of your city, county and state.

Critical Year of War, Governor Says

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for which the State's citizens are grateful. We must continue this splendid work. The one problem confronting the State Guard today is that of maintaining a full membership. Induction of men into the various services, changes of residence of members who have assumed employment in defense plants, have reduced somewhat the membership,

19th Battalion Of State Guard Repulse "Invaders"

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ning, accompanied by Major Morgan, of his staff, were on hand to inspect the maneuvers of the 19th Battalion, and pronounced the operations of the day as "entirely successful." Captain H. A. Satterwhite, of the general staff of the Georgia State Guard and Public Relations officer, was present.

First Aid Stations were set up by the Medical Unit of Adel, under the command of Captain J. B. Oliphant, and the Medical Unit of the Valdosta Company, under the command of Major Frank Byrd. Each Medical unit had an ambulance, and was well prepared to handle any casualties.

"Chow Time" Big Event

At the close of the morning's operations, the men left the simulated defenses to gather at the Command Post, an old farm house near the Olive Branch Church, where they were served a delicious dinner of chicken and rice, and other good eats, and were handed Coca-Colas which were given through the courtesy of the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant of Valdosta. Bill Warwick distributed the "coke." The Atlantic Ice and Coal Company of Valdosta furnished the ice for the Coca-Colas. Mess was cooked on the spot in large kettles. The men heaped their plates and sat about the rail fence and under a large oak tree to enjoy the meal.

Preceding mess, the officers of the offense and defense outlined the strategy they used, and pointed out several operational flaws. Col. W. G. Eager, commander of

and it would be desirable at this time to increase the number actively in the State Guard.

Undoubtedly there are many thousands of Georgians who would be glad to respond. A full-scale "recruiting campaign" is unnecessary, if every Guardsman will take upon himself the task of interesting one friend in the work of the Guard and will ask him to enlist. Let me suggest that this be done, so that the units can be maintained at full strength for any emergency.

As your commander-in-chief, let me express the appreciation of our State to the officers and men of every unit for their unselfish and patriotic contribution to our national defense.

First Battalion Issues Challenge

The 1st Battalion has issued a challenge to any and all comers for a rifle match. Any takers reply through channel. This is to be a five-man team match.

OFFICERS ADDRESS GUARDSMEN FROM TRUCK



the 19th Battalion, expressed satisfaction with the maneuvers, as did Col. Collins and Col. Wood. Col. Collins stressed the value of Guard training. Col. Wood told the men that they were engaged in practice maneuvers which could well become a reality some day, and stated that he was well pleased to see the State Guard in a state of preparation for any eventuality.

In the afternoon, all companies proceeded to the rifle ranges, where foxholes were dug and men climbed into the holes to hold aloft the targets at which the Guardsmen fired. Col. Eager, who does not ask his men to do anything that he will not do, was the first to enter a foxhole and hold the target while live bullets whizzed a few inches overhead.

Company C, of Homerville, took the honors on both firing ranges, nosing out the Valdosta Company by the narrow margin of one bullet hole, hitting the targets 128 times while the Valdostans were placing 127 bull's eyes, a check of the targets showed, while the Homerville tommy-gunners were outshooting the other Companies.



Col. W. G. Eager in slit trench holding target. The Colonel did not ask the men to do anything he would not do.

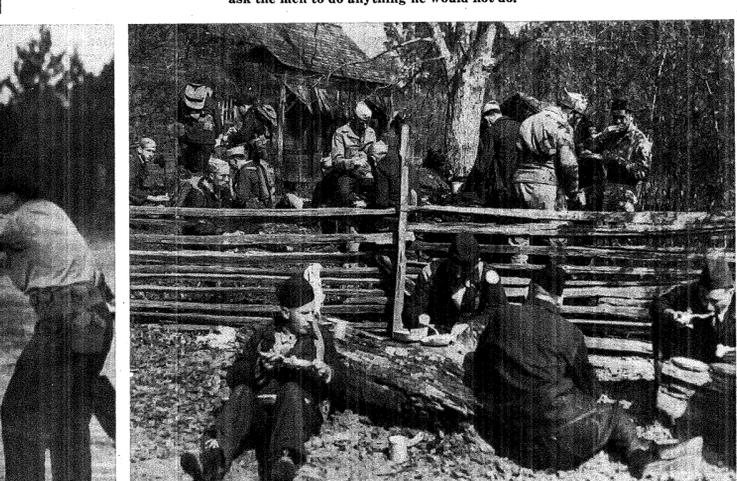
MAJ. MORGAN ADDRESSING 5th BATTALION OFFICERS



Major Morgan of Internal Security, Fort Benning, addressing officers of 5th Battalion at banquet. Among those present were: Col. R. W. Collins, Commander Georgia State Guard; Lt.-Col. Scott Candler, Commander of 5th Battalion; and Major Philip L. Peebles, G-3 State Guard Staff.



MEMBERS OF VALDOSTA COMPANY D ON RIFLE RANGE



"CHOW TIME"—Members of various companies gather at Command Post to eat and talk over operations of the morning.

Importance of State Guard Explained At Meeting in Lumpkin

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry H. Pease, commanding officer of the 11th Battalion, Georgia State Guard with his staff, was speaker at a joint meeting of the Stewart County company of the guard, and the public at the courthouse Tuesday night, January 18th.

Colonel Pease explained the necessity of maintaining the State Guard during the war and after the war is won, stating that it is the duty of every man and boy from 16 years old up, who is physically fit, to become a member and to attend every drill possible for him to attend, and urged everyone present to explain to others who were not in attendance, the various functions and duties of the guard, and its only connection with the regular army.

As a surprise to all, including Captain Olin W. Patterson, Colonel Pease read an order from State Guard Headquarters promoting Captain Patterson to the rank of major. Major Patterson has been assigned to 11th Battalion headquarters as second in command, and Executive Officer. His new duties will include work in Stewart, Muscogee, Marion, Schley, Webster, Talbot, Taylor and Harris counties.

First Lieutenant Harry M. Dixon has been given command of Co. "B," (Stewart County Company), this being the only old company in the battalion to be held intact as a company, the other former companies being made platoons, taking three of the platoons to form a company. The Stewart County Company has the rating as one of the best in the state and nation and every effort will be made to keep this record by recruiting as many new members, both men and boys, from 16 years and over as possible.

A letter received by the company from Robert Dunaway, Lumpkin youth now serving with the Navy, expressed his thankfulness for his training with the Stewart County Guard before going into service. Robert stated that the splendid and up-to-date training received right in Lumpkin was proving to be great help to him in learning his various assignments in the Navy.

Any interested persons can obtain information by applying to Major Olin W. Patterson, Lumpkin, or First Lieutenant Harry M. Dixon, Richland, or by being present at the Ordinary's office at the courthouse any Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock, (CWT). There are vacancies for eight new men in the newly formed Medical Detachment of the Company.

Post Riflemen To Train Police

Several city police will receive instruction in target practice under the supervision of military instructors at Fort Benning on Sunday afternoons in company with local State Guardsmen after approval of the plan by the City Commission.

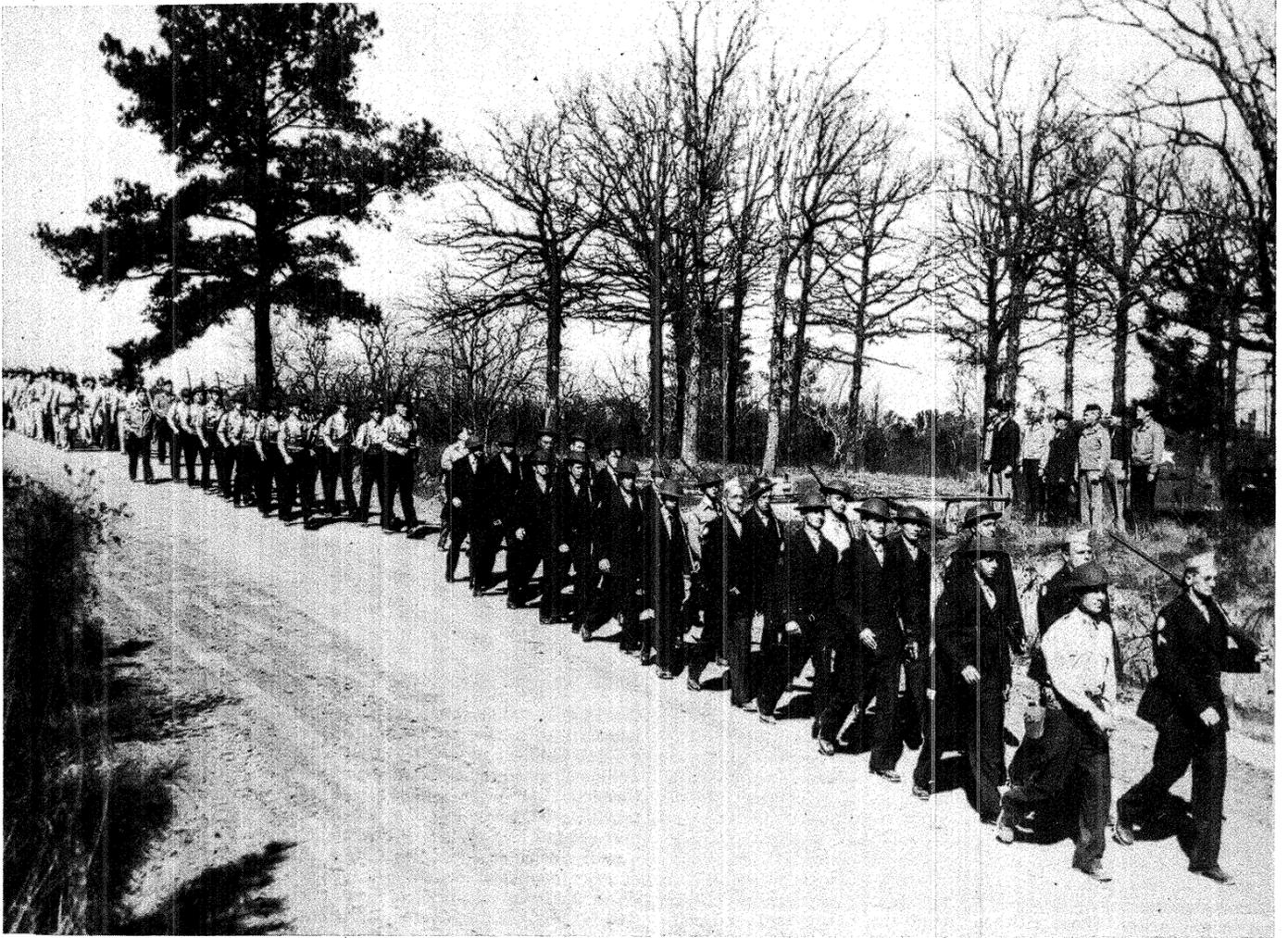
Henry B. Pease, commander of the Muscogee county unit of the State Guard, presented the plan to the commission explaining that it had the endorsement of Chief John G. Newberry.

"Chief Newberry," Mr. Pease explained, "will pick the policemen to accompany us on these Sunday afternoon instructions, which will be conducted with live ammunition."

DON'T BURN WASTE PAPER

There is a serious shortage of waste paper of all kinds. And waste paper is vital in the making of paper board products which are used to ship food and war materials to our armed forces overseas. So remember—don't burn or throw out any kind of waste paper, no matter what it is.

13th BATTALION PASSING IN REVIEW DURING DUBLIN MANEUVERS



13th Battalion Maneuvers at Dublin Prove Interesting for Men, Officers

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posed of members of the 13th Bn. and the training Cadets, tried to force their way into a jailhouse, but were repelled by one company which not only had posted the guard, but used a wedge formation in dispersing the mob.

Pass In Review

Other similar maneuvers were carried out to the satisfaction of local and visiting officers, and following each, a critique was presented by the cadre and officers which proved most helpful and instructive.

At the noon hour the six companies passed in review before Col. Wood, Col. Collins and headquarters and battalion staff officers, and with clock-like precision demonstrated their command of the ability to "strut" and drill. The order of march was: Co. D, Signal Co., Co. A, Co. C, and Co. B.

Following close upon the heels of the Review, was "chow," consisting of typical Georgia barbecue and accessories provided by the host headquarters company, assisted by the Dublin companies.

In an address shortly afterwards Col. Wood praised the Georgia State Guard, and took particular cognizance of the fact that so many teen-age boys composed the ranks of the Guard. He said he believed there are several years of hard war yet ahead of us, and urged the boys approaching draft age to take advantage of as much of the Guard training as possible. He added, "you will probably see some service yet."

"Invariably," Col. Wood continued, "boys and men who have had this training upon being drafted, make the grade much easier and promotions come faster." Col. Wood, better known as "Time's A-Wastin'," offered a special critique upon the conservation of manpower in guarding installations and the ever-increasing maintenance of reserves and their proper use.

Lt. Colonel Chapman, CO 13th Bn., served as master of ceremonies and following his introduction of Col. Wood, presented Colonel Collins, State Commander. In his presentation Col. Chapman stated, "it is the first time we have been visited by a State Commander since Pearl Harbor."

Colonel Collins made a splendid

address and paid tribute to the men who are so successfully maintaining good Guard Companies and devoting their time to the task voluntarily. He paid particular tribute to the enlisted men who devote at least two, and sometimes more, hours per week, to this work. He urged a continuance of this cooperation and pledged the full help of the entire Headquarters Staff, saying, "all you need do is call on us."

Also delivering short talks regarding training and administrative work were Major Peebles and Major Rousey, who advised the 13th that the form GSG 103 is no longer necessary with the monthly reports. They urged a more detailed accounting of company activities each drill night as reported on form NGB 101. Major Peebles said: "Don't just say you followed the training program, but tell us what you actually did. It will help us in planning the work for the State Guard."

Competitive Drill

For demonstration purposes only, a competitive drill was held just preceding breaking up of camp, and taking into consideration each company is undergoing a terrific turnover and is composed of many new men, the drills were good and demonstrated the effort and time which had gone into troop movements and discipline.

Dublin's Company D, Lt. Hobbs, CO, consisting of eight men, was probably the best in competitive drill, with Eastman Company A, Lt. Methvin, CO, ranking second with 27 men. Lt. Coombs' Company B and Lt. Hankins' Company C also demonstrated excellent drill maneuvers.

Colonel Chapman's 13th Bn. Headquarters staff is composed of Major J. Felton Pierce, second in Command; Captain Sam V. Conyers, Adjutant; Captain Will Ed Smith, Plans and Training officer; Captain Chalmers Chapman, Transportation and Supply officer. Chapman, Pierce and Conyers are from Dublin, Smith from Eastman, and Chalmers Chapman, Lyons.

Due to the success of the 13th Battalion's first maneuver effort, a similar outing is planned for April 30th at Lyons, with Lt. Coombs' Company B the host company.

U. S. Training in Britain Stresses Marksmanship

By WRIGHT BRYAN
Journal Staff Correspondent

AN AMERICAN INFANTRY BASE IN ENGLAND.—The training programs for our troops in the European Theater of Operations minimize parade ground ceremony and emphasize combat efficiency.

Physical toughness, knowledge of how to live and maneuver properly in the field, and above all the mastery of the use and care of his weapons—these training objectives have one aim—to make the life of the American soldier safer and the life of his German enemy more hazardous.

While I was visiting this regiment, First Lieutenant Morris McLemore, former Journal sports writer, as assistant plans and training officer, was busy with a program of firing on target ranges. Every man was being required to fire the course with carbine, rifle and pistol. Nobody is excused no matter what other duties he may have. Commanders know a man's life will probably depend on how well he uses his weapons, especially his rifle.

Ranges have been borrowed from the British and new ones laid out against English hillsides. They all crackle with constant rifle fire. The men get fun as well as instruction from it. Several competitions were held with neighboring British Home Guard units.—Atlanta Journal.

A tobacco-chewing mountaineer saw a sign "Women's Exchange" in a store window. He grinned and went in.

"Can I help you?" queried the frozen-faced woman in charge.

"Is this the Women's Exchange?"

"Yes."

"Are you the woman?"

"I'm in charge. What do you want?"

"Wal," he said, shifting his cud, "I reckoned we might do some business, but now I guess I'll keep Sal."

Army Doctor: "Have you any physical defects?"

Selectee: "Sure. No guts!"

Co. H, 1st Bn., Has Attractive Display

The headquarters of Company "H", 1st Battalion, feature an attractive display along one wall of various State Guard insignia from other states. The shoulder patch insignia are mounted against a background of blue, with the respective state flags under each.

Captain W. R. Slate, commanding officer of Company "H", states that the insignia was obtained by writing the commanding officers of the various State Guards, requesting the shoulder patch insignia and offering to return one of the Georgia State Guard.

Without exception, the various C. O.'s have responded promptly, with the result that this Dalton Company now has an attractive and interesting display. Any Guardsmen passing through Dalton are cordially invited to stop by the headquarters at 7 Kenemer Building and view the collection.

Rifle Marksmanship Qualifications

The following men qualified as Sharpshooters—

Co. E, 4th Battn. (Unit 180)
Hapeville
Houston D. Kemper170
Frank R. Lea170

Unit 194, Lindale
Brown, C. M.175
Brewton, R. M.172

The following men qualified as Marksmen—

Co. E, 4th Battn. (Unit 180)
Hapeville
J. Harold Smith159
Rayford M. Smith158
S. Edwin Floyd152
Hayward A. Wigley152
Vincent P. Radcliff146

Unit 194, Lindale
Smith, H. R.119

No Unit Shown
McLeod, Tom 43

Unit 121
Turk, Delbert 19

It is suggested that greater care be shown in writing in the man's name and always show the Company letter and Battalion number.