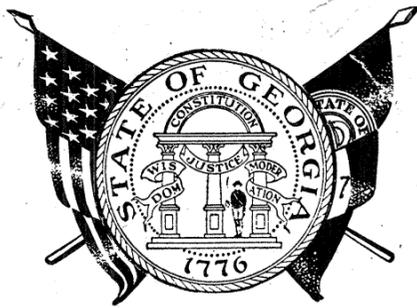


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## Rifle Match Of State Guard Thrills Writer

O. B. KEELER  
The Atlanta Journal  
Tuesday, April 18

Viewed from the ground or the air, through a beautiful afternoon of Preacher Brownlow's best spring weather, that rifle match and concomitant activities of the Georgia State Guard, at Woodhaven Range, Rome, Ga., Sunday, April 16, made a fine and reassuring thing for an old National guardsman and rifleman to watch. As rather more than suggested in The Journal's report on Monday, the Georgia State Guard is now, and increasingly will be, a tremendously important factor in our Georgia life and times.

At the risk of repetition, let it be understood clearly that these State Guardsmen are boys and men of the Home Front, who are not now eligible for the Armed Services; that they are taking over the great place of the National Guard—now in the war; and that they compose the state's military force, for the duration.

And now a spot of news and gossip, from a great afternoon at Rome and Woodhaven.

### German Machine Gun

That demonstration of German machine guns, for example. There's a shrewd little story in that connection, and what Colonel Mark Cooper, of the First Battalion, G. S. G., did with a couple of the same, one of which was on exhibition Sunday, firing smoothly away, tat-tat-tat-tat, at 420 shots a minute.

This German machine gun, in beautiful condition, was labeled "Spandau" on the breech; No. 5042—and every separate part of the gun and mechanism was numbered 5042; and dated 1918. It was an 8-mm. caliber; actually (said Colonel Cooper) a 7.92-mm, very close to our own U. S. caliber .30. But the belt-margin was different; the length of the cartridge was different; the weight and configuration of the bullet were different. And when Colonel Cooper wrote to certain experts in Washington, concerning the possibility of converting that fine German gun to fire our ammunition, they considered the matter for several months, and reported that it was absolutely impossible.

### Tat-Tat-Tat-Tat!

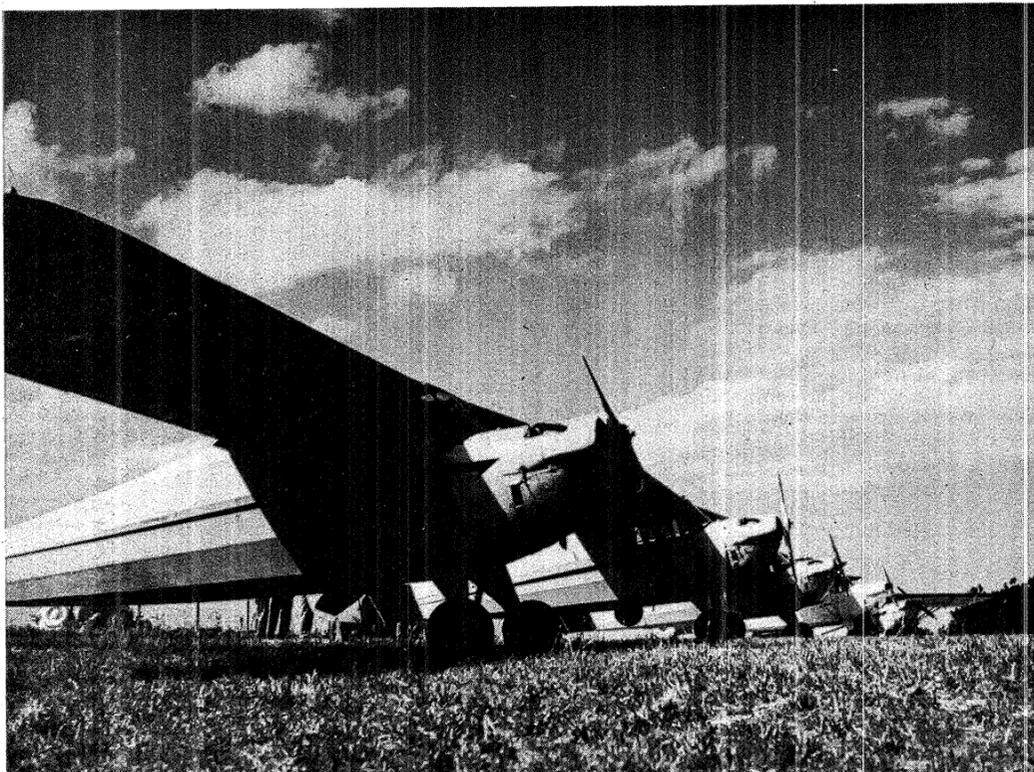
"The only difficulty about that report," said Colonel Cooper, "was that I was so ignorant about it all that I already had two of the German machine guns firing American ammunition, as beautifully and as expensively as you might wish."

And hence the demonstration Sunday. Perfect timing and control—tat-tat-tat-tat; a bit slower than the U. S. Browning, but perfectly spaced; a German machine gun that can be handled by two, or even by one, Georgia State Guardsman, with our own U. S. ammunition. . . . Where did Mark Cooper get those machine guns? I dunno. He has a way of getting things, and fixing them up in his own workshop. . . . For the Georgia State Guard. That's a prime and eternal concern, in the life and activity of

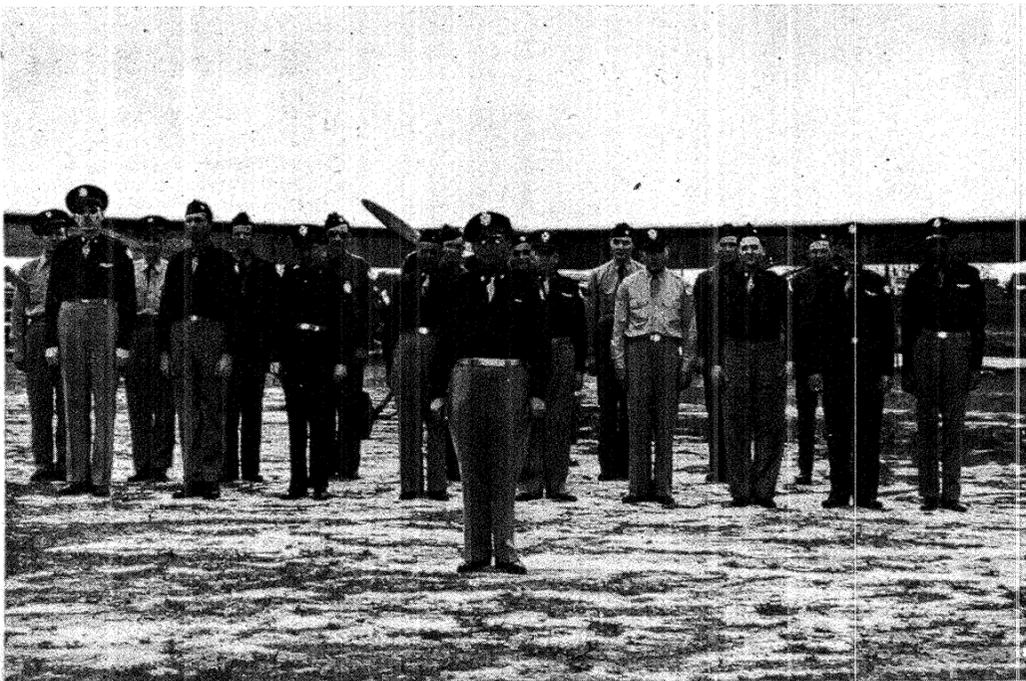
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**THE GEORGIA GUARDSMAN  
IS YOUR PAPER—THE NEWS  
AND PICTURES YOU SEND IN  
MAKE THE PAPER. DID YOU  
GET YOURS IN FOR THIS  
ISSUE?**

## FIRST AIR SQUADRON IN TRAINING MISSION



Portion of line at Jackson Airport during Training Mission held at Jackson, Georgia, last month.



Part of the personnel attending Training Mission at Jackson Airport, Jackson, Georgia, March 26, 1944.

## 1st. Air Squadron, Georgia State Guard, In Training Mission At Jackson Airport

On the 26th of March, the entire Squadron was called out on a training mission to afford practice in both aerial and ground work.

Eight ships participated in this mission, and while air transportation could not accommodate all the personnel, the Air Force of the Regular Army furnished truck and car transportation for the remaining personnel.

First on the program was practice bombing, and each individual present had an opportunity to participate in the bombing practice. A target made of a white circle 25 feet in diameter was placed in the center of the field, and half pound flour bombs were used at a height of 300 feet. A number found that bombing accurately from the air was not as easy as it appeared, as the speed of the plane and wind conditions enter into the accuracy of the bombing. The men made up a pot by contributing a small amount each, and Sgt. J. Parker, of the photographic section, won first place with a near hit of 14 yards.

Next on the list was a competitive performance of pilots in a spot landing contest. This contest consists of planes paralleling the field at 800 feet, and at the point where a line is drawn across the field the pilots cut their motor and then glide to a point where they make a 180-degree turn and come in for a landing nearest the line. In landing, a pilot is not allowed to bounce, but must make a perfect landing. Like in bombing practice, a small wager was made by each pilot and this contest was won by Lt. Erwin H. Bosarge. Once the motor is throttled back, a pilot is not allowed to use his throttle for power again.

During the mission the Photographic Section had a field day, as there was plenty of action at all times, and the results of their excellent work netted the Squadron's "Kitty" a nice sum by way of sales of individual pictures.

During mess hour, Lt. Fred Glassman gave an aerial exhibition

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## "In God We Trust"

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

I want to tell you in my column for this issue something about a man who symbolizes great Christian conviction and surpassing courage. The story has done my own heart good. I trust it may prove an equal blessing for you.

Rev. Kaj Munk was pastor of the Lutheran Church at Vederso, West Jutland, Denmark, from 1924 until his death in January, 1944. He resisted the rule of Hitler in 1943. He was thrown into prison, where he remained until Christmas. He was released to go home and visit his wife and five children. On January 4, 1944, he was taken from his home, and the next day his body was found in a ditch by the roadside not far from Silkeborg. He had been shot through the head. More than 4,000 people attended his funeral at Vederso.

Why did Hitler have Kaj Munk arrested? Because Munk refused to

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## Training Officer Stresses Safety for Rifle Instructors

LT. ROBT. L. WEST  
Rifle Marksmanship Training  
Officer, First Battalion

First consideration of instructors will be to see that all men know, understand and practice the rules of safety. No laxness can be tolerated on this point—laxness here may easily result in death. Range officers and instructors must enforce safety to the point of "crankiness".

### Safety

The general rules of safety for ranges are:

(a) A gun must never under any circumstances be pointed at or in the direction of any person, regardless of whether it is loaded or not.

(b) The bolt or action of a gun must be kept open at all times at the range, except when shooter is on firing line and command has been given to fire.

(c) Gun must not be loaded until command is so given.

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(e) No person may walk in front of firing line until Range Officer has commanded "Bolts Open", and command has been obeyed.

(f) Any person seeing danger to a person or animal immediately commands "Bolts Open", in order to prevent a possible accident.

### Rifle Nomenclature

The instructor will briefly point out and name the important parts of the rifle, explaining function of part where necessary. A thorough explanation of the "peep" sight and how it works with the front sight must be made. Success on firing line depends on the pupil's understanding of the whys and wherefores of this sight.

### Sighting Bar

After explaining the "peep" sight to the pupil, the instructor correctly lines up the sights and bullseye on the sighting bar, and shows it to pupil as an example of how the sights should look. The bullseye is then moved and the pupil realigns the sights several times until the instructor is satisfied that pupil knows how sights should look and is sighting uniformly.

The Winter's sighting bar is by far the best type of sighting device and one should be built by each company. In this device, the rifle is held immovably in a cradle, and the pupil sights at the reflection of a bullseye in a mirror. The actual bullseye is mounted on the front of a yoke which straddles a board. A small hole is drilled in the back of the yoke, directly behind the bullseye on the yoke. A sheet of paper is mounted on the back of the board, and directly under the back fork of the yoke. The yoke itself is easily moved by the pupil, but holds itself

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## Your Blood

**MAY SAVE A BUDDY'S LIFE—  
WON'T YOU GO TO YOUR  
NEAREST BLOOD DONOR  
SERVICE AS OFTEN AS  
YOU CAN? THIS IS URGENT!**

### Following The Cadeucus

Under this heading, as has been stated before, we will from time to time tell you about the activities of the Medical Detachments of the State Guard. So far we have not been able to get any other detachment to give out with any news, so you will have to be content with what goes on at 4-Med-1.

We have been losing some of our men to the man with the whiskers, and others have found it impossible to attend due to the heavy inroads of work, but we have been able to keep a fair enlistment. However, the detachment could use 3 or 4 good men. If you know of men who would like to be in the medical end of the Guard, send them out to North Fulton High School on Tuesday nights about 8 P. M. We will welcome them with open arms.

Since our last appearance in print, we have lost a very valuable member to Col. Goodwyn's staff. Lt. Chas. T. Harrell has been kicked upstairs and we miss him. Best of luck to you, Charles. The Colonel has a good man and we know you will be of as much help to the State as you were to us.

What do you think about the new training program? We are hard at work on it and find it very comprehensive, and if it is followed through we believe the medical units will be as well trained as it is possible for them to be. We are rapidly getting ourselves to the point where we will be able to take care of any situation that may arise.

It may be of interest to all of you to know that State Guard Company D had a swell maneuver on Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5. The training was held at North Fulton Park and was well planned and ably executed. 4-Med-1 was in attendance, and we had a swell turnout. Lt. Robt. D. Speer was in command, due to the heavy personal duties of our Capt. Arnold; Tech. Sgt. Block, Sgt. O'Kelley, Pfc Stauber and McLeod were in constant attendance and the lacerated fingers and blistered feet were well taken care of.

North Fulton Park is a swell place for training and we hope we will be able to go there often. The maneuver was under the command of Lt. Wooten of Company D, and he is to be commended highly for his strictly military manner of handling the whole set-up.

Well, this is about all, but don't forget to send those men around. If you think they would like to be aid-men, we need them.

Be seeing you.

### 18th Bn., Guards Travel Facilities

The 18th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard spent a recent Sunday afternoon guarding vital rail and highway installations from Alabama state line to Thomasville, and Company B of Moultrie was assigned to the ACL railroad bridge spanning the Ochlocknee river on the Thomasville-Albany run.

Most of the Guardsmen were on duty six hours in a general mobilization of the 18th Battalion, with each company working out its own tactical problems.

Theoretically, each company was instructed to set up command posts and guard details with the view to protecting the installations against fifth columnists or would-be saboteurs.

The Moultrie Guardsmen found themselves guarding a 600-yard trestle across the Ochlocknee river and established two command posts, emergency stop facilities and boat patrols. Late in the afternoon the set-up was inspected by Lt. Col. J. M. Clark, commander of the battalion; Major C. C. Huber, battalion adjutant; Captain Harvey Chastain, and others of the district staff. One Moultrie platoon was left in Thomasville at headquarters and later in the day was sent out as a relief detail to take over a vital installation.

### Medical Unit Holds Maneuvers

Co. A of Georgia State Guard, including Medical Unit, held maneuvers in the Cook County Warehouse in Adel Sunday afternoon, March 12.

It was planned to hold these maneuvers in the country where a larger area could be used, but due to weather conditions, plans were changed at the last hour.

The main object of these maneuvers was to give special training in Interior Guard duty. There was no lost motion. All men were kept busy six hours with special instructions.

The company has just been supplied with "pup" tents, each man being supplied with a shelter half, tent pole and pegs, and they were all given special training in setting up the tents and taking them down. Special instructions were also given in assembling the equipment and forming the packs.

Lieut. Col. W. G. Eager, Battalion Commander, arrived late in the afternoon and made a thorough inspection.

Capt. H. R. McKinnon, S-3 of Battalion Headquarters, gave the

### Coombs Captain of Georgia State Guard

It is of special interest to the friends of Captain Ashley B. Coombs and particularly so as to the members and former members of the Georgia State Guard to know that he has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the Georgia State Guard and has been assigned to the command of Company B, 13th Battalion, Georgia State Guard.

Captain Coombs was one of the original twenty-five members who first enlisted in the military organization of this state, when the organization was the State Defense Corps. His enlistment goes back to the date of Sept. 19, 1940, at which time he was sworn in at the first meeting which was called for organization on this date. He has been one of the most consistent members of the State Defense Corps had on its enrollment.

Captain Coombs was commissioned a first lieutenant on November 14, 1941, and was assigned to duty with Unit No. 48 at Lyons, in which capacity he served most diligently and made commendable contributions in service and talent as a military leader.

The name of the military organization of this state was changed from the State Defense Corps to the Georgia State Guard and is now the National Guard of Georgia. The commanding officer of the 13th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard announced the promotion of Captain Coombs on March 21, 1944.

Captain Coombs came to us with an enviable military background, he having received part of his training while taking his academic training. He then served for some time in the regular army of the country. His military training brought him to us well qualified for his work, which, together with his patriotic zeal and fervor, has won for him the respect and admiration of those with whom he has been associated in this work. Captain Coombs has the best wishes and commendations of his associates and friends.

CHAMBERS CHAPMAN, Captain, S-2, 13th Bn., Georgia State Guard, Lyons, Georgia.

### Thomson Unit At Nearly Full Strength

Families moved away. Places of employment changed. The selective service called in many. And the Thomson unit of the State Guard deeply felt the inroads on its membership list. It resolved to do something about it.

During the month of February, the Guard instituted a drive in its own ranks to increase its membership. Earnestly and enthusiastically members of the Guard went to work to bring in new recruits. Three appropriate prizes were offered on a competitive basis to those bringing the largest number of new men. At the close of the drive the following 20 new names were added to the roster with other names pending:

Rev. W. H. Gardner, Forrest Wall, Ray McGahee, William McGahee, Ralph Hawkins, Fritz Carlton, J. C. Wood, Ned Ustry, Wyck Knox, Rev. Barfield, Jack Barton, Milton Morgan, Gene Young, Guy Hornsberger, J. Bohler, Allen Pannell, Andrew Mixon, Dr. Weldon Neal, Darrell Johnson, C. A. Amazon.

Full equipment is lacking. Delinquent members are urged to turn in their State Guard property at once. Additional clothing and supplies are being requisitioned and it is planned to equip every man in the outfit with as little delay as possible.

It is recognized that there is a most vital and important place for a good active Guard organization in every county. The McDuffie County organization has always had a reputation for being on par with the best in the state. The officers of the Thomson organization are grateful to those men in and out of the organization who so liberally contributed their efforts in the assistance that was so badly needed at this time.

Lieutenant Silverman will be assistant to Capt. Jack L. Cohen, the 17th Battalion supply officer. Colonel Rice stated that because of the increase in personnel and supplies in the 17th Battalion it became necessary to assign an assistant to Captain Cohen so that an efficient supply and care of property record could be maintained. The new officer entered the State Guard as a private in the Headquarters and Signal Company, and was serving in the non-commissioned officer grade of sergeant subsequent to this promotion.

Lieutenant Silverman is a native Savannahian and a graduate of Savannah High School. He was admitted to the bar in December, 1935, and is a member of the Savannah Bar Association, Georgia Bar Association, a past worthy president of Savannah Aerie No. 330, Fraternal Order of Eagles; past president of Savannah Lodge No. 76, Z'nei B'rith; a lieutenant colonel on Governor Arnall's staff, and vice president of the Jewish Educational Alliance. He is also a member of the board of governors of the Savannah Optimist Club.

### Promotions In Co. A, 19th Bn.

Company A, 19th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, has recently enjoyed a goodly number of promotions in non-commissioned officers. These promotions became effective as of March 8, 1944, and are as follows:

To Platoon Sergeant—Drew T. Griffis.  
To Staff Sergeant—Homer J. Hall.

To Sergeant—Thomas N. Limbaugh, Henry F. Zeigler, Milton H. Hilliard, Lamar D. Sinclair.

To Corporal—Llewellyn P. Cartee, Wm. A. Clements, Sam W. Cowart, Leon W. Coppage, Herbert Davis, Aubrey A. Duke, Remer D. Martin.

To Private, First Class—Raymond C. Boone, Rufus L. Griffis, Jr. These promotions were made possible by the securing of many recruits, which was the result of the recent drive put on by the Defense Council and Advisory Board.

These recruits enabled the company to form the Second Platoon. However, it is still short about ten men in the combat unit.

The company is just in receipt of a shipment of Enfield rifles, a sufficient number to supply the line Sergeants, these being the same model as the ones taken up a year ago, and the shotguns substituted. The guards' equipment is considerably brighter today than a year ago. It was a serious blow to the guards when their rifles and bayonets were called in by the War Department. The weapons were badly needed elsewhere and the Army was unable to supply the guards with modern high-powered rifles.

The State Guards are "The Home Front Guardians" of America today, and for more than three years. They have drilled faithfully. They look over the ocean to Bataan, Burma, Mateur and Salerno, and want to be there, but even when they know, finally, they can never go, they also know they are fighting the war in their own way.

"Conceived in October, 1940, as the National Guard passed into Federal service, grown to adolescence under the shock of the post-Pearl Harbor days with their frantic alarms, the Guards have matured in the long weary months since then, months when only their stubborn determination to serve their states and country kept them organized. "There are more than 150,000 of them, mustered in 44 states and in the territories of Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska. They are the spir-

### Given Commission In State Guard

Benjamin Silverman, prominent Savannah attorney, has been commissioned second lieutenant and assigned as assistant supply officer on the 17th Battalion staff of the Georgia State Guard, according to an announcement made recently by Lieut. Col. George A. Rice, commanding officer.

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Men above draft age are wanted for enlistment in the State Guard. A. R. R.

### "YARDBIRD"

Federal inspections are coming around again. Our friends will be with us, checking us and helping us again. For some reason, some of our weaker members are afraid to turn out. Believe this is one time we ought to insist on every feller attending. Nobody has been hurt yet by being present. These here officers ask questions, then help answer 'em. Might want to see us do our stuff drilling, and check up on equipment. Every man attending will get something out of it. Know your eleven General Orders and use your head and remember these gentlemen are here only to help and ain't no Boogie Boo.

### Attention, Guardsmen!

The first period of the summer encampment at Fort Benning will be held from 25 June to 1 July, 1944, and the second period will be from 9 July to 15 July, 1944.

Battalions have expressed preference for encampment as shown below and their camp period is designated accordingly:

- 1st Period (25 June - 1 July, 1944)  
3rd, 4th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 17th and 19th Bns. Tot. 9 Bns.
- 2nd Period (9-15 July, 1944)  
1st, 2nd, 7th, 12th, 15th and 20th Bns. and Air Sq.—The 14th Bn. having no preference is assigned to this period—Total 8 Bns.

It is highly desirable to have organizations attend encampment as organizations. However, individual requests to attend encampment at a period different from that assigned to applicant's organization will be considered.

To be eligible, Guardsmen must fulfill the following requirements:

- a. Have attended at least 4 drills.
- b. Know School of the Soldier (FM 22-5, Chapter 2 and Sections I, II and III, Chapter 3, IDR.)
- c. Know Military Courtesy and Discipline (FM 21-100, Chapter 2).
- d. Know General Orders for Sentinels.
- e. Present physical report showing whether able to do regular duty or light duty only.

Immediate information is desired as to the number in your command that will attend each period. This information must be forwarded not later than 1 May in order to prepare camp for number attending each period.

Expense of encampment will be borne by the State, viz: sleeping quarters, food, medical attention.

It is suggested that school and private busses and State Guard cars be used for transportation and the State will pay actual expense of gas and oil upon submission of proper voucher.

The Army will assist the State Guard by furnishing Tactical and Mess Instructors.

### LaGrange Rotary Club Seeking Men For Replacements

Recruits for the Georgia State Guard are being sought by the LaGrange Rotary Club through a committee headed by Ely R. Callaway, to replace members drafted for service in the armed forces of the United States.

The recruiting campaign conducted by the Rotary club committee has already secured 21 recruits for the company located in LaGrange, but additional men and boys are needed to bring the company to the full strength of 147 members. Fifty-one new recruits are needed to bring Company A up to full strength. Men and boys between the ages of 16 and 60 years are eligible for membership in the Georgia State Guard, one of the missions of the Georgia State Guard being to give 16 and 17-year-old boys pre-Army training.

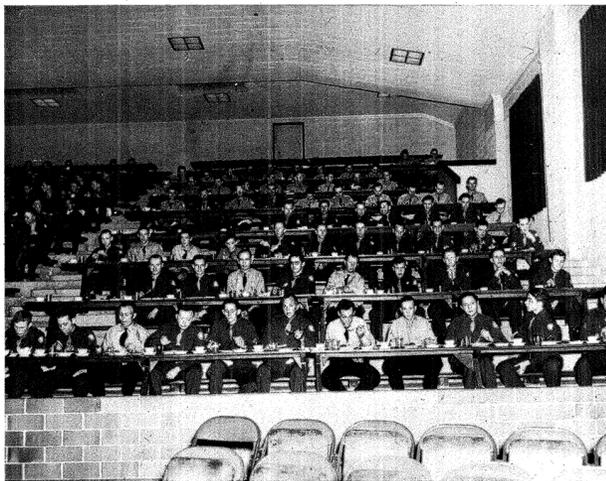
Application for membership in the local company of the Georgia State Guard may be made with any member of the Rotary club committee, which is as follows: Ely R. Callaway, chairman; H. T. Quillian, vice-chairman; J. J. Milam, W. K. Clemons, W. N. Clanton, L. H. Morrison, Bert Culpepper, J. P.

### 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.

Cleveland, J. R. Newman, and George M. Forrester, who are recruiting in LaGrange proper; Albert Danson, Danson Mills; Jackson Weldon, Dixie Mills; J. H. Daughdrill, MMC Division of Callaway Mills; R. E. McTigue, USEO Division; C. W. Coleman and Ted Hampton, HDV Division; B. A. Lancaster, schools.

Recruits who have been received are: G. E. Bryant, Frank Winn, J. H. Daughdrill, L. H. Morrison, Carl McClurg, Frank George Walker, Carson Corley, Johnny Frank Polk, Roy Jimmie Smallwood, Eugene Moody, Harold Nixon, William Hood, Julius Haynes, Laverne Pitts; J. N. Walker, Tom Bridges, W. K. Clemons, P. T. Hipp, Vance W. Jackson.



MESS CALL—A portion of the 250 3rd Bn. Georgia State Guardsmen enjoying their mid-day meal, at the Callaway Auditorium, during the one-day school on "High Explosives and Bombs," under the instruction of Major Leonard.

### 19th Battalion Impresses Major

A change in orders sent Major William Phillips as inspecting officer for the 19th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard early this month in place of Lieut. Col. Ecter.

The Nashville unit, Company B, was inspected on Monday night, April 10, and the unit at Adel, Company A, was inspected Tuesday night, Wednesday night the Homerville unit, Company C, and the Statenville platoon of the Signal Corps was inspected at Homerville.

Cleveland Field Company D and the Headquarters Medical and Signal units were inspected Thursday night, April 13.

On all of the inspections, Major Phillips was impressed with the splendid attendance and the eagerness with which officers and enlisted men have responded to questions and taken part in the various maneuvers and exercises.

Assisting Major Phillips in the inspection was Lieut. Col. W. G. Eager, commanding officer of the 19th Battalion; Captain Christie Summers, Adjutant; Captain H. R. McKinnon, Operations Officer; Lieut. F. C. Wilson, Administra-

### Captain C. C. Huber Promoted to Major

Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Clark, commander of the 18th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, announced here recently the appointment of Captain C. C. Huber, commander of the Colquitt County Guard units since their activation, as executive officer of the battalion. The appointment carried with it a promotion to the rank of major.

Col. Clark, who made the formal announcement at a State Guard "steak" dinner given in honor of

Executive Officer of Headquarters Medical Corps; Major J. L. Newbern, Executive Officer of the 19th Battalion, and Captain Frank D. Rose, Battalion Supply Officer.

The units have been put through such exercises as close order and open order drill, riot formations, guard duty and the like. Major Phillips, a veteran of World War I, and of long experience in work with National Guard units and the Tennessee State Guard, has expressed satisfaction at the showing made by the units in the 19th Battalion and he has been particularly pleased with the good attendance percentages.

the Moultrie Guard (now Company B), also revealed that Captain M. Burns of Pelham had been promoted to major and placed in charge of the 18th Battalion Medical Corps, and First Lieutenant Cheeves of Company F, Pelham, had been elevated to captain and placed in charge of the company.

As a result of the promotion of Huber to major on the Battalion staff, Col. Clark said First Lieutenant G. W. Brantley, commander of Unit 280 under the old Guard set-up, had been promoted to the rank of captain and made commander of Company B. First Lieutenant C. W. Cook was named executive officer of the company, and L. C. Manning was appointed executive officer in charge of the Medical Corps locally.

Staff Sergeants M. E. Nussbaum, W. D. Avera and Robert E. Cheshire were commissioned as second lieutenants in charge of the company's three platoons.

Sixty-five Guardsmen and officers turned out for the dinner, at which Col. Clark and two members of his staff, Captain J. J. Gainey and Captain Reggie Hawthorne, were special guests. The dinner was the first of its type staged by Company B since the beginning of the new year.

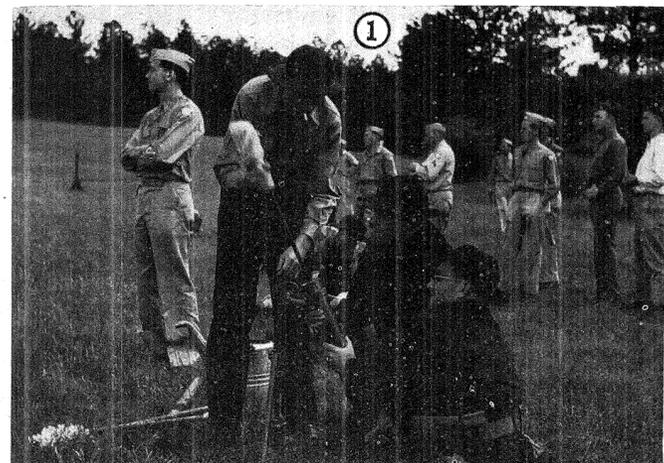
### "HANDLE WITH CARE"—You Can Say That Again!



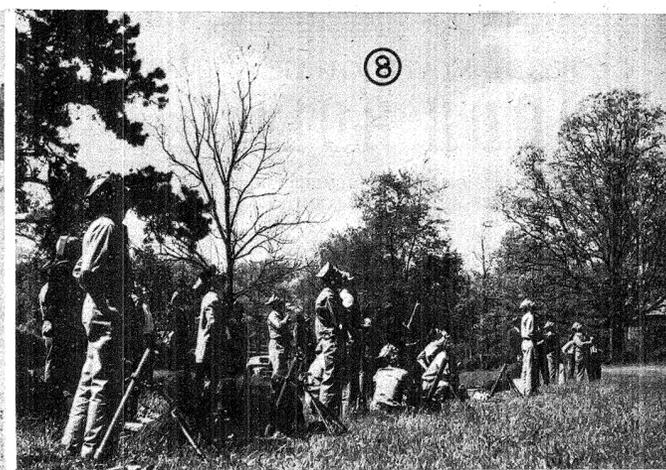
"HANDLE WITH CARE"—Members of the 3rd Bn., Georgia State Guard, were given a real treat Sunday, 19 March, 1944, when Major Leonard, special bomb officer of the 4th Service Command, met with approximately 250 officers and enlisted men in LaGrange, Georgia, in an all-day school, on the subject of "High Explosives and Heavy Bombs." On display were shells ranging from .22 shorts to 90 mm. as well as bombs of all types and sizes. This picture shows the men examining the items on display during a break in the lecture.



Another view of the 3rd Bn., Georgia State Guard, men examining the interesting collection of shells, bombs and guns displayed by Major Leonard during the one-day school held in LaGrange, Georgia, 19 March, 1944



*Pictures of*  
**RIFLE MATCH**  
*held at*  
**WOODHAVEN RANGE**  
 ROME, GEORGIA  
 Sunday, April 16, 1944



1—Winning Mortar Squad Co. D, of Southern Brighton Mill.

2—Match Executive Officer, Capt. Pool of Co. B, issues sub-machine gun ammunition to Sgt. Dunn.

3—Col. Collins presents Sgt. Rogers, Co. E, 1st Battalion Team, with silver spoon.

4—Lt. Col. Cooper, Commander Battalion 1, with German machine gun he converted.

5—Col. Collins inspects gun. Capt. Mauney, Aide to Col. Collins, on left.

6—Left to right—Major Chandler, Col. Collins, Lt. Col. Goodwin.

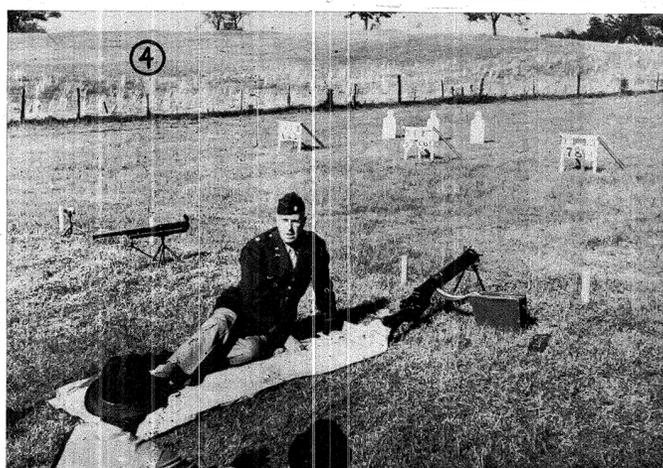
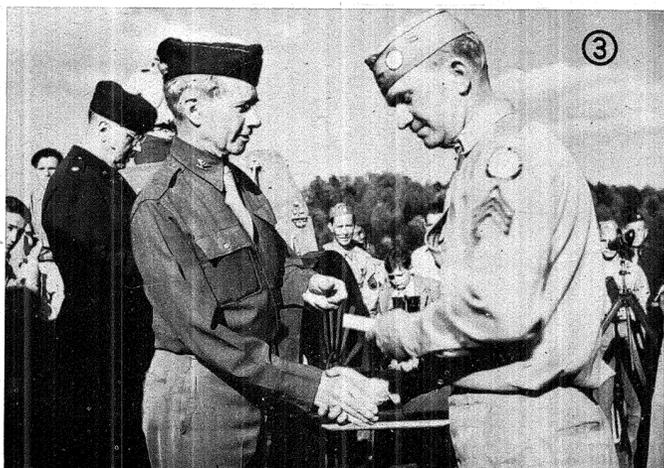
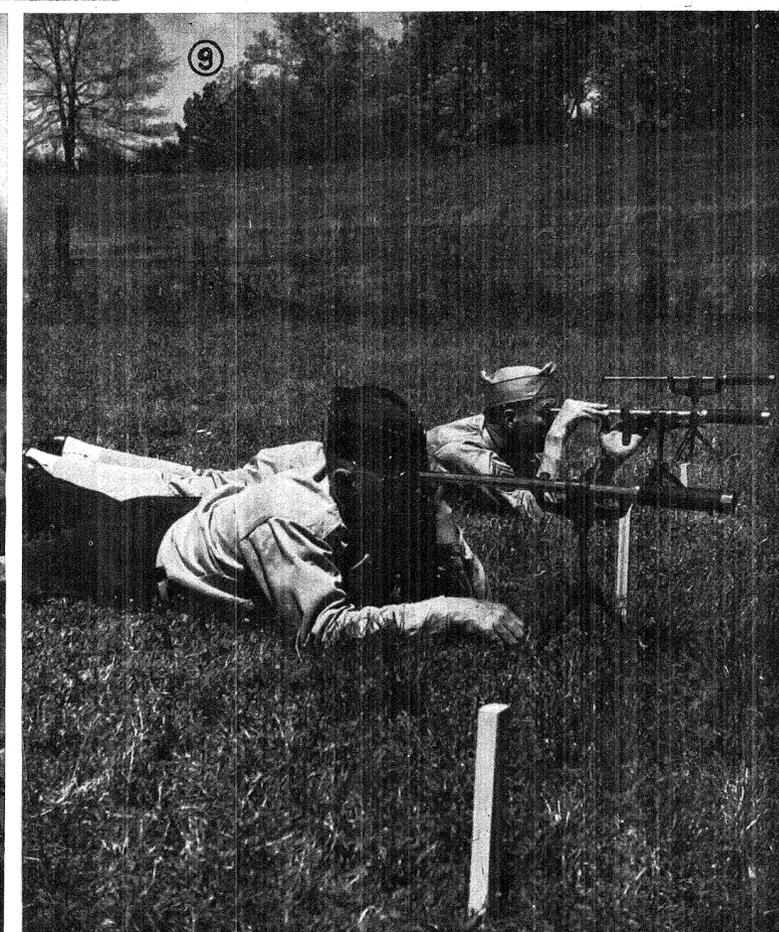
7—Co. C Mortar Squad of Lindale, Ga., goes into action.

8—Watching flight of shell after firing.

9—Lt. Robert and Sgt. Dunn using range finders.

10—Practicing for the Nazis and Japs. Thompson sub-machine gun school.

*Photos 2, 6, 9 by Sgt. John Parker. All other photos by Sgt. J. B. Sullivan.*



## GEORGIA STATE GUARD HONOR ROLL

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIA STATE GUARD NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE

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Hq. and Hq. Co., 262nd Inf.  
A.P.O. 454, 66th Div.  
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James W. Shuman  
Co. F, 272nd Infantry  
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## Guards Polish Bayonet Drill

Comparing a battle to a game of checkers, Capt. E. E. Thiele, recently told Columbus members of the Georgia State Guard, "If you know your weapons, are experts in their use, when the time comes for their chances are all in your favor that you will remove your opponent from the board."

Captain Thiele stressed the use of the bayonet, saying that in such intimate hand-to-hand fighting there was an equal balance of power, while with lethal long-range weapons, the contest was wholly unequal.

"Therefore," he concluded, "you must learn to use your weapons well. Your strength, your daring, your proficiency, might mean the difference between your life and your death."

Following Captain Thiele's brief message, members of Company A, 11th Battalion, had a chance to practice what he had preached. The men practiced proper positions in bayonet use, including the long thrust, short thrust, vertical butt stroke, smash, slash, horizontal butt stroke, whirl, and high port.

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## Rifle Match Of State Guard Thrills Writer

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this remarkable officer and gentleman.

### Our Guard

Further examples:  
"And if you should hear of somebody who has something good he'd like to swap for a swell field gun, I've got one right here, in excellent condition," says Colonel Cooper. And there it was, right back of the firing-line, at the Woodhaven Range. Large and formidable affair, that 6-inch gun; what is it technically—147 mm., or close to that. Much more than twice the mechanism of the famous "75," anyway. Pretty vicious looking.

And those cunning little mortars, 60 mm., from which the boys of Company D and Company C were dropping a collection of projectiles within an average radius of 27 feet from a concealed target. Where did the guardsmen get those swell little mortars? They are said to cost the United States approximately \$1,800 apiece. Well, those mortars cost the Georgia State Guard approximately \$1.60 apiece. One buck and 60 cents. For the material. The workmanship, and very smooth it is, for the tube and the base and the elevation and switching screws, was done for nothing. . . . Don't get this Georgia State Guard down wrong.

It's something to stick with and stand by and support with all you've got, for all it needs, these days. It's our guard. I will just put that in caps: It's OUR GUARD.

### IT'S ALL A GAME

Hocus: "Don't judge a married woman too harshly because she flirts with the butcher."  
Hocus: "And why not?"  
Hocus: "Oh, she may just be playing for larger steaks!"

## Training Officer Stresses Safety

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in place against the board by friction.

To use, the pupil looks through the sights of the rifle, carefully centering his eye in the rear sight, and carefully centering the top of front sight in the round blur formed by looking through the rear sight. He then takes hold of the yoke and moves it on the board until the reflection of the bulls-eye in the mirror seems to just balance on top of the front sight. When perfectly aligned a pin or small sharpened nail is pushed into the sheet of paper through the small hole in the rear fork of the yoke. This marks the position of the first "shot." The yoke is then pushed aside, and again aligned and marked. This procedure is repeated until a series of dots result on the paper. If sighting is perfect, these dots will be super-imposed on each other.

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tered exactly the same each time. The cheek must be placed exactly the same each shot. The gun must rest against the shoulders exactly the same each time. The elbow must remain in one place. The same sight picture must be seen each time.

When pupil is ready for sitting, kneeling and standing positions, consult manual for pictures and instructions as to how to assume. Take up these positions in the order listed above.

### Trigger Squeeze

A common fault of the rookie is "pulling" or jerking the trigger. This causes flinching because the shooter knows when the gun is going to fire, and braces against the expected shock. This pulls the gun off the bulls-eye, and a wild shot results. Teach your pupil to squeeze the trigger with a gradual even increase in pressure while the sights are in line with the bulls-eye. If the sights wobble off the bulls-eye, hold the pressure already applied, but do not increase it until they wobble back on the bulls-eye. By so doing, the gun will fire only when the sights are properly aligned.

### Dry Shooting

This means going through all the mechanics of shooting, but with an unloaded gun. Have your pupil do some dry shooting before letting him fire live ammunition. This will let him concentrate his attention on proper position, sighting and squeezing, without worrying about where the bullet will strike.

Dry shooting is splendid practice, even for the expert, and if frequently practiced will save ammunition and will boost scores when live ammunition is later used.

### Tips to Instructors

(a) Explain things fully, and in a conversational tone. Don't talk as if you were reading from a book. Tell the reasons why you do this or do that.

(b) Have extreme patience. Don't expect your pupil to take in everything you've told him in one session.

(c) When coaching a pupil on the firing line speak in an even, quiet tone. Remember he is usually nervous—you want to help him overcome this nervousness—not increase it.

(d) Remember that the actual score of a rookie is not important—the important thing is for him to shoot a tight group. Have him aim each shot exactly the same way, regardless of where the shots are going on the target. Later, when he is more experienced, you can adjust his sights to move his group into the center of the bull.

(e) Be generous in your praise of good work. Remember, your pupil is human—and all humans like a verbal pat on the back.

## Citation

The Records of Battalion Headquarters show that Private First Class Luther E. Brooks, 11B-11, Company B, 11th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, has maintained a perfect attendance record from the date of his enlistment, to-wit: 14 August, 1940, to date.

Pfc. Brooks, in compiling a perfect attendance record, has manifested the highest degree of loyalty and devotion to his Company and Battalion—it reflects a sense of patriotism and personal sacrifice that should serve as an example to all members of this Command. The Battalion Commander feels that this record merits official recognition and commends Pfc. Brooks for his faithful service.

This Order shall be read to each Company and Platoon at its next regular meeting.

By ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PEASE:

OLIN W. PATTERSON,  
Major G.S.G.,  
Executive Officer.

## 1st Air Squadron Training Mission At Jackson Airport

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that was of interest to the whole group.

During the afternoon a continuance of bomb dropping also included message dropping with message tubes. These tubes are made of cylindrical cardboard tubes 18 inches in length, six inches of which is filled with sand, making the tube weigh approximately one-half pound each. To the end of the cylinder is fastened a long white streamer in order that the tube can be more plainly seen as it leaves the plane and can be easily spotted. It was found that during this trial that the messages could be dropped within a few yards of a given target.

At the conclusion of the day's program seven ships took off from Jackson Field in formation and maintained their formation to Griffin, Georgia, for refueling and again left in formation for home base.

The mission was considered a success, as not only did the flying personnel participate, but every member of the squadron present had some time in the air.

## Gets Promoted

James C. "Jit" Harrison has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the Georgia State Guard for "meritorious service," Lt. Col. George Hains, commander of the Tenth District Guard, announced recently.

"Promotion for this reason is most unusual, and is in recognition of outstanding service to the Guard," Colonel Hains said in commenting on the advance. "This is only the second time this has been done in the Georgia Guard," he said.

Captain Harrison is advertising manager of The Augusta Herald.

## Signal Corps Sergeant Designs 10th Bn. Flag

Sergeant Herman Arndt, of the Headquarters and Signal Unit, 10th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, feels the greatest pride when the Battalion Colors pass in review. It is a large flag, with a gold background on which is the outline of a black panther. Above this crouching creature are the words: "Georgia State Guard," and below it, "10th Battalion." Sgt. Arndt honors this flag with perhaps more personal fervor than any of his fellow-members, for the design and the adoption of the black panther as the official emblem of the 10th Battalion were both the brain-children of his.

Back when the 10th Battalion was known as the 21st District of the Georgia State Guard, there was much discussion among the officers and men as to what emblem would be most indicative of their part in Home Defense. Many suggestions were submitted to Lieutenant Colonel George Hains and his staff, but that of Sgt. Arndt was accepted immediately.

The black panther, whose red eye stares at you belligerently, is an animal known for his ability to protect whatever is left in his charge. He is fierce and cunning; a mean fellow to pick a fight with and a bad partner to have as an enemy. Its selection by the 10th Battalion signifies the ambition of the men to protect, with all the fierce cunning of the black panther, the local installations which have been entrusted to their care by the War Department.

The 10th Battalion is an integral part of the internal defense of the State of Georgia. It is organized and trained according to specifications prescribed by the United States Army. Its advancement is carefully scrutinized by army-inspectors, who make periodic trips to Augusta for that purpose. It is a volunteer organization, serving without pay, in order to share with the army the responsibility of protecting the Home Front from invasion or civil disturbance.

## Lt. Col. Mark M. Cooper Pilots Air Squadron Plane

The Squadron recently working in conjunction with Lt. Col. Mark Cooper's Battalion made a flight of three planes to Rome for purpose of surveying the terrain for their forthcoming maneuvers.

During this mission, Lt. E. H. Bosarge, pilot of the plane in which Lt. Cooper was supervising the survey of the area, gave his passenger instructions in flying and from reports made by the instructor, Lt. Col. Cooper did right well by himself.

## Air Squadron Kitty

This kitty is not a four-legged long-tail Tom Cat, but is the 1st Air Squadron's pet just the same.

Since no equipment is furnished the Air Squadron, a small fund is being built up for immediate expenses, such as purchase of photographic supplies, benches and blackboards for class room work, etc. At each meeting the "Kitty Box" is passed around and donations in small amounts are made.

The photographic section has been most instrumental in helping the "Kitty," as they take numerous pictures of men in action while on missions. They will sell anyone interested an 8" by 10" picture for 75 cents, and this goes into the "Kitty." This section also took a commercial contract to take pictures of some 75 or 100 graduating members of the Georgia Law School, and the profits from this deal were also turned over to the "Kitty."

## Medical Detachment Sergeants Instruct For Inspection

The 10th Battalion Medical Detachment of the Georgia State Guard is being given extensive training for the forthcoming federal inspection by its four sergeants.

First Sergeant C. S. Bohler, Jr., is rounding out the detachment's drilling, both in close-order and litter-carry. A graduate of two of the G.S.G. schools, Sgt. Bohler is perfecting the men in all regulation formations, involving the use of whistle signals. Recently he has given extensive training in extended order drill and litter-carry.

Staff Sergeant George M. Smith, popular local druggist and one of the veterans of the Medical Detachment, is charged with the physical training of the men; and for the proper accounting of federal property possessed by the unit. A graduate of the Command & Staff School, at Fort Benning, he took a special course, under army instructors, in Physical Education. This is a very important phase of the training of medical soldiers, since they must not only harden themselves for performing medical service under all sorts of handicaps, but also strengthen themselves for transporting the injured out of the danger zones.

Sergeant George H. Baldowski is instructor for bandaging and splinting. Long active in Boy Scout activities, he is well experienced in first aid. Instruction by him is given on the field; the men being required to bandage and splint their patients under simulated enemy fire. In this manner, the medical soldiers learn to render the best of aid while protecting themselves and their patients from the dangers of shell fire.

Sgt. W. B. Streeter, a veteran of World War I and a leader in the American Legion, is mess sergeant of the detachment; and, in addition, instructs in the care and use of personal equipment. Under his guidance, the men are taught how to assemble and pack their equipment, the use and cleaning of the mess kits, the protection and transportation of their medical equipment, and the proper measures of storing and preserving all perishable goods supplied them by the National Guard Bureau.

The 10th Battalion Medical De-

## FREE RIDES FOR WAR BOND BUYERS AT ROME



Two War Bond Purchasers being taken for a free ride by Lt. Buchanan

## 1st Air Squadron Helps Rome War Bond Drive

During the last War Bond drive, seven ships of the 1st Air Squadron worked in cooperation with Lt. Colonel Mark Cooper, of the 1st Battalion, by taking purchasers of War Bonds for free plane rides.

The Pepperell Band of the Georgia State Guard was on hand, and gave an excellent account of their organization.

Officers and members of Company A handled the crowd very efficiently.

The weatherman was not very kind, as wind in almost gale force prevailed throughout the day. However, forty purchasers of War Bonds were taken aloft.

The following officers and men participated in this fight: Major Leo S. Bosarge, Captain R. O'Neil, Captain Ed Hulce, Captain Hugh Bishop, Lt. Bob L. Mullis, Lt. Samuel P. Martin, Lt. Roy Edge, Lt. Richard Lewis, Pvt. Tom Loundes, Lt. Venus Anagnostis, Cpl. Henry Sivils, Lt. Buchanan.



Part of the Crowd, Planes and Cars, at War Bond Sale at Rome Airport

## Seventh Battalion Obtains Army Tank

The seventh battalion of the Georgia State Guard, which has its headquarters in Elberton, has obtained a seven-ton army tank as part of its regular equipment.

The Guard is making plans for a week at an army camp for intensive training this summer and is trying to build up its membership so as to have a full outfit by that time. The local company meets every Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the armory-auditorium and gives its members regular military training, including rifle and tommy gun practice, grenade handling, use of gas masks, practice in guard duty and other important activities.

Lt. Col. Tom Colley said recently that the opportunity for service in the state guard was never greater and that it requires no unusual sacrifice for a man to have a part in

## Lt. W. J. Hopton Gets Promotion

First Lt. W. J. Hopton, training officer for the Squadron, has been promoted to the rank of Captain, and will take over the duties of Training and Operations Officer for the Squadron.

Captain Hopton, with six years' experience in aviation, was instructor at the Naval Air Training Station at Gainesville, Ga., for sixteen months.

Cashier: "I'm afraid I'm not as pretty as I used to be."

Friend: "What makes you say that?"

Cashier: "The men have started counting their change."

He invites every man in the county to join and add his bit to serving the home front.

## Col. Hains Discusses Duties, Activities of State Guard

The headquarters and signal unit of the 10th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, was host recently to a dinner at the Red Lion Grill for a group of prospective members. Twenty-six officers and men were present.

Captain Elbert Peabody, commander of the unit, was master of ceremonies. He introduced the battalion commander, Lt. Col. George Hains, who spoke on the duties and activities of the Georgia State Guard.

First Sgt. Joe Armstrong, who leaves the Headquarters and Signal Unit to join the regular army, expressed his appreciation to the men for the fine support they have given him during his tenure as their top-kick. "How Henry Ford knew I was joining the army, I don't know," he told them; "but, apparently, he must have, judging by his prediction that we would lick the Axis in the next two months."

At the meeting was Captain R. E. Allen, Jr., who is now S4 of the battalion staff. Captain Allen first recruited and trained the Headquarters and Signal Unit before being promoted to the present position of Property Officer.

The menu consisted of potatoes, shrimp salad, KC steaks, French

## Judo Expert Instructs GSG In Self Defense

Captain Detroit, of the Fourth Service Command, recently demonstrated and taught to all local units of the Georgia State Guard the highly-effective art of Judo. Three infantry companies, the headquarters and signal unit, and the medical detachment of the 10th Battalion assembled in the gymnasium of Richmond Academy for instruction. The lesson followed the showing of training films on Military Courtesy and Cleaning of Arms.

Captain Detroit, whose headquarters is at Fort Benning, Ga., is rated one of the army's outstanding teachers of Judo. He learned under the U. S. Army officer who first brought that science to this country.

"Judo," explained Captain Detroit, "was invented by the Tibetan priests, whose religion forbade the use of firearms in battle. They perfected, as a substitute, the gentle art of maiming their enemies for life by a few simple twists of the wrists."

According to Captain Detroit, the success of Judo lies in the fact that size and weight have no bearing on its successful application. A small man can make a large man completely helpless, if the small man "gets there firstest with the mostest."

Captain Detroit used his assistant, Corporal Lackman, to illustrate the different counter-defenses. The members of the Georgia State Guard were paired and given instruction. The course involved breaking away from the enemy, maiming him by blinding or crippling and full protection against bayonet-attacks. Captain Detroit expressed his complete satisfaction over the ease with which the Guard mastered Judo.

Before the instruction, Lt. Col. George Hains, commander of the 10th Battalion, paraded the Guard before Captain Detroit. The Drum and Bugle Corps, under "Pop" Humphrey, provided the music. The review was staged in the athletic stadium of Richmond Academy.

### SCARED WHITE

"Mose, has yo' evah been skeered real bad?"

"Yassuh. Ah recollects Ah was callin' on a married gal an' her husband came home. Ah specs Ah never was skeered so bad befoah."

"How yo' know that wuz the worst yo' was evah skeered?"

"Cuz her husban' turn to her an he says, 'Mandy, whut dis white man doin' here?'"

fried potatoes, green peas, apple pie and coffee. Arrangements were made for the dinner by Sgt. Bill Eve, Corpl. Gene Marks and Pvt. Angus Dicks.

First Lieut. T. G. Smith, second in command of the unit, was in charge of the program. He spoke to the prospective members on the responsibilities of signal corpsmen. He praised the work that the men are now doing. "An effective line of communications," he explained, "is more than half the winning of every battle. Without it, your best infantry is lost in the darkness of confusion. Our job," he brought out, "is to see that every unit and detail is in constant contact with headquarters. The failure of any one of our men to do his assignment can break completely this all-important line of communications."

The Headquarters and Signal Unit meets every Tuesday night at the Joseph R. Lamar School. The personnel consists of Augusta professional and business men who are interested in signal work of any kind. Interested persons are urged to contact Captain Elbert Peabody, at the National Exchange Bank, or First Lt. T. G. Smith, of the telephone company.

## Signal Detachment, 10th Bn, Elated Over Attendance

Captain Elbert P. Peabody, commander of the 10th Battalion Signal Detachment of the Georgia State Guard, expressed pleasure over the attendance at the recent meetings.

"It increases one's faith in America's future," said Captain Peabody, "to see the interest manifested by Augusta's professional and business men in relieving the U. S. Army of the full responsibility of guarding this area against invasions and civil disturbances."

As proof of the increasing interest in the Georgia State Guard, Captain Peabody listed three new volunteers for the signal detachment. They are B. Hillmon, L. L. McMichael, and T. W. Tinley, who joined recently.

The 10th Battalion Signal detachment is charged with maintaining communications among the various units of the Battalion during an emergency. Its personnel consists of men who are interested in radio, telephone and general signal work, in which they are further trained by capable State Guard instructors.

In addition to these specialized courses, they are taught other basic military subjects, such as close order drill, military sanitation, general orders, map reading, guard duty and the various other courses of the school of the soldier.

Captain Peabody, with his second-in-command, First Lieutenant Tom Smith, is making plans for a dinner to which local men who are interested in becoming members of the signal corps will be invited.

"Our greatest difficulty," said Lieutenant Smith, "is to gain an opportunity to explain the necessity of our work to Augusta men. We know they are anxious to do their part toward victory, but they have not, as yet, realized how importantly they serve in the State Guard."

Membership in the Georgia State Guard requires only the devotion of one evening a week for training, it was explained. There is no expense since all uniforms and equipment are furnished. The only requirements for enlistment are a patriotic desire to share in the winning of this war, an enthusiasm to accept the responsibility of relieving a soldier from home front duty, and the dependability to do the job assigned.

Complete information as to the 10th Battalion Signal Detachment may be obtained from Captain Peabody, at the National Exchange Bank, or First Lieutenant Tom Smith, of the telephone company.

## Co. A, 10th Battalion Has Good Record On Range

Company A of the 10th Battalion, G. S. G., took to the Richmond Academy indoor rifle-range recently for competitive kneeling and off-hand scores. Captain James Walker, commander of Company A, was range officer.

Pfc. Frank Neal qualified as an expert with the best score from a kneeling position, and Corporal Schuyler Clark qualified with the best score for off-hand shooting. Also qualifying from a kneeling position was Corpl. Radford.

Members of the Georgia State Guard are admitted to the rifle range only after a thorough mastery of sighting and aiming, and a complete course in safety. Once these courses have been passed, the men are allowed to qualify, on the indoor range, as experts and marksmen.

Coach and pupil method is used to train the men in the proper firing of the rifle. Coaches for the night were Private (fc) Frank Neal, Sergeant Carl Ficken, Sergeant Frank Cheeseborough, and Sergeant Harries. Practice is continued until each pupil has learned the proper method to shoot.

First Lieutenant Henry M. North, Jr., second in command of Company A, said that to date hundreds of men, who are now in the armed forces, learned their mastery of the all-important rifle while members of the Georgia State Guard. "Our greatest reward," he said, "comes from the letters we receive from these men in service. They write to give us credit for the promotions and medals they have been awarded."

### Best Excuse Maker

Corporal Harry Wilensky qualified as the best excuse-maker of the evening. He complained that the target would not cooperate. "If it would just follow my rifle," he said, "I could qualify any time!"

In the qualifying rounds, for the first time, were Privates Stewart Walker and Teasley, both of whom shot very high scores.

Company A is one of the three infantry units whose headquarters is in Augusta.

## Artists to Design Patch for Guard

Artists of this section will have the honor of designing the shoulder patch to be used by Augusta's own 10th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, according to announcement of Lieut. Colonel George Hains.

The 10th Battalion now wears the state patch, which bears the coat of arms of the state, but an order has been received from headquarters authorizing the battalion patch.

The battalion has its own flag, which was presented to it by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bourne some time ago, at the same time they also presented the American flag.

It is a beautiful silk flag with a gold background centered with a large black panther — which has been adopted by the battalion as a mascot. The state colors of the guard are purple and gold.

Any person interested in submitting a design should contact Mrs. Elizabeth Wright at the Augusta Art Institute, 506 Telfair Street, for details. The design is to be selected as soon as sketches can be submitted.

It will be a proud day for some local artist when the 10th Battalion gives its first parade wearing its soldier patch designed for them.

### IN THE ARMY

The colonel was lecturing a class of incipient officers. "A 40-foot flagpole had fallen down," he said. "You have a sergeant and a squad of ten men. How do you erect the flagpole again?"

The candidates thought, then offered suggestions about block-and-tackle, derricks, and so on.

"You're all wrong," replied the colonel. "You say: 'Sergeant, get that flagpole up!'"

## Sgt. 'Pop' Humphrey Is Father Of GSG Drum and Bugle Corps

Friday, March 31st, was a big anniversary in the life of Sgt. H. W. Humphrey, instructor of the 10th Battalion, Georgia State Guard Drum and Bugle Corps. It was the second birthday of his band, which has grown from four drummers on March 30, 1942, to a trained group of musicians today.

"Pop," as Sgt. Humphrey is affectionately known to the members of the 10th Battalion, signed up with the Guard way back when it was known as the Georgia State Defense Corps. Himself a musician and an instructor of music, Pop joined the Richmond Post No. 63, which was an infantry platoon sponsored by the American Legion. Pop became a private in the rear ranks, with a gun instead of a horn or drum. But when that unit disbanded, in March, 1942, Lt. Col. George Hains, then a major, asked Pop to organize a drum and bugle corps.

A few days later, Pop paraded before the battalion-commander a Victory Drum and Bugle Corps. It had only four drummers, all that Pop could scramble on such short notice. One was a Spanish-American War veteran, one a civilian, one an ex-member of the 19th Battalion Marine Reserves, and Pop himself. But what Pop lacked in numbers, on that occasion, he made up in volume. Major Hains commended Pop highly for the spirit added to the battalion by the four drummers.

Pop, however, put on a recruiting program all his own. For months, he was recruiting-sergeant, drum-instructor, bugle-instructor, drill sergeant, drum-major, commander and inspiration, all wrapped up into one man.

Almost a year later, in February, 1943, Pop gave the 10th Battalion something to talk about. At that time, he paraded four drummers, 10 buglers and 1 bass-drummer before the reviewing stand where Major Hains showered him with praise.

Two months later, Pop added another drummer, five buglers and

a full-uniform drum major to his outfit, which he paraded in front of Major Page, Frank Miller and Major Hains, at the Richmond Academy Stadium.

In August of that year, Pop took his drum and bugle corps to Camp Rutledge, Ga., where the 10th Battalion was in training for a week. From morning to night, he proved the efficiency and willingness of his band. Pop returned to Augusta amid the praise of every member of the battalion.

In February of this year, Pop's band had been acknowledged the outstanding Drum and Bugle Corps in the entire Georgia State Guard. This distinction brought forth a request-performance at Sardis, Ga., where more units of the Guard are located. Pop took with him four drums, one tenor drum, 1 bass drum, ten bugles and a pair of cymbals. En route, they concerted at Waynesboro, where they packed the town. When they arrived at Sardis, they played for a barbecue which was given the Sardis unit of the Guard.

Today, Pop has a two-year-old boy to show for his efforts. The four drums have grown into six snare drums, a tenor drum, a bass drum, a pair of cymbals and thirteen bugles. Their god-father, Lt.-Col. George Hains, runs the father a close second when it comes to pride.

The drum section is composed of S/Sgt. Al Kitchens, Cpl. James Hensley, Pfc. Alton Culpepper and Pvts. Gene Pritchard, Billy Woodward, John Bennett and Bobbie Deas.

The chief bugler is Sgt. David Dunn. He is assisted by Sgt. Gene Meads, Cpl. Dan Gunter, Cpl. Jimmy Murphy, and Pvts. Gene Williams, Stanley Cruch, Warren Young, Billy Powers, Marion Woodward, Frank Streets, Linwood Black, Edward Towner and Lester Williams.

Drill instruction is under the direction of S/Sgt. Herbert Jordan. The drum major is Jack Pritchard.

## 10th Bn. Medical Detachment Studies Security Measures

The 10th Battalion Medical Detachment of the Georgia State Guard laid aside its first-aid equipment recently to study individual protection of themselves while in the presence of its enemy.

Joining Company A of the State Guard, the medics heard a lecture by 1st Lt. Henry M. North, Jr., second in command of the infantry company, on the proper methods of protecting themselves against detection by the enemy.

Especially directed at the Company First Aid Men and the Litter Bearers who render medical service while under actual fire, the lecture involved concealment and security in the field. Impressing on them that the nature of their work makes them perfect targets, Lt. North explained the many means of concealing themselves on the field of battle.

Following his lecture, 2nd Lt. Joe Baird demonstrated to the medics the tactics of Interior Guard Duty.

The 10th Battalion Medical Detachment is but one of the many branches of the Georgia State Guard open to men who wish to serve on the home front. It is composed of Augusta's professional and business men. It meets every Tuesday night at the Academy of Richmond County.

The 10th Battalion Medical Detachment is organized and trained according to U. S. Army requirements. It renders medical services to the 10th Battalion in case of invasion, riots or civil disturbances.

Like other units of the Georgia State Guard, the Medical Detachment is organized to relieve from home duty the members of the armed forces who would otherwise have to be retained in this area for the protection of the civilian and

## 10th Battalion Signal Detachment Improves Gunfire

The Headquarters and Signal Detachment of the 10th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, laid aside its communication equipment recently to improve itself in marksmanship. Each man was allowed ten rounds of ammunition, and each was scored on his firing.

1st Lieutenant T. G. Smith, second in command of the Signal Detachment, instructed, with Pvt. Fred Hamilton, holder of the J. Warren Bannish medal for expert rifleman, assisting. Sgt. Bill Eve scored the highest number of hits.

Range firing is one of the many phases of military activity in which the Headquarters and Signal Unit must be proficient. It must provide all communications during active service, equip and maintain the Message Center, provide and supervise all vehicular transportation and, in general practice, provide maintenance and repair service for all technical facilities connected with the 10th Battalion.

At the meeting, Captain Elbert Peabody, commander of the Headquarters and Signal Unit, stressed the importance of Military Courtesy. "In particular," he said, "we must be thoroughly familiar with military courtesy, since we will be in constant contact with officers, both of the staff and visiting, at Headquarters."

Each member of the Headquarters and Signal Unit is a specialist in his particular field in civil life.

Drill Sergeant to the Rookie: "Wipe that opinion off your face."

war installations. Its purpose is to reinforce the army with men whose age, occupation or dependents prevent their serving with the regular forces.