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"I Salute Them" Says Anti-Aircraft Gunnery Officer

The son of one of our Battalion Commanders has served as anti-aircraft gunnery officer on a heavy cruiser in the Pacific for nearly three years and has taken part in nearly twenty naval engagements.

He had his first furlough home last summer and at that time was present at a State Guard Battalion maneuver in South Georgia.

He is just out of the long day and night vigil at battle stations and the Philippine battle with the Jap fleet and writes his dad as follows:

"You can tell your men for me that the men of the Georgia State Guard brought to me the biggest inspiration I got when I was home on leave and the best answer I had found to the charge that the people back home were letting the fighting men down. Some are, of course, but when I hear men complaining that the people back home don't know what the war is about I feel like telling them, 'Of course they don't. You didn't either before you left the States, but I am just back from the States and I saw old men and young boys who didn't have to do it, drilling and deploying and sweating in the hot sun with an interest and enthusiasm that amazed me. The spirit of the officers and men was as fine as any I have ever seen and they were not compelled or paid, their homes were not menaced by the enemy, they were all doing a man sized job on the home front and they got very little appreciation from the general public.'

"My observation is that most of the griping is done by those men who are only such patriots as they have to be because they were drafted and had to go, when here in the Georgia State Guard are over 6000 men too old, too young or too physically unfit for the Armed Forces who are carrying on and making the home front safe simply because they are men enough to do a tough and necessary job without any reward or compulsion. They carry on the greatly increased duties of their businesses through the week and then put in evenings and Sunday afternoons to rigorous training.

"I salute them."

Guardsmen Get More Army Equipment

The regular Army shipped seven freight carloads of equipment to the Georgia State Guard last month, continuing its policy of building up an efficient and modernly equipped Guard. Six of these cars contained iron beds and comforters. And these have been moved from State Guard Headquarters to Camp Toccoa, Toccoa, Ga. This material will be used from now on by various battalions which will hold maneuvers at Toccoa and also by the Guard for the summer encampments which will be held at Camp Toccoa in 1945. A carload of G.I. raincoats was also received at Headquarters in December, and these are being sent out to the various battalions in Georgia for distribution to Guardsmen.

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

COMPLETES FIRST YEAR AS GUARD COMMANDER



COLONEL R. W. COLLINS

Col. R. W. Collins Finishes First Year As Commander of Georgia State Guard

Col. R. W. Collins was commissioned by Gov. Ellis Arnall in Nov. 1943 as commander of the Georgia State Guard, and as Col. Collins' first year as Guard Commander has just ended. Lt. Col. Lee S. Purdom, chief of staff, made a report on the past year's activities of the Guard, addressed to the people of Georgia, over the radio Sunday night, December 10th, Col. Purdom said: "It is a law of nature for any person or organization to make known to the public the successes and satisfactory results of any accomplishments. It has been my privilege to be a member of this organization from the time of its creation, then known as the State Defense Corps, when patriotic citizens of Georgia banded together furnishing their own supplies, arms and equipment, to the present time when all arms, uniforms, equipment and various other supplies are furnished by the United States Army. This service and experience makes it possible for me to appreciate the progress made, especially during the last few months. The Constitution of the State of Georgia enjoins upon the Governor the

duty and responsibility to execute the laws of Georgia, to maintain peace and order, to repel invasions and to protect the lives and property of residents and sojourners within its borders. The National Congress recognized this duty, and the 76th Congress authorized the Governor to organize a military force for this purpose. The Georgia General Assembly authorized the Governor to enlist, organize, maintain, equip and discipline a volunteer force to be known as the Georgia State Guard. The Georgia State Guard was created under and by virtue of these authorities. It is the military organization recognized by the Federal Government. During our previous years when the Guard was struggling to exist the Army did not offer too much substantial assistance. The Federal Government was busy equipping its Armed Forces, building camps and training its men. It had the foresight that a well equipped and trained force was necessary for a successful assault against the enemy. We are now learning of the results. The pres-

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Thousands Watch Parachute Jumps At Savannah

Twenty-five paratroopers, one a Savannah man, parachuted into Daffin Park, Savannah, Sunday afternoon, December 17th, in a jumping exhibition which was the result of \$360,000 war bonds being sold in a very short time.

A crowd, estimated to be anywhere between 10,000 and 20,000 persons were on hand to see the thrilling sight which is expected by the American Legion and the Georgia State Guard to boost their bond sales up to almost half a million dollars.

The paratroopers, who arrived here in two C-47 transport planes from Fort Mackall, N. C., were brought here in the interest of the Sixth War Loan drive by the Georgia State Guard and the American Legion.

A gust of wind landed two of the twenty-five jumpers in trees where they were brought to the ground without injuries. One paratrooper was reported to have landed without injury on top of a spectator's automobile.

The thousands of Savannahians turned out and lined the park in multiple rows for the occasion, while estimated hundreds all over the city witnessed the skillfully maneuvered feat of parachuting into specified space.

The head plane dropped the jumpers in a series of two, four and seven, and the second plane jumped a stick of twelve men. Among the parachutists was B. McDonell Austin, a Savannah man, who has been in three major campaigns abroad.

Col. George A. Rice and Maj. Madison Brower, in behalf of the officers and men of the Seventeenth Battalion of the State Guard

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Alexander Cate, and to his comrades in Co. F of the Eighth Battalion, I bespeak the sincere sympathy of every member of the Georgia State Guard. We hope to see him in the Land and Life beyond.

And, in the sober mood which the heroic death of Sgt. Cate brings to our every heart, may we go further and express our abiding sense of sympathy for every Georgia family that has lost a loved one.

As we think of their sacrifice, the lifting lines of the following poem come to mind:

"Trumpeter, what are you sounding now?"

(Is it the call I'm seeking?)
"Lucky for you if you hear it at all,

For my trumpet's but faintly speakin'

I'm callin' 'em home! Come home! Tread light o'er the dead in the valley,

Who are lyin' around face down to the ground,

And they can't hear me sound the 'Rally.'

But they'll hear it again in a grand refrain,

When Gabriel sounds the last 'Rally.'—(J. Francis Brown)

"In God We Trust"

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

I am much obliged to Sergeant E. L. Hewett, Chaplain, Co. F, Eighth Battalion, Georgia State Guard, Thomaston, Ga., for the following information:

"We have one man who has given his life for his country. Sgt. Alexander Cate, member of a Parachute Battalion, was killed on D-Day in the invasion of Normandy. Sgt. Cate was a Chaplain's Assistant in the Army, and would have become a full-fledged Chaplain on his 24th birthday, had he lived."

This is the first name of a Georgia Guardsman sent me in response to the request which I made in this column three months ago. Permit me to renew the request, and to thank in advance anyone who knows of any other Guardsman who has been killed in World War II for prompt report of same.

In the midst of our many duties incident to the stepped-up war effort, let us not forget those who have made the supreme sacrifice. They deserve our most reverent tribute.

To the loved ones of Sergeant

Attention . . .

THE "GUARDSMAN" WOULD LIKE TO PRINT THE NAMES OF ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE GIVEN BLOOD TO THE RED CROSS BLOOD BANK. SEND IN NAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

State Guard 'Order' From Valdosta Commander Gets State Recognition

Col. R. W. Collins, commander of the Georgia State Guard, was so impressed with a general order issued by Lt. Col. W. G. Eager, commander of the 19th Bn., GSG, at Valdosta, that he has requested that the press be given Lt. Col. Eager's order in its entirety. The order was headed "To Quit My Post Only When Properly Relieved" and states:

We all know what this means and a sentry who quit his post before he was properly relieved would be a poor soldier indeed, and would have disgraced himself, his company, his battalion, and his uniform.

But, let's look at the broader meaning of these words. The Georgia State Guard has a post of duty to walk during the time its sons are fighting at the front, and these valiant lads who are carrying the war to our enemies overseas have every right to expect those at home, for reasons of age, or physical unfitness for first line duty, "To Quit My Post Only When Properly Relieved."

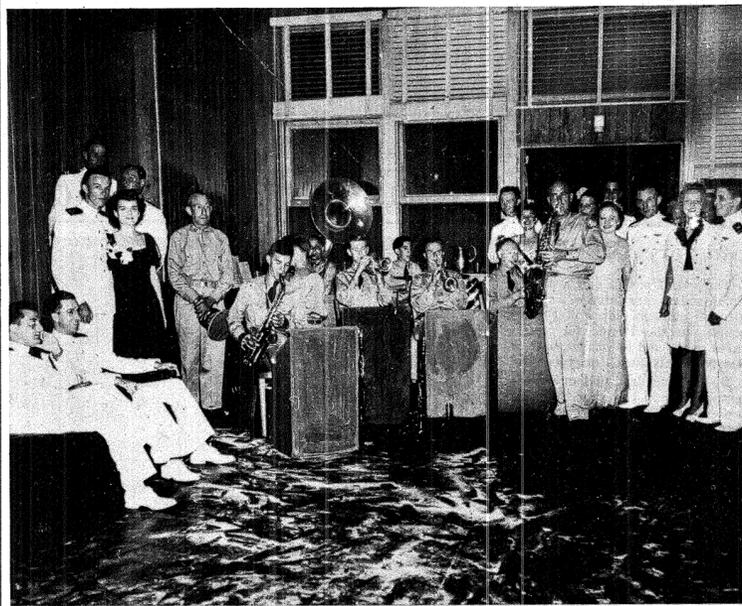
In the absence of the National

Guard, the Georgia State Guard is walking the post of the plain, patriotic duty, and until the boys return and we are properly relieved, we should, individually, as officers and men, stand fast if it is humanly possible to do so.

A few Guardsmen are saying, "Well, the War is about over any way. I don't see the need of putting in the time and effort the Guard takes." The boys on our fronts in France, Italy, Germany, or in the Pacific don't feel this way, we can thank the Lord, for if they did the Germans and Japs would never be beaten.

Stick together, men; let's walk that last mile along with the boys at the front and know that we have done our part as real men and to the limit of our abilities.

Hugh Hawkins Howell, popular attorney of Atlanta, and M. Neil Andrews, U. S. District Attorney, have been appointed to grade of Captain in the Georgia State Guard and assigned to the Special Staff as Assistant Judge-Advocates.



ST. SIMONS, GA., June 24, 1944 (slightly delayed)—An extemporaneous dance band, composed of State Guard Band members on a recruiting drive in South Georgia, took control of a Naval Officers dance on St. Simons Island. The dance, held at a Navy Clubhouse called "The Nineteenth Hole," was to last for three hours. However, the navy liked the band so well that they insisted on an extra hour of music. The band made no charge for playing. (Official U. S. Navy Photograph.)

Major L. D. Slappey Made Lt. Colonel, C. O. 12th Battalion

With the advent of the resignation of Lt. Colonel S. A. Nunn, commanding officer of the 12th battalion, Georgia State Guard, at Perry, Ga., Major L. D. Slappey, of Americus, former executive officer of the Battalion, was advanced to the rank of Lt. Colonel, and placed in command of the battalion.

The promotion of Major Slappey brought forth a number of promotions and changes of the 12th battalion, being promoted to the rank of Major, and assigned to duty as Battalion Executive Officer. First Lieutenant Roy G. Johnson, Company A, Infantry, 12th Battalion advancing to the rank of captain, and being assigned to duty as Adjutant, S-1, of the battalion, and Captain T. J. Wallis, of Americus, former commanding officer of the Signal Corps Company, 12th Battalion, being assigned to the battalion staff as property officer.

First Lieutenant James G. Collins, of the Signal Corps company, was advanced to the rank of captain and assigned to the command of the Signal Corps and Headquarters Detachment. Captain Collins also was assigned to the Battalion Staff as Signal Officer.

Private First Class Grady L. Rockett was advanced to the rank of first lieutenant and assigned to duty as Public Relations Officer for the Battalion.

Capt. W. P. Fulbright New Commander Co. A, 12th Battalion

First Lieutenant W. P. Fulbright, Company A, Infantry, 12th Battalion, has recently been promoted to the rank of Captain and, given command of Company "A," due to the resignation of Captain I. H. Griffin, former commanding officer of the company. Captain Griffin has been placed on the Detached Officer's list at his own request.

Second Lt. R. S. Lewis, of Company A, was promoted to 1st Lt. and Sgt. Sam Gunn was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant.

"What is your name, please?" asked the precinct worker.

"Maggie Dugan."

"And your husband's name?"

"Dugan, like my own."

"But what is his full name?"

"Well, when he's full he thinks he is Jack Dempsey, but when I take him in hand he's still Dugan."

Co. A, Columbus Visits Rifle Range At Fort Benning

Following many weekly drill periods spent in arduous preparatory rifle marksmanship exercises, Company A, 11th Battalion, fired the 200-yard course "C" on the Fiske Rifle Range at Fort Benning Sunday, December 17th.

About 50 Guardsmen assembled at Columbus High school at 7 a. m. and proceeded by motor convoy to Benning and were on the range ready to fire by sunrise. The cold misty atmosphere did not dampen their spirits and though the bulls-eyes were but faintly visible, the riflemen soon were smacking the center of the target with regularity.

The Company was divided into three groups, one on the firing line, one coaching, and the other to the pits to operate targets and telephones.

Capt. E. E. Thiele, assisted by Capt. Ralph Holloman, Lt. Wm. Massie and Lt. Frank Hackett, acted as range officer and controlled the firing. The battalion commander, Lt. Col. H. B. Pease, was on hand.

Maj. Stanley W. Addis, S-3, of Fort Benning, and his assistant, Maj. James A. Mitchell, representing Brig. Gen. W. H. Hobson of Fort Benning, made all arrangements for the Guardsmen to fire this course. Capt. M. M. Hamburger, of the 3rd Student Training Regiment, Fort Benning, acted as head coach on the firing line.

After each man had fired five rounds slow fire each in the positions of prone, kneeling, sitting and standing with both the loop and hasty adjustments of the sling, the targets were changed from A (10 inch bullseye) to the D target (head and shoulder silhouette). Ninety seconds were then allotted to squeeze off five shots going from a standing to prone position, and repeated in each position of kneeling and sitting. Records were kept of each score. They will be forwarded to State Guard headquarters in Atlanta and entered on each man's service record.

Capt. Thiele expressed pleasure with the creditable showing of the men and extended appreciation to Gen. Hobson, Major Addis and others who made it possible to train his men in this rifle practice.

"Now," she asked, "is there any man in the audience who would let his wife be slandered and say nothing? If so, stand up."

A meek little man rose to his feet. The lecturer glared at him.

"Do you mean to say you'd let your wife be slandered and say nothing?" she cried.

"Oh, I'm sorry," he said. "I thought you said slandered."

Guardsmen!

By CHARLES COLE

Here's to the State Guard,
Who are always on hand,
Here's to the State Guard
That guards throughout the land!

From Southern California

To the very tip of Maine
A thousand men and women
With the State Guard train.

If we were ever invaded,

To the rescue they would go,
Fighting, dying, singing, sighing,
They would defeat the foe.

Christmas Party Enjoyed By Guardsmen

The companies of the Georgia State Guard, consisting of combat and medical units, held a Christmas banquet at the Phil Cook Hotel, Sparta, Ga., Tuesday evening, December 19th, beginning at 8 p. m. The dining hall was decorated very appropriately and a Christmas tree was supplied by those detailed as "arrangement committee."

At a previous meeting, each member drew another member's name in order that all might receive presents. Presents were not to cost in excess of 25c and to be of a ridiculous nature. The attendance was about 50. Capt. Fuller was in charge of the meeting, and Major H. R. McKinnon was honor guest.

After enjoying the Christmas dinner, Major McKinnon was asked to act as Santa Claus and with assistants to deliver the presents. He made a wonderful "Santa" in the "delivery" of the presents in his usual graceful manner.

Guardsmen were requested not to open their presents until all had been delivered and then, in turn, each would stand, open his package and display his present, making any comment he saw fit to make. The presents consisted of most everything, mentionable and unmentionable, from a "yo yo" to a toy machine gun, Pvt. Bridges and Major McKinnon receiving the two extremes. Major McKinnon made a short talk that was very impressive.

The closing feature was a song, "God Bless America," led by Capt. Fuller. No doubt this will be made an annual occasion in the future.

"Where Do We Go from Here?"

By Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker
Adjutant General, Texas State Guard

One of the common questions about the State Guard as the success of our military forces mounts overseas is: "Where do we go from here?"

Nobody can tell you exactly, but I can assure you that it is more important than ever for the State Guard—every man of it—to stay on the job. This war is NOT over. It is NOT nearly over, particularly when we think of it in terms of returning to normalcy. That will require a considerable span of time, even after the shooting ceases.

It is as unthinkable for a man to leave the Guard now on the strength of the war being over as it would be for an American soldier on the Rhine river to say, "Well, boys, we have licked them this far. We may as well quit."

We must keep a going organization—a growing organization—to maintain a sound home security military force until a permanent post-war program can be put into effect. Before that is done there is every likelihood that the State Guard will be needed many times. Our duties are many. We help out in times of disaster and civil disturbances, as well as training as troops of the line. Until the boys over there actually get home it is our duty to stay in service on the home-front, to help in the ceaseless campaign to keep our companies up to strength against the day when they may be called upon, though God grant that they will seldom be needed.

There may be some who wonder what kind of a state militia we are going to have when the war is over. Of this much I can assure you: Whatever the form, it will be big enough to need every man of you who wants to continue in the service and who can pass the physical.

Do not be alarmed that anybody is going to displace you who have performed so tirelessly at home during the war.

I rather think the post-war militia will be much like the National Guard... Whatever its name or form, there will be room for every willing and able-bodied man of the State Guard. Our problem then—as the problem with military organizations always is and will be—was not to find places for the men we have but to find men for the places.

There will be a place for each of you in the future. There is a great place for you today in the State Guard.

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!

(Reprinted from Indiana State Guardsman)

State Guard Team Wins 3 Bowling League Games

The Georgia State Guard team of Griffin won three games played with the Wynne Precision Company team in a round of the Men's City Bowling League, Wednesday night, December 20th. Lovelady, member of the State Guard team, was high scorer for the evening with 131 in the third game.

Players on the teams and their scores were:

State Guard: Powers, 130, 104, 99; Woodall, 104, 89, 95; Lovelady, 106, 117, 131; Wilson, 110, 107, 105; McElroy, 105, 102, 102.

Wynne Precision: Thomas, 97, 84, 98; Brannon, 15, 87, 91; Williams, 86, 108, 94; Hancock, 85, 96, 87; Wilder, 107, 85, 85.

Maj. William Morgan Visits State Guard

Maj. William S. Morgan, Fourth Service Command, was guest at the meeting of officers of the 17th Battalion in December.

Major Morgan was visiting Savannah on an informal inspection of the 17th Battalion and its equipment. In his survey, Major Morgan found the battalion to be following the army's training schedule very rigidly and to be in very good state.

He said that the Fourth Service Command, which furnishes equipment for the guard, hopes that people in this district will enlist their services for the 17th Battalion and also take advantage of its instruction and benefits.



Pictured above are 10 of the parachutists participating in the parachute jumping exhibition at Savannah on December 17th, sponsored by the Georgia State Guard and the American Legion. Those shown in the picture are: Left to right, Pvt. F. C. Fols, Pvt. Maurice O. Watts, Pvt. Premo C. Cabello, Pvt. Edward A. Sheaffer, Corp. Duncan C. Cooper, Corp. Francis J. Quarters, T/Sgt. Herbert Allen, T/Sgt. Thomas H. Jones, 1st Sgt. Herman C. Blakley, and Lt. Walter A. Krakaukas.

Thousands Watch Parachute Jumps At Savannah

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and the local Legionnaires, were high in the praise and deeply grateful to the officers of Camp MacCall, who made it possible for the people of Savannah and hundreds of visitors to see the parachutists perform.

The officers directly responsible for this demonstration are Brig. Gen. G. T. Dolbey, commanding officer; Col. M. A. Quanto, Lt. Col. A. M. Henderson, Maj. D. W. Rachal, all of the 542nd Infantry Battalion, and Maj. J. D. Krause, 312th Airborne Squadron. The local groups also expressed appreciation to the officers and men who participated in making the performance successful.

Lt. Col. A. M. Henderson stated that it would have pleased him to have personally acknowledged his gratefulness for the sponsors who made it possible for his parachutists to come to Savannah. He said it looked splendid from the air and better from the ground because of the warm hospitality extended his group. They stand ready at any time for a larger and more thorough exhibition any time Savannah needs them, the colonel said.

Lt. Col. Henderson pointed out that "it takes those E bonds for the army to buy the finest equipment in the world for its soldiers and hasten the war's end."

Major Rachal pronounced the exhibition a complete success. The group was entertained at the American Legion Post No. 135 with a reception following the display.

On the bond committee representing the two local groups were: from the Legion, Sanford P. Butler, David I. Hirsch and Boykin Paschal; from the State Guards, A. J. Brower, Col. Rice and Lt. Morris Rabhan.

Colonel Rice and members of the Atlanta headquarters staff of the guards congratulated Lieutenant Rabhan as public relations officer for bringing the paratroopers to Savannah.

Mobile Unit For Guard

A new Mobile Unit of the Georgia State Guard is being organized in Atlanta to be stationed at the State Headquarters of the Guard. This unit is commanded by Captain Erwin G. Baumer and will be ready to move and have the necessary transportation to move to any part of the State in case of an emergency to protect the life and property of the citizens of Georgia. The equipment consists of all necessary vehicles and weapons to cope with any situation which might arise within the State. The personnel of the mobile unit will consist of veterans of World War I and World War II and this unit will be an organization that all citizens of our State can point to with pride.

General Griffin Visits State Guard at Hampton

Brigadier-General S. Marvin Griffin, Adjutant General of Georgia, was dinner guest of Captain and Mrs. George W. Taylor of Hampton Monday evening, December 18th.

General Griffin is just back from the South Pacific where he spent two and a half years fighting Japs. He came to Hampton as guest of Captain Taylor and spoke to the men of the Hampton company of the State Guard.

16th Bn. Officers Dinner Guests of Col. R. W. Collins

The staff officers of the 16th Battalion were guests of Col. R. W. Collins, commanding officer of the Georgia State Guard, at a dinner held at the Ware Hotel December 10th. Those present in addition to Col. Collins were Lt. Col. J. E. Mathis, Jr., of Fitzgerald; Maj. A. R. Rousey, of Atlanta; Capt. W. D. Hanscom, of Waycross; Capt. Troy Vinson, of Waycross; Capt. James H. Adams, of Fitzgerald; Capt. Wayne Hinson, of Waycross; Capt. R. Lloyd Scott, of Waycross; and Capt. E. O. Blacklock, of Waycross.

The commanding officer of the 16th Battalion stated that attendance on drill nights was very good throughout the battalion and that enlistments were also good. He also announced that the Rev. Charles Wyatt-Brown, rector of the Grace Episcopal Church, had been commissioned battalion chaplain with the rank of captain.

Celone Collins stated that the Georgia State Guard had a job to do that will last as long as the National Guard remains in federal service. He concluded by saying, "Our job is important, vitally important to the well-being of our state and we cannot lessen our endeavors to grow tired. Not only must we do our full share but it is also our job to see that each and every citizen does his or her share."

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Sgt. Pace McCorkle Enlists in Army

The Thomson unit of the State Guard reluctantly gave up its excellent 1st Sgt. Pace McCorkle. His last duties with the Guard were performed on the drill night of December 5th. Officers and enlisted men alike expressed their regrets and wished him the best of luck in parting.

Sgt. McCorkle joined the Guard soon after it was organized. He has



SGT. PACE McCORKLE

always proven an excellent soldier, loyal and devoted to his duties. As a reward of his efforts and in recognition of his ability, from a private he was advanced as rapidly as possible.

Recently promoted to first sergeant he well demonstrated his ability as a leader. Under his administration squad organization was improved on; a system of merits and demerits was instituted, and regular noncommissioned officers meetings were held, which contributed much to the welfare of this organization.

As a further demonstration of the affection of Company G of the 10th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, a supper was given in Sgt. McCorkle's honor. He now enters the service of his country with the well wishes of all of his former buddies and friends.

Hancock Guard Continues Active

Although it is understood that many of the State Guard units over the state have disbanded during recent months, since the possibility of invasion of our shores seems past, the Sparta unit is still in active organization. Under the direction of Captain M. G. Pound, the members drill every Monday

Guard Training Aids Marksmanship

Do you remember your first trip to the rifle range, how you thought it was going to be fun, how you had hunted a lot and was considered a good shot, was going to show up everybody else by having a good score, and then discovered that you had to go through all the training that everybody else had, using the sighting bar, triangulation, aim, trigger squeeze, breathing and position, and O boy, those positions; how your elbow became raw and started to bleed, how every stone in the ground was under you, or at least that was the way it felt; how the sling felt like it was going to pull your arm off. At the end of all that you would be lucky if you even could hit the target anywhere, and then after it was all over, the instructor said "That will be all for today." And you did not get to fire a shot of live ammunition. Then the next week you stayed away because you decided it was too hard on you; that you did not like being sore for a few days. But if you were one of those men who was determined that he was going to learn how to shoot, and you came back every week-end, and then the first thing you knew the instructor let you run the course, and the nice score you made. Wasn't it a great feeling? From that beginning a rifleman is born. He figures he is just as good a shot as the highest man in the company and will try hard to BE the best shot in the company.

Private W. H. Zachry, now in the U. S. Marines, was present for three straight Saturday afternoons when the range opened at 1:00 P. M. and stayed there until 6:00 P. M., when the range closed. He did not fire or waste a lot of ammunition; in fact, he did not fire a shot the first Saturday, just went through the fundamentals of shooting. The second Saturday he fired a few shots, mastered the sight adjustment, and then on the third Saturday he ran the course. His first qualifying score was 176 x 200, using the old small target we used during the summer of 1942. Private Zachry went into the Marines as a buck private on November 14, 1942; two weeks later he qualified with the Marines as "Expert" with P.F.C. rating. On February 28, 1943, he visited us, wearing 2nd Lieutenant bars and was on his way to Charleston, S. C.

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Lt. Scott Candler, of Decatur, commanding officer 5th Battalion; Major Albert Johnston, executive officer; Capt. Joe Kelley, Battalion S-4, and other officers from HQ staff; Capt. Walter Paschal, commanding Co. A, Griffin, and staff.

Among others attending were: E. Q. Owen, Sheriff of Henry County; J. J. Fisher, Mayor McDonough; J. L. Sinback, Mayor Hampton; the police of Hampton and T. J. Shaw, representing the Central of Georgia Railway.

Ga. Guard Band Gives Concert At Hampton

At the invitation of Captain G. F. Taylor, commander of Co. F, 5th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, a military band from State Guard headquarters in Atlanta gave a concert in Hampton Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, from 2 till 5 o'clock. Preceding the program members of the band and other guests, including high ranking officers of the State Guard, were served a barbecue dinner by the Hampton Company.

Co. F, whose personnel is composed entirely of Hampton citizens who recognized early in the war the need of a home-defense organization, is now an efficient unit of the Georgia State Guard. It was organized and trained by Captain Taylor, who served as an officer in France during the first World War. It has complete regulation equipment furnished by the U. S. Army. The State Guard is officially recognized as an important arm of our national defenses.

Officers of Co. F in charge of Sunday's festivities, in addition to Capt. Taylor, were: First Lt. Harry Furviance, adjutant; 1st Sgt. Roy T. Greer, Line Sgts. Ray Robertson, Amos Cain, Jr., Olin Haynes and Guy H. Howard. A guard composed of enlisted men of the company ranks was placed at several points to direct the cars and Army trucks.

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FOURTH BATTALION AT CAMP TOCCOA

The 4th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, recently spent the week-end at Camp Toccoa, the State Guard Camp at Toccoa, Georgia.

The primary purpose of this trip was to secure practice in the use of all types of weapons. Inclement weather prevented use of the excellent range; however, an indoor program covering salient features of the guard training was held in the vast recreational building.

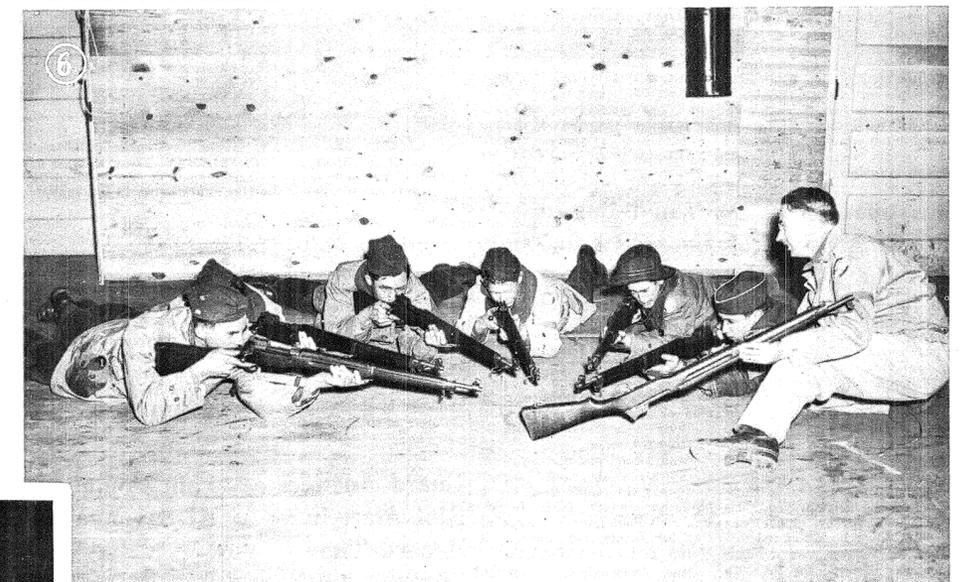
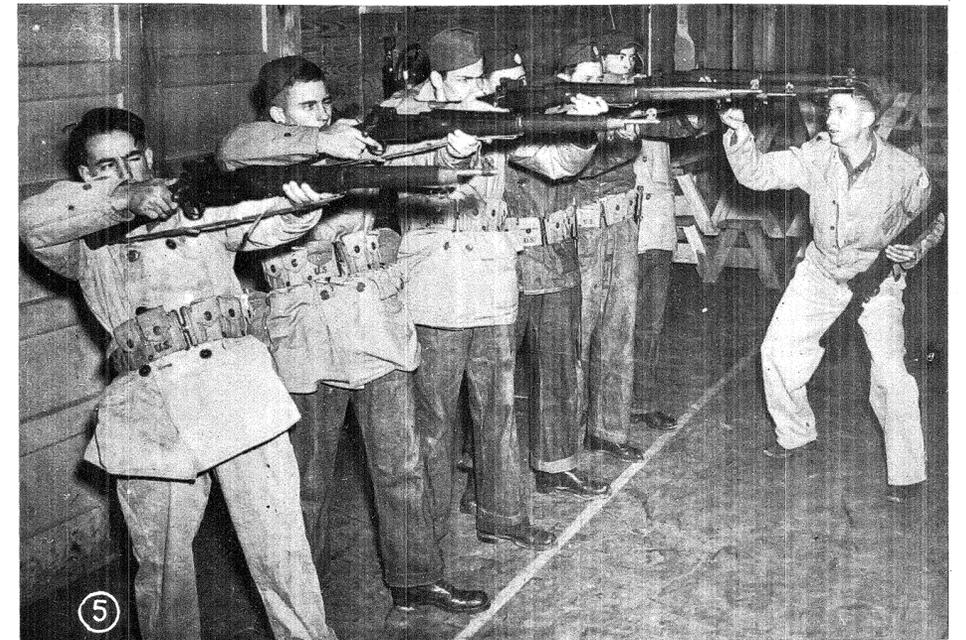
All officers and enlisted men participated.

Lt. Col. Frank R. Fling, battalion commander, and staff were hosts to visiting staff officers and army personnel.

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- 1. MESS HALL—Men from Co. H, Jonesboro.
- 2. BAYONET INSTRUCTION—Left to right, Corp. H. L. Lemaster, Co. B; F/Sgt. Ceymore Kessler, Co. A; S/Sgt. G. J. Ritenour, Corps MP, Fort Benning.
- 3. KNEELING POSITION—Left to right, Horace Sailers, Co. B; Bobby Long, Co. B; Joe Rainey, Co. B; Billie Long, Co. B; Virgil Jones, Co. B; Bernard Naas, Co. B; Capt. J. R. Johnson, Co. C, standing in rear.
- 4. SITTING POSITION—Left to right, E. J. Stowers, Co. E; Billy Murray, Co. B; John Marley, Co. C; Jack Fisher, Co. E; George Hill, Co. C; H. L. Lemaster, Co. B; Capt. J. R. Johnson, Co. C, standing, giving instructions.
- 5. STANDING POSITION—Left to right, Tut Reeves, Co. H; Billy Butler, Co. H; L. E. Davidson, Co. B; Thurston Anderson, Co. B; Wesley Brownlee, Co. B; J. B. Smith, Co. E; Capt. J. R. Johnson, Co. C, instructing.
- 6. PRONE POSITION—Left to right, Johnnie Lee Gilbert, Co. H; Sterling English, Co. H; Steve Carnes, Co. H; Preston Woolf, Co. H; O. C. Huff, Co. C; Johnnie Phillips, Co. B; Capt. J. R. Johnson, Co. C, helping the men in triangulation.
- 7. MACHINE GUN—Left to right, Robin Brown, Gunner, Hq. Co.; S/Sgt. Bernard South, Coach; M. S. Vandergriff, Hq. Co.

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Col. R. W. Collins Finishes First Year As Commander of Georgia State Guard

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ent table of organization of the Guard, which has the approval of the Army, consists of twenty battalions and these are divided into 121 companies. The present strength of the Guard is 621 officers and 6,186 enlisted men, making a total of 6,807 Georgia citizens who are serving in an essential war activity as their patriotic volunteer duty. During the past eleven months 2,122 Guardsmen have been discharged, the greater number of these entering the Army and Navy. Most of these were young men of eighteen years, who had received their preliminary military training in the Guard. These young men found their new military life much easier by their service in the Guard, and by reason of this previous military training, promotions came to them earlier and their tasks were much lighter. The War Department has been most cooperative during the past year. It has listened with a sympathetic and understanding ear, acted in a responsive and substantial manner. The Army assisted in our summer encampment at Fort Benning by providing quarters, instructors, and every way possible to make the encampment a success. The Guardsmen were treated and respected the same as if we had been in the same Army and had the same privileges as the Army on the post. Supplies and equipment have been furnished by the Army to the Guard in sufficient quantities to fully equip the Guardsmen with arms, ammunition, clothing, and in fact, almost everything necessary for our existence as a military organization. During the past ten days eight freight cars of supplies and equipment

were received by the Guard from the Army and were stored at Camp Toccoa for the use of the Guard, especially for the summer encampment which we are planning in June of 1945. The fact that we are now receiving the full support and cooperation of the Army, together with the many accomplishments that can be seen daily, the morale of the Guard is high. Although we have passed that particular phase of the war of a threatened invasion, we are approaching that period of time and post-war activities where the mission of the Guard will be to maintain peace and order and to protect the lives and property of the people within our State. Judging the future by the past and taking into consideration all available statistics, we can only anticipate a period of unrest and unemployment, especially when twelve million members of the Armed Forces of our country return expecting to find good jobs with high wages. In Georgia we have more citizens in the Armed Forces than are employed in industrial work in normal times. It will be extremely hard for the necessary adjustments to be made whereby we will return to normal civil life without public disturbances and strife. A large military organization well trained to suppress civil disturbance is absolutely necessary for the protection of lives and property of this State. It is the policy of the Georgia State Guard to fully cooperate with all civil authorities to promptly aid communities in distress, to protect lives and property, and in the event of disaster to render all services for which the Georgia State Guard was created.

Christmas Party Honoring Wives of 10th Bn. Officers

The officers of the 10th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, paid homage to their wives Monday night, December 18th, at a Christmas party in the Crystal Room of the Bon Air Hotel. Officers from Appling, Augusta, Louisville and Waynesboro joined in the celebration.

The Crystal Room was beautifully decorated in a green motif by Captain and Mrs. James Harbin. Palms were used as a background for the holly-sprayed tables on which a turkey dinner was served. A silver basket of red carnations marked the seat of honor which was reserved for the 10th Battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel George Hains and his wife.

The address of welcome was delivered by Captain W. Roscoe West, president of the 10th Battalion Officers Club. He concluded by presenting Lieutenant-Colonel Hains, who paid tribute to the unselfish cooperation given the Guard by the wives of its members. Further compliments were added by Major W. D. Jennings, battalion surgeon.

Captain Stewart P. Walker, property officer, was master of ceremonies. He conducted several novel contests to heighten the enjoyment of the evening.

Present were Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Hains, with their daughters, Mesdames Cavan and Keuper; Major Jennings and his daughter, Miss Billy Jennings; Captain and Mrs. James Harbin; Captain Stewart Walker; Captain and Mrs. Elbert P. Peabody; Captain and Mrs. James C. Harrison; Captain and Mrs. W. Roscoe West; Captain and Mrs. Guy C. Smith; Captain C. F. Stone and Miss Wells; 1st Lt. and Mrs. T. G. Smith; 1st Lt. and Mrs. E. M. Williams; 1st Lt. and Mrs. C. H. Wilkins; 1st Lt. and Mrs. W. J. Baird; 1st Lt. and Mrs. Norman Gallo-way; 1st Lt. and Mrs. C. W. Mulherin; 1st Lt. and Mrs. C. W. Robey; 1st Lt. and Mrs. R. E. Watkins; 2nd Lt. and Mrs. R. E. Heath; 2nd Lt. and Mrs. M. R. Oliver; and 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Glenn Segars.

Promotions in Co. A, 11th Battalion Announced

Capt. E. E. Thiele, commanding officer of Company A, 11th Battalion, GSG, announced the following promotions in December.

Promoted from the first platoon in Headquarters Company were Sgt. John T. Spence, to be staff sergeant (mess); Pvt. Jack B. Bivins to be Technician 5th Gr. (Artificer-Armorer).

From second platoon: Sgt. Wm. H. Parks, to be staff sergeant (supply); Cpl. Clifford G. Lee to be technician 4th Grade (cook); Pfc. Phil Pomerance to be technician 5th Grade, Pvt. Clement R. Morton to corporal (Com. Clerk.)

Other promotions announced were to fill vacancies existing in the first and second platoons of Company A.

First platoon: To sergeant: Cpl. Lance Travis; to corporal: Pvt. Fred Middleton; to technicians 5th grade (submachine gunners): Pvt. Homer T. Bartlett, Pvt. Rufus E. Davidson, Pvt. Hugh L. Dowling, Pvt. Ira C. Helms, Pvt. Jos. D. Skinner; Pvt. Henry L. Turner; to private, first class: Pvt. James J. Ammons, Pvt. William J. Hendrix, Pvt. Ritchie M. White. 2nd platoon: To sergeant: Cpl. J. T. Boyd; to cpl.: Pvt. Theo H. Dahn, Pvt. Beauform E. Luttrell; to technicians 5th Grade (submachine gunners) Pfc. Thomas K. Taylor; Private Earl L. Culppepper; Pvt. Varney S. Hightower; Pvt. Marion L. Phelms; Pvt. Eddie C. Scott; Pvt. Jack D. Turner; to private first class: Pvt. Lester M. Aderhold, Pvt. James K. Brannon, Pvt. George R. Bross, Pvt. James E. Farrar, Pvt. Barney Hobbs, Pvt. George C. Johns, Pvt. Reese Sims, Pvt. Eddie L. Smith, Pvt. Harvey W. Tillery.

"Are you sure your husband really goes hunting on those hunting trips he's always taking?" her caty friend asked.

"Oh, yes; absolutely," she replied.

"But he rarely brings any game home."

"My dear, that's what makes me certain that he really goes."

FIRST WOMAN VOLUNTEER SWORN INTO GUARD



GEORGIA'S FIRST LADY GUARDSMAN—Lieut. Colonel Frank Fling, commander of the Fourth Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, swears in Miss Mildred Day as a member of the guard. She is the first to answer the manpower shortage appeal sent out by the State Guard. (Journal Photo by Mary Blew.)

The Georgia State Guard's first feminine volunteer was sworn in Wednesday, January 24th, at Fourth Battalion Headquarters by Lieut. Colonel Frank Fling, battalion commander.

She is Miss Mildred Day, attractive Fulton County Police Department employee, who answered the "manpower shortage" appeal sent out recently by Colonel R. W. Collins, state commander of the Guard.

Mildred, who decided to join "after talking with Colonel Fling last week," will do clerical work for the Guard. She is a native of Atlanta, and has been employed by the Police Department for three years. Before that time she worked at Davison-Paxon Company here.

She will be one of six feminine members who will be recruited for Fourth Battalion headquarters here, and will wear a special uniform similar to that of the Women's Army Corps, except for State Guard buttons, insignia, and shoulder patch.

Her rating may be as high as technical sergeant, and other possible ratings for guardswomen are technician third grade and technician fifth grade.

Colonel Fling has received applications from a large number of women who desire to volunteer for Guard service, and he asked the Guardsman to explain that only qualified stenographers are acceptable.

Guard Answers Riot Alert in Record Time

Company A, of Washington, of GSG, had its first practice alert in November. In thirty minutes after the alert was given, thirty-seven out of forty-four men had reported in uniform ready for duty.

Allmon Carter was the first man to answer the alert and did it in six and one-half minutes; the last man to report came just thirty minutes after the alert was given. He said he could have been there sooner, but his wife was bathing and he had to tend to the baby. Captain Rider accepted the excuse and told him to do better next time. The average forming in for the company was fifteen and one-half minutes. Eighty-four per cent of the men answered the call and every man was accounted for. Those not reporting were either out of town or sick.

Under the command of Captain Rider, headquarters were established at the Wilkes County Cannery. Maps had been drawn ahead of time and the general plan outlined. The points to be guarded were the old Wilkes-Lincolnton warehouse and the Standard Oil bulk station. Within thirty minutes from the time the alert was given a strong guard was placed around both of these objectives with ample reserves. The alert was given at 8:45 and by 9:15 every member of the State Guard was on duty or accounted for.

Only officers of the company knew of the plans in advance. Plans for the alert had been made

Fain Commissioned At Savannah

The Rev. J. Ed Fain, pastor of Wesley Monumental Methodist Church, has been given a commission as captain and appointed chaplain of the Seventeenth Battalion, Georgia State Guard.

Col. George A. Rice, commanding officer of the Seventeenth Battalion, in announcing Captain Fain's commission, said that it was the first time that the Seventeenth Battalion has ever had a chaplain assigned to it.

Colonel Rice made the recommendation for Captain Fain's commission and appointment to the local battalion, and the recommendation was approved by State Guard headquarters in Atlanta.

Captain Fain, who has been pastor of the Wesley Monumental Church since November of 1942, is also chaplain of Chatham Post No. 36, American Legion, being a veteran of World War I. He was elected, November 20, 1944, as president of the Savannah Ministerial Association at its annual meeting.

In advance with sergeants and corporals responsible for notifying certain members of the Guard. These men were scattered everywhere in the community. Immediately upon receiving the alert they went to their homes and dressed in their uniforms and reported for duty. Captain Rider said he was well pleased with the efficiency of his men.

"Did you miss your train, sir?"

"No, I didn't like its looks, so I chased it out of the station."

Eight 4th Bn. Men Get Marksmanship Badges

Company C, 4th Battalion, has just received confirmation from Headquarters of the following marksmanship badges to be issued, and worn: Sharpshooter, Sgt. V. V. Pierce, Corp. H. M. Shivers, Privates E. H. Bernhardt, Jr., Gene Chapman, John Marler, B. V. Bell, C. L. Elsberry; Marksmen, Corp. E. W. Lemon.

Co. C is one of the companies fortunate enough to have its own 22 calibre rifle range, and have had ever since Pearl Harbor, the number of men who have qualified on this range is large, most of the original unit has gone either to the Armed forces or moved out of town, the range is still in use. At one time there was a unit strength of 40 men and every man was qualified.

Guardsmen from every company in Atlanta have visited this range, where they are always welcomed. We have at times had enough 22 calibre rifles to take care of visitors who did not own rifles, but at the present time our rifles are limited and we do not have enough to go around within our own company.

He: "My feet are cold." The Doc: "Well, all you have to do is to go to bed and have a brick at your feet." He: "I tried that." The Doc: "Did you get the brick hot?" He: "Heck! Took me all night just to get it warm."

Co. B, 10th Battalion Responds Quickly To Surprise Drill

Company B, of the 10th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, acting under orders of the commanding officer of the 4th Service Command, Major General F. E. Uhl, alerted Tuesday night, January 11th, with full field equipment. The surprise, single-company order—the first of its kind since the organization of the local battalion—was flashed to Captain W. Roscoe West, commander of Company B, at 5:30 in the afternoon, with instructions to be ready for emergency-duty at 7:30 p. m.

Members of the company were contacted by telephones, through a prearranged alert-list, at their places of employment, and given the deadline-hour of reporting to the Armory. By 7:25—five minutes before the time set for assembly—the company was in place, equipped with packs, ammunition, rifles, canteens and field uniforms.

There, they were inspected by Major William S. Morgan, of the 4th Service Command, Atlanta, who graded them "excellent" on preparedness and speed of assembly. He pronounced it one of the best surprise-alerts held in the state.

First Lieutenant G. Norman Galloway and Second Lieutenant A. T. Mulherin assisted Captain West in alerting the company.

Marine Films Shown To 10th Battalion

All local companies and detachments of the 10th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, witnessed Tuesday night, January 11th, a showing of two Marine Corps films: "Battle of Tarawa" and "Battle of Marianas." The films were loaned to the battalion by the Macon office of the Southern Procurement Division of the U. S. Marine Corps.

In loaning the films, Captain Andrew R. Davis, in charge of the procurement office, said this of the State Guard: "I was company commander of the 48th Marine Battalion, Texas Guard, Houston, Texas, and I can appreciate the good work of the State Guard. I know that we have sent thousands of trained men into the armed forces, which is indeed a great help to our country. Our battalion participated in a riot at Beaumont, Texas, and prevented a great deal of blood shed. We had the situation well in hand in less than twelve hours when called out by the Governor of Texas."

The films were shown in the Richmond Academy auditorium, under the direction of Captain Joseph B. Cumming, intelligence officer of the 10th Battalion.

Hdq. Company And S-2 Detachment Promote 10 Men

Ten members of the Headquarters Company and the S-2 Detachment were recently promoted, according to a special order issued December 29 by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains, commander of the 10th Battalion, Georgia State Guard.

They were D. B. O'Connell, from corporal to section sergeant; Joseph Culppepper, from acting corporal to section sergeant; Walter Smith, Jr., acting corporal to corporal; Royce Mack, private to corporal; Linwood Zoller, private to corporal; and the following from privates to privates first class: J. L. Elliot, William B. Kuhlike, Eugene E. Ready, Mark O. Strother, and Lloyd R. Williams.

The promotions were made on the recommendation of the company commander, Captain Elbert P. Peabody.

The teacher was testing the power of observation of a class. Slapping a half-dollar on the desk, she said sharply: "What is that?" Instantly a voice from the back row called: "Tails!"

Col. Lee S. Purdom Addresses Officers Of 10th Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Lee S. Purdom, chief of staff of the Georgia State Guard, addressed the officers of the 10th Battalion Wednesday night, January 3rd, at a meeting in the Town Tavern in Augusta. Accompanying him was Major E. E. Dill, his staff assistant.

Colonel Purdom was introduced by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains, commander of the 10th Battalion, who expressed his appreciation for the cooperation being rendered by the general staff in Atlanta.

Colonel Purdom, in his address, stressed the importance of the Georgia State Guard. "It is our only trained state force," he said, "that is capable of handling any disturbance. The army is fully aware of this importance. It shows it daily by the vast amount of arms, ammunition and other equipment it is sending us. Now, more than ever before," he concluded, "we must continue to train, train, train!"

He stated that mobile equipment is being sent to the 10th Battalion, including a reconnaissance car, a scout car and an ambulance.

Captain W. Roscoe West, president of the 10th Battalion Officers Club, presided at the meeting. Others in attendance were Captains James J. Harbin, Stewart P. Walker, J. C. Harrison, Elbert P. Peabody, Henry M. North, Guy C. Smith; First Lieutenants T. G. Smith, E. M. May, C. S. Bohler, G. Norman Galloway; and Second Lieutenants R. E. Heath and Dorrah Nowell.

Promotions in Hq. And Signal Corps Detachment

In a recent ceremony at a regular meeting of the Headquarters and Signal Corps Detachment, 12th Battalion, in Americus, Lt. Col. L. D. Slappey, commanding officer of the battalion, presented warrants to 16 newly promoted non-commissioned officers.

The Signal Corps company was recently assigned a new table of organization which called for a number of high ranking non-commissioned officers. Capt. James C. Collins, commanding officer of the organization, submitted recommendations and the promotions were made.

Attending the meeting were other members of the battalion staff, including Major R. C. James, executive officer; Captain Roy Johnson, adjutant, and 1st Lt. Grady L. Rockett, public relations officer.

Hollis Blackmon, former non-commissioned officer of the Signal Corps, was presented a commission as second lieutenant in the organization.

After presentation of the warrants was completed, Major James spoke briefly to the men in the organization and commended them highly upon their fine spirit and excellent attendance record.

The following enlisted men received warrants of promotion to the grade indicated:

William D. Wallis, M-Sgt.; Amanuel O. Entrekin, M-Sgt.; Zera A. Littlejohn, staff sergeant; Douglas Freeman, technical sergeant; R. Watt, sergeant; Arthur Carter, corporal; Wallis F. Cheek, corporal; William C. Flatt, corporal.

Moody L. Griffin, first sergeant; Joseph E. Bradley, S-Sgt.; Charlie C. Pope, S-Sgt.; Horace F. Barnes, corporal; Thomas J. Adair, S-Sgt.; John D. Wynn, sergeant; Addison L. Abbott, technician grade 5 (corporal); John P. Taylor, technician grade 5.

James W. Smith, sergeant; Harvey Covington, Jr., T-Sgt.; Luther E. Bell, technician grade 5; Robert T. Robinson, technician grade 5; Jesse E. Milner, S-Sgt.; Lee V. Eubanks, corporal; James T. Bass, sergeant; John T. Green, corporal; W. E. Tucker, sergeant, and Howard B. Countryman, corporal.



Lt. Col. and Mrs. Frank R. Fling, and the Old Guard and their lovely ladies, attending the Annual Military Dance of the Fourth Battalion in Atlanta, on January 11, 1945.

Fourth Battalion Holds Annual Military Dance

The Fourth Battalion of the Georgia State Guard held an annual military dance on January 11, 1945, at the American Legion Post No. 1, 1071 Piedmont Ave., N. E., Atlanta.

The grand march was led by Colonel R. W. Collins, commander Georgia State Guard, and Lt. Colonel Frank R. Fling, commander of the Fourth Battalion, with their respective partners.

Guests of the staff were as follows: Lt. Colonel R. H. Wood, U. S. Army; Major E. E. Dill and Major A. R. Rousey, state staff, Georgia State Guard, and the Old Guard. Next came the Battalion staff and the officers and enlisted men of the Battalion with their lovely ladies.

The dance was given by the Fourth Battalion staff in its appreciation to the officers and enlisted men of the Battalion for their fine cooperation in discharge of home front duty for the last three years.

William M. Todd, Army Veteran, Appointed M-Sgt.

Wm. M. Todd, a veteran with Army service during World War I and II, was recently appointed a M/Sgt. in the Georgia State Guard and assigned to active duty as Sergeant Major at Headquarters, under the direction of Major A. R. Rousey, adjutant.

Prior to his last tour of duty with the Army, Sgt. Todd was for many years engaged in the truck tire business in Atlanta and known to his friends and the trade as "Retiringly Yours, Bill Todd."

Of interest to all veterans in Georgia, Bill says his main task right now, outside of his duties at Guard Headquarters, is the re-activation of The Sons of The American Legion in Georgia who has a son to enroll the boy in the sons organization. The sons overseas are particularly proud to have a Legion card to show their buddies. The dues are \$1.00 per year. Bill is chairman of the post committee and a member of the state committee of The Sons of The American Legion.

Like most of the old-timers, Bill is active in all American Legion affairs and was recently elected to serve on the executive committee of Atlanta Post No. 1.



Couples in the foreground of Fourth Battalion Annual Military Dance are: Col. R. W. Collins and Miss Nina Stroffgren, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Frank R. Fling, and Capt. and Mrs. Robert Perkins.

Former Guardsman Guard Barbecue Writes Col. Cooper At Columbus

UNITED STATES ARMY
14 January, 1945

Dear Colonel Cooper:

Just a short note to advise you that I have reached OCS finally, and am now in the OC reception unit awaiting assignment to class.

I arrived here last Wednesday night and have completed all preliminary "red tape" such as papers, etc., and should be assigned to a class some time this next week.

Was wondering a while back about those service ribbons that were to be issued by GSG. As you will remember, I submitted my qualifications awhile back, and believe, according to specifications, that I will be entitled to receive all three. Wish you would check on this for me, as I would like to have them for my collection.

I would be happy to hear from you at any time, and news of GSG is always welcome. Mail addressed to me here will be forwarded to my OC class address, should I move out before receiving any mail.

With best wishes for you and your command, I am,
Loyally,
W. R. SLATE.

The above letter was received by Lt. Col. Mark A. Cooper, GSG, from W. R. Slate, who was Captain of Co. H, 1st Bn., before being inducted into the Army. Capt. Slate attended camp at Fort Benning last summer.

Guard Barbecue At Columbus

Lt. Col. Reginald Wood, Ft. Benning, addressed more than 100 members of Co. A, 11th Battalion G. S. G., at Columbus, at the annual barbecue held at the Goo-Goo in December. He lauded the Guard for the "vital role it is playing in the war effort" and assured the guardsmen that they were regarded as second to the army and would be called upon for assistance in controlling disturbances that might arise.

Lt. Col. Henry B. Pease, commended the men for their splendid cooperation and participation in all activities.

Entertainment was provided by Capt. Richard Tukey of the Ft. Benning Public Relations Office who brought with him enlisted personnel and members of the WAC who sponsored a musical program.

Several out-of-town guests as well as officers from Ft. Benning attended.

Reconnaissance Car Received By Guard

The 17th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, received a reconnaissance car recently from the State Guard Headquarters in Atlanta. It has been assigned to Capt. Robert D. McDonald, S-2, intelligence and communications officer, according to Lieut. Col. George A. Rice, commanding officer of the battalion.

Attention—Guardsmen...

With the battles on all fronts being fought at a furious pace, blood plasma is more urgently needed now than at any previous time—won't you try to make the sacrifice of your blood to help a wounded buddy? Please contact the nearest Red Cross Blood Donor Station as soon as possible!

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, and all the battlefields of Europe, 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 trct 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 job 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.

West Point Guards Seek Enlistments

With the appointment of Lt. Col. Novatus L. Barker as commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, Company F, in West Point, has launched an intensive drive to increase the size and strength of its membership, according to a statement by Capt. Bill Hillard.

"Those of us who are fortunate enough to be here at home can find no better way to serve our nation on the home front than by joining a state guard unit," says Capt. Hillard, adding, "When we are asking others to give up their lives for us, surely we can give up one night a week in the interest of our country's defense."

In the reorganization of the West Point company, following the elevation of Lt. Col. Barker to battalion commander, 1st Lieutenant Hillard was promoted to captain and company commander; 2nd Lieutenant J. L. McGinty was advanced to first lieutenant; and 1st

Major C. C. Huber New Commander 18th Battalion

Appointment of Major C. C. Huber, of Moultrie, to the command of the 18th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard and his promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel has been announced by Colonel R. W. Collins, state commander of the guard. Simultaneously Col. Collins in an order issued from Atlanta appointed G. Welby Brantley, of Moultrie, commander of Moultrie's Company B, as executive officer and second in command of the battalion. Other appointments included Lt. M. E. Nussbaum, of Moultrie, former supply officer of Company B and platoon leader, as S-4 of the battalion with the rank of captain; 1st Lieut. C. W. Cook, of Moultrie, former adjutant of Company B, as adjutant with the rank of captain; and J. J. Gainey of Thomasville as S-1 of the battalion with the rank of captain.

Col. Collins appointed First Lieutenant L. C. Manning, former medical corps officer, as commander of the local company. Several other changes will be made later.

Lt. Col. Huber, who with the help of Major Brantley, helped to organize the State Guard unit here prior to the outbreak of the war, succeeds Lt. Col. J. M. Clark of Thomasville, who was placed on the inactive list at his own request because of pressing business. Major Huber had been serving as an executive officer of the battalion for the past 12 months. Major Brantley who headed Unit 280 in the early days of the Guard and became commander with Col. Huber's promotion to the battalion staff, said he would remain with the local company in an advisory capacity.

Battalion headquarters, which have been in Thomasville since the organization of the State Guard in 1940 will be transferred to Moultrie and offices will be opened in the Huber building. Records and files of the battalion will be kept there.

State Guard Company Has Reorganization

The reorganization of four squads in Company D of the State Guard was effected at a supper meeting last night. Sergt. A. R. Breitenbach and Corpl. C. D. McElveen head the first squad; Sergt. P. L. Richardson and Corpl. R. L. Weldy, the second; Corpl. W. H. Harper and Corpl. Pete Trost, the third; and Corpl. T. J. Foughner and Corpl. B. F. Burnsed, the fourth.

Capt. William D. Purvis, company commander, spoke on "The Necessity for the State Guard." Lieut. Joseph R. J. Jones, plans and training officer, discussed the duties of state guardsmen, declaring they will not be relieved until the National Guard is reorganized.

Judge: "So you say the defendant stole your money from your stocking?"

Plaintiff: "Yes, your honor."

Judge: "Why didn't you resist?"

Plaintiff: "How did I know he was after my money?"

Sergeant Luther Turner, to second lieutenant. Non-commissioned officers for the reorganized unit will be announced at an early date.

"The Army continues to show its deep interest in the activity and success of the state guard units," says Capt. Hillard. "Complete issue of new winter clothing, furnished by the Army, has been made to all members; and the armament of the individual units continues to increase in quantity and effectiveness."

FIRST AIR SQUADRON HELPS SANTA CLAUS

FIRST AIR SQUADRON MISSION—A few of the members of the Guard's first Air Squadron who assisted in selling papers to swell the annual Christmas Empty Stocking Fund. Front row, left to right: Sgt. Louis P. Sternberg; Lt. Roy Edge; second row, Capt. Hugh Bishop, Lt. Erwin Bosarge, and Pfc. Don Duncan.

Sale of Papers Help Bring Cheer

A very important mission was undertaken by the First Air Squadron of the Georgia State Guard on Sunday, December 11, 1944. This mission was organized by Capt. Hugh Bishop, operations officer at the request of Don Moore, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

On the above date a canvass was made of the entire city of Atlanta for the Empty Stocking Fund. Because of the shortage of manpower, a call was sent out for volunteers.

About fifteen members of the Air Squadron responded to this call and met in various places of the city on Sunday morning at seven-thirty to start work. Specific territories were assigned for each group to cover. The response was excellent and a good sum was collected. Finishing up by eleven-thirty, a part of the Squadron had to leave while several others went to help out in parts of the city that had not been thoroughly covered. Pictures were taken by the Squadron's staff photographer and one of these was printed in the Atlanta Journal with a short article.

Don Moore thanked the Squadron and complimented them on a job well done.

Griffin Urges Larger State Guard

S. Marvin Griffin, adjutant general of the State of Georgia, speaking before the Carrollton Rotary Club early this month, called for "the re-establishment of the Georgia National Guard on an expanded basis after the war."

Adjutant Griffin expressed the conviction that as a nation we need to maintain an adequate military establishment but that a paid army of too great a size might create a professional military caste in this country.

"Everywhere people are calling for the destruction of the German Junker and the Japanese Samurai classes. We certainly do not want to see such a professional military class grow up in this country."

Her boy friend was taking her around the golf links. It was the first time she'd played. On the last green he suddenly jumped up. "Jove!" he cried, "Just look—a dead stymie!"

"I thought there was a funny smell!"



ON GUARD FOR CHILDREN'S HAPPINESS—Dozier L. Hood, 1813 Greystone Road, purchases a copy of the Atlanta Journal from Captain Hugh Bishop, First Air Squadron, Georgia State Guard. The Guardsmen assisted the Junior Chamber of Commerce workers on their sales of the paper, the proceeds of which helped to fill the Christmas stockings of poor children in Atlanta.

Major Siegel Host at Party

Major Alvin E. Siegel of the Georgia State Guard was host Tuesday night, January 24th, to members of the Medical Department of the Eighth Battalion and their wives and guests, at a party held at the Baconsfield clubhouse.

A turkey dinner was the opening feature of the evening. Captain Holmes Mason of the Medical Detachment presided as master of ceremonies, and directed contests in which the winners were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wade, Mrs. Walter Boons, Mrs. S. A. Connor, Mrs. Harry Deaton, Mrs. John Howard, Captain John Howard, Sgt. O. D. Herndon, Mrs. William Parker, Mrs. Roland Neel, Mrs. Ben Lubel, Mrs. Bo Burns and Sgt. Philip Buchheit. Following the games, the guests enjoyed dancing.

State Guard Bill Offered in House**By Ware Countians**

Representatives Jack Williams and Wayne Hinson of Ware county introduced a bill during the present session of the Legislature that would make the commanding officer of the Georgia State Guard a Brigadier General instead of a Colonel. It also would exempt members of the Guard from civil suits for action performed in line of duty and would authorize members to deduct from their state income tax any personal funds expended in performance of their duty.

Mandy: "Liza, I'se ashamed of you fo' runnin' around so much. Yo' sho' don't take after me. Yo' take after dat no 'count pappy of yours. I'se sure glad I didn't marry dat bum."