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FIFTH BATTALION ON MANUEVERS AT CAMP TOCCOA

By O. B. KEELER
(Atlanta Journal, March 13, 1945)
STATE GUARD

There's always a sporting angle, when it comes to the good old rifle. After all, rifle-shooting was the first of our American sports. And it's been pretty darned useful, and is being pretty darned useful right now, from what I can hear.

What I started out to report was that, with the Fifth Battalion of the State Guard at rifle practice Sunday at Camp Toccoa, Lieut. Colonel Mark Cooper, C. O. of the First Battalion, also rehearsing with the rifle at Rome, Ga., communicated with Lieut. Colonel Scott Candler, C. O. of the Fifth Battalion, suggesting a match.

"Their five best scores," said Colonel Candler, "against our five best. They're shooting the pip-squeak, or caliber .22, and we're firing the good old Enfield bull-gun, at 300 yards. So Colonel Cooper, always a good sportsman, is spotting our entries 2 points on every five rounds."

Rifle Match

We'll get the results later, Colonel Cooper is awarding three specially designed silver spoons to the three highest scorers in this competition, and those lads up at Rome are very hard to beat. Then, too, the pip-squeak is a very different proposition from the Enfield.

You can't very well compress reports on an expedition like the week-end affair of the Fifth Battalion, and I'm going to continue this little column tomorrow and maybe the day after. I could write about it for a week or two—I love the State Guard and all its ramifications, as an old National Guardsman of 40 years ago, and especially as a citizen of these United States in which the State Guards are now a vastly important factor.

That convoy from the Decatur area, now. Fifteen trucks, with the medical detachment and some of the most skillful M.P.'s I ever beheld in action. Other units from Buford, and Lithonia, and Conyers, and Milstead, and Hampton. There were 253 enlisted men and officers, and four personable WAC's. and Captain W. C. Robinson, chaplain of the Fifth Battalion. And one more or less venerable ex-war correspondent, or reporter.

Camp Toccoa

The M.P.'s on motorcycles conducted the convoy in grand style, and the Chaplain conducted services in the Chapel at Camp Toccoa after the midday meal Sunday, and in addition to the rifle practice, which will be described later, the A Co. machinegun platoon under Lieutenant Sturgis fired 3,000 rounds at the special range, four miles from the immediate encampment.

More of which later, as suggested. I'll slip a bit of credit here to the C. O., Colonel Candler; Captain Thomas D. Paschal, acting executive officer; Captain B. F.

Wilson, acting camp commander; Captain Joseph E. Kelley, supply officer; Lieutenant Clifford Blaisdell, range officer; Captain George Taylor, in charge of troop movement; and Lieutenant Jack Cowan, assistant supply officer.

As for Lieutenant Tony Green, who handled the checking-in process on arrival—some job!—he made this correspondent feel like a pampered Army pet. I'd just got firmly asleep on a nice, comfortable mattress on a solid concrete floor in T-96 when the Lieutenant came in with two privates and a new Army cot, and put the same under me, after which I slept seven hours without a break.

As for Corporal Tom Ripley, who invited me on this expedition, he drew the job of Corporal of the Guard from 2 to 4 o'clock a. m. The Corp. says he's going to write a sequel to his famous book and movie drama, "They Died With Their Boots On." He says he knows more about it, now.

(The following article appeared next day)

Well, let's see what this State Guard outfit is doing. Of course I'm concerned with the sporting angle—rifle-shooting and that sort of thing—as on display at last weekend's rifle practice, and machine gun rehearsal, of the Fifth Battalion, 100 miles north of Atlanta, at Camp Toccoa.

But there's a lot beside rifle practice and learning to shoot, though that all by itself is sufficiently important for every normal American boy to learn it . . . It's this way, as I see it. You may never need to shoot, but just one time in your life, but when you DO need to shoot, there's nothing else in all this world that will take the place of that knowledge.

Like swimming. And, in this immediate time and situation, maybe a bit more so . . . The State Guard
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In Memoriam

OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

1882 - 1945

TO ALL GA. STATE GUARDSMEN:

Arrangements have been made with the State Mutual Insurance Company of Rome, Georgia, a Georgia Company, to offer to State Guardsmen a security program of insurance at a LOW COST, provided a sufficient number participate.

The object of this security program is to enable each Guardsman to secure this most essential protection at a cost much lower than could be obtained individually.

All the provisions of this Security Program are explained below. Each Guardsman qualifying will be entitled to Life insurance, Hospital expense and Surgical expense Insurance as outlined below:

HOSPITAL RESIDENCE:

\$5.00 per day up to 31 days; not to exceed the expense incurred for EACH DISABILITY.

\$25.00 in the aggregate and not in excess of expense incurred for operating room, Anaesthesia, Anti-toxins, Routine Medicines, Drugs and Dressings, Routine Laboratory Examinations, Orthopedic Appliances or Casts, X-Ray Examinations (not teeth) while confined in the hospital for any disability.

SURGICAL OPERATIONS: (Optional)

Every type of surgical operation is covered. Surgical fees range from \$5.00 to \$100.00. Repairs of fractures or dislocations are classified as operations.

EMERGENCY DEATH RATE: (Optional)

In event of the death of the insured the Sight Draft attached to the Policy contract may be cashed immediately by the Beneficiary through any bank in the United States without delay or red tape.

Further details of this Plan, the cost, etc. will be explained in person by Mr. Darwin R. Cobb, 105 William-Oliver Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia, Group Representative of the State Mutual Insurance Company at an early date. Your dependents can also secure a plan of Life, Hospital and Surgical Insurance, if desired.

Your participation in this plan will enable not only YOU to secure this most necessary and essential protection, but ALSO your fellow Guardsmen. It is believed it will be helpful and advantageous to each member to have this form of insurance.

R. W. COLLINS, Colonel,
G. S. G. Commanding.

"In God We Trust"

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

TAPS!

Dear Chaplain:

With the deepest sympathy we report the death of Benhez McCorkle, former State Guardsman, Co. G., Bn. 10, Thomson, Ga., who entered the Naval Air Service, June 12, 1944, and was killed in a plane accident off the Florida coast, March 2, 1945, having completed his seventh month of training, age 18.

J. S. GOLDMAN,
Capt. Georgia State Guard,
Co. G, Bn. 10,
Thomson, Ga.

Colonel Collins has asked me to send to the Battalion Commanders and Chaplains a suggested outline of observance of V-E Day, when it comes. The suggestion is keyed to the idea of *Work and Worship*, remembering, as we must, that when Victory in Europe is achieved, we shall still have another war to win in the Pacific.

The question immediately emerges, how may we most worthily observe the Day of Victory in Europe? And the answer, *Work and Worship*, appears to satisfy every loyal American.

We are reminded on every hand

that unprecedented demands are now upon our people to produce materials of war and food as essential equations in ultimate victory and in sustaining our own economy. The idea that people here at home can quit their war jobs and seek peace-time employment, at this crucial juncture, is dangerous.

And the idea that any of us can let down now, regardless of what we are doing, reveals a tragic lack of understanding of our situation. We will, therefore, agree that work is one of the hoped-for expressions

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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?

State Guard Holds Reactivation Ceremony And Memorial Exercise At Swainsboro

On March 26th Co. A of 14th Battalion was activated at Mitchell Field, Swainsboro, Ga. This company is under the able leadership of Capt. L. S. Thompson who worked hard in reenlisting the old men and securing new members. We now have a total of 30 in this company.

Also on this occasion the bronze star was awarded posthumously to PFC James Stephens who died in battle in France from wounds received in aiding a wounded comrade. Col. I. E. Ryder, commanding Camp Gordon presented the award to the mother, Mrs. Albert Stephens.

Music was furnished by the Louisville Drum and Bugle Corps. We also had units of the state guard from Louisville, Wrightsville and Statesboro, Georgia. Representations of Red Cross, Boy Scouts and the American Legion were present.

The Mayor of Swainsboro proclaimed this Georgia State Guard Day. Col. Collins, commanding GSG was present. Complete program follows:

By J. D. DURDEN, Chaplain 14th Bn. and Public Relations Officer.

Program of Reactivation ceremony of Co. A, 14th Bn Georgia State Guard and Presentation of Bronze Star Posthumously to PFC James Stephens

Mitchell Field, Swainsboro, Georgia, March 26, 1945.

Invocation: Elder J. D. Durden, Chaplain 14th Bn. Ga. State Guard America: Sung by audience. Major John R. Powell of 14th Bn. Ga. State Guard, master of ceremonies.

Welcome address on behalf of city: Otis Price.

Introduction of Col. R. W. Collins: Lt. Col. John B. Spivey, Commanding 14th Bn.

Address: Col. R. W. Collins, Commanding Georgia State Guard, Re-activation Ceremony of Co. A, 14th Bn.

Capt. L. S. Thompson receives commission from Col. Collins. Major Charlie Morgan swears Company A, 14th Bn. into the GSG.

Presenting: Louisville Drum and Bugle Corps The American Red Cross The American Legion Presentation of notables Announcement that Community House will be open to Guardsmen and visitors after program.

Announcement that training films will be shown in High School auditorium.

Presenting: Mr. Freeman Self, Chief of Georgia Carolina Scout Council who will present the Boy Scout Troops of Emanuel County.

Ceremony for Presentation of Bronze Star posthumously to PFC James Stephens.

Introduction of Speaker: H. Alonzo Woods, member American Legion.

Eulogy: D. N. Brown, Senior vice commander of Emanuel County Post 103 American Legion.

Introduction of Col. Ryder: Major John R. Powell Jr.

Decoration conferred by Col. I. E. Ryder, commanding Camp Gordon, August, Ga.

Mrs. Lottie Tyson Stephens, mother of PFC James Stephens, receives the bronze star.

Eight gun salute by Guard of Honor.

Taps by Bugler, of Louisville Drum and Bugle Corps.

Benediction: Elder S. M. Claxton.

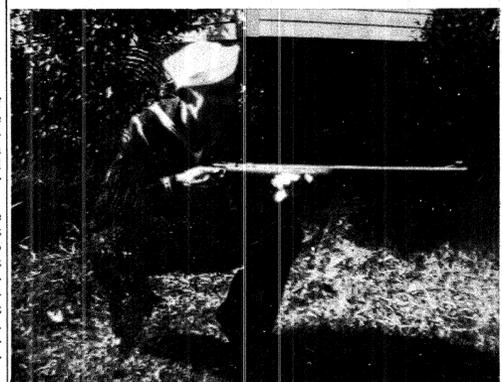
Major Ellis R. May Visits 10th Battalion Medical Detachment

Major Ellis R. May, surgeon of the 7th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, with headquarters in Lincoln, was the guest on March 27th of the 10th Battalion Medical Detachment, commanded by Major W. D. Jennings.

Accompanying Major May were his administrative officer, First Lieutenant L. G. Marlinfi who also is chaplain of the battalion; First Lieutenant J. R. Freeman, of Company B, and the following enlisted Guardsmen: Private (first class) W. H. Spires, Pvt. W. R. Groves and Pvt. E. W. Hollenshead, all of the Medical Detachment; and Private (first class) Sam Roy Wilkes, Pvt. John Meyers, Harry Partridge, S. E. Martin and Henry Will Partridge, members of Company B. With them was a former member, T/5 S. C. Edmunds, now of the U. S. Army, who is on furlough from his station in France.

The 10th Battalion Medical Detachment, under its administrative officer, First Lieutenant C. H. Bohler, Jr., gave a demonstration of close order drill, rifle carry and ambulance loading. He was assisted by Sgt. Henry F. Mueller.

After the display, Major May and his party were carried on an inspection of the medical-supply quarters by S/Sgt. George H. Baldowski, Jr.



John Louie Satterwhite, Seaman 2nd Class, Seabees, former member of 5th Battalion, is serving at present with the Seabees, in the South Pacific, according to a recent letter to his father, Capt. H. A. Satterwhite, Georgia State Guard, Editor of the Guardsman.

Guardsmen Win First Round in Rifle Competition

The Rifle Team of the First Battalion of the Georgia State Guard won their first round for the State championship, defeating the 19th Battalion, Valdosta, by a score of 1,853 to 1,833, Lt. Col. Mark A. Cooper, First Battalion Commander, announced this morning.

The First Battalion team fired on Woodhaven Range Sunday, and their scores were exchanged by mail with the Valdosta men.

Second round firings will be held within the next few weeks, and competition will continue until the State championship team has been determined, Col. Cooper said.

Guardsmen Use Camp Stewart Range

The 17th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, underwent a day's maneuvers on Stewart's rifle range Sunday, February 25th. In convoy, Companies A, B, C, D, F, joined Company E at Richmond Hill early, the entire unit proceeding to the rifle range where they were instructed by officers stationed there.

The all-day program included firing of the .30 calibre rifle, instruction, care and the use of military equipment.

Since the organization of the Georgia State Guard four years ago, the units have assisted the Army and Coast Guard in various duties. During the summer of 1942, the guard was called to assist in patrolling the coastal islands off the coast of Georgia.

Lt. Col. George A. Rice is commander of the 17th Battalion, with headquarters in Savannah. Companies A, B, C, D, Hq. and Signal and Medical Detachments are stationed in Savannah. Co. E is stationed at Richmond Hill, while Co. F is stationed at Springfield, Ga.

All personnel of the battalion have received training in the use of the sighting bar, triangulation, sling adjustment, care and preservation of the rifle and indoor target with the .22 rifle.

The officers of the unit paid for and built the indoor rifle range and purchased two .22 rifles. About 25 per cent of the men previously fired the .30 rifle.

Additional training covers a six months period which includes subjects necessary to the objectives of a State Guard battalion whose mission differs somewhat from a regular army infantry battalion. The training schedule is progressive in that it starts with theory and ends with a series of problems simulating actual war conditions.

The armed forces has taken a large number of the original guard personnel, only about ten of the regulars remaining.

Guardsmen Attend Premiere in Macon

Members of the Butts County unit of the Georgia State Guard attended the world premiere of "God Is My Co-Pilot" in Macon. Sergeant Albert Maddox was one of the color bearers and occupied a place of honor on the stage.

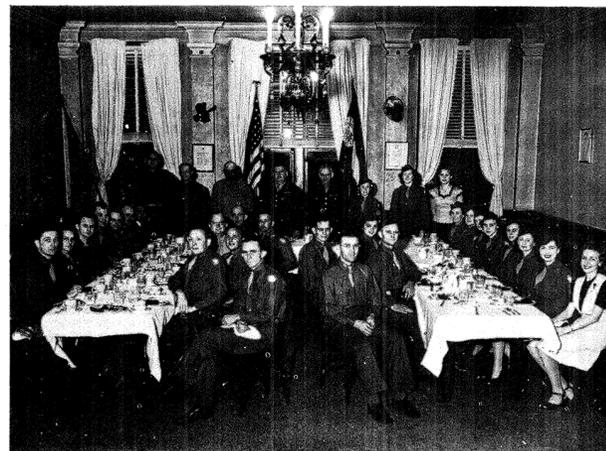
Lost Child Guardsmen Find

Col. R. W. Collins, Commanding Officer of Georgia State Guard, issued the four following citations that are self explanatory. The first is "To Lt. Col. William H. Graham, Commanding Officer, 20th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, Darien, Georgia: The successful work of Captain J. B. Padgett, Co. A, Captain L. J. Bennett, S-2, and Captain A. R. Fain, S-4, 20th Battalion, in planning and organizing the search for a child lost in the vicinity of Brunswick, Georgia, about 4 February, 1945, is appreciated and it is a pleasure to commend them for their aid to their community." The second citation is, "To Captain J. B. Padgett, Commanding Officer, Co. A, 20th Bn., Georgia State Guard, Brunswick, Georgia: The Commanding Officer, Georgia State Guard notes with pride the action of Captain J. B. Padgett and the seventy men of Co. A, 20th Bn., GSG, who voluntarily engaged on Sunday, 4 February, 1945, in the search for a child that had disappeared in the vicinity of Brunswick, Georgia, also the action of Captain L. J. Bennett, S-2, 20th Bn., and other enlisted men and the non-commissioned officers of Co. A, 20th Bn., Georgia State Guard, who continued the search on Monday, 5 February, 1945, until the body of the little girl was found about 2:00 P.M. that day. This service rendered their community by these members of the Georgia State Guard is evidence of the ever present spirit and desire of the Guardsmen to serve community, State and Nation. It is a pleasure to commend Captains J. B. Padgett and L. J. Bennett and the enlisted men of the 20th Bn., Georgia State Guard who rendered the service." The third and fourth citation is: "The Commanding Officer, Georgia State Guard, takes pleasure in awarding to Private James Grady Ricks and Private Reid Tyre for the service set forth, the following citation: For the service to his community in engaging in the search for a child lost in the vicinity of Brunswick, Georgia, and in conjunction with Pvt. Reid Tyre and Pvt. James G. Ricks in continuing the search to a successful conclusion. After finding the body of the lost child, they declined any share of the proffered reward (\$100.00) and thus assured the delivery of the money to the bereaved mother."

Return of State Guard Equipment Requested

All former members of the Charlton county State Guard unit are requested by O. E. Raynor, former captain, to turn in any equipment that may remain in their possession to the Folkston Grain & Grocery store, for forwarding to state headquarters.

The families of any former members who may now be out of the city are requested to please attend to this matter for the absent ones, in order that proper credit may be given for equipment charged against them.



Banquet at Waycross attended by Lt. Col. Lee Purdom, Chief of Staff and Asst. G-4 of State Staff, and Lt. Col. J. E. Mathis, 16th Battalion, in center between flags. The ladies of the 16th Battalion were in full attendance and you can be sure that the other members present were glad the ladies had been "taken in."



Authorized women personnel of the 16th Battalion at Waycross: S/Sgt. Lelia Summerville, Cpl. Mary Minter, Cpl. Geraldine Keefe, Cpl. Genevieve Anderson, T/Sgt. Edna Odum, Cpl. Ruby Patterson, Cpl. Atwill Walden, Cpl. Carolyn Strickland, Cpl. Laurice Lee Sparrow and Cpl. Jesse Carter.

Distinguished Retired Officer Takes a Command in 19th Bn.

The staff of 19th "Dixie" Battalion of Georgia State Guard entertained at dinner the officers and non-coms of Company D, the local rifle company, in honor of their new commanding officer, Major Robert G. Macks, U. S. A., retired.

Announcement was made by Lt. Col. Eager that because of his added duties as mayor, Captain Frank D. Rose, who has served splendidly and faithfully for nearly five years as Battalion Supply Officer, had asked to be placed on the Reserve List subject to call in an emergency.

Captain G. D. Arnold, commanding Company D, was relieved of this command and promoted to the post of Battalion Supply Officer for which he is well qualified. Colonel Eager spoke of the many compliments received by Capt. Arnold from regular Army officers during the work of Line School at Ft. Benning last summer when Capt. Arnold was in command of Co. A, 2nd Prov. Battalion and his company successfully defended the power plant on the river against the attack of three other companies. Capt. Arnold is also Range Officer. Five members of the 19th "Dixie" Battalion Staff are veterans of the first World War.

Major Macks, who has only recently been retired from the Army, comes to this new command with a wealth of experience going back to World War I.

In the present war, Major Macks was not satisfied to wait until this country got in but went out with the Canadians and served with that force until the United States entered the conflict and then transferred to USAAF. After nearly five years' service, about half of which was overseas, Major Macks was retired and came to Valdosta to live and promptly joined the Guard and has taken command of Co. D, 19th Battalion, with rank of captain.

It takes not only a high order of patriotism to serve for years on the first team and then accept a demotion to serve on the second but it also takes an appreciation of the importance of this service at home and the need to keep the Georgia State Guard functioning on the home front until our boys can come home and take over.

Officer Assignments 19th 'Dixie' Battalion

Lieut. Colonel W. G. Eager, commanding, announces the following promotions and assignment of officers:

Capt. G. D. Arnold, formerly CO Co. D, assigned to S-4, vice Capt. Frank D. Rose assigned to DOL at his request, after nearly five years of faithful service. Capt. Rose's duties as Mayor of Valdosta, in addition to his other interests, necessitated his asking for relief.

Capt. R. G. Macks assigned as CO Co. D, vice Capt. G. D. Arnold, a World War I veteran who went out with the Canadians at beginning of World War II and transferred to U. S. A. A. F., now retired for disability with rank of Major after more than four years of active duty, half of it overseas. Capt. Macks brings to us patriotism of a high order.

Capt. J. F. Stalvey assigned as CO Co. C, vice Capt. Downing Musgrove, honorably discharged at his request.

1st Lieut. Henry J. Christopher promoted and assigned as 2nd in command Co. C, vice 1st Lieut. H. D. McCrary placed on DOL at his request after many years of splendid service.

2nd Lieut. R. L. Jackson, Co. B, vice Lieut. S. T. Brogdon. 1st Lieut. Marshall Castleberry assigned to his old command of Sig. "Dixie" Battalion Staff are veterans of the first World War.

Jordan Elected By Guard's Group Feb. 5th 1945

Second Lt. William M. Jordan was elected president of the Officers Club of the 17th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard at the semi-annual meeting of the organization.

Other officers elected were: Capt. William D. Purvis, vice-president; First Lt. Joseph R. Jones, treasurer; Second Lt. J. O. J. Taylor, secretary, it was announced by Capt. Morris Rabhan, public relations officer of the battalion.

Second Lt. Nathan Grablow and F. O. Eady were admitted to the club.

Captain Rabhan also announced the appointment of Lt. G. Story as range officer for the battalion. Lieutenant Story's duties will be to arrange and conduct competitive range firing matches between companies of the 17th Battalion and other battalions of the State Guard.

The enlistment of auxiliaries to the State Guard is nearing completion and assignment of the women already enrolled has been made. The assignments are: Mrs. Frances Attaway and Lois Fay Ryals to headquarters staff; Mrs. Myrtis Plasphol, Annie Martin and Helen V. Floyd to the medical unit; Mrs. M. H. Clark, to headquarters signal unit; Jeanne Williams, Company D; Colleen Margaret Maddox, Company B; Mildred Searcey, Company C.

1st Lieut. S. T. Brogdon assigned as second in command Co. B, vice 1st Lieut. W. D. Perry, a splendid Guard officer and now in the Army service.

2nd Lieut. R. L. Jackson, Co. B, vice Lieut. S. T. Brogdon. 1st Lieut. Marshall Castleberry assigned to his old command of Sig. "Dixie" Battalion Staff are veterans of the first World War.

Major Macks, who has only recently been retired from the Army, comes to this new command with a wealth of experience going back to World War I.

Rifle Practice And Fish Fry For 19th "Dixie" Bn.

Company D of the 19th "Dixie" battalion of the State Guard spent a recent afternoon at the rifle range firing the .30 calibre Enfields at 1,000 inches and 100 yards.

The men then adjourned to the National Guard shack to enjoy a "real old-fashioned" fish fry with hush-puppies and all that goes with such a repast.

Lieutenant Col. W. G. Eager especially welcomed two veterans of the State Guard who have recently returned from the Navy and rejoined. Col. Eager impressed upon the company the importance of "going the last mile" to make the home front safe while so many boys are on the battle front.

He also pointed out that few companies in the guard have the privilege of serving under an experienced Army Major.

Two Marines: "I say, my pretty maiden, you look beautiful milking that cow. Won't you come for a ride with us?"

Pretty Maiden: "I'll have to ask mother."

Mother pokes her head out of the kitchen door, looks the two leather-necks over critically, and says, "You most certainly cannot go riding with those wolves. You come in the house, this minute—and bring the cow with you."

Little Johnny Heist Youngest 'Legionnaire'

A cradle-size mite in a crumpled overseas cap became Atlanta's youngest "Legionnaire" in March. Six-week-old Johnny Heist, Jr., smiling sleepily and waving a blue bootee, was officially inducted into Atlanta Post No. 1, Sons of the Legion Chapter by 62-year-old Colonel Robert W. Collins, commanding officer of the Georgia State Guard and oldest member of the post. Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Heist, of 2786 Alston Drive.

"His dad's ambition was to have little John enrolled as the youngest member of the Sons of the Legion," the baby's mother explained. His daddy is a veteran of this war, one of the first World War II members of the post, and service officer for the American Legion. We have another son, Colvin, who is planning to join the group."

The induction into the Legion was little John's first public appearance, his mother said, as well as his first taste of fame. He blinked lazily when the camera flashed for his picture with Colonel Collins.

Nursing By PAUL KIGHT, Macon

Nursing is the art and science of caring for the sick and wounded. The objective of Nursing is the restoration to health by making the patient comfortable, administering proper remedies, and by avoiding complications or further injury.

Every effort should be made to keep the patient comfortable and cheerful. Gentle and careful handling are of the utmost importance. Ample time to do the work efficiently and without the least appearance of being in a hurry lest it appear to the patient that he is not being given every consideration which is of utmost importance to the patient. Gentleness in giving the bath, brushing the teeth, washing the mouth, combing the hair, shaving, and caring for the nails go far in increasing a feeling of well being. Promptness in responding when called increases the feeling of importance and helps bolster the ego which makes for a more grateful patient. Serving of the meals on time is of much importance, even though there is lassitude in the eating, for it conveys to the patient the idea that he must be hungry. Endeavor to keep the patient's mind on things other than his condition by discovering his hobbies and discussing them with him or by reading to him the daily news as well magazines and books if time permits. By all means avoid all unnecessary noise.

Keep in mind the things that have a tendency to cause discomfort such as: a cramped or strained position in bed, weight or pressure on sensitive parts, too much heavy or too little light cover, chafed parts, thirst, constipation, nausea, lack of cleanliness, and pain—the last may be either physical or mental and the latter is of as much importance for a state of well being as the former. Mental discomfort may be due to homesickness, apprehension, financial worries, undue exposure, lack of privacy, confusion and noise.

Study the patient in order to note and report any change in his condition to the medical officer promptly if such change is of significance. Be on the lookout for improvement as well as for growing worse of his condition. General appearance reveals much information. Note changes in position in bed, restlessness, in breathing, color of lips or cheeks, in speech as hoarseness, or clearness, in mental condition as to whether he is rational or depressed or more cheerful, conscious or unconscious, muttering, excited or calm. Attention should be paid to the eyes by noting change in size of the pupils and color of the sclera. The condition of the skin should be watched for indications of bed sores and chafing as well as for the indications of too much or too little moisture. The number, color consistency, and foulness of stools should be noted especially if unusual. The urinary function may be judged by the frequency, amount, color and odor of the urine. If cough is present: is it frequent, paroxysmal, painful, deep, hacking, hoarse, tight, or loose and productive? When pain is present, is it constant, intermittent, sharp, lancinating, dull, light or severe. If there is any suspicion that pain may be exaggerated see if it is forgotten during interesting conversation. When asleep does the patient toss and turn or is he calm and quiet?

Strict adherence to the orders of the medical officer is to be expected of the nurse or attendant, however, when there is a distinct change in the patient's condition it should be reported immediately, and especially if the situation becomes more grave. Likewise if radical treatment is being given and much improvement is noted it may be an indication for discontinuance or change in treatment.

The 10th Battalion Medical Detachment, in the last Federal Inspection, received the highest rating obtainable.

COMMENDATIONS

2 March, 1945

Captain L. J. Bennet, S-2, 20th Bn., GSG, Brunswick, Georgia. Thru Co 20th Bn., GSG, Darien, Ga.

1. Your successful work with Capt. J. B. Padgett, CO Co. A, and Capt. A. R. Fain, S-4, 20th Bn. in planning and organizing the search for a child lost in the vicinity of Brunswick, Ga., about 4 Feb., 1945, is appreciated and it is a pleasure to commend you for your aid to your Community.

R. W. COLLINS, Colonel, G.S.G., Commanding.

2 March, 1945

The Commanding Officer, Co. A, 20th Bn., Brunswick, Georgia. Thru Co, 20th Bn., GSG, Darien, Ga.

1. The Commanding Officer, Georgia State Guard, notes with pride the action of Captain J. B. Padgett and the seventy men of Co. A, 20th Bn., GSG, who voluntarily engaged, on Sunday, 4 Feb., 1945, in the search for a child that had disappeared in the vicinity of Brunswick, Ga., also the action of Capt. L. J. Bennet, S-2, 20th Bn., and the non-commissioned officers and other enlisted men of Co. A, 20th Bn., GSG, who continued the search on Monday, 5 Feb., 1945, until the body of the little girl was found about 2:00 P.M. that day.

This service rendered their Community by these members of the Georgia State Guard is evidence of the ever present spirit and desire of the Guardsmen to serve Community, State and Nation.

2. It is a pleasure to commend Capt. J. B. Padgett and L. J. Bennet and the enlisted men of the 20th Bn., GSG, who rendered the service.

3. It is desired that you furnish the names of the enlisted men who participated in the search in order that each may be furnished a copy of this letter.

R. W. COLLINS, Colonel, G.S.G., Commanding.

2 March, 1945

The Commanding Officer, Georgia State Guard, takes pleasure in awarding to:

PRIVATE REID TYRE

COMPANY A, 20TH BN., GEORGIA STATE GUARD

For the service set forth, the following

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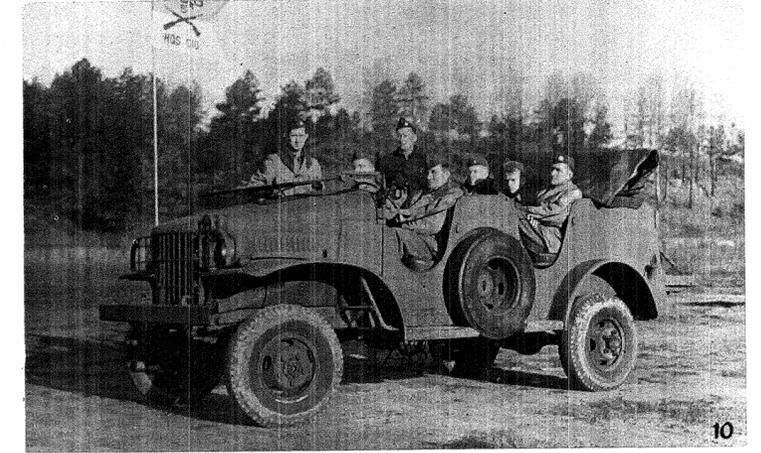
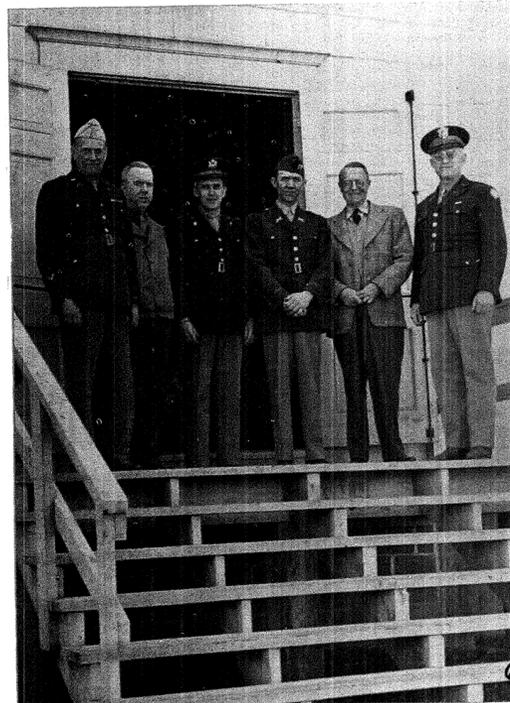
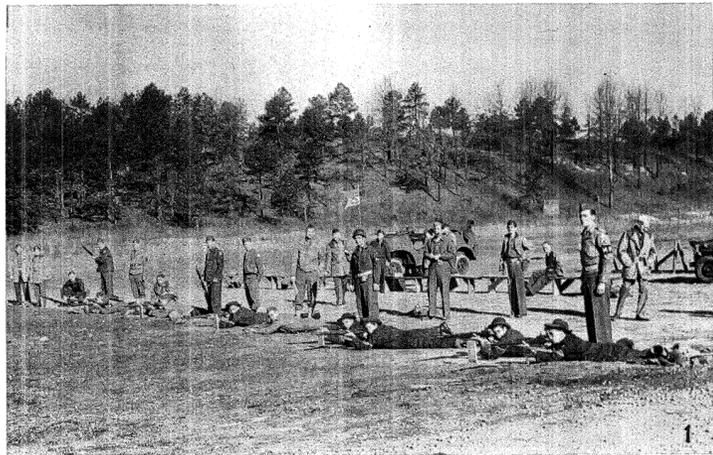
For service to his Community in engaging in the search for a child lost in the vicinity of Brunswick and in conjunction with Private James G. Ricks, in continuing the search to a successful conclusion. After finding the body of the lost child, he declined any share of the proffered reward (\$100.00) and thus assured the delivery of the money to the bereaved mother.

R. W. COLLINS, Colonel, G.S.G., Commanding.

Fifth Battalion on Maneuvers at Camp Toccoa

- 1—5th Battalion on the rifle range, using .30 cal. rifles.
- 2—Camp Toccoa Chapel.
- 3—Lt. Jack B. Cowan, Asst. S-4, 5th Battalion, in center, looking over his ammunition.
- 4—Medical Unit 5th Battalion. Left to right: Pvt. L. L. Orr, Cpl. Ora Lyle, Sgt. W. C. Chapman, Sgt. Adell Roberts, Sgt. W. T. Trussell, Pvt. J. C. Bransford, Cpl. G. T. Steene, Sgt. W. T. Swafford, Lt. E. E. Broughton.
- 5—Yep! The ladies are present also. Left to right: Cpl. Rebecca King, Cpl. Katherine Battle, Sgt. Adell Roberts, Cpl. Ora Lyle.
- 6—Services were held Sunday, March 11th, at Camp Toccoa by Chaplain W. C. Robinson. Left to right: Lt. Col. Scott Candler, Capt. H. F. Higgins, Chaplain W. C. Rob-

- inson, Capt. D. D. Landers, Jr., 1st Lt. O. B. Keeler, and Lt. Col. Tom N. Colley.
- 7—Sgt. Stephens and Cpl. Carter demonstrating machine guns to Col. Candler and other officers.
- 8—Officers and guardsmen inspecting "Bazooka" brought to Camp Toccoa by Lt. Col. Tom N. Colley, of the 7th Battalion.
- 9—Loading machine gun belts during maneuvers.
- 10—Signal and Headquarters Unit, 5th Battalion, Staff Sgt. Lee Bennett, 2nd Lt. Roy F. Stallings, Capt. Charles W. Underwood, Pfc. J. T. Mayfield, 2nd Lt. Ed Cowan, Cpl. Del McCleary, Tech. Sgt. H. C. Smith.
- 11—Target range at Camp Toccoa.
- 12—Medical Unit, 5th Battalion on maneuvers.





Convoy of 20 vehicles leaving Camp Toccoa after maneuvers held Saturday and Sunday March 10th and 11th.

Marksmanship

By MAJOR HAL DRAKE, G.S.C.,
Inspector of Marksmanship

It is the earnest desire of our Commanding Officer, Col. R. W. Collins, that the Georgia State Guard exert every effort to improve the Marksmanship of its entire personnel with both rifle and handgun, or pistol. It will be readily recognized that this phase of the activities of the State Guard is most essential. Also it can be made into a pleasant and enjoyable part of our work. Accordingly, it is planned to increase and stress our shooting program—encourage practice and arrange matches, both postal and shoulder to shoulder. In short, it is our aim to soon have the Georgia State Guard take its place in the Sun along with the best in the country in its ability in marksmanship. As we approach nearer the end of the terrible holocaust that envelops the world, it is natural to assume, and we certainly have hope, that we will be able to secure more and better equipment—rifles, handguns, ammunition, targets and the various other items necessary.

Having been appointed by Col. Collins as Inspector of Marksmanship, the writer wishes to assure all the officers and enlisted men of the Georgia State Guard of his willingness, even anxiety, to be of any help possible to the extent of his experience and ability in regard to rifle or pistol shooting. Your newly appointed Inspector of Marksmanship freely admits being "hipped" on the subject of safety in the handling of firearms. He leans backward in this regard and takes the very firm and perhaps somewhat isolated position that there is NO SUCH THING AS AN ACCIDENT with firearms—there is always a cause. Carelessness in handling guns is both criminal and supinely idiotic. Guns will kill fish or fowl, animal or man. Your correspondent has attended hundreds of rifle and pistol matches as competitor, Range Officer, Executive Officer or Referee and has never seen anyone hurt on a rifle range where proper supervision and care were used.

In 1942, twenty-two hundred people in the United States were killed with firearms in and around their homes. Twenty-three hundred were killed while hunting. Of course, this is not an article about the National Rifle Association, but their record in regard to this matter of Safety, as well as other things in connection with shooting, stands out predominantly in our country. The officials and every member of the Association are likewise "hipped" on the idea of carrying out Safety Rules, and do so to the Nth degree. None of the forty-five hundred deaths mentioned above were caused by a person trained under the jurisdiction of the N.R.A. In the year 1942, which seems to be the last year in which accurate records were kept, over one hundred fifty thousand boys and girls took part in the Junior shooting program. The Association has been conducting these Junior shoots since 1926 WITHOUT A SINGLE ACCIDENT. The record of matches conducted by the N.R.A. in the case of adult shooting WITHOUT ACCIDENT runs into astronomical figures, so it would appear very obvious that EXTREME CARE AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS are well worthwhile. No better method in the opinion of your correspondent to conclude this article could be found than to quote eight Safety Rules. They are and should be the EIGHT COMMANDMENTS of persons handling firearms.

1. TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WERE A LOADED GUN UNTIL YOU HAVE PERSONALLY PROVEN OTHERWISE.
2. ALWAYS KEEP THE ACTION OPEN EXCEPT WHEN READY TO FIRE.
3. KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
4. KNOW YOUR GUN AND AMMUNITION.
5. BE SURE OF YOUR BACKSTOP.
6. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET.
7. NEVER MIX ALCOHOL AND GUN POWDER.
8. OBEY INSTANTLY ALL FIRING LINE COMMANDS.

Remembering and practicing these rules will save suffering and sorrow. No accidents will occur if they are observed.

Fairest E. Holliday Promoted to Sergeant

Fairest E. Holliday, of Company C, of the Georgia State Guard, has been promoted from private to platoon sergeant, according to an order issued on March 5th, by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains, commander of the 10th Battalion.

Results of Two Rounds Of 22 Cal. Postal Match

The following scores are for the first round firing of the 22 cal. Postal Match: 1st Bn., 1,853x2,000; 8th Bn., 1,843; 19th Bn., 1,836; 17th Bn., 1,808; 10th Bn., 1,764; 15th Bn., 1,758; 18th Bn., 1,756; 4th Bn., 1,754; 3rd Bn., 1,627.

Fifth Battalion Holds Rifle Practice At Camp Toccoa

teaches the art of shooting to all its members, along with discipline and a proper respect for constituted authority. The youngsters need that today, and a lot of it.

obviously being nowhere near 16 years old.

In fact, he admitted 12 years, when I asked him. Member of the State Guard? "Oh, no, sir. But I go around with them a lot. My dad drives one of these trucks. He's a member. And I'll be one, as soon as I can!"

Work and Worship — a wholesome and effective slogan for V-E Day for every community in Georgia.

If we can get this plan adopted in every community in our state, it will insure a worthy celebration of Victory in Europe, and will help us forward to final Victory in the Pacific.

All liquor stores will be closed the moment V-E Day is announced, and will remain closed for two days.

This order has gone out from the office of Revenue Commissioner Eugene Cook. This should help materially in reducing undue crime and revelry on this longed-for day.

Georgia Guardsmen are requested to cooperate in this plan, and appreciation is hereby expressed for your leadership in this vital matter.



COL SCOTT CANDLER



1st LT. CLIFFORD BLAISDEL and 2nd LT. ROY F. STALLINGS

"In God We Trust"

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on V. E. Day—work, and more hard work.

Linked with our continued work is the suggestion of Thanksgiving—thanks unto God for His favor upon our fighting forces, and upon our people here at home. And on V-E Day it is suggested that we turn aside for at least an hour of worship with our neighbors in some place of public worship—one of the churches in each community. It is suggested that all the churches be open throughout V-E Day, so that individuals may drop in as they have opportunity for silent prayer, and that in the evening of V-E Day a community-wide worship service be arranged by the pastors, in which plan it is hoped that our Battalion and Company Chaplains will offer their leadership.

Such plans have already been adopted in Atlanta. Mayor Hartsfield was asked to appoint a committee to submit plans for V-E Day, and on this committee of seven citizens were two Georgia State Guard Chaplains. We have asked that every church in the city be open all day on V-E Day, and a dozen strategically located churches have been designated for special programs of worship and thanksgiving. The schools, theaters, radio stations and other agencies are cooperating.

The sooner, the better, young man! There's something about those platoons and companies, as they swing down onto the range, and line up in the "waiting" area . . . The State Guard! Sixteen to 60 years, they'll tell you. And those kids—by the Lord Harry, they behaved themselves, every minute, at Camp Toccoa, and on the convoy trip, there and back. Embryo officers and gentlemen, and good citizens of the U. S. A. . . . State Guardsmen—my old hat's off to the State Guard, again!

And now let's have a look at another spot of news from our old friend, Hal Drake, executive officer of the Atlanta Rifle Club, and Official Referee for the National Rifle Association for Georgia, and Official Scorer for the Georgia State Guard—and lately appointed by Colonel Collins as State Supervisor of Rifle Shooting. And Lieutenant Colonel on the Governor's staff.

"So I trust you will salute me properly, when next we meet," suggests the Lt. Col., crisply. Then he goes into a few details concerning the scoring in the recent caliber .22 Postal Match in which a score of State Guard battalions competed—which finally got settled. After which Colonel Drake adds:

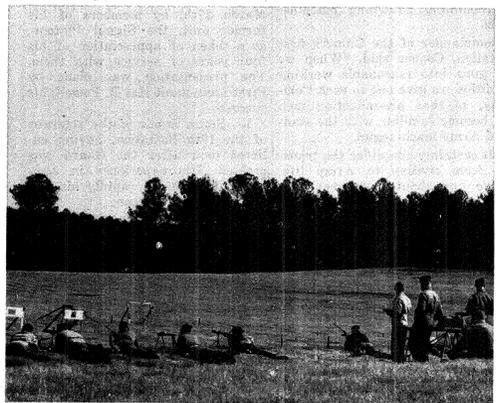
"Now, here is a news item you may want to use some time when you are short of ideas. Anyway, it's one tremendous rifle match record, by Private George L. Fuller, of Company A, Tenth Battalion, of Augusta, scoring 394x400 points.

"Yes—that's what I said: 394x400. Standing up on his hind legs, the brother clicked for 95x100, which is darned near a record in anybody's match or rifle league. That 10-ring is just a wee bit larger than the .22-caliber bullet.

"He scored 100x100 at slow-fire, prone, and 99x100 rapid-fire, prone, and 100x100 in the sitting position, all of which I consider fair to middling plinking . . . The Augusta outfit won the match by a narrow margin over Colonel Mark Cooper's celebrated battalion at Rome, and knowing Colonel Cooper as we do, it is safe to assume that there will be considerable practice up in northwest Georgia before the next match.

"And here's something to think about and be proud of: "When you consider that the old National Guard was removed from us practically intact for the war effort, and the tremendous number of young and eligible fellows who have gone into the armed services, I think the record being made by the State Guard in all its phases is little short of extraordinary."

Pictures of Rifle Match in Which First Battalion Won Over 19th Battalion



Blood Donors of Co. G, Cedartown

Led by Capt. Blount H. Grant, a member of the "Gallon Club" by virtue of his contribution of eight pints of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank, the following officers and men of Company G, 1st Battalion, Georgia State Guard, Cedartown, have helped fill Blood Bank quotas:

Capt. Blount H. Grant, 8 pints; Lt. Thomas Adamson, 6 pints; Lt. Wm. H. Hackney, 6 pints; Lt. Lloyd H. Gray, 3 pints; 1st Sergeant B. W. Edwards, 1 pint; Sgt. W. D. Trippie, 2 pints; Sgt. Geo. Reynolds, 1 pint; Sgt. T. R. Sanders, 1 pint; and Cpl. R. W. Hamrick, 6 pints.

12 Promotions Announced By 10th Battalion

Twelve promotions were announced this past week in the 10th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains, commanding officer. They were made to fill existing vacancies, and were recommended by the commanders of the respective units.

Headquarters Company and Signal Detachment, Captain E. P. Peabody, commanding; from private to sergeant, J. C. Deason, as assistant to the battalion S-3; and private to technician 3rd grade, Ethel Brady Moyer.

Wrens Company Promotes Eight

Eight members of the Wrens Company of the Georgia State Guard were promoted on February 24th, according to a special order issued here by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains, commander of the 10th Battalion.

They were Floyd Avera, from corporal to first sergeant; Billy Boulineau and James Judson McNair, from privates first class to corporals; and Leroy Dixon, Charlie Dillard, Henry Parish, Jordan Boulineau and Blanton Reeves, from privates to privates first class.

These promotions were made to fill existing vacancies in the Wrens company, and were recommended by Captain George Harris, company commander.

New Enlistments At Douglas

Enlistment of eight new members was announced recently by the Douglas company of the Georgia State Guard, Company E, 16th Battalion. According to Captain George Saunders, commanding officer of the local unit, the new members are:

W. P. Richey, superintendent for the Defense Plants Corp., and a former member of the unit; E. W. Sports, salesman for the Pure Oil Co.; Ira Moore, manager of the G. C. Weitman Co.; Eugene Pinkston Cooper, employee of the Georgia and Florida Railroad; B. V. Tanner and D. R. Tanner, owners of the Southern Laundry; John Frank Conner, who operates a business here with his father; and John P. Hulsey, bottling foreman of the Douglas Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

Mr. Richey held the rank of supply sergeant when he was honorably discharged from the Guard during his previous enlistment. Mr. Conner has also had previous military experience, serving for two years in the U. S. Navy. He held the rank of second class petty officer when he was given a medical discharge from service in July last year.

The Douglas company has openings in its ranks for several other members and any men of this community who are interested in enlisting are invited to contact Capt. Saunders, Lt. J. F. Strickland, Lt. J. V. Short, First Sergeant Buford Woodward, Staff Sergeant W. C. Bryan or any member of the company.

Maj. Wm. S. Morgan Instructs 10th Bn.

Major William S. Morgan, sub-district commander of District 4, Fourth Service Command, Tuesday night, March 13th, instructed the 10th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard on the forthcoming Federal inspection. He was assisted in his preliminary examination by Cpl. J. L. Sibley Jennings, formerly of the 9th Battalion, at Milledgeville, but now attached to the headquarters of District 4.

Three infantry companies, two detachments, the drum and bugle corps and the battalion staff were examined individually by Major Morgan. He posted them on the important features to be covered by the inspection, and conducted an impromptu survey of all equipment in their possession.

In the last Federal inspection, the 10th Battalion was rated one of the best in the state. Company A, under the command of Captain Henry M. North, Jr., and the Medical Detachment, commanded by Major W. D. Jennings, received a grade of "superior," which is the highest awarded by the U. S. Army. All other elements merited "excellent."

The 10th Battalion is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains.

10th Battalion Gets 5 Recruits

Five Augustans Tuesday night, March 13th, enlisted in the 10th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, according to Captain W. Roscoe West, commander of Company B, to which the men were assigned. They were V. A. Johns, John Ille, H. M. Wyrly, C. A. Woodward and H. F. Pearson.

Several more vacancies are open in this company, Captain West stated. Interested Augustans, who would like to participate in this defense organization, are urged to contact First Lieutenant G. N. Galloway, at the Academy of Richmond County, or Second Lieutenant R. E. Heath, at the Augusta Housing Authority.

Full equipment, including summer and winter uniforms, is issued to all members. A complete course of training, prescribed by the U. S. Army, is taught each recruit.

Company B meets every Tuesday night at the Joseph R. Lamar School, which is the armory for the 10th Battalion. All new members will be allowed the privilege of attending the State Guard Summer Camp to be held in June at Toccoa, Ga. All expense, including transportation, is borne by the State of Georgia.

Capt. Wm. E. Wood, Visits Officer's Club Of Camp Gordon,

Captain William E. Wood, public relations officer of Camp Gordon, was the guest of honor Wednesday night, March 21st, at the March meeting of the 10th Battalion Officers Club of the Georgia State Guard. The assembly was held in the upstairs dining room of the Town Tavern.

Vice-President Dorrh Nowell, second lieutenant of Company C, presided. He introduced Captain Wood, who praised the 10th Battalion for the unselfish service it is rendering the war effort.

Guard Unit Feted In Macon

Major Gen. Thomas G. Hearn, commanding officer of the IRTC at Camp Wheeler, and Brig. Gen. Reginald Buzzell, assistant to Gen. Hearn, were guests and principal speakers at a dinner meeting of the Eighth Battalion, Georgia State Guard, held at Idle Hour in February.

The dinner was given by the Eighth Battalion staff and was headed by Col. Roland Neel, battalion commander. In addition to the addresses by Gen. Hearn and Gen. Buzzell, another guest speaker was Lt. Col. Reginald H. Wood, commanding the Army's Fourth District, Fourth Service Command.

Eighth Battalion members from Thomaston, Griffin, Forsyth and Jackson attended the dinner, in addition to the Macon Guardsmen. Master of ceremonies was Mayor Charles L. Bowden of Macon. Among the guests were Col. Carl Flom, Camp Wheeler; Col. R. H. Collins, Atlanta, state commander of the Georgia State Guard; Major E. E. Dill, Atlanta Guardsmen, Major John Purifoy, Griffin member of the Guard, and Joseph N. Neel, father of Col. Roland Neel, Eighth Battalion commander.

Red Forces Lose To Blue Strategy

The Red Forces annihilated the Blue Forces with superior strategy, when Company A and the Signal and Medical Detachments of 11th Bn. of the Georgia State Guard were divided into two platoons at the regular meetings at Columbus High School Monday night, March 19th.

The Blues, a security platoon, were assigned to guard Columbus High from an attack by the Reds, who were organized at St. Elmo Pharmacy. They took numbers of prisoners and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing Reds.

Lt. Frank Hackett, in charge of the Reds, dispersed his men in the woods along the Weraooba creek and maneuvered toward the objective.

Lt. Bill Massey, the Blues commanding officer, concealed his troops in the shadows of the shrubbery at the high school, and communications between the Reds and Blue Headquarters were foot messengers.

H-Hour for the attack was 8:30 p.m., and shortly afterwards, the Reds overpowered the Blues by using decoys to draw their fire.

Lt. Col. Henry B. Pease directed the maneuvers, and Capt. Ralph Holloman acted as official umpire.

Former Guardsman Expresses Appreciation Of Guard Training

(J. S. Goldman, Capt. G. S. G.) 2nd Lt. Harold Patrick received and read the following letter to the Thomson outfit at drill Tuesday, March 20th:

Camp Peary, Va., Navy D & T Center, 14 March 1945.

Hello Pat.

I will drop you a line to tell you how much I appreciated the discharge you all gave me. It sure has helped me. I have been appointed M. A. A. of my barracks and it was the training I got in the State Guard that got me this job. I don't have to do any extra duty or kitchen police.

Tell all the guys that are about to enter the service that it sure will help them.

A Fellow Guardsman, A/S Winton Edward Teston.

Although the State Guard is organized and prepared to protect home and property, and to assist in the preservation of law and order, it also has the added mission of preparing young men of military age for military service. Numerous testimonials as the above is proof of the value of that Guard training.

In trouble and in calamity the Guard is ready to do its part. The need for additional men is urgent. Volunteer your patriotic service now.



LT. NATHAN GRABLOW

Grablow Receives Guard Promotion

The promotion of Nathan Grablow to second lieutenant in the Seventeenth Battalion, Georgia State Guard, was announced recently. Lieutenant Grablow received his promotion from the rank of sergeant.

It was also announced that George E. Tsongranis had been promoted from the rank of corporal to that of first sergeant to fill the vacancy left by Lieutenant Grablow.

Lieutenant Grablow served for six years in the regular army and for three years in the Salem, N. J., National Guard. He has been in the Georgia State Guard for three years and is now in charge of radio and telephone communications.

Sergeant Tsongranis, Company D, enlisted in the Georgia State Guard in February, 1944, and went to Fort Benning in June, 1944. He was transferred to the Signal and Headquarters Company in August as a machine gunner and has taken active part since that time.

Announcement was also made of the promotion of Pfc. G. Cochran to corporal, and Private Clark to private first class.

Capt. Morris Rabhan, public relations officer for the State Guard, at Savannah, announced that there were openings for switch board operators and code operators. Those applying now will receive sergeant's ratings, he said.

Joint Meeting of Lumpkin-Richland Ga. State Guard

Both Platoons of B. Company 11th Bn. of the Georgia State Guard met in Lumpkin on Tuesday night, March 27. This conforms to the regular plan of meeting; the First Platoon meets in Lumpkin and the Second in Richland regularly except on the fourth meeting night in each month they have a joint meeting alternating between Lumpkin and Richland.

The training program for the evening consisted of Bayonet practice and Riot duty. Contrary to the belief of some that the training is not worthwhile, the men take the work seriously receiving instruction in line with regular military tactics, placing emphasis on drills which will fit the Company to cope with emergencies which may arise, such as mobs, riots, floods, and storms.

A feature of the evening was a visit by Col. Henry B. Pease, Capt. George F. Singer, and Capt. Ralph M. Holloman of the Battalion Staff from Columbus. Major Olin W. Patterson also of the Battalion Staff was present. Their visit was informal, but their presence and words of commendation and constructive criticism were helpful. They brought to each of the Commissioned Officers a .45 Cal. revolver, and plenty of ammunition. The Federal Government is sparing no reasonable cost to equip the Georgia State Guard for service. Captain Hugh O. Overby is now back in place after a ten-week leave to attend the Ga. Legisla-

Tall Tale Department

Submitted by Cpl. Ray Todd, Correspondent for Unit 140, Cedartown, Ga.

Last year, when all the 30-calibre rifles were called in, Unit 140 was left for a while without any type of arms, and all the men were instructed to bring any type of shot gun or rifle they might have to use until something else was issued.

Pvt. Rufus Day turned up with an old muzzle-loading cap and ball rifle, complete with shot bag and powder horn—and he informed us that it was the powder horn on which he attached most of his sentiments, since it had been in his family for at least ten generations, and was the cause of his great granpappy losing his life.

Great-granpappy Day was a great hunter, but like all the other Days, attached a great deal of affection to the powder horn, and whenever he went hunting he took the utmost care of it. One day he was out deer-hunting and shot a big buck, but the buck was across Big Cedar Creek from where old man Day was standing. So he hung the precious horn on a tree, so he thought, and went across the creek, got his deer and came back—and the powder horn was missing. Although he was sure he left it hanging on a limb, he started looking for it, and suddenly saw it hanging on the moon. After much figgering he decided to catch the sun when it came up next morning and ride up and get his horn when he passed by the moon, and immediately made his preparations accordingly. He filled a lunch box with food, and a barrel with water, in case he got hungry and thirsty—and caught the sun as it rose.

Along about noon he got drowsy and dozed off, waking just as the sun went by the moon. He made a desperate grab, but missed, and that made him mad as a hornet. He knew that by the time he got home he wouldn't have time to milk the cow, get in stovewood, and tend to the other chores, and still he couldn't figger how to get there any quicker. But about that time his barrel of water sprung a leak, and water started dripping out in a hurry. Contrary to what he had thought, it was cold as get-out up there, and the water started freezing as fast as it leaked out, forming a long icicle. As Great-Grandpappy Day looked down, the icicle appeared to reach all the way down to his back door, so he decided it would be a lot quicker if he just shinnied down and got to work. He wrapped his arms and legs around it and started down, but he got to going so fast he couldn't even slow up when he reached the end, which was still several hundred miles from the ground—so he kept on going, hitting so hard that he still kept going for another hundred miles.

"This is a pretty come-off," said Mr. Day. "Wonder how I'm going to get out." After thinking for a few seconds he decided that the best thing to do would be to get some help, as much as he hated too. So he wandered off to find a few neighbors and a ladder (and that's where he made his big mistake, for when he got back with the necessary help a pack of wolves had come in and killed him, and had already eaten off his head.)

A strong wind blew the powder horn off the moon the next day, and his wife gave it to Pvt. Day's grand-daddy, and it has remained in the family ever since. He is always interested in all matters pertaining to 11B.

All three of the Commissioned officers have been present every-time. The four sergeants have 100 per cent attendance, and four of the six corporals have a perfect record, the other two were absent for good reasons; sixteen enlisted men have not missed a drill.

Tribute was paid to Rev. M. B. Brown, who died at his home in Richland. Rev. Brown was a charter member of the Stewart Guard, serving as Chaplain with the rank of First Lieutenant. In the point of service he probably had more years to his credit than any other chaplain in the state.

U. S. Officer Returns To Old Command In 19th "Dixie" Bn.

Lieutenant Marshall Castleberry, recently returned from more than two years service in the United States Army Signal Corps, has re-enlisted in the Georgia State Guard with the rank of First Lieutenant and has been assigned to his old command of the Signal Detachment and second in command to Captain Arthur French of Headquarters Company.

Lieutenant Castleberry organized the Signal Detachment of the 19th Battalion originally and this small company has passed through its ranks and put into the Army and Navy nearly twice its total enrollment.

Lieut. Castleberry holds a Class A radio license and under a recent ruling this will qualify the local Signal Detachment to receive Walkie Talkie equipment and the privilege of a wave length for sending and receiving.

Enlistment of men experienced or interested in radio is invited. Prospective members are urged to be at the Armory on West Central avenue on Monday nights.

State Guard Will Function Again

High ranking officials of the Georgia State Guard assisted in reorganizing the local unit of the Guard in Hawkinsville last Thursday evening. The local unit of the Guard had never disbanded, but for some time has been inactive. The unit was revived with some 15 of the old members retaining membership and about 15 new members sworn in.

Capt. Robert H. Rush will continue as commanding officer with DeWitt Compton, principal of the

High School, being given the oath of First Lieutenant. A training film was shown after which several of the visiting officers addressed the Guard.

Among those present were: Major R. C. James, executive officer of Battalion 12, Americus; Capt. W. P. Fullbright, Company A, Americus; Major Morgan of Headquarters; Capt. Wallace Campbell and 1st Lt. Paul Massey from Company F, Perry.

A crack drill team, from Company A of Americus, put on an exhibition after the meeting.

State Guard Buys Scrap From Bell Plant

To aid them in running "sort of a prep school for the armed forces," Rome's Lt. Col. M. A. Cooper and Sgt. Bivings Marshall, of the Georgia State Guard, made sizeable purchases recently from the Bell Bomber Plant's salvage sales store. They bought scrap aluminum, plastic, masonite, plywood, wire, and nuts and bolts, to be used in making radio sets and in rebuilding Browning machine-guns.

Commander of the Guard's first battalion, Cooper said, "When we get guns into reasonable working condition we give one to each Company, so that pre-induction men can become familiar with the standard Army machinegun."

"It certainly simplifies the transfer from civilian to Army life. We've put about 3,000 men into the Armed Forces, most of them non-commissioned officers."

His battalion has built a great many of its own weapons, and he stated that the material obtained from Bell's salvage store would be extremely helpful in similar future work. "When we first built our mortars," recalled Cooper, "a lot

of people thought it rather a wild idea, but boys like Wilson Cook have justified us."

Cook, also of Rome, was taught to shoot by the Guard. Now a Marine platoon sergeant in the Pacific, he recently received a citation for his performance on Saipan. Lt. Col. Cooper reports that when Cook's outfit found itself pinned down, he crawled ahead of the platoon with his rifle and picked off Japs manning several machineguns and mortars. Later, he wiped out a Jap strong point with mortars.

The first battalion is outstanding in the State Guard. In the last federal inspection, six of its companies were designated as superior. There were only 18 superior companies in Georgia, and 119 in the entire country.

Lt. T. G. Smith, Of 10th Battalion, Presented Gift

First Lieutenant T. G. Smith, recently-appointed plans and training officer of the 10th Battalion Georgia State Guard, was presented a hunting jacket Tuesday night, March 27th, by members of his former unit, the Signal Platoon, as a token of appreciation of his four years of service with them. The presentation was made by First Lieutenant Hal R. Powell, his successor.

Lt. Smith is one of the veterans of the 10th Battalion, having enlisted soon after the Guard was created. His experience in communications aided rapidly his rise in the Signal Platoon.

In January of this year, he was promoted to the battalion staff by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains, commanding officer. Lt. Smith is in charge of the training of the nine infantry companies and the two detachments that compose the 10th Battalion.

THE MIGHTY

19th

WAR LOAN

BEGINS ON MAY 14th