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## SUMMER SCHOOL AT FORT BENNING FOR GUARDSMEN IN JUNE

**Special Training Period June 17-20,  
Regular Camp School June 21-30**

LT. O. B. KEELER  
Hdq. Staff P.R.O.  
Georgia State Guard

All the unlimited facilities of the vast training base at Fort Benning, together with an almost unique reputation for hospitality, will be at the use and disposal of the officers and enlisted men of the Georgia State Guard, the last fortnight in June, the schedule starting June 17-20 with a special period for the training of officers, non-commissioned officers, and selected privates, or officer-material.

Then comes the regular camp period, June 21-30, for officers and enlisted men, for which one of the finest areas at Fort Benning has been assigned, at Dixie Road and Edwards Street, just across from the ranges.

The Guardsmen, without being pampered, will be furnished with the best quarters and living equipment available in the U. S. Army—large, comfortable barracks, with steel beds and all furnishings; four mess halls; a hospital; headquarters building; officers quarters, and everything in the latest mode.

Guardsmen will also enjoy all the facilities of Benning, one of the greatest bases in the country. Post exchanges, cafeteria, theaters; the athletic fields and baseball diamond; officers' club, non-com and enlisted men's clubs, and everything. Army cooks will prepare the meals, as for the regular Army.

The State pays for all subsistence, and transportation will be provided for each Guardsmen attending the camp, all at State expense.

### 11th Battalion Holds Pistol Shoot

Eighteen officers and men of the 11th Battalion, Georgia State Guard at Columbus, took a familiarization course Sunday morning, May 6th, at the police pistol range with the S & W .45 caliber revolver, under the direction of City Detective Oscar Bryant and Captain E. E. Thiele, S-3 of the 11th Battalion.

Each man fired 50 rounds both slow and rapid fire at 15 and 25 yards and completed his run with 15 shots at a bobbing silhouette, representing a kneeling man which appeared for 3 seconds at a time.

This being the first time that the Guardsmen have handled a hand gun, stress was laid on the essentials of sighting, aiming, position, hold, squeezing, breathing and cocking—scoring was incidental. Much emphasis was placed on the rules of safety and these were graphically displayed on the firing line where the men were given ample opportunity to realize that safety comes first.

Despite the fact that most of the men were novices in revolver firing, creditable scores were turned, and out of a possible 100, the following scored, 1st Lieut. Frank N. Hackett, 77; Corporal L. D. Goodroe, 73; Capt. E. E. Thiele, 71; Staff Sgt. J. A. Spence, 70; 2nd Lt. W. S. Massie, 69; Cpl. D. C. Plaster, 68; 2nd Lt. T. B. Wight, 62; Pvt. H. V. Faust, 60. Major S. D. Steen, Director of the ROTC program in Columbus, fired a neat 82. He was an invited guest of the guard. Detective Oscar Bryant, though handling a borrowed pistol, fired a 90, the highest score of the day.

The 11th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard is now planning a course in the submachine gun which will be fired in the near future.

### Companies A, B, C, D Of Macon Guard, Attends Exhibition

Competition from the ladies put Macon units of the Georgia State Guard temporarily out of business on May 14th, leaders disclosed as they reported that Guard Companies A, B, C and D adjourned their own meeting to watch girl squads drill in the Lanier and Miller high school exhibition.

The four companies had slated a meeting at Lanier High for Boys but while Company B had 95 per cent of its members present, one of the other units had only a single representative; all the others were watching the girls work-out. A poll of the Guardsmen by Capt. Carl Sullivan brought a vote of approval for the idea, and the whole group adjourned to the girls' exhibition.

Members of the medical detachment and Headquarters company made of tougher stuff, completed a meeting at the city hall, and Headquarters Company issued a challenge for any other unit to compete against it in a rifle match which is being planned for an early date.

### Prizes Awarded to Savannah Guardsmen

Following a report made May 7 by Capt. William D. Purvis, commanding Company D of the Seventeenth Battalion, Georgia State Guard, the second squad of the first platoon of the company was awarded first place in a competition involving attendance, recruiting efforts, and like activities.

Sgt. Philip C. Richardson, commanding the platoon, was awarded a cup and the following cash prizes were given: Pvt. Ed J. Harrell for first place, Sgt. Philip L. Richardson and Cpl. R. L. Welby tied for second, and Cpt. Jack Britton, third place.

The awards were made at the regular drill session by Lieut. Col. George A. Rice, commander of the battalion.

### Ministers Address State Guard

The Thomson Unit of State Guard held Thanksgiving services Tuesday night, May 8th, instead of their usual drill. It was a program of reverence, and sober recognition. Reverends George Ray and H. F. Barfield spoke to the men on the significance of V-E Day. Their remarks left no doubt in the minds of the listeners that although the horrors of the terrible conflict in Europe was finished, that we are still faced with much bloodshed and suffering. That our efforts must be centered on defeating the remaining enemy.



Why not join the Guardsmen at Fort Benning this year? Members of the Guard are shown in the picture above at the summer encampment held at Fort Benning last year. It will be an experience you'll never forget or regret. Make plans now to attend in June.

### In God We Trust

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

We are at another watershed of history. Many Georgia Guardsmen have lived through two of the truly significant events of all history—World War I and II. To a very great degree it is true to say that we won World War I and lost the peace. The question now emerges, are we wise enough to win the peace after World War II? This is, without question, the greatest issue facing the world today. What has been going on at San Francisco indicates how far we are from a solution of this question.

The life of the world is in flux. It may suddenly flow into forms that will breed World War III. Or it may be directed into forms that will make impossible another global war for indefinite generations.

We are tempted to dismiss this difficult matter by referring it all to our leaders. What, we are prone to ask, did we elect them for? What are we paying them for, if not to solve our political, economic, social, cultural and other problems?

And every time we allow ourselves to thus by-pass our responsibility as citizens in national and international affairs, we weaken democracy.

It is an hour for individual facing up to the issues at hand and ahead. But, someone will ask, How can I intelligently decide such issues when I know so little about what is involved?

And here again we have the sobering reflection that every man of us should be acquainted with what is going on in this closely knit world in which we live. We beg the question when we claim mere ignorance of the issue. We can know enough about national and international issues to have an intelligent opinion on every issue, and we should test our opinions

### Lt. Col. R. H. Wood, U. S. Army Officer Tells Why Georgia Needs State Guard

Lt. Col. R. H. Wood, Executive Officer to Col. James P. Blakeney, Commander of District 4 of the Fourth Service Command, U. S. Army, spoke on a recent Sunday night radio program of the Georgia State Guard. Col Wood stated: "It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be asked to speak on the Georgia State Guard Radio program and to say good evening to my many friends in the State Guard and to their friends—the listening public. I am going to, figuratively speaking, put the cart before the horse. I will enumerate the various items of quartermaster, ordnance, and Medical equipment issued to the State Guard. The War Department through its National Guard Bureau, has issued: Uniforms, both summer and winter, including cotton shirts, pants, caps and raincoats for summer, and wool shirts, pants, caps and Mackinaws for winter; also shoes, socks and underwear. For arms they are issued: Rifles and bayonets, Thompson Sub-machine guns, 12 gauge riot type shot guns and 30 calibre Browning heavy water-cooled machine guns,

until we reach convictions on every issue.

I offer two suggestions: If every Georgia Guardsman will attend the camp at Fort Benning, we can there definitely improve our knowledge of national and international affairs. All the other reasons for attending the camp are good and compelling, but this one reason should prompt us all and each to go, if at all possible.

Second, we can address ourselves anew to the rewarding task of carefully studying every issue of every newspaper and magazine article we can lay our hands on, weighing the opinions offered against our own opinions and convictions.

It is a great hour to be a Georgia Guardsman!

and for the officers, 45 calibre revolvers. All State Guardsmen are equipped with field belts and packs, mess tins, knives, forks, and spoons; in fact, everything necessary to go into the field and to be self-sufficient. Each company has been issued sufficient ammunition to cover their reserve and to teach each man the rudiments of marksmanship by the actual firing of a preliminary course on the range. Plenty of 22 cal. ammunition to fire the sub-calibre course on the indoor ranges which each company has at its disposal. Each Battalion Medical Detachment has been issued a medical chest, litters, and an ambulance. State Headquarters has been issued one and a half-ton trucks, scout cars, and command and reconnaissance cars in sufficient quantity so that they are able to move an entire battalion at one time. I have enumerated those items to show you what the War Department has done for the Georgia State Guard and to impress upon you that the War Department has foreseen the need of a strong State Guard and has given you the necessary equipment to assist in fulfilling your assigned missions. Each State is responsible for its own internal security in the case of fire, floods, windstorms, or any natural disaster, and the State Guard must be prepared and trained to handle such emergencies, including the disorders that arise from the disasters, and to be able to handle them efficiently. To do this it is necessary that the people of Georgia stand back of the Guard by seeing that your ranks are kept up to maximum strength and that members attend drills regularly and conscientiously. In order that the State Guard might have competent instructors, this district has held semi-annual schools of instruction for officers and selected NCOs. Such schools have been held at Fort Benning for the past three

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Lt. Col. R. H. Wood Tells Why Georgia Needs State Guard

(Continued from Page 1) years. Several hundred officers and NCOs have received instruction at these schools. Last year for the first time, the Georgia State Guard held two one-week summer training camps. These two camps were attended by approximately 2000 State Guard Officers and enlisted men. During the week they learned how to run a military camp. They were taught how to shoot the weapons they had been issued, how to conduct overnight bivouacs and live in the field, and the putting into actual use the various phases of training learned during the armory drill period. It is planned to hold a summer camp again this year for two weeks' duration during the latter part of June, and it is the hope and desire of the Commanding Officer of the Georgia State Guard, Colonel Robert W. Collins, and the Commanding Officer of District Four, Colonel James P. Blakeney, that it will be attended by at least 75% of the State Guardsmen. At these camps the guardsmen are instructed in the advanced phases of soldiering, and State Guardsmen from North, South, East and West Georgia learn to know each other by actually working side by side during the week's encampment, and in this way learn different methods of training. It welds the guard into a compact organization and brings to each man the pride of belonging to the Georgia State Guard and what each commander strives for—"Esprit de Corp." You know of my affection for the Georgia State Guard, and that I understand your problems and difficulties. This is your war work and just as important as though you were in the Army. It may be that it will be more important. I honor and respect the State Guard, but you have got to work at it a little bit harder. It is necessary that your company strength be built up; you need more mature age. You gentlemen, who are over-age for the Army and have the love of your family, home and community, the Georgia State Guard needs you and you need it!

"Am I happy! A bundle of joy arrived at our house yesterday!" "Congratulations. Boy or girl?" "Neither. Last month's laundry."

13th Battalion Inspection Is Held in Dublin

Federal inspection of the 13th Battalion, Georgia State Guard Staff, was held Tuesday night, April 24, by Col. James P. Blakeney, commanding officer of District Four of the Fourth Service Command, as inspecting officer. The inspection was held at local Guard headquarters in the City Hall. Lt. Col. Reginald H. Wood, executive officer of District Four of the Fourth Service Command, accompanied Col. Blakeney on the tour of inspection. The 13th Battalion Staff, commanded by Lt. Col. J. Felton Pierce, is composed of Capt. Sam V. Conyers, S-1; Capt. Chalmers Chapman, S-2; Capt. W. Ed Smith, S-3; Capt. Morris Hankin, S-4. Commanding officers of companies in the 13th battalion who attended the inspection included Lt. E. E. Yawn, Co. A, Eastman; Lt. J. J. Carr, Co. C, Dublin; Lt. L. Q. Underwood, Co. D, Dublin; Lt. John P. Davis, Co. E, Vidalia. Attending the inspection also were Mayor M. A. Chapman, former commanding officer of the 13th Battalion and now holding the rank of Lt.-Colonel in the Reserve; Chief of Police J. W. Robertson; Sheriff Carlos Gay. After the inspection a supper was enjoyed by the Guard officers and distinguished guests. Sgts. Rittenhour and Cochran accompanied Col. Blakeney and Lt. Wood to Dublin.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

Fort Benning Camp

June 17-20 Inclusive

School for Officers, Non-Com Officers, And Selected Privates, Officer Material

June 21-30 Inclusive

Regular Camp for Officers and Enlisted Men

Company H, 10th Bn., Inspected By Lt. Frank H. Hooper

Company H, of the 10th Battalion Georgia State Guard, was inspected at Wrens, Ga., on April 11. The examination was made by First Lieutenant Frank H. Hooper, Jr., U. S. Army, who was accompanied on his trip by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains, commanding officer of the battalion, and First Lieutenant Norman I. Galloway, of Augusta.

The inspection was held in the Guard Armory and on the athletic field of the Wrens High School, with forty-one members, out of an enrollment of forty-three, present. Lt. Hooper highly complimented Captain G. T. Harris, commander of Company H, on the condition of the armory, rifles and other equipment. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the appearance of the men.

Members of Company H taking part in the inspection were: Captain George T. Harris, Lts. L. R. Perdue and R. H. Fitzgerald; Sgts. Floyd Avera, G. B. Walden, Lester Charles Prescott, Otis Godowns, James McNair, Billy Boulineau, and Pvt. Jack Arrington, Charles Arrington, Jordan Boulineau, Alex Boulineau, William Burke, George Burke, Lamar Cato, John T. Clark, Ed Dochau, C. W. Gay, Paul Harker, Warren Hammett, Eugene Hemmey, Clifford Luckey, William McNair, Sanky Powell, Henry Parish, Millard Prescott, George Stapleton, Carl Stapleton, Albert Stapleton, Barron Sheppard, Jack Swan, Louis Thigpen, Harris Wheeler, Jack Williams, Harold Welch, Leland Zeigler, Leon Zeigler and M. H. Hadden.

First Maiden Lady: "Which would you most prefer in a husband—brains, wealth or appearance?" Second Maiden Lady: "Appearance—and the sooner the better!"

Officers Clothing Expense Deductible From Income Tax

In response to many inquiries to the State Staff Headquarters of the Georgia State Guard, the following ruling has been received by Lt. Col. Lee S. Purdom, Chief of Staff, G.S.G., from Hon. Marion Allen, of the Treasury Department, in regard to the Federal Income Tax allowances for deduction of expense incurred by officers in purchasing uniforms and clothing to be used in the Guard.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT Internal Revenue Service Atlanta 3, Georgia April 11, 1945

Lt. Col. Lee S. Purdom Chief of Staff Georgia State Guard P. O. Box 4688 Atlanta 2, Ga.

I hasten to reply to your letter of April 9, 1945, by advising that expenses incurred by officers in purchasing uniforms and clothing for their individual use as officers of the Georgia State Guard are allowable deductions for Federal income tax purposes. Trusting that the above is the information which you desire, I am, Sincerely, Marion H. Allen, Collector

Three salesmen were sitting in a tavern, having a few rounds of beer.

"I hate to see a woman drink alone," said the liquor salesman.

"I hate to see a woman eat alone," added the grocery salesman.

The mattress salesman remained quiet, like a gentleman.

Keep Guard Alive, Says Lt. J. D. Davis, Schley County Unit

Lieut. J. D. Davis, commanding officer of the Schley county unit of the Georgia State Guard, emphasized recently the urgency of strengthening membership.

Purpose of the guard—organized when the National Guard went into the army—is to stand ready to serve in the event of any emergency or trouble at home. And its presence is a tremendous protection to the community, a force that is always ready to step in to assist local law enforcement if the need arises. Time after time in other parts of Georgia this need has arisen and the guard units have been there to prove their worth.

The community owes a great deal of appreciation to the men who have served at any time since it was formed, and to those who still remain active. Lieut. Davis, and every thoughtful citizen, is anxious to see all units strengthened to full size.

She: "There are lots of couples who don't pet in parked cars." He: "Yes, dear; the woods are full of them."

"Is there a factory on that road?" "No; that's Lover's Lane."

"Then why did that girl remark that she'd been through the mill?"

A nut at the wheel, A peach at his right, A curve in the road— Fruit salad that night.

Co. A, 12th Bn., Med. Detachment Inspected April 10th

Answering such questions as: "Who is the Commanding Officer of the Georgia State Guard? What is the serial number on your rifle; What are your duties in your organization?; and how long have you been in the State Guard?," the Americus Headquarters and Signal Company, and Infantry Company "A" of the 12th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, underwent their annual Federal inspection Tuesday night, April 10th.

The inspecting officer, who fired catchy questions at the men with machine-gun rapidity, was Captain McGrew Harris, U. S. Army, who is on temporary duty from his home station, Camp Van Dorn, Miss., with Headquarters, Fourth District of the Fourth Service Command, Atlanta.

Captain Harris stated after the inspection was complete, that Americus could well be proud of the two State Guard Units which he had inspected.

The inspection began with the machine-gun platoon of the Signal Company demonstrating setting up their weapon, simulated firing, and dismantling the gun. Following the machine-gun platoon's activities, the Signal Corps set up their field switchboard, and simulated actual field telephone and communications activities.

The Signal Company was then formed in platoons by the officers, Capt. George King, commanding, Lt. Hollis Blackmon and Lt. Griffin. The order "prepare for inspection" was given, and the company was then reported to the inspecting officer.

Accompanied by Lt.-Col. L. D. Slappey, commanding officer of the 12th Battalion, and three officers of the staff, Capt. T. J. Wallis, supply officer, Captain D. J. Evans, chaplain, and 1st Lt. G. L. Rockett, public relations officer. Captain Harris proceeded through the ranks on his inspection tour.

The inspection of the Signal Company proceeded smoothly, with a few of the men being somewhat hesitant in answering questions on the finer details of the guard. The stern countenance of the inspecting officer broke only one time and that was when he reached Judge James W. Smith, signal corps sergeant, and one of the most valuable men in the organization, who was in the rear rank of the first platoon, in civilian clothing.

At Captain Harris' question as to why the sergeant was not in uniform, Sgt. Smith, who weighs in the neighborhood of 300 pounds, replied that he would be but so far the Guard had not obtained a uniform large enough to fit him. Captain Harris stated "we are glad to have men like you in the State Guard, sergeant."

The Infantry Company was formed, and it put on a show of the manual of arms and facing movements prior to being formed for inspection.

The infantry company proved to be well up on its knowledge of inspections, and aside from calling the gun sling a "strap," the men answered Captain Harris' questions without a bobble, throwing a favorable light on their officers, Capt. W. P. Fullbright, commanding, Lt. R. S. Lewis and Lt. Sam Gunn.

Lt. Y. T. Sheffield, of the Plains detachment, was present with four of his men. Members of the newly-formed Company "H" were present, although not in uniform. Many of them were introduced to the inspecting officer, but no inspection was made.

Following the inspections, the crack drill units of the Infantry Company put on a show of plain and fancy drilling. One select platoon gave excellent demonstrations, including the rapid formation of the squad wedge, primarily used in breaking up mobs or riots.

A nut at the wheel, A peach at his right, A curve in the road— Fruit salad that night.

'I'm Proud to be a Member of the GSG,'

The following interview was given by Captain Raymond Turpin, S-2, Fourth Battalion, G. S. G., over Radio Station WGST, Atlanta, on Sunday night, May 6th, during regular weekly State Guard program, by Captain Art Gillham, Radio Public Relations, Georgia State Guard.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Beginning in a couple of days you will be hearing and reading about a very important campaign in this community. A drive which will affect you personally. It will acquaint you with an activity that will benefit you, and enrich your life. An activity which will widen your scope of usefulness. Yes, I'm talking about membership in the Georgia State Guard.

I'm proud to be a member of it, and I'll tell you what it does for me. In the first place . . . I'm a busy man, just as you are . . . I have my home, my job, my family. And I don't have much time to spare. But let me tell you this . . . I am glad to spare that extra evening that I spend with the State Guard, every week. I get more out of it than I give to it. Why? Because I get the feeling of being a part of our home protection unit. I get the thrill of learning the art of home defense. It has improved my health . . . my physical fitness through the activities. My mind seems more alert . . . because the problems with which we grapple in the state guard sharpens our wits . . . keeps us on our mental toes, so to speak. But it's more than that. I like to get out with my neighbors and friends—other fellows like myself. It gives a sort of clubby feeling—a comradeship—more than I've ever enjoyed before.

Often my wife asks me why I am so eager to get to our weekly state guard meeting and all I can tell her is that I get a heck of a lot out of it . . . and she agrees that it has done something for me . . . something tangible . . . something vital. So I say . . . I'm proud to be a member of the state guard. And you would be . . . too.

All of these things that I've told you about what it means to me—it can do for you—in a larger measure if you're willing to go into it. These are the personal things that you can get out of it. Now, you may ask, is there a need for state guard? Is it any longer necessary? And I say yes, emphatically YES.

It is the only force available to the governor and civil officials that is organized and equipped to cope with large scale civil emergencies, storms, fires and other disasters. Such emergencies are invariably attended by lawlessness and panic exceeding the police force's power to control. A sizeable well trained military force is necessary to maintain law and order under such circumstances. You recall the invaluable work of the peactime national guard after the Gainesville tornado.

The storm which hit Griffin, Georgia, the other night might well have hit Atlanta or any of its outlying areas and with its dense population wrought havoc—catastrophe.

In such an emergency, you and your family would welcome the assistance and protection of just such a force for law and order as our state guard. As you can see, such a situation could easily have tragic results and far reaching effects. And without a well trained, well equipped state guard chaos might result . . . Your own family might well be the sufferers.

In other words your state guard will train you to protect your home, your own fireside, your neighbors—will help you to keep the peace in your community—under any and all circumstances. It will enable you to be a modern minute man! From early American history the minute man has been a part of our American tradition . . . the protector of American homes. Your state guard today is that minute man—and you can well be that man.

To aid you to achieve this, your federal government equips you with uniforms, tents, infantry pack, rifles, tommy and machine guns. On maneuvers your government supplies you with all necessary transportation facilities . . . jeeps, command and reconnaissance cars, trucks—communication facilities such as walkie-talkies—all of this is supplied to you without cost. The army has turned over to the state for the use of its state guard its fine paratrooper camp at Toccoa, Georgia. This is a splendidly equipped camp with all types of houses and conveniences, excellent training fields and rifle and machine gun ranges . . . all of this without cost to you.

All you must spend to join or take an active interest in your state guard is your willingness and your effort.

Well, you may ask, what are the requirements? And my answer is: There are none . . . except your willingness to serve and your ability to perform the simple tasks of life. No matter what your native talents or abilities the state guard can find a place for you in its ranks. Do not hesitate to offer yourself. And, if you are proficient in some special skills or have some hobby . . . such as radio, photography, sharpshooting, and so forth . . . you will be encouraged in the choice of your interests. In other words you'll enjoy the state guard . . . I promise you.

And I am certain that when you square the situation with yourself you will rise to the occasion, and that the state guard ranks, thinned by war, will soon be filled by willing volunteers such as yourself. I hope you realize the vital importance of the guard to our community and to our state and how urgent it is that each neighborhood bring its unit up to full strength without delay.

Make up your mind tonight that you are going to enlist in your state guard, and in case you have already made this decision—here is the next step—either go by 4th Battalion headquarters, 226 Peachtree Arcade Building or phone MAin 6039 and find out whom you should contact in your neighborhood to enlist in the Georgia State Guard. I repeat . . . in case you have already made this decision, either go by 4th Battalion Headquarters, 226 Peachtree Arcade Building or phone MAin 6039 and find out whom you should contact in your neighborhood to enlist in the Georgia State Guard.

Make up your mind tonight—that you will go down to your 4th Bn. Headquarters and enlist tomorrow. Resolve to be a modern minute man by joining the Georgia State Guard. Thank you.

The Georgia State Guard radio program will be heard on Radio Station WAGA, on Sunday nights, in the future. See newspaper for time

Cyclone Disaster Maneuver Held By Americus Guard

A stimulated cyclonic disaster operation was held in Americus Thursday night, April 26, by the Georgia State Guard working in conjunction with the American Red Cross, the City of Americus, and the police chiefs and the sheriff's office.

Col. James P. Blakeney, commanding officer of the Fourth District, Fourth Service Command,

accompanied by his executive officer, Lt.-Col. R. H. Wood, arrived in Americus Thursday evening, and reported that the simulated disaster was to be considered as having happened.

The operation went off smoothly, Lt.-Col. L. D. Slappey, commanding officer of the 12th Battalion, reported, with a very constructive and enlightening maneuver being held.

State Guard officers taking part in the discussion and maneuver were: Lt.-Col. Slappey, Major R. C. James, executive officer of the 12th Bn.; Capt. T. J. Wallis, staff supply officer; Capt. R. C. John-

Lt. Edgar Altman Is New Commanding Off., Co. A, 16th Bn.

1st Lt. Thomas Edgar Altman has been assigned commanding officer of Company A, 16th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, with headquarters in Blackshear, after the resignation of Captain Aubrey S. Gieger.

The local unit is now in need of new recruits and all boys and men are urged to contact Lt. Altman if interested in enlisting. The training received has been proven to be of the greatest of aid to those who enter any of the branches of military service.

The following is the set-up of officers and men of Company A, 16th Battalion including some promotions and changes:

Thomas E. Altman, 1st Lt., Commanding, J. H. Henderson, 2nd Lt., Emmitt L. Minchew, Supply Sgt.; Tracy M. Clark, 1st Sgt.; Lester N. Godwin, Mess Sgt.; Emit L. Minchew, Jr., Cpl. Clerk; T. P. Whitfield, 1st Lt.

1ST SQUAD—Sgt. Lee Broome, Cpl. Lester Williamson, Pfc. William Smith, Pvts. Warren Knox, Lewis Harris, H. M. Davis, Jacob L. Altman, Lewis A. Batten, Joseph Thomas, Carnell Dixon, W. C. Tippins.

2ND SQUAD—Sgt. Bobbie Highsmith, Cpl. Shirley Kimbrell, Pfc. James R. Sweat, Pvts. Bobbie Roberson, Jack Tyre, Arleen Thomas, Willie Kirkland, James A. Buckins, Delmas Duberly, Reginald Thornton, A. L. Anderson.

3RD SQUAD—Sgt. Ed. Taylor, Cpl. Bobbie Ellington, Pfc. J. R. Altman, Pvt's. Billie Tyre, Alvin Wetherington, Lumby Peacock, Nathaniel Kirkland, Ira Williams Manning Morgan, Lonnie Bargeron.

Federal Inspection Of Co. B, Richland,

Major Phillips, of the United States Army, inspected both platoons of Company B, Georgia State Guard, in Richland, April 27th. The inspection was thorough, covering the several phases of the training incidental to state guard organization.

The men had a military bearing; they were well drilled in riot duty; received special commendation in guard duty; weapons were in good condition; property is safely housed and the records were systematically kept. Both officers and non-coms were commended for faithfulness and efficiency.

Major Phillips was especially helpful in his method of procedure. He did not hesitate to call attention to conditions which needed correction. All suggestions were to the point and constructive. He was liberal in his praise of the strong points. Captain George F. Singer and Captain Ralph M. Holleman, of Battalion Staff, were present.

They are always interested in everything pertaining to state guard. Major Olin W. Patterson missed his first inspection in a period of five years and the entire Company joins in wishing for him a speedy recovery.

Both platoons have resumed their training program with the idea of maintaining the excellent record which they have made.

Father (shouting down the stars): "It's past twelve. What's the matter with the young man? Is his starter broken?" Daughter: "What's the difference, so long as we have a crank in the house?"

son, battalion adjutant; Capt. W. P. Fullbright and Lt. R. S. Lewis, Company "A" officers.

Civilians present were: Mayor Pro Tem J. W. C. Horne, Mrs. T. O. Marshall and Mrs. Virginia Moreland, representing the American Red Cross; Fire Chief H. K. Henderson, Asst. Chief of Police V. L. Autry, Arthur F. Davis, deputy sheriff of Sumter county, and Judge of City Court James W. Smith.

In Memoriam JAMES JACKSON CONNER

Memorial services for Jimmy Conner of Blackshear, captain in the United States army who was killed in action in Germany in April, were held in Blackshear Monday night, May 7, with members of the local state guard unit honoring their former captain.

Conner, one of the first members of the Blackshear guard company when it was organized, was acting captain when he went into the army from Blackshear.

Col. Lee S. Purdom, chief of staff of the Georgia state guard, gave Captain Conner's life history, and Rev. Linton Johnson and Rev. Oscar Bell spoke and conducted devotional services.

The local state guard unit sponsored these services in honor of Captain Conner.

James Jackson Conner was born in Pierce County, July 26, 1919. Member of National Guard, Co. F, 121st Infantry, 30th Division. Enlisted in Georgia State Guard 11 December, 1941, as Private of Unit 90, District 20, now Co. A, 16th Battalion. After serving he was transferred and promoted as S-3 on Major Lee S. Purdom's Staff of District 20. (The Staff member's rank is that of Captain.) He served as Staff member until he was honorably discharged to enter the U. S. Army.

In Memoriam

MARSHALL S. FOLSOM

A brief memorial service in tribute to Marshall S. Folsom, a former member of Company A, 19th Battalion Georgia State Guard, who was recently killed in action in Germany, was held at the regular meeting Tuesday evening, April 10th. The service was conducted by Chaplain H. S. Brooks, who read a message from the Bible and offered a prayer in memory of the deceased.

The sincere sympathy of the officers and enlisted personnel of Company A is extended to the bereaved family and friends.

Berrien County Unit Designated Color Co., of 19th Bn.

The Berrien County State Guard Unit was designated the "Color Company" for the 19th Battalion of the State Guard following inspection on Friday, May 4th.

The inspection was made by Maj. William S. Morgan, inspecting officer of the Fourth Service Command. Other grand units participating were Adel, Valdosta, Homerville and Statenville.

Major Morgan conducted inspections in each of the above towns, and at the conclusion of the inspection here announced that the Nashville unit had been designated as the "Color Company."

The award was made on points, including percentage attendance, military smartness, knowledge of military formations and general readiness for duty. As result of the judging the Nashville State Guard will be entrusted with the Battalion Standard and Colors for the year.

Other State Guard officers accompanying Major Morgan to Nashville included Col. W. G. Eager and Capt. G. D. Arnold of Valdosta, and Major H. R. McKinnon of Adel.

Capt. J. R. Bennett is commanding officer of the Nashville State Guard Unit.

Scores of Finals of Inter-Battalion 22 Cal. Match Fired at Georgia Tech, May 6, 1945

Table with columns: RIFLE TEAM—1ST BN., RIFLE TEAM—8TH BN., and scores for various teams and individuals.

Team Score of 5 High Men—1st Bn. 1842

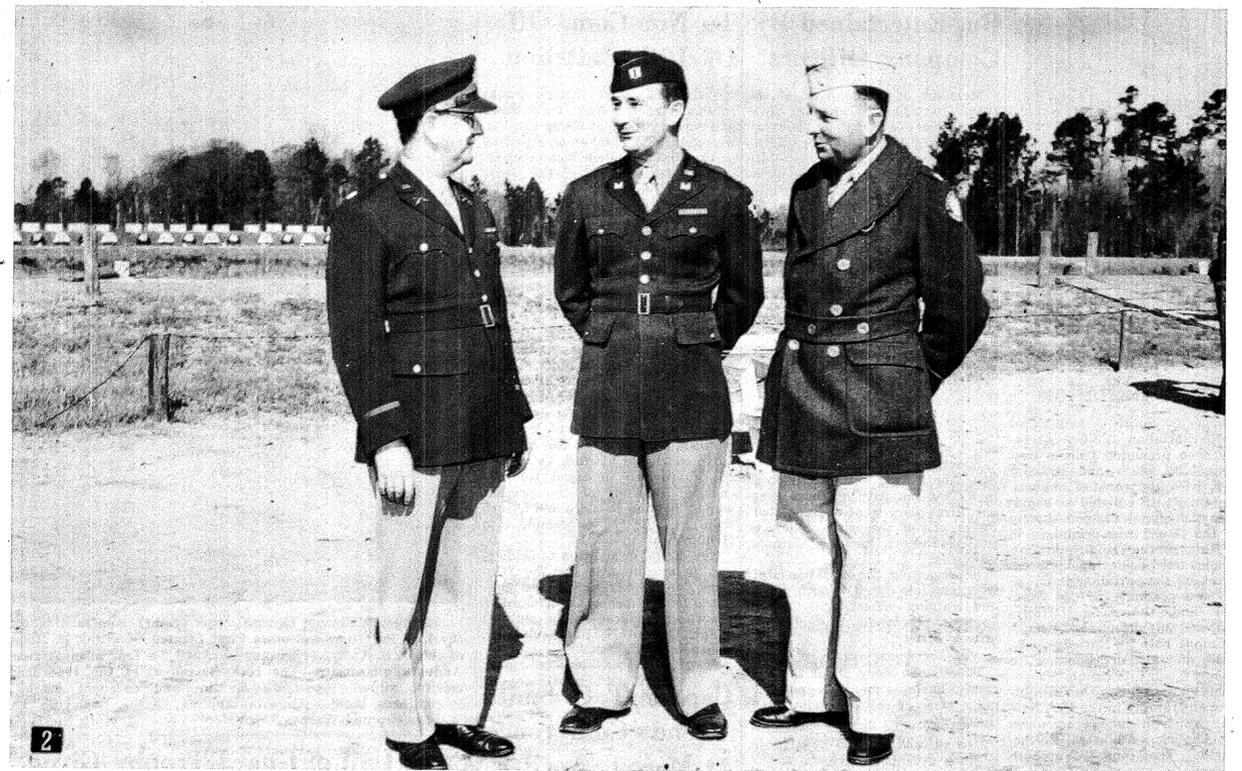
Team Score of 5 High Men—8th Bn. 1808

Above constitute final scores, after complete recheck, in Finals of Inter-Battalion 22 Cal. Matches.

Major Hal L. Drake, G.S.G., Inspector of Marksmanship



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### 17th Battalion Holds Bivouac At Camp Stewart, May 5-6

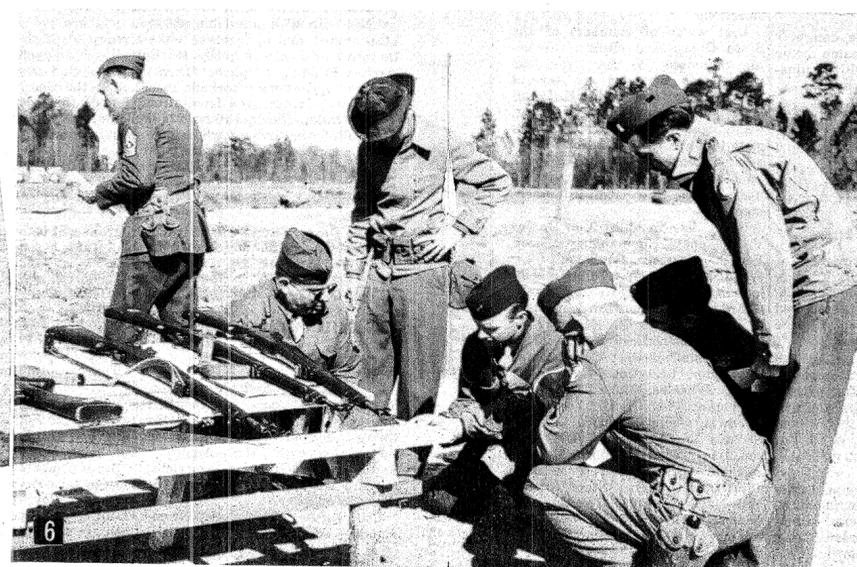
- 1. Front row, left to right, Sgt. Nathan Grablow, Capt. H. M. Dunaway, Capt. Wells, Capt. Fred H. Quante, Lieut. Col. George A. Rice, Major M. Z. Brower, Capt. K. K. McCall, Capt. Ernest Mingeldorf, Capt. M. Rabhan.
- Back row, left to right, 2nd Lieut. E. L. Taylor, 2nd Lieut. Frank Hill, Lieut. Neidlinger, Capt. Daniel A. Brewton, Lieut. Eady, Capt. Wm. D. Purvis, 1st Lieut. Jos. R. Jones, 2nd Lieut. J. Walton Usher, 2nd Lieut. L. E. Gay. Seated in the ambulance, 1st Lieut. Drew Barden.
- Not in the picture, Capt. Bob McDonald, Capt. J. L. Cohen, 2nd Lieut. G. L. Storey, also 1st Lieut. Ben Silverman, who was just advanced from 2nd Lieut.
- 2. Lieut. Col. George A. Rice, Capt. Joseph Harmon, Major M. Z. Brower.
- 3. Co. D, Capt. W. D. Purvis. Left, standing, C. E. Ellzey. Right, standing, G. Brown. Kneeling, E. Harrell. Prone, H. Cave, L. Holliday.
- 4. Officers Call, arrangements of targets, etc.



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**Thomas G. Smith Now Captain In 10th Battalion**

Thomas G. Smith, a veteran of the 10th Battalion, G.S.G., has recently been promoted from a first lieutenant to plans and training officer, with the rank of captain.

Captain Smith enlisted as a private in the Signal Platoon shortly after the Guard was organized in 1940. He advanced steadily through all grades until achieving his present rank on the battalion staff.

He is a graduate of the Staff School and the Line Officers School, and has attended the Summer Camps both at Rutledge, Ga., in 1943, and at Fort Benning, in 1944.

In his new capacity, he will supervise all training in the 10th Battalion, which includes companies from Appling, Augusta, Blythe, Louisville, Thomson, Waynesboro and Wrens.

Captain Smith, in civilian life, is with the Augusta division of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company.

**Eulie Watson Gay, Gordon Burch Enlist In 10th Battalion**

Eulie Watson Gay, of Kissing Bower Road, and Gordon Burch, Route 38, Augusta, recently enlisted in Company A of the 10th Battalion Georgia State Guard, according to Captain Henry M. North, Jr., company commander.

In applying for enlistment, Pvt. Burch, of pre-induction age, said that he looked upon the valuable training and experience of the State Guard as a great aid in making him a better soldier when his time comes to go into the armed forces.

Company A welcomes any Augustan interested in becoming a

**Company C, 10th Bn. Entertained By Company Officers**

Members of Company C, of the 10th Battalion Georgia State Guard, were entertained Tuesday night, April 17th, with a party at the Beech Island Community House. The occasion was in celebration of the fine showing they made during the recent federal inspection. Hosts of the party were the company commander, Captain G. C. Smith, and his assistants, First Lieutenant Dorrah H. Nowell, Jr., and Second Lieutenant W. B. Jones.

Supper was served buffet style, with Lt. Jones as the master of ceremonies. Approximately 25 members of the company attended.

First Sergeant J. W. "Smitty" Smith, well-known Augusta vocalist, led the men in singing. Following this, he rendered several solos, which were highly applauded.

Sports, under the direction of Sgt. Abe Fogal, were participated in by the majority of those present. First place went to Sgt. "Red" Reese, one of the prize-winners at the 1944 Fort Benning Summer Camp.

Representing the battalion staff were Captain T. G. Smith, plans and training officer, and Captain James C. Harrison, Jr., public relations officer.

There's the story about the successful business man who, addressing a class of college seniors, told them:

"To succeed, all you have to do is jump at opportunity."

"But how do you know when opportunity comes?" he was queried.

"You simply have to jump all the time."

**Legion Leader Talks To State Guard Unit**

At the regular weekly meeting of the Georgia State Guard held Monday night, April 9th, Bascom Jones, senior national vice commander of the American Legion of Nashville, Tenn., made a talk on the future of the American soldier.

This was reported to have been one of the best attended meetings of the Guard since its organization. Jones was introduced by Charles A. Lanier, former commander of the Sixth district of the American Legion.

member of the 10th Battalion. It meets every Tuesday night, at 8:00 o'clock, at the Joseph R. Lamar School, on Baker Avenue.

"Those of us who are fortunate enough to be here at home," Captain North stated, "can find no better way of serving our nation than by joining the Georgia State Guard."

**Sgt. Kay Keys Speaks To Non-Com. Off. Of 10th Battalion**

T/Sgt. Kay Keys, former special columnist of the New York News and now stationed at Camp Gordon, was the guest speaker on April 18 at the 10th Battalion Non-commissioned Officers Club of the Georgia State Guard.

He spoke on the essentials of a good non-commissioned officer. "He must be," he explained, "a leader in all things—in military, in character and in personal appearance. He must, at all times, set an example in all those qualities which make a good soldier."

"Leadership," he continued, "means far more than popularity. A good N.C.O. must know his job thoroughly and be patient in imparting that knowledge to those under him. He must be prepared, also, to step into the rank above his own, whenever the call comes."

He concluded his talk by urging the guardsmen to assist the discharged veterans of the present war by helping to place and absorb them as quickly as possible into civilian life.

Sgt. Keys, in addition to soldiering, is a columnist for the "Cadence," a weekly newspaper published for the men at Camp Gordon. He was introduced to the club by S/Sgt. George H. Baldowski, Jr., president.

**Captain T. G. Smith Attends Conference At Macon, April 8**

Captain T. G. Smith, recently-appointed plans and training officer of the 10th Battalion, represented Lt. Col. George Hains, local commander of the Georgia State Guard, at a state-wide conference of battalion commanders held at Macon, Ga., on April 8. He was accompanied by S/Sgt. Joseph M. Carter, Jr., and Pvt. L. L. Walker and A. M. Tompkins, of the Headquarters Company.

The meeting was headed by Colonel R. W. Collins, commanding officer of the Guard. Topics discussed were supplies, military law, medical attention, care of arms and equipment, and the training of staff officers.

Colonel Collins spoke to the assembly on the forthcoming Summer Camp, to be held the last week in June. He stressed the fact that all guardsmen recruited before that time will be allowed to attend.

Lt. Col. R. H. Neal, of the Macon battalion, was host to the officers and their assistants at a dinner in the Dempsey Hotel. Seventeen battalions were represented at the conference.

Lady (holding cookie over her dog): "Speak! Speak!" Dog: "What shall I say?"



Lieutenant Colonel George Hains (right), commanding officer of the 10th Battalion, welcomes First Lieutenant Frank H. Hooper, Jr., of the U. S. Army, who began on April 3 a federal inspection of the Augusta guardsmen. The 10th Battalion, in the 1944 inspection, merited "superior" on two of its units and "excellent" on the others. It embraces, besides Augusta, Appling, Blythe, Louisville, Thomson, Waynesboro and Wrens. (10th Bn. PRO photo)

**Cairo Unit of Guard Given Highest Rank For Fifth Time**

Company C, the Cairo unit of the 18th Bn. stood its fifth Federal inspection early this month and for the fifth time was given a grade of "S," meaning "Satisfactory," the highest military grade, Capt. W. J. McClenny, the commanding officer, revealed this week.

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**Trophy Given To Medicos of Macon Guard Unit**

Macon's Eighth Battalion of Georgia State Guard met May 7th at the Idle Hour club for the annual barbecue and presentation of awards to the companies making the best showing at the recent inspection of units.

The medical detachment, commanded by Maj. Alvin Siegel, who won the trophy for making the best showing and other awards made by Lt. Col. Reginald Wood, executive officer, went to Company C for second place; Company D, third; Company B, fourth; Company A, fifth, and Headquarters Company, sixth.

Members of the crack rifle squad, undefeated until Sunday night, May 6th, when they were out-shot by a team from Rome, were guests of honor.

Dr. Holmes Mason was master of ceremonies and Lt. Fairy Plunkett was in charge of the program for the evening. Entertainment was provided by two singers from Lanier Boys High school, who sang several popular songs and by Mrs. Bruce Beverly, who played piano selections.

One Sunday the little daughter of a great publisher came home from Sunday School with the illustrated text card in her hand.

"What's that you have there?" asked the father.

"Oh, just an ad about Heaven."

**8 Are Promoted In Co. C, 10th Bn.**

Eight members of Company C, of the 10th Battalion Georgia State Guard, were promoted on April 23, according to a special order issued by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains, commanding officer.

They are L. A. McNair, cpl. to sgt.; M. L. Jackson, Pvt. to cpl., as supply clerk; W. R. Pitts, Pvt. to cpl., as messenger; J. G. Pyle, Pvt. to cpl.; and Pvt. to Pfc. (first class), M. S. Hammack, W. E. Edwards, E. O. Skinner, Jr., and L. B. Cadden.

These promotions were made, according to Col. Hains, to fill existing vacancies, and were recommended by the commander of the company, Capt. G. C. Smith.



A contingent from the 10th Battalion took part in the Memorial Day parade in Augusta. Leading the troops are, right to left, Captain Henry M. North, commanding; First Lieutenant Norman L. Galloway and First Sergeant J. W. Smith. The 10th Battalion is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel George Hains. (10th Bn. PRO photo).

**Lt. Hooper, U. S. Army, Inspects Co. I Of Louisville**

Company I, the Louisville unit of the Georgia State Guard, and the Girls Drum and Bugle Corps, had their federal inspection Monday night, April 9th. The inspection was held at the Academy football field promptly at nine o'clock.

Lieutenant Hooper of the U. S. Army was the inspecting officer. He was accompanied by Lt. Col. George B. Hains, Commanding Officer of the 10th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard. Col. Hains Staff Officers accompanying him to Louisville were: Captain Stewart Walker, Captain Harbin, Captain Roscoe West and Lt. Heath.

Lieutenant Hooper and Colonel Hains were very complimentary of the splendid work done by Company I and the Drum and Bugle Corps.

Company I has been given a high rating at each federal inspection for the past four years. At the inspection the company was given the highest rating ever received by Company I.

Members of Company I taking part in the inspection were: Captain C. F. Stone, Lt. R. M. Smith, Lt. W. T. Weeks, Sgt. J. R. Phillips, Jr., Sgt. William Prichard, Sgt. George Robinson, Sgt. Everett Watkins, Chaplain M. R. Plaxco, Cpl. R. S. Barnes, Cpl. James Hancock, Privates Willie Allen, Howard Bedgood, Luther Boles, Wallace Brantley, Benton Bryant, J. F. Seebach, Robert Scruggs, Clinton Davis, Emory Dye, Vaughn Fair, W. B. Forney, Alvin Gordy, Harris Gordy, C. F. Handberry, Donald Hartley, Frankie Hartley, Emory Henderson, Phillip Herrin, George Horne, William Willie, A. P. Jones, Jr., Bill Jones, Harry Jones, Phillip Lamb, Sammy Lamb, and Charles Poole. Waes, Sgt. Virginia Hadden and Cpl. Gene Clark and members of the Drum and Bugle Corps.



Col. James P. Blakeney, commanding officer of District 4, Fourth Service Command, and his executive officer, Lt. Col. R. H. Wood, were honor guests of the 10th Battalion Officers Club, which met in Augusta on April 19. Shown above are, left to right, seated, Capt. E. P. Peabody, Hq. Co.; Capt. J. S. Goldman, Co. G.; Col. Blakeney; Capt. W. R. West, president of the club and commander of Co. B.; Lt. Col. George Hains, 10th Battalion Commander; and Lt. Col. Wood. Standing, left to right, 1st Lt. E. M. May, machine-gun platoon; Capt. S. P. Walker, S4; 2nd Lt. C. W. Robie, Co. E.; Capt. T. G. Smith, S3; 1st Lt. D. H. Nowell, Co. C.; 2nd Lt. W. D. Jones, Co. A.; 1st Lt. W. J. Baird, Co. A.; 2nd Lt. H. V. Patrick, Co. G.; Capt. H. M. North, Co. A.; 2nd Lt. R. E. Heath, Co. B.; Capt. G. C. Smith, Co. C.; and Capt. J. J. Harbin, S1.

**Co. A, 11th Battalion Holds Combat Maneuvers**

At the regular meeting of Company A, of the 11th Battalion, held Monday night, April 9th, at the Columbus High School, the Guardsmen staged a combat maneuver in which was practiced all the phases of previous training.

Capt. E. E. Thiele, commanding officer of Company A, divided his troops into two divisions. One, an enemy force consisting of a rifle platoon and supported by heavy machine guns occupied an area in the southeastern section of the golf course. This enemy force under the command of Lt. Frank Hackett was reported to be an airborne unit with the possible mission of destroying the hydro-electric facilities here that furnish power for mills producing vital material for the Army and Navy.

The attacking force lead by Lt. W. S. Massie was issued a field and march order with the mission of destroying this hostile force. A map was furnished with the field order showing the area of the enemy and the route of march of the attacking force.

Immediately upon receiving orders Lt. Massie organized his attack platoon consisting of three squads supported by automatic weapons. Sgt. Spence led the first squad, Sgt. Davidson led the second squad and Sgt. Parks led the third squad. Scouts were sent out ahead of the squads. Each squad had a leading rifleman firing blank ammunition, other men simulated fire.

During the progress of the march the enemy who had thrown out patrols to their front in the direction of the attacking forces' line of approach, continued to fire and move in order to harass and delay the attacking force. At each volley of fire the men would take cover and return the fire. At each opening or crossing near or under a light the men observed caution by moving in the shadow of trees or where no shadow or cover was available would run across the enemy would open fire to cover him.

Notwithstanding the very large number of Guardsmen who have been placed in the Armed Services, the local battalion has increased its enrollment materially and there are now about three hundred and fifty on the active rolls and quite a few on the reserve subject to call. Patriotic citizens not able to serve in Army or Navy are invited to come to the Armory any Monday night and join one of the local Companies.

"Pahson, I thought you-all told us salvation is free." "Salvation is free brother, just like water. But when we pipes it to you, you-all has to pay for de pipin'."

**Lt. Col. Scott Candler Hands Out Bouquets**

Lieut. Colonel Scott Candler, commander of the Fifth Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, was handing out bouquets recently to members of the battalion who worked through the rain Saturday night, May 12th, to recover the body of Archie White, who was drowned while duck hunting.

Colonel Candler said he called members of the battalion, headquarters in Decatur, at 9:30 p. m. Saturday and that within an hour they were at the DeKalb County Waterworks lake. They searched for the body until it was found about 10:30 a. m. Sunday.

The battalion, consisting of 78 officers and enlisted men, was commanded by Captain Thomas D. Paschall, acting executive officer.

"What part of an automobile kills the most people?" "The nut behind the wheel!"

Don't worry if your wife flirts with the butcher. She may be playing for high steaks!

scout reported the enemy entrenched on a hill looking down on the advancing attacking force. A heavy machine gun covered the approach. 1st Sgt. Edwin Hill, who after Lt. Massie was wounded, took over the command and called his squad leaders together for instructions as to the manner of attack. As the squads advanced upon the enemy position the enemy opened fire from a heavy machine gun. The attacking force returned fire and advanced in a leapfrog fashion, fire and move, fire and move. The enemy machine gun was using blank ammunition and sputtered fire that made the attacking force feel as though they were facing real enemy fire. Squads maintained communications by the use of signals and messengers. All of the previous training of cover, concealment, creeping, crawling and aggressive infantry tactics were displayed. As the attacking squads neared the enemy positions the enemy threw out smoke flares which caused a terrific smoke screen. The gas signal was given and the men immediately and orderly put on their gas masks and continued the attack. The enemy position was finally taken by scouts who got through under cover of the smoke screen and tossed a hand grenade into the machine gun emplacement.

Lt. Col. H. B. Pease, commanding officer of the 11th Battalion and his staff, acted as referees. A critique was held by Col. Pease and staff after the maneuver was finished. Each platoon and squad leader was questioned as to his action and the reason for such action. All of them showed a knowledge sufficient to handle most any emergency the Guardsman will be called on to control.

The Medical Detachment, 19th Bn., has moved to a larger and better room in the Armory and J. N. Bray and Co. through Dr. Giddens have donated to the Guard the necessary lumber to put in shelves and fix this store room in first class condition.

This will enable the Headquarters Company, which includes the Signal Detachment and the Heavy Machine Gun Detachment, to enlarge its quarters.

**Crystal Lake Scene Of Fitzgerald Guard Encampment**

Members of the local unit of the Georgia State Guard spent a recent week-end at Crystal Lake on a camping trip. Captain Robert Powell and Lieutenants Clifford Pickens and Clifford Adams were in charge of the camp.

Tents were pitched near the lake by the Guardsmen upon arrival, and a fish supper was served soon afterward. Guards were posted at the camp throughout the night.

After breakfast, the men went on the rifle range. Fifteen shots were fired from the Enfield rifles by each man, five each in kneeling, standing and prone positions. Woodson Goff and Russell Henderson made the highest scores. Each man then fired the Thompson sub-machine guns. A thorough cleaning was given all the weapons to remove burned powder.

Everyone enjoyed a steak dinner prepared by Mess Sergeant Harrell. The equipment and tents were packed up, and the area was cleaned up by the men.

This trip was so well-liked by everyone that plans were begun for another in the near future. Activities such as these fit in with the aim of the Georgia State Guard to give entertainment as well as instruction to the members.

**Victory Corps Reviewed by State Guard Staff Officers**

The Sparks-Adel Victory Corps was reviewed by Major H. R. McKinnon, Executive officer of the 19th Battalion Georgia State Guard and by Capt. Pittman Fuller, of Company A of the 19th Battalion and his staff, on Friday, April 27, on the high school drill grounds.

The adjutant's call was at 2:20 and the review formed, led by the Sparks-Adel band under the direction of Mr. C. R. Hazen. The troops, directed by student officers under the command of Physical Education Director, E. P. Burt, marched proudly by the reviewing stand and formed before the platform. The band played the National Anthem while the troops and guests held a salute to Old Glory at half mast.

Mrs. W. D. Wilkes came to the microphone and offered a beautiful prayer. Supt. Frank M. Hughes spoke on "Franklin D. Roosevelt's Contribution to Humanity." Major McKinnon led the entire audience in singing "God Bless America."

The Victory Corps moved off the field and Physical Director Burt's

**Wrightsville Paper Praises State Guard**

Below we reprint an editorial which appeared in the Wrightsville Herald on Thursday, April 26th.

**THE STATE GUARD**

Wrightsville and Johnson county have an organization of which it may well be justly proud. It is the State Guard. Officials of the state organization regard it as one of the best in Georgia. Composed of some eighty officers and enlisted men, the unit is fulfilling an important role in the protection of our people without glory or pay but with a high sense of duty and patriotism.

There are many people who have the erroneous idea that it is for the protection of the country from invasion and because the likelihood of invasion is so remote have gained the impression it is a meaningless organization.

Such is not the purpose at all. Its chief duty and in fact its very cause for existence is to prevent and control internal strife. When the war began the National Guard units were immediately put into the army and removed from the state control. This left the state without any protection except such as the police, sheriffs, and deputies could give. It was admitted to be true that those forces could not cope with all situations that might arise and that wisdom dictated the creation of an Armed Force for this purpose outside the Army. Internal strife, riots, outbreaks against law and order, sabotage and other similar subjects were placed under the duties of State Guard Units.

They are trained under Army supervision of the Security and Intelligence Division and are equipped and armed by the Army. Regular military training is given both in close and extended order and the various units can be alerted on short notice for any emergency. The safety and security of all communities is directly in the hands of the State Guard.

Service is exclusively by voluntary enlistment. Officers are carefully chosen and politics is not a factor of control. These men are giving their services from real patriotism and are to be highly commended for their unselfish work.

In these days when men and women are giving of their time and effort in a common cause, the State Guard should not be overlooked. They are performing a work that is of a most vital nature. To wait until an emergency arises to organize against it is to jeopardize the safety and lives of all.

"Crack Drill Squad," under the command of Student Officer Betty Jones, gave a superb drill.

The event was well attended by the public.

# BUY AN EXTRA WAR BOND NOW!

## Co. B and Medical Detachment of 7th Battalion Stage Parade for Red Cross

Co. B, 7th Battalion, located at Lincolnton, and the Medical Detachment, 7th Battalion, staged a parade in the interest of the Red Cross at the beginning of the War Fund Drive. This greatly stimulated the giving, and the county went considerably over its quota.

Co. B has conducted a successful rifle practice and a number of social events.

The Medical Detachment has been given intensive training in the use of all appliances, such as medical belts, splints, stretchers, and transportation of injured men. All courses outlined thus far have been covered. The guardsmen look forward to the arrival of a hospital tent so that they may practice setting up headquarters and supervising the sanitary and other health conditions of a camp.

Co. B and the Medical Detachment appreciate the hard work of its company and battalion officers.

1. Left to right, Lt. L. G. Marlin, Adj. Medical Detachment; Pfc. Hollenshead, ambulance driver; Pfc. Spires, orderly; Pfc. Groves, orderly.
2. Ambulance loading.
3. Transportation without stretcher.
4. Misses Martin, Green and Leverett, who represented Red Cross nurses in the parade.
5. Two-man carriage of injured person.
6. Ready to load ambulance.
7. One man carriage of helpless person.
8. Commanding Officers of Co. B and Medical Detachment in front. Maj. E. R. May, M.D., C.O. Med. Det.; Capt. C. E. Freeland, C.O. Co. B; Lt. L. G. Marlin, Adj., Med. Det.; Lt. C. E. Martin, Drill Officer, Co. B.
- 9-15. Co. B, 7th Battalion, in parade positions.

