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Major J. J. Suddath Officers Club Guest At Augusta

Major J. J. Suddath, provost marshal of Camp Gordon, was the honor guest of the 10th Battalion Officers Club of the Georgia State Guard at a dinner on May 30. Over a score of local officers attended the celebration at the Part-ridge Inn.

Capt. W. Roscoe West, president of the club, introduced Major Suddath, who complimented the guardsmen on the unselfish part they are rendering in the war effort.

Lt. Col. George Hains, commander of the 10th Battalion, expressed to Major Suddath the appreciation of the Guard for the many courtesies extended it by the officials of Camp Gordon.

Those present, in addition to the above, were Major Landon Thomas, executive officer; Major W. D. Jennings, battalion surgeon; Captains J. J. Harbin, T. G. Smith, S. P. Walker, J. C. Harrison, H. M. North, G. C. Smith; First Lts. W. J. Baird, N. L. Galloway, D. H. Nowell, C. S. Bohler, Glenn Segars, E. M. May, H. R. Powell; and Second Lts. R. B. Heath, W. D. Jones and Raney Watkins.

Guardsmen at Fort Benning



Ellaville Guardsmen Help Extinguish Fire During Meeting

At the regular meeting of the Georgia State Guard held in Ellaville recently the Guardsmen had the opportunity to put into practice many of the essentials of military training that they have been practicing.

Major Charles C. Morgan, State guard recruiting officer who was in the city doing recruiting work had the guardsmen assembled in the Court House and was showing a training film when the city fire alarm sounded. Looking out the window a large fire about two blocks from the court house could be seen and looked as if it was penetrating into the main part of the business section.

Lt. Col. H. B. Pease who was also present with members of his staff immediately took over the guardsmen, had them assemble in front of the court house and marched them to the vicinity of the fire. Orders were given at the fire and the men quickly put into effect the training they had had in traffic control and cleared a terrible jam of automobiles that had congested the area and made it impossible for the volunteer fire fighters to get into action.

A detail of other guardsmen were ordered to help handle the hose and in a few minutes two streams of water were flowing into the fire which turned out to be a large and well-filled barn.

A house next to the flaming barn appeared to be in danger of burning. Lt. Col. Pease learning that a very sick lady was in this home detailed several guardsmen to go into the house and remove her to a neighboring house. The guardsmen were quick to put into effect their training in first aid and moved the sick lady without any ill effect.

After the fire was under control of the city firemen the guardsmen returned to the court house to complete their training program. The mayor of Ellaville was very enthusiastic about the part the guard played in the fire and commended the men and officers for their alertness in clearing the traffic jam.

"In God We Trust"

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

Asked how the situation looked at home, viewing it from London, a corporal replied:

"It looks from where I stand as if the folks back at home may have come to the conclusion that it's all over but the profiting."

And then the corporal goes on to explain, "I have been reading my home county paper, and it looks as if everybody is impatient for a new car and a refrigerator and some extra liquor. I am not complaining, but there are two or three things we might remember—that there is such a thing, for example, as winning a war and losing the peace, and also there is such a thing as patting the boys on the back while they're in there fighting and then forgetting that they've got to have a job when they come home."

He was a little on the droopy side, you will agree, but I am wondering if he is not saying something that we need to hear. I wonder if those of us in the Georgia State Guard may be letting down on our pledge to see, this thing through—through to the solution of the last task.

I have heard that the rosters in some Units have been decreasing—that many of our Guardsmen who were on their toes when there was danger of invasion are now too busy to attend meetings—too busy to make out reports—too busy to study the orders from their Battalion Commanders and from State Headquarters.

We need the Georgia State Guard today at full strength and in perfect discipline. All you have to do to justify that statement is to study the news items in the press and over the radio. There is unrest—too much of it. There is

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Red Cross and the Veteran

Last year a fighting man—now back home again.

This is what has happened to thousands of the men who have kept us safe by putting their own lives in danger. Many of them have been served by the Red Cross from their first days in training camp. They have met the Red Cross in clubs overseas—in abandoned Italian palaces or in thatched huts on Pacific Islands. In Army and Navy hospitals the Red Cross has stood by to help. And—even more important to the serviceman—Red Cross has been on the home front to help his wife and children while he is far away.

So, when he changes his uniform for civilian clothes with a discharge button in his lapel, it is natural for him to turn to the Red Cross, confident that it will help him and his family.

What, then, is the Red Cross doing for the veteran?

The services of this organization begin while the man is still in service and go on as long as he needs them. Before he leaves the separation center with his honorable discharge, the Red Cross field

director is there to tell him what aid will be offered him when he returns to civilian life. When he returns home, these services will be waiting if he calls for them at his home-town Red Cross chapter.

The able-bodied veteran usually wants to go straight to work to earn a good living for his family. He may want his old job back. On the other hand, he may find that the training he has received in the service has fitted him for something he likes better. The truck driver may want a white-collar job; the clerk may want to become a welder. The Red Cross workers are glad to talk with him about what he wants to do and refer him to the best agencies for employment or vocational training.

The veteran may find that the new civilian job calls for documents, maybe a birth or marriage certificate. Red Cross will help him get them. Putting in claims for government benefits requires forms to be filled out. Sometimes these forms seem very complicated. The Red Cross workers will help him fill them out. He may feel the

Three Former Cairo Guardsmen Together in Germany

Three Cairo members of the National Guard unit with headquarters in Thomasville that went into the regular Army back in 1940, when the national defense program was first inaugurated, are together in the heart of Germany. They have fought together from the shores of France on into Germany. They are: Tech/Sgt William Godwin, S/Sgt. Bobby Drew and Cpl. Charlie (Spotlight) Thomas.

Their unit holds three battle stars, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Presidential Unit Citation—and has done its part, and sustained its share of the casualties in crushing the German war machine.

need of an experienced person to represent him when his claim goes for settlement before the Veterans Administration. The Red Cross will do so.

From the moment he leaves the service, Red Cross is ready to help a man with his claims. This serv-

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A Letter Of Appreciation

Below is reproduction of a letter from Mrs. Laura White, dated 24 May 1945, Doraville, Georgia. To the Commanding Officer, 5th Battalion, Georgia State Guard.

Dear Mr. Candler:
The family of Archie White of Doraville, wishes to express to you and to the State Guard their gratitude for the services rendered on the night of May 12. At such a time it is a great comfort to know that one has, not only friends and relatives, but willing and efficient County and State Organizations to rely upon.

Will you kindly convey our thanks to all of the groups who so untiringly contributed their efforts?

Sincerely yours,
Laura C. White
(Mrs. A. P. White)

The Commanding Officer, 5th Battalion wishes to express his appreciation of the services of the Guardsmen in this effort.

Safety Rules to Follow In Rifle and Pistol Practice

By MAJ. HAL L. DRAKE
Director of Marksmanship
Georgia State Guard

It is to be hoped that no member of the Georgia State Guard will ever be called upon to fire a gun for the purpose of killing a human being. The possibility is there, however, and it therefore behooves us to strive toward a goal whereby each of us will be, to as great an extent as possible, capable of handling arms in a safe manner and with as great a degree of skill as possible.

First, we will go into the matter of handguns—pistols or revolvers. Forget at the very outset the mythical tales of the Wild West which we read and see in the movies where Wild Bill Hickok and others hit the Ace of Spades at thirty paces or whirled around and shot Jim Scoggins three times in two seconds. We have been fed that sort of hokum for years, but it is 99.4 per cent pure unadulterated bunk. Most of the "quick draw" kills took place at the tremendous distance of about eight feet and four inches between the fighters or sheriff and bad man and et cetera. Remember, the farther away from an object you are, the less chance there is of your hitting that object. Grouping six shots with a handgun so that a silver dollar will cover the group sounds remarkable, but at ten or fifteen feet, this is no chore at all. Step back twenty-five yards and do it and you have something. So the Nick Carter and dime novel stuff is out. In the first place the guns of that day simply would not perform in the manner described in those old yarns. I have witnessed shooting by most of the finest shots of the past quarter of a century, target shots, trick shots and quick draw artists, and the stunts they do are the result of thousands and thousands of rounds of practice. I think perhaps the subject of "Snakes" is the only one concerning which you hear as far-fetched and unreliable tales as is the case with pistol shooting.

First and most important is the matter of exercising the most rigid rules of safety at all times. This feature of handgun firing cannot be over-stressed. Firearms do not "go off." There is always a cause for gun firing. "Unloaded guns" do not kill people. Loaded ones do. It is accordingly up to us to know the gun is not loaded until we want it loaded and to stay away from the trigger unless we know where the muzzle is pointed and do our best to have it pointed where we want it to be when we do pull the trigger. But, you say, "that's old stuff." Right, but I saw a man's life snuffed out like a candle flame because the fellow with the gun thought it was "old stuff."

The so-called automatic pistol, misnamed as it is not automatic but semi-automatic, is not suitable for a beginner in handgun practice. The revolver type is far safer. The very basic and first step in handgun training is the holding of the gun—hand high on the butt and thumb straight out along the side of the frame and not curved around the butt. Folks who curl that thumb have been reading Wild West yarns. Hold the gun with the three fingers around the grip tightly but not to the point of tensing the muscles of the forearm to the trembling point. In slow fire the arm should be fully extended or nearly so. Most of the expert shots have the arm fully extended and the gun grasped fairly tight. The position of the body is most important—and we are still talking about slow fire or rapid fire in target work. An old fallacy dating from the days of duel-

ling advocates that the shooter stand sidewise or at right angles to the target, upon the theory that your body presents less target area for the adversary to hit. Assuming that this is true, the exceedingly uncomfortable and strained position causes disadvantages which greatly offset any fancied merit in the extreme sidewise stance. I have seen a few good shots use this position, but by far the largest number of the country's finest pistol shots take a comfortable, relaxed position, facing slightly to the left of the target, feet planted firmly at the normal distance apart and with left hand hanging at side or in the trousers pocket. Of course, all this is based on being a right-handed shooter.

Unless you have defective eyesight, uncorrected by proper glasses, which by the way is the worst handicap a pistol shooter can have, learn to align your sights with both eyes open if possible. Learn the sight picture—the front sight centered between the sides of the rear sight—the top of the front sight level or even with the sides of the rear sight and the bull's eye or aiming point balanced on the blade or top of the front sight. This is the so-called "six o'clock hold" generally used in target shooting. We will go into this center or point blank hold at some future time. Now don't think you or anyone else living can maintain this sight picture or hold absolutely steady for any length of time. Everybody wiggles, trembles or shakes, whichever you choose—granted some worse than others—and we now drift into that important subject "Co-ordination," so important in all sports, arts and crafts, and I think in the game of life. The trick is, when the sight picture looks right, put a light and slowly increasing pressure on that trigger straight back—if she wobbles off, hold what you have until you ease it back right, then increase that pressure more, steady with the forefinger only. Let the other fingers and hand muscles alone, and finally the gun will go off. It has been said that it would be best if the shooter never knew the exact instant the gun would fire, and that is quite true.

Now we come to the matter of finching, one of the great arch enemies of the shooter. Finching is the involuntary tensing of the muscles in anticipation of the recoil of the gun. This reverts right back to the former statement—if we do not know the exact instant the gun will fire, we won't flinch. Fight that finching business as you would potato bugs, seven years' itch, or burglars—it's a tough baby, but can be whipped. Strange as it may seem, it is true that women flinch instinctively far less than men. I think perhaps constant ducking of rolling pins, etc., is a handicap to the male of the species.

Dry Firing—this, in the opinion of every single, solitary expert shot with whom I have ever talked—and they are legion, is perhaps the greatest feature in the making of a real shot. It teaches us trigger squeeze, stance, sight picture, how to avoid finching, and strengthens the muscles of hand and arm. Put up a spot or bull's eye in your bedroom, living room, den or any old place, about eye level—back off a few yards—take your gun and look to be sure it isn't loaded, then look again to check it. Take your position, cock that revolver, aim, etc., etc. Do this about fifteen minutes, repeat the dose the next day, and the following day, also the one after that, and so on. Your wife will



WINDOW DISPLAY of 4th Battalion, Atlanta, in a recent recruiting drive. Rich's, one of Atlanta's largest department stores, donated the space for the exhibit.

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ice is gladly offered, and the ex-serviceman should not delay in asking for it. He should come to Red Cross while military records are still easily available and his friends in the service are there to testify for him.

Many veterans suddenly returned to this country may find that members of their families have moved away. The Red Cross will help him find them. Veterans applying for government benefits for their families may find that they must provide proofs of dependency. Here again the Red Cross helps secure the documents that are needed. The workers in this organization are ready to help with almost every kind of family situation, and they have the latest information to the ex-serviceman.

These are some of the services that Red Cross offers to the able-bodied veteran. To the man who has been disabled while in the armed forces, it offers all these services—and others that are still more practical.

There will be many times when the veteran may need a willing hand to help him over a difficult spot. It may be help with his pension claims. It may be some small personal service.

With capable Red Cross workers available all over the country, backed by the 28 years of experience of the Red Cross with service to veterans, the discharged serviceman and woman and their families may turn with confidence to the American Red Cross.

think you are nuts, and maybe she won't be far wrong, but "stick to your gun." You will positively not injure a revolver by snapping it. Dry practice and then dry practice before you ever go to a firing line.

Yes, this is all very crude and rudimentary, but many volumes have been written covering in great detail the high spots that have just been touched in this little yarn. If you think these things so simple and maybe useless—let it be known that if you trod the path so roughly laid out here, you will be following in the footsteps of every really fine pistol shot in the world today. There is no such thing as a "natural born" marksman. It takes practice.

We will discuss Rifle Shooting in a subsequent issue, if ye Editor does not have this in the waste paper basket.

H. H. Tanner Active In Work for Sons Of American Legion

By LT. O. B. KEELER, G.S.G.

H. H. Tanner of the Georgia State Guard is a modest sort of sergeant, and when it comes to his activities in connection with the Sons of the American Legion, he hides his face and starts creeping under the bed, when, as a matter of fact and record, he really ought to drag out a bass-drum or a bull-fiddle and start banging. Sergeant Tanner, of 744 Anderson Street, Macon, Ga., naturally is concerned with S.A.L. Post No. 74. He has written Lieutenant William M. Todd of the State Guard, who has offered his assistance in connection with Post No. 74, and this little article is by way of releasing upon the public a brief summary of the Sarge's performance.

"I really think," says Sergeant Tanner, "that the S.A.L. is one of the most important phases of Legion work, and I am willing to give my best (poor though it is) to the cause. . . . Right now, I feel that the greatest of my needs is for publicity, to get enough members enrolled to start meetings and build up an interest in the work."

Well, let's see. Sergeant Tanner is a charter member of the Bibb County Unit of the State Guard, sworn in as a member of the Fourth Platoon when it was organized, September 9, 1940. He was promoted to corporal and then sergeant; squad sergeant; and then First Sergeant. In a word, he has a most engaging combination of State Guard duties and Legion work, and now take a look at his family connections with both:

Sergeant Tanner has two sons in the Navy; a step-son in the Army; a step-son already discharged from the Army; and another son now finishing High School, who expects and hopes to enter the Navy very soon. He has a son and a step-son-in-law who are corporals in his State Guard Company, and another step-son-in-law who is a First Sergeant in Company D. As for the Sarge himself, he has been in defense work ever since Camp Wheeler was started, and is now employed with Reynolds Corporation Naval Ordnance Plant, where he has put in more than 14 months, without losing a day or being late.

It would be gilding refined gold, to add any comment on this little narrative, more than to suggest that whatever S.A.L. Post No. 74 and H. H. Tanner, now finishing his third year as Junior Vice-Commander, require in the way of publicity and help, they deserve it, and then some!

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unemployment, and more to follow. There are rumors and grapevine strategies that must be watched.

If anything were to happen in your area, it would be your Unit that would have to meet that situation, and while you were meeting the emergency, help would be forth-coming from the rest of the Guard, but unless you meet the emergency, it will be too late when the others arrive.

There is a passage of Scripture that comes to mind as I review the present situation. You will find it in Matthew 24:43. It reads: "But know this, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore, be ye also ready. . . ."

I listened to one of the Army's Internal Security Officers the other night, and he said:

"I cannot too strongly emphasize the need of a strong and alert State Guard at this moment."

Colonel Collins relies upon us to sustain him in this crucial hour. We have sworn so to do. I cannot believe that a man of us will allow anything to deflect us from our clear course of duty now.

Another Georgian, serving in the Pacific, writes me:

"I remember my days in the Georgia State Guard, back in 1941. And I am happy to believe that while we fight out here in the Pacific, sweating and sacrificing for complete victory, the Georgia State Guard is taking care of the home base."

These are solemn and sobering words. And the Georgia Guardsmen will heed them.

"I never drink, smoke or have anything to do with men, and tomorrow I'm going to celebrate my 24th birthday," said the lovely young blonde.

"How?" quoth cousin Bobby, young blonde.

"How?" quoth cousin Bobby, age 12.

It would be gilding refined gold, to add any comment on this little

41 Famed Georgia Horse Guards Receive Discharges; 40 Months Overseas

Rewards for jobs well done were given to 41 Georgia boys of the 101st Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion of the Georgia National Guard, who received their discharges from the Army after four and a half years' service, including 40 months overseas.

The Georgians arrived at Fort McPherson the first of June, many from the Philippines, and a few from Army posts throughout the United States. They were a weatherbeaten, tired bunch of boys until they learned their jobs as soldiers were almost fulfilled.

After they found they would soon be citizens again they were converted into restless soldiers who could only talk about their old jobs, new clothes, loud ties and low shoes.

The long, tough life of a soldier began for these men on Feb. 10, 1941, at the Governor's Horse Guard stable on Boulevard, in Atlanta; at the Georgia Hussars' club house in Savannah, in the Liberty Independent Troop's drill hall in Hinesville, and in Bainbridge.

That morning the men were inducted into the Army from the Georgia National Guard, and the hard road that has led them through Camp Stewart, First Army maneuvers in the Carolinas, Fort Dix, Boston, Key West, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Cape Town, South Africa; Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines, had begun.

Although that road still winds for many Georgians who are still in the Philippines, the discharges granted 41 of the original members are the first mass release of Georgians who fought with the 101st.

Thirty-eight of the discharged men arrived at Fort McPherson Saturday, June 2. Most of them expected to be given the usual furlough for overseas returnees, then to be ordered to the Miami redistribution station and later to another assignment in the United States. Five of the 41 had only temporarily returned to this country and expected to be ordered back to the 101st in the Philippines when their 45-day furloughs were over.

But Germany had fallen and the 85-point discharge plan was in effect. A Fort McPherson officer gathered the men together and asked if they wanted discharges. He was greeted with a chorus of "Yes's."

A screening board was arranged for the men and their points computed. Instead of the required 85 points, the men's average was more than 110 points each, and they were ordered to the separation center at Fort McPherson for discharges.

Atlantans in the 101st were members of the Governor's Horse Guards during their National Guard days. They are: Sgt. George West, 2149 Ponce de Leon avenue; Cpl. J. B. Nunes, 359 Sixth street; Sgt. John T. Brennan; Pfc. Elgia Shores, 1108 Oak street; Sgt. Ernest Skalla, 1004 Peachtree street; Sgt. Fred Butler and Cpl. Everett Wells, 591 Flat Shoals avenue.

Other Georgians are: Cpl. Leon Duncan, of Columbus; Cpl. Phil Davis, of Rome; Pfc. James Wing, of Alma; Cpl. Richard W. Strickland, of Brunswick; Cpl. Frank L. Conyers, of Donalsonville; Cpl. Walter Reed, of Bainbridge; Cpl. Francis Shuman, of Reidsville; Sgt. Clifford Smith, of Rome; Cpl. Douglas Robbins, of Savannah; Sgt. Robert Ambrose, of Macon.

Cpl. Denver Blocker, of Hinesville; Pfc. John C. Theus Jr., of

Ludowici; Pvt. Wilbur Poole, of Columbus; Sgt. Opus Branch, of Tifton; Cpl. Everett Alday, of Donalsonville; Cpl. Edward A. White, of Cairo; Sgt. William Daniel, of Savannah; Pfc. Charlie Williams, of Statesboro; Pfc. Esta Taylor, of Lyons.

Sgt. Irwin G. Thomas, of Somerville; Sgt. Dorris Williford, of Blackshear; Pvt. Isadore Nirenstein, of Macon; Pvt. William Proudfoot, of Waycross; Sgt. Walter Patterson, of McDonough; Pvt. David Herrin, of Waycross; Pvt. William Melton, of Macon; Pfc. Edward H. Tabbott, of Brunswick; Pvt. Robert Jenkins, of Eatonton; and Cpl. Charles F. Urbanowitz, of Savannah.

Colonel Collins Announces Result Of Rifle Matches

The results of the Statewide Inter-Battalion Rifle Match of the Georgia State Guard for small bore rifles has just been announced by Colonel Collins and the 19th "Dixie" Battalion managed to nose out the 8th Battalion of Macon by only 3 points out of 4000 to take second place and to win the honor of meeting the crack 1st Battalion of Rome, which has won every championship so far, in the finals.

This match is to be held in Macon on the afternoon of the 29th either on the indoor range of the 8th Battalion or the outdoor range at Camp Wheeler and the 19th Bn. team is hoping it will be the latter as they have never fired an indoor range and as a matter of fact are "squirrel shooters" rather than target experts.

The scores made by the 19th Bn. team in the two preliminary matches and which won them a place in the "shoot-off" or "shoulder to shoulder match" with the 1st Battalion are as follows, according to their scoring:

Lt. Col. W. G. Eager	765 x 800
Capt. G. D. Arnold	759
Sgt. Frank Powell	756
Sgt. Don Nichols	753
Maj. H. R. McKinnon	748
Total	3776 x 4000

All of the above are members of the Battalion Staff except Sergeant Powell and in a special Staff Match with the 1st Battalion Staff which was held on the side, Captain A. H. French fired in place of Sergeant Powell and scored 710 x 800 to give a combined Staff score of 3730 x 4000. It is understood that the 1st Battalion beat the 19th by something over 40 points in the Battalion Match but the scores in the Staff Match have not yet been received. The local team hopes to put up a creditable match at Macon and not have "buck ague" on the firing line.

Mother: "Well, Donald, what did you learn your first day of school, today?"

Donald: "Oh, nothing very much. I have to go back tomorrow."

The "Prodigal Son" was the subject of the Sunday School lesson.

"But amid all the rejoicing," said the teacher, "there was one to whom the preparations of the feast brought no joy, to whom the prodigal's return gave no happiness, only bitterness; one who did not approve of the feast and had no wish to attend. Now, who can tell me who this was?"

Silence for a moment, then a hand was raised and a small, sympathetic voice said: "It was the fattest calf."

Pvt. Nesbit Baker Prefers to Remain Just A Private

As proof that promotions are not needed to foster interest in the Guard, the 10th Battalion, with headquarters in Augusta, points with pride to the record of Pvt. Nesbit Baker, of Company I of Louisville.

Pvt. Baker is the oldest man in his company, in age, and one of



PVT. NESBIT BAKER

the oldest in length of service. He enlisted in the Guard when the first Georgia State Defense Corps was created, in 1940, to replace the activated National Guard.

Realizing that he could best serve his company and his country by remaining in the ranks, he has refused the countless promotions offered him. "I'm a good private in the First World War," he explained, "and I'm better suited for that job now than any other."

In addition to proving himself the best private in the 10th Battalion, he has chalked up another record in attendance. He has never missed a single formation of his company in the almost five years of membership. "That's the least any of us can do, who can't enter the real fight," he said. "We can certainly put in that one night a week, come what may."

Captain C. F. Stone, his commanding officer, holds one of the oldest commissions in the Guard. His assistants are 1st Lt. R. M. Smith and 2nd Lt. W. T. Weeks. The 10th Battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. George Hains, of Augusta.

LaGrange Unit Enlists 20 Members In Recent Campaign

Company A of the Third Battalion of the Georgia State Guard has enlisted 20 members as the result of a recent recruiting campaign conducted by Major Charlie Morgan, recruiting officer for the state at large, from state headquarters in Atlanta, who spent several days in LaGrange.

Enlisted in Company A, in the recent recruiting campaign were: Clarence Bowman, James Burl Welsh, John Goss Hadaway, Billy Pope, Horace L. Parks, Jr., Charles L. Parks, Jr., Charles Roy Williams, Floyd R. Singleton, Thomas H. Wingo, Philip G. Upchurch, Norwood J. C. Levesque, Charlie Edward Hall, Joseph William White, Thomas Reid Ellis, Rodney Lamar Lane, Neil Lamar Bartley, Horace J. Bates, Jack Wilson, Ward, Wallace B. Spier, Alvin L. Hamlett.

C. G. Hollist has been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and platoon commander. He has one of the longest records of membership in Company A, having enlisted the day after Pearl Harbor.

In Memoriam OLIN WIMBERLY PATTERSON

Death came, Monday 21 May, 1945, to Major Olin W. Patterson, Executive Officer, 11th Battalion, at his home in Lumpkin, Ga. He had suffered a heart attack four weeks previously, and had been under constant medical care since then. It was thought that he was making good progress, but several further attacks that afternoon finally culminated in the one which brought his death.

Major Patterson, a native of Stewart County and a descendant of pioneer families of that county, served his country in World War I, seeing overseas duty from October 1918 to June 1919; he received his honorable discharge in July 1919.

In September 1940, Olin Patterson was commissioned Captain in the State Defense Corps, (now the Georgia State Guard), and was appointed County Commander of the Stewart County Units, which he organized under Major H. B. Pease, commanding the old District No. 15.

Under the re-organization of the State Guard in November 1943, by Colonel Collins, Captain Patterson was appointed Executive Officer, 11th Battalion, and Second in Command to Lt. Col. Pease. He was promoted to Major in January 1944.

Due to Major Patterson's fine leadership and untiring interest, the Stewart County Units have always been rated among the highest in the State, and have been highly praised at every inspection by both State and Federal Inspecting Officers. He gave unsparingly of his time to the Guard, and had the outstanding record of never having missed a meeting until his last illness. He attended several schools, camps and officers' meetings of the Guard, and was respected and loved by a great number of guardsmen throughout the State; he will be greatly missed by all, but especially by the members of the 11th Battalion.

The funeral, Tuesday at the First Methodist Church in Lumpkin, was conducted by three pastors who were all old and devoted friends. The church was overflowing with relatives and friends seated amidst unusually beautiful and numerous floral offerings; a large group of colored friends crowded the doorways to hear the eulogies.

Members of Company B, from Lumpkin and Richland, turned out in full force under the command of Captain Hugh O. Overby, acting as pall-bearers and honorary escort; and among those who attended the services and accompanied the flag-draped casket to the final rites and interment in Northside Cemetery were Lt. Col. H. B. Pease and the Staff Officers of the 11th Battalion.

The deepest sympathy in their loss is extended to Mrs. Patterson and the family.

Promotions In 11th Bn. Announced By Lt. Col. Pease

Several promotions in rank have been announced by Lt. Col. H. B. Pease commanding officer of the 11th battalion. Due to the death of Major Olin Patterson, executive officer of the 11th battalion at Lumpkin, these changes were ordered.

Captain J. D. Faulkner, Sr., of Columbus was promoted from the rank of Captain to that of Major to succeed Major Patterson. Major Faulkner enlisted in the State Defense Corps in April 1941. He was later commissioned 1st Lieutenant and made a unit commander. He won his promotion to Captain and Company commander in October 1941, and was assigned in September 1942 to the District 15 Staff as S-4. He remained as S-4 when the 11th battalion succeeded district 15. Major Faulkner is in the roofing business here and is a world war I veteran.

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Co. A, of Adel, Co. B, Nashville, Enjoy Picnic

Members of Company A of Adel, and Company B of Nashville, enjoyed a picnic near Long Bridge Thursday evening May 17.

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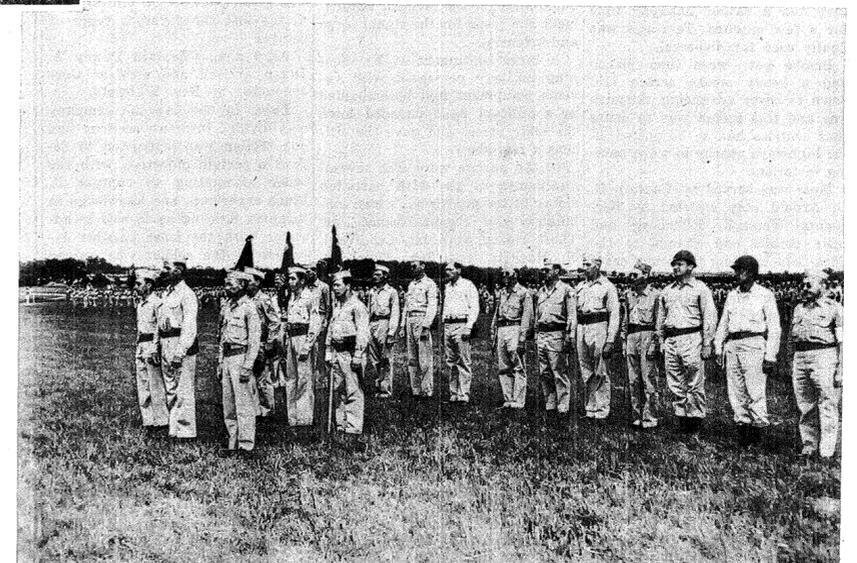
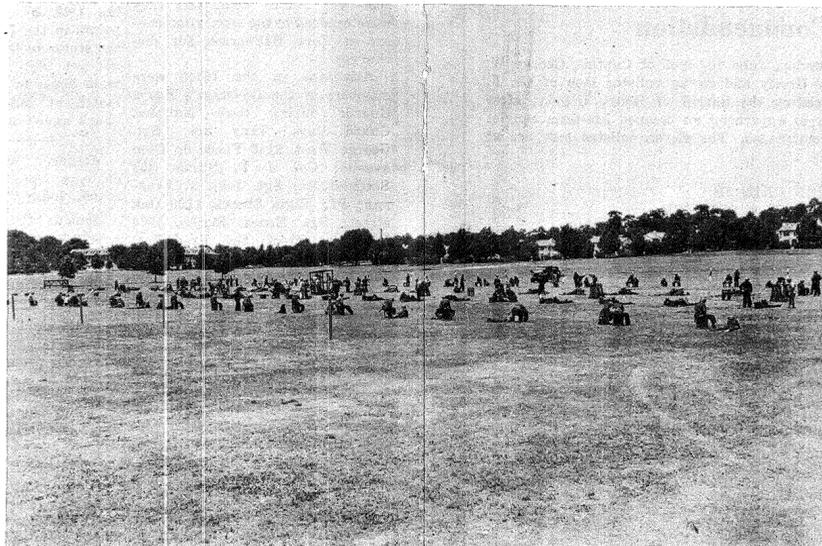
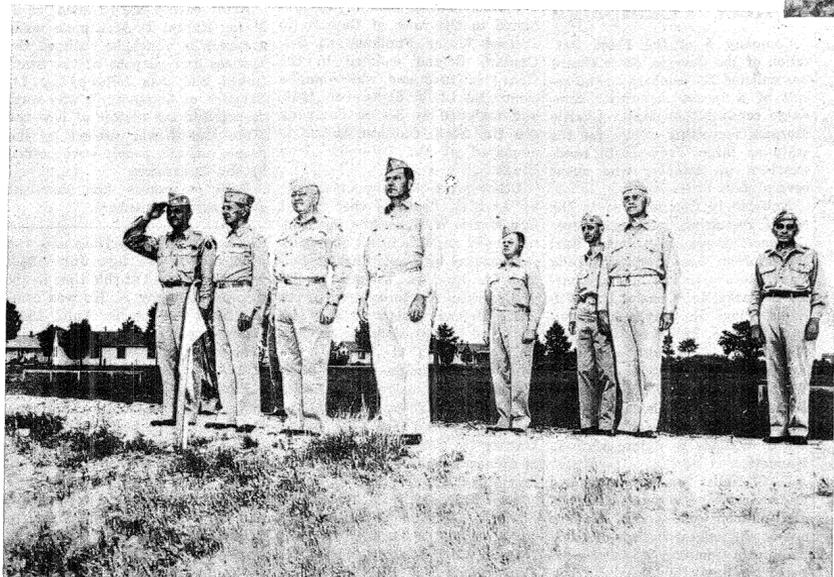
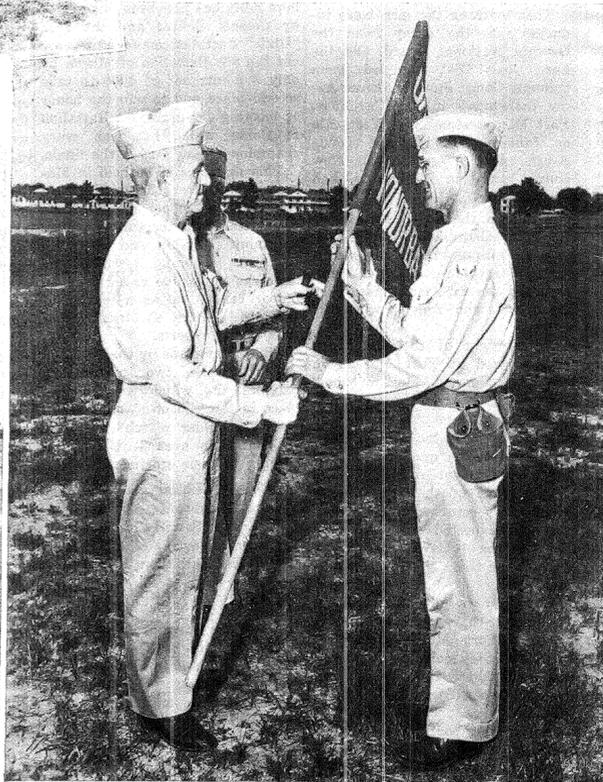
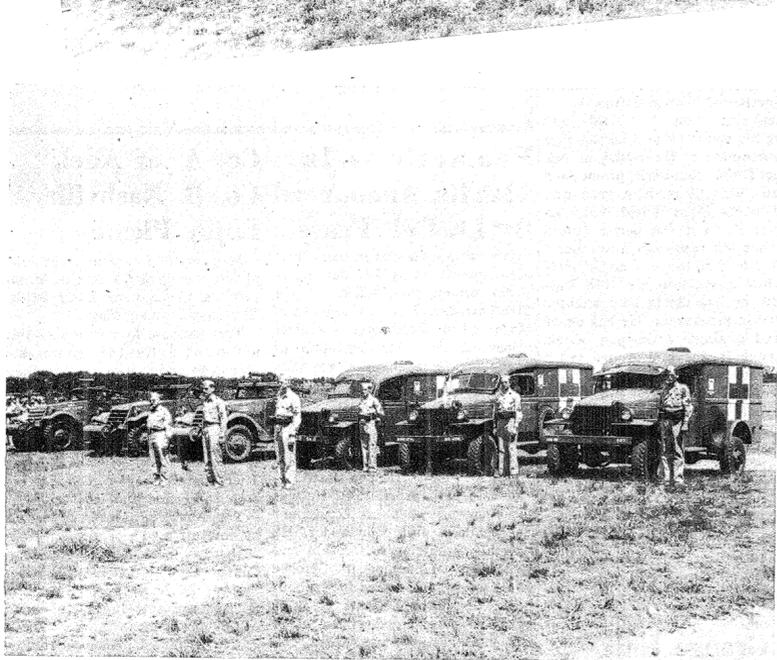
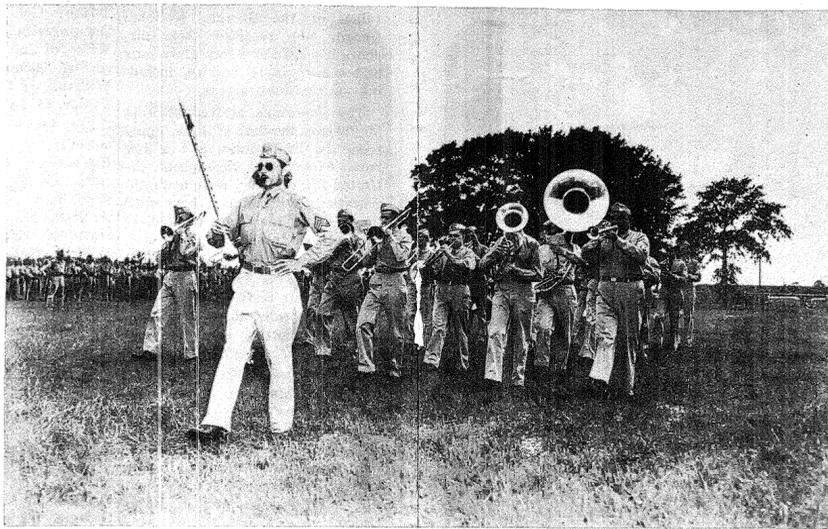
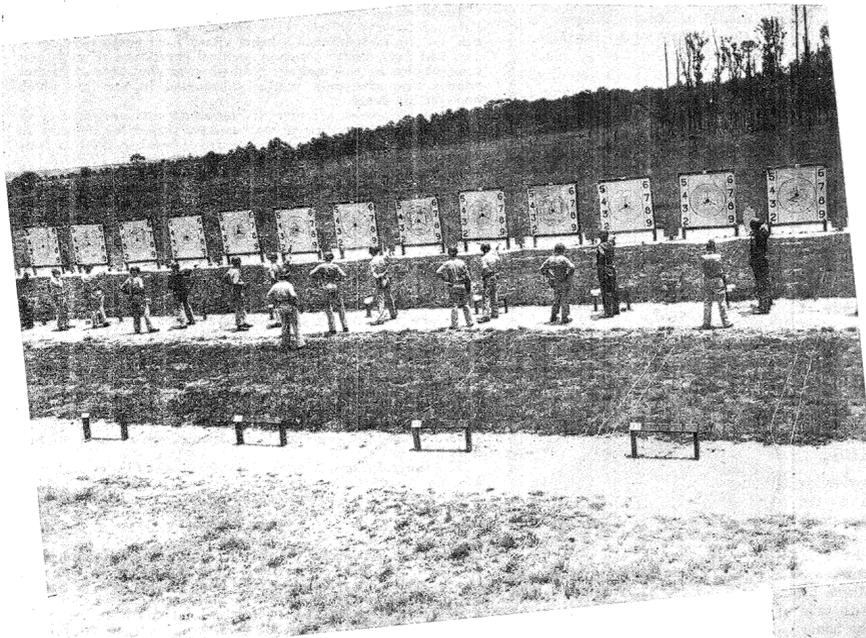
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Georgia State Guard Summer Camp at Fort Benning, June 17-30, 1945



Col. R. W. Collins and Staff Visit 19th Battalion for Maneuvers

Colonel R. W. Collins and three members of his staff drove through the rain all day Sunday the 15th of July on the way to Valdosta for the Review and maneuvers of the 19th "Dixie" Battalion was putting on and shortly after they reached the city, the rain gradually ceased and when Assembly was sounded the sun was trying to peep through the clouds. Considering the heavy weather, there was a fine turn out of Guardsmen from the whole Battalion area and a colorful review was staged on Emory Junior College campus in Valdosta.

Colonel J. A. Cunningham, Commanding, Moody Field was one of the two guests of honor and he and Colonel Collins were Reviewing Officers. Three buglers and two drummers from Moody Field provided the music and the men swung by the Reviewing Post in their regular Army helmets like veterans.

As a part of the ceremony Lieutenant Colonel W. G. Eager, Commanding the 19th "Dixie" Battalion presented the new colors to Company B of Nashville headed by Captain J. R. Bennett which earned by reason of its excellent work in Army inspection the honor of being named the "Color Company" for the ensuing year. The Battalion Colors unfurled for the first time are particularly appropriate for the "Dixie" Battalion as they are a replica of the "Stars and Bars," the old battle flag of the Southern Confederacy, with a white shield in the center on which appears "19th Bn."

Other Companies in the Line were Co. A of Adel headed by Captain Welborn P. Fuller, Co. C of Homerville headed by Lieut. Henry J. Christopher, Co. D of Valdosta headed by Captain R. G. Macks, a veteran of both wars, Headquarters Co. of Valdosta and St. Lawrence headed by Lieutenants J. R. Dixon and F. F. Staten and the Medical Detachments of Valdosta and Adel headed by Captain F. C. Wilson and Lieutenant C. C. Crow of Adel.

The Medical Detachments made a splendid turn-out and they have the rather remarkable distinction of having more than 60 per cent of their roster wearing the gold ribbon which is for continuous service begun prior to Pearl Harbor and they showed that they could drill as well as bring in the casualties efficiently.

Following the review a mob scene was improvised when the wet weather disrupted plans for some combat work in the woods but the mob got "organized" faster than the defending Companies and they had a rather unhappy time for a few minutes. Tear gas was finally used for dispersal.

Smoke pots were then placed and a heavy smoke screen laid down to cover advancing skirmish line and this screen was so dense that sentries had to be posted on the highways nearby to warn passing motorists.

Mess was served by Captain G. D. Arnold ably assisted by Sergeants Womack, Ellenberg and their details and thanks to the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. many cases of cold Coca-Cola were used to wash down many sandwiches of various kinds.

After mess, the Battalion adjourned to the auditorium of Emory Junior College and thanks to the courtesy of Mr. M. E. Coleman of the Turpentine Farmers Association who furnished and operated his machine, saw two splendid Army pictures on "Bayonet Fighting" and "Riot Control."

Notwithstanding the bad weather encountered, a great deal of interest and enthusiasm was shown and it was the consensus of opin-

ion that even though the rain nearly spoiled this maneuver it was still better to leave the control of the elements in the hands of the Lord than to have them placed under a bureau in Washington.

Colonel Collins and Lt. Colonel Eager in their talks to the men emphasized the great importance of maintaining the Georgia State Guard at a high standard of efficiency during the troubled days of War and War's aftermath and urged every man to "walk this last mile" and stay actively in the Guard while the boys are away at the front.

Lieut. Col. Purdom, Chief-of-Staff, Major Rousey, Adjutant and Major Bosarge, Air Officer, accompanied Colonel Collins.

Americus 12th Bn. Hold Overnight Maneuvers

Approximately 75 members of Americus units of the 12th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, took part in an overnight maneuver at Camp Chehaw, Saturday night and Sunday morning, May 26-27.

The maneuver, in which guards were posted at various outposts including the gate to the Government reservation, ended Sunday afternoon with a barbecue being served at the Scout Camp.

Officers and men of the units reported an excellent maneuver, with perfect order being had at all times. The men pitched tents and slept in them, although it was reported that few of the men did much sleeping.

A dawn infiltration problem was held at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning, with the men being divided into two groups, one group defending the bivouac area while the other group attacked. The maneuver was successful, and was followed later in the morning by chemical warfare activities in which the men were marched through an area impregnated with tear gas.

Columbus Guards In Bond Parade

A mammoth Seventh War Loan parade was held in Columbus terminating the successful quota reaching for Muscogee County. The Georgia State Guardsmen of the 11th battalion under the command of Lt. Col. H. B. Pease played their part in this drive and obtained their quota of \$15,000 to buy an ambulance for the Medical Detachment and jeeps for the signal corps and infantry.

A large contingent of Ft. Benning military personnel with various equipment and accompanied by a military band paraded down the main street and gave the citizens a real show.

In the parade were also several guardsmen of the 11th battalion riding in the guardsmen's own ambulance and reconnaissance car. Those riding were 1st. Lt. Frank N. Hackett, 1st. Sgt. Elmer E. Wall, Cpl. Hosie D. Farmer, Pvt. Charles H. Snowden, Pvt. Leon H. Perkins, and the office nurse of Major Louis Edleson.

An Irishman went into a shop which advertised "Everything Sold by the Yard." Thinking to play a joke on the shopkeeper, the Irishman asked for a yard of milk.

The shopkeeper, not to be outdone, dipped his finger in a bowl of milk and drew a line a yard long on the counter. "Five cents, please," he said. "All right," the Irishman came back, "roll it up and I'll take it."

Hampton Guards Aid In Capture of Escaped Convict

Members of Company F, 5th Battalion Georgia State Guard, of Hampton, assisted officers of the law Sunday, June 10, in rounding up Dock Pattillo, white, life-terminer who had escaped several times and was back in the vicinity of his home near Stockbridge.

Sunday afternoon Sheriff Quillian Owen of McDonough received a tip that the prisoner was in that neighborhood. On the last attempt to capture Pattillo, the escaped man had taken several shots at the officers. Sheriff Owen, knowing his character, called for help to surround him.

Between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. ten arrests were made. At one time a trooper from Company F covered eight Negroes with his rifle while Sheriff Owen and Patrolman Ragsdale searched the house for a gun which Pattillo was reported to have taken from the sheriff of LaGrange a few weeks ago. The gun was found along with several others. The eight persons were arrested and taken to McDonough.

The State Guard troops, along with other officers, surrounded the area where Pattillo was last seen. They so crowded Pattillo that he sent a message to Sheriff Owen notifying him that he was ready to give up and telling where he was. He was taken by Sheriff Owen, Capt. Taylor and a trio of his troopers to McDonough where he was put in jail. Not a shot was fired during the search for the capture of Pattillo.

Johnson Bridge Is Site of Maneuvers Of Co. A, 16th Bn.

Guardsmen of Company A, 16th Battalion Georgia State Guard, with headquarters in Blackshear, held an all-night camping and maneuvers expedition Saturday night and Sunday, May 26-27, with success in every respect, reports Capt. T. E. Altman, commanding officer.

Leaving Blackshear about 12 o'clock Saturday night, the men arrived at the camp site and pitched tents and inspection was held. Supper was then served with fish being featured on the menu.

Instructions were given on interior guard duty and guards were posted around the camp with each man gaining valuable experience as to how to protect and defend a post of duty.

Arising at 6 o'clock, each squad was given pointers on military courtesy and the different types of salutes.

At 9 a.m., Chaplain Dewey A. Dixon arrived and services were conducted by Rev. Whitfield.

Later in the day the company was divided into two sections and one section was instructed to defend a certain objective, with the other attempting to capture it. Much experience and knowledge in infantry fighting as to how to advance with the least possible exposure to the soldier was gained by the men.

This company is in need of new recruits. Capt. Altman announces that anyone wishing to enlist in the defense of their home county and state should contact him at once.

"That Colonel is ugly enough to scare a regiment of Japs!"

"Do you know who I am?"

"No, sis."

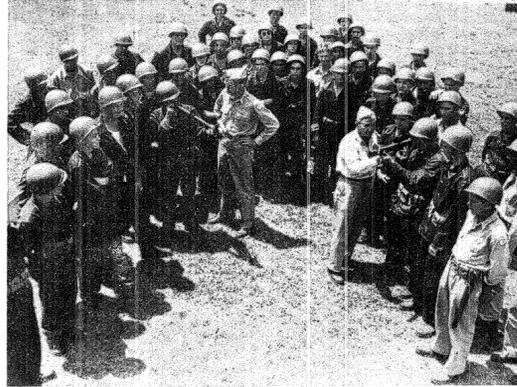
"Well, I'm the Colonel's daughter!"

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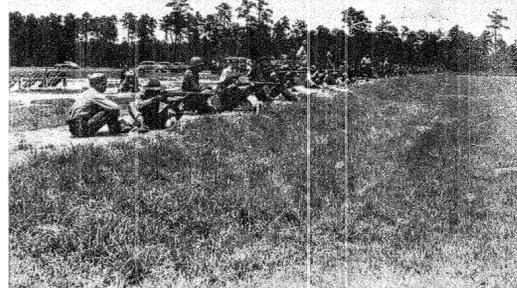
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"Thank the Lord!"

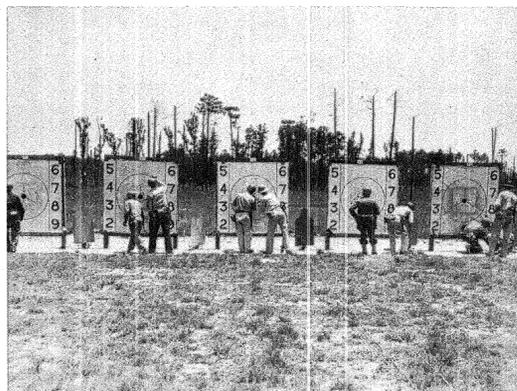
10th Battalion at Fort Benning



USING SIGHTING BAR—Part of course in preliminary marksmanship.



On the rifle range.



PISTOL PRACTICE MATCH—10th Battalion officers top list of winners.

Commendation

The action on Sunday, June 10, 1945 of Captain George W. Taylor, 2nd Lt. Roy Greely and eleven enlisted men of Co. F, 5th Bn. GSG in assisting the Sheriff of Henry County, after deputization by him, to apprehend an escaped life-term convict (Dock Pattillo) is commended. The eleven enlisted men are as follows:

SERGEANT AMON CAIN JR.
CORPORAL WILLIAM A. TURNER
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FINDLEY WATKINS
PRIVATE BARNEY BETSILL
PRIVATE RALPH DANIEL
PRIVATE BEN M. GOEN
PRIVATE JIMMY MEEKS
PRIVATE MAX THAXTON
PRIVATE CHUCK WALLACE
PRIVATE EDDIE M. WISE
PRIVATE ROY M. WISE

The contribution of the above named officers and men to the preservation of law and order is appreciated.

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

CC to:

Sheriff Quillian Owen, Henry County.

1st Lt. Albert C. Morris, Jr., U. S. Army, Interviewed by Captain Art Gillham, GSG

The following interview was held on the Georgia State Guard radio program Sunday night, May 27th. Captain Art Gillham asked the questions and First Lieutenant Albert C. Morris furnished the answers.

I have as my guest tonight an Ordnance Officer of Gen. Hodges First Army that took part in the European campaign, who wears three stars for the campaigns in Europe after D-Day, and the Purple Heart. First Lieutenant Albert C. Morris, Jr., born and raised in Atlanta, who worked for the Associated Mutuals before joining the Armed Forces—has been in service three years last April 11th. He is now on thirty day leave from the Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. As Lieutenant Morris is a former member of the Georgia State Guard, was a First Sgt. in the old Guard unit of the 4th Bn., I have asked him to come up here to the Georgia State Guard Program tonight to talk to you listeners. I am going to ask him a few questions and I am sure his answers will be of great interest to all of you. Ladies and Gentlemen, meet First Lieutenant Albert C. Morris, Jr., Ordnance Officer, U. S. Army.

Morris—Thank you, Captain Gillham, and Good Evening.

Q. Lieutenant, you told me you didn't want to talk about yourself or the part you played in the European invasion, but I do want to ask you some questions that will let the listeners know how you feel about the Georgia State Guard, having been a member of the Georgia State Guard before you went into the Armed Forces. Did you find that your training received while you were in the Georgia State Guard helped you after you joined the Armed Forces.

A. Yes, Captain—the training I received in the State Guard—right here in Atlanta was invaluable, for many of the subjects we studied—like Map Reading, use of the compass, the I.D.R., Manual of Arms, Bayonet Practice, Firing on the Range and others—were covered so well that when I had them in Basic training, and in O.C.S. they were old friends to me and consequently easy to handle.

There have been many occasions when I've remembered Guard courses and drawn parallels between them and Army courses, finding my State Guard studies and experience greatly beneficial.

Q. I hope that the boys of 16 years and over heard what you just said, Lt., and following up what you just said, what is your advice to these young men within the age bracket subject to induction into the Armed Forces?

A. That they secure all the training possible prior to induction and that this training be straight from Army Field Manuals. The Ga. State Guard would be an ideal place to secure such training. It may be truthfully said the Army trains its own men—but the fact remains that study and training from the training manuals of the Army can be secured in the State Guard and is greatly to be desired by any who expect to go into the forces. You can't beat training, Captain—it's like a fellow I knew in Oregon used to say while taking the boys for a ride in a poker session, "You can't beat Education, fellows, you just can't beat it."

Q. Lieutenant, you have been up to the front, living with the G. Is and you have heard their discussions about the conditions which will exist at home after the war. When these boys come back home, they no doubt will have certain ideas about law and order. What do you think they will want?

A. Among many other things, we will want an organization that will improve many things that now exist, that we feel need revision. A responsible, legitimate organization which will not become bogged down in red tape nor political fanfare nor pompous self-interest, but which will drive forward in service to America and to our state, in betterment of all, individually and collectively. There are many things today which need changes—even complete elimination.

An organization which will deal as fairly and investigate matters as thoroughly as is required of any courts by military law. We know such an organization would be able to do great things for this country and Georgia, not only in times of stress and in time of great emergency, but whatever it be, the organization must be first and always effective, comprehensive and fair.

Q. Lieutenant Morris, do you think that the immediate needs of the overseas veteran upon his discharge from the Armed Forces, can be solved, to a certain extent, by joining the Georgia State Guard?

A. I like the way you put that question, Captain, the answer is: Yes, to a certain extent. To elaborate, let me say this, when a man is released from service he will want to go all out civilian—and he will—but after a time he will become a bit restless, or perhaps better, he will miss again, to a certain extent, his old life of comradeship, of coordinated, cooperative effort to produce a better way of living, to do away with wrong, minor wrongs as well as major ones. The Ga. State Guard would be a good place for these men to expend this accumulated restlessness, to organize so that they might be able to do these things that need doing, things they want done, things that must be done if we are to remain a progressive nation.

Gillham—Thank you, Lieutenant Morris. Ladies and Gentlemen, you have just had the pleasure of listening to First Lieutenant Albert C. Morris, a native Atlantian, who is an Ordnance Officer, in the 1st Army, wearing three battle stars and the purple heart and on a thirty-day leave from Oliver General Hospital at Augusta, Georgia. It has been a pleasure, Lieutenant Morris, to have you as a guest on the Georgia State Guard Program, and it is mighty fine to know that you were a former Georgia State Guardsman before you entered the Armed Forces, and the Georgia State Guard and listeners wish you a speedy recovery from your injuries.

Toccoa Guardsmen Hold Maneuvers At Camp Toccoa

Members of the Toccoa Guard Unit used plenty of live ammunition Sunday, May 27, at Camp Toccoa, when each man fired the range with .30 cal. M-1 heavy machine gun, Thompson sub-machine gun and .45 cal. pistol. The standard course was used on each range, and although this was the first time some guardsmen had fired on the range, the scores were above average.

At the Thursday night meeting,



Representatives from eight companies of the 10th Battalion assembled in Augusta on May 30th for the first celebration of Decoration Day in the city's history. Leading the parade was the Drum & Bugle Corps, headed by M/Sgt. W. H. "Pop" Humphries. Immediately behind it is Lt. Col. George Hains, battalion commander, and his staff. In the background is the historical Confederate Monument. The day was in honor of all American fighting men who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Following the parade, memorial services were held in the Municipal Auditorium, under the auspices of the veterans of the Spanish-American War. Colonel Hains was the principal speaker.

Co. C, 10th Battalion Hold Bivouac Near Beach Island

Twenty-six men of Company C, 10th Battalion Georgia State Guard, spent the night of June 2 in bivouac near Beach Island, S. C. They were commanded by Capt. Guy C. Smith.

Upon arriving at the camp-site, tents were pitched and the small arms range prepared. Army-still supper was served at 8:00 P. M.

1st Lt. Dorrah H. Nowell, officer of the day, conducted practice in security by posting the men on interior guard-duty during the night.

At six o'clock Sunday morning, all equipment was repacked for travel. Breakfast, under the direction of 2nd Lt. W. D. Jones and 1st Sgt. "Smitty" Smith, was served at 8:00. It consisted of grits, bacon, eggs, rolls and coffee.

After that the men hiked to the range, which was in charge of Sgt. "Bum" Holliday. The following distinguished themselves in rifle marksmanship: Sgt. Howell, Pvt. Gadden and Hammaek. On the pistol range, the high-scores were Capt. Smith, Lts. Nowell and Jones and 1st Sgt. Smith.

The men broke camp at noon Sunday, and returned to Augusta.

instruction in the use of the gas mask was given by Capt. W. Martin. This was followed by a gas mask drill and close order drill.

Platoon Sgt. Claude Bowers was promoted to 1st Sgt. to replace Capt. George Stokes, LeTourneau protection department, who asked to be placed on the inactive list, due to various other activities. Sgt. Stokes retains his capacity as intelligence officer in the unit.

Other promotions are J. C. Lawson, Winford Hudgins, Willis Garrison, and Floyd Wyman to Sergeants and squad leaders.

All members are doing a fine service for our community by attending the regular meetings and those who have been lagging in attending are urged to be in ranks every Thursday night.

Arrangements have been made for expenses to be paid by the city and county for monthly bivouacs at Camp Toccoa.

Co. G, 18th Battalion Helps Handle Crowd At Army Show

Company G, 18th Bn., Georgia State Guard, Baker County's own turned out with 37 officers and men to assist in directing traffic, doing guard duty and assisting generally in handling the crowd of several thousand people who attended the Army's show, "Here is your Infantry," in Moultrie on the evening of June 6th.

Commanded by Capt. Jas. E. Simmons, Newton, the Baker County Company reported for duty at Moultrie with more strength than any company on duty.

The show "Here is Your Infantry," was a demonstration of the use of the many weapons used by the infantry. Also a demonstration of how a Jap strong point would be taken was given. Rifles, bayonets, machine guns, grenades, bazookas, mortars and flame throwers were used in the demonstration.

During the demonstration by the Army's Infantry team, and until the people had left the grounds following the show, State Guardsmen maintained a cordon of guards around the field to prevent anyone getting on the field where there was danger of being injured by explosives.

First Patient (waiting in doctor's office): "How do you do? I'm aching from neuritis."

Second Patient: "Glad to meet you. I'm Thompson from Chicago."

Radio Program Change

The Georgia State Guard radio program has been discontinued temporarily. In the near future a new program will be resumed under Captain Art Gillham. The "Guardsman" will give you the details in a later issue. Watch for it!

Money doesn't always bring happiness. A man with ten million dollars is no happier than a man with nine million dollars!

FIRST AIR SQUADRON AND COMPANY G, 1st. BATTALION, ASSIST IN WAR BOND SALE

Cedartown was the scene of a gigantic war bond rally and aerial show on Sunday, June 10.

On hand to assist the civic leaders of Cedartown with the bond sale were two units of the Georgia State Guard. These were Company G, 1st Bn., under the command of Capt. Hamilton Grant and its guest, the First Air Squadron under the command of Major Robt. L. O'Neil.

The First Air Squadron, which is based at Atlanta, proceeded to Cedartown in two units; the one by aircraft, the other by motor transport.

The Squadron ground crew assembled at the Guard Armory in Atlanta at 0730 and proceeded to Cedartown via motor convoy. The convoy was under command of Capt. Ed. Hulce with M/Sgt. Chapman of G.S.G.H.Q. in charge of the vehicles.

Lt. Ted Edwards of the G.H.Q. Mobile Unit and his renown troupe of daredevil cyclists accompanied the convoy. These boys did a magnificent job of expediting the convoy through congested traffic. But, this was not all that Lt. Edwards and his men did—further details of their activities will follow.

The Squadron pilots and their observers assembled at Candler Field at 0830 and readied their ships for flight. After a short briefing of the pilots by the C.O., the ships took off in echelon formation at 0915.

Upon arrival at the Cedartown Airport the ships landed and lined up on the field in order of landing position.

In order not to disturb the Sabbath worship at the local churches, all activities were curbed until late noon.

In the early afternoon things began to hum. The public address system was in operation and the town-folk began to trek to the airfield to watch the show.

A flight of six ships took off from the field and circled the town twice in V formation. This flight attracted a great number of spectators and by the time the planes landed, a large crowd was on hand at the field.

The planes landed with difficulty and not without mishap. During this exhibition of formation flying, rain clouds came up north of the field. The clouds were accompanied by gusty winds that blew at the rate of some 45 miles per hour.

As the ship, piloted by Lt. Dick Lewis, landed, it was caught by a savage gust of wind which nosed it over. The plane was damaged rather severely but not beyond immediate repair. The propeller was shattered and the motor cowl bent. Both Lt. Lewis and his observer, F/O DuPont Fisher, escaped injury.

A new propeller was secured on the field and the plane was soon put into flying condition by W/O Mullins and Sgt. Chapman.

As soon as weather conditions improved enough to resume flying operations, the observers staged a bombing contest.

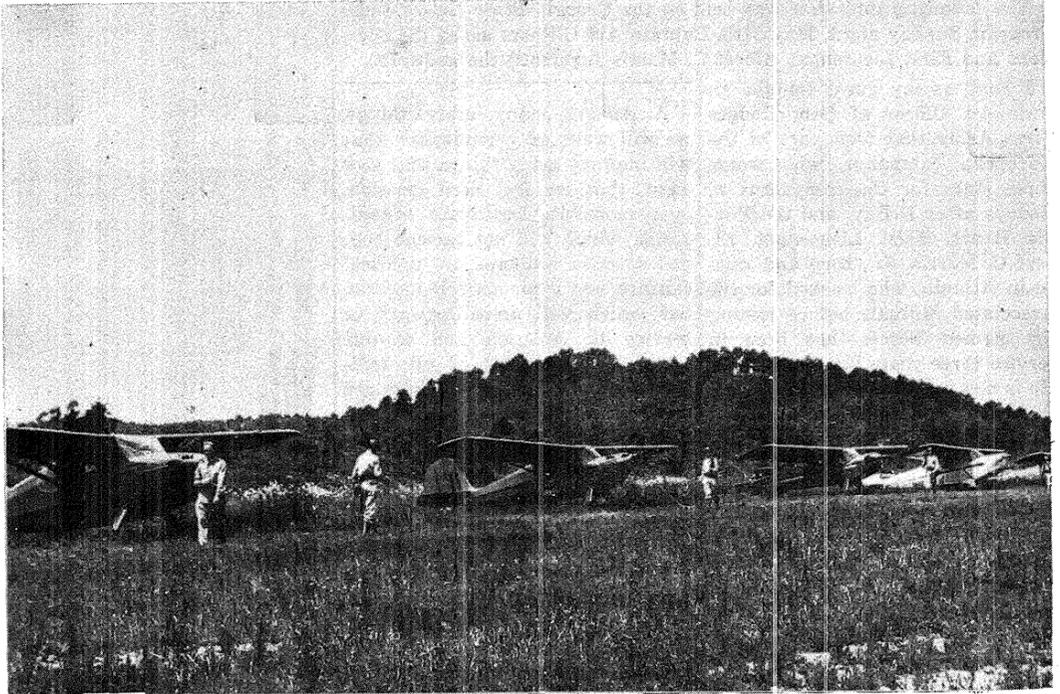
The bombing was done with the planes flying in string formation at an elevation of 500 feet above a small target on the field.

The bombs consisted of a pound of flour in a paper sack. The results were astonishingly accurate considering that the operation was executed without the aid of bombsights. As it was—some of the bombs landed within a few feet of the target.

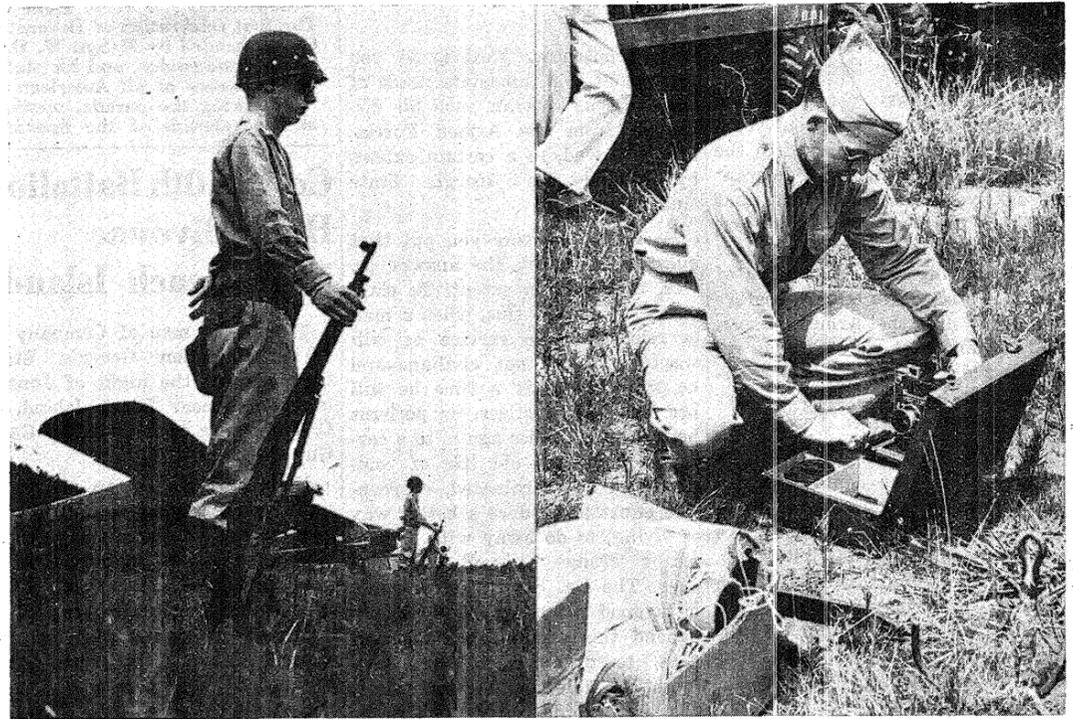
The spectators were immensely interested in the exhibition of message pickup from the ground to a flying plane. In order to accomplish this feat, two 15-foot poles were erected some 20 feet apart. Each pole had a small hook attached at its top which bore a loop of cord to which a message tube was attached. The message was picked up by the plane as it flew between the poles at an altitude of 50 feet with a grappling hook trailing on a short rope. As the pilot maneuvered his plane into position over the poles, his observer lowered the grappling hook so as to contact the message string and thus bail it into the ship.

The Squadron is equipped with small parachutes and it demonstrated how useful these and larger ones as well can be in dropping supplies to stranded men in remote areas. The chutes were dropped on a target from an altitude of 1,000 feet. Lt. Edwards and his men picked them up as they landed on the field and rushed them to the field H.Q.

The Squadron Medical Detachment, under the command of Lt. Allen, was very much in on the show too. Lt. Otto Jordan flew his plane low over the field H.Q. and dropped a message which stated that he had a wounded man aboard who would require an ambulance. Upon receipt of this message, Lt. Allen dispatched his ambulance to meet the landing plane and to evacuate the wounded man. The transfer from the ship to the ambulance was made quickly and efficiently. The ambulance rushed the wounded



Lineup of First Air Squadron planes on Cedartown Airfield.



Men of Company G, 1st Bn., guard the ships of the Air Squadron.

F/O W. E. Sullivan of the First Air Squadron Photographic Section prepares to go into action.

man to field H. Q., where medical attention was administered.

Private Andrews, the wounded man, was found to be in the pink of health, naturally.

At this point Lt. Edwards and his troupe thrilled the crowd with a demonstration of trick riding on their motorcycles. The boys did almost everything in the book from spins to pyramid riding.

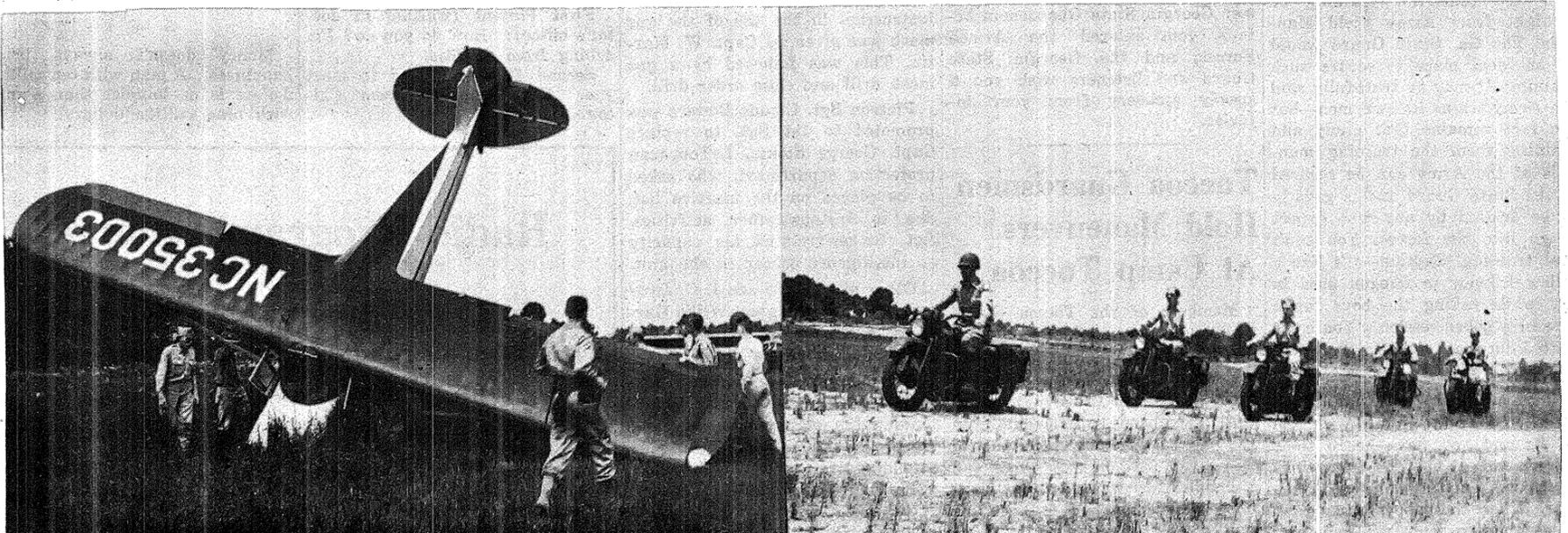
All the while the show was in

progress the bond sale was going on. Several prominent citizens of Cedartown spoke in behalf of the bond drive and urged everyone to buy a bond. And their efforts did not go for naught as it was reported that the E bond sales totalled in excess of \$20,000.

The men of Company G did a grand job of handling the crowd and of guarding the field, planes and equipment.

The operations of the Air Squadron were under the direction of Capt. Roy Edge.

A New Yorker received a letter from a friend in the Army: "Here I am in Oklahoma, lounging under a beautiful shade tree, with two gorgeous blondes at my side—and if that last statement isn't true, may this pen turn to pencil." And sure enough, the remaining part of the letter was in pencil!



The only mishap of the day. The plane of Lt. Dick Lewis was nosed over by a sudden gust of wind as it came in for a landing. The damage was quickly repaired by Squadron mechanics.

Lt. Ted Edwards and his troupe of trick riders come onto the field to thrill the spectators with their riding exploits.