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Colonel Collins Pledges Cooperation Of State Guard to General Griffin

6 May 1946.

S. Marvin Griffin
The Adjutant General
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear General Griffin:

Reference is made to our conference of this date. The approaching transition from State Guard to National Guard responsibility for the internal protection of Georgia is a period of utmost importance and calls for the fullest cooperation between the two forces. As has been stated in the past the State Guard is ever willing to do its utmost in cooperation.

In extension of remarks in conference concerning cooperation, the question of dual commissions and enlistments is of great importance in working out practicable methods of cooperation.

Dual Commissions—In commissioning State Guardsmen in the National Guard you are apparently limited by higher authority to commissioning State Guardsmen as Second Lieutenants to Lieutenant Colonel and your limitations as to age and physical standards would qualify any candidates in this category.

Dual enlistments—Enlistments in the National Guard are limited to able bodied citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 except for re-enlistments up to 64 and any National Guardsman is qualified for the State Guard which accepts citizens between the ages of 16 and 64 but many State Guardsmen can not qualify for the National Guard.

Until such time as the officers and men accepted by the State for a National Guard Unit are sufficient in number for Federal recognition they would be a valuable addition to a State Guard unit in their locality. Arrangements to assign National Guardsmen to State Guard units would probably induce State Guardsmen who are qualified to enlist in the National Guard and thus bring earlier Federal recognition of the National Guard Unit.

There may be cases where State Guardsmen in localities not allotted a National Guard unit may desire to enlist in the NG, if they are not too distant from a City which is allotted a NG Unit. Consideration might be given to organization of a platoon of the NG Unit allotted the adjacent City, or if the number of State Guardsmen qualifying for the National Guard are sufficient consideration might be given to withdrawing an allotment to an unreceptive community.

Consideration might also be given the question of employment of State Guard Medical Officers to assist in physical examinations provided you are authorized to employ them.

It is requested that you consider the foregoing and any matters of cooperation that present themselves to you and inform this Hq. as to acceptable methods of cooperation among the suggested items and any additional methods you wish to suggest.

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

General Griffin Gives Information Concerning New National Guard

23 May 1946.

Colonel R. W. Collins
Commander
Georgia State Guard
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Colonel Collins:

I appreciate your communication of 6 May 1946, subject: Cooperation of the State Guard with the National Guard of Georgia, and wish to give you the benefit of any recent development as to reorganization of the National Guard.

I realize that the question of the transition in Georgia from State Guard to National Guard responsibility for the internal protection of Georgia, is a matter of utmost importance and calls for the fullest cooperation between the two forces. At a recent Conference of Adjutants General held in Washington, I was informed by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, that the reorganization of the National Guard would proceed as originally planned. However, there are a number of imponderables at the present time. While it is contemplated that reorganization of the National Guard will begin shortly after 1 July 1946, I am of the opinion that an indefinite policy on extension of Selective Service and Unversal Military Training will delay the reorganization until perhaps Fall of this year.

I realize the long grind members of the State Guard have had in performance of duties throughout the period of hostilities in this war and the natural desire to wish to be relieved from an unselfish and a patriotic burden during the period following the cessation of hostilities. I am therefore pushing reorganization as rapidly as possible and it may be of interest to you to know that Georgia is further advanced than any other state in the union, in this respect. Cities and towns have been designated for the location of National Guard units and headquarters for the Infantry Division have been set up in Macon, Georgia. Consideration is being given at this time to the allocation of officer personnel for an early reorganization of the 121st Infantry Regiment. Some of the best combat officers who will be available for service with the 121st Infantry are still in active federal service, and in some cases, provision will be made for them in the reorganization of the Regiment.

In commissioning State Guardsmen in the National Guard, we are limited by a higher authority to commission State Guardsmen as Second Lieutenants only on initial procurement and the following age limitation will prevail. A Second Lieutenant not over forty years of age may be commissioned in State Headquarters; one who is not over thirty-one may be commissioned in the Air Units of the Georgia National Guard, and all others must be less than thirty years of age.

I am sending you a communication which I received from the War Department which you may wish to give general distribution.

I have gone into the matter of dual enlistments in the State Guard and the National Guard, and at the present time we do not have the facilities available for the purpose, however, I am extremely anxious to see every man who will eventually come into the National Guard enlist in the State Guard at this time. I understand a number of National Guardsmen returning from active duty, have already enlisted in the State Guard, and these along with all State Guardsmen who wish to enter the National Guard, will be enlisted in the National Guard as soon as organization plans are effectuated.

I am looking forward with pleasure to being with you for a part of the time at least, at your Summer encampment, and if there is any way that I can be of service to you in the State Guard in planning for the camp, please let me know.

The states of Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida, have reached an agreement on divisional troops and it is contemplated that two divisions will be organized within the three states. This will not change the original allocation of troops made to the state of Georgia by the War Department.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

S. Marvin Griffin
The Adjutant General

Ga. State Guard Summer Camp At Fort Benning, June 20-29

The opportunity of a ten day vacation with all expenses paid is again offered the members of the Georgia State Guard when the summer camp will be held at Fort Benning, Ga. in June.

Colonel R. W. Collins, Commander of the Georgia State Guard, has announced that the Summer Camp of the Georgia State Guard will be held at Fort Benning from June 20 to June 29, inclusive.

The U. S. Army is cooperating to the fullest with the Guard for a successful program of training and recreation. Officers and non-commissioned officers of the Fourth Service Command will assist in the instruction courses and military problems, so the members of the Georgia State Guard will be proficient in the duties which a

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Officers Lay Plans for New Georgia Guard

National Guard officers of Georgia who were given a good account of themselves on the farflung battlefields of the world, when a home-front attempt was made in 1944 to eliminate their component of the Army, met in Macon Friday, March 15th, to lay the foundation for their new, peacetime organization.

Marvin Griffin, state adjutant general, told the gathering in the Macon Municipal Auditorium that the plan to abolish the National Guard nearly succeeded.

"That the move did not succeed can be attributed to the splendid effort made to preserve the organization by Maj. General Ellard A. Walsh, president of the National Guard Association, and others who helped him lead the fight for survival," General Griffin, a combat veteran, declared.

He added that National Guard and Reserve officers who "were more than fed up with the treatment they received have worked hand in glove toward establishing strong and proficient civilian components."

Guard Policy

General Griffin announced the following policy to be followed in reorganizing the National Guard:

"The zoning of Georgia to carry out the War Department's general plan for an over-all balanced defense of the nation.

"The grouping of units geographically so that regimental and battalion supervision of training could be accomplished.

"Where possible to maintain or perpetuate traditions of old National Guard organizations in Georgia.

"Place headquarters and units in areas where adequate officer and enlisted personnel are available and can be readily procured."

General Griffin revealed that two infantry regiments are to be mustered, along with a large air force, a brigade of anti-arcraft, a tank battalion, and a battalion of field artillery.

He recommended reorganization of the 121st Infantry with Macon as regimental headquarters and the regiment grouped around that city, and organization for the first time in Georgia of the 292 Infantry, with regimental headquarters at Atlanta and units of the regiment to be located near Atlanta.

Plans for Antiaircraft

According to present plans, the brigade of antiaircraft will be organized, near the coast and up the Savannah River Valley, with thought of giving adequate anti-aircraft defense to Atlanta's industrial area.

"To compensate Atlanta in part for her loss of the 179th Field Artillery Regiment," General Griffin said, "the 945th Field Artillery battalion will be assigned to that city."

Tank units will be assigned throughout the state so that each infantry regiment will have access to some units of the tank battalion.

General Griffin praised the State Guard for the "fine manner in which its officers and men have done their job during the absence of the National Guard," and he expressed the hope that they will continue their work, until the National Guard can be reorganized.

"Many additional officers will be needed to man the new organization," he said, "and it is hoped that reserve officers will consider transferring to the guard."

He added qualified enlisted men will be given the opportunity of gaining commissions in the new guard, which will be increased to a strength of more than 12,000.

Welcomed By Bowden

Charles Bowden, mayor of Macon, gave the address of welcome to the group, many of whom were reserve officers who contemplate transferring to the National Guard.

Maj. General Henry D. Russell, of Macon, formerly commanding officer of the Thirtieth Division, was one of the principal speakers on the program.

Cities which will be assigned units of the new National Guard are:

Macon, Griffin, Springfield, Toccoa, Atlanta, Savannah, Louisville, Covington, Athens, Dalton, Marietta, Rome, Cedartown, Calhoun, Milledgeville, LaGrange, Thomaston, Perry, Bainbridge, Jackson, Barnesville.

Albany, Valdosta, Thomasville, Waycross, Dublin, Cordele, Americus, Washington, Statesboro, Hinesville, Swainsboro, Waynesboro, Elberton, Monroe, Gainesville, Augusta, Brunswick, Hawkinsville, Thompson, Forsyth, Moultrie, Winder, Newnan, Jesup and Eastman.

19th "Dixie" Bn. Rates High In Inspection

A recent inspection of the various units of the 19th "Dixie" Battalion of the State Guard, has been termed as one of the most "successful" ever held.

Lt. Col. W. G. Eager, commander of the Dixie Battalion, following the inspections of the various units in this section, said: "My hat is off to you, your officers, non-cons and enlisted men for the finest inspection this battalion has ever had, and I venture to say the results will rate very high in the entire 20 battalions in the State."

The official ratings are given as follows:

Battalion headquarters, Valdosta, "superior"; Medical Detachment, A, Valdosta, "superior"; Medical Detachment B, Adel, "excellent"; Headquarters Company, first platoon, Statenville, "satisfactory"; Headquarters Company, second platoon, Valdosta, "very satisfactory"; Company A, Adel, "excellent"; Company B, Nashville, "excellent"; Company C, Homerville, "satisfactory"; Commando company, Valdosta, "superior."

Units having 100 percent attendance were listed as Company "A" and "C" of Adel and Homerville, and Medical "A" and "B" of Valdosta and Adel. It was stated that the four Companys not making 100 percent in attendance had only one man absent, which is considered "outstanding."

Company "B" at Nashville won "color Company' honors, followed by Company "A" at Adel. Adel's Company "A" also received the Milen cup for "best drilled Company." Company "A," Company "C," representing Adel, Homerville, Valdosta, and Adel respectively, won cash attendance prizes

A special salute by the inspection party was given to the Valdosta "Commando Unit" of the Guard, and it was stated that the two Medical Detachments in the "Dixie" battalion were among the best in the State.

"Waiter, bring me some tomato juice for a pick-up."

"Yes, sir. And what do you want for yourself?"

Guardsmen To Receive Citations Says Col. Collins

Colonel R. W. Collins has announced that special certificates will be awarded to Georgia State Guardsmen at the termination of the services of the organization.

The Governor of Georgia has authorized the award of a Certificate of Service, expressing the appreciation of the State, to citizens:

"Who have been honorably discharged from the Georgia State Guard after service of one (1) or more years, or

Who were honorably discharged because of call into Federal Service, regardless of length of service, or

Who, hereafter enlist in the State Guard and serve honestly and faithfully until the State Guard is disbanded after the reconstitution of the National Guard."

The Certificate will be signed by the Governor and attested by the Commanding Officer, Georgia State Guard."

The Certificate will be suitable for framing to keep as a memento for patriotic services rendered our State and Nation in time of War. It is in addition to the honorable discharge which will be issued as usual.

More than thirty-five thousand (35,000) citizens have served in the Georgia State Guard during the past five years. Many were called to active duty to guard vital installations along the Georgia Coast and in the interior during the period 7 Dec. 1941 to 20 April 1943. From time to time during the five years units of the State Guard have served their communities by protecting lives and property and assisting fellow citizens in floods, tornadoes, train wrecks. plane crashes, searches for lost persons and other services.

These Guardsmen who have voluntarily served the citizens of Georgia well, without compensation, deserve continued interest and support until the State Guard can turn over its responsibility to the National Guard now in process of reconstitution.

It is requested that Company and Detachment Commanders send through channels the name, rank, serial number and address of those who have been honorably discharged and who are entitled to receive this award in order that the service records of the Headquarters can be verified and the Certificates of Service be prepared.

Battalion Commanders should carefully check each list and supplement the list of names whenever necessary.

National Guard Seeks Rick Field

Chances are good that the Georgia National Guard might secure Rickenbacker Field at the Bell Bomber Plant, near Marietta, for use as a flying guard unit, it was revealed by Marvin Griffin, Georgia's adjutant general. The War Department suggested that the Georgia Guard put in a request,

Death Visits Georgia State Guard Headquarters

On 1 March 1946, M/Sgt. Charlie L. Grigg was killed on Confederate Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. The motorcycle on which he was riding collided with an automobile driven by Mr. George Pound. Sgt. Grigg died in line of duty. He was well-known over the state among the enlisted men and officers of the Georgia State Guard and was respected for his love for the Guard and the efficient manner and way he handled the duties assigned to him.

The funeral of Sgt. Grigg was held at the Chapel of H. M. Patterson and Son, Sunday, 3 March, internment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Co. E, Cartersville, Rated Superior At Annual Inspection

Company "E," Cartersville and Bartow County's unit of the 1st Battalion, Georgia State Guard, was rated as a Superior Company at its Annual Federal Inspection held on Monday, May 6, Capt. W. E. Floyd, local Commander, was informed Wednesday.

Capt. Littlejohn, of the 4th Service Command, who inspected the Company stated that Company "E" was superior in every respect and was the 2nd Co. to receive that top rating of all he had inspected in both South and North Georgia over a period of more than two months.

Company "E" has been rated as a superior company at each of the last three Annual Federal Inspections.

This company was originally organized and mustered unto Service on Dec. 2, 1940, and has been continually in training since that date and ready to perform any service it might be called upon to handle.

A very few of the original members of the company are still active, but over half of the present members have been in service for periods of from 4 to 5 years.

Seventy-six others received their basic military training in this State Guard Company before entering the Armed Forces, and all of them acknowledge the benefits of that training.

In the very near future all Federal and State property will be collected and turned in to State Headquarters, after which Company "E" will be activated.

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and it already has been done.

Georgia's National Guard has been allotted 1,190 men in aviation. There will be two National Guard aviation fields in the state, one with a fighter wing, wing headquarters, a fighter squadron and a control squadron, and the other with one fighter squadron. The latter has been assigned to Savannah.

The present plan is to keep about twenty men permanently assigned to Rickenbacker Field and to set up training and headquarters there. General Griffin expects the squadron to consist of about sixty planes.

Colonel Fraser to Command National Guard Unit

Col. Joseph B. Fraser will be advanced to the rank of brigadier-general and placed in command of the Anti-aircraft Brigade Headquarters to be established in Savannah the later part of this year, it was announced recently at the Liberty County Home Coming Celebration held at the Armory in honor of world war two veterans.

The announcement, by Brig. Gen. Marvin Griffin, adjutant general of Georgia, highlighted the celebration.

Colonel Fraser is well-known in military circles having commanded the 108th Cavalry, Ga. National Guard and the 101st Separate Battalion C. A., A.A.

A large number of Savannahians, headed by Director Henry Applewhite and his Savannah High School Band, attended the Liberty county program honoring the veterans.

General Griffin traced the military heritage of Liberty countains from the days of the founding of Georgia and the forming of a military company in what was then St. John's Parish.

He spoke of the need of long-range planning for the re-establishment of the 350,000 men and women of the state, who served in World War II. It is the county's and the state's task to do this, he asserted.

Georgia will get much needed armories in various sections of the state, he continued, under the program set up following the appropriation of half a million dollars by the General Assembly which will be matched by federal funds.

He spoke of his concern lest the country demobilize too quickly and told of Georgia's allotment in national guard units and air personnel. He was introduced by Major Prince Preston of Statesboro.

He: "Darling, I love you very much. I may not be rich like Joe Doaks, I may not spend money like Joe Doaks, but I'll do anything in the world for you."

She: "Will you introduce me to Joe Doaks?"

SUMMER CAMP, FORT BENNING JUNE 20-29

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Guardsman may be called upon to perform for the protection of life and property in our State.

In addition to various military problems, the members of the Georgia State Guard will receive extended instruction in Rifle, Thompson Sub-Machine Gun and Pistol, with each member devoting plenty of time and practice by firing on the range under competent instructors.

This summer camp will be well attended by all members of the Georgia State Guard and Colonel Collins and his staff are now working to complete all preliminary arrangements so that when the camp opens June 20th and the members of the Guard start arriving at the camp there will be food, shelter and equipment for all.

In addition to the military duties each Guardsman will perform at this camp, there will be plenty of time for recreation, therefore, making this summer camp a real vacation and a profitable outing for all attending.

Co. B Tops In Drill Test Of State Guard

Co. B, Macon, Georgia State Guard won the first prize in the monthly parade and review of units here Monday, March 4.

The company, commanded by Capt. Monk Colquitt, scored 88.38 points to take the first prize of $25.

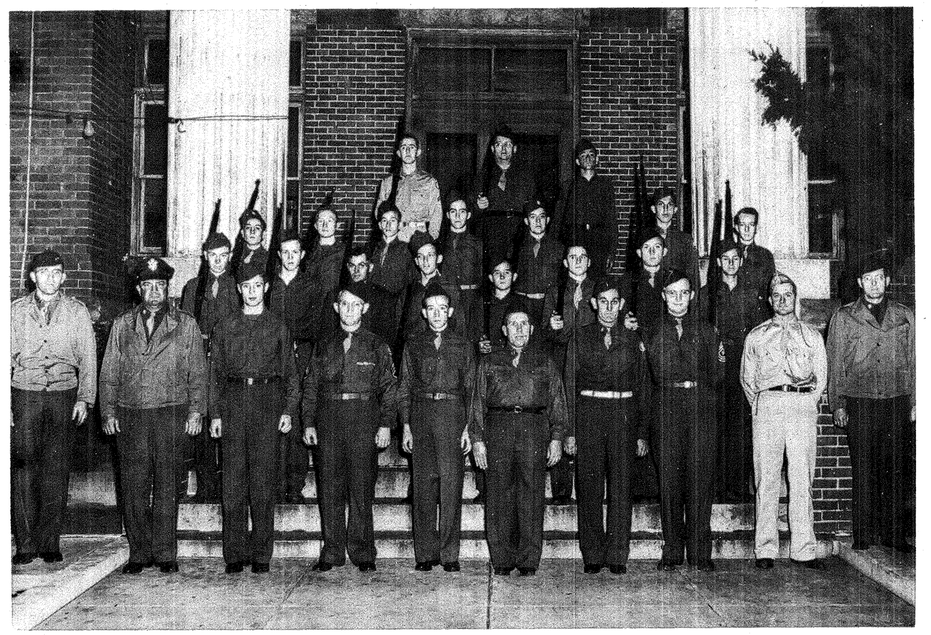
Other winning companies were: Medical Company, Major Alvin Siegler commanding, second place, with a score of 87.72 with a prize of $15; Company C, Capt. Judge Floyd, commanding, score of 75.93 to take third place money amounting to $10.

Other scores were Company A, 75.51, Company D, 74.43 and headquarters company, 55.

The parade was judged by Lieut. Col. John Crandall. Capt. Donald Coleman and Capt. "Nub" Welch, all World War II veterans.

William Sargent and J. Floyd Sallas were sworn in as members of the Medical Company and Frank Blair as a member of Company C.

It was announced that special prizes of $100, $75 and $50 would be given the three highest companies at the federal inspection in May. Prizes of $25 each will be given to the other three companies taking part in the drill.



Co. A, 16th Battalion, at regular drill on Tuesday, January 28th. Co A is located in Blackshear, Pierce County, under the command of Capt. Thomas A. Altman, who is 5 feet tall, the smallest Captain of the Georgia State Guard. Co. A has always had an excellent record in both attendance and efficiency.

Editorial Observations

By TURNER ROCKWELL
Valdosta Times

Latest reports indicate that Georgia is to participate in an expansion program for the National Guard and Valdosta is in a position to be included in this program. A plan is under way by which the Federal government will give considerable aid in the construction of armories for use of National Guard units and already steps have been taken to have one of these armories erected here.

For many years Valdosta supported an excellent unit of the National Guard. Company G was maintained at a high level of efficiency and before the beginning of World War II the Valdosta unit of the Guard was called to active duty. The members of this unit served with distinction throughout hostilities and many of them rose to high rank in the armed forces.

When the National Guard was called into active service the Georgia State Guard was formed to serve on the home front. Valdosta was made the headquarters of a battalion of the State Guard and the organization has served a highly useful purpose during the war years. It is still active and doing a swell job.

Many of the returning service men are now taking part in the activities of the State Guard and some of the older men who were active during the war have retired to make way for the younger men who have been discharged from the armed forces. However, many of those who gave freely to the State Guard during the emergency are continuing their interest and activity.

This gives a splendid nucleus for the re-creation of the National Guard and it has been indicated that it will be considerably enlarged as compared with the activity prior to World War II.

The government has a lot of surplus supplies of uniforms, weapons and other such things which can be used to equip and maintain a strong National Guard.

One of the greatest needs for the National Guard under the reorganization program will be an adequate armory. The Federal government is fully aware of this need and it is planning to do something about it.

Mayor Frank Rose, Lieut. Col. W. G. Eager, battalion commander of the State Guard, and others are already in communication with the proper authorities seeking to find out ways and means for construction of an armory and the securing of sufficient supplies to equip and maintain a strong unit of the proposed National Guard.

Our experience in unpreparedness at the outbreak of World War II should serve as a lesson to us and we should never again allow ourselves to be so totally unprepared as we were at the time of Pearl Harbor. No decision has yet been made as to the size of our regular armed forces and the size of the National Guard will depend largely on what is done about the regular Army. However, it is certain that there will be added emphasis on the National Guard program and Georgia should have a prominent part in such an organization.

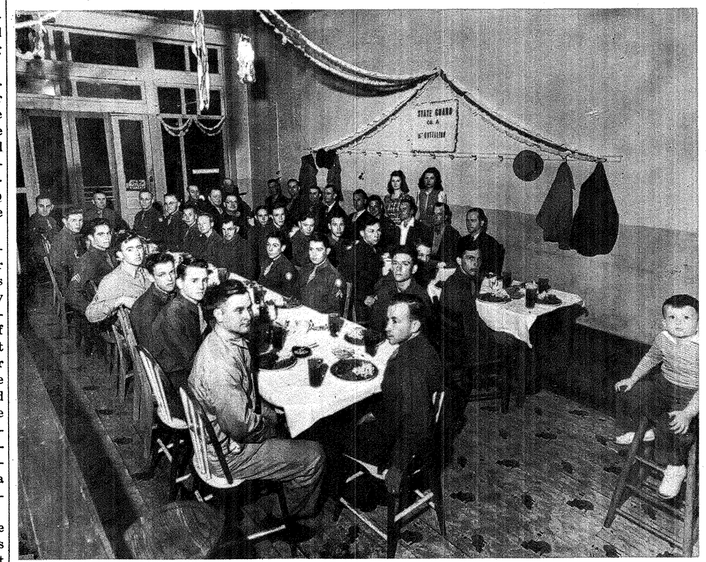
The local communities will be expected to cooperate fully in this program and it is certain that Valdosta stands ready to do her part.

Brantley State Guard Unit Is Visited By Colonel Collins

Colonel R. W. Collins, commander of the Georgia State Guard, was a visitor in Nahunta Friday, January 31, and reviewed the Brantley state guard unit.

He complimented the Brantley unit and its officer, Lt. Durden, for the training progress already made. Major Clem Hardy of Waycross also attended the meeting and conferred with the Brantley State Guard on plans for future training and for securing needed supplies.

Chaplain C. P. Watson, assistant disbursement officer, of the State Guard, visited Nahunta recently and spoke to the boys of the local unit at a meeting in the gymnasium.



The tri-monthly banquet of Co. A, 16th Battalion. At this banquet the City and County officials were in attendance. After the banquet appropriate training films were shown. Co. A finds the social gatherings of this nature keeps up interest as well as attendance.

Commando Co. Issued Rifles

Captain Earl Kelly, Commander of the Commando Company of the 19th Battalion of the Georgia State Guard, displayed the weapons and equipment recently sent to the local organization at the regular meeting of the Company Monday night, March 4. These weapons had been on order for several months, and were sent to the Commando Company along with an armored car. Among the various weapons in the shipment were a dozen Thompson Sub-machine guns, 2 cases of .30 cal. rifles, 1 case of bayonets and scabboards for the rifles, a dozen .45 cal. pistols, 2 cases of tear gas, 1 case of smoke pots and 2 .30 cal. machine guns which mount on the armored scout car.

8th Battalion Wins Honor Guidon

The 8th Bn, GSG was awarded the Honor Guidon for attendance for the quarter ending 31 Dec., 1945. Attendance 67 percent.

The following Companies are awarded guidon streamers for having the highest attendance in their respective Battalion for the quarter ending 31 December, 1945:

1st Bn, Co. E (Cartersville) 84%; 2nd Bn, Co. D (Clayton) 73%; 3rd Bn, Hq & Sig Co. (Newnan) 40%; 4th Bn, Co. C (Atlanta) 75%; 5th Bn, Co. D (Decatur) 57%; 7th Bn, Co A (Washington) 78%; 8th Bn, Hq & Sig Co. (Macon) 86%; 9th Bn, Co. B (Sparta) 62%; 10th Bn, Co. I (Louisville) 86%; 11th Bn, Med Det (Columbus) 66%; 12th Bn, Co H (Americus) 55%; 13th Bn, Co. D (Dublin) 83%; 14th Bn, Co. A (Swainsboro) 80%; 15th Bn, Co. C (Cuthbert) 65%; 16th Bn, Co. E (Douglas) 79%; 17th Bn, Co. A (Savannah) 67%; 18th Bn, Co. C (Cairo) 83%; 19th Bn, Med Det "A" (Valdosta) 74%; 20th Bn, Hq & Sig Co. (Brunswick) 68%.

A fellow whose father was hanged was filling out a life insurance application. Asked how his parents died, he answered very truthfully: "My mother died of heart trouble. My father was taking part in a public demonstration when the platform gave way."

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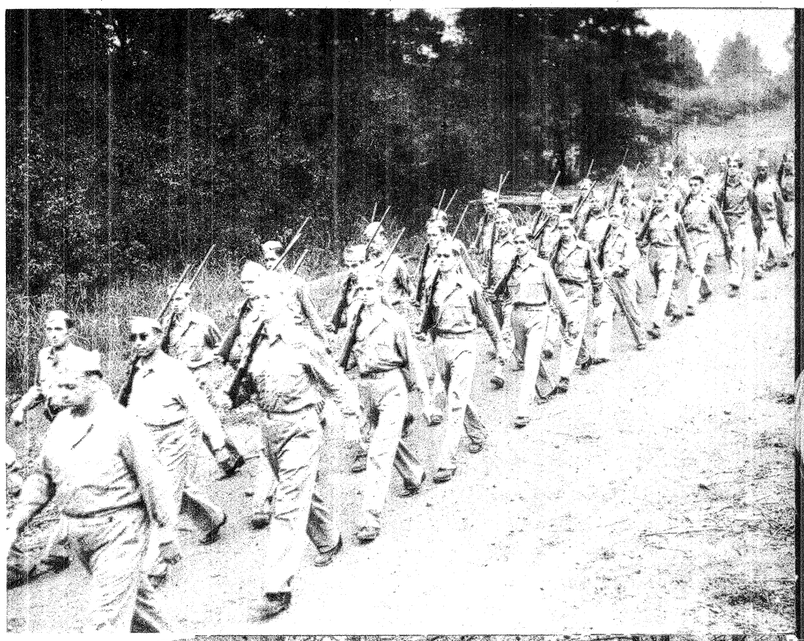
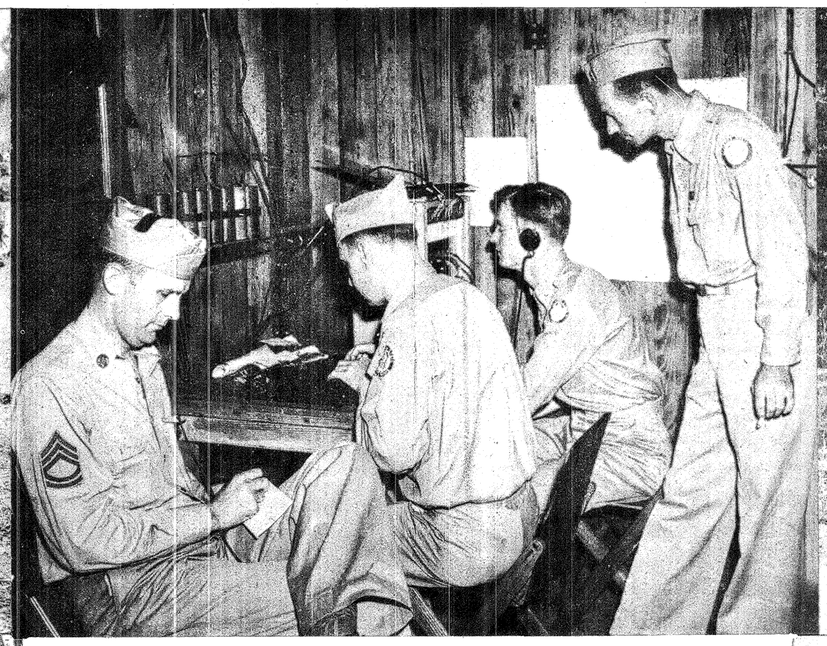
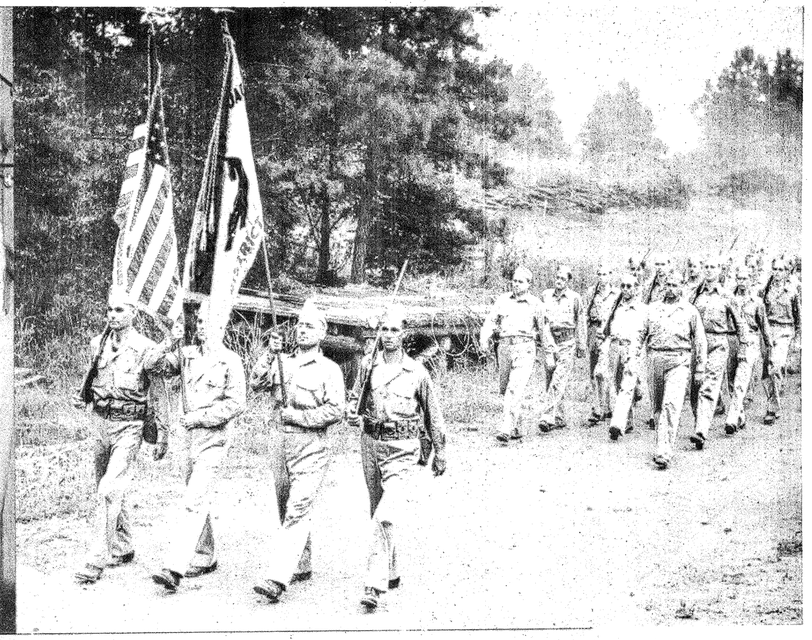
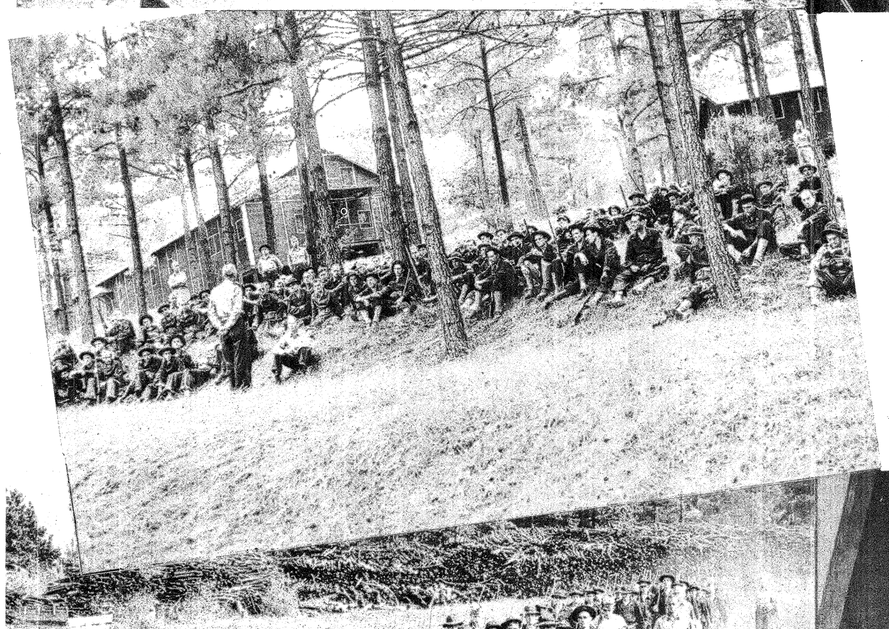
A necking party is an affair which, invariably lasts until someone gives in, gives up, or gives out.

Enjoy Fellowship Like This At Summer Camp At Fort Benning, June 20 to 29 Inclusive









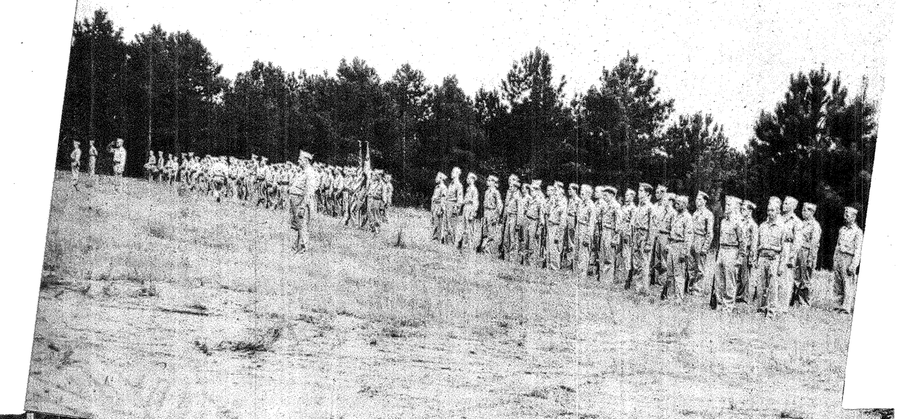
ATTENTION
GEORGIA GUARDSMEN

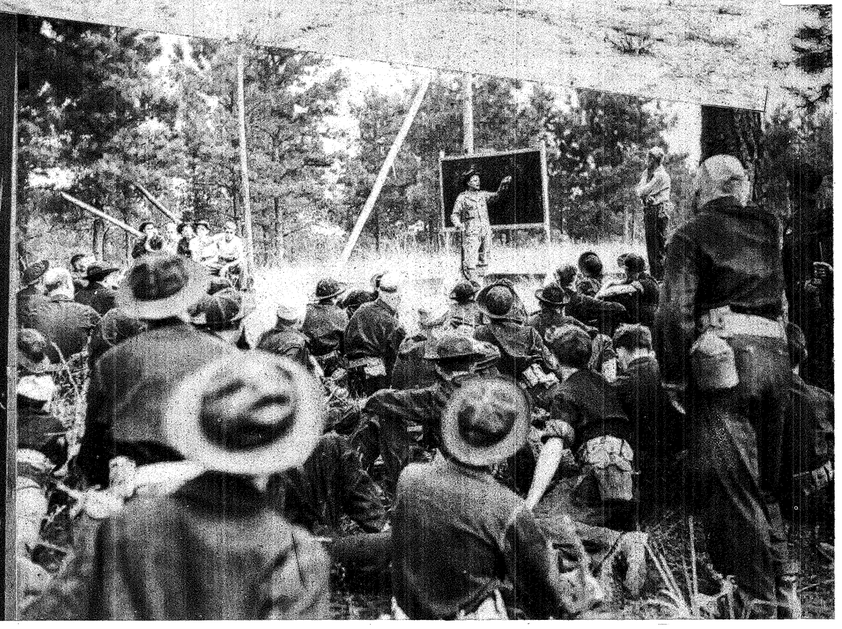
Plan Now to Attend

SUMMER CAMP

Fort Benning -- June 20-29

ALL EXPENSES PAID BY STATE





4th Battalion Awarded Cup for .22 Cal. Marksmanship for 1945

In accordance with an announcement from Georgia State Guard Headquarters, dated 12 June 1945, Subject: "Lt. Col. Mark A. Cooper Cup for .22 Cal. Competition, the 4th Battalion G.S.G. is awarded the cup for having the highest percentage of men qualified in .22 Cal. marksmanship during the year 1945.

The following is a tabulation of Battalion reporting .22 Cal. qualifications in accordance with rules set forth in letter from G.S.G. Headquarters 20 Dec. 44, Subject: New Rifle Marksmanship Qualification (Gallery Target at 50 ft.):

Battalion	Marksmanship	Sharpshooter	Expert	Total	Av. Strength 1945	Percent Qualified
4th	37	22	3	62	389	15.90
18th	22	9		31	328	9.45
19th	8	9	7	24	292	8.21
20th	3	5	1	9	152	5.92
10th	3	11	4	18	450	4
8th		5	8	13	329	3.95
1st	1	7	10	18	534	3.37
3rd	4	3		7	241	2.90
17th		1	4	5	306	1.63
15th		3	2	5	341	1.46

ATTENDANCE HONOR LIST GSG JANUARY 1946
(SUPERIOR 85-100%)

	Actual Strength Off.	Em	Average Attendance Off.	Em	Percent
Hqs Staff (Brunswick) 20th Bn	6		6		100
Co H (Dalton) 1st Bn	1	12	1	11½	96
Co I (Louisville) 10th Bn	3	39	3	37	95
Hq & Sig (Elberton) 7th Bn	1	16	1	15	94
Co. C (Cairo) 18th Bn	3	33	3	31	94
Hqs Staff (Columbus) 11th Bn	8		7¼		91
Co E (Conyers) 5th Bn	3	33	2	30	89
Co A (Macon) 8th Bn	3	32	3	28	89
Hqs Staff (Albany) 15th Bn	7		6		86
Co E (Cartersville) 1st Bn	3	31	3	26	85
Hq & Sig (Macon) 8th Bn	3	17	3	14	85
(EXCELLENT 75-84%)					
Co A (Swainsboro 14th Bn	2	43	2	36	84
Hq & Sig (Brunswick) 20th Bn	2	43	1	37	84
Co B (Dahlonega) 2nd Bn	2	16	2	13	83
Med Det (Lincolnton) 7th Bn	2	10	2	8	83
Hqs Staff (Macon) 8th Bn	8	3	7	2	82
Hqs Staff (Augusta) 10th Bn	10		8		80
MG Sect. (Rome) 1st Bn	1	36	1	28	78
Co G (Thomson) 10th Bn	3	29	3	22	78
Hq & Sig (Columbus) 11th Bn	1	8	1	6	78
Co D (Decatur) 5th Bn	6	47	3	38	77
2nd Plt-Co G (Jackson) 8th Bn	2	26	2	19	75
Co E (Douglas) 16th Bn	3	37	3	27	75
Hq & Sig (Thomasville) 18th Bn	3	7	3	4½	75
(VERY SATISFACTORY 70-74%)					
Co E (College Park) 4th Bn	3	45	3	32	73
Co D (Blythe) 10th Bn	3	21	3	14	71
Co D (Dublin) 13th Bn	1	23	1	16	71
Band (Atlanta) GSG Hqs	3	33	2	24	70
Med Det (Macon) 8th Bn	10	20	8	13	70
Hq & Sig (Milledgeville) 9th Bn	1	16	1	11	70
Co C (Homerville) 19th Bn	3	34	3	23	70
(ATTENDANCE OF UNITS HAVING ONLY ONE OR TWO MEETINGS)					
Hqs Staff (Savannah) 17th Bn	11	2	10	2	92
Hqs Staff (Valdosta) 19th Bn	10	2	9	1	91
Med 'A" (Valdosta) 19th Bn	5	27	5	18	72

BATTALIONS WITH ALL UNITS REPORTING

Bn	Actual Strength Off.	Em	Average Attendance Off.	Em	Percent
8th Bn	41	247	35	164	68
20th Bn	15	122	12	81	67
10th Bn	48	396	37	232	61
1st Bn	36	286	25	168¾	60
19th Bn	40	245	32	121½	54
17th Bn	31	210	27	93	50
15th Bn	32	300	21	108	39
7th Bn	21	193	10	67	36

BATTALIONS WITH ONE OR MORE UNITS FAILING TO REPORT

9th Bn	12	65	8	42	(5 units failed to report)	65
5th Bn	30	191	21	107	(2 units failed to report)	57
2nd Bn	15	99	11	50	(1 units failed to report)	54
16th Bn	32	273	20	146	(1 units failed to report)	54
4th Bn	40	242	28	119	(1 units failed to report)	52
13th Bn	8	53	2	27	(4 units failed to report)	48
11th Bn	19	117	15¼	43	(1 units failed to report)	43
18th Bn	25	181	11	73	(1 units failed to report)	41
3rd Bn	23	151	13	56	(2 units failed to report)	40
12th Bn	6	128	4	48	(5 units failed to report)	39
14th Bn	21	174	7½	66	(1 units failed to report)	38

It is requested that all commanders and other officers and enlisted men continue their efforts to increase attendance and the number of units attaining the Attendance Honor List.

3rd Bn. Med. Det. Entertained By Major Frank Amis

The Medical Detachment of the 3rd Bn., Georgia State Guard, was entertained by their commanding officer, Major Frank J. Amis, on Thursday evening, March 28.

The party was held at Major Amis' cabin and lake near Lone Oak. Mrs. Quillian Rosser, Mrs. Harry Moore, and Mrs. G. B. Head assisted in serving the men with delicious steaks. While the meal was being prepared, the members of the Medical Detachment completed some of their first aid training in the surrounding woods.

Members of the local detachment attending the party were: Major Frank J. Amis, 1st Lt. Harry Moore, Sgt. Jack R. Frost, Sgt. L. C. O'Neal, Sgt. W. R. Parham, Cpl. Charlie Hunt, and Privates James E. Fuller, A. T. Medley, H. L. Lowry, I. U. Long, Milton Ferrell, and James Potts. Special guests present were 1st. Lt. James Frost, U. S. A., 359th Construction Bn., recently returned from the Pacific Area of operations, and Cpl. Charlie A. Hunt, Jr., U. S. A. Ordnance Dept., who has just returned from service in the Philippines.

The Medical Detachment of Hogansville has a very satisfactory record of service during the war years and is one of the few units in the state that has continued their training and advancement since the end of the war. At the state inspection, held last month, the local group received the praise and commendation of Col. R. W. Collins, commanding officer, G.S.G. Present at this inspection in addition to Col. Collins were, Lt. Col. John Powell, Bn. Commander, Capt. Tom Glover, and Major F. M. Walton, executive officer, 3rd Bn.

Patrolman Talks On Safe Driving

Corporal J. H. Costner of the Georgia State Patrol, addressed the local Brunswick units of 20th Bn., Georgia State Guard, at a regular meeting in January, discussing the safe driving of automobiles.

Cpl. Costner compared driving of automobiles to a game. He said that the members participating were in the age group from 15 to 80 years of age. He said in football, baseball and other games players have weeks of hard training before playing, but in the game of driving automobiles there was very little training. When one takes a driver's test with an officer he is very careful to abide by all of the rules, but when he gets out on the highways, where 640 people were killed, 7,000 injured, 2,000 of them permanently, in one year, somebody is not abiding by the rules, he said.

Two-thirds of the 35 million Americans having drivers' licenses have never undergone an examination to prove their fitness to operate a motor vehicle. Furthermore, he said, according to various reports, at least ten million who have licenses would not today be able to pass tests covering vision, knowledge of traffic rules and road signs, and even show ability to drive safely.

The officer emphasized the importance of giving signals properly, and he gave many other interesting rules that, if followed, would prevent many highway accidents.

If a person goes around with a chip on his shoulder it is usually from the block above.

Company D of Valdosta To Consolidate with Headquarters Company

It was decided unanimously by the members of Company D of the Georgia State Guard to consolidate with Headquarters Company, and this will make a strong and well armed company which, with the crack "Commando" Company, will give Valdosta good protection during the interval until the National Guard takes over, it was stated recently.

These two companies have as weapons two water-cooled and two air-cooled Browning .30 calibre machine guns and eighteen. 45 calibre Tommy guns in addition to 70 .30 calibre rifles and 15 .45 calibre pistols.

The "Commando" equipment also includes an armored car which mounts two Brownings and this gives the local units a great deal of fire power and veterans who know how to apply it.

The local Medical Unit commanded by Major Frank Bird, has long been recognized as one of the finest in the State active strength, morale and training.

Former Lieut. Tom Makin, chaplain in the Navy, has recently been commissioned captain in the State Guard and assigned to duty as chaplain of the 19th, "Dixie" Battalion.

Lieuts. Norman McGowan and Steve Chitty who have served faithfully and well for more than five years, have been assigned to staff duty.

The last Federal inspection will be held on the night of Monday, May 6, on Cleveland Field, and on this occasion the combat veterans of the "Commando" Company with Capt. Earl J. Kelly in command, will stage terrain exercises involving the taking of a vital installation from rioters. The Headquarters and Signal Company under the leadership of Lieut. Marshall Castleberry will handle the communications with field telephones and "Walkie Talkies" and the Medical Unit will coordinate in the operation with their stretcher-bearers, first aid station, and ambulance.

Officer Warns State to Prepare For Guard Role

Georgians should take immediate steps to obtain every possible surplus war installation that might be used as a National Guard armory, Lieut. Colonel Leroy Cowart advised, warning that this State is totally unprepared for its proper role in the expanded guard.

Colonel Cowart has been assigned to the National Guard Bureau as acting property and disbusing officer for Georgia. He was an officer in the Georgia National Guard before he went into federal service at the beginning of the war.

Air Facilities

"Present indications are that the reorganized National Guard will be a larger and more important factor in national defense than it has ever been," he said. "It is therefore distressing to contemplate Georgia's unpreparedness to assume its fair share of this defensive agency."

The National Guard Bureau already is planning distribution of National Guard units to the various states, and has directed that a survey be made of facilities offered by the states for the care of these units. Air and mechanized units will go to those states which have the facilities to house them properly.

"It appears to be the purpose of the War Department to increase greatly the number of air units in the National Guard," Colonel Cowart said. "If Georgia hopes to secure her fair share of air units, the state must immediately make provision for the housing and security of the massive and expensive equipment belonging to such units."

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Unless Georgia provides facilities for modern types of National Guard units, she will very probably get less desirable units, he added. He recommended utilization of existing War Department facilities as a temporary expedient, since these are all temporary cantonments.

"The standing of Georgia in so far as its National Guard program is concerned is entirely dependent upon the provisions which the state and local communities will be able to make within the next six months," Colonel Cowart declared. "We cannot delay this effort, for when the total authorized strength of the National Guard is allotted it will be impossible to obtain additional units for the state."

At the beginning of World War II, Georgia had 96 National Guard units, but only a few had facilities which are adequate for needs of modern warfare. There is not a single state-owned armory, although Alabama has 34 and South Carolina 40. Most of Georgia's units are housed in unsuitable store buildings. This state did not take advantage of federal programs for the construction of armories, Colonel Cowart said.

Medical Unit of State Guard Is Entertained

Attendance at State Guard Unit regular meetings is reported to be on the decline since peace was declared but if advance notice of details of meetings were in keeping with the meeting of the Medical Unit, 19th Battalion, Valdosta, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Wilson, there would be few absentees.

Dr. Wilson, who has recently been promoted to Captain of his Unit, and Mrs. Wilson entertained with a barbecued chicken dinner served in their out-door dining room to about seventy percent of the membership of the Unit. It was a sumptious meal, deliciously flavored, and interspersed with good fellowship.

After the dinner Major Frank Bird, Battalion Commander, took up matters pertaining to activity of the Unit. Among those things discussed by the Commander was the reception of an Award of Honor Guidon Streamer presented to the Unit by Col. R. W. Collins, Commander of the Georgia State Guard, for excellence in attendance. The 19th Battalion, Medical Detachment "A", was 10th in the state in attendance and 1st among Medical Detachments with a mark of 74 percent for the quarter ending December 31st.

Major Bird pointed out that the National Guard will very probably take over the State Guard Units within the next sixty days and that the Valdosta Medical Detachment was within a few percentage points of winning the highest honor in the state. All required, he said, was to show a slight increase in attendance for meetings coming up within this period of time. He read a letter from Col. W. G. Eager pleading for loyalty to the Unit until it is discharged of its duties.

Guard's "Minute Women" Face Loss of Jobs Soon

It will be "this man's army" in Georgia again soon—and some of the men and women in the Georgia State Guard aren't too happy about it.

About 100 Georgia "minute women" who answered the State Guard's call for women auxiliaries in January, 1945, probably will be retired from military service for good shortly after the National Guard is reorganized.

"Unless plans change, there will be no provision for women enlisting in the National Guard," Brig. Gen. S. Marvin Griffin, Georgia's adjutant general and National Guard chief, has declared.

Edna Harbin, of 3415 Harding avenue, Hapeville, who, as a technician third grade, has shouldered a large part of the clerical work for Company E of Fulton county's Fourth Battalion since April, 1945, feels there is a definite place for women in the National Guard. What's more, she's going to write her congressman about it. Since, as she points out, her congressman actually is Congresswoman Helen Mankin, it may be women will have some say in the matter.

As testimony, Lt. Col. Frank R. Fling, Edna Harbin's battalion commander, has nothing but praise for the work women have done in the Guard, having found them "exceptionally competent" during his tenure.

Most unhappy, too, at the thought of complete reversion to civilian status is T. Sgt. Mildred Day, of 968 Glen Arden way, N. E. She was the first woman to enlist in the State Guard and has acted as Col. Fling's right arm in recording staff meetings.

Following her enlistment a year ago, she attended a military school at Techwood for six weeks, learning her left foot from her right at drill practices and studying the complexities of Army correspondence. When on active duty, she wears the regulation Army WAC uniform with the Guard patch on her left shoulder.

Although the January, 1945, directive authorizing the enlistment of women limited their work to clerical duties at the home station, she, together with Latrelle Brock, of 48 Johnson road, and Mary Marjorie Hunt, of 454 Lovejoy street, accompanied the Guard on its April maneuvers at Camp Toccoa where her principal duties were keeping scores for men firing on the range. She also has helped in recruiting drives at the Army's Air Show and at the State Fair last year.

During the war, Miss (Tech. Sgt.) Day, secretary to Judge Quincy O. Arnold, chief judge of the Fulton county civil court, devoted several nights a week to Guard activities, but with peace she attends meetings about once a week.

"I was more than happy to give such a small amount of my time," she says, "and I do hope they will let women enter the Guard."

Organized in 1940, after the National Guard's mobilization, as the State Defense Corps, the State Guard contains 20 battalions of infantry, a mobile company and an air squadron, ready for handling riot calls or other emergencies. Following Pearl Harbor, the Fourth Battalion was called out to guard vital installations in the Atlanta area, yet it has not had to meet any other emergency since. The men receive training in infantry tactics, radio communication, riot formations, use of chemicals such as smoke pots, scouting with scout cars, and other basic military subjects. The most up-to-date equipment available is used.

Women, unlike the Amazons of yore, do not train with spears and brickbats. Guard WACs, such as Sgt. Amanda Robertson, of 909 Ponce de Leon avenue, N. E.; Sgt. Barbara Ellen Lee, of 675 Central avenue, Hapeville, and Cpl. Ruby Smith, of 3351 Myrtle street, Hapeville, all in the fourth battalion, sharpen their pencils and cut through the red tape that can hold up an army as much as Italy's mud.

Even the most ardent supporters of the Guard realize that the end of the war, the return of servicemen fed up with any kind of regimentation, the shifting of residences from one part of the country to another, and the demobilization this spring of the State Guard spell less interest in its activities. Membership already has dropped to a fraction of its former strength which once ranked fifth among the nation's state military formations.

Yet one lesson has been learned during the Guard's years of service, according to all officers contacted by your reported: Women have proved their value in the Army, a field previously considered men's exclusive domain.

Company I Has The Best Record in Georgia

Louisville's Company I of the Georgia State Guard Corps was notified recently that it had turned in the best attendance report in the past four months of any Company in the State. Captain Stone and other members of Company I have reason for being proud of this splendid record.

Recently members of Company I served the community in a very splendid way. The entire company had a part in putting out a forrest fire on Highway I. The men fought the fire valiantly until it was under control.

State Guard Officers Hold Dinner and Dance

A dinner and dance for officers of the 10th Battalion, Georgia State Guard, and their wives was held Monday night, January 21, at the Sheraton-Bon Air hotel by the battalion officers club. Officers and their wives from Augusta, Appling, Blythe, Louisville, Thomson, Waynesboro and Wrens attended.

Lieutenant Norman L. Galloway, of Company B. was toastmaster and Captain James C. Harrison, president of the club, presided. Speakers were Major Landon Thomas, executive officer, and Lieutenant Colonel George Hains, commanding officer, who spoke on the continuing need for the Guard in Georgia.

Arrangements for the party were made by a committee composed of Captain W. Roscoe West, chairman; Captain J. J. Harbin, adjutant, and Lieutenant Galloway.

Judge: "Your age, madam?"

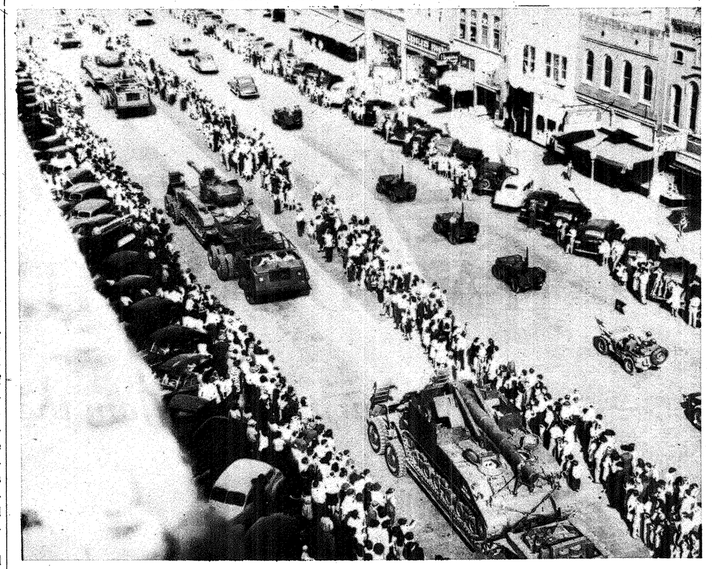
Lady Witness: "Thirty years."

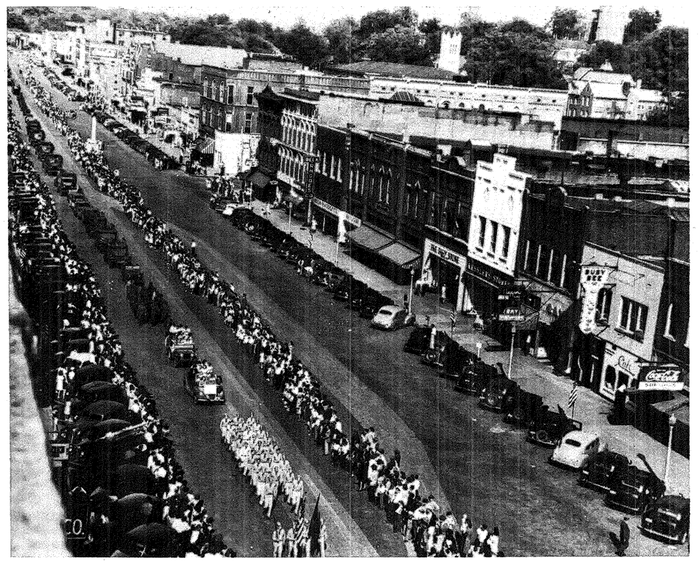
Judge: "You'll have difficulty proving that."

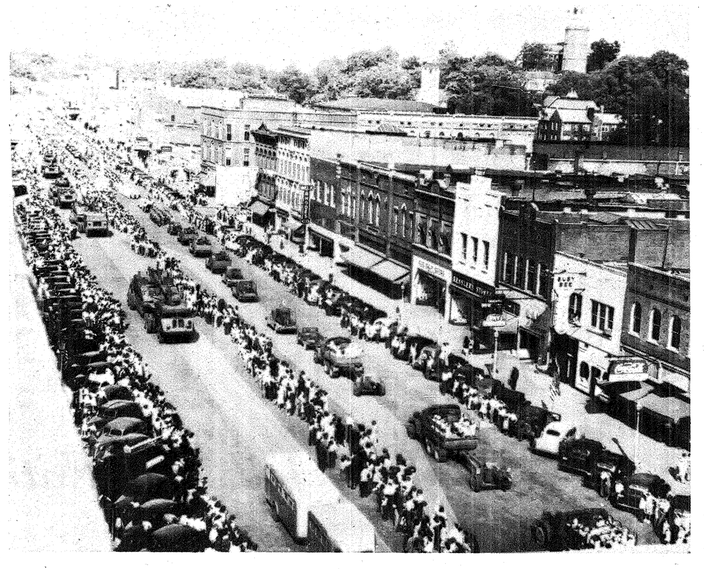
Lady Witness (excitedly): "You'll find it difficult to prove the contrary. The church that had the record of my birth burned down in 1895!"

Army Day Parade Held in Rome

Photos by Sgt. Herman Lesser, 1st Bn. Sig. Det.







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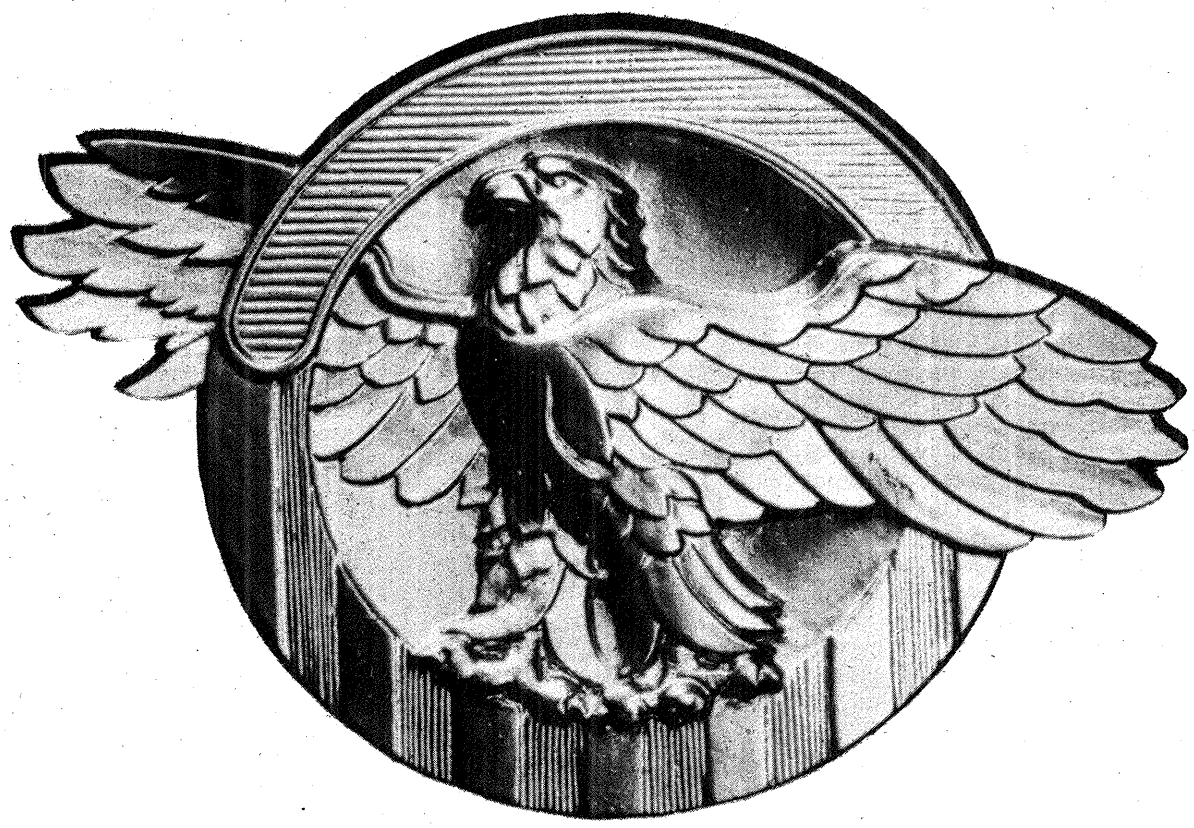

GUARDSMAN, *do your part...*

STAY IN THE GUARD!

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