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**Col. John U. Calkins, Jr.
Commanding 159th Infantry**

THE 159th Infantry is happy for this opportunity to make its small contribution toward the furtherance of the work of our worthy Guardsman and to be able through its columns to extend to the regiments, battalions, and companies of the California National Guard congratulations upon the definite advancement which all are making in training and proficiency. In these days of world-wide trouble and uncertainty, it is especially heartening to note the ever-increasing interest and enthusiasm which is characteristic of our Guard and to find everywhere that spirit of comradeship and cooperation which is essential to its success.

To Brig. Gen. R. E. Mittelstaedt, its new brigade commander, the 159th Infantry wishes to express its great satisfaction upon an appointment well earned and long merited. The retirement of Gen. Mason entails a loss which is not susceptible of ready compensation, but the brigade is fortunate indeed in the certainty of continued able leadership.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John U. Calkins, Jr.".

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The California National Guard is to be congratulated on having sponsored what was pronounced as the most successful annual convention of the National Guard Association of the United States in that organization's history.

From the financial standpoint, the convention was equally successful. According to word from the office of Brig. Gen. Harry H. Morehead, the Adjutant General, the convention was brought to a conclusion sufficiently 'in the black' that there will be no necessity of further assessments of Guard officers of the state.

General Morehead, naturally well pleased with the very efficient manner in which every phase of the arrangements for the convention was carried out, wishes to express to everyone concerned his extreme appreciation of the efforts in a common cause, a cause that means much to the state and the nation.

Merry Christmas

Since this is the last issue of the California Guardsman that will be published this year, the editors wish to take this opportunity of extending to all California Guardsmen and to the host of friends of the California National Guard their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

But before the holidays must come work. We wish to remind all correspondents that news material for the January issue of the magazine must be in the Sacramento office on or before December 10.

Preparation for Field Training . . .

By Lt. Col. FRANK B. DELANO
Ex. Off., 159th Inf.

TRAINING in National Guard units over a period of years is necessarily dependent upon training directives and memoranda from higher headquarters. With the objectives fixed by the 40th Division for the years 1935, '36, and '37, a series of maneuvers was planned. Prior to that time the 159th had initiated training in all types of combat firing and small problems for companies and battalions with special units attached. In addition to this, officers were required to complete fifty hours of Army Extension courses and take part in semi-annual armory CPX problems.

It has been the practice in the 159th for years that all officers' school work and all staff work be done entirely by regularly assigned instructors and staff sections. Thus our officers had practical training prior to any training directive plans. In addition to this, as an officer graduate returned from a service school, he was immediately given a special detail to spread the new training ideas, to place his newly-acquired knowledge on a National Guard status and pass it on throughout the regiment. For example, company officers returning from Fort Benning were placed in charge of noncommissioned officers' schools, assigned special subjects for officers' schools, or detailed to handle the consolidated training of specialists.

Our regimental training program included two phases: first, basic training of units especially to equip them for field maneuvers; and secondly, practice in putting the training into effect. True, in these cases we lost in sacrifice to the higher phases much badly needed basic training, but we felt that in order to make a reasonable showing in the field we could not send our troops into a maneuver without some field practice.

Preparation for the maneuvers did not end there, though. Anticipating somewhat the probable requirements of the maneuvers, the staff went to work. A reconnaissance was made in the field at least six months in

advance, and while in the field each individual made his own estimate of the situation. Back at the armory each member would submit his recommendations in writing at a staff meeting, the entire situation would be discussed thoroughly, and a program would be developed.

The program included three parts. First, a training directive was issued covering subjects to be stressed and inspection dates set for the staff on special assignments. Then there were preparations for staff studies in conjunction with the field training, and finally, special officers' schools for the study of the types of problems likely to be used.

As the training progressed and further information came down, the battalion commanders were taken on field reconnaissances and read into the situation. The terrain was studied; enlarged maps were made, to a scale large enough to use in lectures to the battalions and the regiment; and if the field exercise was to involve an attack, one or two officers' schools were held, with attack problems over the terrain likely to be used prepared entirely within the staff and requiring solution of the action-and-order type.

A concrete example will show better the time and effort expended to bring out all the details. In 1936 our regiment was designated to effect a landing on the San Luis coast, with an offensive over the terrain from Cayucos to Morro.

The next year the maneuver was a defensive problem beginning where the 1936 maneuver had ended. The defensive sector taken was the San Bernardo heights, and the regimental order required an occupation during the night of the eastern heights of San Bernardo Creek. Battalion sectors were given by overlay, CP's established, limiting points were given, as were indications of the regimental security missions of the motorized and mounted units

from the Howitzer Company. Each battalion commander had to submit his plan, company sectors, support line, and reserve line. One rifle company and one machine gun company commander was called upon for the complete organization of their units.

These solutions were approved or changed by the regimental staff and returned. At the school the maneuver was dramatized in a playlet, with the actions and orders, complete in every detail, of each of the principals, from the time the regimental commander left for the brigade CP until dawn the next morning. In this way each officer became acquainted with the time and distance elements of such a movement and got a complete picture of what other officers and units were doing during the daylight and night hours. All officers then took their portions of the problem back to their noncommissioned officers' schools.

Then the 1, 2, and 4 staff sections set about completing preparations for the servicing and supplying of troops in the field. Iron rations were purchased and issued. Large maps were used in the field to illustrate problems and acquaint enlisted men with military and terrain features. Arrangements were made for the feeding, comfort, and recreation of the men. Just prior to the problem the regimental commander gave the regiment a lecture and pointed out the general and special situations on the enlarged maps.

The results showed in the enthusiastic efforts and willingness of all to do their utmost for the success of the problem.

As a result of our study of the last four years' field training, we are convinced that a complete survey should be made of the training, both field and armory, prior to the adoption of any plans. Armory drill programs should be divided into two parts, concentrating first on all basic work and later on well-planned and scheduled field training, with necessary inspections. Early reconnaissance and assignment of training areas is imperative as a preliminary to detailed plans, and there should be staff supervision over all problems and programs.



Lt. Col.
Frank B. DeLano

The Efficiency Report . . .

AS THE time draws near for rendition of efficiency reports on officers of the National Guard, it has been suggested that some discussion be had on the subject. It is desired that the purpose of the report and proper procedure in its preparation be emphasized; and it is hoped that such emphasis may benefit officers to whom the report presents a new problem, as well as those whose years of service and familiarity with the form have caused its preparation to be conducted in a perfunctory manner. And finally, such a discussion may result, perhaps indirectly, in some slight benefit to the individual reported upon.

The importance of the efficiency report cannot be too strongly stressed. It is the year by year record upon which an individual's classification is determined, his preferment and advancement in the service is largely based, and his suitability for special assignment is ascertained. In short, it is the record evaluation of the military individual. And as such, it behooves the reporting officer to exercise the greatest care in its preparation to the end that both the individual and the government may be protected and a true picture presented.

The War Department has always recognized the value of this report and has recently stressed this recognition by publication of orders requiring that the curriculum of each general service, special service, and troop school for officers will include careful and detailed instruction annually in regard to the purpose of the efficiency report and the correct method of its preparation and rendition. This is extended to the current curricula and training programs, which are directed to be amended to include such instruction.

Experience of many years, during which the writer was on both the making and receiving ends of the 'efficiency report question,' convinces him that commanding officers, regardless of rank, may properly be classified in one or more of the following groups:

a. The kind who greets you when

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you first come under his jurisdiction and reiterates it on frequent occasions—"Remember! I make out your efficiency report." (As though you didn't know that already.) This report should never be considered as a 'Sword of Damocles' hanging over the heads of subordinates.

b. The kind that assigns a rating of 'SATISFACTORY' on all questions throughout the form that call for gradations. This rating, when thus encountered, tends to indicate to the experienced observer that the maker inclines toward perfunctoriness or laziness—or lacks a full appreciation of the basic purpose of the report.

c. The kind that expresses the opinion—usually in a most pontifical manner—"There's no such thing as a 'superior' officer." You are unfortunate if your CO is one of this breed. Recognition of your capabilities and good work, if any, appears to be definitely limited.

d. The kind that is biased by personal considerations in forming official judgments. (You know the kind I mean).

e. The kind that rates subordinates exactly as they deserve—no more, no less. Mentally pin a medal of some kind on this one. He is the ideal.

An examination of the various forms for the efficiency report in use during recent years discloses several changes in text. Consider, for example, the old Paragraph H, 5:

Tact—(the faculty of being considerate and sensible in dealing with others.)

Well, just how far did this thing

extend, anyway? Should the reportee be given a low grade because he failed to dance with your mature house guest, Cousin Hortense of Dubuque, Iowa, at the Friday night hop? Or should he be given a high rating because he refrained, on some special occasion, from taking a poke at some individual who richly deserved it?

It was very confusing.

But the currently approved form is believed to have eliminated or clarified all earlier headings whose meaning or scope was, in some instances, obscure or controversial. As now published, the form affords an accurate evaluation medium if properly accomplished. Suppose we break it down into its component paragraphs and discuss each in turn. By so doing we may be able to assist in making up a fair and just report on a mythical character: Alonzo Twerp, First Lieutenant, Mechanized Burial Corps, with eight years' commissioned service.

Paragraphs A, B, and C need no special amplification other than a caution to be painstakingly accurate. The report will probably come back if Twerp's name is incorrectly spelled.

Paragraph D—Definitions.

These definitions are clear and comprehensive, but they should be carefully studied and their gradations kept in mind. The recent interpolation of the rating of (2) 'Very Satisfactory' between 'Satisfactory' and 'Excellent' has the advantage of correctly designating that large class of individuals that is deserving of something better than the 'minimum standard' but is not quite eligible for the company of the elect in the higher brackets.

Paragraph E—Duties he performed.

Editor's Note—This highly informative article—an entirely informal discussion of a formal document—appeared in the pages of the Indiana National Guardsman.

At the suggestion of Col. William B. Graham, senior instructor for the 40th Division, and with the kind permission of the editors of the Indiana Guardsman, it is being reprinted in the California Guardsman.

The paragraph provides for showing, separately, each duty performed, its duration in months, and the manner of its performance. Use of one of the classifications defined in Paragraph D is mandatory here, no other descriptives, apt as they may appear, being permitted. Such additional information may, however, be used in amplification under 'Remarks' on the reverse side of the report.

Paragraph F—What success has he attained under the following headings:

1. Handling of officers and men.

This is an extremely important part of the report. It applies to the great majority of all officers, since only a few are in a position where it has but a limited application.

Before awarding a rating under the sub-paragraph, ask yourself some questions: Is this officer unduly dictatorial? Overbearing? Unreasonable in his requirements for, or antagonistic to, his subordinates? Is he a 'glad-hander'? A 'good fellow'? Does he attempt to curry favor with his subordinates, commissioned and enlisted, by being 'one of the boys' and permitting familiarities not in keeping with the dignity of his position?

If the answer to the foregoing is in the affirmative, a rating of 'Inferior' or 'Unsatisfactory' should be given.

On the other hand, the rated officer may be of that class that obtains results by unvarying firmness tempered with sensible consideration for his subordinates. He doesn't 'coddle' his command, but he stands ready at all times to further its legitimate interests. He permits no undue familiarities and indulges in none. He appreciates and lives up to the responsibilities of his official position, but does so without needlessly antagonizing those with whom he serves. He is a 'square shooter.'

An officer conforming to these specifications, wholly or in great part, is entitled to a rating in the higher brackets.

2. Performance of field duties.

Field duties, in peace time, are generally limited to the summer training camps and corps and army maneuvers and, for the Guardsmen, riot duty and civil disturbances beyond the handling powers of subordinate state jurisdictions. Such duties tend to disclose whether an

officer has profited by his armory training and indicate his power to apply, in practice, the theoretical lessons of the classroom or drill hall.

3. Administrative and executive duties.

In determining the proper rating under this heading some more mental questions should be answered.

Are this officer's organizational records up to date, complete, accurate, and in strict conformity with existing regulations and instructions from higher authority? Are his routine reports unduly delayed in completion, and after submittal are they frequently returned for correction? Is he fully aware of his accountabilities and responsibilities? Does he require prodding and repeat-



Colonel William B. Graham, Senior Instructor, 40th Division

Photo by Harlin Smith

ed insistence by his superior authority before he accomplishes his assigned work? In general, does he know the 'what,' 'when,' and 'how' of his job? And knowing, can he be depended upon fully to utilize this knowledge?

In this connection it might be mentioned that it is the considered opinion of a number of instructors that ratings on this item have been, in some cases, too high in the past or have been made after the most perfunctory, if any, consideration of the proper determining factors.

While the administrative and executive duties of many of the junior line personnel are merely nominal, care should be exercised in awarding

a suitable rating for such as are performed.

4. As an instructor.

This is another important item, as it concerns most officers to a greater or less degree throughout their entire service.

In answering this one, consider some of these queries: Does he thoroughly understand his subject? Does he waste time on non-essentials or does he properly budget his instructional material? Does he 'put over' his instruction in an intelligent manner when considering the 'mental speed' of his pupils, or does he merely 'read from the book'? Can he impart his knowledge concisely and completely to others? Does he give an impression of being interested in what he is doing, or is he merely 'going through the motions'? Has he the knack of determining when to shift to other subjects, when and how to correct errors, and when to stop. (Let's emphasize that last part—**When to stop!**)

5. Training troops.

Consideration of this item should follow, in general, the lines suggested in the Sub-paragraph 4, above. These two paragraphs have many factors in common.

Paragraph G—Enter on lines below any outstanding specialties of value in the military service. Make no entries except where statement is based on personal observation or official reports during period covered by this report.

In connection with this one, be sure of the 'value in the military service' part of the requirement.

Avoid incorporating such a statement, observed by this office, of the following effect, 'a great football tackle in his high school days.' (You will recall that Twerp has had several years of service, and 'high school days' are gone forever.)

Paragraph H—To what degree has he exhibited the following qualifications?

1. Physical activity (agility; ability to work rapidly).

Consider in this one also the results of the determined degree of agility and speed. Has he accomplished anything worth while? Or has he merely indicated the ability to work himself into a pointless lather?

2. Physical endurance (capacity for prolonged exertion.)

This must be occasionally answered as 'unknown' because of lack of

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Exposition Armory Being Enlarged . . .

UNDER construction for nearly a year, the new additions to the Exposition Armory in Oakland are slowly but surely nearing completion, and even in their unfinished state they show that they will be well worth the waiting. When completed they will give the Oakland units of the National Guard one of the finest and most up-to-date plants in the country.

Some three years ago the building, originally erected by the City of Oakland as a stock-show pavilion to be operated in connection with the Oakland Municipal Auditorium, which it adjoins, was leased to the state for use as an armory. Remodeling of the building and the erection of an annex on the south side—with the installation of offices, orderly rooms, supply rooms, and locker rooms—was begun in May, 1936, as a WPA project, and the first unit was completed and dedicated with elaborate ceremonies September 13, 1937.

Building has been under way ever since, and the second additional unit is now nearing completion. This includes an immense recreation hall, with up-to-date kitchen, motion-picture projection room, reception room, check room, and rest rooms, a spacious class or conference room, additional storerooms, offices and locker rooms, and space for an enlisted men's club room. And of special importance and interest to the troops stationed in the armory is a new 100-foot indoor range, located in a third-story pent-house, which will afford the last word in facilities for small-bore practice.

● THE Oakland Exposition Armory is the third largest in the state and boasts the largest drill floor—369 feet long by 150 feet wide—sufficient for a review at reduced distances of the entire regiment.

Stationed at the armory are Headquarters of the 159th Infantry; Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 1st Battalion; Companies A, B, C, and D; Regimental Headquarters Company; Howitzer Company; Band; and Medical Department Detachment. The Service Company, now stationed at the Leona Heights Range, expects to

move in shortly and take up quarters in the armory.

Besides the organizations of the 159th, the armory also houses the 1st Battalion of the 143d Field Artillery, Headquarters and Service Batteries of the 143d, and a detachment of the Naval Reserve.

Plans are under way for the erection, on city property nearby, of a garage building sufficiently large to house all the motor transportation of the 159th and 143d, together with

Band Rewarded for Efforts . . .

Capturing first place and the \$100 in prize money in the band competition held National Guard Day at the State Fair at Sacramento this year did not come as a surprise to the members of the band of the 159th Infantry but was accepted as a reward for their efforts in practice and hard work under the capable leadership of W. O. Charles L. Kreuter.

It might be interesting to note that the membership includes eight University of California bandsmen, six St. Mary's bandsmen, and the remainder profession musicians, each an artist on his instrument.

Mr. Kreuter's experience with music and musicians started early in life, as his father had been a professional musician for many years.

79th Brigade . . .

Fifteen members of Headquarters Company, 79th Brig., Sacramento, made the rafters ring recently in a small-bore shoot on the Sacramento Armory rifle range. Four men made expert ratings with scores of 224 out of 250.

The company's plans for a pistol shoot at Auburn last month were disrupted by the first rain of the season.

Four men have recently started wearing the brigade insignia for the first time: William Marr and Corp. Charles Mullen, transfers, and Idolo Capanaro and Gordon Gray.

Flowers were sent by the members to Pvt. Ed Ray, communications

a service and repair shop. Officers responsible for the care of this property are anxiously awaiting the new building.

The troops stationed in the Exposition Armory are fortunate in having, adjoining the building on the east, a municipal playground, including a baseball diamond and softball grounds, well lighted for night playing. The armory itself has three basketball courts and facilities for other forms of athletics.

While attending Lowell High School in San Francisco he played in both the orchestra and band, and when he went to the university he was immediately sought for its band. At the same time he joined the band of the California Grays, which he now leads.

Seven years ago he joined the 159th Infantry Band as a private and a week later was appointed warrant officer and installed as leader. Under his capable leadership the 159th Band won second place last year and first place this year at the State Fair, playing an impromptu program and being judged on selection of program, quality of tone and time, and appearance of individual members.

platoon standby, recently when he was confined to the hospital with pneumonia.

State Detachment . . .

The two-platoon system, inaugurated several months ago in the State Detachment, Sacramento, has turned out to be a good move for the weekly drills.

The friendly competition between the platoons has given the individual members a desire to make themselves better soldiers. This plan gives the instructors an opportunity to iron out little defects which are not prevalent with a larger group.

Guard Association Officers Elected

BRIGADIER General James C. Dozier, the Adjutant General of South Carolina, is the new head of the National Guard Association of the United States, elected to succeed Brig. Gen. George E. Leach of Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the annual convention of the association in San Francisco September 26, 27, and 28.

The incoming vice-president of the association is Brig. Gen. Walter A. DeLamater of New York. Brigadier General Fred M. Waterbury of New York remains in the office of secretary, as does Brig. Gen. Milton R. McLean of Kansas in the office of treasurer.

Additional members of the executive council are:

First Corps Area — Brig. Gen. William F. Ladd of Connecticut.

Second Corps Area — Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Ballantyne of New Jersey.

Third Corps Area—Maj. Gen. E. C. Shannon of Pennsylvania.

Fourth Corps Area — Brig. Gen. John A. O'Keefe of Mississippi.

Fifth Corps Area — Brig. Gen. Newell C. Bolton of Ohio.

Sixth Corps Area — Brig. Gen. Samuel T. Lawton of Illinois.

Seventh Corps Area — Brig. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh of Minnesota.

Eighth Corps Area — Brig. Gen. E. Gunther of Colorado.

Ninth Corps Area — Brig. Gen. M. C. McConnell of Idaho.

● **GENERAL DOZIER** is a native of the state of which he is second in command of the citizen military forces. He was born February 17, 1885, the fifth son of John Henry and Julia Dozier. After completing his grade schooling at Rock Hill, South Carolina, he attended Wofford College at Spartanburg in the same state.

Following a period of several years in business in New York City, the general returned to Rock Hill and there began his military service. From May 15, 1915, to June 18, 1916, he rose from the grade of private to that of first sergeant. Federal service on the Mexican Border continued from June 19, 1916, until December 6 of that year.

As a first sergeant of infantry he

again entered the federal service April 12, 1917. He was appointed a second lieutenant July 19, 1917, and was promoted to first lieutenant December 5, 1917.

● IT was as first lieutenant in command of Company G, 118th Inf., that Gen. Dozier performed the heroic actions that brought him cherished decorations from many foreign countries. The following citation now on record in the War Department is quoted:

“**DOZIER, JAMES C.** — First Lieutenant, Company G, 118th Infantry. For conspicuous gallantry



Brig. Gen. James C. Dozier

and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy near Montbreheim, France, October, 8, 1918. In command of two platoons Lt. Dozier was painfully wounded in the shoulder early in the attack, but he continued to lead his men, displaying the highest bravery and skill. When his command was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he disposed his men in the best cover available, and with a soldier continued forward to attack a machine-gun nest. Creeping up to the position in the face of intense fire, he killed the entire crew with hand grenades and his pistol and a little later captured a number of Germans, who had taken refuge in a dugout nearby.”

General Dozier received the following medals and citations:

The Congressional Medal of Honor, by Gen. John J. Perishing.

The British Military Cross, presented him in Belgium for the British government by Gen. Sir David Henderson of the British Expeditionary Forces.

The French Croix de Guerre with Palm, presented to him for the French government by the ambassador at Washington, D. C.

The French Legion of Honor.

The Italian War Cross, presented in the name of the Italian government by the commanding officer at Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

The Portuguese Medal, presented by the government of Portugal.

The Montenegrin Medal of Valor.

The Purple Heart (American).

He has also been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, for which he received a citation.

● **AFTER** recovering from his wound, Gen Dozier rejoined his organization, returning to the United States, where he was honorably discharged April 19, 1919. Immediately after being discharged he was selected as one of South Carolina's ex-service men to tour the state delivering addresses in behalf of the Fifth Liberty Loan.

Upon completion of this work he returned to Rock Hill, his former home, and was there engaged in business. He was responsible for the reorganization of Company I, 118th Inf., and was commissioned its captain December 1, 1920. September 1, 1921, he was promoted to major and was assigned to command the 3d Battalion of the 118th Infantry.

Later Gen. Dozier was selected by the Board of Public Welfare to serve as its secretary, the position he held for several years and until he was appointed Adjutant General of the state to succeed the late Brig. Gen. Robert E. Craig of Columbia. He was selected by the people of the state to continue in office at the 1926 elections, since, contrary to the custom in practically all other states, the Adjutant General is selected by popular vote in South Carolina. This is the office he holds at the present time.

159th Infantry . . .

SOMETHING new in specialist training has recently been launched by Headquarters Company, Oakland, an idea fresh from last summer's camp, in the form of a series of visits to the plants of various commercial communications systems.

The first of these was made recently, when a large group of members of the communications platoon, with their wives, inspected the functioning of one of the larger branch exchanges of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in East Oakland. The inner workings of the great system were shown and explained at considerable length, and the men had an opportunity to observe the similarity between high-powered commercial equipment and their army field apparatus.

Practically the entire company is now interested in a proposed trip to Bolinas to inspect RCA's gigantic radio station there. Also planned for the near future is a tour of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's testing laboratories at Emeryville. These trips tie in with the fall training program in a way which makes for a more interesting approach to the subject of basic signal communication.

Enlistments—two old-time members of the company, William M. Oliver and John J. Richards, who, in addition to their excellent military records, were members of the championship basketball team of 1932.

1st Battalion . . .

● MAJOR RAYNOR E. ANDERSON, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, with station in Oakland, has received a letter of thanks from the parade committee of the Fruitvale Businessmen's Association commending the services of the officers who acted as judges during the parade of August 19.

The pageant included bands, drum and bugle corps, and marching units and drill teams from many veteran, fraternal, and business organizations. The judging committee—composed of Maj. Anderson; Capts. Charles F. Harlan, Franklin E. Winnie, and Stanley R. Place; 1st Lt. Paul A.

Brom; and 2d Lt. Alfred H. Ferguson of Company K, San Francisco—was charged with selecting the winners in various groups and classifications.

Promotions—to sergeant, Girdwood E. Haddow of Headquarters Company and Daniel E. Austin of Company C; to corporal, Reider A. Waage of Company A.

Newcomers — Edward C. Devoe, Charles Elsasser, and Clarence J. Pearson, Headquarters Company; Paul de Alva, Company B; George E. Edwards, Floyd J. Mitchell, Theodore E. Senff, and Eric R. Theiss, Company C; and Harry E. Archer and Myles S. Lewis, Company D.

Twelve 100 Per Cents . . .

"Some time ago there appeared an article in the California Guardsman about some unit in the southern part of the state which has acquired eight Excellent Attendance streamers," a member of Headquarters

Members of Company D, Oakland, are mourning the loss of Pvt. 1 Cl. Robert T. Lowe, a fine soldier and a fine friend, who died September 15 from injuries received in an automobile accident. Members of the company attended the funeral services.

Company points out, "but the members of this outfit can point with justifiable pride to a board in the locker room on which are mounted streamers and banners from 1925 to 1936, inclusive, with the exception of 1934, a total of twelve years. While we have suffered severe losses this year to universities in the south and east, we are confident a larger board will have to be procured during the next two years."

Dan Cupid has his sights lined on the members of Headquarters Company, apparently, and the casualty rate is becoming alarming. Among his recent victims are 1st Lt. George C. Herron, the company commander; Sgt. Dick Smith, communications sergeant; and Sgt. Don Jenkins, supply sergeant. Staff Sergeant Roy

Saxton is destined to be the next to go, October 30.

Start With Enthusiasm . . .

The new year's training has been started with enthusiasm, and an athletic and social program is well under way in Company A, the latter opening with a company dinner at the California Hotel in Oakland August 25 attended by more than fifty persons.

During August written and practical tests were given fifteen candidates to create an eligible list for promotion to corporal. Six were successful, the highest being Pvt. Reider A. Waage, a former Marine.

At the next company ceremony Sgt. Leland W. Domes expects to receive his fifteen-year medal.

Sergeant Domes enlisted in Company A shortly after its reorganization following the war, was promoted to sergeant within six months, and since that time—with a brief interlude as first sergeant—has served as supply sergeant.

Matrimony Infectious . . .

Matrimony appears to be infectious in the ranks of Company B. Corporals Jean K. Bingaman and Leslie D. Blake and Pvt. Jefferson A. Casserly have recently slipped the yoke about their necks, and 2d Lt. Bernard J. Kitt has announced his engagement.

Men Gain Weight . . .

Seemingly camp was not so hard on the men this year, for members of Company D found on their return to the Bay Region that a majority of their number had gained from five to ten pounds each in weight.

The noncommissioned officers of the company held their quarterly get-together and party Friday evening, September 23, at the home of Sgt. Peterson.

With four vacancies for privates first class, Company D has been holding weekly examinations for promotion, and competition has been so keen that the men have the feeling that the tests were for commissions.

The only survivor to date is Pvt. Ward, who gained the distinction of passing with a grade of ninety-eight—and got the promotion.

2d Battalion . . .

● THE San Jose units of the 159th—2d Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Companies E and H—claiming one of the finest armories in the state, have been exceptionally busy throughout the summer, with an almost 100 per cent attendance on drill nights and at special occasions.

Under the command of Maj. Louis Van Dalsem, all units have taken everything in stride since camp and besides the scheduled functions have had several social affairs and outings.

The members of Company H, under the leadership of Capt. Charles E. Lynch and 1st Lt. Louis S. Solari, were hosts to their families and friends recently at their annual week-end bivouac and barbecue, held this year at Felton Grove of Big Trees, near Santa Cruz.

The company went into camp Saturday afternoon, and the visitors came in Sunday for an all-day outing and a barbecue lunch such as only Mess Sgt. Ben Ortega knows how to put out. The camp-fire session and wiener roast Saturday night, with Capt. Lynch discussing war-time experiences in France, was a highlight of the affair.

Second Lieutenant Jack F. Schwartz was recently transferred by the Bank of America from its San Jose to its Hollister branch. While the San Jose units suffered a loss, they are congratulating Lt. Schwartz on his promotion.

First Sergeant Joseph Schaffer of Company H, one of the oldest of the local Guardsmen in point of service, has reenlisted for the sixth consecutive three-year period. Sergeant Schaffer served in the Regular Army during the World War and today is most capably continuing that service.

Non-Com Guard Detail . . .

Priding itself on its originality, Company F, Alameda, came up with a new one at camp last summer, putting out an all-noncommissioned officer guard for the detail at the main gate at Camp Merriam for Governor Merriam's visit. In charge was 1st Sgt. Charles F. Atkinson.

The detail was highly commended by Governor Merriam for its efficiency and appearance.

The company feels that it is favored by an outstanding personality in Sup. Sgt. Dickson, better known as

'Honest Abe' or 'Forty Per Cent' Dickson. The men of the unit, fearing for solar effects on his proboscis



In Armory and Field With the 159th Infantry

1. 'Honest Abe' or 'Forty Per Cent' Dickson, supply sergeant of Company F, Alameda, and the awning and decorations supplied by solicitous buddies for his tent at Camp Merriam.
2. Members of the Company G, Berkeley, rifle team, winners of the regimental rifle match. Left to right: Sgts. Robert Percell and Frank Svihula, 1st Sgt. Harry Betts, Corp. John Kirby, Sgt. James Lindsey, and Pvt. Lawrence Van Gorder.
3. Company F rifle team, tenth place winners in the United States.
4. Company M, San Francisco, in action on battalion maneuver near Morro Bay.
5. A glimpse of a portion of the tents of the 3d Battalion, in bivouac at Redfield's Grove near Morro Bay, July 18.
6. Musketry team of Company B, Oakland, winners of the regimental musketry team match. Left to right: Corp Leslie D. Blake and Pvts. 1 Cl. James Weaver, Edwin B. Miller, James L. Doyle, and Jean K. Bingaman. Photo courtesy Capt. Vincent M. Hidalgo.
7. All-noncommissioned officer guard detail from Company F at the main gate to Camp Merriam. The detail was highly complimented by Governor Merriam on its efficiency and appearance.
8. Supporting the advance guard. Route formation of Company M through the woods south of Morro Bay.

—said to be somewhat overdeveloped by smelling out good trades—erected a highly descriptive awning over his place of business. It may be seen in the accompanying group of photographs.

Four members of Company F who went to the camp swimming pool last summer, merely for an afternoon's swim, swam away with the regimental relay race, and eight Company F boxers between them accounted for twelve matches in the camp boxing program, with Pvt. Moreira winning the regimental lightweight title.

3d Battalion . . .

● IN the reorganization of the National Guard after the World War the 3d Battalion of the 159th, all stationed in San Francisco, was federally recognized in 1922—Company I, January 3; Companies K and M, March 28; Company L, April 4; and Headquarters Company, June 13.

At that time the battalion was commanded by Maj. Adolphus E. Graupner, followed by Wayne R. Allen and George N. Browning. When Maj. Browning was assigned as regimental plans and training officer he was succeeded by the present commander, Maj. Leonard N. Dunkel. For some months Maj. Dunkel has been on duty in the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D. C. In his absence Capt. Frank G. Stoner commands.

Present-day company commanders are: Headquarters Company, 1st Lt. Melvin A. Zazzi; Company I, Capt. Arthur C. Schumacher; Company K, Capt. Albert C. Brown; Company L, Capt. Frederick H. Clark; and Company M, 1st Lt. Russell C. Cabot (acting).

Two Champions . . .

The battalion produced two champions at the boxing tournaments held last summer.

Private Jack Ryan won the lightweight title for Company M, and Pvt. John E. Zimmerman walked off with the heavyweight crown, although he is only a light-heavyweight, in which class he is now entered in the Golden Gloves Championships.

Military Demonstration . . .

At the recent military demonstration, Company I won the pennant for the best-drilled platoon. Company K set a record by taking the individual drill-down in one-two-three order, with best-drilled sergeant, corporal, and private. And Headquarters Company claims a 100 per cent average on its record of having won the only competitive drill in which it had a team entered, the wall-sealing contest.

Lose Company Clerk . . .

Company L reports the recent honorable discharge of Sgt. Henry A. Micklas, veteran company clerk of



Cadet Colonel John F. Moale
—Courtesy Oakland Tribune

nine years' service. Although the company felt his loss keenly, his place is being well filled by Corp. R. Michelsen, recently of the Regulars.

Four Sets Brothers . . .

Company L at the present boasts four sets of brothers on its roster: 1st Sgt. and Pvt. 1 Cl. Warwick, Sgt. and Corp. Walters, and Pvts. Joseph W. A. and Richard J. A. Suttles and George J. and Robert G. Weber.

Many Old-Timers . . .

The noncommissioned officer personnel of the battalion is well staffed with old-timers.

Company M claims an average service for its sergeants of seven

years. Some of the real old-timers are: Corp. Sigmund I. Walker, Co. K, nineteen years; St. Sgt. Charles Bressman, seventeen years; and 1st Sgt. Louis A. Wolters, Co. K, fourteen years.

Appreciate Hospitality . . .

For the night problems and bivouac which opened the second week of last summer's camp, the battalion was the guest of the John Redfield family and pitched camp in the Redfield Grove south of Morro Bay. All members of the unit agree that this was the most successful and enjoyable of any of the bivouacs held in its history, due in large part to the courtesy and thoughtfulness of the hosts.

The highlight of the outing was a bonfire and rally held in the evening, with community singing and individual entertainment in which the Redfield family joined.

The Redfields have invited the battalion to return again next year, and every man hopes that this can be arranged.

Is Cadet Colonel . . .

John F. Moale of the Oakland High School has been appointed cadet colonel of all the Oakland high school ROTC organizations. The appointment was announced at a dinner October 11 at the Castlemont High School under the auspices of Sword and Shield, ROTC honor society.

Cadet Colonel Moale has made a distinguished record both as a student and as a member of the ROTC in his school. As a member of Howitzer Company, Oakland, his record has also been outstanding. He was a member of the 159th Infantry mounted reconnaissance platoon that contributed largely to the success of the National Guard troops in the Fourth Army maneuver in 1937.

Second Lieutenant Clarence W. Parham, Jr., his platoon commander, presented him with his certificate of appointment.

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State Detachment Opinion

Medical Officer: You have a very bad case of indigestion. You had better drink a cup of hot water every morning.

Sergeant Spearman: I do, sir, but Sgt. Van DeWark calls it coffee.

General Mittelstaedt Commands 79th Brigade . . .

RICHARD E. Mittelstaedt exchanged the silver spread eagles of a colonel, veteran commanding officer of the 250th Coast Artillery of San Francisco, October 1 for the silver stars of a brigadier general, commanding general of the 79th Brigade, composed of the 159th and 184th Infantry regiments.

General Mittelstaedt was appointed to his present rank to succeed Brig. Gen. Wallace A. Mason, former commanding general of the brigade, who retired September 30 with the rank of major general.

The new brigade commander is a native of the city whose Big Gun regiment he commanded for so many years, San Francisco, where he was born April 28, 1884.

Service with the National Guard began in March of 1903, when he enlisted in Company B of the 1st California Infantry. Within three years he was a second lieutenant, elected by popular vote. Later he was to be elected first lieutenant of the same company.

It was while the general was still a second lieutenant in Company B of the 1st California Infantry that his military training was first put to the test. In 1906 fire and earthquake brought sore afflictions to the City by the Golden Gate. For thirty days the young lieutenant was on active duty with his troops.

In 1909 he transferred to the coast artillery, organizing the 6th Company, CA, as captain. Here he remained until 1915, when, at the unusually early age of thirty-one years, he was promoted to major.

● THE Mexican Border troubles, which gave field experience to so many of the older officers of the present-day Guard, afforded no training opportunities for the coast artillerymen, for they were not called out to patrol the border.

But 1917 brought the World War and the call to duty. The now major, following graduation from the Coast Artillery School at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, served for a time as commanding officer of Fort Barry in Marin County. Then he was assigned to the 67th Coast Artillery, a regiment of eight-inch howitzers, in France.

At Angers, France, the general's faculty for imparting knowledge to others was utilized to the best advantage. He served as director of instruction at the Heavy Artillery Training Center. After the Armistice was signed and artillery training was no longer required, he was commander of the casualty officers' depot at the same station.

In connection with the embarkation of troops at Tours, France, Gen.



Brig. Gen. R. E. Mittelstaedt

Mittelstaedt was transferred to Service of Supply, serving as G-1 on the general staff.

Returning to the United States in 1919, he was discharged with the rank of a lieutenant colonel, one grade higher than the rank he had held on active duty.

● BACK in California once more, the general was not for long satisfied with a mere Reserve commission. Therefore in 1920 he assisted with the reorganization of the Guard in northern California, helping to bring to life the organizations that have since been designated the 159th and

184th Infantry regiments and the 250th and 251st Coast Artillery regiments, the latter today anti-aircraft.

It was as major that Gen. Mittelstaedt started work with the organization that was to become the 250th Coast Artillery. He held the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Reserve, but there were no vacancies for lieutenant colonels at the time. Rather than wait for one, the general took a demotion to major. By 1921, however, he had not only regained his silver oak leaves but had in turn discarded them for spread eagles.

In December of 1923, when he was only thirty-nine years of age, he received from Governor Friend W. Richardson an appointment that is the life ambition of many men in the civilian military, that as the Adjutant General of California. He served in this capacity for seven years, under Governor Richardson and his successor, Governor C. C. Young. All this time, and until his promotion, he retained command of his regiment in San Francisco.

In 1925 Gen. Mittelstaedt attended the Army War College, completing the G-1 course.

In civil life the general is superintendent of the water department and commissioner of police in his home city of Sacramento. He is an ardent horseman and for years has been reelected to the post of president of the Sacramento Riding Club.

— C N G —

The apparent isolation of the United States has always caused us to lag behind in the matter of national defense. Once every generation regularly we have paid a frightful price for this neglect. A state of armed neutrality can preserve its neutral character much easier than unarmed neutrality can.

—Bernard M. Baruch.

— C N G —

In the most spectacular combat test staged during the recent big maneuver in the Hawaiian Department, a half-dozen planes of the 18th Pursuit Group, Wheeler Field, dropped piping hot chow by parachute to feed forty soldiers of the 2d Battalion of the 21st Infantry detached near Puuiki.

Guardsmen Greet Legionnaires . . .

WHEN 100,000 American Legionnaires stormed into Los Angeles for their national convention September 19, the California National Guard was prepared to greet them and to play a prominent part in one of the most important military conclaves in the history of the Pacific Coast.

The most colorful event of the convention, from the standpoint of the National Guard, was the activity in the armory that evening when two heroes of the famous Lost Battalion of the World War were decorated for bravery by Governor Frank F. Merriam and the 160th Infantry, Los Angeles' Own, commanded by Col. Wayne R. Allen, was presented on parade and in review to 5000 visiting Legionnaires and friends.

The recipients of Medals of Valor were Col. Nelson M. Holderman and Lt. Col. Leo A. Strome, both former Guardsmen of the 160th Infantry.

The story of outstanding valor of the two officers in France is contained in an affidavit of Maj. Gen. Robert Alexander, Ret., former commander of the 77th Division, to whom Col. Holderman and Lt. Col. Strome had been assigned from the 40th Division.

• **COLONEL HOLDERMAN** was assigned to command Company K of the 307th Infantry, and Col. Strome was assigned to head Company C of the 308th Infantry. Both units were destined later to become separated from the remainder of the division from October 2 to October 7, 1918, and thus became part of what was known as the 'Lost Battalion.'

General Alexander recited how the two men led their companies in defense of the position occupied by

the Lost Battalion, each man being wounded a number of times during the defense.



Col. Nelson Miles Holderman

Each officer displayed 'extraordinary courage and devotion' to duty far above the usual and thereby greatly contributed to the successful defense of the position, a defense which has made the episode of the so-called Lost Battalion an outstanding example of the heroic courage of

the American soldier.

It was told of Col. Holderman that he, in company with an enlisted man, armed with pistols and hand grenades, met, repelled, and dispersed, by killing or wounding, the entire personnel of an enemy raiding party attacking from the right flank, which defensive action saved a machine-gun position and prevented a successful envelopment of the right flank.

The courage of Col. Strome was recalled in that he, despite painful injuries, continued to direct his men at Argonne Forest, thus contributing to the valor of the entire battalion.

Right— Reviewing the 160th, Governor Frank F. Merriam, Maj. Gen. Walter P. Story, Gen. Charles Summerall, Lt. Gen. Robert L. Bullard, Gen. Parker, Brig. Gen. Harry H. Morehead, and Brig. Gen. Harcourt Hervey.
—Palace Photos

In his talk, Governor Merriam told the two ex-soldiers he felt it was noteworthy that both of them are still carrying on in behalf of their buddies during peace time. Colonel Holderman is in charge of the State Veterans Home at Yountville, and Col. Strome is on the board of directors.

Colonel Allen congratulated both World War heroes, stating he was proud to announce that both of them had at one time been attached to the 160th Infantry.

• **THE** parade and review of the regiment followed the presentation of medals by Governor Merriam. Joining Governor Merriam in receiving the review were several of the highest ranking military personalities of the World War, including Gen. Charles Summerall, former overseas commander of the 1st Division, and Lt. Gen. Robert L. Bullard, a former commander of the 1st Division, who is credited with having written one of the principal histories of the World War.

Ex-service men will not soon forget the able management of the huge parade through Los Angeles streets that lasted all day. This was under the direction of Maj. Gen. Walter P. Story, commanding general of the 40th Division, who was grand marshal. Lieutenant Colonel Morris Draper was adjutant general for the long line of march. For months Gen.

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Resolutions Favor Useful Legislation

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the officers of the National Guard Association be directed to take the necessary steps to defeat legislation which tends in any manner to reduce the authority of the governors over their respective military forces."

Unanimously favoring such phrases, the National Guard Association, meeting at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco September 26, 27, and 28, went on record as opposing the two bills that appeared in the seventy-fifth congress—H.R. 10,543 and H.R. 10,544—designed to withhold federal support from the National Guard in those states in which any unit of the Guard was called to active duty by the governor concerned for any purpose in connection with labor disputes or strikes and further materially reducing the authority of the respective governors over the National Guard of their states.

This was but one of fifty-eight resolutions seriously considered and adopted during the business sessions of the convention. From Monday morning, with the first introduction of resolutions, the resolutions committee, headed by Brig. Gen. Clifford R. Powell of New Jersey, toiled unceasingly.

Other resolutions and their import, in brief, were:

1. Opposes Ludlow Amendment.
2. Favors an increase in the Guard of 25,000, the first progressive increase toward an ultimate 435,000.
3. Favors amending Thomason Act to allow National Guard officers same opportunities for service with Regular Army now permitted Officers Reserve Corps.
4. Urges adoption of greatly accelerated program of rearmament with a view to rearming fully and equipping at the earliest possible time that portion of the land forces included in the initial protective force.
5. Favors appropriation of \$500,000 annually for conduct of National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.
6. Discussed in opening paragraph.
7. Requests inclusion in next War

Department budget of \$2,000,000 for construction of new National Guard camps.

8. Requests sufficient additional funds for placing facilities of all camps in proper state of repair.

9. Favors securing full armory drill pay for officers.

10. Opposes mailing of armory drill check directly to payee.

11. Would secure for range officers and shooters at Camp Perry same medical care and hospitalization now accorded those participating in summer training camps.

12. All active Guardsmen with more than one year's service to have same hospitalization privileges accorded veterans.

13. In case of permanent disability from injury suffered in line of duty, all necessary care and subsistence to be provided at government expense as long as may be necessary.

14. Guardsmen to be entitled to same benefits from pension and retirement laws as members of the Regular Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

15. Would assign permanent federal caretaker to each ordnance company.

16. Would provide clerical assistance for Property and Disbursing officers.

17. National Guard federal caretakers to be enabled to attend camp with their respective organizations without loss of pay.

18. Requests that certificates be so placed on payrolls, et cetera, that payee's signature will relieve officer of responsibility.

19. Would allow fifteen days' field training of limited number of men now assigned to Inactive National Guard.

20. Selected caretakers to attend some Quartermaster depot in order to receive proper training in repair and upkeep of motor vehicles.

21. Requests funds making it possible for each corps area to conduct service schools.

22. Requests that number of sergeant instructors be restored to that prior to decrease in 1932.

23. Would increase number of vacancies for National Guard officers to attend service schools.

24. Requests that congress provide

some form of insurance for Guardsmen while on federal duty.

25. Would correct injustice done war-time Property and Disbursing officers, who did not receive just credit for mobilization duties.

26. Would have enlisted men attend horseshoers' school at Fort Riley, Kansas, and would also make available yearly allowance of \$15 per horse until such time as sufficient trained Guard horseshoers are available.

27. Requests that proceeds from sale of manure and grain sacks continue to be used to supplement forage and bedding issue rather than be turned over to organization commander.

28. Favors bringing level of supply of cavalry materiel and equipment up to that of other arms and services.

29. Instructed president of association to cable greetings to Gen. John J. Pershing on twentieth anniversary of greatest battle ever fought by American troops.

31. Would obtain suitable sites and armories for District of Columbia.

32. Suggests changes in tables of organization of state staffs.

33. Would permit members of Air Corps to qualify for armory drill pay when participating in training flights away from appointed place of drill.

34. Would provide funds for allotment of ammunition to be used exclusively for joint training between artillery units and Air Corps observers.

35. Would increase enrollment in West Point to allow National Guard of each state and territory to have at least one appointment annually.

36. Requests policy be effectuated requiring that officers of Guard to be selected for duty with General Staff of Army be selected from lists of officers qualified for the service.

37. Would return to state and have credited in full to the Property and Disbursing officer all funds derived from sale of unserviceable or damaged goods.

38. Would increase maintenance of organizational equipment from 40c to 70c per year.

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Glimpses of the Convention . . .

ANOTHER annual convention of the National Guard Association of the United States has come and gone, and, if the many favorable expressions and comments are to be regarded seriously, it was the best in the history of the organization from every standpoint.

From the time delegates and visitors were registered by Capt. K. H. Leitch of the State Staff and members of his committee until they checked out of the hotel rooms that had been reserved for them by this same committee, it could be truly said by Maj. Gen. Walter P. Story, the general chairman, and every member of each committee that 'your wish is our command.'

As early as Friday afternoon preceding the convention opening the following Monday, some few of the delegates had arrived at the Fairmont Hotel, scene of the activities of the meet. By Sunday evening the chore of registering the many visitors had been practically completed.

● **PROMPTLY** at 10 o'clock Monday morning, September 26, the convention got under way, called to order by Brig. Gen. George E. Leach of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the president of the association. The invocation was delivered by Chap. (Lt. Col.) Stephen F. Barron of the 250th Coast Artillery, San Francisco.

Because of the pressure of official business in the capital, Governor Merriam, commander-in-chief of the California National Guard, found it impossible to attend the opening session of the convention. Speaking for him, Gen. Morehead welcomed the delegates in the name of the State of California. Brigadier General James C. Dozier of South Carolina, vice-president of the association, responded.

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco also found it impossible to be present. In his stead Dr. J. C. Geiger, director of public health for San Francisco, delivered the address of welcome to the city. General Leach responded to this address.

Following the announcement of committee chairmen — Brig. Gen. Herbert T. Johnson, Vermont, Time

and Place; Brig. Gen. Clifford R. Powell, New Jersey, Resolutions; and Brig. Gen. S. Gardner Waller, Virginia, Nominations—and a report from the committee on credentials, the meeting recessed until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

● **AS THE** convention reconvened, Brig. Gen. Milton R. McLean of Kansas, treasurer, stated with justifiable pride that every state in the Union now holds membership in the association and that all dues are paid to date.

Major General Albert H. Blanding, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, was the principal speaker of the afternoon, analyzing the present condition of the National Guard of the United States and stating some of the needs of the future.

Revealing startling improvement in the mechanization of the Guard, Gen. Blanding at the same time warned against the idea that soldiers can ride everywhere in mechanical conveyances. He stated that National Guard agencies were procuring 1000 new horses for the coming year, with complete delivery scheduled by December 1.

More regiments of field artillery fired this year with airplane observation than ever before, he declared.

General Blanding also pointed out that chemical warfare equipment has been increased and that funds have been allocated for the purchase of 2500 of the new semi-automatic rifles.

In his Report of the President, Gen. Leach pointed out the advances made in the work of the Guard and of the association during the past year.

Following consideration of resolutions and routine business, the officers recessed for the day, to take up social activities at a cocktail party in the Army and Navy Club.

● **FOR THE** visiting ladies there was a reception in their honor in the Laurel Court of the hotel. Mrs. Merriam, charming First Lady of California was hostess, greeting the visitors—ladies from California as well as those from out of the state. At 6:30 o'clock the ladies gathered at the New Shanghai Cafe for a Chinese dinner. Mrs. Story, wife of the commanding general of the 40th Division, served as toastmistress. Following the dinner there was a visit to Chinatown.

● **THE FIRST** speaker on the Tuesday morning program was Gen. James A. Drain of Washington, D.C., former national commander of the American Legion, the original ordnance officer of the 1st Division, AEF, and at the present time a member of the staff of the Social Security Board in the national capital.

Having served in the Guard through the ranks up to brigadier general and having been the Adjutant General of Washington—at that time the youngest Adjutant General

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Key to Pictures

1. The Adjutant General's dinner.
2. Governor Frank F. Merriam and Mrs. Merriam. To the rear of Governor Merriam may be seen Brig. Gen. Harry H. Morehead, the Adjutant General of California.
3. At the officers' cocktail party in the Army and Navy Club.
4. The ladies enjoy a genuine Chinese dinner.
5. The receiving line at the military ball. Crossing at the right is Brig. Gen. Jay H. White, the Adjutant General of Nevada.
6. The receiving line at the cocktail party.
7. Miss Betty Lou Hallagan of Iowa is faced with the difficult problem of choosing between the tried and true OD uniform, worn by Maj. Gen. Matthew Tinley, commanding general of the 34th Division, on the left, or the new dress blues, worn by Maj. Gen. Robert H. Tyndall of Iowa.
8. During a lull in the day's program, Mrs. Harcourt Hervey, chairman of ladies' activities, discusses the situation with Capt. Ernest C. Russell, AGD, SS, CNG, member of the general committee.
9. An individual table at the dinner.
10. Dimly in the background may be seen the speakers' table. At the extreme left is Governor Merriam, then to the right, Maj. Gen. Walter P. Story, Mrs. Merriam, Mrs. George E. Leach, and Mayor Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco.
11. General Morehead, left, and the past president of the association, Brig. Gen. George E. Leach of Minneapolis, Minnesota.
12. At Mrs. Merriam's reception in honor of the visiting ladies.
13. A business session of the delegates.
14. General Morehead in the receiving line at the military ball.
15. Major General Albert H. Blanding, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, registers at the Fairmont Hotel upon his arrival.
16. The ladies at the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park.

—Palace Photos



143d Field Artillery . . .

ENCOURAGING echoes from the 143d Field Artillery's encampment at Utah last June came with an official government report just released.

The report was received by Col. Otto E. Sandman of Stockton, commander of the regiment, from headquarters of the Ninth Corps Area through the office of the Adjutant General and Maj. John O. Hoskins and Loyal M. Haynes, both Regular Army officers. They were assigned by the War Department as instructors to the regiment. Captain Harry M. Schwarze of the 2d Battalion, 76th F. A., at Monterey completed the board.

With few exceptions the board found the entire maneuver and 3000-mile road march had been conducted excellently. Colonel Sandman was rated as 'superior' in his ability to command his organization properly in combat.

Following are excerpts from the actual report: "It is the opinion of the board that the battalion commanders and battery commanders have the general qualifications and professional fitness to plan and conduct properly the training of their organizations on mobilization and command properly their organizations in combat.

"The morale of the organization, as demonstrated throughout the march to Utah, the period at Camp W. G. Williams and return to California was exceptionally high.

"Noncommissioned officers were given responsibilities suitable to their various grades, and in most instances it was evident that their training had been thorough. In general they were allowed to learn by their mistakes, rather than cramp their initiative with too much detail as to 'how'."

The regiment includes units from Stockton, Lodi, Sacramento, Richmond, and Oakland.

On Fair Program . . .

Artillerymen of Battery D, Sacramento, entrucked Sunday, October 16, to journey to Placerville to participate in the afternoon program of the El Dorado County Fair.

Leaving the capital at noon, the convoy of two station wagons, four

trucks, and four 75-mm guns arrived in Placerville at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At 3 o'clock a field practice and a small maneuver was held, with Capt. Thomas P. Hawthorne of the 2d Battalion staff describing the movements of the men to the civilian spectators over a loudspeaking system.

Once again the pickup crew of BC detail men headed by Sgt. Albert Eister as chief came through to win the competition between three crews in unlimbering, emplacing, and firing one round. The time for the winners was three minutes flat, a noticeable improvement over the time in the same contest at the State Fair.

Serving with Sgt. Eister were the same crewmen who fired the first shot at the State Fair: Corp. Edward C. Vollman; Pvts. 1 Cl. Bert Wiley, Howard E. Brillhardt, Jr., and Byron S. Hastings; and Pvts. Ernest Horr and Eugene Phipps.

Captain George T. Gunston was in command of the battery, with 2d Lt. Edgar J. Hurley serving as second in command for the day.

Sworn In Before Battery . . .

A precedent in military procedure was set in the Stockton National Guard Armory last month when Capt. George E. Smith, commander of Battery C, administered the oath of enlistment to John Rizzo, a former member of the unit, before an assembly of the entire battery.

Past custom here has been to have only the enlisting officer and the incoming member present at the ceremony. It is believed to be the first time, in the history of Battery C at least, an organization has been permitted to witness the 'swearing in' ceremony.

Captain Smith stated such a ceremony should be rightfully observed by the organization and although the change had been made primarily because of Rizzo's past service with the battery, he planned to make it a permanent procedure. The oath was given in the armory clubroom following the regular drill period.

Rizzo was forced to 'quit' the outfit two years ago to attend school in the Bay Region. During his service he gained the rank of corporal and won the boxing championship

trophy in his weight at Camp Merriam three years ago.

"In civilian life these noncommissioned officers are swell fellows, but in uniform some of them aren't worth a whoop."

This frank statement by Pvt. 1 Cl. Clarence Summerfield, drew many laughs at the quarterly dinner party of the unit last month. First Sergeant Harold Marino, acting toastmaster, had announced all rank could be forgotten for the evening and everyone could express his opinions; so brave Summerfield took the flood to do just that.

The dinners are sponsored by ten-cent donations made each week by the men and are for the purpose of creating a closer social contact between enlisted men and their officers.

Moving picture camera highlights of the regiment's trip to Utah last June were shown to the group by 1st Lt. Bob Quick and Sgt. H. R. Ryland.

New Members at Home . . .

Following the recent Sunday drill, the new members of Battery A, Oakland, now feel at home.

Although the turnout was not quite all that could have been hoped for, those who were there were afforded an opportunity of learning something about field artillery.

Corporal Gross has returned to the battery after being injured. He suffered a rather severe injury to his hand but is now coming along nicely.

Executive Transfers . . .

Members of Battery E regret the loss of 1st Lt. Ninian L. Yuille, the former executive officer. He has been transferred to the 1st Battalion staff in Oakland at his own request in order that he might be better able to administer his personal business affairs.

First Lieutenant LaVerne N. Gill, a resident of Richmond, has been transferred from the 1st Battalion staff to take Lt. Yuille's place with the battery.

Enlistments: James Franklin, Ray Thomas, Allen Wainola, and Armond Giraud.

The Sunday drill of September 25 was spent at pistol target practice at the Richmond Police Range.



Exposition Armory

Center—Interior view of the Exposition Armory at Oakland, showing three basketball courts, two .22 caliber rifle ranges, and the gun and truck parks of the 143d Field Artillery.

Above and Below—Two views of the recently completed addition to the armory building, the lower picture showing the east or rear entrance, a glimpse of the Civic Auditorium, and in the foreground the softball diamond and parking grounds.

Art arrangement by 159th Infantry



Oakland, California

Company D, 115th Med. Regt. . .



Typical of many such cases occurring September 20 in Los Angeles during the day-long parade of the American Legion under a blistering sun, men of Company D, 115th Med. Regt., Long Beach, are pictured in action as they came to the aid of a woman who fainted from the effects of heat and closely packed throngs of spectators.

FOUR ambulances, a station wagon, and eighteen officers and men of Company D, 115th Med. Regt., Long Beach, assisted in first aid work during the American Legion's national convention parade in Los Angeles September 20.

That the scorching weather and the densely packed throngs created conditions under which many persons required the need of emergency attention is indicated in the report of 127 cases handled by the men and ambulances of the company. Scores of other ambulances operated by civilian organizations also were on hand rendering aid when needed.

The military contingent from Long Beach traveled a total of 538 miles, the speedometers indicated. Captain James B. Pettit, company commander, and Capt. Melvyn R. Miranda headed the group.

On the job and ready for action at 8 o'clock in the morning, the ambulance calls were few until 10 o'clock. From that hour until 4 o'clock in the afternoon the five vehicles were literally turning corners on two wheels hauling heat prostration cases from the curbs along the line of march to the various aid stations operated by the Red Cross. Heart attacks and automobile accident vic-

tims also were among those handled, several being evacuated directly to a nearby receiving hospital.

The men were agreed that this one day gave them more practical experience in loading and unloading litters and ambulances (NOT by the numbers!) and in actual ambulance driving than their entire time in the organization.

Enlisted men serving on the detail were 1st Sgt. Floyd Ingalls; T. Sgt. Milton Bickell; Sgt. Harold Sorenson; and Pvts. Chester R. Ramsdale, Frank H. Davis, Jack and Bill Needham, Millard Tate, Charles E. Williams, Joe G. and Murvin D. Bickell, Houston V. Campbell, Dale L. Hayter, J. McHenry, Joseph McLellan, and William J. Remington.

Social Events .

State Detachment
Holds Dinner Dance

Men of the State Detachment, Sacramento, and their ladies 'fell in' for mess and a dance at the Juanita Chateau, near Sacramento, Saturday night, October 8.

In attendance, as at all the Detachment activities, were Capt. and

Mrs. Kenneth H. Leitch, commanding officer and first lady of the unit.

The affair was arranged by the sergeants and corporals of the organization, headed by Sgt. Lyle B. Van Dewark.

Guests for the evening were Lt. Col. and Mrs. John F. Sherburn, Maj. and Mrs. M. G. Bullier, Capt. and Mrs. Ethelbert Foster, and Mr. and Mrs. Gould Bullier.

Private Quigley,
Capital Girl United

At nuptial rites in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento, Miss Mary Ellen Cheney became the bride of Pvt. James P. Quigley of the State Detachment Sunday, October 2.

The couple will reside in Sacramento, where Pvt. Quigley is employed as assistant arsenal storekeeper in the state arsenal.

The men of the Detachment offer their heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Pvt. and Mrs. Quigley.

Lt. Herron Wed
at Berkeley Rites

At a military wedding held at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley Saturday night, September 17, 1st Lt. George Clifton Herron of the 159th Infantry claimed Miss Alice Beatrice Bernard for his bride.

The rites were performed by Chap. (Lt. Col.) Reed B. Cherrington, 40th Division chaplain.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Grant Barker of San Jose, is a graduate of the nursing school of the San Jose Hospital and is a member of Delta Theta Tau. She was given in marriage by Col. John U. Calkins, Jr., commanding officer of the 159th Infantry.

Lieutenant Herron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Herron of Oakland. In civil life he is deputy county auditor of Alameda County.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the home of Col. and Mrs. Calkins.

Gala Crowd Attends
Harvest Time Dance

A gala crowd attended the Harvest time dance held at the armory of Company E, 185th Inf., Monrovia, the evening of October 7. The affair was sponsored by the Noncommissioned Officers' Club. Phil Dillinger and his popular Harmony

Garden orchestra furnished the music.

Friday evening, November 11, the Monrovia American Legion Post No. 44 and Company E are sponsoring an Armistice Day dance, with Phil Dillinger's orchestra playing.

Yuba City
Sergeant Weds

A military wedding with its accompanying pageantry was held at the armory of Company H, 184th Inf., Yuba City, Wednesday evening, September 28, when Miss Geraldine Smith of Chico became the bride of

184th Infantry . . .

THE annual recruit contest whereby the company will be filled with active men who will have several months training prior to camp has been inaugurated by Company F, Marysville. Last year the campaign was completed by February. It is believed that the same status can be obtained this year by November 1. This would give the majority of this year's new men three months more training preparatory to camp than the new men of last year had.

The contest is organized with the members of the company divided into four equal groups according to the alphabetical listing of their names. There is a ten-minute conference of each group at each drill. All problems are discussed and solved, if possible. The more difficult problems are considered by the officers of the unit.

A master chart that hangs in the locker room shows the relative standings of the four teams. The winning team is to be awarded a dinner—Chinese, Italian, or American, as it chooses. The winning individuals also receive prizes.

New Enlistments—Pvt. Thomas E. Amerman and Clayton S. Kellogg. Military work is new to both, but they are very interested and show promise of making fine soldiers.

Losses—Several key men have been lost recently, with regret to Company F. Second Lieutenant Edward L. Case transferred from active duty to reserve status because of removal from the community. First Sergeant George E. Anderson has been transferred to Placerville. Corporal Ever-

Sgt. Fayne B. Haynes of Company H.

The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Norman E. Haynes, Sr., father of the bridegroom and also a member of the company. Members of the company attended in a body.

Receiving with the bridal couple and their parents at a reception following the ceremony were Maj. and Mesdames Merle W. Bremer and Irwin Farington, Capt. and Mrs. Edward M. Kelly, and Lts. and Mesdames Clarence H. Pease and Harry Powell.

ett Pease has returned to school at the University of California at Los Angeles, and Pvt. 1 Cl. Carl A. Romelsbacher is attending the College of Agriculture at Davis.

Promotions—Ernest Kunde to first sergeant. Sergeant Kunde is a former Marine who was forced to give up his commission as second lieutenant in the company because of business interference but who hopes to be back in the commissioned ranks again in the near future.

Corporals Clyde M. Yank and Norman E. Fontes to sergeants.

Lose Good Men . . .

Headquarters Company, 2d Bn., Williams, has lost two good men since September 1. Sergeant Leland H. Winters and Corp. Ellwin L. Franke have both been discharged because of expiration of term of enlistment.

New Faces—Pvts. Felix E. Smith, William T. Stain, Loyal G. Nolta,

Richard S. Rescatore, and Walter C. O'Sullivan.

Chinese Noodle Feed . . .

September 21 Company G, Chico, held a Chinese noodle feed at the close of the weekly armory drill.

Following the drill period, the men assembled in the dining room, where Mess Sgt. Louis Stavas and Cooks George Clark and Robert Henderson, each wearing Chinese headgear, prepared the chicken noodle feed.

Recruits: Pvts. Garnett D. Schulze and Ivan L. Stegner.

Brotherly Love . . .

The Company D, Sacramento, scribe must have it in for Corp. 'Adonis' Dorr. This is the tale he tells:

At the State Fair, the company volunteered to put on a demonstration of the infantry howitzer. Only two men knew anything about the howitzer, Sgts. Fry and Briggs, and they were both needed in the drill.

Therefore a puppet leader was chosen. To give the crowd a thrill, Corp. Dorr was permitted to walk in a conspicuous place and wave his arms as if he were issuing hand signals. All orders during the exhibition drill were given verbally by Sgt. Fry in a voice that could not be heard by the spectators.

Just brotherly love—that's the stock in trade in Company D!

Two acting sergeants are vying for the permanent appointment. They are Charles Belknap and Bob Mabbutt.

Promotions—Pvts. 1 Cl. Horstmeyer and Moss to corporal and Pvts. Johnson, Patton, Schmidt, and Owen to private first class.

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Shooting News . . .

The Assistant Secretary of War
Washington
September 24, 1938

Dear Colonel Hardy:

I extend to you as team captain my heartiest congratulations on the winning of the Infantry Trophy by the California National Guard rifle team in the Infantry Match recently fired at Camp Perry. I want you to know that this fine achievement is appreciated.

To you, as team captain, goes a large part of the credit for winning because I feel sure the careful training and preparation of the team for this match were a reflection of your own efforts.

I wish that you would convey to the other members of your team my congratulations and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Louis Johnson,

The Assistant Secretary of War

Lt. Col. D. P. Hardy
California National Guard
Thru: The Adjutant General of
California
Sacramento, California

October 3, 1938

Hon. Louis Johnson,
The Assistant Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

Your considerate and sincere congratulations to the members of the combat squad of the California National Guard Rifle Team which won the 1938 Infantry Match at Camp Perry have been transmitted to the men concerned and published to the California Guard as a whole.

Aside from the temporary possession of the magnificent trophy awarded to the winner of this match, one of the most positive rewards of our victory has been the obvious respect extended to us by the members of the service teams to whose accurate and consistent shooting we must annually bow in the National Rifle Team Match. Congratulations have been lavishly offered by these splendid teams, thus further cementing the three-way brothers-in-arms feeling upon which the morale of the American army is built.

This match is one of the few fired in which the outcome is clearly the result of team effort and not simply

the aggregation of a number of individual scores. Eight unidentified elements of a line of skirmishers shoot at eight enemy targets appearing over the parapet for forty-five second intervals while the advancing line is at four different ranges and are rated upon their accuracy and distribution of fire as indicated by hits in the bullseyes. Penalties are exacted if any of the silhouettes are not completely riddled and the final score is given as a team total reflecting the control which the leader has over his squad and their ability to carry out his instructions through precise and systematic marksmanship.

The good wishes of such an official as yourself are thoroughly appreciated by those responsible for the selection and training of our squad, by the team officials, and by the firing members.

We send to you our appreciation of your letter and our best wishes for the continued success of your department.

Sincerely yours,
D. P. Hardy
Lt. Col. 250th C. A.
Team Captain

159th On The Range . . .

● STARTING the year 1938 with the third annual regimental small-bore competition to stimulate interest in gallery practice proved quite successful for the 159th and brought national recognition to several individuals and units of the regiment.

The regimental small-bore competition, consisting of a .22 caliber rifle team match and a musketry match, was fired at the Exposition Armory in Oakland January 9. All rifle companies were required to enter a team in each match, and other units were authorized to do so.

Both matches were nip-and-tuck affairs, and excitement prevailed until the last shot was fired. Company

G of Berkeley was successful in taking first place in the rifle team match, followed closely by Companies B of Oakland and F of Alameda. Other units in their order were Company K, Regimental Headquarters Company, D, C, L, E, and I.

The masterful target designations of Company B's corporal and the squad's skillful shooting, fire control, and fire distribution won its first place in the musketry match and the right to represent the regiment in the William Randolph Hearst Musketry Competition, in which it placed seventh out of forty-two national regimental teams competing. Company C was second in the musketry match, trailed by one point by Company L, with other units in the following order: Companies K, A, E, F, G, and I.



Capt.
Vincent M. Hidalgo

The Chief of the National Guard Bureau's Indoor Rifle Matches followed the regimental competition and found the 159th Infantry well represented, with Company F of Alameda taking tenth place out of 291 national competitors in the Company Team Match, the regimental team taking twelfth place out of thirty-three regimental entries, and Sgt. A. F. Buckley winning national honors by taking first place in the National Individual Match, with his teammates, Pvt. 1st Cl. Ord O. Kyte in third place, Sgt. John W. Hansford in fourth place, and Pvt. George Robinson in fifth place out of a field of 136 national individual entries.

The 159th Infantry was represented in the Chief of the National Guard Bureau's Regimental Match by Capt. Vincent M. Hidalgo as team captain, 1st Lt. Fred L. Hardy as team coach, and the following firing members: 1st Sgt. Julian Lesire, Co. C; Sgt. Arnold F. Buckley, Co. F; Sgt. Avonggalon P. Valtakis, Co. A; Sgt. Charles H. Russel, Co. B; Sgt. Sam H. Compton, Co. L; Sgts. Robert Percell and James Lindsey, Co. G; Sgt. John W. Hansford, Co. F; Sgt. William G. Everson, Co. B; and Pvt. 1 Cl. Ord O. Kyte, Co. F.

In the .30 caliber rifle matches the



1st Lt.
Russel C. Cobot

3d Battalion has managed to hold its own in the Marin County League and as a result was successful in placing three of its members on the California National Guard Team which participated in the National Matches at Camp Perry in September—1st Lt. Russell C. Cabot of Company M, 2d Lt. William W. Sweet of Company I, and Sgt. Sam M. Compton of Company L.

Organizing Rifle Team . . .

First Sergeant Alden has undertaken the organization of another rifle team in Headquarters Company, 159th Inf., Oakland, one which now gives promise of surpassing even the excellent showings of previous years.

In addition to the veterans, Sgt. Robert Jones and Corp. Irving Conley, he reports outstanding prospects in Sgt. Douglas Sherwen and Pvts. George M. Cornryn, Elmer E. Pfister, Harte E. Robertson, Henry H. Madson, and several others.

Fire Auto Rifle . . .

Ten members of Company B, 185th Inf., Hanford, recently journeyed to the rifle range to punch a few holes in the targets with the 'auto fire stick.'

Eight of the party were proficient enough to qualify as sharpshooters. They included 2d Lt. Lee G. Brown; Sgt. John Mayes; Corp. Robert Allen; and Pvts. 1 Cl. Gus McCuiston, Keith Howell, Alvert Barron, Earl Gibe, and Dave Johns. Corporal Jack Osburn and Pvt. 1 Cl. Byron Stephenson qualified as marksmen.

Gunners Receive Medals . . .

Twenty-eight members of Battery C, 143d F. A., Stockton, who passed last year's gunner examinations and pistol qualifications were awarded medals this month.

Those receiving medals and their classification were as follows:

Expert Gunner—1st Lt. Robert L. Quick; 2d Lts. Roscoe N. Nicholson and Charles B. Cross; Sgts. Carl Zuckor, H. R. Ryland, Harold Marino, Floyd Farnsworth, Chris Cota, and Verne Kinser; Corps. Joe Craig, Del Nichley, Al Gold, Ed St. John, Ben Cole, and Alvin Coleman; and Pvts. Harry Heckenlaible and Jesse Kinser.

First-Class Gunner—Pvts. George

Harris, Tom Hutcheson, Frank Ward, Alfred Weil, Jack Tesch, and Myron Lubin.

Second-Class Gunner—Pvt. Harold Cook.

Expert pistol awards went to Sgts. Zuckor and Ryland and Corps. Craig, Nichley, and Gold.

Participate In Shoot . . .

Sunday, October 9, the newly organized pistol team of Battery D, 143d F. A., Sacramento, journeyed to Oakland to participate in a regimental shoot. The men did not do particularly well but promise to do better once they have had a chance to get in a little practice.

Sergeant Robert F. Irvine was instrumental in organizing the new team and serves as team captain. Second Lieutenant William L. Harr is the team coach.

Other members of the team are Corp. Edward C. Vollman and Pvts. Robert D. Coster, E. Horr, and R. Horr.

— C N G —

To Plan Exhibit . . .

Brigadier General Harry H. Morehead, the Adjutant General, recently announced the appointment of a board of four officers of the California National Guard to meet for the purpose of planning a National Guard exhibit for the Golden Gate International Exposition.

Composing this board are Lt. Cols. Curtis D. O'Sullivan, Hq., 40th Div., of San Francisco and Benjamin C. Allin, CE, SS, of Stockton; Maj. Henry C. Newton, 160th Inf., of Los Angeles; and Capt. Ernest C. Russell, AGD, SS, of Sacramento.

No announcement has been made as to the type of exhibit that will be arranged for the exposition, but it is anticipated that the California National Guard will, as usual, be adequately represented before the people of its own state and visitors from every corner of the earth.

— C N G —

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115th Q. M. Regiment . . .

WEEK-END of September 24-25 meant 'bivouac' for the members of Headquarters Company, Berkeley, for they spent the two days at Fort Barry busy at range practice.

Captain Neil Hopping, the company commander, was in charge.

Twenty-six men made the trip, being accompanied by Sgt. Kelly (DEML), the sergeant instructor assigned to the unit. Although all the men were not eligible to fire for qualification, all did a certain amount of practice firing to acquaint themselves with the .30 caliber rifle. Of the ten men who fired the prescribed course, seven qualified.

The trip was made in the company trucks and was well conducted.

The unit was well treated by the Regular Army personnel stationed at the post. The quarters supplied were those used ordinarily by the CCC located at Fort Barry.

Operating the mess was the versatile mess sergeant, St. Sgt. Louis V. Heck, who outdid all his previous good work.

Humor was not lacking on the trip, a good example being Sgt. Heck's efforts to rouse the boys Sunday morning, beating the feet of the bunks with a broom and giving voice to lusty shouts in lieu of a bugle.

251st C. A. (AA) . . .

THE annual Armistice Day open house of the Long Beach units of the National Guard, when the public will be welcomed and invited to the armory to inspect the paraphernalia with which the Guardsmen work and view military exhibitions and contests among the personnel, is being worked out in connection with the Reserve Officers Association plans for the observance of the holiday.

Captain Clifford F. Beyers, commanding Battery G, by virtue of his present association with the National Guard and his former active work with the Reserve Officers Association, is chairman for the affair.

The open house program annually attracts large throngs of spectators.

The company returned to Berkeley Sunday afternoon and is eagerly looking forward to a similar trip in the near future at which instruction in the care and firing of the .45 caliber automatic pistol will be taken up.

Join Army, Marines . . .

Two members of Company B, Martinez, have been discharged in order that they may render full-time service in the armed forces of their country.

Corporal Kenneth C. Barry has enlisted in the Marine Corps, and Pvt. Charles P. Lindhurst has signed on as a recruit in the Regular Army.

Both men were very popular in the company, and their loss is keenly felt. The best wishes of their fellow QM's go with them in their new undertakings.

Detailed To School . . .

Second Lieutenant Charles W. Wallace, Co. C, Los Angeles, has been detailed to the National Guard and Reserve Officers Course, The Quartermaster Motor Transport School, Holabird Quartermaster Depot, Baltimore, Maryland.

Joining him at the school will be 1st Lt. Robert F. Hassard of Headquarters Company, Berkeley.

Music is provided and refreshments are made available. Rolling stock and field maneuver equipment is made accessible for inspection and Guardsmen stand by to answer questions. In the evening, officers and their wives will join for a dinner, afterwards attending the dance scheduled for all members of the Guard in the armory.

See Camp Scenes . . .

Films made by amateur moving picture camera fans during the annual encampment off the 251st at Ventura in August were shown at a gathering of officers and their wives at the Long Beach home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. George W. Oertly.

First Sergeant Jack Brissey of Battery F and Sgt. A. Lee Addy of Battery G filmed the majority of the scenes flashed on the screen. The cameras were taken into the air, onto the parade ground, and into the officers' quarters.

New Faces In Ranks . . .

Candidates for enlistment in the Long Beach units of the 251st first meet 2d Lt. V. D. McGuffin, newly appointed recruiting officer, on their way to becoming full-fledged Guardsmen.

An outstanding recruit of the past few weeks was enrolled for Battery H when Pvt. Gerald D. Kint, a World War veteran and an active Mason, was enlisted. Private Clinton E. Ratcliff, enlisted for Battery G, has had previous National Guard experience in the middle west.

Others donning the olive drab during September were Pvts. O. Bertrand Peterson and Keith R. Dickau for Battery G; William Burke, Maurice D. Hoover, Avoy J. Mattson, and Stephen E. Harris for Battery H; Jack C. Lee, Paul E. Bailey, and Elliott Nowlin for Battery F.

Personnel Changes . . .

Changes in the noncommissioned officer personnel of Battery G since the unit returned from the field training period at Ventura in August find Sgt. Eugene L. Addy and Corp. Walter Reed, the latter promoted, in charge of supplies, in place of Sgt. Ed McDaniel, whose enlistment expired. A new sergeant is former Corp. Herbert K. Baldwin, and two new corporals are John Klamorick and Carl E. Brimhall. Corporals Al Comeaux and Douglas Poland severed their connection with the Guard upon their return from camp.

New Non-Coms . . .

A new topkick and a new line sergeant are serving Battery H as the unit swings into its fall and winter training schedule. Sergeant L. E. Bothell, former first sergeant of Battery G, took over the duties of first sergeant of Battery H when 1st Sgt. Al Seydel left the organization upon the expiration of his enlistment last month. His confirmation as the unit's new first sergeant came September 12.

The name of the new line sergeant was determined by an examination conducted October 5, the results of which were not released in time for this issue of the Guardsman. Two new corporals also were appointed from the group taking the examination.

Sergeant Robert Fowler left Battery H to attend a school of higher education in a distant city.

Camp Discussed . . .

Criticisms, mostly constructive, regarding the August field training camp of the 251st Coast Artillery (Antiaircraft) at Ventura, were invited and given by officers of the 2d Battalion when they were guests of Maj. Fred A. Wright, battalion commander, at a dinner served in the Long Beach armory. All were agreed that the 1938 camp was the most satisfactory and operated the smoothest of any of the regimental camps within their memories.

In addition to Maj. Wright, host, and Lt. Col. George W. Oertly, regimental executive, the following were present: Capts. Harold J. Lovejoy, Vivian Rapp, Clifford F. Beyers, Raymond W. Kelso, and Vern J. Brustkern; 1st Lts. Fred Thompson, Hugh Hixon, Julian Phillipson, Orlo Peugh, Willis T. Lyman, and Scott McIntire; 2d Lts. V. D. McGuffin, John E. Hasper, Frank Jarvis, and Dan Gulko.

Receives Present . . .

Captain Vern J. Brustkern, commanding Battery H, observed the passing of another milestone October 3, and on that occasion the non-commissioned officers and men of his battery presented him with a smoking stand at a post-drill assembly in one of the armory clubrooms.

The affair was instigated by Sergeant Art Shunk. Private Lyle Boardwell made the gift presentation. Two days later, Capt. Brustkern observed the completion of thirteen years as a Guardsman, when officers of the Second Battalion assembled as guests of Maj. Fred Wright at the above-mentioned dinner party in the armory.

Veteran Sees Parade . . .

Comrade C. L. Chappel, 95, Long Beach Civil War veteran, has a real friend in Lt. Col. George W. Oertly,

executive officer of the 251st. Colonel Oertly made it possible for the aged warrior of another day to witness the gigantic parade of Legionnaires through the Los Angeles Coliseum during the recent convention in that city.

Colonel Oertly was marshal of the fifth division of the big parade, assisted by a staff of officers from the Long Beach and San Pedro units of his regiment. He provided Chappel with transportation to and from the huge bowl and arranged for his accommodation in the reviewing stand.

Assisting Col. Oertly with the fifth division were Maj. Fred Wright; Capts. Vivian Rapp and Clifford F. Beyers; 1st Lts. Julian Phillipson, Scott McIntire, and Willis T. Lyman; 2d Lts. V. D. McGuffin, John E. Hasper, F. H. Jarvis, and Dan Gulko. Major Martin Luther Thomas, regimental chaplain, also accompanied Col. Oertly as a staff officer. Also assisting were Maj. W. E. Robinson, Ord. Res., and 1st Lt. Harold Theinhaus, 63d C. A. Res., both of Long Beach.

Three station wagons were required by the Guardsmen for various transportation details during the day. They were driven by Sgts. William McLean, D. Lehman, and Harry Macon.

Promotions . . .

With the enlistment of one sergeant of Battery F in the Regular Army, the leaving of a second to enroll in an eastern school, and the transfer of a corporal to another unit, five of Battery F's personnel are listed with higher ratings this month.

When Sgt. Clarence M. Burns enlisted in the 3d Coast Artillery, USA, at Fort MacArthur, Corp. J. Wilson was promoted to sergeant. When Sgt. Edward M. Vance was relieved to attend school, Corp. Melvin R. Hulse was promoted to sergeant. When Corp. Jack Gillispie was trans-

ferred to the 1st Battalion at San Diego, Pvt. 1 Cl. R. J. Whittelsey was advanced to a corporal's rating. Filling other vacancies in the ranks of corporals are Pvts. William R. Bright and Earl H. Clark.

Camp But A Memory . . .

Another summer encampment is but a fond memory for members of Service Battery, San Diego.

There were many lessons learned at Ventura and methods for improvement observed. The personnel as a whole was far superior to that of previous years.

The battery took second place in the track meet. Although no organized interbattery indoor baseball schedule was arranged, the team showed its superiority in all contests arranged for independently.

Representing the 251st in the recent National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, was Pvt. 1 Cl. George A. Simpson, anomalously enough from the section of Service Battery normally armed with nothing more lethal than a saxophone or piccolo—the band section.

For his outstanding efforts, Pvt. Simpson was awarded three medals: a silver medal as a member of the California National Guard eight-man team winning the Herrick Match; a bronze medal and cash award in the Members' Match; and a merit medal of bronze in the Navy Match. In the last two events he was participating in competition with 2000 riflemen.

Promotions . . .

Several promotions have been announced in Battery C, San Diego, based on outstanding work at the 1938 summer encampment:

Private First Class Joseph T. Warren to corporal and Pvts. Otto W. Wolgast, John C. Bradbury, and Dick M. Ladd to private first class.

New faces in the ranks: Pvts. Erwin H. Ernst, P. S. Hanley, J. P. Speros, and Robert D. Walton.

— C N G —

Mike—What's that in your pocket?

Hayward (in whisper)—Dynamite. I'm waiting for Schuster. Every time he meets me he slaps me on the chest and breaks my pipe. Next time he does it he will blow his hand off.

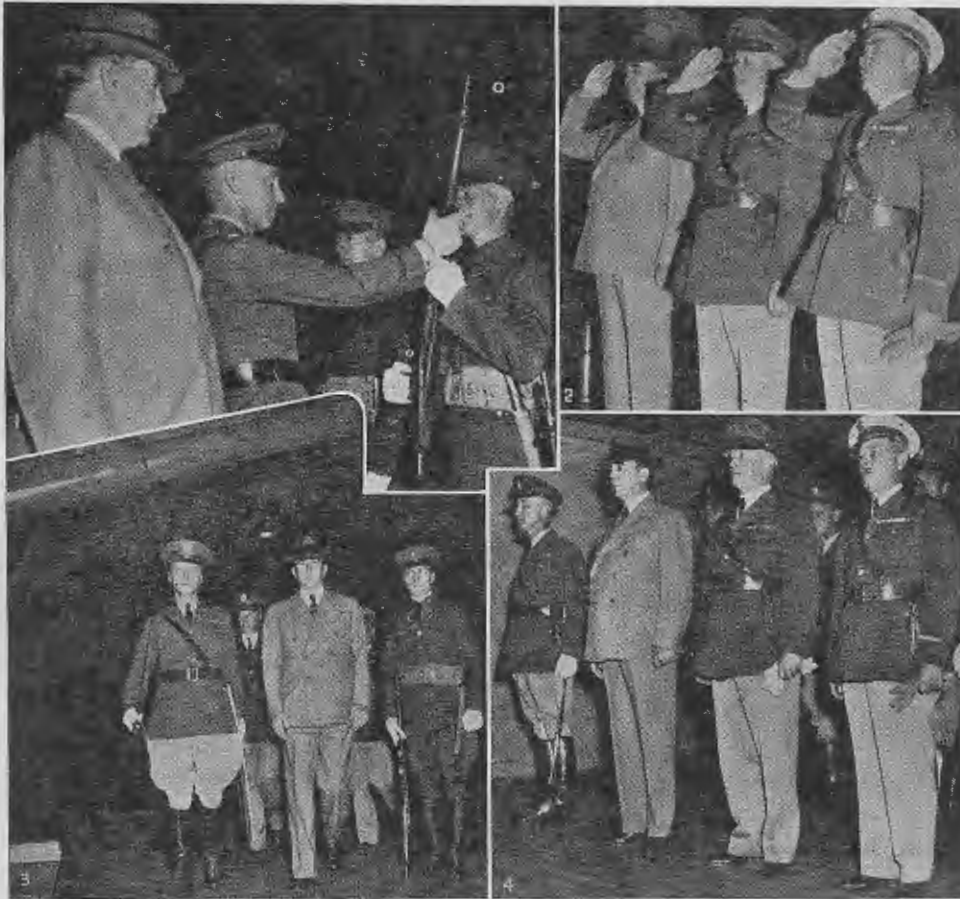
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General Blanding Visits the 250th Coast Artillery

It was a night of nights at the 250th Coast Artillery Armory in San Francisco when Maj. Gen. Albert H. Blanding, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, visited the Big Gun regiment, for it was also the final review of the veteran commanding officer, Col. Richard E. Mittelstaedt, before he assumed the silver stars of a brigadier general in command of the 79th Brigade.

1. Even the Big Gunners have rifles, and Gen. Blanding looks on as Col. (now Brig. Gen.) Mittelstaedt inspects one of them.
2. General Blanding; Brig. Gen. Harry H. Morehead, the Adjutant General; and Col. O. C. Wyman, FA Res., of Sacramento.
3. In the shadow of a 155-mm rifle, Col. Mittelstaedt and Gen. Blanding. In the rear may be seen Gen. Morehead.
4. Colonel Mittelstaedt, Gen. Blanding, Gen. Morehead, and Col. Wyman.

250th Coast Artillery . . .

THE tumult and the shouting have died; the captains and the major generals have departed; the gold braid has been put back in its tissue paper; and the blues have been folded up. The motor equipment has been returned to the garage, and the armory has settled back into routine. In other words, the convention is over.

But it was great while it lasted, and all who were able to attend the day sessions report that the program was extremely instructive.

The regiment was honored

Wednesday night, September 28, by a visit from Maj. Gen. Albert H. Blanding, Chief of the National Guard Bureau. A review was held in his honor.

General Blanding expressed himself as particularly pleased with the appearance of the regiment and congratulated the officers and men on the possession of one of the best armories in the United States.

Promoted To Captain . . .

Congratulations are in order for Capt. Alfred Virag, now command-

ing Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 1st Bn.

Captain Virag joined the regiment eleven years ago and has worked his way up from the grade of private in Battery C.

Infantry Night Planned . . .

Preparations for the annual Infantry Night November 16 have been going forward during the past month. At the present time the battalions have selected their representative batteries, and these organizations are now undergoing intensive training. Those selected were Batteries A, C, and E.

185th Infantry . . .

THOUGH they will admit there may be larger companies and companies just as good (but they doubt it), the men of Howitzer Company, Riverside, defy any other unit in California to come forth with the statement that it ever had a three-ring circus on its hands.

The circus steamed into the city September 18 with whistles blowing and elephants wheezing . . . then all at once things went to pieces.

Captain Franz Schulte, the company commander, in his civilian capacity of chief civil deputy of the sheriff's office in Riverside, found himself virtually a dictator of the entire shooting match. The Guard was turned out, while frightened citizens phoned in with such remarks as, "You may think I'm nuts, but I hear lions roaring somewhere near town."

Cigars have been handed out by Pvt. Marvin Smith and William Robinson. For the former it was a baby girl, while for Pvt. Robinson it was in celebration of his marriage.

An honorary firing squad was furnished by the company at the funeral services for Dr. Jones, formerly Riverside County health officer and a major in the army during the war.

Honorary Colonel . . .

Wednesday, September 7, members of Company M, San Bernardino, were greatly enthused when Sgt. John T. Stewart announced the arrival of a future honorary colonel for the California National Guard, a baby girl weighing seven pounds, fifteen ounces.

Athletes in Action . . .

PLAY in an impromptu volley ball league at the Oakland station was recently concluded.

Not a great deal of skill was evidenced, since this was the first time the game had been tried, but the men derived a great amount of enjoyment from trying. Battery B emerged as the unofficial champions.

The basketball league at the station gets under way November 15, about two months earlier than last year. The Oakland league consists of six teams with ten nights of play, each of the teams meeting each other team twice.

The league, consisting of two halves, will find the first half concluded before Christmas, the other half to be played after the first of the year.

On paper, Battery E appears to be the class of the Oakland league.

Cage Prospects Good . . .

Again this year Battery E, 143d F. A., Richmond, expects to put a strong cage team on the floor in the

regimental basketball league. It is the fond ambition of the men of the team to win the station title once more and have another crack at Battery F of Lodi for the regimental championship.

Iron Out Kinks . . .

Looking to a successful season in basketball, Company B hoopsters of the 185th Infantry, Hanford, are already to get the kinks ironed out in anticipation of a full season and the possibility of competing with leaders of the 2d and 3d Battalion basketballers.

Veterans of last season's successful team are Sgt. John C. Mayes; Pvts. 1 Cl. Harry Yeghoian, James Yeghoian, and Dave Johns; and Pvt. Joe Rose. New prospects include Pvts. Albert Barron, Gus McCuiston, and Benton Raney.

The Company B quintet was the leading aggregation in the San Joaquin Valley league of National Guard companies. Other units having teams in the league included

Headquarters Company, Service Company, and Company C of Fresno and Company D of Visalia. Second Lieutenant Louis E. Patterson, athletic officer, was instrumental in forming the league.

Cagers Clear for Action . . .

The first rumble of the approaching basketball season was heard in the Stockton Armory last month when Pvt. 1 Cl. Thomas Hutcheson of Battery C, 143d F. A., was placed in charge of equipment and the organization of a squad by 1st Lt. Robert Quick, athletic officer was begun. Private Hutcheson has been a stellar player on the battery team for the past two years.

A captain has not yet been selected, but it is probable Corp. Ben Cole, spark-plug on the squad for the past three years, will head this year's quintet.

Winner's Name Omitted . . .

Sergeant Art Shunk of Battery H, 251st C. A. (AA), Long Beach, knocked out his opponent in the regimental boxing tournament at Ventura during the field training

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period and through an inadvertency failed to receive mention of his victory in the published list of winners among 2d Battalion participants. The knock-out came early in the first round. Sergeant Shunk received a medal emblematic of the regimental championship in his weight.

League Dates Announced . . .

Captain Frank L. Assalena, brigade station athletic officer for the Sacramento units, announces that the basketball league for the station will begin in January.

Company B of the 184th Infantry last year won the station cage title.

The indoor baseball league began October 20. The team representing Company D of the 184th was last year's champion aggregation.

Tournament Promised . . .

Some lively handball games are in store for members of Company E, 185th Inf., Monrovia, following the installation of a court. Tournaments are in the offing, with prizes to be awarded the winners.

A badminton court is to be installed, and within a few weeks members of the unit may also play shuffleboard. Later on it is hoped to install a basketball court and enter a team in the Monrovia City League.

More Athletic Minded . . .

Units of the 159th Infantry stationed at the Exposition Armory in Oakland are becoming more and more athletic minded, although the program is confined principally to basketball and softball.

In the latter part of 1937 three basketball courts were constructed at the armory and were kept occupied both after drill Mondays and Wednesday evenings.

The regimental elimination series brought up as finalists Company G of Berkeley and Company B of Oakland, with the latter emerging as the regimental champion only after an exciting battle. Since camp the courts are busy every night in the week, with at least one team from each outfit concentrating its efforts toward taking the title away from Company B.

The softball season opened early in the year with the organization of the Owl League, so-called because all games are played after drill at

night on the lighted diamonds in the rear of and adjoining the armory. Teams were entered from Companies A, B, C, and G; Headquarters Company, 1st Bn.; and Howitzer Company. Company C came through the season as the victor.

The success of the league was such that it will be reorganized in the spring, and there is talk of entering a team or two in one of the city leagues.

Unable to find any baseball competition within the regiment, Company C has organized a team to play Sunday hardball and plans to enter the East Bay Winter League as soon as the semi-pro tournament is concluded. The team is managed by Corp. Ronald A. Codeglia and Sgt. Louis Casciani, and practice is held every Saturday noon.

The team lineup is: R. Codeglia, 1b; R. Denham, 2b; R. Kreuger, ss; E. Castelloti, 3b; G. Barnes, lf; F. Gold, rf; E. Barnes, cf; L. Casciani, c; and G. Barnes, L. Sowers, and N. Alexander, p. Substitutes are P. Woodbury, D. Sowers, D. Jones, W. Sowers, R. Anderson, M. Bruce, L. Sowers, and N. Alexander. All the men are seasoned veterans.

Any National Guard company desiring a game with the team should contact Louis Casciani, 2828 Ninth Street, Berkeley.

The softball team of Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., Oakland, having lost twice to Company C to give the latter company the title, is ready to go again. Pending the revival of the softball schedules, however, the men have gone out for basketball.

Captain Franklin E. Winnie's Whirlwinds of Company B, Oakland, are practicing with the hope of making it four straight as regimental cage champions. The team will miss Al Higgins, high-scoring man of last

year, but will be hard to beat, according to Team Captain Davidson.

Included on the roster of the Whirlwinds are Corps. Robert E. Nichols, Joseph J. Ornellas, and Jack Robles; Pvts. 1 Cl. Howard Bishop, Alfred G. Higgins, Jack A. Cramer, and Melvin A. Kohles; and Pvts. Kenneth C. Davey, Rockwell E. Blondon, Jake Davidson, and Clark E. Johnson.

Company C has stepped out and won the East Bay softball championship, under the management of Ray Denham and the leadership of Sgt. Frank Gold, the pitcher. Composing the team were Sgts. Casciani and Gold; Corps. Woodbury and Codeglia; and Pvts. Anderson, G. Barnes, E. Barnes, Kreuger, MacLeod, L. Sowers, and D. Sowers.

The team lost out to Company E of San Jose for the regimental title at Camp Merriam last summer but is now preparing for a more successful series next summer.

In sports, Company D, Oakland, feels that this is one year when it is going to give the regiment some competition in basketball. Most of the old men from last year are still going strong, and several of the new men have proved that they know their way around a court.

Composing the squad this year are Corp. Cardoza, coach; Corp. Rodriguez, team captain; Pvt. 1 Cl. Horn; and Pvts. Varcalla, Johnson, Young, Keteles, Borrgew, and Herrick.

Company E of San Jose has been enjoying a victorious season at baseball with its all-company nine under the enterprising generalship of Sgt. Paul E. Laden. This clever crew has swatted its way into the sports pages of the San Jose newspapers with a regularity that has put the 2d Battalion in the front-line news trenches.

Softball has held the spotlight in battalion sports for the past few months, and Company K of San Francisco won the battalion honors in the regimental championships at Camp Merriam but was later eliminated in the semi-finals.

A well played battalion schedule had been played prior to camp, with all companies represented and showing much interest. Headquarters Company, dark horse of the league, shut out Company K, 13 to 0, to end the series in a tie with three won and one lost each.

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in the United States—Gen. Drain spoke from vast experience in comparing military conditions of today with those of earlier days.

“Our country is better prepared for war today than at any other time in its history except directly after it had ended a war,” Gen. Drain said, “but much remains to be done.”

The other speaker of the morning was Maj. Gen. Walter C. Sweeney, commanding general of the 3d Division, Fort Lewis, Washington. Saying that he was speaking entirely for himself and not as a representative of the War Department, Gen. Sweeney had only praise for the National Guard, stating that in its form of organization the Guard is ‘consistent with the American scheme of things.’

General Sweeney commanded the Regular Army troops that opposed the Guardsmen of the 40th Division during the Fourth Army maneuver at San Luis Obispo in 1937. Referring to his experiences there and during other times of contact with the avocational soldiers, he said that he was astounded, astonished and delighted with the technical ability displayed by Guardsmen.

Demonstrating that he thinks beyond soldiering as an entity, Gen. Sweeney paid high tribute to the mothers, wives, and sweethearts who spend lonesome evenings alone while their menfolk are preparing themselves for possible emergency.

● APPEARING on the speakers’ platform at the afternoon session was a man who for twelve years—and until the march of the years brought enforced retirement—directed the destinies of the 40th Division, Maj. Gen. David Prescott Barrows, Ret. A widely known expert on foreign political and military affairs, Gen. Barrows addressed the assembly on a question that was then uppermost in the minds of everyone fearing for world peace, the Czechoslovakian situation.

Having seen service with the Czech soldiers in Siberia during the World War, Gen Barrows spoke from experience. He stated that he believed the Czechs were comparable to the Germans in number and arms.

General Barrows’ talk was broadcast through courtesy of Columbia

Convention Echoes

Oklahoma City
October 3, 1938

Brig. Gen. Harry H. Morehead
The Adjutant General
Sacramento, California

My dear General:

I arrived home O.K. on Friday afternoon, and I am taking this opportunity to thank you and the officers and men of the California National Guard for a most pleasant and enjoyable visit in San Francisco. Your personal courtesies and the favors done me by the officers and men will always be remembered by me and they contributed to a much greater extent than you realized to the happiness and pleasure of not only myself, but all of the delegates from Oklahoma, and I feel certain of all the delegates to the convention.

Thanking you again and expressing the hope that I may continue to enjoy your friendship in the years to come, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. F. Barrett
The Adjutant General

◆
Seattle, Washington
October 5, 1938

Brigadier General H. H. Morehead
Adjutant General,
State of California

Dear General Morehead:

As one of the delegates to the National Guard Convention, I want to thank you and the officers who assisted you for the very fine entertainment that California provided for the officers of the National Guard. The many thoughtful provisions that you made for our comfort added immeasurably to the pleasure of our stay in San Francisco, and to the success of the work at the Convention.

I have heard many compliments on returning home from people who heard the broadcast at your dinner. The number of comments I have heard indicate that it was listened to by many people, and that it was interesting enough so that no one tuned out.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Albert H. Beebe
Brigadier General
66th F. A. Brigade

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● Tuesday was the outstanding day of the convention from the so-

cial standpoint. For the ladies there was a tour of San Francisco, returning to the Fairmont Hotel at 5 o’clock.

Then, at 7:30 o’clock, in the Terrace Ball Room, came the Adjutant General’s dinner. General Story served as toastmaster, introducing the speakers: Governor Merriam, Gen. Leach, and Mayor Rossi.

The dinner may best be described by the words of Gen. Leach to Gen. Morehead: “This is the nicest party I have ever seen, and I have seen them all.”

For the half-hour period from 9:15 to 9:45 o’clock, the activities at the dinner were broadcast over a national hookup through courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company. Again Gen. Story served as toastmaster, introducing Gen. Morehead, Governor Merriam, and Gen. Leach. General Leach told of the purposes of the convention, agenda, et cetera.

Following this there was an informal discussion of activities of the Guard in each section of the United States, the speakers grouped around the microphone with Gen. Leach presiding.

The speakers and the states represented were: New England, Brig. Gen. William S. Ladd (Gen. Ladd was prevented from attending the convention by flood disasters in his home state of Connecticut; therefore his talk was read by a substitute); Atlantic Seaboard, Maj. Gen. E. C. Shannon; Deep South, Brig. Gen. Ray W. Fleming; Middle West, Brig. Gen. Charles H. Grahl; Southwest, Brig. Gen. A. M. Tuthill; and Northwest, Brig. Gen. Maurice W. Thompson.

Major General Milton A. Reckord gave a summation of aims, purposes, and the reason for the existence of the National Guard as a whole.

An outstanding radio personality presented at the microphone was Hal Burdick, famous as the ‘Night Editor.’ He told a military story in his inimitable manner.

Concluding the activities of a busy day was the military ball in the Gold Room from 9 p. m. to 2 a. m. This was carried over the air on a thirty-minute National Broadcasting Company hookup.

● WEDNESDAY morning found the officers answering the call to order promptly at 9:30 o’clock to complete the work of the conclave.

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The Efficiency Report

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opportunity for judging properly. It offers no problem, however, when the opportunity is present.

3. Military bearing and neatness (dignity of demeanor; neat and smart appearance.)

Here's one the importance of which is obvious, as the uniformed officer, especially in peace time, is a man conspicuously apart from his civilian brethren. Being thus conspicuous, his uniform and accoutrements should be able to withstand

the closest scrutiny. Test him, mentally, on these:

Is his uniform clean, occasionally pressed, well fitted, and of regulation material and cut? Is he 'getting by' with a World War uniform of obsolescent style, and cut along lines which are no longer able successfully to cope with his subsequent anatomical changes? Are his service and other authorized ribbons, if any, properly placed, clean, and unfrazzled? Is his 'hardware' properly worn, cleaned and brightened? Does his 'leather' give evidence of proper care and attention? Does he appear in public wearing incongruous combinations of civilian and military attire?

Some officers may attain a degree of 'dignity of demeanor' while being guilty of the derelictions outlined herein, but there are not many such.

4. Attention to duty (the trait of working thoroughly and conscientiously).

This one needs no special elaboration except, possibly, to determine whether the thoroughness and conscientiousness is present when the work is not subject to immediate observation of military superiors.

5. Cooperation (acting jointly and effectively with another, or others, military or civilian, to attain a desired objective).

No special comment here. It is merely our old friend 'team work.'

6. Initiative (the trait of begin-

ning needed work or taking appropriate action on one's own responsibility in absence of orders).

No comment.

7. Intelligence (the ability to understand readily new ideas or instructions).

You might think that if a deficiency exists, Alonzo had no right to a commission in the first place. But it is a matter of degree.

8. Force (the faculty of carrying out with energy and resolution that which on examination is believed reasonable, right, or duty).

No special comment.

9. Judgment and common sense (the ability to think clearly and arrive at logical conclusions).

This ties in somewhat with No. 7 above. Be consistent.

10. Leadership (capacity to direct, control, and influence others in definite lines of action or movement and still maintain high morale).

Here is one of paramount importance. It should be considered in connection with most of its preceding sub-paragraphs, since the rating on them should support, in great measure, your opinion on this one.

It might be well, at this point, because of their mutual interdependence, to caution generally against inconsistent ratings in Paragraphs E, F, and H.

Paragraph I—During the period covered by this report, has he taken advantage of the opportunities afforded him to improve his professional knowledge?

One of the most efficient means for improving professional knowledge is found in the extension courses made up at the various service schools and offered by the War Department. Has your reportee enrolled for any of these courses? If 'yes,' has he successfully completed any given him? Or does he appear to feel that enrolling was sufficient?

Paragraph J—Has he exhibited any weaknesses — temperamental, moral, physical, et cetera—which adversely affect his efficiency? If 'yes', describe them. (FACT or OPINION —line out one.)

Handle this one with care and be prepared to substantiate your expressed opinion, or statement of fact, with ample evidence.

Paragraph K—Proper authority having decided on the methods and procedure to accomplish a certain end, did he render willing and gen-

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erous support regardless of his personal views in the matter?

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Paragraph L—Since the last report has he been mentioned favorably or unfavorably in official communication? (See Par. 64-e-3 and 4, NGR 20).

The paragraphs referred to herein have to do with the furnishing of copies, to the individual concerned, by official letter, of all unfavorable entries of FACT, prohibit an entry of FACT to be made as a matter of opinion, and define the type of letters of commendation that should be incorporated in an efficiency report. In this connection, it is suggested that reporting officers familiarize themselves fully with the requirements of NGR 20 or else have a copy of these regulations available when efficiency reports are to be made.

Paragraph M—During the period covered by this report, was he the subject of any disciplinary measures that should be included in his record? If 'yes,' enclose separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances.

In connection with this one, avoid the inclusion of minor reprimands, admonitions, and similar relatively unimportant disciplinary measures. They should be considered as 'closed incidents'.

Paragraph N—Write a brief general estimate of this officer in your own words.

In giving this estimate 'in your own words' be sure that these words really present a cognizable picture. Such expressions as 'a good scout' and 'a pretty decent sort of a fellow' do not quite meet the requirements.

Paragraph O—How well do you know him?

Indicate the degree by some amplifying statement, such as 'frequent contact.'

Paragraph P—Remarks.

Utilize this for any amplifying statements, ratings, or other additional explanations that may be deemed desirable.

Paragraph Q—In case any unfavorable entries have been made by you on this report, were the deficiencies indicated hereon brought to the attention of the officer concerned while under your command and PRIOR to the rendition of this report?

As reporting officer, it is well for you to be able to answer this in the affirmative, especially regarding younger officers. Failure to make corrections at the proper time will be considered evidence of negligence of duty on your part.

Paragraph R—Based on your observation during the period covered by this report, give in your own words your estimate of his **GENERAL VALUE TO THE SERVICE**.

The answer here should not be inconsistent with entries under Paragraph N but should indicate your opinion as to the 'manner in which he may be expected to perform any of the various duties, suitable to his grade, to which he may be assigned.'

Paragraph S—"I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all entries made hereon are true and impartial and are in accordance with Section IX, NGR 20."

Check carefully all entries you have made before attaching your signature to this certificate. Such care may save you subsequent grief.

Before concluding, I desire to express my own opinion in answer to the question which is frequently asked and about which there appears to be a wide divergence of view: viz., should a National Guard officer be rated on his efficiency report according to the standards obtaining in the Regular Army?

The answer should be in the negative.

Paragraph D of the report form directs that when ratings are made on an officer, consideration shall be given, among other things, to the 'opportunities afforded him which might have a bearing on his performance of duty.' It appears obvious that an officer of the National Guard, whose military activities are supplemental to those as a civilian, does not have the same 'opportunities' afforded his Regular Army comrades, to whom military matters constitute the greater part of daily existence.

In conclusion, there are a few reminders for those readers who are commanding officers. Making out efficiency reports is an important part of your job. You cannot properly sidestep it or 'let George do it.' Your entries may have far-reaching effects, in later years, unanticipated at the time of making. So be sure of your facts, fair and unbiased in your expressed opinions, and arrive at your conclusion by comparing your subject officer with others of the same grade and approximate length of service.

Our friend, Lt. Alonzo Twerp, with eight years' service—not counting football activities—should not be expected to deliver the goods as competently as a field officer with twenty. But if Alonzo 'measures up,' comparatively, with others in his class, don't hesitate to grade him in the higher brackets.

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Convention Glimpses

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Brigadier General Herbert T. Johnson, reporting as chairman of the Time and Place Committee, stated that Baltimore, Maryland, was recommended as the site for the 1939 convention. The motion was unanimously carried.

Brigadier General S. Gardner Waller of Virginia reported for the Nominating Committee. The results of the recommendations made by this committee and of the election of officers may be found elsewhere in this issue of the California Guardsman.

Major General Albert J. Bowley, commanding general of the Ninth Corps Area, was the speaker on the program for the morning. General Bowley, hitting straight from the shoulder, criticized efforts of propagandists, some of them unfortunately retired Army officers, to have laws passed which would prevent American soldiers from fighting beyond the shores of the United States.

"That would be suicide," he said. "We don't want war, but if we must have it, let us carry it into the other fellow's back yard."

And so, as Chap. (Capt.) William H. Hermitage of the 184th Infantry, Sacramento, pronounced benediction and the convention adjourned sine die, there was concluded another annual national gathering of representatives of the National Guard Association of the United States.

● ATTENDING the convention were 381 official delegates from forty-four states and the Hawaiian Islands. As might be expected, California led with a registration of 134. Leading the remainder was Arizona with twenty-four, Illinois numbered eighteen, closely followed by New York with seventeen.

The following California Guardsmen were assigned to committees: Resolutions—Col. R. E. Mittelstaedt, chairman; Cols. Wayne R. Allen and John H. Sherman; Lt. Col. David P. Hardy; and Maj. Eldo A. Peterman.

Nominating—Col. Edward J. Murray, chairman; Lt. Cols. Robert S. Dicey and John F. Sherburn; Maj. Newton W. Armstrong; and Capt. Irwin W. Minger.

Time and Place—Lt. Col. Edward V. Orr, chairman; Maj. Rudolph C. Wueste; and Cpts. Edmund P.

Stone, Glenn M. Lemmon, and Eugene Severin.

● ONE FEATURE of the convention that was very favorably considered by all in attendance was the transportation setup supervised by Capt. Merle C. Kline, commanding officer of Service Battery, 250th C. A., and carried out courteously and efficiently by a detail of men from the Big Gun regiment.

Serving under Capt. Kline were the following men: Sgts. H. F. Broderick, J. E. Huntsman, F. Lawrence, G. McGuire, A. Balliet, J. Gooding, M. F. McClaeb, G. Parker, W. Ship-ton, and Joe Guedet; Corps. J. M. Conway, V. Carter, W. Donley, and T. Duzenbury; and Pvts. J. O'Neil, A. Jacobs, E. Fitzpatrick, R. Coughlan, T. H. Dawson, N. Dryden, F. Jewett, E. Sharp, A. Thurston, J. Waller, J. Walsh, and P. Ward.

● CONSIDERING the convention in retrospect, members of the California National Guard who labored so consistently to make the meeting a success—from Gen. Story, the general chairman, and Gen. Morehead, the official host for California, to the lowest ranking station wagon driver—now forget the long hours of nightmarish activity in the knowledge that they achieved their purpose. Many were the remarks to be heard that the convention was the most successful ever held by the organization.

Upon the shoulders of Capt. Ernest C. Russell, SS, AGD, aide to Gen. Morehead and public relations officer of the California National Guard, fell much of the responsibility for the prompt and proper functioning of the conclave in his capacity as a member of the general committee and coordinating officer between the committee and the Adjutant General's office.

● THE CALIFORNIA National Guard functioned so successfully in the role of host to visiting brother officers and their ladies that all departed from the convention feeling that California once again had displayed the hospitality that has become a byword during the past century.

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Club Appreciated . . .

The Adjutant General wishes to express, both for himself and on behalf of the entire California National Guard, his appreciation of the many courtesies extended throughout the National Guard Association convention by the Army and Navy Club of San Francisco and its genial secretary-treasurer and managing director, Capt. Lewis Mesherry, USA Ret.

At all times during the convention the many facilities of the club were available to those in attendance. Here they could gather for refreshments, delicious food, or merely restful relaxation among men similarly interested in military and naval activities.



Capt. Lewis Mesherry, USA, Ret.

Everyone registering at the convention was handed a card entitling him to guest privileges at the club, whether he hailed from within or without the state. For the California officers in attendance this was a pleasant

experience and, for many, an agreeable surprise, for all too few, even among the residents of the Bay region, were fully cognizant of the many attractive features of the club.

Speaking for the club, Capt. Mesherry has extended to all California National Guard officers a cordial invitation to make the Army and Navy Club headquarters when they are in San Francisco. This invitation should be of particular appeal to officers who are residents of the Bay region, for to them the club offers attractions and services that cannot be equaled by men interested in the service in the entire bay region.

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Nothing But Good

A sergeant was trying to 'sell' one of his younger friends on the 'good old Army life.'

"But," said the friend, "how can a man be a good soldier for only a dollar a day?"

"Take it from an old-timer, pal," was the reply, "a man can't be anything else but good on a dollar a day."

New Quarters for Capital QM Company

It is with a sincere feeling of regret that the commanding officer and men of the 40th Division Aviation report the loss of Sgt. Weymouth T. Lockridge, who was killed in line of duty in his civilian occupation as a motor patrol officer in the Los Angeles Police Department.

Sergeant Lockridge, who was 26 years of age, would have completed his second period of enlistment December 11, 1938. He was promoted to the grade of sergeant three weeks prior to his death.

Services and interment were at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, September 13. A squad from the 160th Infantry, Los Angeles, fired a volley, followed by Taps while a formation of three planes from the 115th Observation Squadron dropped flowers.

Sergeant Lockridge was one of the best liked men of the unit, and his loss is keenly felt by all. Officers and men extend their heartfelt sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

State Orders . . .

Gov. Frank F. Merriam
Commander-in-Chief

Brig. Gen. Harry H. Morehead
The Adjutant General

Retirement of Commanding General, 79th Brigade

Under the provisions of paragraph 228, Military and Veterans Code, State of California, 1935, Brig. Gen. Wallace A. Mason, 79th Brig., upon his own request is placed on the retired list of the California National Guard in the grade of major general, effective September 30, 1938.

Appointment of Commanding General, 79th Brigade

Colonel Richard E. Mittelstaedt, 250th C. A., is promoted to the grade of brigadier general of the line, California National Guard, October 1, 1938, and is assigned to command the 79th Brigade, vice Brig. Gen. Wallace A. Mason, placed on the retired list.

Exposition Exhibit Board

A board of officers to consist of Lt. Col. Curtis D. O'Sullivan, 40th Div.; Lt. Col. Benjamin C. Allin, State Staff; Maj. Henry C. Newton, 160th Inf.; and Capt. Ernest C. Russell, State Staff, is appointed to meet at the call of the president thereof for the purpose of planning a National Guard exhibit in the Golden Gate International Exposition.

Appointments

Sgt. Carroll G. Cooper, Co. D, 160th Inf., aptd 2d Lt., Inf., and asgd 160th Inf., Sept. 20.

Sgt. Paul R. Teilh, Co. L, 159th Inf., aptd 2d Lt., Inf., and asgd 159th Inf., Sept. 20.

Sgt. Donald N. Moore, Co. C, 160th Inf., aptd 2d Lt., Inf., and asgd 160th Inf., Oct. 6.

Sgt. John D. McSevney, Co. F, 160th Inf., aptd 2d Lt., Inf., and asgd 160th Inf., Oct. 6.

Promotions

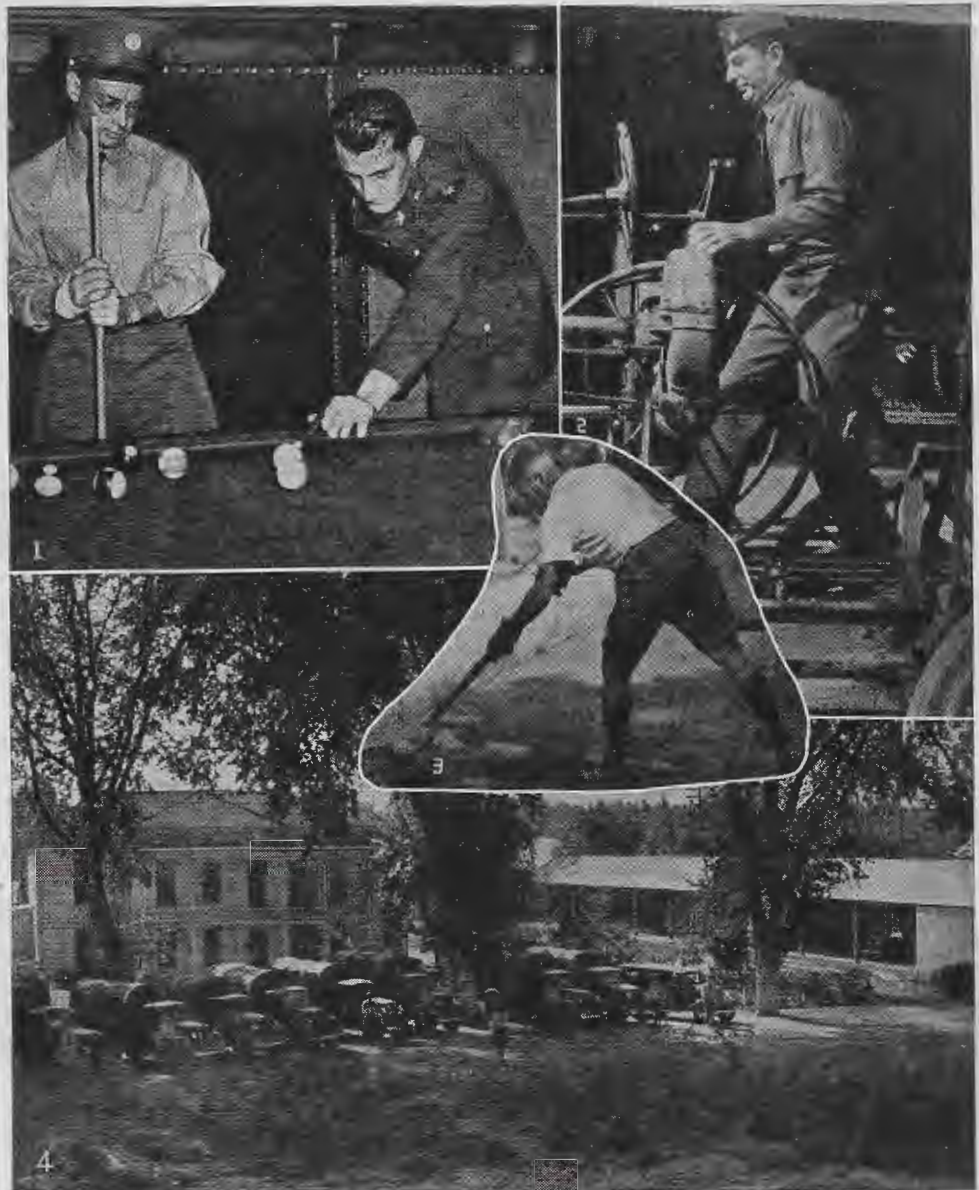
Chap. Maj. Stephen F. Barron, Hq. 250th C.A., promoted Lt. Col., and reasgd 250th C.A., Sept. 23.

1st Lt. Alfred Virag, Btry. C, 250th C.A., promoted Capt., CAC, and reasgd 250th C.A., Sept. 23.

2d Lt. Maurice D. Double, Btry. A, 250th C.A., promoted 1st Lt., CAC, and reasgd 250th C.A., Sept. 23.

1st Lt. Carroll W. Roth, Serv. Co., 160th Inf., promoted Capt., Inf., and reasgd 160th Inf., Sept. 23.

2d Lt. Arthur M. Heineman, Hq. Btry. & C. Tn., 2d Bn., 250th C.A. promoted 1st Lt.,



New Home of Company A, Sacramento

Members of Company A, 115th QM Regt., Sacramento, are proud of their new home.

1. The pool table, purchased by the men themselves, proves very popular as a spare-time attraction.

2 and 3. Everybody works. Even bars and gold leaves are disregarded when the labor detail starts out. In 2, 2d Lt. Robert N. Hicks, second in command of Company A, does his stint on the grader that is leveling the spacious yard, while in 3, Maj. Francis B. Shearer, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion of the regiment, is active with a shovel. AND THESE PICTURES WERE NOT POSED.

4. Men, trucks, home, and the new truck shed.

—Photo No. 1 by Harlin Smith

and reasgd 250th CA, Sept.

2d Lt. Malcolm A. Ross, Btry. C, 250th CA, promoted 1st Lt., CAC, and reasgd 250th CA, Oct. 15.

Transfers to Inactive National Guard

Capt. Robert P. Kellogg, Co. L, 185th Inf., Oct. 10.

2d Lt. Earl W. Shriber, Hq., 115th QM Regt., Sept. 20.

2d Lt. Robert M. Breitzmann, Hq. Co., 159th Inf., Oct. 1.

Details to Service Schools

Photographic Course, The Air Corps Technical School, Lowry Field, Colorado; December 12, 1938—April 7, 1939:

Sgt. Carl W. Shebel, 115th Obsn. Sq., 40th Div. Avn.

Basic Course, The Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, October 23—December 3, 1938:

Capt. James B. Pettit, Co. D, 115th Med. Regt.

Greet Legionnaires

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Story and his efficient aides had planned every minute detail, and all plans were carried out without a hitch.

The entire officer personnel of the 160th marched in the parade and later acted as regulating officials for those who followed in march over a period of more than eight hours.

The California delegation in the parade was headed by Col. Allen as marshal of the tenth division. Lieu-

tenant Colonel George W. Oertly, 251st C. A. (AA), Long Beach, was marshal of the fifth division.

The first division was led by Brig. Gen. Harcourt Hervey, commanding general of the 80th Brigade.

Other Guard officers whose efforts contributed to the success of the parade were Lt. Col. John N. Jeffers; Maj. Harold E. Hopping; Capt. Charles Kastler, Ralph D. Maxfield, Irwin W. Minger, James B. Pettit, and Clyde R. Smith; and 1st Lt. Grant J. Weiss.


Colonel Halsey E. Yates was chief of staff, and Lt. Col. David H. Cowles was deputy chief of staff. Both officers are from the Regular Army.

At the armory that same evening hundreds of former soldiers of the 40th Division staged a gala reunion and dance that attracted the largest crowd ever to pack the armory. Many veterans from the 1st Division also joined in the event at the invitation of Gen. Hervey, who is president of the local reunion association.

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Resolutions

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39. Would increase sum allowed for cleaning and repair of property from 70c to \$1.75 per man per year.

40. Would increase sum for replacement of articles of uniform from \$7 to \$12 per man per year.

41. Requests that obsolete uniforms be retained by state as desired for use in uniforming state Guard upon organization at time of mobilization of National Guard.

42. Requests that War Department promptly authorize completion of the four National Guard Cavalry divisions.

44. Would provide for transfer of officers to Inactive National Guard, to retain appointments and be eligible for promotion upon compliance with regulations applicable to the Officers Reserve Corps.

45. Would permit officers of National Guard of United States to retain appointment without present necessary concurrent enlistment.

46. Would secure insignia for enlisted personnel holding commissions in National Guard of United States.

47. Requests yearly replacement of reasonable proportion of vehicles.

48. Suggests extension courses designed for needs of Guard, provided by chiefs of branches through their service schools.

49. Requests inclusion of clarifying detail in letters to bonding companies by Secretary of War concerning accounts of Property and Disbursing officers.

50. Favors restoration of position of major, Veterinary Corps.

51. Would permit Guardsman to submit application for CCC duty before obtaining discharge from Guard.

52. Suggests changing of regulations governing pay and allowances so as to provide retention of \$1.20 per day ration allowance in addition to \$5 allowance now provided and the \$1.20 allowance for field training camps.

54. Recommends that tables of organization governing Guard bands be changed to conform to those applying to Regular Army bands.

55. Requests increase in music allowance of bands to \$100 per band per year.

56. Would provide for field training for officer of Inactive National Guard or National Guard of United States where vacancy exists or officer of same or higher grade will be absent.

57. Would increase allotments for maintenance at each armory of sufficient qualified mechanics in addition to normal general caretaker.

58. Requests increase in personnel of field artillery regiments to enable regiment to fire four gun sections per battery without sacrificing communications and technical details in so doing, with special reference to battalion headquarters batteries.

59. Requests clarification of status of caretakers, ruled by Comptroller General of United States to be state employees and ruled by states to be federal employees.

60. Would secure from War Department M-day assignment for state staffs and state detachments.

61. "Resolved, by the National Guard Association of the United States, in convention assembled at San Francisco, California, September 28, 1938, that it expresses to the Governor of California, the Mayor of San Francisco, the Adjutant General of California, and the officers and members of the National Guard of that state its sincere appreciation of the hospitality, courtesies, and facilities extended to the delegates during the convention."



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