Colonel Gulick Promoted

The recent announcement by the War Department of the promotion of Colonel John W. Gulick to the grade of major general and his assignment as chief of coast artillery will find widespread approval in the National Guard. His work as executive officer of the Guard Bureau in Washington was outstanding in every respect. He served with distinction in both the Spanish-American and World Wars. Since the war, General Gulick attended and graduated from the Army War College and served a tour of duty on the General Staff.

General Gulick has always been a staunch friend of the National Guard, and the Guardsman knows of no other who possesses a keener understanding of its many problems. The Guardsman rejoices in, and congratulates General Gulick upon this well merited recognition.

YOU CAN'T STAND STILL

Recently the official hand of higher authority fell with a resounding slap upon the unsuspecting shoulder of an individual of the guard who awoke with a start to find that the guard had simply walked off and left him. The individual was surprised. He thought he was good-probably he was several years ago, but today is different than yesterday. We live in an age of progress. Systems of training are constantly being revised to meet the requirements of the day and the officer or soldier who fails to keep abreast of training requirements will ultimately find himself in the discard along with plate armor, bows and arrows and other things of ancient issue.

MARKSMANSHIP CHANGES

A new regulation, Changes 4, T. R. 150-10, dated January 2, 1930, recently distributed, emphasizes the importance of small bore practice. All infantry recruits are required to fire the qualification course while others are authorized to fire the course or such parts thereof as may be prescribed by the commanding officer.

When thoroughly instructed beforehand and properly supervised during practice, the indoor range should make it possible to qualify practically 100 per cent in rifle marksmanship with the caliber 30 rifle during the current season.

It should be borne in mind, however, that the annual allowance of caliber 22 ammunition is only 200 rounds per individual authorized or required to fire.

Sergeant Harry Plant, the efficient mess sergeant of Company B, 162d Infantry, Salem, was commended recently by his regimental commander on the excellent condition of his kitchen at the annual armory inspection. Sergeant Plant, who was the company cook on the border and overseas, has been mess sergeant of the company since May, 1919, when he reenlisted following his discharge from war service.

Cottage Grove Armory Assured

After many years of patient waiting and perseverance it appears likely that an armory at Cottage Grove is assured. During the last session of the legislature a bill was passed authorizing construction of the armory in the event funds became available during the biennium. Recently the State Board of Control announced that funds were available and authorized the construction of the armory.

Shortly before his death Governor Patterson stated that funds would be made available for this worthy cause and Governor Norblad's action, as chairman of the Board of Control, in carrying to fulfillment the plans of his predecessor, is both appropriate and commendable.

Members of the General Staff will probably make a survey of available sites during the current month.

COLONEL RILEA HEADS VETERANS

At the regular annual business meeting of the veterans' association of the 162d Infantry, held in Portland March 24, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Rilea was unanimously chosen as president for the year 1930. The membership of the association is composed of war service members of the 162d Infantry (old 3d Oregon). Other officers include Captain Karl F. Glos, first vice-president; B. Welch, second vice-president; Major Henry Hockenyos, third vice-president; Major E. V. Wooton, secretary; Joe E. Reddick, treasurer; Captain Fred J. Mahnke, historian, and Lieutenant Colonel William S. Gilbert, chaplain.

The 1930 banquet will be held in Corvallis probably in December, exact date to be announced later.

BATTERY C, 218TH FIELD ARTILLERY, WINS TROPHY

For the second time since it was placed in competition, the efficiency trophy of the 218th Field Artillery was won by Battery C, which was organized one year ago, Captain Glen A. Webster commanding. The competition is judged by drill attendance, personal appearance and close order drill.

The first section won the $25 cash prize awarded to the most proficient section in the winning battery. This section also won first place in the previous competition held last November.

Judges were Major James C. Shirley, Third Battalion, 162d Infantry; Major Frederick L. Wiegand, S 3, 162d Infantry, and Lee Clark, a former commander of Battery A, 218th Field Artillery.

W. D., M. B. Circular No. 6 A-4, dated February 20, 1930, contains detailed information relative to the procedure to be followed in submitting claims for pay due deceased members of the National Guard. Copy of this circular has been furnished each unit.
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IT ISN'T RIGHT

By Captain E. W. Ely in annual bulletin of Company E, 186th Infantry.

Battery D, 249th Coast Artillery, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, has on exhibition the National trophy for rifle firing for 1929, which proclaims to the world at large that they out-shot every National Guard Infantry organization in Oregon during the past year.

Each company in this battalion has a rifle range available to every man. There is not a man in the battalion that cannot qualify with the rifle. Our task is an easy one. Again look at the heading of this article. We MUST eliminate two letters—the last two letters of the second word. In order to do this every man in the 2d Battalion, 186th Infantry, MUST adopt the following resolution:

Resolved: That I will devote at least one day to range firing during the summer of 1930, and that I WILL qualify as marksman or better.

Not much for an individual to do, but your collective efforts will mean wonders to the Battalion, the Regiment, the State, the National Guard.
Let's go!

The results of the annual armory inspections, which were completed the latter part of March, have not yet been received although advance information indicates that practically all of the units were found to be in a healthy condition. The actual ratings will probably be available for inclusion in the May issue of the "Guardsman."

And speaking of the inspections, it was noted that some of the command did not have as thorough a knowledge of General Orders for sentinels as they should. An officer inquired of a soldier "When did you make it?" indicating a marksmanship badge worn by the soldier. "I didn't make it, sir, it was given to me for qualifying on the range" was the somewhat indignant reply.

Apropos of inspection, the following is quoted from several Guard publications: Inspector: "What is the first thing a soldier should do in cleaning his rifle?" Private: "Look at the number, sir." Inspector: "Why?" Private: "To make sure he isn't cleaning someone else's."

The annual bulletin issued by Company E, 186th Infantry, La Grande, in celebration of the sixth anniversary of the company's formation, contains many interesting facts regarding the company. In the six years of its existence, 284 men have been members of the company. Of these, 25 have enlisted in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, two have passed the West Point examinations, one is now a student at the Naval Academy, and one is a flying cadet at March Field.

The weekly column of the Howitzer Company, 186th Infantry, in the Woodburn Independent is now headed by a cut of an army mule in action in the act of demolishing a gun cart. The cut was designed by Private Russell Yoder of the company.

The following appeared in a recent issue of the "Class History—Quartermaster School": Major Schur was seen at the party in his blues—yet the way he handled himself he was anything but blue. "We wonder if this calls for an explanation."

THE OBSERVER

The more one sees of the new uniform the better it appears. It's something really worth while. Even the officers look on with envious eyes.

Which reminds us again that everything possible should be done to conserve the new uniform. Unfortunately, the government had just enough funds to purchase one uniform for each man in the Guard. There is no reserve. We've been eleven years getting this one—so let's take care of it!

And this presents another problem. Of course it would be foolish to wear the new uniform to camp and yet, of course, we gotta have said new uniform at camp to wear while on pass or during ceremonies. How to get it to camp, with knife edge creased and spotless, is the problem. Some of the eastern Oregon companies are considering a special wardrobe box constructed of light lumber with a rod running along the top with the uniform neatly arranged on coat hangers. Such a trunk could be placed in the baggage car and stored either in kitchen or store tent while at camp. Others plan on taking the uniform in squad boxes. It's a problem worthy of considerable thought.

The members of Company E, 186th Infantry, at La Grande are planning the purchase of slacks to wear with the new coat while off duty. Slacks can probably be obtained at quantity lots for five or six dollars each. Lounging trousers are dreezy and comfortable for off-duty wear.

It would be almost a crime to disfigure the new uniform with old and tarnished insignia—and new insignia is inexpensive.

A fortunate addition to the La Grande command is the Newlin twins, who were enlisted last month. Paul and Vincent Newlin need no introduction in La Grande and we venture to predict that before camp is over they will be just as well known in the Guard. As much alike as peas in a pod, these two soldiers, six feet in height, have already attracted local attention as athletes. Captain Bean expects that his company will be a real contender for athletic honors at camp.

The oath of enlistment is a sacred obligation. The practice of many commanders of administering the oath of enlistment to new members before the assembled company is both appropriate and impressive.

Company D, 162d Infantry, Roseburg, might well be termed a composite company. Within the ranks of this single company are reserve corps officers representing the cavalry, infantry, field artillery and the corps of engineers.

Tables slightly over waist high on which old mattresses are placed serve a useful purpose in firing from the prone position on the indoor target range. The firing point is thus made on a level with the target. It provides a more comfortable position for the man firing and it is not so hard on the uniform.

Outdoor range practice is well under way since the coming of warm weather and from the present look of things 1930 will bring in more qualifications than past years. More qualifications having been reported to date than in corresponding periods of past years. Headquarters Company, 162d Infantry, which last year qualified 76 men or 100 per cent as marksmen or better with the pistol, has already this year qualified 18 and, according to Captain Snow, the company commander, expects to equal last year's record. Among the rifle companies, Company G, 186th Infantry, Pendleton, leads with 18 qualified with their principal arm. Company C, 186th Infantry, is runner-up with 16 qualified and at the close of March Battery D, 249th Coast Artillery, last year's winner of the National Trophy, has been on the range several times but for practice only.

Have you ordered your regimental insignia for wear on the new uniform?
The following sergeants of Service Company, 186th Infantry, Portland, have taken the examination for master sergeant: George Ross, Elgin Batney and DeLoss Lester. At the same time, Sergeants Jack St. Clair, Lawrence Jones and Henry Lubin took the examination for first sergeant. This examination was given by the company commander and the papers will be graded by Army instructors.

Sergeant Claude C. Gunning of Service Company, 162d Infantry, Portland, was visiting old comrades in Portland the early part of this month. Stories of St. Nazaire, Contres, Nerves, and a few more of the famous French villages were the principal subjects of discussion.

Headquarters Company, 186th Infantry, Portland, holds a recruiting campaign each quarter and awards a prize to the one bringing in the largest number of recruits. Sixteen recruits have been brought in this quarter and still a few more days to go. Corporal Ralph C. Hurt won first place in two of the former contests and is eligible for this one.

The ladies are also interested in Headquarters Company, 186th Infantry, as last week the wife of Ernest O. Brown furnished the communications school with cake after their Monday night session.

Sergeant George Israel has been a member of Company F, 162d Infantry, Portland, for eleven years. Beat that for an NCO record in the same unit with continuous service.

Master Sergeant Darrell Durham of Headquarters Company, 186th Infantry, Portland, is attending the Communications School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Each week he sends a letter to his unit giving an outline of the work for that period. He also writes any member of his company that desires any information in regard to the latest methods in communications work.

Lieutenant Cleveland Bliss and his company, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 186th Infantry, Gresham, attended the quarterly inspection and muster of the Portland units. All members of the company, except two, were present.

Joy A. Laughlin, formerly a member of the Oregon Rifle Team in the National Matches, has been discharged from the three year enlistment period in the Marine Corps, and has reenlisted in Company A, 162d Infantry, McMinnville. The shooting fraternity is glad to welcome him home.

Howitzer Company, 186th Infantry, Woodburn, is sponsoring a series of benefit dances to add to their mess fund for Camp Clatstop. They held the first dance Saturday, March 29, and it was a big success.

First Sergeant Ernest T. Robertson of Company A, 162d Infantry, McMinnville, drives eleven miles to drill, is a regular attendant, and has been a member of the company for six years.

NOTES FROM HOWITZER COMPANY, 186TH INFANTRY

The units benefit dance last Saturday, April 5, was a huge success—a good crowd, excellent music and a wonderful floor. Everyone was well pleased and is looking forward to the next one, Saturday, April 12.

The officers and members of the company spent Sunday, April 6, on their new pistol range getting things in shape for ranges practice. Ground was levelled, brush removed, drainage ditches completed and several foot bridges constructed. New target frames were built the following week and the company has announced its determination of qualifying 100 per cent with, the pistol prior to camp.

DO YOU KNOW

Wy Col. H. A. Allen, Inf. (D. O. L.)

That at one time in our army we had a camel corps for transportation purposes. This is the story—Jefferson Davis, secretary of war, was responsible for the establishment of a camel corps for the United States army on the southwestern frontier. This occurred during the decade, 1850-1860. Major Henry C. Wayne, considered an authority on the then little known animals was detailed to go voyaging off for information, and for the beasts themselves to be a difficult and tedious mission, the details of his trip form a mixture of comedy and heart breaking work. He finally reached Indiana, Texas, with a herd of 34. He made another trip and brought back 44 more. The trial did not turn out badly. By 1860, the army had established quite a caravan system in the southwest, while a Virginia City, Nevada, packer sent off for 20 bactrian beasts from Central Asia, and used them successfully in the transportation of supplies to the mines. But just as the experiment began to show signs of being a great success it was dealt a death blow by the Civil War. The Confederates seized the camels and a number of them wandered away. The Federal government sold all it had for $31 apiece, most of them going to zoos and menageries. The private-owned camels were turned loose in Arizona. From then on their history is rather cloudy. As late as 1903, one is said to have been exhibited which bore the army brand on its flank. All of whom we visited and have grown up about them, some southwesterners still firmly believe that their descendents even now wander in uninhabited sections. The concensus of opinion however, is that the animals eventually disappeared, the victims of beasts, hunters or unsuitable conditions.

Recently, in Utah, was found a camel's skull. A paleontologist is reported to have said that camels were native to the western part of prehistoric America. The obvious explanation of this discovery would be that the skull was the remnant of an army camel.

186TH INFANTRY SMALL BORE MATCHES

Final results of the February regimental small bore matches shows Company G, Pendleton, leading with a score of 742, and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Gresham, in second place with 644 points. High individual is Sergeant James C. Greenway of the Pendleton unit with a score of 99, Private C. R. Richmond, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Medford, second, with 98, while Corporals Merle H. Young and Thomas P. Campbell, also of G Company, tied for third place with 86.

CAMP ATHLETICS

As announced in the last issue of the "Guardsman", athletics at camp this year will be different. The policy of the Commanding General of eliminating events previously held outside of camp and concentrating on those held in camp will result in a program in which every individual of the command may participate and with equal chances of winning. The majority of the events will be military with a few strictly athletic features. Although the program has not been announced, the tentative lineup includes the following military events: Pyramidal tent pitching, machine gun race, cartridge race, equipment race, saddle and go, shelter tent pitching, communications detachment race, wall scaling, shoe race, rescue race (first aid), field artillery gun contest and obstacle race.

In the military events, time, form, accuracy and appearance of each will count towards a total possible, with the time element varying in the different events from 40 to 100. Entries will be limited to enlisted men, and an individual may enter one individual event and participate as a team member in one event. Teams composed of the same personnel are limited to one event.

Baseball, of course, will be included in the camp program. It is expected that the detailed athletic program will be in the hands of troops prior to the 15th.
COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL CHANGES

Pursuant to Special Orders No. 55 Headquarters, Oregon National Guard, Colonel Hiram U. Welch assumed command of the 218th Infantry Brigade on April 1, 1929.

Colonel Welch's assumption of his new command comes in his thirty-seventh year of almost continuous service, the only break being for the duration of a few months immediately following the World War. He first enlisted in Battery A, Oregon Field Artillery, January 3, 1894, and served as private, corporal, and sergeant until commissioned as a second lieutenant of Field Artillery on June 7, 1897, in which capacity he served throughout his Federal service during the Spanish-American war. Following the Spanish-American war he accepted a commission as captain Field Artillery, serving as such until commissioned in the Inspector General's Department as major, May 21, 1915. During the World War Colonel Welch saw service in the Field Artillery as captain and major, being discharged on February 17, 1919. Upon the reorganization of the Oregon National Guard he reverted to his prewar status as major, Inspector General's Department, and served in that rank and department until commissioned lieutenant-colonel Infantry on December 15, 1922. His promotion to Colonel, Infantry, came the following year, being dated June 6, 1923.

Special Orders No. 53, Headquarters, Oregon National Guards, April 27, 1923, announced the assignment of Captain Robt. B. Miller, Medical Corps, to the command of Hospital Company No. 167. Captain Miller has served since 1924 as captain Medical Corps with his present command and prior to that he saw service during the World War as first lieutenant Medical Corps.

Second Lieutenant Charles Chadbourne, recently appointed in the Field Artillery, first enlisted in Battery E, 147th Field Artillery, Oregon National Guard, in 1917 and served with that unit overseas during the World War. He re-entered the National Guard by enlisting in Headquarters Battery, First Battalion, 218th Field Artillery, in April of 1929, and upon the acceptance of his commission was assigned to duty in the same unit.

Second Lieutenant Ernest M. Colwell, newly appointed in the Infantry and assigned to Company K, 186th Infantry, entered the Oregon National Guard June 2, 1926, by enlisting in the unit to which he is assigned as an officer. His service has been continuous to date.

Major General George A. White announced in General Order No. 2, Headquarters 41st Division, April 2, 1930, the selection as his Aides-de-camp, Captain George L. Dutton, A. G. D., and First Lieutenant Thomas A. Davis, Infantry.

Captain Dutton entered the military service for service in the World War, during which time he participated in several principal battles in which American troops were engaged, and was discharged in 1919 as a second lieutenant of infantry. In 1924 he entered the Oregon National Guard and served with the La Grande company as first lieutenant and captain. In 1925 he was commissioned captain in the Adjutant General's Department and assigned as assistant adjutant, 41st Division.

Lieutenant Davis enlisted in Company H, 162d Infantry, December 12, 1923, serving as private, sergeant, and second lieutenant in that unit until his promotion to first lieutenant and assignment as aide-de-camp to General White, then Brigadier General commanding the 82d Infantry Brigade.

Second Lieutenant Philip S. Bukowski, Battery E, 249th Coast Artillery, tendered his resignation as an officer of Coast Artillery during the past month and its acceptance is noted in the orders of March 19.

The request for transfer to the National Guard Reserve of Second Lieutenant Henry J. Lecocq, Battery C, 249th Coast Artillery, for occupational reasons, was granted in Special Orders No. 59, Headquarters, Oregon National Guard, April 8, 1930.

First Lieutenant Jesse V. Andrews has been recommissioned and reassigned to Company E, 186th Infantry, the unit in which he was serving at the time of his transfer to the National Guard Reserve in May, 1929. Lieutenant Andrews saw considerable service in France during the World War, having participated in practically all of the American battles. After the armistice he served in Germany with the Army of Occupation. In September, 1927, he was commissioned second lieutenant Infantry and second lieutenant in Company G, 186th Infantry, prior to his return to the Reserve. His return to active service as first lieutenant follows the resignation of First Lieutenant Arthur V. Sanford.

NEWS NOTES FROM BATTERY A, 249TH COAST ARTILLERY

One knock-out and one technical knock-out. That is how serious the boys became when they tangled at a smoker following drill of Battery A, 249th Coast Artillery, March 11. Though no titles were at stake and there were no gate receipts to split, 14 men mixed it as though each had a chance at a championship. The card included six 4-round boxing events and one of mixed wrestling and boxing. The entertainment was put on inside of a new ring and on an elevated platform.

Seven fights, some of them good enough to get by in a cash house, were staged at the Albany armory on the night of April 8 following drill before a crowd of 500 fans who were admitted free of charge by Battery A. The battery has been putting on these fights every month just for fun, and they have been getting better and better all the time. Interest in the April 8 event was the keener because four of the fighters were from Lebanon. It was the first inter-town card of the series. Variety featured, with two knock-outs, one technical knock-out, one foul, one draw and two decisions. The boys used some newly purchased six-ounce gloves. Heretofore they had been wearing eight-ounce gloves.—Private William C. Eakin, Battery Clerk.

The register of commissioned officers of the Oregon National Guard published annually as of February 1 shows some interesting figures on turnover and service. During the year beginning February 1, 1929, 28 officers received original commissions. The actual turnover amounted to 10 per cent as six of those commissioned during the year were the result of the formation of new units. Each year a larger percentage of officers is shown among officers without war service. This is inevitable as the greatest turnover is among company officers. At the present time, those without war service include one major, five captains, 15 first and 21 second lieutenants. A further comparison shows that only 13 of our present officers were officers in the Oregon National Guard on April 1, 1916. These were Major General White, then major; Colonels Welch and Moshberger, then majors; Lieutenant Colonels Brumbaugh, West, Libby, and Baker, all of whom were first lieutenants except Libby who was captain; Majors Fironi, Knox and Collins, the first two being at that time captains and Collins at second lieutenant; Captains Neer, Cruson and Wackrow, the first two at that time were first lieutenants and Wackrow second lieutenant.

Occasionally one hears the complaint that promotion is slow, but from the above it is apparent that if an individual will apply himself promotion is bound to follow and at no great interval of time.

NEW UNIT FORMED

On Friday evening, April 11, the fourth firing battery of the 218th Field Artillery was formally mustered into service by Col. H. A. Allen, Inf. (DOL), First Lieut. Gerald P. Cochran, Headquarters First Battalion, 218th F. A., was selected to command the new unit, Battery D, which was stationed in Portland. The formation of the battery is in line with the War Department policy of placing divisional artillery on priority list for completion within the next two years, within which time it is expected that the 218th F. A. will be fully organized.