PACIFISM PANNED

Pacifist and hyphenated Americans received a panning at the hands of Brigadier General George A. White, head of the Oregon National Guard and president of the Association of the Army of the United States, in a recent bulletin sent to all members of the association. The bulletin calls attention to the blow aimed at the national defense through the socialist-pacifist movement in Wisconsin for the abolition of the Wisconsin National Guard and reads in part as follows:

"The merging of socialists, hyphenated American and maudlin pacifists for the avowed purpose of weakening our already feeble line of national defense is one of the most ominous pieces of treachery to the country that has yet been dragged into the light.

"The purpose of rattle-headed socialist and Fatherland-worshiping importations in attempting such a thing is neither new nor novel, except for its sheer audacity so soon after the World War and at a time when most of the world is still in chaos. But that many good women have been misled and misguided into joining such a movement believing, as Mrs. LaFollette, wife of a United States senator, puts it in a public interview, that they are 'striking a blow at militarism,' is a more serious matter.

"Such blind propaganda must be fought with facts. Every informed and thinking American knows that we have no problem or taint of militarism in this country. Our regular army is based on the volunteer system and has been reduced even below what is needed for a training and police nucleus. Our National Guard and Reserve Corps, as part of the American Army, is made up of patriotic Americans who carry the burden of national defense as an added obligation of citizenship. Officers and men alike come from the people and are part of them, working at trades and professions and preparing in their leisure hours to defend our country from invasion should we ever be attacked again.

"As a matter of fact the men of the National Guard and Reserve Corps are doing more to preserve the peace of the world than all the pacifists in Christendom for our citizen-soldiers stand as a warning to aggressive nations to keep off our shores. If we can breed enough pacifists in this country to discourage true American citizenship and overthrow the rest of our feeble first line, we will be in the throes of another war within the present generation.

"The surest way to bring on a war is to encourage such pernicious and dangerous combinations as that occurring in Wisconsin—a combination of hyphenates, socialists and pacifists. It will be noted that such an incident occurs first in a state that has such a preponderance of hyphenates. Neither socialism nor wobbly citizenship breeds in any other sort of atmosphere.

"The hardest part of it all is that the young American pays the terrible penalty of such dangerous propaganda. For every unreasoning pacifist it is safe to say that there was a needless American grave overseas during the World War. American pacifists and hyphenates had swept the country with their dangerous sophistries just before we were forced into the World War. It was nothing else than pacifist propaganda and activity of this sort that sent our young men unready into battle against the seasoned Prussians. Thousands of young Americans paid the price with their lives for it is no military secret that we paid the price of two and more lives for one in beating the Hun.

"There is no hope for socialists and hyphenates as all such are out of accord with the spirit of this country and its institutions. They will not grow in numbers so long as we have such a preponderance of virile real Americans as at present. But pacifism is curable. It is based on ignorance, misdirected idealism, misinformation and a lack of knowledge of the Nation and its problems. Pacifism can't stand up against facts. It is the duty of every member of this association to use every available opportunity to present those facts where they are needed and prevent any spread of misinformation in Oregon that might tend to weaken the national defense which, in the words of the Ninth Corps Area Headquarters, 'is now at the irreducible minimum'."

EQUIPMENT MAY BE STENCILED

Circular letter No. 15, 1923, issued by the Militia Bureau, gives authority for the stenciling of all military property now marked by the metal tag.

The reason for this, the Militia Bureau points out, is to lessen the wholesale theft of military property. It is shown that it is easy to remove the metal tags and other marks of identification, and, when apprehended, thieves having military property in their possession, claim to have secured it from one or more of the so-called Army and Navy stores that infest the country.

Marks of identification made by stenciling will be placed on the inside of the garment or piece of equipment in such manner as to be out of sight when the clothing or equipment is being worn. The stenciling does not do away with the metal tag now in use, which must still be attached to the equipment.

Stenciling outfits may be obtained upon requisition to the Adjutant General.
OUTDOOR RANGE SEASON COMMENCES

Now that the sun shows its face on occasional Sundays the thoughts of every Guardsman armed with the rifle should turn to outdoor rifle practice.

In time of war a soldier that can shoot straight is worth a thousand that can't. Rifle marksmanship is one of the most important phases of our training. Not only that, but Oregon must send a rifle team to the National Matches this year that is second to none. The team last year was a marked improvement over the teams of the previous two years but not as good as the teams representing Oregon just before the World War.

A place on the rifle team is attractive in more ways than one. It affords an excellent opportunity to see an interesting part of the United States. It constitutes a vacation on pay, for members of the team receive the pay of their grade while on this duty. Team members are trained in marksmanship under the tutelage of America's best shots.

Officers stationed at the Multnomah County Armory started the ball rolling Sunday, March 11. The officers were put through a course of sprouts in a drizzling rain. Target manipulation, sight setting, trigger pull and all of the fine arts of the shooting game were gone over by the officers in order that a uniform system of training might be given the enlisted men of the various organizations. The officers were also required to partake of the same type of meal that will be served to the men on the range this summer. Major Leo Pivoni is in charge of the mess.

THE KITTEN AND KANARY

(Being a letter from a Company Clerk)

dear fellers:

 dici ever noties the expresshun on the map of the familie kat after he has just finished a sumpehous meal, the ingredients of same consistin of the househole kanary? in mr. cat's mind the univars looks rosy cause he is satsfysed with a job well done.

then dici ever lamp the woe bee gone look on the lazy feeline whose sole ambishon is tu park himeelf under the kichun stove as he gazes on the happy countnance of the kitten whose gastrinomical juices are gurglin merruly over the remains of wat was wunst a fluffy lil ball of symphony:

if yu have yuhev got a perfeck picture of the komny quarnta on thu nite the quarterly drill pay checks arive with the faithful fue who have attended evry drill playin the role of cat no 1 and the gazaboos who missed a drill now and then in oruder to trip the lite fantastic with there stedy or play a game of pool, impersonatin kitten no 2.

the chap wat attends evry ordured drill is the wun wat gets the maxemnum amount of pay. that u. s. treasury check for the full amount means more than a increased bank role. it shows at a glance that the man who gets it is no half way ombray but a thurough consistent citizen. he takes his military wurk siriously as he shood and re­ceives, in addition to his trainin as a soldier, not only the most jack possibul but the peace of mind wat comes tu him who has wel and faithfully preformed his dooty. hence the expresshun of the kitten of thu first part.

the chaps wat are allua misin a drill now an then never fall tu show up on pay nite and they are allua feelin sorry on that nite cause they didn't attend more of the other nites. it ain't fair tu yur familee, yurseelf or yur captain tu miss drills, so don't it no moore.

Yours for moore kittens No. 1,

A KOMPANY KLERK.
MILITARISTIC MYTH RAPPED

Commenting upon the unAmerican act of Mrs. LaFollette in attempting to destroy the Wisconsin National Guard the Corvallis Gazette-Times says editorially: "It seems that Senator LaFollette is not the only unAmerican member of his family. Mrs. LaFollette is fighting the continuance of the National Guard in Wisconsin on the theory that it fosters 'militarism.' Of all the jackass notions in the world, the one that this country could possibly become 'militaristic' has the longest ears."

The recruit remarks that the difference between a major and a second lieutenant is that the major is supposed to know what he is talking about and the second lieutenant does know.

In another sixteen days the armory drill payrolls will be in the way to the Finance Officer and before the Guardsman appears again all should have your green check from the U. S. Treasury.

A course in mathematics is suggested for the company commander who can not realize that discharging ten men each month and recruiting only five for the same period will eventually cause his organization to fall below the required strength.

With two Medical Officers and one Dental Officer taking a course at Carlyle Barracks this month it seems a safe prophecy that tummy and toothaches will have a bad half hour if they attempt to attack Oregon Guardsmen this summer.

Failure on the part of a certain high ranking officer to entice fish to partake of the hook offered them and the remarkable catch made at the time and place by a junior officer leads us to believe that members of the finny tribe have no respect for rank.

The recent decisive and spectacular defeat of the plans of socialists, anarchists and other "Ists" to wreck the Wisconsin National Guard is reassuring proof of the predominance of true Americans even in a region infested with a proGerman and proanything-but-American element.

What do you know about the medicio over in Tillamook who continues to show up the oldtimers in having the best turnouts for drill? Ten months ago he didn't know the difference between the butt of a rifle and right front into line and now he shows up with a monthly drill attendance of 99.3 per cent. Can you beat it?

Service with the Oregon Coast Artillery should be very attractive to those of an adventurous nature as this arm of Oregon's army has never been known to attend the same camp twice since the World War. In 1920 it was Camp Lewis, in 1921 Fort Stevens, 1922 Fort Worden and this year our gunners go to Fort Barry.

Captain Alexander started it, both of the other "sheiks" say so. Just because Jim built himself a beautiful home and took upon himself a wife to care for him during the period of old age now laying tell-tale signs upon him, Major West and Captain Carruth are also building love nests of sumptuous proportions. We are advised by these Arab chieftains that as soon as the nests are completed Chaplain Gilbert will be called upon to officiate. "Allah be praised," says Chappie.

TRAINING CIRCULAR PUBLISHED

High lights in a field training circular recently published by the Militia Bureau are:

The objects of field training this year will be: first, to complete individual training of the personnel of units where instruction has been limited by lack of proper facilities; second, to give practical training to individuals and units.

The morning hours are to be used for intensive field work. The afternoons will be devoted to special work, schools and short talks or demonstrations and recreational work. Thus the strenuous drill, marching and kindred exercises will be confined to the cool morning hours.

Recruits are to be all bunched together in a single detachment to receive preliminary training. This will allow the units to proceed with the more advanced stages of training without delaying to teach recruits the fundamentals. As soon as the recruits are schooled in the first stages of the military game they are to be returned to their respective organizations.

Actual firing of the rifle will not be taken up until the individual has mastered the fundamentals of aiming and trigger squeeze.

In addition to the proposed divisional maneuver for all units of the 41st division, which will be of intense interest to all, it is planned to make the training schedule this year so pleasing as to incite the desire to return next year. Special stress is laid by the War Department on the desirability of allowing the men ample time to themselves for recreation and of avoiding tedious sameness.

According to the circular no long hikes for enlisted men are anticipated although the officers will probably come in for quite a bit of this delightful exercise under the guise of "tactical walks."

From all appearances at the present time all units of the 41st division will go to American Lake about July 8 for a two-week camp. Coast Artillery units will leave their home stations June 14 for two weeks' training at Fort Barry.

OREGON HAS LARGEST INFANTRY REGIMENT

Oregon has the largest infantry regiment in the Ninth Corps Area according to the monthly report of relative strength issued by the corps area commander.

The 162d Infantry leads all other regiments in strength with an aggregate of 1,389. The 160th Infantry of California is next in line with a strength of 1,146. The 161st Infantry stationed in the state of Washington has 1,143. The strength of the 159th Infantry in California is 1,123.

The strength of the first battalion of the 180th Infantry stationed in Oregon is 336, or nearly twice as much as the third battalion of the same regiment which is in Idaho with a strength of 176.

The report of the Ninth Corps Headquarters shows that the enlisted strength of the Oregon National Guard exceeds that of the Washington National Guard. Oregon continues far ahead of all other states in the Ninth Corps Command.

NATIONAL GUARD PRAISED

(PORTLAND NEWS)

"I think the guard is in very fine shape. I believe we are getting a better quality of men in the guard; it is better trained, better officered, better in every way than it was ten years ago, and certainly materially better than it was twenty years ago," said Secretary Weeks before the senate committee recently.
AMERICAN LEGION BEHIND McMINNVILLE

Corporal Theodore Burton and Private John Dulin were the winners in the competitive drill held by Company A, 162d Infantry, McMinnville, Monday, March 12.

The competitive drill was one of many features presented to one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the armory. The meeting, which was arranged for by the American Legion of McMinnville, was held for the purpose of arousing interest in the National Guard company.

The speakers of the evening were General White and Lieutenant Colonel William S. Gilbert, chaplain of the 162d Infantry. Both speakers impressed upon the citizens of McMinnville the necessity of getting behind the company in a whole-hearted manner and of assisting in recruiting.

Music for the evening was furnished by the Walnut City band and orchestra. Several vocal selections were rendered by the octet from the local college.

Preceding the meeting at the armory a banquet was given by the American Legion which was attended by the National Guard officials, members of the American Legion and leading business men. Colonel C. E. Dentler spoke briefly on the necessity for the National Guard and its meaning.

Mr. W. T. Macy was master of ceremonies at both the banquet and the meeting at the armory.

TILLAMOOK COMPANY INSPECTED

Company K, 162d Infantry, Tillamook, was given the once over by General White, Colonel Robert McCleave, Regular Army Instructor, Major Fred M. West, Battalion Commander, and Captain Laurence Milner, Adjutant of the 162d Infantry, on the occasion of the regular drill of the organization on February 26.

Following the drill and inspection, the visiting officers and the officers and men of Company K were guests of Captain Shearer at an informal supper. In a brief talk General White commended the members of the company on the remarkable showing made by the organization, which has been formed only a few months. He stressed the necessity of concerted effort on the part of all the members of the Company in order that the fundamentals of training might be mastered prior to the encampment in July.

Colonel McCleave spoke on the importance of the work of the National Guard and expressed his pleasure at the progress of the company. In speaking of the battalion which he commands, Major West ventured the opinion that Company K stood a good chance of showing up all units at the encampment next summer.

Other matters which had the attention of the Adjutant General were the inspection of the site selected for the armory which is to be built at Tillamook this summer and a survey of the ground selected for use of the company as a rifle range.

UNIFORMS MAY BE CHANGED

According to some of the eastern papers an effort is being made by certain officers to have the style of the uniform changed. It is said that many favor the rolled collar for the blouse on account of the comfort afforded over the stiff high collar now used.

It is understood that a recommendation has been submitted to the Secretary of War which if approved will bring back the blue uniform for ceremonies and dress occasions.

NATIONAL DEFENDERS

(Chainy and Navy Journal)

"The man who enters the National Guard does so voluntarily. He does so, in by far the greatest number of cases, because he has the military instinct and wishes to satisfy it, while not entirely giving up his civilian occupations. Therefore, he expects to receive the arms and equipment which will enable him to be a soldier. If he is in the mounted service, he expects to ride a horse. He expects proper training. He expects to go to camp and have an opportunity to put into practice on a real scale the things which he has learned in the armory during his evenings and holidays.

"He rightly expects all these things, because he is giving his own time, and in many cases money out of his own pocket; and in all cases is prepared instantly to drop his business and family affairs and stand ready to answer the call of his state and national government.

"These expectations are small when it is considered how much is given by the approximately 175,000 officers and enlisted men in the National Guard today, where the majority of their fellow citizens give nothing."

"The rapid recruiting in the last few years, in spite of post-war indifference, if not hostility to things military, and in spite of inadequate facilities in every direction, is the best proof of the fact that this country does contain a large potential military force in the form of civilians ready to accept the conditions of service imposed on the National Guard under the National Defense Act.

"Never in the history of this country has the National Guard attained such a strength. Even a casual examination conclusively shows that the wise provisions of the National Defense Act are primarily responsible."

BRADSHAW IS RECRUITER

Private Paul Bradshaw, Portland attorney, is a genius of the first water when it comes to recruiting. Paul has a way about him that any he approaches finds hard to resist. He is now helping fill the ranks of the Howitzer Company. Bradshaw does not confine his ability to his own organization. With the aid of Captain Sandy's printing press he has gotten out an attractive set of recruiting postal cards for the use of Company M in Corvallis.

MAJOR KOEHLER IS DEAD

The Guardsman regrets to announce the death on March 11 of Major George F. Koehler, state surgeon. Major Koehler was born in Portland, Oregon, October 20, 1867. He received his degree as a doctor of medicine at the Columbia-New York Medical College in 1889. He is survived by his widow and one daughter.

Major Koehler served two enlistments in the Oregon National Guard during the period 1891-1896. He was commissioned in his present grade October 3, 1918. He was not by nature a military man but endeared himself to his comrades by his quiet, kindly bearing and an always willing cooperation.

He was buried with military honors Wednesday, March 14. Interment was made in the Riverview cemetery.

At a recent assembly of the Second Battalion Headquarters Company the members of that organization presented their commander, Lieutenant Sam M. Williams, with a handsome engraved saber.

Only a few more days before those armory drill pay checks arrive. Don't forget to show them to your friends and tell them how they too may receive these crisp U. S. Treasury checks.