

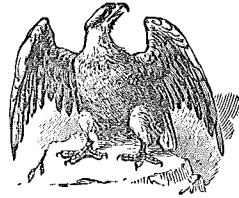
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PROSPECTS FOR CAMP

End of Federal inspection and occasional flashes of sunshine are seasonal reminders that field training camps will loom above the horizon at no remote date.

The Federal inspection went off satisfactorily, according to informal preliminary reports. Apparently, no unit in the entire Guard received an unsatisfactory rating, and only two approached that level. There are a lot of minor corrections to be made, however, particularly in basic training.

Camp dates are already on the calendar. June 12 to 26 for all units except the Coast Artillery. July 10 to 24 is a possibility for the Coast Artillery, which is wanted by the War Department for a part in joint Coast Defense maneuvers on Puget sound with the Army and Navy. A final decision by the Government on this point is expected daily, although there appears to be little doubt of the plan, the Coast Artillery recently having elected to participate.

Plans for Camp Clatsop are already well under way. Train schedules have been approved and training schedules will soon be ready. There will be several departures from past camps.

Due to the failure of Congress to make adequate appropriations for buildings, there will be little construc-

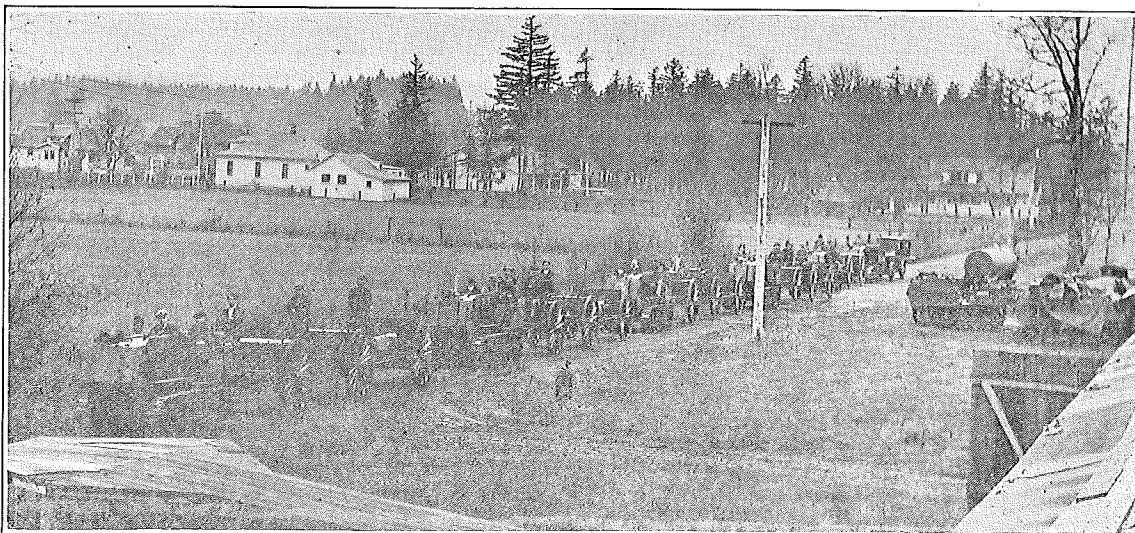
tion work before camp. As previously reported two large hot-water showers for the enlisted men will be provided. Ten of these installations are required to complete the camp but it was only by a special dispensation that emergency funds for two could be secured this year.

Better organization of the athletic and entertainment program is in prospect in connection with the recreational part of the Camp. Also, a glance at the calendar shows that the troops will have two week-ends in Camp, as in the past.

Men will be excused from camp attendance only on the certificate of a surgeon. Transfers to the National Guard Reserve will not be considered after May 1, unless under exceptional circumstances.

By the April issue of the Guardsman, the entraining orders will be in the hands of the organizations for the movement to camps and detailed information will be available.

At a recent conference of Captains Tengwald, Slack, Abbey and White, it was planned to hold an inter-unit rifle competition some time during the Spring months. The competition will be staged on the rifle range at Medford, which is considered to be one of the best in the state. The Brigade Commander has offered a cup to the winning team.



BATTERY B GETS EQUIPMENT

With the arrival of guns, caissons, tractors and other equipment, Battery B, 218th Field Artillery, is now equipped and ready to function without the necessity of borrowing from the parent organization, Battery A. It required nine flat cars and one freight car to transport the equipment from the Federal depot to Clackamas. Part of the equipment is pictured above enroute from the Clackamas station.

THE SCOUT

Corporal Lafferty, formerly a member of Company K, 186th Infantry, recently made a visit to St. Helens, his former home. He is now a first-class aviation pilot and is stationed at San Diego, California.

Private Kenneth C. Peters and Merl Vandervort, former members of Company K, 186th Infantry, have returned to St. Helens and have reenlisted in the company.

It was some snow storm that we had during the month of February, but it had no effect on the drill attendance of Private Charles Dungan of Scappoose, Oregon. He never missed a drill, although he had to travel 12 miles to St. Helens to his company.

Private Warren Crews of Company K, 186th Infantry, had the misfortune to cut his thumb almost off. It was hanging by a small piece of skin but the skillful work of the surgeon saved it for him.

Captain Fred J. Mahnke, commanding Company G, 162d Infantry, was recently operated upon for appendicitis at the Veterans' Hospital. He is on the road to recovery.

Service Company, 162d Infantry, basketball team won a decided victory over the Columbus Club team by a score of 52 to 15. Private Stansberry broke a finger during the game.

Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 186th Infantry, now has two licensed radio operators, Private Richard Andrews and Albert Gibson. They own their station and have been given call letters by the Federal authorities.

Private Alfred Banks, a former member of the California National Guard, has enlisted in Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 186th Infantry.

Private Carl Frank of the Gresham outfit cut his foot very severely, which caused him to have to take to crutches, but this has not prevented his attendance at drill.

Private Harold Schneider of Aurora has enlisted in Howitzer Company, 186th Infantry, at Woodburn. He had to take his turn on the waiting list until there was a vacancy in the company.

Captain Gordon D. Stryker of Headquarters Company, 186th Infantry, who is attending the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, reports that Georgia rain is just as wet as Oregon and there is plenty of it too.

BIG TUG-OF-WAR PROPOSED

The Guardsman is still in a receptive mood for suggestions as to the athletic program for camp. Several excellent ideas have been submitted, not the least of which is a proposed tug-of-war between the two regiments of the Infantry Brigade.

No precedent can be found in the history of athletics where 2,000 men competed in a tug-of-war contest and this event promises to be one of the most exciting of the field day exercises. The problem which now confronts the Brigade athletic officers is that of securing a rope strong enough to stand the strain. This proposed competition should be another incentive for camp attendance, since it will be regiment against regiment.

It is desired to publish the camp athletic schedule on or about May 1, and suggestions as to events, rules or other data pertaining to the meeting should be submitted to the editor of the Guardsman prior to April 15.

A COFFIN WITH EVERY CARTLOAD!

Orders have been issued lately by the War Department forbidding Army officers from commercializing their official titles. According to press and other unofficial reports, the action follows the course of Lieutenant General Robert Lee Bullard, U. S. A. in lending his name, rank and military record to one of those flaming-youth cigaret advertisements.

Nothing in the order prevents an officer from joining in a campaign to prove that there's not a cough in a cartload, or that there's a coffin in every cartload. But in proclaiming that it was Unlucky Finds, Old Junk, Humps or this or that particular variety that won the war, he must omit rank, branch of the service and other evidences that he was a soldier—once.

SMALL ARMS PRACTICE

The results of the 1928 season in small arms qualification, while an improvement over the preceding year, are not entirely satisfactory. The predominant weapon is the rifle and until at least 80 per cent of the riflemen are qualified as marksmen or better we can not consider ourselves as having attained proficiency. That this is a reasonable percentage is attested by several rifle companies which have qualified over 90 per cent of their membership. With range facilities now available for all units and with a definite program to follow it is expected that this year's results will be nearer the required standard. We must be satisfied with nothing less. The government spends annually a large sum for promotion of rifle practice, rifle ranges, ammunition, caretakers, etc. It is expected, and rightfully so, that full use will be made of such facilities.

The national matches, held annually at Camp Perry, Ohio, are for the purpose of stimulating interest in rifle marksmanship and to develop trained instructors in this important phase of military training. Oregon is particularly fortunate in having a large number of men who have participated in the national matches and a good percentage of them are rated distinguished marksmen. These men are willing and anxious to assist everyone to develop marksmanship.

During the past winter, schools for instructors in rifle and pistol marksmanship have been conducted at the Multnomah County Armory and 29 students were graduated as instructors in rifle and 16 in pistol.

With proper instruction and sufficient preliminary practice, there is no reason why any man, who can pass the physical examination for enlistment, can not qualify as marksman or better with small arms provided he wishes to do so.

As a sport, rifle shooting is without equal. It requires steady nerves, perfect co-ordination of mind and muscle, concentration and study to become an outstanding rifleman, but once bitten by the shooting bug no one is satisfied as long as it is possible to improve his shooting. Extensive equipment is not necessary and for the novice is not desirable. With the company commander providing instruction in their use, the government arms, ammunition and range, all that the individual must furnish is the will to qualify.

Let's aim for 100 per cent qualification this year.

OREGON STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The official program of the Oregon State Rifle Association for 1929 has been issued. It is a 14-page booklet and contains information as to the matches, rules and dates on which the matches are to be fired. There are several matches in which special medals are to be competed for by members of the National Guard only. These matches may be fired on home ranges if desired. One match of particular interest to the Guard is the 82d Infantry Brigade Cup Match. Another match that will interest those individuals and units armed with the pistol is the Military Pistol Match.

The recently elected officers of the association are: President, John D. Sheehan; vice presidents, H. F. McDonald, M. M. Oylear, and C. D. Palm; secretary, Chester E. McCarty; treasurer, Lieutenant Colonel Alvin C. Baker; range officer, Captain Fred R. Dierking; directors, Brigadier General George A. White, Lieutenant Colonel Fred M. West, Captain Langdon H. Spooner, John H. Young and O. Royce.

The Howitzer Company, 186th Infantry (Woodburn), served the February dinner of the Chamber of Commerce. There were 125 present and many compliments were received by Captain Oliver S. Olson for the very efficient manner in which the service was rendered. John Hawkes was the chief cook and was assisted by company members as waiters.

The Commanding General is in receipt of another personal commendation from the Secretary of War as a result of his efficient administration of the Oregon National Guard.

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ATHLETICS

BATTERY A, 218TH FIELD ARTILLERY, LOCAL CHAMPION

Two straight victories in the final series of the Multnomah County Armory indoor baseball schedule secured the title of local champion for Battery A, 218th Field Artillery's team. Contenders in the final playoff were: Headquarters Company and Companies E and H, 162d Infantry and Battery A, 218th Field Artillery. The first game of the series was played between Companies E and H with E Company winning an easy victory over the machine gunners. Company E piled up a good lead in the first two innings and was successful in holding this lead the remainder of the game. Sergeant Lehman of E Company showed excellent ability as a twirler and was well supported by his team mates. The second game of the series was played between Battery A and Headquarters Company resulting in a victory for the red legs with a score of 14 to 9. The Battery took a six-run lead in the first inning and annexed a few in each of the following innings. Headquarters Company made a strong rally in the fifth, putting over six runs but was unable to maintain the pace. The Battery pitcher, playing in excellent form, struck out twelve men. The third and championship game was a nip and tuck affair until the ninth inning when the batterymen staged a strong rally resulting in a victory of 10 to 5. A full gallery of spectators was present for the championship game.

BASKETBALL

The Service Company, 162d Infantry, has arranged for a 3-game series with Battery A, 146th Field Artillery of Seattle. The first game was played at Portland Saturday, March 9, and resulted in a 33 to 31 victory for the Service Company. The game was a 31-tie at the end of the fourth period and had to be played overtime.

The next game is scheduled to be played at Seattle Saturday, March 23. In the event the cannoneers win, a third game will be played at some intermediate point.

A similar schedule of games was arranged between these two units last year, each team winning at its home station but the deciding game was not played.

Within the 162d, Company C of Eugene and the Howitzer Company of Portland have arranged to play at each of these stations. The first game will be played at Portland March 16. A date for the Eugene match has not yet been decided.

VOLLEY BALL

After a number of years' absence, volley ball is again included in the list of athletic events scheduled at the Multnomah County Armory. With the closing of the indoor baseball schedule, the line-up for volley ball competitions will be announced. The necessary equipment has been secured, volley balls, nets and standards. Any team desiring to use this equipment may do so by making application to Sergeant Smith, custodian of athletic equipment.

CAMP PROGRAM

The Camp Athletic Program is well under way and will be ready for announcement at an early date, probably in the next issue of the Guardsman. A larger, more diversified program is contemplated, introducing several new events. And, with the early announcement of the program, unit and regimental athletic officers can line up their entries and start training.

In the January issue and again last month, the Guardsman invited suggestions relative to the conduct of the field meet at Camp. The response was not what we had hoped for but several excellent ideas were received and are being considered. If you have any proposals, send them now as they can not be considered after April 15.

CHANGES IN STAFF DESIGNATION

Gone are the days of the Rs, and the Bns and the Bs. We refer to staff designations one, two, three, four, and by this we are not attempting cadence system of close order drill.

In other and more simple words, the War Department has just announced important changes in the designation of the four sections of battalion, regimental and brigade staffs. For all three organizations the letter "S" will be used. It is now S-1, S-2, S-3 and S-4.

Another important change which concerns the regimental staff only, provides that the regimental machine gun officer be the plans and training officer. The staff captain heretofore known as the plans and training officer becomes assistant plans and training officer and regimental gas officer. The adjutant is also the S-1 and S-2 of the regiment. The supply officer still retains his customary position with the designation S-4.

These changes are contained in M. B. Circular No. 7, dated March 7, 1929, copies of which have been furnished all concerned.

ASHLAND BATTERY ENTERTAINS

On the evening of March 11, Battery B, 249th Coast Artillery at Ashland, was host at a banquet given to the leading citizens of Ashland and the local American Legion post.

A feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of faithful service medals by the Commanding General to a number of members of the Battery whose names appear elsewhere in this issue.

Captain Abbey, accompanied by his officers and 30 men of Battery D, attended from Klamath Falls. Captain Abbey brought with him his famous orchestra which did much to enliven the evening. He also brought a picked squad which he entered in competition with a crack squad from Battery B in a drill-down of the manual of arms. The squads were evenly matched and a tie decision was given by the judges. Private Fay Morris of Battery D and Sergeant William R. Clary of Battery B, just could not be drilled down.

At the close of the evening, Captain Slack was presented with an engraved regulation .45 automatic pistol which was the gift of the members of his command.

LA GRANDE SOLDIER WINS

By being in a position of readiness, so to speak, Oregon received the allotment of another cadetship to the Military Academy at West Point. During the competitive examination held last November, Private Samuel G. Walker, Company E, 186th Infantry, La Grande, made second place. He was recommended to the War Department as an additional desirable candidate and when another state failed to fill its quota, Private Walker received the appointment.

MILITARY BUDGET APPROVED

The budget estimates covering the administrative cost of the operation of the Oregon National Guard for the biennial period 1929-1930, were approved without a dissenting vote by the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly of Oregon. The amount appropriated was \$230,983.65.

In addition to the general appropriation, community bills from Woodburn, Roseburg and Tillamook for the repair of armories located in those cities, were likewise approved.

Another act of the legislature was to approve a bill providing that the state assume the expense of the lease of the camp site at Camp Clatsop.

During the past month, two new officers have been included in the roster; Private Charles D. Donahue of the Medical Detachment, 186th Infantry, having been promoted to Captain when Captain Ruedy was transferred to the 162d Infantry and First Sergeant Osman R. Hawk, Company G, 162d Infantry, was appointed First Lieutenant to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Captain Mason to Company H, 162d Infantry.

PAY DAY EACH DRILL

Captain James A. Fee, Jr., Company G, 186th Infantry, has announced a policy of paying members of his command immediately after the close of each weekly drill. Under this arrangement, Captain Fee advances the required funds and will be repaid by the members of the company when armory drill checks are received from the finance officer.

Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 186th Infantry of Union, has had a perfect drill attendance for over three months. And, speaking of drill attendance, 80 per cent of the units were in class A for the month of February and the balance in class B. For the first time in several months, no units were in class C. The Klamath Falls Battery as usual holds first place.

BATTERY D WINS TROPHY

By establishing a record of drill attendance for the year 1928 of 98.2 per cent, Battery D, 249th Coast Artillery of Klamath Falls, comes into possession of the Oregonian Trophy which is awarded annually to the unit of the Oregon National Guard having the highest average armory drill attendance for the year.

The trophy, a large silver cup, has been competed for since 1924, being won that year by Battery A, 218th Field Artillery, and again in 1925. For the next two years it was in possession of Headquarters Company, 82d Infantry Brigade. Captain Abbey announces that a permanent base will be provided for the cup and challenges all units to try and get it away from Battery D.

Formal presentation of the cup will be made by the Editor of the Oregonian, Mr. R. G. Calvert. The presentation ceremony will be the climax to a rousing get-together meeting on April 29, when Battery D will act as host at a banquet for the business men of Klamath Falls.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

The contents of Major Sandy's pockets.

Captains Snow and Stryker together for five minutes and not in an argument.

A question on Army Regulations that Master Sergeant George Bates can not answer.

Technical Sergeant George Ellis discussing the history of Battery A, 218th Field Artillery, with the battery historian.

A rifle company at the head of the attendance column for one month.

More attention paid to the training of recruits.

A larger attendance at the Portland consolidated non-commissioned officers' schools.

No unit in class C next month.

A new armory in the city of Portland.

In a previous issue of the Guardsman, mention was made of a mirror installed in the Portland armory with appropriate captions around which permitted the soldier to inspect himself. Colonel Allen, the new senior instructor, was the moving spirit behind the installation of this unique device and excellent results are reported by all officers of the Portland armory. The serious side of the soldier inspecting himself before going out to drill has been interspersed recently by a little comedy. It seems that Captain William Beveridge had been working the mirror overtime. An officer remarked about the vanity of the captain to which a brother officer added that it wasn't vanity on the part of Captain Beveridge, but imagination.

Commemorating the twelfth anniversary of the mobilization of the Oregon National Guard on March 25, 1917, for participation in the World War, plans are under way for holding the quarterly inspection in Portland on the same date this year. Following the inspection a parade through the down town streets is scheduled, after which a ball for the enlisted men is on the program. Special invitations are being sent out to former members of the war time regiment and officers of the Reserve Corps.

Captain Alexander McGee, regular army instructor on duty at Salem, has been ordered to Letterman Hospital for observation and treatment. He leaves for the south the latter part of this month. We hope that he will soon recover and be back with us.

AWARDS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE MEDALS

Since the last issue of the Guardsman the following awards of Faithful Service Medals has been announced:

162d INFANTRY

Company A—
Ernest T. Robertson, 1st sergeant Five years

Company E—
Stuart T. Earl, sergeant Five years

Company I—
Carl A. Kellner, sergeant Ten years

186th INFANTRY

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion—
Richard H. Lane, private Five years

Company M—
O. V. Murray, 1st sergeant Five years
Clell K. Pryor, sergeant Five years
Earl L. Neet, private Five years

249th COAST ARTILLERY

Headquarters Battery—
Michael J. Melchoir, technical sergeant Five years
Service record indicates World War service.
Earl A. Unruh, staff sergeant Five years
Roy W. Remington, private Five years
Service record indicates World War service overseas.

Battery A—
Forest S. Campbell, captain Ten years
Record of service indicates World War service overseas.
John M. Sweet, sergeant Five years
David H. Harvie, sergeant Five years

Battery B—
Clyde G. Young, 1st lieutenant Ten years
David W. Sergeant, sergeant Ten years
William R. Clary, sergeant Ten years
Hubert B. Bentley, 2d lieutenant Five years
Carl V. Cary, sergeant Five years
Earl D. Nutter, sergeant Five years
Charles E. McCormick, private 1st class Five years
Samuel B. McNair, private 1st class Five years

Battery C—
Carl J. Larson, captain Ten years
Record of service indicates World War service overseas.
Charles A. Jensen, 1st lieutenant Ten years
Record of service indicates World War service overseas.
Henry J. Lecocq, 2d lieutenant Ten years
Record of service indicates World War service overseas.
Herbert L. Thom, sergeant Ten years
Service record indicates World War service overseas.
Hale H. Hurtley, sergeant Five years
Service record indicates World War service.
Paul J. Sheperd, sergeant Five years
Service record indicates World War service.
John E. Cook, corporal Five years
Service record indicates World War service overseas.

Battery E—
Homer C. Nelson, sergeant Five years
Kermit D. Sams, sergeant Five years

ENLISTED MEN WIN PRIZES

Announcement was made recently of the award of three cash prizes to enlisted men for outstanding soldierly qualities as follows:

The Phil Metschan award of \$20 given yearly to the member of Battery A, 218th Field Artillery, designated by competent judges as the outstanding soldier in the battery. Sergeant Charles E. Bockman, Jr., a student at Oregon Agriculture College, was announced the winner, having attended all drills, driving from Corvallis each Friday evening, the round trip being approximately 150 miles.

Sergeant Bert Peterson, Company E, 186th Infantry, won the annual prize of \$10 given by Major Ralph R. Huron to the high score man in the unit of the second battalion qualifying the greatest number in rifle marksmanship. For the third successive year, this prize has gone to a member of Company E.

To Private First Class Joseph L. Jones, Howitzer Company, 186th Infantry, went Captain Olson's \$5 prize as the result of a five-week elimination contest covering military bearing and neatness, attention to duty, and application to previous school subjects.