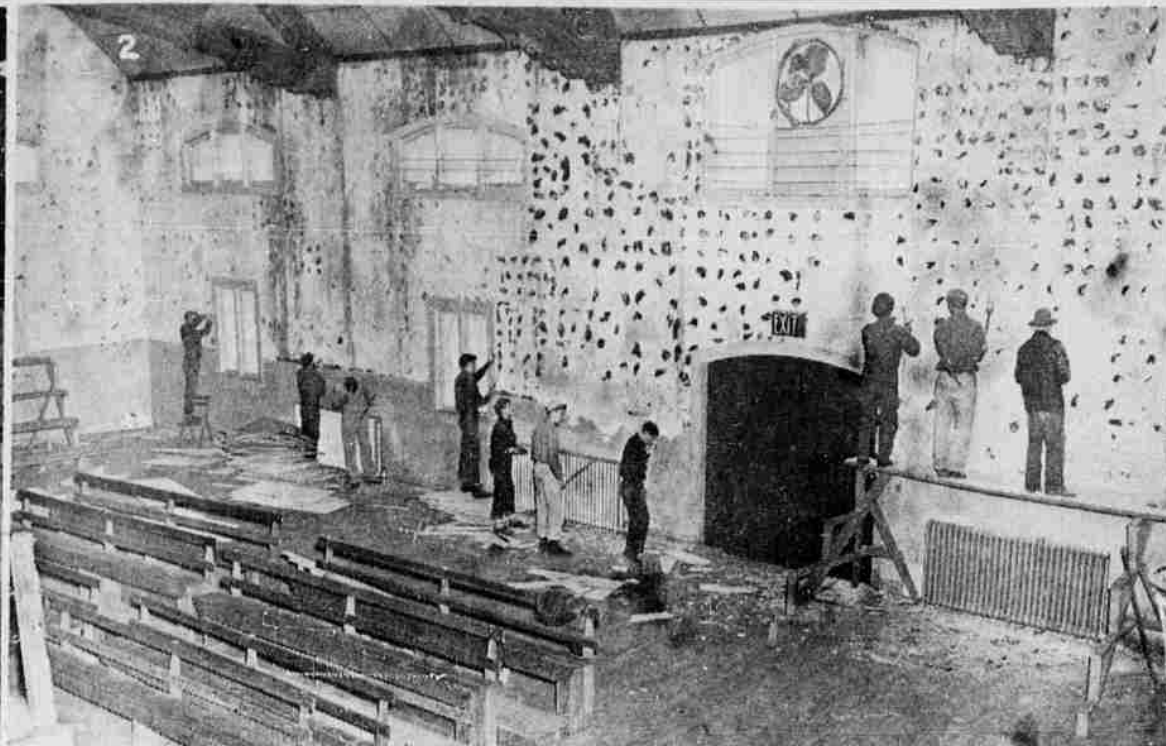
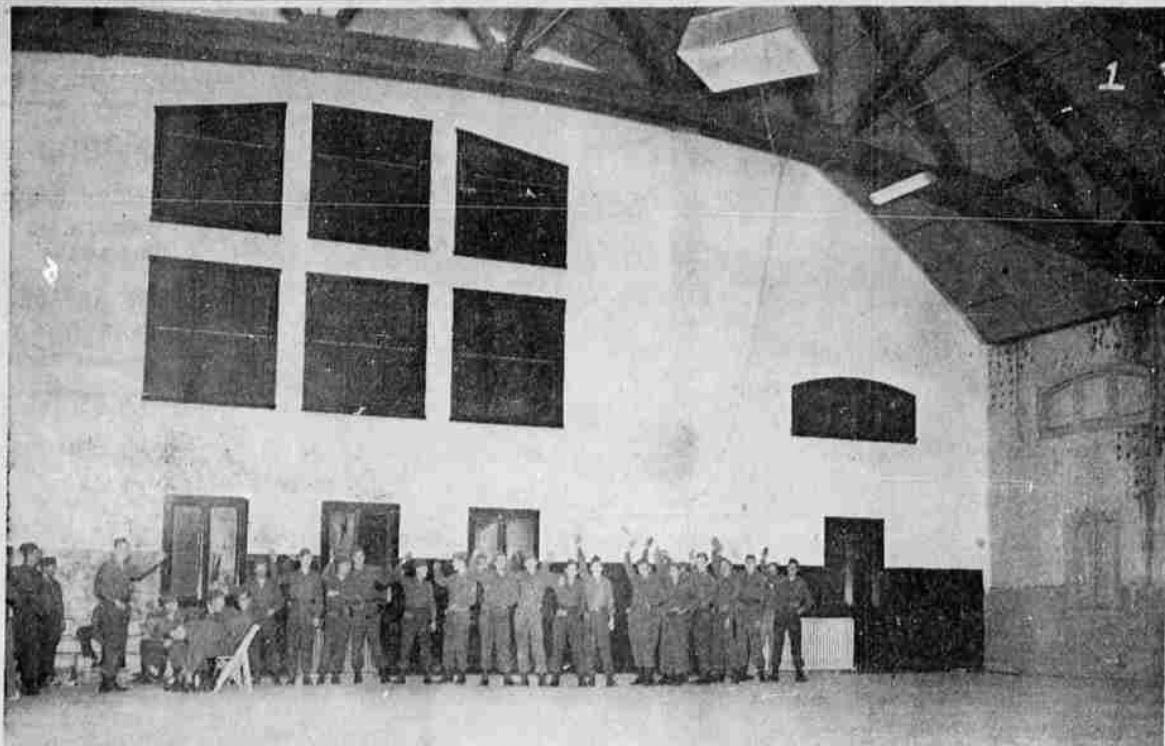




Roseburg Armory Undergoing Full Renovation

'New Look' Task Performed By Co. D Personnel

By LEROY INMAN

The Roseburg Armory is taking on a "new look." Hours of voluntary effort on the part of members of Roseburg Company D, 186th Infantry, Oregon National Guard, have gone into complete renovation of the building under the supervision of Capt. Steve Fowler, commanding officer.

Accompanying pictures here show a portion of improvements now underway to give the building a completely new appearance. It is being painted white with red trimmings. Minor alterations have also been made, and many other improvements are contemplated.

The Armory was taken over by the National Guard, under supervision of the state, Jan. 1, and hereafter, said Capt. Fowler, the local unit will have complete control of the building. It will be subject to lease for all occasions which can be worked into the schedule.

Capt. Fowler pointed out that the Armory has no source of revenue other than rentals from the building. Contrary to many beliefs, the state will finance only major repairs, and the building must otherwise be self-supporting. Plans are to put the Armory in condition for satisfactory accommodation of any major civic activities.

Task Not Easy One

Redecorating of the large structure is no easy task, the officer points out. Because of the high interior walls, much of the work must be done from high ladders. A major task was involved in the removing of firtex, which had been glued on the walls. All the glue and portions of the firtex which stuck to the walls must be cleaned off. The original plan was to paint over these panels, but since many were loose, it was decided to remove them and paint over the original surface. This will permit a smoother finish.

The main auditorium will be completely redone in white for the upper portion and red for the lower walls. This pattern is followed also for the hallway and foyer. The floors have been

BEFORE AND AFTER scenes of Roseburg's Armory, now undergoing renovation, show: 1. (Upper left) Company D lines up before a completely redecorated wall, while picture 2, on right, shows a wall prior to painting. 5. Wives and children of National Guardsmen make use of the attractively refurnished company dayroom. 4. Paint besmeared volunteer workers redecorate the foyer. 5. Guardsmen exchange uniforms for work clothes while nailing firtex on the basement ceiling. 6. Cooks prepare a tasty steak dinner, army style, for the hungry youths who donated their work. 7. Company men display their appetites.

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cleaned and will eventually be sanded.

Among the major improvements are construction of a permanent ticket booth, which does away with the old portable booth. The company dayroom, where the men and their wives may hold social gatherings, has been redecorated. Draperies and new venetian blinds have been placed at the windows, three davenports and chairs placed in the room and other furniture added. A record player has been secured and a concert piano, previously not usable, is being reconditioned and will soon be available.

The ladies lounge has also been redecorated. New wall finish, draperies, new flooring and the addition of a daveno and chair greatly improve the appearance of the room.

Basement Also Fitted

Improvements have been extended to the basement, where the firtex removed from the walls is being used to seal the ceiling. The mess hall has been put into shape to handle the entire company. The men were fed at noon



CAPT. STEVE FOWLER

the last couple of Sundays while working on the building.

Total of 54 lockers have been built and installed in the basement locker room. Another 54 will be installed at a later date. The arsenal is in a tightly locked vault adjoining the locker room. A rifle range will soon be ready to accommodate not only the guardsmen but local rifle clubs, said Capt. Fowler.

Maximum Enrollment of 112 Men Goal of National Guard Company

Renovation of the Roseburg Armory is only a small part of the National Guard program in Roseburg, Commanding Officer Capt. Steve Fowler says. An all-out effort is being launched to build the company's strength, which is now around 53 men and five officers, up to an allotted 112 men.

Under the National Guard program, the nation needs 341,000 men. When that quota is filled, recruiting in the various communities throughout the country will be closed, whether or not individual companies are up to their allotted strength, said Fowler. There are now 20,000 vacancies, but Roseburg's strength is low in percentage.

At full strength, the unit would bring into the city in National Guard pay alone about \$25,000, not to mention the many services and activities the company performs. Members are required to participate in 48 drills yearly.

The local unit drills each Monday from 8 to 10 p. m.

Not only do National Guardsmen receive pay for their services but those who enlist under the age of 18 years and six months will be exempt from the Army draft as long as they remain active in the unit. Any youth who can pass the entrance examination is eligible for enlistment. However, Capt. Fowler is desirous of obtaining men who are interested in the National Guard, who will meet attendance requirements and who will be a direct asset to the unit.

Invitation is extended to anyone interested to attend the weekly drills. Fowler may be contacted Monday nights at the Armory relative to enlistment, or information may be obtained at the National Guard office in the Armory daily. Two men, Sgt. Harold Reynolds and Sgt. Vern Thompson, are on duty all the time at the Armory.

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How To Join

All you have to do is go to the Armory. There is a representative on duty every day to take your application.

The Public Is Invited

The public is cordially invited to attend any drill formation. Formations are held each Monday at 8:00 P. M. at the Armory.



Pay Scale

Recruit	\$2.50
Private	2.67
Private First Class	3.00
Corporal	3.33
Sergeant	3.83
Sergeant First Class	4.50
Master Sergeant	5.50

Pay figures are for each drill night. Longevity pay is added for ex-service men.

