

IN AND OUT OF UNIFORM Six-Year-Plan for Guard

By Margaret Magee

Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Sixth army this week announced the army ground forces' six-year plan for training approximately 571,195 ground force troops of the national guard of the United States. The general emphasized the fact that actual training of the national guard will continue to be a function of each state in making his announcement. He stated further, however, that the army ground forces will detail regular army instructors, under the supervision of the army, who will be responsible for supervising the training program.

The six-year plan, providing for the progressive instruction of units in each state, is designed to standardize the training of the national guard all over the country. During the first and second years individuals and units will be trained on a company level; during the third and fourth years on a battalion level; and during the fifth year on a regimental combat team and combat command level; during the sixth year on a division level.

Specific types of training, such as basic and general, technical, and tactical training, also will be undertaken. It is estimated that a minimum of 96 hours per year will be de-

voted to armory training and minimum of 92 hours per year to field training. In addition, a training program will be conducted for each special type unit.

To assist the national guard in carrying out the plan, regular army instructors intend to make use of every known type of training aid, used effectively during the past war.

A further step is the establishment of various types of schools. Army ground forces will conduct officer candidate schools to which qualified national guard personnel will be assigned and commissioned as well as selected enlisted personnel will attend service school courses, which are of approximately three months' duration, and parallel those afforded in the regular army. Correspondence courses on all subjects will be available to all interested personnel.

Germany Future Home Mursells

Germany will be home, for a time, at least, for the George Mursell family. Mursell, a colonel in the army and now on terminal leave, has recently assumed the responsibilities of a civilian position as chief of the manpower division of Bremen. A short time ago his wife (Josephine) and son, Richard, 15, received orders to apply for their passport to Europe.

Mrs. Mursell and Richard, residents of 1066 North 20th street during the time that Col. Mursell has been in the service, are now awaiting their orders for sailing. They have already received word that they are due to leave for Europe in the August shipment leaving New York.

Bremen will be the home of the Mursells but Richard, who would have been a junior in Salem high school this fall, will enroll at Bristol college in England this fall. In that country he will be able to visit relatives for his father has first cousins there and a number of friends, made while he was stationed in England. Mrs. Mursell for the past has for 11 years

RE-ENLIST HIGHER RANK THAN PRIVATE

There's still a chance for ex-servicemen, whose duty ended May 12, 1945, or later to go back to the army without having to revert to the rating of a private. If they have not been out of the army more than 20 days their old ratings will be returned to them. Those out of the service for a longer time will receive the rating that their training and service warrants, which might possibly be the grade they held at time of discharge.

been a teacher at Fairview home.

Col. Mursell, discharged from the army in June, but not reverting to inactive status until four months after his discharge, has been in the army since September, 1940, and spent three and a half years overseas. He was home on a 30-day leave in January of this year and then returned to Germany. With his PhD in psychology from Ohio State college, he has devoted much of his time to personnel work and prior to reporting to the army spent three years with the Oregon state unemployment compensation commission.

Fort Replaces Adm. Jacobs

Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, USN, commandant of the Thirteenth naval district for the past nine months was Friday relieved by Rear Admiral George H. Fort at a change-of-command ceremony at Seattle.

Jacobs, who guided the vast personnel demobilization, ship decommissioning and ship inactivation programs in the Thirteenth naval district to near completion, took over command of that district when transferred there after completing his wartime duties as chief of the bureau of personnel in Washington, D. C., October 19, 1945. He soon will retire from active duty.

The new commandant of the Thirteenth naval district was graduated from the U. S. naval academy in 1912 and two years later as an ensign aboard the battleship USS Utah, saw his first action in the occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico. In World War I he was executive officer of the destroyer USS Fanning, and following the war after taking submarine training and skipping the submarine S-25 for three years, commanded several destroyers and later a

destroyer division and a destroyer squadron.

Shortly after entry of this country into World War II, Adm. Fort, then a captain, took command of the USS North Carolina, fighting his ship in the battle of the East Solomons. He wears the Navy Cross for his achievements in this engagement and also has the Distinguished Service medal, the Legion of Merit and the Asiatic-Pacific theater medal with eight battle stars.

Mercer Returns

After seeing many ports of the world, Hayden Mercer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mercer of route 6, Salem, a member of the merchant marines, has arrived home for a short visit, flying to the west coast from New York, where his ship docked.

Some of the places that Mercer visited during the eight months that he was out with the merchant marines were Iran, Palestine, South Africa, and London, in addition to Pacific island and far east stops.

Kerr on Leave

Grand Island—Home for a visit with his parents while on leave is Kerwin Kerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kerr, a pilot-navigator with the army air corps, who during the war was based in the Pacific.

Designing Shoes For Entire Army

Lt. Col. Kenneth Schellberg of Salem is now located at Boston, and as an army engineer is working with shoe manufacturers in designing shoes for the entire army. He writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schellberg, that he recently visited his uncle, Leo E. Schellberg, who for many years has been with the Interstate commerce commission in Washington, and whom the nephew had never met before. Lt. Col. Schellberg writes that he hasn't been able to find beef for his meals for six weeks, and at last account it was \$1.50 a pound for third grade. Pork is available,

and since the city is Boston, so are beans. Nights in Boston are cool, he says. In other respects Oregon is preferable.

Send 198 Pounds Clothing to Europe

Silverton—Among local donors for foreign relief recently reported were Mr. and Mrs. John Demas, who sent 198 pounds of clothing to European areas. Mrs. Demas is retiring president of Delbert Reeves unit, No. 7, American Legion auxiliary, and Demas is serving this year on the committee for Sons of Legion. Their efforts have been in conjunction with the post and unit's general program of giving.

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