

Salem Guardsmen Answer 'Operation Minuteman'

Guardsmen Quick in Responding to Alert

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Total actual strength of the Air and the Army National Guard of Oregon stands at 6,652. This includes both the officers and enlisted men.

Salem Guard outfits' attendance averaged about the same as the statewide figure, with Battery D, 722nd AAA, AW battalion and Company B, 162nd infantry regiment, having 100 per cent and company D, 162nd, having 90 per cent of its men and officers present.

One of Company D's men was present by 5 o'clock and by 5:15 p.m. at least 15 of them had arrived. At 5:50 p.m. 60 per cent of that company was four officers and 72 enlisted men reporting for a total of 90 per cent.

Company B's first man arrived 10 minutes after the alert was announced and by 6:50 p.m. all but two of the men of the company were actually present. One of these was in Canada and has been accounted for and the other arrived some time between 7 and 8 o'clock. Total attendance for the company at 8 o'clock was six officers and 101 enlisted men.

Also reporting into the Salem Armory with D and B company men were the men from this area who belonged to headquarters of the 41st division. In addition to these the Salem units of 162nd infantry division's first battalion checked in 13 other officers and men from other units of the Oregon National Guard.

Arrival time of the first man to report to Battery D, 722nd anti-aircraft artillery battalion, which meets at the quonset huts was 5:10 p.m. and when the first report was made on attendance at 6 p.m. 61 per cent of the unit had reported. It was up to 100 per cent of its strength about 7:15 p.m.

Joining this outfit for the test mobilization were two officers from headquarters of the 722nd anti-aircraft artillery battalion, Portland, First Lt. Charles Henry and Capt. Matthew Beck.

Also coming from Portland, but here to check on the efficiency of the test mobilization was SFC Spencer Gorham, U.S. Army, representing the regular Army advisor group for the National Guard.

As soon as enough men had arrived for guard duty they were dispensed to their various posts. Salem places put under guard during the alert were the city water works, bridges, telephone building, radio room of City Hall, the capitol and other state buildings, the radio stations and transmitters, the armory and the Salem airport.

First battalion of the 162nd infantry regiment of which Salem Companies B and D are a part had 95.5 per cent of its men reporting for the alert. All units of the battalion had at least 60 per cent of their men reported by 6 p.m.

At Silverton, home station for headquarters company of the battalion, 80 enlisted men, 11 officers and one warrant officer reported for 90 per cent of the strength of the company.

Company A of the battalion at McMinnville had 96 per cent of its men reported in or 73 enlisted men, and four officers.

Albany's Company B of the battalion reported 73 enlisted men and five officers counted for 97 per cent of its strength.

Woodburn, Dallas and Lebanon

are other National Guard units in this area, but are not with the first battalion.

Woodburn's Tank company of the 188th infantry regiment was another one of those Oregon units having 100 per cent of its men reporting for the alert. Three officers, one warrant officer and 102 enlisted men hit the 100 per cent mark during the fourth hour of the alert. Two officers from other units also reported to Woodburn, Lebanon's headquarters company.

Third battalion, 162nd infantry, hit the 91 per cent attendance mark within two hours and at the last count had 11 officers and 76 enlisted men for 97 per cent.

Tank company of the 162nd infantry at Dallas had all but one of its 93 enlisted men, six officers and one warrant officer either present or accounted for during the alert. The one man could not be located. Eighty-seven of the enlisted men, all of the officers and the one warrant officer were actually in attendance.

Oregon's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, who had to leave for a conference in Washington, D.C., before the first count could be taken, when contacted in eastern Oregon enroute east, said he was very pleased with the response state-wide and felt that the state's mobilization plans were "A number one."

The general's office said that men who had not been to drills for a couple or three weeks were present for the alert and especially commented on the fine cooperation given by parents of young men in the National Guard.

Many parents contacted companies and were most concerned because they could not immediately locate their sons and promised to continue trying to locate them.

In Salem one member of Company D, Pvt. 1 Vernon B. Papenfus, who joined in January of this year, reported despite having his leg in a cast.

SCHOOLBOYS SLAIN

NAIROBI, Kenya — Two European schoolboys were found stabbed to death and mutilated early Thursday at Ruaraka, three miles from Nairobi. Police blamed the murder on Mau Mau anti-white terrorists.



This is it!—Gov. Paul Patterson, right hands Oregon adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, left, the orders for "Operation Minuteman" in which Oregon National Guardsmen are to be directed to report immediately for the Wednesday night exercise, which was a nation-wide test of speed and efficiency with which the Guard units could be mobilized in event of an emergency. (National Guard Photo)



Call Your Men Sgt. Greene—Ray J. Greene, classified advertising manager for the Statesman-Journal, who is a sergeant first class with Company D, 162nd infantry regiment, Oregon National Guard, as one of the four zone leaders for the company calls the men on his list to report for "Operation Minuteman." Greene was still at work at the newspaper Wednesday evening when he received his call. (Capital Journal Photo)



Rifles for Company B—Master Sgt. Donald L. Jones, 2201 West Nob Hill, front left, and Sgt. Delwyn Kleen, 1761 Market Street, behind Sgt. Jones, of company B, 162nd infantry regiment, Oregon National Guard, draw their rifles from Master Sgt. Lawrence Baker, right, administrative, supply and maintenance technician for the company. (Capital Journal Photo)



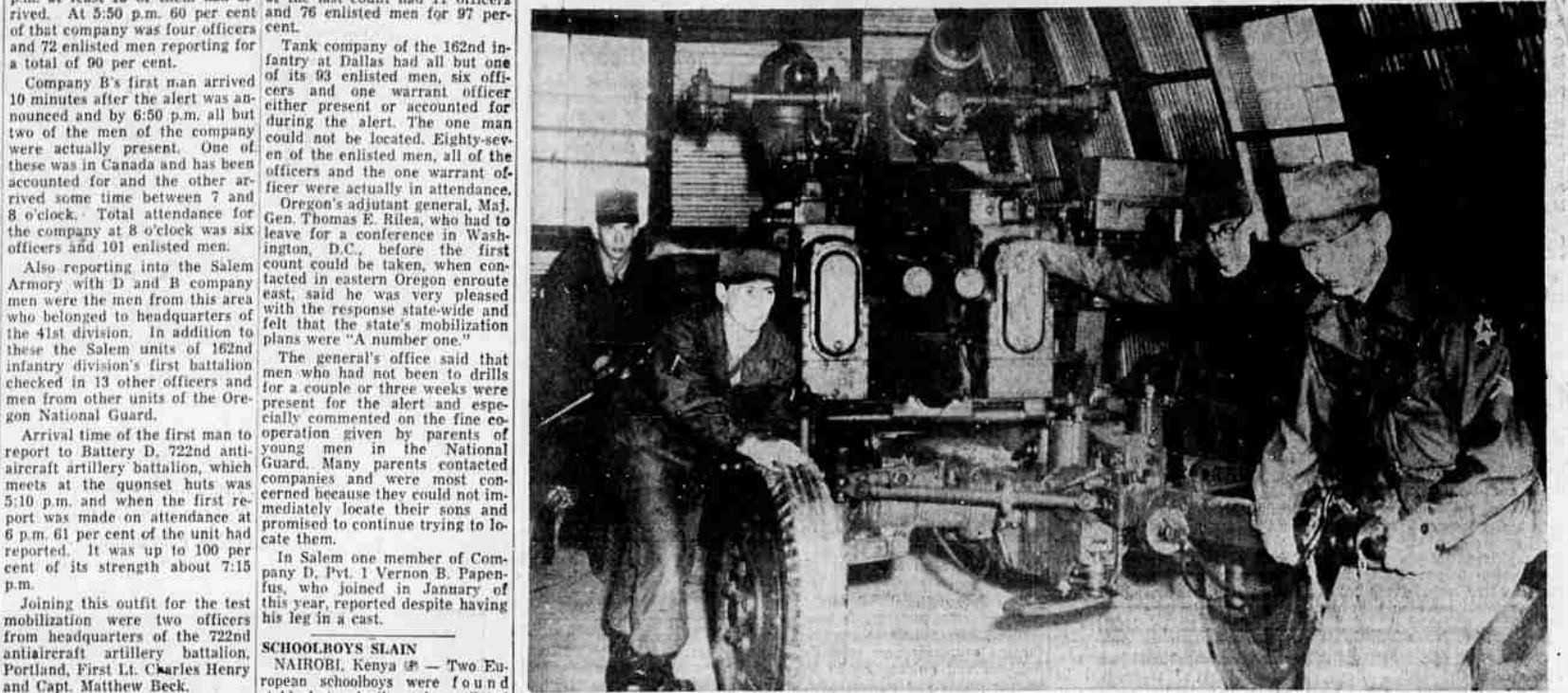
Air National Guardsman — A 1/c Kenneth Morris, member of the Statesman-Journal advertising staff, who belongs to the 142nd Supply Squadron of the Air National Guard dons his blouse on the run as he leaves to report for the alert. Morris, instead of going to the home base of his squadron in Portland, reported to the Salem armory. (Capital Journal Photo)



Guards at Capitol Building—Standing guard duty at the state capitol building during "Operation Minuteman" were men from company B, 162nd Infantry regiment, shown here in front of the building, left to right, are Pfc. Frank Smith, Sgt. Melvin Karsten and Pfc. Don Endree, all from company B, 162nd Infantry regiment, Oregon National Guard.



Guard Replacements at attention—Men of Company D, 162nd infantry regiment, Oregon National Guard, who had not yet stood guard duty in "Operation Minuteman" Wednesday night are checked in before their departure by truck. (Capital Journal Photo)



Ack-Ack Guns Out Too—Four members of battery D, 722nd AAA, AW battalion, Oregon National Guard, roll out one of the anti-aircraft guns of the battery and prepare to leave for their posts during the nation-wide alert. At the back wheel left is Art Christiansen, Redmond, who is a student at Willamette University; at the front wheel, left, Pfc. Dwight Baker, 821 North Cottage street; Pfc. Daryl Jensen, 265 West Rural, is pushing on the gun, at right rear; and pulling on the tongue of the gun, right front, is Cpl. Robert Howe. (Capital Journal Photo)



Company B Men to Guard Duty—Three men of company B, 162nd infantry regiment, Oregon National Guard, rifles in hand, run up the armory stairs to load into a truck to leave for guard duty Wednesday night during "Operation Minuteman." In front is Pfc. Lester L. Miller, center and in back is Pvt. John Coughell and at right is Pfc. LaMoyné L. Mapes.



Guardsmen Arrive to Guard Bridges—Members of company D, 162nd infantry regiment unload from one of the company's trucks at the Marion street bridge and prepare to stand guard duty during "Operation Minuteman," nation-wide National Guard alert held Wednesday night. (Capital Journal Photo)



Anti-Aircraft Guns Into Place—Battery D, 722nd anti-aircraft artillery battalion men set one of their M-55s in place in front of the capitol building during "Operation Minuteman." (Capital Journal Photo)

Italy Replaces France as Mecca for U.S. Tourists

By United Press

Italy has replaced France as the favorite country for the record tide of American tourists to Europe this year.

Spain, least expensive of all European nations, also is moving up rapidly and will be in third place—ahead of Switzerland, Britain, Germany and most parts of France outside Paris itself.

That's the word from travel experts as the vanguard of some 500,000 U.S. vacationists head across the Atlantic this month. It will be the biggest tourist year for Europe in history.

Community Council To Hear Merrifield

Senator John Merrifield will speak at the annual meeting of the Salem Community Council Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Music Hall, Willamette University campus.

The theme of Senator Merrifield's address will be "Recent Oregon Legislation of Social Significance." Senator Merrifield is interested in the social problems of the state and is an active churchman with deep concern for social legislation.

Senator Merrifield is from Multnomah county and is serving his second term. In the present session he is chairman of the educational committee, vice-chairman of the ways and means committee, and a member of the financial affairs and public health committees.

At the conclusion of Senator Merrifield's address there will be a report of committees and subsidiary councils, especially the Youth and Recreation Council of which John C. McLean is president.

Dr. John Rademaker, who helped to start the council about four years ago, will speak about the future of the Community Council of Salem. Mrs. Marjorie Wikoff is the president.

Damage Suit Asks For Over \$43,000

Theodore F. Crowley, through his guardian, Esther H. Crowley, filed suit in Marion county circuit court Thursday seeking general damages in the sum of \$43,370 and special damages totalling \$327.27 against the City Transit Lines, Raymond Gross, a driver for the utility, and Mrs. Dorothy (Alvin R.) Starr, driver of a privately operated automobile.

The suit stems from an accident at the intersection of Boice Avenue and State Highway 99E October 22, 1954.

The complaint recites that the plaintiff was a passenger in a City Transit Lines bus when it became involved in a collision with the vehicle operated by Mrs. Starr. All of the defendants are charged with negligence and carelessness.

The plaintiff is said to have incurred numerous injuries and a recurrence of previous schizophrenic symptoms.

Six Cars Damaged in Rear-End Collisions

Two rear-end collisions Wednesday afternoon one involving two cars and the other four, resulted in damage to all the cars but no injuries, state police reported.

The car of Harry Clyde Dawson, Route 1, suffered extensive front end damage and the car of George F. Kraus, Silverton, suffered extensive rear end damage in one of the collisions, officers said. Kraus had stopped for a school bus that was unloading students when the accident occurred, they said. The accident occurred about 4 p.m. about two miles west of Salem on the Dallas Road.

About an hour later, cars driven by Gregory B. Wood, Corvallis; J. C. Thomas, Portland; John Adams, Jr., Ft. Lewis, Wash.; and Harry C. Wick, Seattle, were involved in a collision when two of the vehicles slowed for a truck ahead of them, police said. The accident occurred south of Rickreall on Highway 97W.

SUBLIMITY DANCE — A benefit bdn dance will be given in the Parish hall Friday evening, April 22.

Public and private debt in the United States totals about \$4,300 for each person in the country.