

Local National Guard Units Looking Forward To Army Inspection; Now Seeking Recruits

Conduct Meetings At Old Armory Site; Enthusiasm Noted

Veterans and Rookies For Two Companies

With federal inspection only a few short weeks away, Medford's two National Guard units these days are busy putting a high polish on equipment, getting records in apple pie order, and making every bit of training count.

At the same time, the two units, Headquarters company and Company A, are in the middle of a recruiting drive that appears to be gaining momentum as it goes along.

Although both units are still below the strength they would like to have by the time the Sixth Army brass arrives in town to look them over, officers of both hope, and expect, to be in pretty good shape by that time.

Both growing As things stand right now, each company has approximately 51 officers and men, and both are growing. Last Monday night, for example, Headquarters company had eight new recruits, the largest number in some time, taking their first drill instruction from Sgt. Sam Bailey, 1374 Grand ave., who has been a member of Headquarters company since it was formed on June 26, 1947.

They are getting the same fundamentals that many veterans got on their first day in the service. How to stand at attention and at ease, how to do an about face, and other basic information. These recruits will get 12 weeks of this type of training before being assigned to a job with the Guard.

Things To Help Them... "We're trying to teach these kids things that might help them some day," Sergeant Bailey said. He knows what he's talking about. The sergeant, a veteran of 12 years in the service, went into the Guard in 1940 at Klamath Falls, was at Ft. Stevens on the north Oregon coast when it was shelled by a Japanese submarine, and later served in the Pacific.

Bailey and several other non-coms and officers commented on how good it seemed to have a



IN WEAPONS ROOM—Shown above in the weapons room at the Medford armory are three members of Company A, 1st Battalion, 188th Infantry, as they get ready for federal inspection, which is scheduled in a few weeks. They

are, left to right, Lt. Alex Austin, 923 Murry st., Sgt. Chuck Clemans, 408 Crater Lake ave., and Cpl. Arlo Emmons, Box 93, Central Point. Company A is one of two Oregon National Guard units serving the Medford area. (Brainerd photo)



DRILL PERIOD—Shown above are members of Company A, one of the two local units of the Oregon National Guard, as they go through close order drills in what formerly was the basement of the old armory building, which

was partly destroyed by fire about two years ago. Keeping a watchful eye on the proceedings are Lt. Bert Riebe, 1117 Reddy st., at right, and Lt. Bart Garred, 924 Grant st., center. (Brainerd photo)

big class of recruits. It's pretty tough on a drill instructor when he has only one man to work with," one officer noted. What ideas about the National Guard do some of the new men

have? Here are some comments from the newer members, some of whom have just started, and others who have been in almost a year.

New Men's Comments Dale McClanahan, 17-year-old Medford High school senior, who lives at 2304 Spring st., says "I imagine I'd have to go in anyway, and I thought I might as well go in here." Like many other new members, Dale "heard some of the other fellows talking about it," and decided to take a look.

Alton Stone, 19, of 323 Newtown st., another Medford High senior, worked with a National Guard corporal who talked him into going down to the armory and looking around. "I had no intention of joining when I first came down, but I liked it," Alton says. "Then I went to summer camp and I like that a lot. After I joined I wished that I had gotten in sooner." Alton has convinced three of his friends that the Guard is a good thing, and says, "After others find out about it, I expect they'll join."

Asked Questions One of the three Alton talked into joining the Guard was Dan Morris, 17-year-old Medford High senior, who lives at 3423 Madrona st. Dan says "I knew Lieutenant Fagone (Lt. Ben Fagone, commanding officer of Headquarters company) so I came down to the armory and asked some questions about the Guard. I plan to go into the Air Force and I decided the training would do me some good." Dan also plans to attend college at the University of Oregon, where his two brothers are now enrolled.

Jim Westensee, 17-year-old Medford High sophomore, whose home is at 300 South Columbus ave., was on his fourth night of training last Monday. "It's a lot of fun, and the drilling isn't bad," he said. "Some of the kids talked to me about it, and my dad thought it would be a good idea." Jim, like most of the other younger members, likes the idea of the pay and the change to get in military training while staying at home. How about the older Guards-

men and their ideas on the matter?

Retirement Benefits

A good example is Riley L. Applegate, 2262 Delta Water rd., a veteran of World War II who is pioneer and ammunition sergeant for Headquarters company. Applegate, who served in Europe and the Philippines, and was on his way to Japan when the war ended, says "I'm planning to stay in for retirement at 20 years. I couldn't invest enough money to set myself up that good any other way."

One of the real veterans of Company A is Sgt. Frank Richey, who lives in Phoenix. Richey is now on his second enlistment in the National Guard. In addition, he was just discharged after serving a hitch in the Air Force, and is also a veteran of four years in the Navy.

The Marine corps is about the only thing Richey has missed, but Company A has a veteran of three years with the Marines in Japan and Korea. He is Pfc. Troy M. Garrison, 21, of 69 Arnold lane, who has been in the Guard for about a month. Garrison plans to attend a cooks and bakers school at Ft. Ord, Calif. this year as a part of his Guard training.

Service School

A member of Headquarters company who already has completed a service school through the National Guard is Sgt. Daun Chaney, 23, Shady Cave, who took a two-month course at mechanics school at Ft. Ord. Chaney is planning to get more service schooling if possible.

The members of both companies represent many occupations, and many communities in Jackson county.

Occupations include log truck driver, insurance salesman, farmer, banker, high school student, shoe salesman, postman, fireman, policeman, mechanic, and mill worker. They come from Medford, Jacksonville, Ashland, Shady Cove, Lake Creek, Central Point, Prospect, and numerous other communities.

Routine at Meetings

What do they do at meetings? Both companies spend the first few minutes of each meeting in close order drill. During good weather, drills are held in what formerly was the basement of the main armory building, which was destroyed by fire more than two years ago. In cold or rainy weather they drill inside in the largest room available to them.

After drills, in general the routine includes work on records or equipment, and training classes, including such information as the Guard's role in quelling "domestic disturbances," and how to figure elevation when firing a rifle. Moving pictures are frequently used for training purposes.

After the regular drill period, which, incidentally, is good for a full day's pay for only two hours work, the Guardsmen usually have coffee and doughnuts to end the day.

New Armory

Guardsmen are looking forward to the day when they can move into the new armory to be built at the Jackson county fairgrounds. Not only will it improve the Guard's facilities, with particular emphasis on drill area, but it will allow the Guard to become more a part of community activities through public use of the armory building.

All but two of the local Guard officers have reached their present rank after serving as enlisted men, and this is a point of pride for most of them. One commented recently, "If anyone had told me five years ago when I joined the Guard that I would have a commission now, I wouldn't have believed them."

This excellent chance to get a commission, and to hold it if called into service with the regular Army, is only one of the talking points Guardsmen use in selling new men on the advantage of enlisting.

Other Benefits

Others, of course, include the pay, and retirement benefits which count both service in the Guard and any other military service.

But, they point out, one of the most important to young men is the fact that they can complete their military obligation at home, without training and service far away. However, to gain this benefit, young men must enlist in the Guard before reaching the age of 18½ and must miss no more than five Guard meetings a year.

The name of any draft eligible Guardsman who misses more than five meetings a year immediately must be sent to his local draft board. Those who wish to enlist in any branch of the military service while still members of the Guard will be released immediately to do so.

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Morse, Neuberger Join Forces At Eugene Meet; Cordon Raps Priest Rapids Dam Power Plan

By UNITED PRESS

Sen. Guy Cordon Friday lashed out his opposition in connection with the Priest Rapids dam in Washington state while Richard L. Neuberger, his Democratic opponent, and Independent Senator Wayne Morse appeared on the same platform together for the first time in the 1954 campaign.

As the heated battle for the Senate seat neared its climax, Cordon charged that Neuberger and Morse apparently stand with senators from Washington state in attempts to get more power for Oregon's neighbor. In a statement, Cordon referred to a charge by Neuberger that six of seven GOP senators who visited Oregon this week had voted with Cordon to exclude the preference clause from the Priest Rapids dam bill.

Cites Own Plan

Cordon said the Priest Rapids proposal was not a federal project but was one which involved public power bodies in Washington.

"I obtained a provision in the bill," he said, "which required that a fair share of the power must be delivered to Oregon. Sens. Magnuson and Morse tried to superimpose the preference clause and that would have nullified the whole effect of the provision for an allotment of power to Oregon. He said if the preference clause were allowed to stand, the dam never would be built."

Cordon said that the public power partners in Washington would have to turn to private capital for financing, that they could not get this without firm contracts for sale of power and that with the preference clause such contracts were impossible.

Sen. Warren Magnuson and Henry Jackson, Washington Democrats, were in Oregon Wednesday speaking in behalf of Oregon Democrats.

Would Vote With Morse

Neuberger, who also attacked Cordon's foreign policy in a televised Portland speech, appeared in Eugene with Morse Friday night. Neuberger joked about speculation that he and Morse

might have a falling out if both were representing Oregon in the Senate.

"I'll vote with Wayne Morse about three or four times as often as Cordon votes with Eisenhower," he said.

Morse, in introducing Neuberger, said, "He is a man who has an international reputation as a great writer and author; a keen legislator; a student of government; and a brilliant man. There is no substitute for brains in public service."

Morse also had praise for Joseph K. Carson Jr., the Democratic nominee for governor.

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Rescuers Reach Crashed C47 Plane

Nice, France—(U.P.)—A United States Air Force paratroop rescue team Saturday reached the wreckage of a C47 that crashed in the Alps last Sunday and reported there were no survivors among the 21 American airmen aboard.

Wreckages of planes strewn throughout the area caused confusion to participants in the biggest combined air search effort conducted in Europe by the U. S. Air Force with the assistance of the British French and Italians. An American Air Force pilot finally spotted the crash scene Friday afternoon.

U. S. Air Force headquarters at Wiesbaden, Germany, reported this morning a helicopter crew which examined the wreckage saw no sign of life.

Company's Stud Service To Continue, Is Report

Emmett M. Gott, Medford distributor for the Curtiss Candy co., pointed out last week that the stud service operated by the firm is continuing despite the recent sale of the company's farm in Illinois.

He said there has been some misunderstanding over sale of the farm, but that the service will be continued and eventually expanded.

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