

Guardsmen Undergo Rugged Invigorating Training Period

(Editor's note: The following article gives a rookie's eye view of the recent National Guard encampment. Its author, who is relatively new to the vagaries of military discipline, would prefer, for reasons obvious to every former private, to remain anonymous.)

By PRIVATE 'JOHN DOE'

It first became apparent that the National Guard companies from Medford, A and Headquarters companies, were involved in a "Military situation" during the night of departure for their two week summer encampment at Ft. Lewis last June 15.

The train was scheduled to leave at 12:01 a.m. Saturday. But before it left Guardsmen were dismissed to complete goodbyes to anxious mothers and sweethearts. Despite the brevity of the summer camp, the mothers and sweethearts clung to the boys as if it was real. Many of the Guardsmen were embarrassed and felt it made everything seem exaggerated.

Cold Nights
Saturday night at camp was spent getting situated in one of the nine tents allotted to headquarters company. They were erected in rows of three, three tents in a row, about 10 men to a tent. At night cold winds came off the nearby sound and chased everyone to their bunks early, and made it uncomfortable to rise in the morning. Often at night machine gun fire and artillery explosions could be heard miles away being fired by the regulars. Everyone wondered whether it was real ammo or just blanks.

The mornings were highlighted by the booming and tireless voice of M. Sgt. Darold Garman, platoon sergeant of the communications section. His "OK! Now fall out of those sacks you men! Chop! Chop!" could be heard all over the area. This happened every morning for two weeks at about 5 a.m. It is a well established rumor in Headquarters company that after every summer camp Sergeant Garman is bombarded by phone calls about 3 a.m., each with a slightly adolescent voice screaming, "Time to fall out! Chop! Chop!" Out at 5:45 a.m.

About 5:45 a.m. each day Headquarters company would fall out for the first formation. Then First Sgt. Bob Messer would dismiss the platoons to "police the area." Non-coms like Sergeant Bateman and Corporal Drew were always careful to allow no goldbricking. Chow was ready by 6 a.m. and the work day began anytime between 7 and 8 a.m., lasting until 4:30 p.m. Monday was devoted to a kind of orientation program, but the Guardsmen were not told that until a day before the company left for home. Strangely, it was not until a day before the end of camp that anything about the two-week program was explained. Lt. Col. Donald H. Burke, commander of the first battalion, then revealed that the first week had been devoted to individual soldiering and squad tactics.

Classes Held
During the first week classes were held for the individual sections, and several Guardsmen attended communications and projectionist schools. The pioneer and ammunition section worked mostly alone and practiced making and detonating TNT charges. The commo section established communications in the area and the intelligence section listened to lectures on map reading and then adjourned to the field to follow compass courses over unfamiliar and rugged terrain.

As far as the "top brass" were concerned, the Governor's Day parade on Saturday highlighted the summer camp training period. It gave them a chance to review the troops. But for the men in the ranks it was different. For what seemed like hours, thousands of Guardsmen (over 8,000 were at Ft. Lewis) stood rigid waiting for the man at the loudspeaker, who was incoherent anyway, to complete his address to the grandstand. When the marching finally began it was over in 10 minutes.

Squad Work
Colonel Burke explained that the second week was planned for the purpose of putting squads to work with heavy weapons on the platoon level in tactical problems. It was the bivouac that most concerned the men. Early Tuesday morning the Guardsmen strung up their packs, filled their canteens with water, checked out their weapons and waited for trucks. The trucks were late. The gear was heavy and the mid-morning sun beating down made

the men sweat and wish they were still in their bunks, or anywhere else. The trucks came at last. The men were loaded on, about 30 to a truck. There were as many trucks as it takes to carry 500 men, all of the 1st battalion. Everybody had to stand up and there was barely room to move.

14 Miles
The trucks carried them about 14 miles, winding down gutted roads, where low hanging branches on nearby trees would swoop down and clear the truck of field hats on men who were too lazy to duck. The trucks stopped in a wooded area with tall trees and foliage that made the tactical combat situation seem like a likely place for camping practice. Small pup tents soon were being busily erected, jeeps skidded over the muddy road and occasional outburst of military profanity were heard that would scare many novelists.

It was hot, and the sun came bursting through the tall firs in uncompromising rays, but there was no time to appreciate it. At noon the camp was completed and everybody grabbed his mess

Foresters Remind Residents of Fire Season Regulations

"No Smoking While Traveling" and "Forest Fire Tool" requirements became effective July 1 in national forest protective areas in Oregon and Washington, and remain in effect until October 31 unless terminated earlier, Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone reminded residents today.

The ban on smoking applies to anyone traveling inside the national forests except when on paved or surfaced highways. The camping tools needed consist of an axe with a handle at least 28 inches long and a head weighing two or more pounds, a shovel with a blade not less than eight inches wide and a handle 36 inches or longer, and a water container of one or more gallons capacity. The tool requirement applies to campers or picnickers using forested areas outside of the regular improved forest camps, if traveling by automobile or with pack horses.

Many People Expected
According to Stone, the limited camping and picnicking facilities are expected to be filled to overflowing over the Fourth of July holiday. "We welcome these forest recreationists and hope that they will enjoy a safe and happy visit to the national forests."

In the national forest protective areas in Oregon and Washington, campfire permits are needed only if building a campfire within the old Yacolt Burn on the Gifford Pinchot National forest. Elsewhere they are not required. However, forest officials point out that state law and federal regulations prohibit the building of fires in unsafe places or failing to extinguish them.

"To build a safe fire is to build it small in a spot away from stumps, logs, roots or other debris, and cleared to mineral soil," Stone said. "The fire should be completely extinguished with water and stirring the coals while soaking them." He added that water should not be used in masonry stoves.

Total Number of Fires
The total number of fires for the first five months in 1956 in the national forest protective areas of the Pacific Northwest region was 96 as compared with 41 at the same time last year. This was due to the early season fires set by lightning storms. The first five months of 1956 brought only 16 man-caused fires as against 37 for the same period last year. "Moisture content of forest fuels was greatly reduced during the dry weather of April and May. Since this moisture content has never been fully replaced, the reduced number of man-caused fires is very gratifying," Stone said.

Foresters give much credit for reduction in forest fires to widespread forest fire prevention campaigns, increased public cooperation, and awareness of the value of forests and the danger and losses when the forest burns.

RECOGNIZES RED CHINA
Cairo—(U.P.)—Syrian Premier Sabri Ellassay has announced recognition of Communist China, by Syria, the Mideast News agency reported from Damascus today.

gear and was served a surprisingly adequate lunch.

Into Field
The next day the troops were in the field. One platoon had buried about 50 live TNT charges, and hypothetical aggressors and defense positions were established for tactical combat purposes.

In the evening the troops hitched on their packs, slung arms and started along the dusty and rocky road that led to the main camp. Colonel Burke and Capt. S. P. Fagone, commanding officer of headquarters company, led the march. About two hours, or six miles, later, trucks picked up the weary men and carried them the rest of the distance.

This completed the military program of the encampment. Thursday was devoted to recreation and Thursday evening two Medford boys from a company, Adrian Van Horn and Luther Fisher, battled for the heavyweight championship of the 41st Division, the Oregon and Washington National Guard. Van Horn won. Another Medford boy, Bobby Lyons of headquarters company, won the featherweight championship.

Company A of Medford won the 41st Division softball crown. **Excellent Grades**

Colonel Burke said that the battalion had received 233 excellent grades from Army inspectors who were covering the area. The battalion received most of the excellent on good housekeeping, he said. Colonel Burke added that there were still areas needing improvement, which include recognition of officers insignia, quarters needing improvement, shoes needing to be shined, poor display of clothes, bunks not being tight enough and the chain of command not being memorized. Colonel Burke concluded that the 1st battalion had the smallest number of Guardsmen report for sick call.

Many of the new Guardsmen, the privates, came in contact with a new set of words at camp. They were, "Standard Operating Procedure," more commonly expressed as "S.O.P." It is this which determines that some day boots would be placed at the foot of the bed or the head of the bed, that boot laces would always be tied and tucked in so they wouldn't show, that bunks would either be an inch from the tent wall or a foot, that some day field jackets could either be worn or not worn, that all clothes on the tent clothes rack would be placed in a certain order, that buttons on those clothes would always be buttoned, and that articles that hung from a soldier's cartridge belt would always hang from a certain location for everybody.

It's Simple
Sgt. Ray Bowler of the intelligence section explained it. "It's really very simple. You have a job to do. Do it. Don't ask questions."

Although the Guardsmen sometimes find the discipline of the S.O.P. unpleasant, most recognize its meaningfulness and necessity. Capt. Tom Engles, in a letter addressed to the entire company last week, explained the purpose of discipline when he said, "The Army demands the subordination of the will of every man in it for the good of the company to which he is attached."

After a hectic Friday morning attending to details preparing for the trip home, the Medford Guardsmen left Ft. Lewis Friday about 8 p.m. The train finally stopped in Medford about 1:15 p.m., Saturday. This time there was band music to go along with the anxious faces of waiting mothers and sweethearts, which again made the sojourn to Ft. Lewis seem like a far-off experience.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Robert Carl Flanery, no operator's license, \$10.
Roy Douglas Reagan, no operator's license, \$6.
APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE
Richard Newman Wallace, Route 2, Box 390, Central Point, and Miss Marya Rae Nelson, Route 1, Box 160, Eagle Point.
Raymond Allen Head, Trail, and Miss Verna Marie Robbins, Prospect.



MISS GUIDED MISSILE—Dee Hill of San Francisco will fit that title if she is still hanging onto that rocket when it takes off. That fancy Gantner bathing suit she is wearing is titled "Safari."

Man Suffers Minor Injuries in Accident

Donald House, Fern Valley rd., Medford, suffered only minor injuries Sunday afternoon when a tractor he was driving over an irrigation ditch bridge near his home went out of control and overturned on him.

Members of the family reported the tractor went through a barbed wire fence before overturning. House was pinned between the tractor and the fence until a wrecker could arrive to free him. The accident occurred at about 4:37 p.m.

He was taken by Medford Ambulance service to Community hospital, where he is reported in satisfactory condition. House is suffering from minor cuts and bruises, but no broken bones, and was expected to be released from the hospital shortly.

Need Seen To Break Up Hold by 'McKay Clique'

Salem—(U.P.)—Monroe Sweetland, Democratic nominee for secretary of state, told a group of Marion and Polk county Democrats here recently that "a major issue of the 1956 Oregon campaign is the urgent need to break the stranglehold on the McKay clique on Oregon's government."

Sweetland said the "Republicans have offered the people a continuation of the same McKay clique control in their 1956 ticket. It is headed by the reactionary leader himself," Sweetland said, "and offers a pallid carbon copy for governor, and youthful, duplicate for secretary of state."

Washington—(U.P.)—The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing transfer of 233 acres of federal land in Clackamas county, Ore., to that state for use as a National Guard target range.

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Study of People Gives Doctors Clue as to Ailment of Spouses

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

New York—(U.P.)—How a doctor can get an idea of what's wrong with people without looking down their throats or pushing at their stomachs, is described by a scientist who has studied people as well as science.

When a husband makes a doctor's appointment for his wife, the doctor is justified in suspecting she is "a nervous and inefficient type of person." The reason is that husbands aren't "supposed" to do such things.

But if the wife makes the appointment for her husband, nothing can be made of it—wives are "supposed" to give such services. If the husband accompanies the wife to the doctor's office that's okay only if he looks unhappy about it.

Abnormal Makeup
But the husband who insists upon being present while the doctor is looking the wife over, "has a very abnormal makeup, and the wife may have a functional disease with good reason." If the wife accompanies the husband to the doctor, it's probably quite normal.

"However, the marital combination of a meek, mousy little man and a robust, rigid wife who answers all the questions before the poor fellow can reply, prognostically, is considered to be a bad combination, indeed." The speaker was Dr. Leonard L. Lovshin of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, lecturing a medical audience. He said that "almost anyone can develop a fairly good neurosis all by himself, but in order to develop a really good one, the help of the spouse is invaluable."

For instance: "A hovering, worried, over-solicitous husband is one of the greatest assets a neurotic woman can have—from her standpoint, that is." However, from the standpoint of the physician who wants to get at her ailments and make her well, this husband is "a grave liability."

"When, by whatever means, a woman receives the attention

she craves, there is little reason why she should get well, and woe betide the physician who

Harvey Firm Files \$44,000,000 Mortgage

The Dalles—(U.P.)—The Harvey Machine Co., Inc., of Torrance, Calif., filed a \$44,000,000 mortgage here yesterday, the largest chattel mortgage ever filed here and one of the largest ever filed in the state of Oregon.

The mortgage is in connection with the Harvey company's proposed construction of a \$65,000,000 aluminum reduction plant at The Dalles. Construction on the long-planned plant is scheduled to get under way around the first of next month, according to an agreement reached between the Harvey company and the Bonneville Power administration.

Three banking concerns, the Bank of America Commercial Trust and Savings, Inc., the Chase-Manhattan bank of New York and the National City bank of New York, figured in the promissory note.

Construction will take an estimated 20 months, spokesmen said.

Klamath Mother, Son Killed in Accident

Portola, Ore.—(U.P.)—A one-car accident about 30 miles north of Reno, Nev., Sunday, took the life of a mother and her son from Klamath Falls, Ore.

Dead were Mrs. Parlee McWilliams, 65 and her 40-year-old son, Virgil D. Lazarus. A third occupant of the car and son of the fatally injured woman, 38-year-old Kelley Lee Lazarus, also was injured in the crash but hospital attendants described his condition as not serious.

Police report that the accident occurred when the car hit a soft shoulder and overturned.

Sweetland Names Two On Campaign Committee
Milwaukee, Ore.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Olga Freeman of Eugene and Alton John Bassett of Portland have been appointed as co-chairmen of the Sweetland for Secretary of State committee, State Senator Monroe Sweetland said yesterday.

Mrs. Freeman is treasurer of Lane county, having succeeded to that office in 1953. Bassett is a Portland attorney, a graduate of the University of Oregon law school.

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