

# Company B Honored For Protection Plan Against Jap Balloon Menace

By JOY BIGGS  
Klamath Falls, Company B of 1st battalion, Oregon State Guard has been commended for its planned protection of people and timberlands of the northwest against possible Jap balloon invasion.

Commanding general of the 9th service command, Fort Douglas, Utah, approved plans submitted by Co. B for public safety in the event of Jap balloons menacing this area. He lauded the initiative of this group for devising a workable plan and heartily commended them for standing by in this emergency.

During the time when Jap balloons were reported falling in this area, and the thought of fire and destruction stalked the minds of foresters and lumber men, the protective plan of Co. B was conceived. Company officers, Capt. Charles L. MacDonald; Lt. A. L. Anderson, communications officer, and Lt. M. B. Nelson, plans and training,

put their heads together to see how they could assist during the critical period, without interfering with civilian defense plans or federal ones.

**Plan Needed**  
Some plan was definitely needed for public safety and control of fires before (and if) the menace came upon us. Tentative plans were formulated into workable order, with the assistance of Hal Ogle, superintendent of Klamath Forest Protective association; L. K. Mays, forest supervisor, Fremont national forest; and John L. Sarginson, district ranger of Rogue River national forest.

A system of speedy communications, transportation and subsistence was worked out and the completed plan submitted to N. S. Rogers, state forester of Oregon, and the commanding officer of the northern district 9th service command in Seattle. It received their approval and was also referred to and approved by Brig. Gen. Ralph P. Cowgill and Brig. Gen. Raymond F. Olson, Portland, for administrative action.

**Map Divided**  
The map of Klamath county was divided into four sections. Road intersections were marked by colored dots with a letter and number. If a fire broke out in any section of the area, which extended east to Lakeview, north to the county line, west to the county line and south to the state line, guardsmen, immediately contacted, would rush to the spot indicated by a fire spotter through the use of code dot numbers. They would block the roads to traffic in the area.

The master map was kept in the state guard headquarters in Salem and small copies were furnished to Co. B headquarters, the Marine Barracks, county sheriff's office, state police office and the ranger station at Lakeview.

No highways or through roads necessary for travel would be blocked, unless dangerous to travel. No one would be permitted to go through blocks without authorization from some forest protective agency or police authority. Blocks were to be maintained as long as any danger existed.

**Threat Diminishes**  
The plan was conceived in March 1945, and was in working order during the hot dry season when the threat of forest fires was greatest. Most of the balloons which fell in this area were reported to be seen during January and February. By the time the danger season had arrived the balloon threat, and Japan, had nearly folded up. Although Co. B was never called

# New School Teachers Announced

New teachers of districts 1 and 2 were introduced last night at the joint board of education meeting held at KUHS.

Elementary school teachers added to the staff are Mrs. Rose La Liberty, teaching girls' physical education at Fremont; Charlene Smith, second grade at Roosevelt; H. D. Hicks, seventh grade and boys' physical education at Mills.

**New Classroom**  
The new classroom at Mills, authorized at a meeting last month, has been completed and classes are starting in it this Tuesday.

Donald O. Ross was named as the new mathematics teacher at KUHS.

Harold Teale, director of vocational education, reported on the vocational program at the high school and outlined projected courses for the second semester.

Joe Peak, director of physical education for Klamath Falls schools, explained the new physical education law passed at the last session of legislature. He outlined to the school board its application in Klamath public schools.

**Modoc Field**  
Preparation of plans for improving Modoc athletic field was detailed to Superintendent A. L. Gralapp, who was authorized to secure the services of an engineer for the work.

On joint action the board authorized signing a contract with the Klamath medical service bureau for group insurance. Chairmen and clerks of each school board were authorized to invest surplus funds in Victory bonds.

# Referendum Sought To Outlaw Racing

SALEM, Nov. 27 (AP) — Abolition of horse and dog racing in Oregon is sought in an initiative filed with the state department today by Edward C. Foss and Clyde E. Wade, both of Portland.

If the sponsors get signatures of 23,108 registered voters, the measure will appear on the general election ballot Nov. 8, 1946.

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# Lumbering Examined In Field Trip

upon to block any section to motorists due to fire hazard, they were standing by constantly during the emergency.

Faithful service bars for duration work were presented to each man in Co. B by Lt. Col. Padroni of the adjutant general's office, Salem, on November 6, 1945.

The emergency plan is so practical, it has been decided to continue with it for protection against fire during the dangerous dry summer season in the future protection of Oregon forests.

**Bucks To Provide Venison Dinners**  
PORTLAND, Nov. 27 (AP) — Two four-point bucks who battled atop Roaring river bluff and plunged to their death after locking horns will provide venison dinners for patients at Shriners hospital.

Rangers the bucks fell 70 feet. They were found along the Clackamas river road 11 miles from the Oak Grove ranger station.

Timber operations and slash disposal methods were examined by a group of 35 men on a recent field trip in the Bly area.

The group assembled from Lakeview, Klamath Indian reservation, Medford and Klamath Falls, at the Bly ranger station was composed of forestry men and men interested in the work in this area.

Through rugged weather, Thomas Orr Jr., forester at Weyerhaeuser Timber company, conducted the group through Weyerhaeuser Camp 6, to look over cutting and logging operations. Orr explained cutting practices of the company as they went along.

In the afternoon the men went

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through the Ivory Pine mill north of Bly, where company officials showed them the new dry kiln installation. From there they returned to the ranger station where fall slash disposal matters were discussed, and new equipment demonstrated.

The improved "back-firing" torches for fighting fire were shown and the "cat" with a specially designed fire plow. A delicious chicken dinner was served in the evening by church women of the community in the Bly school cafeteria.

Larry Mays, chairman of the Shasta-Cascade society, subsection of American forestry, presided at the evening meeting. A membership drive was discussed to include all foresters in the area. General forest problems facing foresters in southern Oregon were also discussed with a

view of getting active community approval to study more important phases.

The only report to date was on blister-rust control work being carried on in sugar and white pine stands in southern Oregon. Final reports on the work will be made at the next meeting to be held in Klamath Falls.

Ernest Kolbe submitted a first copy of the Shasta-Cascade report which will be prepared periodically, giving activities of foresters in this area. Copies will be distributed to all participating members.

**NAMED CHAIRMAN**  
PORTLAND, Nov. 27 (AP) — Adam F. LeFor, Salem, was named today as general chairman of the young republican federation's Oregon state convention here next spring.

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