

Palace Guard Real 'Spit 'N Polish' Soldiers

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Army's "palace guard" troops are tall, ramrod straight spit 'n' polish soldiers who would shudder at being spoken of in the same breath as an ordinary GI.

These are the men who make up capital's ceremonial honor guards. They are members of a regiment that was founded before the American Revolution when Washington was a sleepy riverfront village. The unit today is known as the 1st Battle Group, Third Infantry.

They are the soldiers who welcome visiting statesmen; who are always on hand for the President's departures and arrivals; who parade solemnly before the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

The battle group is stationed at Fort Myer, Va., just across the Potomac River. To get into the "Old Guard" as it is known, the men had to go through training so grueling that thoughts of it make the ordinary GI cringe.

Many Volunteer. Nonetheless, the guard gets plenty of volunteers who want to work their way up in the honor company. Col. John W. Gorn, 49-year-old graduate of Ripon College and Michigan Law School from Fond du Lac, Wis., has been commander since mid-1962.

In an interview with UPI, the colonel had only one complaint. "I've been in the Army 25

years," he said, "and this is the first outfit I've ever been in where the commander has to work like the devil to live up to the standards that were already being observed. We think it's the greatest outfit in the Army."

Specially Chosen
A select detail restricted to men who have met the most rigid qualifications keeps perpetual vigil at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Each man must be between 5 feet, 10 inches and 6 feet, 2 inches tall. He must have "an outstanding soldierly appearance" backed up by a flawless personal record in and out of the Army.

He must have 20 uniforms—most of which the Army pays for—and be prepared to change from one to another two to three times a day.

In the ceremonial training, he must be able to go through a 12-minute arms drill flawlessly with no command other than the clicking of the steel plates of his commander's heels. And on sentry duty he must "march at rigid attention" — in the Army's phrase — on a mat in front of the tomb, and oblivious of hundreds of gawking sight-seers.

By instinct as much as by timing, he learns to pause for exactly 21 seconds each time he faces the tomb. The pause symbolizes the 21-gun salute which is the highest military tribute that can be paid and which

usually is reserved for U.S. presidents and heads of foreign states.

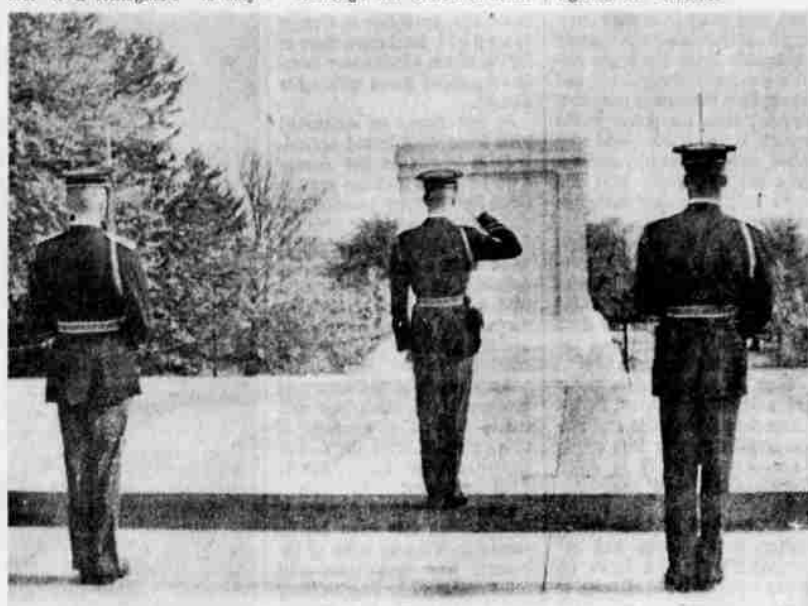
With the high spit-and-polish standards observed — such as getting shoes to shine like black billiard balls and taking care of chrome-plated rifles and bayonets as well as uniforms—it is a rigorous life. And since the tour of a tombguard is only

nine months, the turnover is high.

More Than Thousand
Col. Gorn currently has 1,150 men, divided into six companies, under his command. Last year, the outfit had to muster its full ceremonial company for 34 state arrivals.

Although not called a battle

group until 1957, the Old Guard was organized in 1784 and was led against the Indians 10 years later by Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne at Fort Recovery, Ohio. And it is far from being a merely ceremonial outfit today. During World War II, it served with distinction with the 66th Division in the campaign against St. Nazaire.



PALACE GUARD — Shown during changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are three members of the famed U.S. Army Palace Guard, Pfc. Richard Azzara, Sgt. Edwin Davenport and Pfc. Hillard Jordan. — UPI Telephoto

Moon Crust Pondered By Science

SUNNYVALE, Calif. (UPI) — U.S. space scientists, deep in plans to put a man on the moon, still do not know whether the astronaut will land with a jolting crash or a kind of marshmallow squish.

That's because they're not sure about the hardness or softness of the moon's surface.

There are two theories about the lunar crust, according to scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Ames Research Center here.

One theory holds that the surface of the moon is soft and fluffy and extends to an unknown depth. The other is that the mattress-like crust turns into a harder material about one-half inch from the surface.

To get a better idea about what the lunar surface is really like, the United States plans to launch two rockets from White Sands, N.M., next summer on a "dust collecting" mission.

Donald E. Gault, head of the planetary sciences branch at the center, outlines the \$7.5 million project this way:

About 100 miles from the earth, the nose cone of the first rocket will open up like a flower, with three "leaves" extended, and collect space dust and debris raining down toward the moon. The collected material will be parachuted to earth for analysis.

Several days later, after the shower of dust has collided with the moon, the second rocket will be launched to collect samples of the resulting debris.

The two collections will be compared. If they differ, says Gault, "we can infer that the composition from the second collection is similar to the lunar surface."

The dust also will be compared with cosmic particles already collected, and scientists expect to make a full-scale analysis of more particles in 1965 when major meteor showers are expected.



UNCERTAIN FUTURE — Farm empire king Billie Sol Estes (inset in recent photo) is officially bankrupt, and faces prison terms totaling 23 years, but he and his family live a normal life in their spacious, split level adopted home in Abilene (shown). — UPI Telephoto

Billy Sol Estes Claims 'Business And Money No Longer My Gods'

ABILENE, Tex. (UPI) — Along the main street of town, a thick-set, moon-faced man with black, curly hair and horn-rimmed glasses can be seen almost any day — just biding his time.

Billie Sol Estes, 39-year-old "wheeler-dealer" in agricultural products, is still a free man, although sentences of at least 15 years in prison hang over his head. He's free on bond pending appeals.

The presence of Estes on the streets of Abilene causes no stir. He and his wife Patsy and their five children live quietly in a spacious, split level house in the fashionable Castle Drive in southeast Abilene. The house is on a lake.

The Estes moved here a few months back after a sniper fired a rifle bullet through the front window of their former home in Pecos, Tex.

Billie Sol, now officially bankrupt and owing the federal gov-

ernment \$10 million in back taxes, occupies his time with the "International Love and Goodwill Corp." (ILGC), a non-profit group dedicated to helping "the needy of all races."

It is most active in Ohio, Tennessee and Georgia. The Estes family attends the College Church of Christ in Abilene but Billie Sol is not active himself. When he goes to church it is usually at his own church, The Church of Christ at Clyde, Tex., 15 miles east of Abilene, where Estes was born and where his parents still live.

Two weeks ago, Billie Sol took the Fifth Amendment 26 times in declining to tell congressional investigators anything about the collapse of his \$150 million agricultural empire in grain storage, cotton allotment and fertilizer storage tank business.

Those were the days when the Estes mansion in Pecos boasted a built-in waterfall in a 50-foot living room, imported palm

trees and a front lawn kept green by dye, plus a swimming pool and a barbecue capable of roasting two steers at once.

On March 29, 1962, the roof fell in. Estes was arrested and charged with mail fraud and conspiracy. He was subsequently sentenced to eight years in prison in a state court at Tyler, Tex., on charges of swindling a farmer.

Repercussions of the case quickly reached Washington and provoked a congressional investigation.

Today Estes, looking thinner and more solemn than when he was a farm empire king, occasionally drops by a Negro church to teach a Bible class.

Estes' lawyers have forbidden him to talk about business but he will say he feels he has changed.

"Business and money are no longer my gods," he said.

Safety First Important With Tools

By MR. FIX

Newspaper Enterprise Assn. You've saved nothing and accomplished nothing if, in working on some home project, you also manage to injure yourself.

Good safety practices should be learned early and practiced always when handling tools.

Work should be properly held or braced. A vise or a clamp should be used to hold material on which you are using a chisel, or any other cutting or pointed tool.

Don't attempt to hold material with one hand and drill with an electric drill with the other. It can't be done.

Keep tools in good condition. Sharp edges not only get the work done better, they also keep from slipping off the material.

Equip your files with properly fitting handles. Don't attempt to use a file without a handle. Chisel handles that are broken should be replaced. Handles on screwdrivers and other tools

where replacement is impossible should never be given some makeshift repair. Throw out the tools.

If the head of a hammer or ax is loose, buy some wedges and drive them into the handle where it enters the head of the tool. Cracked or broken handles should be replaced.

If you store your tools properly they will last longer and you are less likely to be injured. Hang them when possible. Reaching into a drawer filled with sharp tools is a sure way to cut a finger.

If you own power tools safety precautions must be observed even when the tools are not in use.

Read all instructions before operating any power tool. Make certain the tool is properly wired and grounded. It should be set up solidly so that it isn't likely to tip over. Choose tools that have switches in easily accessible areas, so that the tool can be turned off quickly.

When not in use, tools should be disconnected. Circuits for power tools should be separately fused whenever possible, and the fuses off when the tools are not in use.

Again, remember to keep blades sharp. You can have an accident forcing a dull tool.

Don't make adjustments with the motor on. Don't clean away debris with the motor on.

Never wear loose clothing, neckties and that sort of thing when working around a power tool. Wear safety goggles with grinding tools.

Keep the work area clean, free of grease, dirt and sawdust.

New Teen-Age Tinge Invades White House

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Life in the White House now has a teen-age tinge.

The new era took over when President and Mrs. Johnson moved into the executive mansion with their two daughters, Lynda Bird, 19, and Lucy Baines, 16, and the two little Kennedy children, Caroline, 6 and John Jr., 3 who had captivated the nation moved out. Although they are Texans all

Cathedral School for Girls here. Agents are with them constantly now.

In the first several days after their father became President the girls were besieged by photographers. Lynda called her mother in Washington to complain jokingly that she was "running out of good clothes" to wear for the picture taking. Lucy told her mother she had to get to school 10 minutes early to do her posing.

But none of the sudden new popularity has changed the girls. They moved into the White House with their record players, television sets, stuffed dogs, books, records and other typical teen-age accoutrements.

Taking the place of the five Kennedy dogs in the White House menagerie were Lucy's beagle puppies, "Him" and "Her." Furthermore, Lucy, who travels with a crowd of young teenagers, has given the White House switchboard a long list of the names of her friends.

Lynda Bird is engaged to Ensign Bernard Rosenbach, 23, of Comfort, Tex. There are reports that Lynda Bird will be a White House bride. But her parents want her to finish college first.

Lynda loves to ride, swim, dance and bow. But she also is a great reader. She is vivacious and equally at home with grown-ups and teenagers.

Lucy is more the "domestic" type and less devoted to school work than her sister. She is in the young glamor stage, wears her hair long like most teenagers, and her clothes tight.

Don't Use Makeshift Tools



the way, both the Johnson girls were born in Washington and have lived in the glare of official life.

Both have poise and uninhibited natural friendliness. Both are pretty, and both have their father's gregarious nature and their mother's gentleness.

Their lives were changed radically from the moment of the tragedy on Nov. 22 when President Kennedy was slain. Secret Service agents moved in immediately to protect Lynda Bird, a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, and Lucy Baines, a junior at the National

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Trim Appearing On Outside, House Is Expensive On Inside

From the front this design appears to be a trim, well designed one-story model — once inside the front door, however, the true expense of the interior is immediately apparent. Three levels of living face the entrance — consisting of daytime activities area — evening relaxing area — and night sleeping area.

The 1,700 square feet of living space unfolds as one inspects the home's three levels. While this is generous, the room arrangement is such that an illusion of twice this area is imparted.

This is especially true of the living room with over 200 square feet of floor space which is en-

hanced by a studio ceiling following the contours of the roof. This living room is effectively screened for privacy by a bookshelf and the upper level stairway. This theme is carried throughout the home — no room need be an aisleway.

With mid-20th Century planning inspired by newly introduced appliances and accessories, the kitchen reflects this era's excitement and inventiveness.

Kitchen and dining area are separated only by a built-in cooking surface unit. Access to the side driveway is through the dining room door next to the cooking surface unit peninsula.

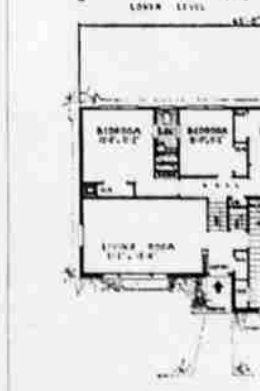
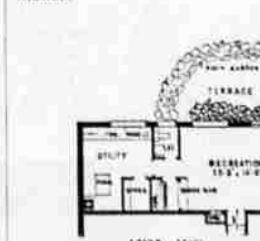
Lower level consists of storage area, recreation and utility room. This level opens to a backyard patio rock garden where the family will spend their summer evenings. Access to the patio is through floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors. Accessories for the recreation room include snack bar and a lavatory.

Immediately above this level is the three bedrooms and two baths comprising the sleeping area. A hallway connection solves all traffic problems and the space allocated for this convenience was gained without jeopardizing bedroom dimensions. Two baths are both master size and strategically located for easy accessibility from the three bedrooms.

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BRINGS MEMORIES

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Carroll Baker's elaborate wedding dress, created by Edith Head, for her marriage scene in "The Carpetbaggers," brought back memories of her own marriage to director Jack Garfin back in 1955.

At the time Carroll had only

enough money — \$40 — to sew her own wedding dress.

AMBASSADOR REVE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI) — Danny Kwan, 20, who trips abroad as ambassador-at-large for the United Nations International Children's Fund.

FOSTER RETURNS

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Preston Foster returns to the screen for the first time in more than a year for a supporting role in "Company of Cowards" at M-G-M which stars Glenn Ford and Stella Stevens.

Nasser Battles Population Boom

CAIRO (UPI)—In his dreams of a better Egypt, President Gamal Abdel Nasser sees an ordinary fellah (peasant) living in a neat house, working his own plot of land and making enough money to support his small family.

In harsh reality the fellah destroys the dream. In a life that offers few comforts and no luxuries he aims for the old and traditional status symbol, the big family. In effect, the peasant is pushing his country toward the poor house by producing more people than it can support.

Egypt covers an area larger than France and Germany with Switzerland and Belgium thrown in. Yet the Nile and Mediterranean fringe provide a mere 15,000 square miles of cultivable land to feed its 27 million people.

By contrast, Syria has a population density identical to Egypt's—about 63 persons per

square mile—but uses 10,000 square miles for a population of only five million and could use 20,000 square miles more if it needed to.

Builds High Dam
To make more of Egypt, usable Nasser is building the Aswan High Dam, which will add 2.5 million acres to the six million now cultivated and reclaiming the western desert for another one million acres. But has attempt to provide more land for the average Egyptian goes up in the smoke of a population explosion matched by very few countries outside China.

In 1932 there were 17 million Egyptians. Last year the estimate was 27 million and by Christmas this year another million will have been added. At the present annual growth rate of three per cent there will be 40 million Egyptians by 1980, and the benefits of the billion-dollar dam and desert reclamation may be eaten up as fast as they appear.

Pushes Birth Control
To curb the population boom Nasser last year took a step unprecedented for a modern Mos-

lem chief of state by advocating birth control. To stave off criticism he enlisted support from Cairo's famed seat of Islamic learning, the 1,000-year-old Al-Azhar University, which depends on Egyptian government funds.

In an historic rereading of Koranic doctrine the university's rector said that "family planning is a wise thing. Islam upholds a plentiful but strong population. Allah wants his children strong. Our government is trying to achieve that with family planning."

Changing the attitude of the Egyptian fellah is more difficult. He counts on his children to prove his virility, to help him work his land and to support him in old age. If his wife does not produce children, he marries another. If he is sterile he becomes an object of ridicule.

Christmas tree stumpage is a large business in Klamath County. Some 30,000 trees are sold annually at an average price of \$2 each, Wardell estimated.

Continued cooperation between forestry groups and law enforcement agencies will result in even more dollars in tree sales being returned to private county, state, and federal land holders, as well as further curtailing the activities of these marauders of the forests.

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