

STATE GUARD WILL GET BIG TRUCKS, JEEPS, SCOUT CARS, HEAVY MACHINE GUNS SOON

The War Department is increasing equipment for California State Guard use, and has ready for issue to State Guard units heavy machine guns, jeeps, scout cars, command cars, trucks and machine gun carts, Col. John C. French, tactical commander for the Ninth region (Los Angeles and Orange Counties), has announced.

Increased allotments of ammunition also are ready for issue through the War Department, which is more closely than ever supervising guard training, the colonel said.

Colonel French has returned recently from extensive conferences in Sacramento with Brig. Gen. Ray W. Hays, the adjutant general, state of California, attended by regional instructors from the ten regions of the California State Guard.

"During the next three months, guard units will be specially trained in rifle marksmanship, chemical warfare, bayonet drill and such special operations as might be needed in case of major disaster," Col. French said.

Tactical schools for battalion commanders and their staffs and company commanders will start in Los Angeles Aug. 6 for one week and on Aug. 13 for one week. Key non-commissioned officers working with staff headquarters also will be eligible.

These schools will be conducted at the State Armory Exposition park, Los Angeles, by officers of the United States Army, as will schools for commanders, assistant commanders and instructors for the California High School Cadet Corps from Aug. 20 to Aug. 27.

Nursery School Training Again Being Offered

Monday, July 3, the University of Southern California will offer another intensive training course for students who wish to qualify as teachers in nursery schools and child-care centers. Many teachers have been trained but many more are urgently needed. This training will prepare them to obtain the temporary permit granted by the State Department of Education to teach in nursery schools in California. Course is four weeks in length and four units of college credit is given. Detailed information regarding this class may be obtained by calling University College office, Richmond 4111—station 415.

PASS NEEDED TO SEE LAPE ITALIANS

Members of the Italian Service unit stationed at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation and at the Torrance LAPE hospital may be visited only on Sundays between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. and only after the individual who wishes to visit them has secured an official pass to the Camp Ross area where they are quartered. This has been announced by the port command.

Applications for passes must be made in writing to Maj. W. M. A. Brandt, director of intelligence and security, LAPE, Wilmington. The request should show the name of the person desiring the pass and the name of the Service unit member he desires to visit. Passes then will be mailed to the applicant.

Members of the unit will not be allowed to leave the camp area with civilians during visiting hours. They are being taken in small escorted groups with interpreters to points of interest in the Los Angeles area on weekends.

Arrangements for social functions by clubs or other organizations must be made through the commanding officer of Camp Ross, Lt. Col. Harry E. Brown, Jr., as distinguished from individual visits to the area here.

Members of the unit are former Italian prisoners of war who were captured in the North African campaign and now are voluntary members of non-combat service units for the Army. They wear regulation U. S. Army clothing with their own insignia or rank or grade and the word "Italy" in white lettering on a green field on the left shoulder.

They are subject to all Army regulations in addition to those prescribed by the Geneva convention for treatment of prisoners of war. They are not under guard and within the Port area have freedom of movement as they go about their assigned duties according to their vocational qualifications and needs of the Port.



PLAN WAR CHEST . . . Top leaders of the first Los Angeles Area War Chest campaign, Harvey S. Mudd, center, president; P. G. Winnett, left, campaign chairman, and Lt. Knox Farrand, right, whose father, George E. Farrand, assumed his duties as chairman Contributors' Advisory Tax Committee, when he enlisted in the U. S. Navy after Pearl Harbor, again take on job for 1944 War Chest appeal which will cover 120 or more war-related and home front causes early next fall. Pledging themselves to "stand behind our fighting men who are carrying the battle to our enemies on every front," 33 business, industrial, labor and professional men and women who were the spearhead of the 1943 campaign, signed within 15 minutes at a luncheon given by Mudd and Winnett at the California Club last week. Richard McCune and Mrs. Maynard Toll were appointed to work with local War Chest leaders in associated towns and cities.

ARMED FORCES KEEP FOLKS AT HOME INFORMED OF KIN

The United States armed forces "lean over backward" to keep the folks at home informed about the boys "over there" or over here—whether it be at a battlefield station or a training camp.

Each week the Torrance Herald—like many other newspapers—receives releases from various public relations officers regarding something a Torrance district soldier or sailor, officer, WAVE, WAC or Marine has done.

The releases come through censor, without delay, and one which was received this week inspires this story.

It was from the United States Forces, headquarters, Air Service Command, U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and it was mailed from the U. S. Army postal service, British Postoffice, June 17, 1944. In just eight days, the item was in the Torrance Herald office, containing a form, properly filled out and endorsed on June 16, having traveled across the Atlantic Ocean and the continent. All the soldier had to do was fill in his name, his nearest relative's name, his former address and the place where he worked

before entering the service. This one was about Cpl. Stanley E. Griffith, son of Mrs. Ada Griffith of 1545½ W. 218th st., Torrance, and it said that Corporal Griffith is now overseas and has participated in a course designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and soldiering in an active theatre of war. At one of the Air Service Command Stations known as Control Depots Corporal Griffith was carefully processed by classification experts who make certain that he was well fitted for the job assigned to him.

Security training, personal hygiene, a talk by a Special Service Officer informing him of facilities for healthful recreation and a lecture by the Chaplain are all in turn a part of the soldier's preparation for duties overseas.

His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes take off to smash the Nazi war machine.

Before entering the Army he was employed as a shipyard worker by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

"Do something constructive! No loafing this summer!"

Promotion of Col. Gregory Is Announced

Promotion by Governor Warren to Lieutenant Colonel of Thomas A. Gregory, executive officer of the 9th Regional Tactical Command of the California State Guard, which embraces all of Los Angeles and Orange counties, has been announced by Col. John C. French, commanding the 9th Tactical Command headquartered in the State Armory at Long Beach.

Announcement was made following the return of Col. French from Sacramento, where he conferred at length with Brig. Gen. Ray W. Hays, the Adjutant General, regarding State Guard programs in this region.

Simultaneous announcement was made of the assignment to the 9th region as chief instructor of Lt. Robert Ward, C.M.P., United States Army.

Lieutenant Ward already has assumed his duties under the new program and participating in the training exercises of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, held at Compton Junior College stadium on Sunday.

Col. Gregory has taken an active leadership in State Guard activities since its first organization more than three years ago. Prior to assuming his duties as executive officer of the 9th Region Tactical Command a few months ago, he was commander of the 2nd Battalion.

Maj. A. Milton Fish is now commanding the 2nd Battalion, which includes companies in Long Beach, San Pedro, Torrance, Hermosa Beach, Compton, Wilmington and Bellflower.

STORKatorials

Births at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include the following:

Mr. and Mrs. John Andrade, 1414 W. 216th st., a boy, born June 24, 1944, at 4:46 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Baker, 1667 254th st., Harbor City, twins, born June 24, 1944, a boy at 5:06 a.m. and a girl at 5:16 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morris, 2347 Arlington ave., a boy, born June 26, 1944, at 3:31 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Main, 1626 254th st., Harbor City, a boy, born June 27, 1944, at 10:11 p.m.

Toast stale bread in the oven. Then crush toast with a rolling pin and put crumbs in a covered glass jar. They'll come in handy for scalloped dishes, fish and breaded chops.

D. F. Gilkeson At Cadet Center For Training

Delmar F. Gilkeson of Torrance is one of 218 from California at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, where potential pilots, bombardiers and navigators are receiving preflight training to prepare them for aerial instruction and duties as aircrew members in the Army Air Forces.

The future fliers are subjected to a rigorous 10-week program of instruction covering physical, academic and military training. At the Cadet Center they study maps and charts, aircraft identification, small arms and other subjects while being conditioned physically for the long training period ahead. Bombardiers, navigators and pilots receive the first five weeks of preflight instruction as a group, then are separated for specialized training.

Burglars Take \$257 Cash from Ranch Market

Burglars entering the rear of the Ideal Ranch Market Tuesday night took \$257 in small change.

The entry was made, Police Chief John H. Stroh said, through a window in a rear lavatory sometime between closing hour and 6:30 a.m.

Oil Derrick Fire Monday

An oil derrick at Sepulveda and Pennsylvania avenue was destroyed by fire Monday, June 26. It was owned by Robinett & Rippey.

Torrance Fire department battled from 11:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on the scene of the fire, according to Chief J. E. McMaster.

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