



Above left: Two weeks of active duty with the Army began with four-hour bus trip to Fort Jackson, S. C., early Sunday morning, August 9.



Above: The job of feeding the "chow-hounds" of the 316th and 318th Field Artillery Battalions went to cooks Raymond Grogan, Harry Ballard, Paul Patterson, Guy Bryson and "Duck" Norris. Below: Wilmer McGee, Bobby Jo Nicholson and J. B. McCall examine a .45 on small arms range.



ECUSTA EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN TWO WEEKS ARMY RESERVE TRAINING PROGRAM

August 22 marked the end of two weeks active duty with the Army Reserve for 19 Ecusta employees. The 19 are members of "A" and "B" Batteries of the 316th Field Artillery Battalion which, from August 9 to August 22, underwent a program of intensive training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina with the 108th Infantry Division.

Every summer, usually in August, between 40 and 50 men of Transylvania County, all members of the Army's Organized Reserve Corps, join with other similar groups from all over North and South Carolina for a two-weeks' period of training as an Army Division.

During the Active Duty period, Reservists receive specialized training according to the type of unit to which they are assigned. Members of the 316th Field Artillery—composed of "A" and "B" Batteries from Brevard, "C" Battery from Hendersonville, and Headquarters and Service Batteries from Asheville—received practical training in firing the 105mm. Howitzer.

"A" and "B" Batteries meet twice a month at the American Legion Building in Brevard during the remainder of the year. At these two-hour meetings the men receive practical work, hear lectures and view training films on all phases of Field Artillery and other related subjects.