

Seven Men In National Guard Unit Have Total Service Time Of 131 Years

Robinson In Uniform Since 1920

Among the 81 members of Waynesville's Tank Company, 120th Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, are seven men whose total service time amounts up to 131 years — more than a century and a quarter.

Leading the list is the company's first sergeant—James E. Robinson, who has 33 years of service on active duty and in the National Guard as the result of first putting on an Army uniform in 1920.

Since then he has been a member of the Waynesville National Guard unit during its designation as Company H, Antitank Company, Heavy Tank Company, Medium Tank Company, and the present Tank Company.

He attended his first summer encampment in 1922 and since has trained at Camp Glenn, Fort Jackson, Fort Bragg, Camp Shelby, Fort McClellan, and Camp Stewart. In the last 22 years, he has missed only one drill.

Second in line of service in Tank Company is SFC William G. Arrington, company mess steward, who has 28 years of service, joining the National Guard in 1926.

He has attended every encampment and 98 per cent of company drills. He was graduated from a course in mess administration at Fort Bragg in 1953 and from cooks' school at Fort Benning in 1955 when he was named "honor student" of the National Guard for that session.

During World War II, Sgt. Ar-



A CENTURY AND A QUARTER of service time in the National Guard is represented by these seven members of Tank Company, 120th Infantry (left to right): Capt. Samuel A. Carswell, company commander; SFC William G. Arrington; SFC Grover K. Robinson,

1st Sgt. James E. Robinson; Specialist Third Class Arthur J. Lollis, M/Sgt. George M. Milner, and PFC Floyd E. Mehaffey.

(Mountaineer Photo)

ington served for 19 months in Europe with the 30th Infantry Division.

M/Sgt. George M. Milner, who has had 16 years service, joined the National Guard in 1939, but left in 1943 to enter the Army Air Corps and served in the China-Burma-India theatre of war for two years.

He rejoined the National Guard after the war and in all of his service, he has attended 95 per cent of company drills each week.

Tank Company's commander, Capt. Samuel A. Carswell, joined the National Guard in 1937 and since that time has missed only one drill.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1942 and served with the Army in Dutch Guiana for 22 months and in French Guiana for five months.

After the war, he helped reorganize Tank Company, and became its commander in 1950, at which time he was promoted to captain.

He was graduated from the Graduate Advanced Course of the Infantry School in 1945 and from the Associate Advanced Course in 1953.

SFC Grover K. Robinson, Tank Company's first cook, joined the National Guard in 1940. Since that time he has attended 95 per cent

of company drills, but had to miss one summer encampment because of illness.

During World War II, he served for 18 months in the European Theatre of War and received the Purple Heart.

Specialist Third Class Arthur J. Lollis with 11 years service first joined the North Carolina National Guard at Winston-Salem in 1929, but has not had continuous service since that time. However, he has never missed a drill in the Guard or a formation in the Army.

During World War II, he served with a military police internal security force.

PFC Floyd E. Mehaffey joined the National Guard in 1939 and served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy (including the Anzio Beachhead), France, and Germany with the 45th National Guard Division (Oklahoma), and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Tank Company now has 78 enlisted men and three officers, and has vacancies for 30 more enlisted men and three officers.

Vacancies include: one master sergeant, five sergeants first class, 29 sergeants, 17 corporals, and one private first class.

Tank Company now has one new M-47 tank, three M-4 tanks, 34 carbines, 45 pistols, and 22 sub-machine guns.

Veterinary scientists at Purdue University warn that brood sows should be checked for brucellosis before breeding.

In New York City there are 700 theaters, both motion picture and legitimate houses.

WTHS Boys

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In addition to attending weekly drills, reservists also attend a two-week summer training encampment each year.

For attending two-hour drills, reservists get a full day's Army pay. Rate of payment is based on rank and service time—including both active duty and reserve service.

Promotions also can be earned in the reserve and when a reservist goes on active duty, he retains the same rank.

Lt. Parker said that Company F meets each Thursday from 7:30 until 9:30 at the USAR Training Center on Depot St., across the street from the west side of the courthouse. He invited interested men to come to meetings and discuss membership in the reserve.

The lieutenant added that: "Unless you make up your own mind about your military obligation, somebody else will do the deciding for you."

Also present for the WTHS assembly program Tuesday were Capt. Robert C. Shaughnessy of the USAR Advisory Office, Asheville, and Cpl. Stallard Jaynes, a member of Company F.

Unused Souvenir

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Someone in West Virginia has a souvenir license plate he wouldn't dare use.

License No. 1 was stolen from Gov. William C. Marland's big

Bookmobile Schedule

Friday, Feb. 24

BALSAM RD. - ALLENS CR.
Allen Hyatt 9:15- 9:30
Barber's Orchard 9:45-10:15
Queen's Store 10:20-10:30
Mrs. Oscar Arrington 10:45-11:00
Kay Allen 11:15-11:30
Jack Whitner 11:35-11:45
Allens Creek School 11:50-12:15
E. K. Chambers 12:30-12:45
Paul Browning 1:00- 1:15
Ralph Rathbone 1:30- 1:45

Monday, Feb. 27

BEAVERDAM - WEST CANTON
Billy Haney 9:30- 9:45
Junior Haney 10:00-10:30
Beaverdam School 10:45-12:00
Ed Queen 12:15-12:30
Watt's Store 12:45- 1:00
Cromer Crisp 1:05- 1:30

Tuesday, Feb. 28

DUTCH COVE - MORNING STAR
Quay Smathers 9:30- 9:45
Jack Chambers 9:50-10:00
Wilson's Store 10:15-10:30
Finley Cook 10:35-10:45
Morning Star School 11:00-12:30
B. M. Stamey 12:45- 1:00
Smathers' Dairy 1:15- 1:30

black car while the governor was attending an industrial development meeting in Wheeling.

State Police Lt. Roy G. Coen, the governor's driver, said it was the first time it had happened in his many years of driving for five West Virginia governors. The state plant has made Marland a new plate.

Guard Unit Will Conduct Recruiting Drive Saturday

A quota of 22 has been set for Tank Company, 120th Infantry Regiment in the one-day membership drive of the National Guard set for February 25.

In announcing the goal, Capt. Samuel A. Carswell said particular emphasis would be placed on reaching the parents of prospective recruits.

"The young man of today is not going to decide on so important a matter as his military future without leaning heavily on the advice of his parents."

Through enlistment in the National Guard, Capt. Carswell said, a young man can receive his military training while serving with his friends at home, can earn extra money and build up a retirement pension, and has an opportunity to learn new skills which can be valuable to him in civilian life.

Besides his instruction in soldiering and many technical fields, the Guardsman can attend regular Army Service schools and receive pay while doing so. Also, home-study extension courses can be taken, opening the way to faster promotions.

On February 25 members of Tank Company will devote two hours of recruiting duty to drill and engage in an intensive membership drive for the rest of the day. Parents of young men are invited to visit the Richland Street Armory where Guard members will be available to answer in detail all questions relative to enlistment.

Veterans are also urged to visit the armory and learn of the advantages of being a member of the National Guard. Tank Company now has five members who have an aggregate of 108 years military service. These five members are Capt. Carswell, M/Sgt. James E. Robinson, SFC William G. Arrington, M/Sgt. George M. Milner, and Specialist Third Class Arthur J. Lollis.

During the past 12 months, 22 members of Tank Company volun-

Tile Drainage Demonstration Is Rescheduled

A tile drainage demonstration on the George Best farm in Upper Crabtree — originally scheduled for Monday, but postponed because of heavy rains recently—will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, it has been announced.

County Agent Virgil L. Holloway will conduct the demonstration on the Best farm.

To be demonstrated will be mechanical ditch-digging equipment, and the proper installation of field drain tile.

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