

Instructors and Sergeant Instructors

Capt. H. W. Edmonds, U.S.A., stationed at Charlotte, N. C., is on two months leave from April 19, 1930.

Sergeants Eli Cross and Joseph Lange, Sergeant Instructors, left on April 1st for Fort Moultrie, S. C., for a three months' refresher course.

Sergeant John H. Brown has been relieved from duty with the N.C.N.G. and has been assigned to the 22d Infantry at Fort McPherson, Ga. Sgt. Brown left on April 21st.

DISTINCTIVE BADGE FOR**GOLD STAR MOTHERS**

In order to provide a means of identification and of recognition for the bestowal of every courtesy to the Gold Star Mothers and Widows who will make pilgrimages to the cemeteries in Europe, the Quartermaster General, Major General John L. DeWitt, has mailed to each mother and widow who is to make the pilgrimage, an attractive, symbolic badge, the design of which has been approved by the Secretary of war. It is expected that these badges will be of particular value when they must travel alone on their journeys from their homes to New York and from New York to their homes upon their return from Europe, and will result in their receiving every consideration from those with whom they come in contact.

The badge consists of a gold medallion featuring a gold star within a circle upon the circumference of which is inscribed "Pilgrimage of Mothers and Widows." Beneath the circle and on each side is a spray of oak and laurel leaves. Above the circle are crossed flags upon which rests the shield of the United States. The medallion is suspended by a red, white and blue ribbon from a name plate bar upon which is etched the name of the mother or widow and the state from which she is making the pilgrimage.

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ING OFFICER FOR N. C.****FAVORS PUBLICATION**

"This publication will be of much interest to the National Guard of the State and it can also do much good in the dissemination of information from all branches of the service, as to their methods of training, etc. It is earnestly hoped that all organizations will send in interesting items and in this connection I want to call attention to the fact that there are two or three separate organizations, or detachments. These should contribute to the publication just as much so as the

companies, etc., belonging to Regiments, as the publication is for them also. I have in mind, particularly, the 30th Signal Company, the State Staff and State Detachment, the Finance Section and the Inspector General's Section of Division Headquarters, and the 60th Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

"After seeing this first edition, and reading the comments of your Regimental and Squadron Commanders, regarding the publication, it is believed that you will want to contribute something each month, so let's resolve at this time to help make the next issue at least twice as good as the first.

"GORDON SMITH.

Lieut. Col. U.S.P. & D.O. N.C."



THOMAS S. MEEKS

Master Sergeant Thomas S. Meeks, Headquarters Company of the 60th Infantry Brigade, Leaksville, is attending the National Guard Specialist Training School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Sergeant Meeks entered this school for training on February 7th and will return to Leaksville on June 7th. Soon after arriving at Fort Benning he was placed in charge of all enlisted men attending the school. Sergeant Meeks is a World War veteran and has served twelve years in the regular army. He enlisted in the Leaksville outfit about two years ago as a private. He was soon made first sergeant and last summer was promoted to master sergeant in charge of signal work.

Sergeant Meeks recently wrote his commanding officer of the Leaksville company and told him of the wonderful course of training he is receiving at Fort Benning. He states that he

believes some of the best instructors in the army are assisting in giving the communications course at the Georgia post. It is understood that Sergeant Meeks has been very successful in his work at school and has made excellent grades.

Corporal Thomas E. Hobson, Headquarters Company of the 60th Infantry Brigade, Leaksville, has recently gone on the job as a regular clerk in the Leaksville postoffice. For some time he has been acting as substitute for one of the postoffice clerks. In Headquarters Company he assists Supply Sergeant Martin N. Shaw in the supply room.

**NEWS FROM THE 30th SIGNAL
COMPANY, CANTON, N. C.**

Lieut. Rhea, and his message center section, won the banquet which is financed by the officers of the company for the section having the highest drill percentage for the quarter.

Private 1st class James R. King, of the construction section, won the prize given by the company commander. Only privates and privates first class are eligible to compete for this prize which is given each quarter for the neatest, best disciplined and drilled man in the company. There are several members bidding for this honor in the next contest which will be held in the month of May. All sections are running close now, each one counting on winning the big feed for the next quarter. Ratings are taken from the payroll data and no excuses accepted for credit at drills.

The members of this company are also looking forward to the camp up on Old Pigeon River where they will go for target practice and with this camp and the annual inspection it is expected that there will be some interesting news for the next issue.

The State Staff now has an officer of the Finance Department on its rolls. Lieut. Michael H. Austell of Company K, 120th Infantry has been transferred to the State Staff and appointed Captain, Finance Department. Capt. Austell is our Property Auditor.

The State Detachment (Q.M.C.) Raleigh, N. C., has accepted for enlistment Amos Jones. Amos has been enlisted in the Detachment two or three times, leaving for other parts before completing a full enlistment, but this time he has promised to stay in Raleigh for three years.