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DEDICATION PROGRAM

4:00 P.M.

INVOCATION S. E. Mercer
Pastor, Zebulon Methodist Church

WELCOME Barrie S. Davis
Captain, Artillery

RESPONSE Worth Hinton
Mayor, Town of Zebulon

RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

HISTORY OF BATTERY A George H. Hinds
Lieutenant, Artillery

DEDICATORY REMARKS -- Hon. William B. Umstead
Governor, State of North Carolina

DEDICATORY PRAYER Bev. A. Asbury
Pastor, Zebulon Baptist Church

ENLISTMENT OF NEW GUARDSMEN



94th Army Band Concert

7:30 P.M.

THE PURPLE PAGEANT MARCH King

MALAGUENA Lecuono

TRUMPETER'S LULLABY Anderson

LIBERTY BELL MARCH Sousa

DRY BONES arr. by Yoder

FROM THE SOUTH Isaac-Lillya

MEXICAN OVERTURE Isaac

MARCH RELIGIOSO Chambers

Conducted by
MILLARD P. BURT
Chief Warrant Officer
North Carolina National Guard

National Guard Armory to Be Dedicated This Afternoon at 4

Guest List Includes Leading Guardsmen And Battery Boosters

Many distinguished Guardsmen and other leaders from over North Carolina will be special guests of the members of Battery A at the armory dedication today. The visitors are expected to be here for the dedication ceremonies this afternoon and will stay for the dinner and band concert this evening.

The guest list, compiled by a special committee formed of members of Battery A, includes the names of those who have assisted in establishing and building the Zebulon Guard unit.

Among prominent Guardsmen who have accepted the invitation to come are Major John Hall Manning, Adjutant General of North Carolina; General Claude Bowers, Asst. Division Commander; and General Edward Griffin, Division Artillery Commander.

Lt. Col. Edward Griffin and members of his staff from the 113th Field Artillery Battalion Headquarters have accepted the invitation to come. Staff members include Major Darrel Perry, Major Collin McKinne, and CWO Willard Morton.

Commanders of Headquarters Battery and Service Battery will be here. They are Capt. Melvin Holmes of Louisburg and Capt. Wiley Brown of Youngsville.

Regular Army Advisers who will (See GUEST LIST, Page 3)

Gov. Umstead to Speak At Special Ceremony

Zebulon's National Guard Armory will be dedicated this afternoon with the Honorable William B. Umstead, Governor of North Carolina, making the dedicatory remarks during exercises beginning at 4 o'clock. The dedication will follow an open house beginning at 3 o'clock.

The public is invited to the open house and dedication exercises for its first look at the \$100,000 building which was started in June, 1953.

The invocation will be asked by the Rev. S. E. Mercer, Pastor of the Zebulon Methodist Church. Captain Barrie Davis, commander of Battery A, will welcome those attending the dedication, and Mayor Worth Hinton will respond.

A short history of the local unit will be read by First Lieutenant George H. Hinds, assistant executive officer of the battery.

Following Governor Umstead's remarks, the Rev. Bev. A. Asbury, pastor of the Zebulon Baptist Church, will lead the dedicatory prayer.

The program will be brought to a close with the enlistment of new Guardsmen.

Following the supper, the public is invited to attend a concert by the 94th Army Band, directed by CWO Millard P. Burt, beginning at 7:30.

A dance beginning at 9 o'clock will complete the activities of the evening.

Efforts to organize a National Guard unit were begun in Zebulon in the Spring of 1949. Despite handicaps, the organization was completed and Federal Recognition granted the unit in July, 1949. With one officer and 23 men, it became

Battery A of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion.

Growth of the unit was slow its first year, and in 1950, it went through summer training at Ft. Jackson, S. C., with two officers and 37 men.

Despite a rapid turnover of personnel caused by the draft and expired enlistment, Battery A had grown to a total strength of 51 officers and men when it encamped at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, in 1951.

During the following year, the strength was held constant and in 1952, Battery A returned for two weeks at Ft. McClellan with 53 officers and men.

The inadequate armory facilities kept the battery from increasing its strength during the following year because of the lack of classroom space and storage room. In 1953 the unit again won a rating of superior, operating with 51 men and six officers.

When it was evident that the new armory would be ready for occupancy in February, 1954, the door was opened for new enlistments, and the strength rapidly rose to eight officers and 67 men.

Authorized strength of the unit, under National Guard reduction tables, is 104 officers and men. During February an intensive recruiting drive is being conducted to achieve full strength.



BATTERY A 113th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD

Unit Roster

Barrie S. Davis, Captain
Foster D. Finch, Jr., 1st Lt.
George H. Hinds, 1st Lt.
James M. Potter, Jr., 1st Lt.
Amos G. Henson, 2nd Lt.
June E. Routh, 2nd Lt.
Jack M. Tippett, 2nd Lt.
Johnsey P. Arnold, CWO
Sidney F. Holmes, 1st Sgt.
Carl G. Kemp, M-Sgt.
Ralph Creech, SFC
Benjamin B. Hopkins, SFC
Percy B. Parrish, SFC
Gordon L. Temple, SFC
Connie M. Bunn, Sgt.
Kenneth G. Hopkins, Sgt.
George R. Massey, Jr., Sgt.
Harold C. Moss, Sgt.
Herman T. Mqss, Sgt.
Kenneth T. Pearce, Sgt.
Jimmy W. Spivey, Sgt.
Max P. Williams, Sgt.
Maylon C. Baker, Cpl.
Berry Barham, Jr., Cpl.
Kenneth L. Chamblee, Cpl.

Donald W. Fowler, Cpl.
Joseph A. Lambeth, Cpl.
Bobby T. McGee, Cpl.
Clyde W. Morris, Cpl.
Huey B. Allen, Pfc.
Clarence L. Beddingfield, Pfc.
Charles L. Brantley, Pfc.
Walter B. Bunn, Pfc.
DeWitt Byrd, Jr., Pfc.
Joe G. Creech, Pfc.
Daffey D. Gurley, Pfc.
Dallas C. Gurley, Pfc.
Julius C. Knott, Pfc.
Lawrence W. Liles, Pfc.
Lowell J. Liles, Pfc.
James A. Manning, Pfc.
Charlie T. Martin, Jr., Pfc.
Wilbur H. Massey, Pfc.
Jimmy D. Medlin, Pfc.
Dalton R. Pearce, Pfc.
Leonard A. Seawell, Pfc.
Billy Strickland, Pfc.
Alton L. Temple, Pfc.
Max C. Wiggs, Pfc.
Gilbert Wood, Pfc.

Charles D. Clark, Pvt.
Ollie R. Baker, Pvt.
Harold C. Bissette, Pvt.
Edwin W. Bunn, Pvt.
Wesley L. Carroll, Pvt.
Clinton R. Carlyle, Pvt.
Grady L. Driver, Pvt.
Homer E. Lambeth, Pvt.
Cortez M. Lewis, Pvt.
Jack Q. Lewis, Pvt.
Malcolm M. Martin, Jr., Pvt.
Benjamin W. Mitchell, Pvt.
Garland J. Perry, Jr., Pvt.
Bobby J. Perry, Pvt.
Willie K. Price, Pvt.
Lowell R. Pulley, Pvt.
Douglas T. Ray, Pvt.
John L. Strickland, Pvt.
Donald R. Taylor, Pvt.
Thomas G. Taylor, Pvt.
Joseph B. Williams, Pvt.
Joseph L. McGee, Pvt.
Carl E. Pulley, Pvt.
William F. Tant, Pvt.

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