

It's a Different Story When The Guard Trains These Days

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The story of the National Guard and its two weeks of active duty has changed drastically in the past 20 years. Oldtimers who served in the Tar Heel Guard prior to World War II often express disbelief at the tales told by the modern Guardsman who returns from Fort Bragg. The Morehead City National Guard unit came home Sunday.

They recall, often with fond memories, their 15 days of leisure training, recreation, fellowship and an enjoyable time had by all.

Today's counterpart finds little time for recreation. When it comes, it comes late in the afternoon—at the end of a very long and tiring day. The Morehead City Guardsman often chooses to relax and to rest from the day's rigors. By the time he is ready for organized play—horseshoes or volleyball—the daylight is fast leaving and he prepares for next day's training, cleans his rifle and boots and goes to bed early.

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Charles Summerlin of Goldsboro said this week he "had seldom seen the enthusiasm as high as it is with the individual Guardsman this past week. I am constantly amazed at their ability to leave the farm, the store or the seashore and blossom almost overnight into a well-trained, qualified infantryman."

Even the current hot war in Southeastern Asia has had its influence on the Guard and Morehead City's unit in the past two years.

The rifle platoon, under the leadership of Lt. Ted Perritt, or another officer from the counterpart unit in Jacksonville, patrols the trails in a surprisingly realistic manner, being "attacked" by guerrillas, fighting a small brush battle and either "losing" or "winning," depending upon their ability to defend and fight off the enemy.

Attacking from either the flanks, rear or front of the squad, the sudden burst of gunfire—blank cartridges—wheels the squad into battle. At exchange of gunfire, riflemen constantly shift positions in the underbrush as the M-1 shots are joined by the constant burps-burps of the machine guns and the short staccato bursts from the BARs and the battle is decided.

The realistic touch adds interest and enthusiasm for the individual squad member who otherwise could quickly become bored by the constant dry-run practicing.

Following each "battle," a critique is held and the officers explain who won and why. Resuming the patrol, each "casualty" vows that he will not make the same "fatal" mistake again.

In the weapons squad, the crew has been busy. The four-man teams manning the 106mm recoilless rifle and the 81mm mortars have been engaged in service practice most of the week.

For the former artillerymen, the transition is not too difficult. For the 106 teams in particular, it has been a case of economy training—accomplishing the same results but costing the tax-paying public less money.

Rather than firing a projectile costing almost \$45 per round the recoilless team fires an M-1 rifle cartridge, costing less than five cents, and gets the same results on a reduced range. A special bore reducer permits the use of the cartridge and gives the same target effect on a distance of 75 feet that it would on a real projectile traveling more than two miles.

"These new approaches to the training, said Lt. Patrick D. Conner, "have created an enthusiasm not seen before in several years. At times the men seem to be having as much fun as Boy Scouts on their first camporee. And learning at the same time."

The 15-day training period started June 9.

Regular Army officers, aware of what a rifle and weapons platoon should be doing, and how it is accomplishing its work, graded each unit daily. "For the first week we averaged 93.5, a score several points higher than averaged before for the first week," said Lt. Perritt. "But the calibre of training this year is correspondingly higher than it ever has been."

The company ended its intensive training period Thursday afternoon. Friday was spent in removing Fort Bragg dirt, dust and mud, from company equipment. Loading of equipment for the return to Morehead City was done Saturday and the unit departed Sunday morning at 8:30, arriving at the armory in Camp Glenn at around 2 p.m.

Overlooked, but certainly not forgotten by the 41 men of the two platoons, will be pay call. They will receive full pay and allowances equal to regular Army for their two weeks. Very few will collect the greenbacks and silver, and walk away telling himself how "easy it was to earn the money this year."

The knowledge the unit is a member of a first line division, the crack 50th Infantry, makes each rifleman try to be ready if the summons to duty every comes.

Visitors to Tour Duncan House



This is the Duncan house, at the east end of Front street, one of the famous old homes of Beaufort which will be open to the public during the Old Homes tour Friday and Saturday. It was built in 1790.

Gases Affect Marine Driver

A Camp Lejeune Marine who became ill from residual effects of fumigation, was reported Friday to be improving satisfactorily at the Navy hospital, Lejeune.

According to officials at the Morehead City port, vehicles coming in from the Mediterranean during the past couple weeks have been undergoing fumigation by a commercial firm.

After the vehicles are fumigated at the port in a "pre-fab tent affair" for three days, they are checked to be certain that they are safe for human occupancy.

Somehow, a field ambulance apparently wasn't cleared, but a driver assumed it was and headed off to Lejeune with it. He became nauseated but got to Lejeune and was hospitalized. His illness is believed to have been caused by the residual fumigation gases in the ambulance.

Statewide TV Hook-Up
Frankfort, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky expects to have a statewide educational television network operating by the end of 1963.

Two Injured When Car Skids, Crashes

Two Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune were injured Thursday night about 11:30 when their car skidded on wet pavement and hit a ditch on highway 70 six miles west of Morehead City.

Patrolman W. E. Pickard reported that the men, John Lott and Raymond Walker, were taken to Morehead City hospital and then transferred to the Cherry Point Naval hospital. He said that both men received cuts and bruises.

Walker, who was reported as the driver, told police that he put on brakes as he was heading west and the car went into a skid. Patrolman Pickard said the car did not turn over, but estimates that \$800 to \$1,000 damage was done.

Trip

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and getting her autograph.

Today, June 18, with an early start, we had a guided tour through Forest Lawn cemetery in Glendale, Calif. There we saw the Last Supper, paintings and sculptures by the world's greatest artists.

We went to Farmer's Market in LA and had lunch. This is another beautiful place with only the finest produce that can be grown. There are no second there.

This afternoon we toured Los Angeles, going through Hollywood and Beverly Hills. We saw the Will Rogers estate which is large and beautiful, the homes of Max Factor, Dean Martin, Gloria Swanson, and many others.

We visited UCLA, also saw the blue Pacific ocean, which made us all sick for our good old Atlantic Beach.

Tomorrow we will leave here for Yosemite National Park and San Francisco. It's a wonderful trip. People everywhere we stop tell us these boys and girls are the best-

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Sp. aunt
 - Jack of clubs in loo
 - Watch pocket
 - Limitless
 - Notch
 - Weight
 - Bone
 - Carol
 - Child's slang
 - Heir
 - Avail
 - Trifling amount
 - Skin
 - Electrical engineer; abbr.
 - Heroic champion
 - Main artery
 - Egypt, goddess of truth
 - Reliable
 - Chess pieces
 - Heb. letter
 - Ballad
 - Nourished
 - Rodent
 - Rom. pound
 - River island
 - Rabbit fur
 - Doubting
 - Drunkard
 - Red deer
 - Consult
- DOWN**
- Thin, light gauze
 - Carve
 - Expiate
 - Before; prefix
 - Verb form
 - Moderated
 - Winnow
 - Siberian river
 - Essence of life
 - Work unit
 - Signify
 - Ancient slave
 - Metric measure
 - Misdeemeanor
 - Remote
 - Secreted
 - Cushion
 - Uproar
 - Shrinking
 - Pelagic
 - Vindicate
 - Gratified
 - Fertile spot
 - Tapestry
 - Evergreen
 - Head piece
 - Energize
 - Equivoocation
 - In like manner
 - Perform



Solution to Friday's Puzzle



Crewman Hurts Arm in Winch

Guy Willis, Davis, was taken to Morehead City hospital early yesterday morning after injuring his arm in a winch aboard a fishing trawler, the Ocean Wave.

The Coast Guard picked up Willis and transported him to the Morehead City waterfront near Capt. Otis's Fish market. From there, Coast Guardsmen carried the injured man by stretcher to the hospital.

The Coast Guard station at Fort Macon reported three other assists since Tuesday. On Tuesday Coast Guardsmen aided two cruisers with engine failure.

The Camp Sea Gull, captained by Lester F. Lewis, Morehead City, developed engine trouble about one mile southwest of Beaufort inlet. But when the Coast Guard arrived, the cruiser had already made repairs. The Coast Guard stood by and escorted the boat to Morehead City.

The second cruiser was a 25-footer captained by Henry MacFarlane. The boat was moored at Harkers Island bridge, and was taken in tow to Marshallberg.

The only other assist during the past week was to a 1950 model beach buggy belonging to Everett Ingram Jr., Morehead City. The Coast Guard was called to pull the car out of a sand mire Friday about one mile west of the Iron Steamer pier. Coast Guardsmen used a pick-up truck on this one.

Making the assists were Robert F. Scarborough, BM3; Billy R. Smith, EN1; Michael F. Shepherd, FNEN; James F. Crawford, SN; Anthony Crawley, FA; and Percy D. Mason, BMC.

Wins Scholastic Honor

Helen Gail Minter, a student at Appalachian State Teachers college, has been named to the dean's list for the spring quarter. This means that the student is carrying the required number of hours and has made no grade below C.

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