

# THE LANG NEWS

## STRENGTH CEILING PLACED ON LA NG ARMY UNITS BY NGB

The National Guard Bureau informed the Louisiana National Guard on Monday that a budgetary strength ceiling of 5,503 officers and men has been placed on Army units of the LA NG.

This is a reduction of 112 men from the peak strength of 5,615 men attained on 20 Dec. BUT IT IS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY NINE MEN OVER AND ABOVE WHAT WE HAVE IN THE ARMY UNITS TODAY.

So not only must we continue unabated our recruiting efforts but we must try much harder to reduce the tremendous rate of attrition.

This high discharge rate proves but one thing--that we're doing a good selling job in recruiting new men but a very bad job of keeping members of the Guard sold.

Incidentally, the Air Guard, which now numbers 458 officers and men, is not affected by the NGB ceiling directive.

## THAT BREAUX BRIDGE OUTFIT JUST CAN'T BE BEAT

Monday evening at Breaux Bridge Co F of the 156th Inf Regt held its collective chin high when the IG paid his call.

The unit is authorized 161 men, and on the roster were listed 161 men. And of the 161 men but six were absent from the lineup--which upset the CO no end.

## HIGH BRASS MEETS TODAY TO PLAN AAA CAMP PLANS

At Fort Bliss, Texas, today Gen Hufft, Col Barkley, Col Bonner and Maj Jordan are meeting with Gen Sage, AG of New Mexico and CG of the 111th AAA Brigade, and Fourth Army officials to plan the two weeks of field training for all La. AAA units at Fort Bliss 13-27 August.

The Pelican State gunners will join with the bulk of the New Mexico NG for the training session at the nation's ack-ack center--the Anti-Aircraft and Guided Missile Center across the Rio Grande from Old Mexico.

## INSPECTORS GENERAL FAN OUT OVER STATE FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION

Bright and early a little more than a week ago Col Harold E. Smyser, Col Paul A. Jaccard, Col Charles R. Stark, Lt Col George C. Willette, and CWO H. L. Wilkinson reported to LA NG Hq to start the annual Federal armory inspections for all units of the LA NG.

They began on the USP&DO, the 141st FA Bn, State Hq Det etc at JB. Now they are afield in every part of the State.

## 156TH INFANTRY OFFICERS SET FOR ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

This Saturday evening at Lafayette the officers of the 156th Inf and their wives will get together for what undoubtedly will be one great big fine affair.

## COMMANDING GENERAL FOURTH ARMY TO INSPECT N.O. GUARD FACILITIES

Lt Gen LeRoy Lutes, CG of the 4th Army, is scheduled to pay a call on Gen Hufft at New Orleans next Wednesday to make an informal inspection of LA NG facilities at New Orleans Airport, Micheaud Air Strip, Camp Nichols and Jackson Barracks.

Gen Lutes was once stationed at Jackson Barracks when it was a regular army post back in 1919 and 1920

Twice winner of the Distinguished Service Medal, he served in every principle combat zone in War II in Europe, Africa, Burma, China, and the South and South-west Pacific.

He was in charge of supply plans for the 1940 Louisiana manouvers, and for supply planning and operations for the 1941 Louisiana manouvers.

Gen Lutes' first military service was with the Washington National Guard back in 1906. In 1914 he was a captain of infantry with the Illinois NG, his home State. He accepted a regular army commission in 1917.

## 39TH DIVISION STAFF INVOLVED IN A "COLD WAR" AT NEW ORLEANS

A "cold war" involving the entire 39th Inf Div, which includes most of the LA NG, began in the War Room of Div Hq at Jackson Barracks 10 Jan.

Officially "Exercise Delta I," it was launched by Lt Col Leslie C. Cave who explained in just what a tough spot the division was in to the division staff officers of the N.O. area and the enlisted personnel of Div Hq.

Brig. Gen. John Weckerling, CG of the Louisiana Military District, was among the numerous guests to witness the start of the four-week exercise.

The initial situation facing the division was that the enemy, consisting of two infantry divisions, was concentrating for an attack on the 39th after it had successfully advanced to the Tauber River in Germany. Additionally, large enemy forces were reported massing in the rear of the enemy divisions.

After a detailed explanation of the situation division sections were organized, furnished with maps and problems, and dispatched to their various Hq in the building to work out their plans.

## FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERIES HAVE BUSY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

At Jackson Square in New Orleans shortly after noon a battery of the 141st FA Bn let go with a mighty 21-gun salute on Jan 8th in ceremonies marking the 135th anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans.

And an hour or so later a battery of the 935th FA Bn gave out with a 19-gun salute honoring arriving Gov Schricker of Indiana at New Orleans Airport.

Gen Hufft was first to greet the visiting Governor. Col Spiess, asst AG, made a talk in the Jackson Square ceremonies.



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By And About Louisiana's Guardsmen

WEEK-END FIRING FOR ARMY UNITS  
SCHEDULED TO GET UNDER WAY 1 APRIL

Week-end qualification and familiarization firing with rifles, carbines, pistols and machine guns for the 88 Army units of the LA NG will start on 1st April and run through the middle of June.

Although it is hoped each company, battery and detachment will fire 100 per cent of its personnel on a record course during the series of week-end encampments, first priority for marksmanship training will be given basics (first year men).

Each unit will utilize organic transportation for the movements to and from the rifle ranges and all units will bivouac overnight in the vicinity of the ranges.

Troops in the New Orleans and Florida parishes areas will fire at Camp Villere outside Slidell while the rest of the troops, including the 199th and 156th infantry regiments, will fire at Camp Beauregard.

To insure full utilization of this added training, authorized by the NGB, all preparatory marksmanship training will be completed during armory drill periods prior to the range firing.

COMMANDER OF 122ND BOMB SQUADRON  
AMONG NEWEST PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

Maj Robert M. Monsted, who succeeded Lt Col H. Farley Vincent as CO of the 122nd Bomb Sq, has just been upped to the grade of lieutenant colonel.

Col Monsted, New Orleans commercial pilot and flight instructor, is a vet of the China-Burma-India theatre of War II--was deputy commander of the 443rd Troop Carrier Group.

Other promotions just announced are those of Maj Marshall T. Cappel, Alexandria; Maj Kirk R. Morely, Shreveport; Capt John J. Marcello, Thibodaux; Capt William A. Hunter, New Orleans; 1st Lt William C. Bolton, Pineville, and 1st Lt Johnny E. Farr, New Orleans.

SERGEANT RICHARD HAYES, CO F, 199TH,  
ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT AS SECOND LIEUTENANT

Congratulations are in order for Sgt 1st Class Richard F. Hayes, Company F, 199th Infantry, who has been appointed as second lieutenant.

Other new officer appointments include 1st Lt Alfred L. Causey and 1st Lt Wade D. Pearson of Monroe, 2nd Lt Donald A. Gross, Franklin, and 2nd Lt Roy P. Lee, New Orleans.

527TH AAA BATTALION RECRUITERS  
SET UP BOOTH ON CANAL STREET IN N.O.

The 527th AAA Bn is now operating a big recruiting booth on Canal St--and we hear it is paying big dividends.

769TH AAA BATTALION LAUNCHES  
OWN ORGANIZATIONAL NEWSPAPER

Volume I, No. I, of "Battalion Poop" reporting the weekly goings on of units of the 769th AAA Bn is off the press.

We found it most interesting and hope some spirited cooperation from members of the 769th will really put it across. Parties, marriages, schools, new paint jobs, new recruits, training--they're all there in "Battalion Poop."

COMMENDATIONS FROM GENERAL HUFFT  
GO OUT TO "SUPERIOR" GRADUATES

Not only are Guardsmen rated superior upon completion of Army Correspondence Courses getting a lot of self satisfaction these days but a letter of commendation from Gen Hufft as well.

The AG is reportedly highly pleased with the number of such ratings, too.

DIVISION SIGNAL COMPANY PHOTO SECTION  
BLOSSOMS OUT AND PREPARES FOR ACTION

Any day now members of the 39th Div Sig Co may become the most photographed lads in the State.

A dark room has just been built for the outfit and shortly will be fully equipped with the best of everything.

Meanwhile Sergeant Koorie, ace cameraman for the outfit, is giving members of his section some high grade instruction.

Soon the trainees will be "shooting" what they see on drill nights and doing their own developing and printing for practice.

Imagine by field training time the Sig Co will be well prepared to make a photo record of the 1950 summer training at Camp Polk.

Just one missing link to date--an enlarger. But it should be along any day now as well as several more cameras.

135TH GOES GUNNING  
FOR EIGHTY NEW RECRUITS

The 135th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, unaffected by the strength limitations the NGB has set for Army units, is out gunning for 80 new men to bring it up to top strength of 194 enlisted men.

Letters and personal visits to newly discharged draftees, showing of the film "True Glory" next drill before all members and the likely prospects they're to bring in, and speeches in the N.O. high schools are being utilized.

Maj Stephenson, unit CO (who may pop up with silver leaves now), is "making" the high schools.

## LET'S HEAR FROM YOUR OUTFIT?

If you want to read about your outfit and the fellas you know p-l-e-a-s-e drop us a line so we can give you a plug too.



# LA NG NEWS

## LA NG TROOPS TO THE RESCUE AS FLOODWATERS CREATE HAVOC

"I visited the flooded areas of Concordia and Catahoula Parishes on Friday and the overflowed sections of Avoyelles Parish Sunday. I found the National Guard doing a remarkable job in both areas."

That's what Lt Gov William J. Dodd had to say after visiting the flooded areas in the Jonesville-Ferriday-Marksville region where Guardsmen had been on the job for ten days and are still on the job.

On St. Valentine's Day Lt Otis Carter and 24 enlisted members of the 3671st Ordnance Company and the 39th Div QM Co roared into Jonesville with ten 2½-ton trucks, and as soon as they unloaded their luggage in the Block high school gym, which they soon came to know as "home", they began to put in plenty of miles in water as much as three feet deep evacuating families and their household necessities from the flood area.

That evening Maj John H. Boh of State Hq Det arrived from New Orleans to coordinate Guard operations with other agencies involved in flood relief work. The next day Gen Hufft arrived and conferred with a hurriedly-gathered group of Federal, State and local officials to determine the true situation and determine action.

That next day also the first of the "ducks" of the 3671st arrived to start evacuations in areas too deep in flood waters for the trucks.

66 persons and their possessions were evacuated by the Guard the first day, 109 the second day, 160 the following day, and demands for help continued to rise as backwaters from the Black and Ouachita and Red rivers crept up and up and up.

Again and again truck loads of squad tents rolled into Jonesville and a dozen other centers. The Fourth Army shipped the tents to Camp Beauregard from which the Guard delivered them to wherever the Red Cross needed them the most.

By the end of the first week some 2,000 tents had been delivered and 89 Guardsmen equipped with nine DUKWs, 19 trucks, and 2 jeeps were hard at work in the entire flood area. The Heavy Mortar Company at Marksville under Capt Riddle handled the evacuation work at Marksville. Lt Ray Ruiz left his job with the N.O. detective bureau to set up a secondary CP at Ferriday which now has water in its main street.

The DUKWs made quite a hit with everyone in the flood area as they continued to operate in many areas in which no wheeled vehicles had been seen for many days. In fact wherever Guard vehicles operated the populace proved most friendly and grateful.

After a rugged first week of rescue work 25 replacements arrived at Jonesville and from then on rotation of men from many

units including the 773rd Tank Bn, the FA battalions at New Orleans, and Company F of the 199th Inf.

The whole LA NG operation, coordinated closely with the Red Cross, sheriffs and their deputies, the State Police, the Highway Dept, the Coast Guard, Dept of Health and other relief agencies, has proved again we've got what it takes when Louisianians in any part of the State need help.

## RECRUITING CHAMPIONS OF 1949 HONORED AT NEW ORLEANS DINNER

Last Saturday afternoon in the Officers Club at Jackson Barracks prize winners in the 1949 June Recruiting Drive and the 1949 Fall Recruiting Campaign gathered to eat heartily and then receive their awards from Col Spiess, assistant AG, representing Gen Hufft who just had too many important out-of-town engagements to fill.

Champion recruiter of them all--M/Sgt Amilcar Hebert of Company F, 156th Inf Regt--from Breaux Bridge had signed up 40 new recruits, reenlisted 15 men and had lined up another 15 future recruits waiting for a possible opening in the bulging ranks of F Company.

Sgt Hebert and Sgt Dixon of Company A, 156th Inf, winner of the June drive, both received free sightseeing trips to California and entrained for the West Coast that evening. Unfortunately Sgt Hebert, at the last minute, learned his youngster was quite ill and had to detrain at Lafayette when his wife met the train. He may be able to make the trip later, or a prize of equal value will be awarded him.

But to get on with the awards--Sgt Aubert M. Waguespack, Battery D, 769th AAA AW Bn, won a beautiful gold loving cup for second place in the Fall drive; Pfc Charles E. Thurmond, Company K, 199th Inf, won a similar prize for third place. Cpl Carey L. Phares, Battery C, 105th AAA AW Bn, received a table model radio for having recruited at least 20 men in the Fall drive, and Cpl Theodore Constantine, Battery B, 527th AAA AW Bn, another Guardsmen signing at least 20 men in the Fall drive received a radio.

Pfc Levoy J. Dupre, Tank Company, 156th Inf, was awarded a gold engraved medal for third place in the June drive. Sgt Christopher Angelle, Company F, 156th Inf, who lost out on the trip to Calif. offered in the June drive in a drawing held to decide first place, was unable to be present but second place prize of an attractive gold medal is on its way to him at this moment. Capt Baudoin of Company A, 156th, CO of the unit winning first place in the June drive, was unable to attend the dinner because Saturday happened to be a big business day for him.



**TWO BIG ARMORY PROJECTS  
ANNOUNCED BY GENERAL HUFFT**

A \$150,000 building will rise on the grounds of Camp Nichols at New Orleans shortly to house the 135th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, and at Baton Rouge a \$250,000 structure will be built jointly by the LA NG and the Army to house all Guard and ORC units in Baton Rouge.

The Air Force will foot the bill for the N.O. armory and the Army will put up \$150,000 and the State \$100,000 for the construction of the Baton Rouge armory.

The Baton Rouge deal will be the first real demonstration of the feasibility of joint construction and utilization of armory facilities in the nation, a most important step in increasing national military strength without additional taxes.

The structure, to be erected at the intersection of Scenic Highway and Plank Road a little more than a mile from the Capitol Building, will contain a large drill hall and indoor rifle range as well as strong rooms, supply rooms, class rooms and offices.

The tactical air directional center at New Orleans for the 135th (the radar outfit) will be a T-shaped structure 160 X 40 and 90 X 40 feet.

Upon completion of the new armory at the Moss Street installation, the 39th Inf Div Signal Company will be moved to Jackson Barracks.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO START ARRANGING  
FOR SUMMER FIELD TRAINING LEAVES**

With many employers already setting up annual leave schedules for 1950, don't neglect to arrange for field training.

That schedule again:

The 39th Inf Div minus the 105th AAA Bn will train at Camp Polk 6-20 August.

Non-divisional units minus the AAA units will train at Camp Polk 6-20 August.

All anti-aircraft units will train at Fort Bliss 13-27 August.

The 135th AC&W Squadron will train at Kirtland AFB 13-27 August.

The 122nd Bomb Sq and attached units will train at Kelly AFB 13-27 August.

For a really strong National Guard and more security for the USA we must all of us be sure to get that 15-day training which is a test of what has been learned in the 48 weekly drill periods the rest of the year.

**ARMY SERVICE SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS  
MUST REACH NGB NO LATER THAN 1 MAY**

All school applications for attendance of Army National Guard personnel at courses of instruction to be conducted in Army Service Schools for the remainder of this fiscal year should be forwarded so as to arrive in the National Guard Bureau not later than 1 May 1950. Control of funds makes this cut-off date mandatory, says the NGB, so anyone in your unit planning for school soon had best start applying right now.

**AIR GUARD PLANS TO SALUTE OPENING  
OF MOVIE "TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH" AT N.O.**

After a preview showing of the film "12 O'Clock High" to a dozen AGO and Air NG officers early this week it was decided to send a flight of B-26s over Canal St. at noon (12 o'clock high) to help plug the movie. It's really an excellent movie about the 8th AF and an exceptionally fine story about problems of morale and command. Come to think of it, tho, it's all about men--no women involved--so don't be looking for "mush"

**SEVEN NEW OFFICER APPOINTMENTS  
AND SEVEN PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED**

New appointees to officer ranks of the LA NG include Maj Robert C. Dunn, Capt Albert M. Attyah, 1st Lt Gilbert J. Fortier, 1st Lt James F. McKay, 2nd Lt Frederic C. Parkerson, and 2nd Lt Moise H. Fisher, all of New Orleans, and 2nd Lt Rufus E. Bruce, Jr., Baton Rouge.

Promotions recently put through include those of Lt Col Walter H. Johnson, Monroe; Maj John L. Landrem, Shreveport; Maj William B. Cox, New Orleans; Capt Robert Henderson, Jr., New Orleans; Capt Claude L. Blanchard, Jr., Abbeville; 1st Lt Edwin J. Viator, New Iberia, and 1st Lt Henry D. Porter, New Iberia.

**UNIFIED SERVICES TO JOIN FORCES  
TO MARK FIRST ARMED FORCES DAY**

Patriotic and civic organizations throughout the country are passing the word to put a circle around the date May 20 on the calendar. That day--May 20, the third Saturday--is the first Armed Forces Day.

Until this year, the individual military services have held celebrations on different days. On May 20, the date selected by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson with the approval of President Truman, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard will team together throughout the country to show the public they are "Teamed For Defense."

Under that slogan--"Teamed For Defense"--men, equipment, naval vessels, and planes will be exhibited. National Guard units and other reserve forces are being encouraged to participate in the military program, which will include parades, exhibits, demonstrations, talks by military leaders, and "open house" tours of many military installations. Secretary Johnson has ordered the participation of troops and equipment wherever feasible.

The prime objective of the celebration is to familiarize the public with the state of the nation's defenses.

One service will have primary responsibility for coordinating Armed Forces Day activities in each of seven geographical areas, divided equally among the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Air Force will be responsible for the Fourth Army, Eighth Naval District, and Twelfth Air Force areas which include Louisiana. Maj. Gen. Alden Crawford, CG of the Twelfth Air Force, will be the coordinating officer in Louisiana.

**DON'T FORGET TO POST THE LANG NEWS IN A PROMINENT SPOT IN YOUR UNIT ARMORY**



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All About Louisiana's Guardsmen

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## URGES RECRUITING BE AIMED AT REPLACING UNDESIRABLES

Despite strength ceilings imposed upon Army units of the Guard this is no time to relax recruiting efforts, according to Col Spiess, the assistant AG.

In the Colonel's opinion present limitations provide an excellent opportunity for Army units to eliminate the deadwood—men who consistently miss drills, men who spend most their time dodging work and complaining, men who are more of a burden than an asset to the unit.

In other words recruiting now should be more selective and should be aimed more at quality than quantity.

## MEDICS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN JONESVILLE FLOOD DUTY

A note from the Medical Company of the 199th Inf Regt reminds us that the medics worked in the flood area too. Members on duty in the Jonesville area included Pfc John W. Damico, Pvt Johnnie W. Eznack, and Recruits Clarence R. Blakeley, Ronnie C. Bonial, Russell E. Ford, Travis R. Fox, Lesnor J. Guillory, Jr., Daniel A. Thiels, and Douglas E. Owenes.

The Medical Company headquarters is at Camp Beauregard.

## YOUR UNIT PLANNING TO EAT WELL WHEN IT GOES TO CAMP THIS SUMMER?

Are your bakers, cooks, meat cutters and mess managers fully prepared to do a good job at camp this summer? If not better get them off to school while there is still time.

Schedule of classes at the Food Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is as follows:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Mess Administration... | 23 June-4 August |
| Mess Management.....   | 28 April-23 June |
|                        | 9 June-4 August  |
| Cooking.....           | 12 May-4 August  |
|                        | 23 June-15 Sept. |
| Meat Cutting.....      | 14 April-9 June  |
|                        | 2 June-28 July   |
| Baking.....            | 12 May-4 August  |
|                        | 23 June-15 Sept. |

And by the way, the deadline in the AGO for service school applications is Apr 24

## DECARBED MILITARY VEHICLES TO BE TOWED INSTEAD OF PUSHED

The AGO advises considerable damage to bumpers and bumperettes has been caused by pushing one vehicle with another and under no circumstances will a military vehicle be pushed by another vehicle in an attempt to move it or start the engine. If a vehicle must be moved it will in the future be towed. And also always keep tailgates closed.

## PRIVATE BOWMAN HOT ON TRAIL OF QUICK APPOINTMENT AS OFFICER

On 1 September last two days after he joined the Medical Company of the 199th Inf, big, blonde, husky Winston H. Bowman dropped by the AGO to announce he was interested in becoming a commissioned officer. On 15 September he began the 10 Series of the Army extension courses, normally at least a year of hard work.

Last week he dropped by the AGO in New Orleans to receive hearty congratulations from the high brass for his exceptional accomplishment of finishing the entire 10 Series in less than six months time with a superior rating for the entire series.

We'll bet our last buck that Pfc Bowman is going to be sporting gold bars in a very short time, which will again prove that any enlisted member of the LA NG with the necessary qualities of leadership, the will to work and the ability to learn may become an officer.

Bowman, a married man with what we consider is a darn good civilian job, is only 22 years of age. He joined the Navy 10 Dec 1945 and became an aviation cadet, then left the service nine months later to serve the next three years with the Naval Reserve. Next thing you know he'll be a National Guard officer.

## SERGEANT LANE OF QM COMPANY AMONG NEW OFFICERS APPOINTED

Sgt 1cl Douglas E. Lane, 39th Div QM Co, is now 2nd Lt Lane. Other new officer appointments went to 1st Lt Elwood L. Rollins, Btry A, 527th AAA Bn, and 2nd Lt Calvin F. Rice, Co B, 773rd Hvy Tank Battalion.

## OFFICER PROMOTIONS

1st Lt Armand J. Duplantier, Jr., 935th FA Bn, to captain. 2nd Lts James L. Simmons, Div Hq Co; Forrest M. Golden, Co M, 156th Inf; George J. Bernard, Jr., Med Co, 156th Inf; William O. Carpenter, Tk Co, 199th Inf., and Morris C. Allums, Tk Co, 199th Inf., to first lieutenants.

## FISHERMEN SCORE

Col Pierson, Col Bonner, Col Cunningham, Capt Greenwald, Lt Jones, Lt Samuels and Sgt Johnson of N.O. last week end had themselves a real workout pulling in sheepheads in the Gulf off Buras. The 125 sheepheads totaled 600 lbs, which means a great many of them were whoppers.

## AUXILIARIES

Your unit have a ladies auxiliary? Let's hear all about it for the next issue!



# LA NG NEWS

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About Louisiana's Guardsmen

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## ARMY UNITS OF STATE SHORT TOTAL 446 MEN

Records in the AG office last week showed that whereas an aggregate strength ceiling of 5,503 officers and men has been authorized the Army units of the LA NG by the National Guard Bureau, current total strength of all Army units is only 5,082.

This can mean but one thing, that when the NGB announced it was freezing the strength of the Guard last December recruiting efforts were relegated to file thirteen.

"Oh, we can't recruit any more men. You know the Guard Bureau halted all recruiting last December."

That we have heard any number of both officers and enlisted men say when asked about recruiting efforts of their units.

How many men do they have? How many men are they currently authorized? A lot of them don't even know. All they know is "we can't recruit any more men."

It must be admitted that due to a time lag, especially on reenlistment records, the AGO figure of 446 openings may be off a bit, but we'll say for certain the Army units need at least 375 men.

Where are the shortages? On 27 January the AGO informed all Army units of the strength quotas assigned each regiment, separate battalion, etc. And how do they compare with present totals? Let's see.

| Unit            | Authorized | Actual | Rating    |
|-----------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| State Hq Det    | 80         | 91     | Plus 11   |
| Div Spl Troops  | 469        | 441    | Minus 28  |
| 156th Inf Regt  | 1669       | 1560   | Minus 109 |
| 199th Inf Regt  | 1207       | 1124   | Minus 83  |
| 935th FA Bn     | 372        | 355    | Minus 17  |
| 141st FA Bn     | 342        | 314    | Minus 28  |
| 105th AAA Bn    | 300        | 260    | Minus 40  |
| 773rd Tank Bn   | 200        | 151    | Minus 49  |
| 204th AAA Gp Hq | 43         | 45     | Plus 2    |
| 769th AAA Bn    | 352        | 388    | Plus 36   |
| 527th AAA Bn    | 300        | 213    | Minus 87  |
| 3671st Ord Co   | 112        | 97     | Minus 15  |
| 3628th Ord Co   | 53         | 44     | Minus 9   |

\*Totals include both officers and enlisted men.

Here are the figures on which this tally was based:

| Unit            | Location    | Officers | EM |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|----|
| Hq&Hq Det       | New Orleans | 35       | 56 |
| Hq 39th Div     | New Orleans | 37       | 58 |
| Hq Co 39th Div  | New Orleans | 7        | 45 |
| Med Det 39 Div  | New Orleans | 1        | 7  |
| 39 Div Sig Co   | New Orleans | 8        | 81 |
| 39 Div QM Co    | Alexandria  | 8        | 67 |
| 39 Div Rcn Co   | New Roads   | 4        | 67 |
| 39 Div Band     | New Orleans | 2        | 49 |
| Hq Co 156th Inf | Lafayette   | 18       | 87 |
| Sv Co 156th Inf | Lafayette   | 7        | 68 |
| Hvy Mtr Co 156  | Marksville  | 5        | 95 |
| Tank Co 156 Inf | Eunice      | 1        | 50 |
| Med Co 156      | Lafayette   | 6        | 48 |
| Hq Co 1 Bn 156  | Jeanerette  | 9        | 78 |

|                  |                  |    |     |
|------------------|------------------|----|-----|
| Co A 156th Inf   | Franklin         | 5  | 66  |
| Co B 156th Inf   | Morgan City      | 3  | 64  |
| Co C 156th Inf   | Houma            | 2  | 75  |
| Co D 156th Inf   | Thibodaux        | 4  | 82  |
| Hq Co 2 Bn 156   | St. Martinsville | 9  | 69  |
| Co E 156th Inf   | Opelousas        | 3  | 55  |
| Co F 156th Inf   | Breaux Bridge    | 4  | 148 |
| Co G 156th Inf   | New Iberia       | 5  | 108 |
| Co H 156th Inf   | Abbeville        | 3  | 74  |
| Hq Co 3 Bn 156   | Lake Charles     | 9  | 47  |
| Co I 156th Inf   | Crowley          | 4  | 75  |
| Co K 156th Inf   | Lake Charles     | 9  | 47  |
| Co L 156th Inf   | DeQuincy         | 3  | 54  |
| Co M 156th Inf   | Jennings         | 5  | 50  |
| Hq Co 199th Inf  | Shreveport       | 15 | 48  |
| Sv Co 199th Inf  | Shreveport       | 6  | 39  |
| Hvy Mtr Co 199th | Shreveport       | 4  | 51  |
| Tank Co 199 Inf  | Shreveport       | 5  | 40  |
| Med Co 199th Inf | Alexandria       | 11 | 50  |
| Hq Co 1 Bn 199th | Shreveport       | 11 | 53  |
| Co A 199th Inf   | Vivian           | 3  | 41  |
| Co B 199th Inf   | Homer            | 4  | 52  |
| Co C 199th Inf   | Jonesboro        | 2  | 53  |
| Co D 199th Inf   | Minden           | 5  | 50  |
| Hq Co 2 Bn 199th | Natchitoches     | 10 | 54  |
| Co E 199th Inf   | Many             | 2  | 73  |
| Co F 199th Inf   | Pineville        | 4  | 54  |
| Co G 199th Inf   | Winnfield        | 3  | 52  |
| Co H 199th Inf   | Natchitoches     | 5  | 44  |
| Hq Co 3 Bn 199th | Monroe           | 10 | 49  |
| Co I 199th Inf   | Monroe           | 4  | 42  |
| Co K 199th Inf   | Monroe           | 4  | 47  |
| Co L 199th Inf   | Bastrop          | 2  | 65  |
| Co M 199th Inf   | Ruston           | 4  | 53  |
| Hq Btry 935 FA   | New Orleans      | 17 | 65  |
| Sv Btry 935 FA   | New Orleans      | 3  | 49  |
| Med Sec 935 FA   | New Orleans      | 1  | 5   |
| A Btry 935 FA Bn | New Orleans      | 5  | 52  |
| B Btry 935 FA Bn | New Orleans      | 5  | 85  |
| C Btry 935 FA Bn | New Orleans      | 5  | 63  |
| Hq Btry 141 FA   | New Orleans      | 13 | 68  |
| Sv Btry 141 FA   | New Orleans      | 3  | 38  |
| Med Sec 141 FA   | New Orleans      | 1  | 7   |
| Btry A 141 FA Bn | New Orleans      | 3  | 38  |
| Btry B 141 FA Bn | New Orleans      | 2  | 57  |
| Btry C 141 FA Bn | New Orleans      | 5  | 79  |
| Hq Btry 105 AAA  | Bogalusa         | 9  | 38  |
| Btry A 105 AAA   | Bogalusa         | 4  | 31  |
| Btry B 105 AAA   | Franklinton      | 4  | 57  |
| Btry C 105 AAA   | Hammond          | 5  | 72  |
| Btry D 105 AAA   | Covington        | 2  | 39  |
| Hq-Sv Co 773rd   | Alexandria       | 8  | 34  |
| Med Det 773 Tank | Alexandria       | 2  | 3   |
| Co A 773 Tank Bn | Leesville        | 2  | 32  |
| Co B 773 Tank Bn | DeRidder         | 3  | 34  |
| Co C 773 Tank Bn | Ville Platte     | 2  | 31  |
| Hq Btry 204 AAA  | New Orleans      | 13 | 32  |
| Hq Btry 527th Bn | New Orleans      | 10 | 31  |
| Med Det 527th Bn | New Orleans      | 1  | 8   |
| Btry A 527 AAA   | New Orleans      | 3  | 26  |
| Btry B 527 AAA   | New Orleans      | 3  | 44  |
| Btry C 527 AAA   | New Orleans      | 3  | 51  |
| Btry D 527 AAA   | New Orleans      | 2  | 31  |
| Hq Btry 769 AAA  | Baton Rouge      | 15 | 73  |
| Med Det 769 AAA  | Baton Rouge      | 1  | 6   |
| Btry A 769 AAA   | Baton Rouge      | 5  | 53  |
| Btry B 769 AAA   | Baton Rouge      | 5  | 63  |
| Btry C 769 AAA   | Flaquemine       | 3  | 61  |
| Btry D 769 AAA   | Donaldsonville   | 6  | 97  |



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THE CITIZEN-IN-ARMS IS THE BULWARK OF AMERICA

## CITIZENS OF JEANERETTE GO ALL-OUT IN TRIBUTE TO WINNERS OF IKE TROPHY

When Headquarters and Headquarters Co of the 1st Battalion, 156th Infantry, Jeanerette, received the Eisenhower Trophy from Brig. Gen. Raymond F. Hufft on May 11 all 5,002 inhabitants of that proud little city took it as a personal compliment.

Mayor Edgar L. Chaney, Sr., declared it a holiday. The kids got out of school and stores closed their doors so that everyone in town could watch the big parade on Main Street and then follow the parade out to City Park to witness the presentation of the award to Captain Larry C. Lampo and his company.

After the parade and presentation before a distinguished gathering of civic and military officials in front of the reviewing stand at the parade grounds, troops of the entire 1st Battalion sat down to a delicious fried chicken dinner in the unit armory.

The banquet hall was decked with hundreds of bright flowers worked into wonderful little decorations and the chicken was so tantalizing that even the numerous brief talks scheduled for the big wheels at the head table were cancelled in favor of more chicken.

The Good Mayor did say a few words--for instance that he was proud that the city had always supported its local Guard unit 100 per cent and now that the unit had been rated the best in the State for the year 1949 he was certain the community would undoubtedly support it more than 100 per cent in the future.

The parade and presentation and chicken dinner didn't end the festivities by far, for over in the huge Roane Building that evening was held about the biggest dance Jeanerette had ever seen.

The huge hall was hung with scores of great banners, some of them carrying colorful reminders of the age of heraldry and others of probable nightmares of a exist.

There were tables for all and a really classy dance band brought in from Lafayette.

A really big time was had by all and a big day was had by the city of Jeanerette.

State Police with shrill sirens, firing of 105 howitzers brought in from New Orleans and band music and a military review and Colonnels by the dozen and newspaper photographers and prominent visitors from adjoining Parishes and towns--Jeanerette really had a show.

To the Mayor and other city officials, to the Jeanerette Chamber of Commerce, to the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the various womens' clubs and, of course, to Capt Lampo went the credit for the whole big show, and citizens throughout the city paid all the bills and did most the work in honor of Headquarters Co.

## M/SGT PAUL BOREN RECEIVES AWARD BEFORE JOINT SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Governor Earl K. Long made the presentation of the first Louisiana Medal of Honor ever awarded to M/Sgt Paul Boren of the 122nd Light Bombardment Squadron before a joint session of the Louisiana Legislature the evening of May 15th.

General Hufft was first to appear before the joint session to announce the award. Lt Col Thomas Bonner then stepped before the microphone and told the Legislators:

Pursuant to General Orders Number 11 of 1948 entitled "The Award and Supply of Decorations and Medals to Individuals", the Louisiana Medal of Honor is awarded by the Louisiana Legislature upon recommendation of the Decorations and Awards Board, approved and transmitted to the Governor of Louisiana by the Adjutant General.

The Louisiana Medal of Honor is awarded to any person who, while an officer or enlisted man in State service, distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry at the risk of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty.

In order to justify such an award the recipient must perform a deed of personal bravery at the risk of his own life, so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish him for gallantry above his comrades, the omission of which would not subject him to censure for failure in the performance of duty.

Recommendations must be based on the statement of a person or persons having personal knowledge of the act.

The act must be described in detail with proof in the form of affidavits from civilians and enlisted eye witnesses and certificates from officers with personal knowledge of the act.

Basic recommendations for awards of the Louisiana Medal of Honor must show the exact status of the person being recommended at the time of the performance of the act of gallantry and contain a specific statement that his entire service with the Louisiana National Guard has been honorable...

All of these conditions have been met in this instance.

The Decorations and Awards Board convened at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, May 24, 1949.

Members present were Col George W. Trousdale, Col Frank G. Spiess, Col John Barkley, Lt Col Ragnvald B. Rordam, Maj Louis O. D'Amico, and Maj Orlando W. Stephenson.

The Board carefully considered the application for the award of the Louisiana Medal of Honor to M/Sgt Paul Boren, 122nd Light Bombardment Squadron, Louisiana Air National Guard.

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The Board recommended approval and transmittal to the Louisiana Legislature for awarding.

The Louisiana Medal of Honor was manufactured for the first time for this presentation.

The Medal, designed by Brig. Gen. Allison Owen and Brig Gen Raymond F. Hufft and his staff, consists of a Greek Cross with each arm of the cross suggesting countries which have had jurisdiction over Louisiana territory.

At the top is a device symbolical of the United States. At the left is the shield of the Bourbon Kingdom of France. At the right is the shield of the King of Spain. At the bottom is the Tri-Color of the French Directory.

In the center is the Seal of the Great State of Louisiana in gold, planted over the St. Andrews Cross of the Confederacy in blue enamel.

The whole is encircled with a wreath of laurel in green enamel.

On each of the elongated triangles in the Cross of St. Andrew is a star representative of the conflict between the States.

M/Sgt Paul Boren, a veteran of 37 months of overseas service in North Africa and Southern France in World War II, is an outstanding example of the soldierly qualities of today's Louisiana National Guardsman.

In Sergeant Boren we find the honor, the courage, the decency, the patriotism, the integrity typical of the finest serviceman in the world--the American soldier.

For this same act of heroism which we cite here today, Sgt Boren has been awarded the Soldiers Medal by direction of the President of the United States.

This evening, in accordance with General Order Number 10 of 15 August 1949 by direction of Governor Long we present M/Sgt Paul Boren with the Louisiana Medal of Honor "for conspicuous gallantry at the risk of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty.

In accordance with this order:

"Sergeant Boren achieved a daring rescue of his pilot from the twin-engined bomber in which they crashed near Micheaud Air-strip on March 21, 1948. With utter disregard for his injured condition and personal safety, Boren reentered the burning plane fully aware of an impending explosion of the load of 750 gallons of 100 octane gas, released the unconscious pilot's safety belt, and carried him out beyond danger of serious injury or death."

"Sergeant Boren's heroism reflects great credit on himself and the Louisiana National Guard, in keeping with the highest traditions of military service."

When Governor Long finally got the big red ribbon supporting the medal around Sgt Boren's neck the entire Legislature and the crowded balconies responded with a roar of applause.

Modest Sergeant Boren grinned like a kid.

#### 122ND PLANES VISIT MONROE

A feature of Armed Forces Day observances at Monroe was a fly-over by a squadron of the 122nd Bomb Squadrons fast-stepping twin-engined B26 attack bombers (19 May)

#### 1300 NEW ORLEANS GUARDSMEN TAKE PART IN ARMED FORCES PARADE

Biggest of the military forces taking part in the Armed Forces Day parade in New Orleans the night of 19 May was, of course, the Louisiana National Guard.

General Hufft led his troops all the way, too,

The Guardsmen and their equipment looked good as they passed the reviewing stand, and there was no question of their identity in view of a number of very large signs on many of the vehicles.

The 527th AAA Bn drew much attention with its 40 MM guns and multiple 50s (ahem, which they borrowed from the 105th AAA Bn) and the two field artillery battalions with their heavy 105s also made a big hit.

The Navy, Marines, Army, and ORC and ROTC units looked good, too, especially in light of the occasion.

#### WASHINGTON ARTILLERYMEN

##### BLAST AWAY ON MANY OCCASIONS

The "whoomp" of 105 MM howitzers is getting to be a common sound around New Orleans.

The President of Chile, Vice President Barkley, and now Memorial Day all call for some heavy gun fire. And then there was some shooting at Jeanerette, too.

The burden has been shared by the 935th and 141st FA Bns, but next Tuesday evening at Audubon Park Battery B of the 141st will fire the salute and blow taps.

#### BEFORE WE GO ON ABOUT THESE N.O. UNITS--

Before we go on about these N.O. units with which we are constantly in contact

let us again explain to you men in other parts of the State that unless you shoot us a bit of news of your unit now and then you'll never read anything about the fellows and things you know.

How about trying again to make the Lang News about all of Louisiana's Guardsmen.

What say?

#### 527TH PLANS ANNIVERSARY DANCE

To mark their completion of a full year of existence, the 527th AAA Bn will conduct a big dance at Jackson Barracks on the night of June 10th.

#### FEDERAL ARMORY INSPECTION FOR 773RD

The units of the 773rd Heavy Tank Bn will experience their first Federal armory inspections this week. The IG, Col Dittmore, and Col Pierson and Capt Booth checked the units at Camp Beauregard yesterday and are due in Leesville today, Deridder tomorrow and Ville Platte on Friday.

Oh yes, before leaving the AGO for the North, Col Dittmore inspected the last unit of the LA NG to be activated--the 3628th Ordnance Company (MI)

WE'VE GOT MORE TO TELL so see next page



## THE WORD IS AGAIN:

## RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT

With Congress considering appropriations for the National Guard this very moment and summer camp coming up fast, it is extremely important that every unit bear down on the recruiting.

Louisiana isn't alone in sharing the blame for the sharp drop in Guard strength since the Guard topped its goal last December. It is possible, you know, for Congress to decide on dishing out money for a smaller Guard if we fail to maintain full authorized strength.

And you know how hard it is to operate at camp if you don't have sufficient personnel for all the thousand and one activities required of everyone in your unit.

So how about bearing down. In other words let's

## RECRUIT RECRUIT RECRUIT

Gen Fleming, Chief of the Army Division of the National Guard Bureau, dropped by the AGO on Monday and he said everyone in the Bureau was getting to be seriously concerned over the uncalled for slump in Guard strength this year.

## OPERATION CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED

New Orleans Guard units are going to furnish a score of trucks and a sizeable body of troops to assist the City of New Orleans in "Operation Clean-Up" on June 10th when it is expected some 400 trucks will scour the city for unsightly trash and debris.

## ESCORT FOR VICE PRESIDENT BARKLEY

The B 17 which brought Vice President Barkley to New Orleans was escorted from Hammond to New Orleans by a squadron of nine B 26s of the 122nd Bomb Sq. Gen Hufft rode in the lead ship. When the nine ships buzzed over Moisant Airport as the VP stepped from his plane they formed a very neat V.

## WHAT HAPPENED AT HAMMOND?

How about someone from Battery C of the 105th AAA Bn at Hammond letting us know all about C Battery's activities in the reception for the Veep?

## NOTES FROM THE 769TH

From Vol 1, No 11 of "Battalion Poop" issued weekly by Hq, 769th AAA Bn:

M/Sgt Rudy Robertson, seriously injured in a truck accident, back on his feet and dropping by his unit, A Battery... Sgt 1st Cl Leslie Thomas, B Battery, has just signed for another three-year hitch...welcome mat out for Capt Daigle, ex CO of the Donaldsonville unit, who is the battalion's new exec...rumor out about a big June dance for the 769th... Sgt Woodrow "Popo" Bowman recuperating at home after a rough time in hospital with throat trouble...Pfc Johnny Whitehead of Hq Btry scored a 187 on the range at Camp Villere....

PDA SCHOOL SCHEDULED  
FOR FIRST OF MONTH

To teach proper administrative procedure and to train administrative assistants in the normal performance of duty all administrative assistants, both officers and enlisted men, will gather at Camp Beauregard for three days of some rigorous schooling 5-7 June.

## MILITARY LEAVE PAMPHLETS

The Guard Bureau has just distributed pamphlets entitled "Business and Industry Invest in Security" to be given employers of Guardsmen by unit commanders in an effort to bring attention of employers to the importance of military leaves for summer field training.

## COMPLETES OAK RIDGE COURSE

1st Lt Alva B. Howell of the 39th Div Sig Co returned recently from Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, where he took a month-long course in defense against the effects of an atomic attack, with some most important info. For instance he learned that:

There is a defense against the atom bomb

Radiation accounts for only 10% of all casualties

In an air burst, there is no significant residual radio-activity remaining in the area of the burst.

Proper medical care and attention to the injured, given in time, will save many lives.

Use of proper instruments for detecting radioactive areas will minimize casualties from radiation.

A simulated atomic attack was staged as part of the course. The students performed the same duties which would normally be done by civil defense radiological monitoring teams in the event of an actual atomic attack.

Areas of contamination were detected and decontaminated. Resulting fires were extinguished or brought under control. Simulated injured were removed and given proper medical care.

Lt Howell found that the need of good communications at all times between operating groups were most essential. A lack of such communications resulted in completely disrupted coordination of effort.

## NEW OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

Among new officer appointments announced are those of 2nd Lt James L. Roberts (Co K, 199th); 1st Lt William T. Riser (Hq Co, 199th); 1st Lt Walter L. Rogers (Co C, 199th); 2nd Lt William W. Pendergrass (Co A, 199th); 2nd Lt Dudley J. Duhon (Co H, 156th); 2nd Lt Lynn L. Pesson (Co G, 156th); 2nd Lt Malcom A. Martin (Co C, 156th); WOJG Octave S. Pierret (Sv Co, 156th); 2nd Lt Dewey A. Massar, Jr. (Btry A, 527th); 1st Lt Kenneth E. Gorman (Btry B, 527th); 2nd Lt James P. Thibaut (Hq, 39th Inf Div); WOJG Francis J. Sanders (Hq, 39th Div).