

# ★ BRIGADE NEWS ★

TO INFORM ITS OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS & NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

## First On-Site Guard Missile Units Finish Training, Man L. A. Defenses



**READY TO ACCEPT** -- California National Guard personnel of the 720th Missile Battalion (right) stand ready to accept operational control of the Army's Nike missile site in Long Beach during these turnover ceremonies on 14th Sept. At left are members of the 865th Missile Battalion, the Regular Army component which formerly operated the Nike site. Top ranking military officials from both the Regular Army and National Guard along with civilian dignitaries in this first turnover of a missile battery to National Guard's control. Lt. Col. Julian A. Phillipson is the speaker.

(Story on page 7)

## 114th AAA BRIGADE NEWS

### AWARD OF BRIGADE COMMANDER'S TROPHIES ANNOUNCED

Brigade Headquarters announced this last week, the results of the competitions for the various Brigade Commander's Trophies awarded on the basis of scores earned by: Army Training Tests, Inspector General rating, Attendance Average, Field training performances and Annual Unit training ratings.

<u>The Trophy</u>	<u>Awarded to:</u>	<u>Commanded by</u>
Brigade Commander's Air Defense Trophy (90mm) Bn	730th AAA Gun Bn	Lt. Col. Gordon M. Dawson
Brigade Commander's Air Defense Trophy (Msl Btry)	"D" Btry 720th Msl Bn	Capt. P. S. Kelly
Brigade Commander's Trophy Outstanding Headquarters Battery (Brig-Groups)	Hq Btry 234th AAA Gp.	Capt. Geo. R. Johnson
Brigade Commander's Trophy Outstanding Headquarters Battery (Bn Hq Btry)	Hq Btry 730th AAA Bn	Capt. Sidney W. Herzik
Brigade Commander's Trophy Outstanding AAA Detachment(Opns)	186th AAA Det (Opns)	Maj. Frank Enright

Detailed information as to the standings of the other units in the competition for the various trophies can be obtained by reference to Memorandum No. 7 Brigade HQ.

### CWO LACHUSA AWARDED OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR COMMENDATION RIBBON

For his diligence and display of leadership during the considerable absence of the Group Staff Assistant (Lt. Col. Moore) during the six months before his termination of service, CWO Louis V. La Chusa has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for the Commendation Ribbon.

The compliments of all of us in the brigade go to Mr. La Chusa for a job well done in trying times.

### SPECIAL OFFICER CANDIDATE COURSE REQUESTED

Major General Edgar C. Erickson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, has made a request to the Commanding General, USCONARC, that a Special Army National Guard Officer Candidate Course be conducted at the USA Artillery and Missile School during the period 12 January to 27 March 1959.

Because all indications are that this request will be favorably considered, interested personnel should watch for a confirmation of this course which will be announced in a Schools Bulletin at the earliest possible date.

### 114th AAA AND 234th AAA GROUP HOST VETERANS' DAY PARADE

This brigade and units of the 234th Group were host to a Veterans' Day Parade in Long Beach, California, on November 11. This city was one of five authorized by the War Department to conduct a Veterans' Day Parade.

Among the many military units represented in the parade was the 40th Armored Division which entered nearly a hundred pieces of rolling equipment.

The Grand Marshal for the parade was Major General Edgar C. Erickson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau. Other VIP's in attendance were Major General Earle M. Jones, Adjutant General of California, Major General Homer Eaton, C G of the 40th Armored Division, and Brigadier General Charles Ott, Assistant Division Commander, 40th Armored Division.

The 93rd Army Band commanded by CWO Fred Jenswold journeyed up from the home station, Camp Elliott, San Diego, to participate in the parade.

### CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL MARKSMANSHIP MATCHES

The State Marksmanship Matches were held 11-12 October at the El Torro Marine Air Base. This brigade entered several teams and among our "best shots" were Captain Frank A. Baxter, Liaison Officer of the 234th AAA Group, Long Beach, and C W O Howard D. Stebbins, Assistant S-4, Brigade Headquarters.

The matches for 1959 are presently scheduled to be conducted during Columbus Day weekend, 10-11 October, at Fort Ord, California. It is the desire of the Brigade Commander that next year there be a greater participation by personnel of this command in the matches.

## RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

When we hear of the increasing concern of scientists, doctors and Public Health officials over the detrimental effects of radiation, we immediately think of radioactive fallout or contamination resulting from atomic explosions or other nuclear tests. However, certain radiation dangers may exist in your own supply rooms, such as Markers, self-luminous, radium-activated; Compasses (all types); Metascopes, containing sodium activated luminous materials; and Radioactive Electron Tubes. Any of the above items when packaged or stored in quantities may constitute a radiation hazard.

In the case of electron tubes, certain ones contain radioactive materials which would be hazardous to personnel if the tube is broken. Identification of some of the radioactive tubes may be made by referring to TB Sig 225, 6 February 1956. Other tubes may be marked with A. E. C. Hazard Symbol, Any unmarked or unidentified tube fractured or broken should be treated as containing hazardous material and handled or disposed of as outlined in TB Sig 225.

When it becomes necessary to ship equipment or items containing radioactive materials, the USPSLO office should be contacted for packing, labeling and shipping instructions.

## GET THAT INOPERATIVE EQUIPMENT IN FOR REPAIR

Units are reminded that now is the time to get their unserviceable and inoperative equipment into the Organizational Maintenance Shops and Field Maintenance Shops for repair. By doing it now, parts required can be procured and repairs properly scheduled. This means less equipment down time making it available for training.

## BRIGADES T M NO. 3 HAS BEEN AMENDED

In accordance with Department of the Army policy set forth in Fm 21-5, dated January 1957, quarterly armory drill training schedules will be prepared by each individual unit and detachment commander for their respective organizations, utilizing as a guide the training directives published by higher headquarters. When combined training is scheduled by battalion or higher level, the unit commander will be given the subject, dates, times, etc., for incorporation in his training schedule. (J. T. B.)

**NEWS LETTER - CAL ARNG, GETS NEW HEADING**

Our compliments go out to publication section of Military Department, State of California, on its new Masthead for the NEWSLETTER.

**THE GUARD'S FUTURE IN CALIFORNIA**

If population growth has any effect on the California Army National Guard, we are in. At present we have approximately 1,362,050 persons (both men and women) in the 18 to 24 age group. In 1970, just twelve years, this will increase 86% to 2,535,000.

This information is from a Department of Finance study on California's population. The study shows that between 1955 and 1970, California's civilian population is expected to gain twice as many school-age children and four times as many young adults (age 18-24) as were gained between 1940 and 1955. Presumably this will provide the Guard with a much greater manpower pool from which to recruit than has ever been experienced during its more than 100 year old history.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA**

Several changes in command of battalions occurred on 1 November. Lt. Col. Albert Scott (having recently been promoted to that grade) assumed command of the 730th AAA Gun Battalion, relieving Lt. Col. Gordon M. Dawson, who assumed command of the 746th AAA Gun Battalion. He had relieved Lt. Col. Kenneth S. Gray, who assumed the duties of Executive Officer of the 251st AAA Group.

Several other changes of assignment of interest are: Major Ray Fellows moving over to the 746th as Battalion Executive Officer, and Captain Marvin L. Axsom's transfer from the 746th to the 730th as S-3.

Major Ben McCulloch, formerly Exec. Off. of the 746th, had moved over to the 251st as S-3, when Lt. Col. Moore terminated.

**SAN DIEGO GUARD UNITS AGAIN REPRESENTED IN**

**"THE MASSING OF THE COLORS"**

Again this year on Sunday 2 November, the Military Order of the World Wars, La Jolla Chapter, sponsored a Massing of the Colors at the Organ Pavillion, Balboa Park, San Diego.

Among the more than 200 organizations participating, were the 217th AW Bn, 40th Armd Div., 730th AAA Gun Bn, and the 746th AAA Gun Bn, all of which sent their Color Guard. The Brigade Commander, Brig. Gen. Clifford F. Beyers, was an Honored Guest.

**HELP! ACTION FOR AN ADEQUATE MILITARY AIRLIFT HELP!**

The inadequacy of the present military airlift was brought to the attention of delegates attending the recent National Guard Association conference in Atlantic City by the State of Delaware through their Resolution No. 56 which was approved by both the Army and Air National Guard resolutions committees.

It will be included in the legislative program of the National Guard Association and it is hoped that it will be introduced in the first session of the 86th Congress. When this is accomplished, we will advise the bill number so you may contact your appropriate Congressional representative.

Believing that the California Army National Guard will recognize the importance to the Army of having adequate airlift capabilities, the California Air National Guard is soliciting support of this resolution which is reproduced below:

"WHEREAS, The American airlift is recognized as grossly inadequate to meet the Communist threat in a total or limited war and this fact has been emphasized by the U. S. Army and confirmed by Congress and further substantiated by the crisis in Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Rapid conversion of the Air Lines to jet equipment is obviously essential to augment our Civil Reserve Air Fleet, and said conversion will make available a substantial number of non-jet airliners, many of which have had costly modifications to ready them for military use in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, This Association and others have long pressed for modern aircraft for the Reserve Components; and

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force has indicated it would utilize the established capability of its reserve components if the equipment were available; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the National Guard Association of the United States in General Conference assembled . . . in Atlantic City, New Jersey, that this Association immediately offer all possible assistance to the Department of Defense, (in cooperation with any component or service), to make available the established and potential capabilities of the Air National Guard for manning and maintaining a reasonable proportion of this equipment in order to meet the military requirement for an American Air Lift."



**FIRST ON-SITE GUARD MISSILE UNITS FINISH TRAINING**

**MAN L. A. DEFENSES**

The 720th Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Julian A. Phillipson, was the first unit of any reserve component to be trained and equipped with surface-to-air-missiles. It formerly was a 90 millimeter gun unit.

The turn-over of the four sites selected for the battalion to man in the Los Angeles defense marks the beginning of a nationwide program of integrating Army National Guard air defense missile units into the air defense system. Guardsmen preparing elsewhere for this new role are carrying out on-the-job training at active Army missile sites of the United States Army Air Defense Command which the National Guard units are scheduled to occupy. Key personnel are taking specialist training at the United States Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Under this program, the National Guardsmen are scheduled to take over existing Nike Ajax sites, freeing active Army missilemen for training in the use of advanced surface-to-air missiles such as the Army's new Nike Hercules.

**MEDAL OF MERIT AWARDED TO Lt. Col. PHILLIPSON and Maj. ALLGOOD**

For their exceptionally meritorious service in planning and organizing the 720th as a missile battalion, by General Orders No. 42, Office of the Adjutant General, dated 15 October, Lt. Col. Julian A. Phillipson was awarded the Gold Oak Leaf Cluster, and Maj. Neil E. Allgood.

Our congratulations go to the two officers for a job well done.

**TENTATIVE DATES FOR ANNUAL FIELD TRAINING 1959**

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Hqrs 114th AAA Brig.	27 June-11 July	Fort MacArthur
Hqrs 234th AAA Group	" " " "	" "
Hqrs 251st AAA Group	" " " "	" "
183rd AAA Det	" " " "	" "
730th AAA Gun Bn	25 July-8 Aug.	Camp Irwin
682nd AAA Gun Bn	27 June-11 July	" "
746th AAA Gun Bn	20 June-4 July	" "
720th AAA Bn Msl	8 Aug-22 Aug.	Los Angeles Area
93rd Army Band	11 July-25 July	Camp Roberts
186th AAA Det	27 June-11 July	Fort MacArthur

### FORMER OFFICER OF THE BRIGADE HONORED BY SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE

Lt. Col. John V. Long, who who was commanding Officer of the 746th AAA Bn from the time of its reorganization in the spring of 1947 and inducted into Federal Service with the Battalion in the fall of 1950, was one of a Group of Nine Ex-Aztec Scientists, honored at the Annual Homecoming of the Alumni of San Diego State College, 1 November.

The nine Scientists, all of whom have recently received public recognition for their achievements in the fields of science, were invited to participate in the homecoming parade as Parade Marshals, and at the Alumni Association Banquet were awarded the Associations Certificate of Meritorious Service. They were presented by Dr. Malcolm A. Love, President of San Diego State College.

Some of the notables among those presented the award were Captain Eugene Wilkinson, USN, who was the first skipper of the Nautilus; Dr. Eugene La Fond, of the Navy Electronics Laboratory, who was Chief Scientist of the USS Skate when it made its historic second cruise under the Arctic Ocean ice pack, and Dr. Douglas Inman of Scripps Institute of Oceanography.

Colonel Long is the brother of Colonel Anthony Long, Commander of the 251st AAA Group.

Chairman of the Alumni Homecoming happened to be another well known guardsman, Colonel Bryant Kearney.



Ex Aztec, The Honorable Robert Wilson, reelected Congressman of the 80th Dist., talking with Mrs. and Dr. Harvey Urban and Colonel Bryant Kearney, Homecoming Chairman, during the SDS Alumni Association Homecoming in the Don Room, El Cortez Hotel, 1 November. Dr. Urban is the Alumni Assoc. president.

#### TEST ALERTS CONDUCTED BY GROUPS OF THE BRIGADE

The Groups of this brigade were tested on separate dates by a test alert. In each instance the Group Commander was alerted by telegram, at midnight of the Saturday preceding the organization's Sunday multiple drill, requiring them to assemble all units at 0700 instead of 0800. In each group the average number of personnel present was nearly 60 percent of those available.

#### OCTOBER MEETING OF NGA OF C EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANCELLED

In order to allow additional time for comments on the As-

#### LT. COL. BREWER SPEAKS BEFORE PADRE SERRA POST #370

In honor of Veterans' Day, Padre Serra Post #370, American Legion, presented as the Speaker of the day, as its meeting of 7 November, in the San Diego Club, Lt. Col. James T. Brewer, S-3 of the 114th AAA Brigade. Colonel Brewer made an excellent presentation on "Air Defense of the United States - Up to Date."

sociation's proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, the scheduled meeting of 25-26 October was cancelled and is now contemplated to be held in January at the Van Nuys Air NG Base.