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National Guard Units Federally Recognized Now

All units thus far activated in the 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard, have been granted federal recognition. Major General Harcourt Hervey, division commander, reported yesterday. "Granting of recognition by the War Department means," General Hervey explained, "the federal government will supervise the training of troops in the Division, will pay them, and equip them, and acknowledges them as soldiers in the National Guard of the United States as well as of the California National Guard." The recognition is retroactive to October 14, 1946. It applies to Headquarters and Headquarters companies of the division's three infantry regiments—the 160th (Los Angeles' Own), commanded by Col. Homer O. Easton, the 223rd, Pasadena, commanded by Col. William B. Zeller; and the 224th, Infantry regiment, Ontario, commanded by Col. Anson J. Smalley. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, under the command of Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Nickell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Special Troops Headquarters, also are included in the units recognized, he said.

Youths Enlist For Army Duty

Torrance Army Recruiting Sgt. E. M. Bryant reports three more local youths have enlisted this week for Army service. Those enlisting were John L. Peary, 2307 Border ave., for 18 months; Sylvester B. Poorbaugh, 920 Beech ave., for 18 months and John E. Shumock, 20630 Shearer ave., for three years. According to Sgt. Bryant these enlistees will have the opportunity to learn skilled trades during their enlistment in addition to receiving educational benefits under the GI Bill of Rights. Local Army recruiting offices are in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Service Men's Wives Still Get Maternal Care

Although the emergency maternal and infant care program instituted by act of Congress for wives of service men in the four lower pay grades is still in effect, the requests for care are gradually decreasing. Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles county health officer, said following a report of services rendered in October. The comparison showed authorization for care was given 120 mothers and 26 sick babies under one year of age in October, 1946, and for the same month a year ago, 412 mothers and 43 infants received care. As a wartime measure, the EMIC program was designed to safeguard prospective mothers and infants while the husband and father served in defense of the nation. Since the cessation of hostilities the service continued to be available for the wife who became an expectant mother while her husband was in service, even though he has since been discharged. This is because of the interest of Congress to assist the veteran during the early months of his readjustment to civilian life. While the Federal government entirely finances the services rendered through this program, it is administered locally thru the Torrance health center, with Miss Margaret Bailey in charge. The wife or mother may choose her physician, as many local doctors participate as well as 92 hospitals in Los Angeles county.

INDEPENDENCE OF COUNTY INSTITUTE OF ART STUDIED

The Los Angeles County Art Institute, formerly Otis Art Institute, may soon be a school operated independently and with its own director instead of being under the jurisdiction of the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles County Museum of History, Science and Art. Supervisor William A. Smith reported that Board of Supervisors ordered a study to be made of this matter by the county chief administrative officer.

Shell Building Synthetic Glycerin Plant

The commercial production of synthetic glycerin, a dream of the chemical industry for more than a century, will be a reality when Shell Chemical Corporation's seven million dollar glycerin plant is completed early in 1948, according to J. Oostermeyer, president. The plant will be located in Houston, Texas. During the war the unprecedented demand for glycerin for explosives overran the supply commercially available from natural animal and vegetable fats. Requirements were met only by the salvage of kitchen fats in millions of American homes. Synthetic manufacture of glycerin by a process developed in the laboratories of Shell Development Company at Emeryville, California will add to the supply now being produced by the soap manufacturers, Oostermeyer said. In Shell Chemical's new plant, glycerin will be manufactured

Highway Patrol Officers May Get Practice Rounds

Every member of the Los Angeles Unit of the California Highway Patrol will be given 50 rounds of pistol ammunition each month for target practice if the coming session of the Legislature approves a request by the Department of Motor Vehicles for funds for this purpose. A proposal that a sum approximating \$10,000 a year for the purchase of ammunition be appropriated has been made by Director of Motor Vehicles Edgar E. Lampton. It followed a statement made by Governor Earl Warren in which highway patrolmen were urged to learn to "shoot quick and straight to protect your lives against the dangerous gangsters who are flocking to California." synthetically from a stable supply of the chemicals propylene, chlorine and caustic soda. According to the announcement, the plant's output will tend to steady present wide fluctuations in price and ease current shortages.

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