



The Royal Lancers from Portland Oregon

- Photo by Ralph Orlandella

Well here we are at the end of September and another drum corps season is behind us.

This year saw many of the corps in our area traveling, with the longest trip being that of the Imperials. They journeyed to Casper, Wyoming where they participated in a Trooper - sponsored contest. It was a very enjoyable trip for them and they were able to pick up some very good pointers for their next year's drill. We expect the Imperials to have a really good corps next year and we all wish them much luck.

The Imperial Cadets I believe, had the next longest trip, going to the State of Montana. There they entered a parade and put on an exhibition and were well received. This was a wonderful trip for an up and coming young corps and I am sure they benefited by it.

All of the other Corps including

the Shamrocks, Sentinels, Royal Lancers and Hawks, traveled to the state of California where they met some very fine corps. The Shamrocks were the only north-west corps that was able to win a contest while there, although the other corps were unable to win in California, they did an outstanding job and were all well received. I know the corps had a tremendous time while there and plan a future trip; possibly next year.

There is at the present time, some talk about a West Coast Open Contest, which would be held each year. We in the north-west would welcome such a contest and hope that it becomes a reality in 1969. It would be held alternately in Washington, Oregon and California with the possibility of a specified amount of prize money to be paid out.

The Shamrocks, now that they

have their two Diesel busses, will be making many trips. Next year they plan a trip through the mid-west starting about the third of August and extending to the twenty-first. They are at present trying to line up contests in the midwest area. Anyone interested in having them at their contest or parade are welcome to write to yours truly at the address above. They are also interested in parades they could enter while traveling cross-country.

I would again like to invite any corps that has news they would like printed to send it along to me. This is your column; I'm just reporting for you. Pictures are also very welcome.

"TIL NEXT MONTH"