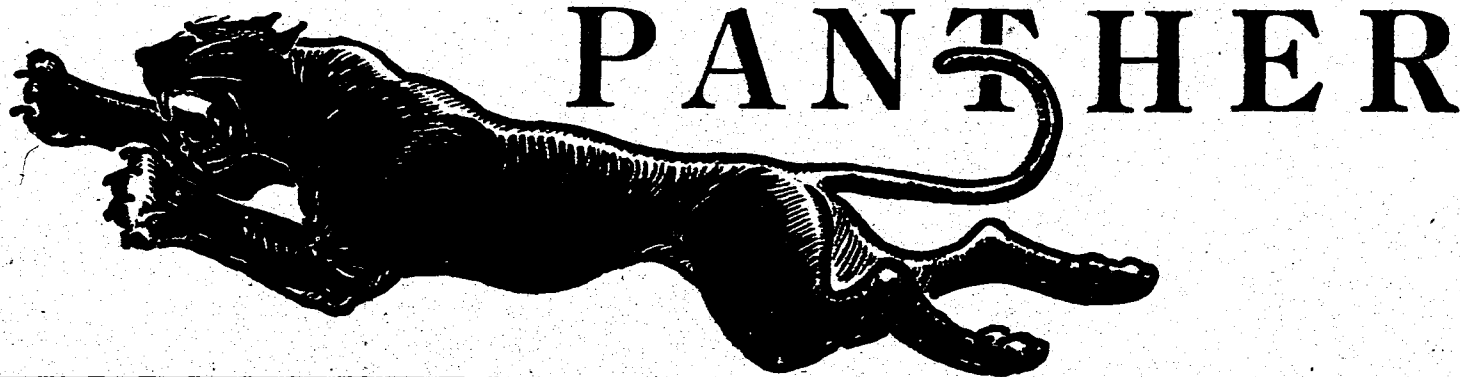


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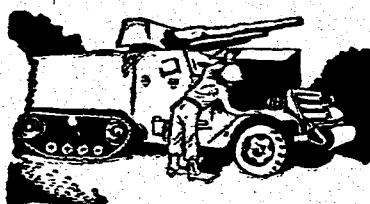


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Looking UNDER THE HOOD



Occasionally we are moved to comment on a scheme cooked up by another camp newspaper.

We'd like to award the furlined "you-know-what" to two this week: The Cannoneers' Post of the FA RTC, Camp Roberts, California, and the Kodiak Bear, Ft. Greeley, Alaska.

The heretofore staid, conservative Post recently presented Field Artillerymen with a front page picture of Ann Sheridan and an issue smelling of her favorite perfume—scent from Hollywood. The editors explained that each copy had been sprayed with her own intimate odor. Hmmm.

The Kodiak Bear, never one to leave its readers out of anything good, clipped a wild duck feather to each issue of Nov. 18. It seems the editorial staff had stuffed themselves on the fowl not long before and since their readers couldn't be there, sent them a feather. Anything to tickle the public's fancy, eh?

We have no feathered or perfumed copies to brag about. Perhaps we're not old enough for such antics yet. At any rate, we'd like to say we're timely. Last issue carried a story about Lt. Dorothea Engel who was married during the Jap attack on Bataan. She hadn't seen her husband since. January Readers' Digest carried a condensation of the original story which appeared in the October issue, American Magazine.

We scored a beat on the RD, though. Our story was based on the latest development—word that her husband is a prisoner in a Jap concentration camp. You may copy. Readers' Digest!

We're worried about the War Department again.

It seems to us it must be manned by bachelors. At least there's an apparent conspiracy afoot to discourage romance in the Army.

Word of the latest affrontry is brought via AP from Sydney, Australia. American soldiers on leave must not "put their arms around a female companion on a public thoroughfare in a manner unbecoming a soldier."

Apparently if you're an old smoothy, it's o. k. Go ahead and neck!

Perhaps the WD is in league with the girls we left behind us.

War Prisoners To Come Here On Labor

4,000 Men Will Live And Work In Hood And Northern Branch

Starting May 15, 4,000 prisoners of war will be brought to Camp Hood for housing and for duty.

Of this group, 3,000 will be assigned to the new northern camp and 1,000 to the main camp. Col. Charles M. Thirkeld, Post Commander, has announced.

Special barracks will be constructed to house the prisoners, and prison companies, including officers and enlisted men, will be assigned to Camp Hood to have charge of administration of the two prison camps.

The prisoners, it is expected, will be used for camp labor duties.

Washday Job Will Soon End For Hood Men

Soldiers, have you been worried about that "tattle-tale grey?"

Have your underthings simply refused to come out of the wash white and fresh?

Well, here's the solution for you: The Camp laundry, opening of which has been delayed several months due to lack of necessary machinery has started operation.

It is housed in one of the largest buildings in camp situated between 277th and 278th Streets on Terminal Avenue. Three shifts of workers are now employed with approximately 250 persons on each shift.

Personnel is now being trained and the new machinery tested. Full-scale operation of the laundry will commence as soon as this is finished.

Lt. C. A. Palmer is in charge.



Post Commander

Photo by Sammy Gold

Colonel C. M. Thirkeld, Camp Hood Post Commander, announced this week that approximately 4,000 prisoners of war would be brought to Camp Hood. See story at left.

Who Said It's The Women Who Talk And Talk?

Pvt. Will Ackman, 802nd TD Bn., has been keeping in close touch with his family in Baltimore, Md.

Each week-end he has made one or more long distance calls.

An accounting has finally arrived.

Totals for the first month reached \$173. The second month was well past the middle before word of the first month's total arrived.

Company statisticians are now figuring just how far Pvt. Ackman could travel by chartered plane at this rate.

High Officers Attend Course

Six Major generals and 19 brigadier generals attended the third special observers course conducted in camp last week. The course ended Friday.

Also attending were 21 colonels, 18 lieutenant colonels, 10 majors, two captains and three lieutenants.

Included in the course was a general perspective of the major training features of the Tank Destroyer Center.

Anti-Loose Talk Drive Begins Here

Hq. And Service Co., OCS Regiment And RTC Adopt Plan First

In this edition, editors of The Hood Panther, announce the beginning of a novel anti-loose talk campaign designed to bring home directly to every serviceman the dangers of talking too freely about troop movements and other military affairs. (See Page Four).

Plan conceived by The Panther is to utilize the slogan published on posters issued by the Office of War Information and now distributed throughout camp—"If You Talk Too Much, This Man May Die."

Apply Slogan

To apply the lesson directly to each soldier, Panther editors plan to substitute each Tank Destroyers likeness for the picture of the serviceman which appears there by placing the slogan above and below a mirror in each latrine in camp. Thus, when a soldier reads the slogan, "If You Talk Too Much, This Man May Die," he realizes that his own loose talk may result in his own death.

Plan Already Adopted

Headquarters and Service Company, OCS Regiment, TD School, was the first company in Camp Hood to adopt The Hood Panther's anti-loose talk plan.

Captain John F. Wessels, company commander, and First Sergeant H. O. Bass placed the slogan "If You Talk Too Much, This Man May Die," above and below a mirror in each latrine of the company, as Panther editors suggest. (Photo Page Four.)

RTC Headquarters Use It

Replacement Training Center Headquarters adopted the idea immediately, with a slight modification. Taking the official poster of the OWI, they merely cut out the face of the serviceman which appears there and put a small mirror in its place.

Hit Show Here Tonight, Friday



BILL BARDO

If remarks of enlisted men can be taken as any indication, "In The Groove," USO-Camp show which opened last night in the Hood Road theater for a three-day run, is one of the most entertaining shows to appear in camp this season.

Two shows will be presented tonight and Friday night, one beginning at 8:15 and another at 8:15 p. m. Admission is free.

Band Heads Show

Heading the show is Bill Bardo and his orchestra of 14 musicians, the band which helped make "Whoopee," "Sunny," and the "Goldwyn Follies." Bardo also acts as master of ceremonies for the show, aided by Col. Marvin "Ace" Hamby, comedian of the band.

The Del Rios, (see photo page 7) two men and an attractive girl partner, are one of the smartest straight acrobatic teams in the business. An extremely well-dressed act, the trio look like dancers when they come on stage and their original routine done in an easy, graceful and slow-motioned style, is as good to watch as the suave ballroom dancing.

Trio Is Popular

Camp Hood men seemed to rate the Murphy Sisters, girl singing trio with the show, pretty high. Young, pert and attractive, the girls provide the show with some really close harmony. In 1941 the girls joined Carl Hoff's band and made a national tour with them.

Impersonator. Amusing

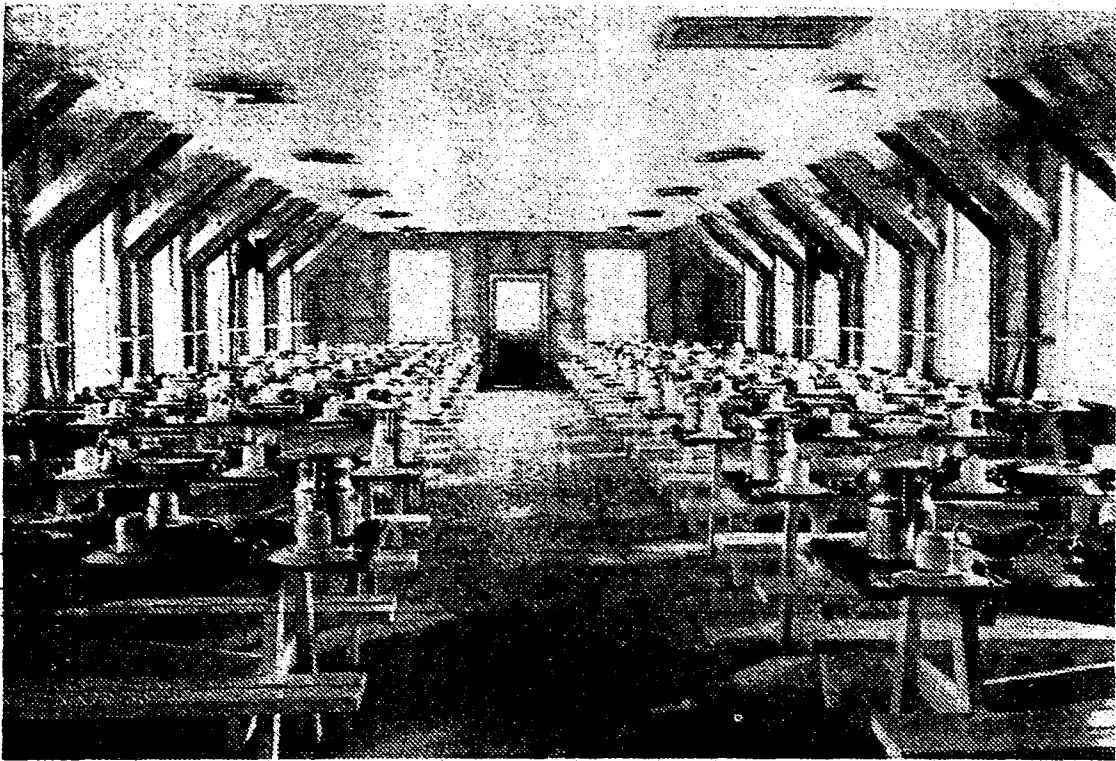
Wally West, a talented im-

sonator, kept the soldier-audience laughing with his impressions of Fred Allen, Rochester, Donald Duck, and others.

The Tip Top girls, six lovely acrobatic dancers, present a number of fast-paced routines throughout the show.

At the Wednesday night presentation of the show, a capacity crowd was vigorous in their applause of each act, and officials in charge of the production expect the SRO sign to be posted again tonight and tomorrow night.

The show is being presented for three nights in accordance with the new plan for USO-Camp shows, all of which are now being presented for three nights rather than one as formerly.



Not The Ritz, But Good. Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

No, this isn't the dining room of the Ritz. It is the mess hall of the Headquarters Section, DEML, where the food of the Mess Sergeant R. M. LaPrise is laid out. See story below.

When Man Bites Army Chow, And Likes It, That's News

Army chow is good. That idea has been whooped up by experts and no tankbuster would probably interrupt his "Care and Cleaning of Equipment" to read more on the subject. But when a company mess starts winning the spontaneous ballyhoo of its regular customers, brother, that IS news.

Mess Hall Unusual

Such goings-on are reported from the refueling salon of the new Hq. detachment of DEML. And if you think that word salon

Sergeant Saw Start Of Hood DEML Group

Sgt. George F. Webb, First Sgt. of the Camp Hood DEML is a pioneer in that organization having been with it since its organization.

The army is no stranger to him either, having served in its ranks for 20 years during which he has seen men arise from K.P.'s to Captains. He has served in Hawaii, in France during the first World War, and has spent 15 years in service in Texas.

During the years he has been in the army he has been stationed at many forts and camps including Ft. Sill, Okla., Camp Upton, N. Y.; Camp Taylor, Ky. and Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

Members of the DEML maintain that 1st Sgt. Webb has developed one of the finest day rooms in camp, with the aid of PFC Harry Krukin of the Post Special Office who arranged for the donation of furniture and equipment, which includes a pool table, bowling alley and radio.

Unusual Event Recalled By 643rd Private

An experience which he'll probably never forget happened to Pvt. Charles J. Auer in 1937.

Pvt. Auer, a newcomer to Headquarters Co., 643rd. TD Bn., was working on a barge off Staten Island, N. Y., when he saw a body fall past him into the river.

He dove into the cold waters, but after a few minutes search the icy water proved too much and he was pulled aboard.

He was rushed to the nearest hospital where he came close to death due to exposure.

Body of the person he sought to rescue was recovered two months later.

It was the body of the barge's captain, a life-long friend of Pvt. Auer's.

is out of order, just drop around to Bldg. 903-5 M228 and have a look for yourself. The place is bright and the china gleams. And it's a safe bet that any raisins you see—are raisins. But that's only the scenery.

Seems that Sgt. Kilpatrick, or someone, snooped around where the eating was the heaviest and came up with Mess Sgt. R. M. LaPrise. To be exact, Sgt. LaPrise is a Technician 3rd Grade, and, in case you're not up on your stripes, a Tech, 3rd is in the same bracket as a Staff sergeant. Anyhow Technical or Sergeant LaPrise gathered himself a hand-picked staff drew rations—and proceeded to win the applause of his outfit without further ado.

Hard Work Recipe

And just how does a good mess get that way? Sgt. LaPrise says it results from the close cooperation and hard work of every man on his staff and he believes that he has a classy team doing a bang-up job. Then there is the contribution of Sgt. Herbert Rau from whom LaPrise learned the art of Army cookery—and to whom he still turns for advice and council. Sgt. Rau is now Mess sergeant of the Hood M. P. detachment.

Before entering the service Sgt. LaPrise was a fellow townsman of Navy Secretary Frank Knox in Manchester N. H. where he had seven years of restaurant experience. He joined the Army at Ft. Devens Mass. and received his basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Sgt. LaPrise came to Temple last year when Hood was in the ambry and has progressed with growth of the camp.

Likes His Work

It is apparent that the sergeant knows his business and likes his job. After all, those are probably the primary ingredients in this success story. Everybody knows that the proof of the pudding is in—the soldiery calling for seconds.

Church Invites Attendance

The Church of The Nazarene at Temple, Texas, has invited the personnel of Camp Hood to participate in worship. Sunday services include Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Preaching, 10:45 a.m.; N. Y. P. S. 7 p.m.; Evangelistic Service 7:45 p.m. The church is located at 4th Street and Avenue G.

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644th Members Miss Cold Baths, Outdoor Shower

After spending what their reporter described as three beautiful months gyping along the "Cowhouse," the 644th TD Battalion now finds itself off to a new year in Camp Hood proper. The move was made the day after Christmas.

Oddly enough, the transition from field to garrison is not completely accomplished. The boys' thoughts still wander back to cold baths from a drilled well in an outdoor shower room, and most appreciated convenience is that of shaving with warm water once more.

The 644th says that it is going to take advantage of Camp Hood's recreational and entertainment activities in a big way . . . just to catch up.

He Peeled Spuds While Voters Elected Him

Seldom is a candidate for any state legislature doing K. P. on the day of his election.

Such, however, was the experience of First Lt. Samuel R. Haskell, who represented his home district in the South Carolina legislature. He was in training at the time.

Lt. Haskell is now in Co. B, Student Regt., TDs where another solon is also assigned.

First Lt. James E. Bolin, representative in the Louisiana Legislature is on duty in Co. B. also

When You Fool A Jackrabbit, It's Perfect

"In order to make concealment really effective, you should be completely hidden from both ground and aerial observation," an instructor in 128th, Training Battalion, RTC, told a class in concealment and camouflage last week.

One of the members of the class was appointed to advance to a certain point in the 1st Reg't. training area and conceal himself. The rest of the class waited a few minutes and then were told to move forward and seek out the hidden trainee.

However, he was so well concealed and camouflaged that the class was unable to locate his position and a Texas jackrabbit going across the field brushed against the back of his neck. The student was so intent on what he was doing that he ignored the intruder and, therefore, never disclosed his position until the instructor called him out.

It was never determined which one of the three was the most surprised—the trainees, the class or the jackrabbit.

Hood Soldiers May Share In \$10 Jackpot

Would you like to earn \$2 in War Savings Stamps and a share in a \$10 jackpot?

Send in the title of your favorite song to the War Bond Insurance Section, Headquarters Eighth Service Command, Santa Fe Building, Dallas, Texas, along with a brief statement of why that song is your current favorite. If that song is selected for playing on the Eighth Service Command's own War Bond radio show, "What's Your Name Soldier," you will win the dough.

The musical entertainment program is heard from 9:30 to 10 p.m. every Monday over the Texas Quality Network, WFAA, WRAP, WOAI, KPRC.

Broadcast from station WFAA, Dallas, soldiers will be selected from camps, posts and fields within the Eighth Service Command area to appear on this program for special entertainment features and as participants in the quiz part of the show.



PROTESTANT
(Non-denominational)
Sunday, Jan. 24
9:30 A. M.

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| CHAPEL | 268th and Service Drive |
| CHAPEL 639 | 162nd near Battalion |
| CHAPEL 902 | 50th at Hqts |
| CHAPEL 1156 | 37th at Hqts |
| HOSPITAL | Red Cross Building |
| | 10:00 A. M. |
| REC HALL 811 | Bn. at 69th |
| | 11:00 A. M. |
| POST CHAPEL | 52nd at Hqts |
| CHAPEL 176 | Brigade at 164th |
| CHAPEL 289 | Brigade at 168th |
| CHAPEL 639 | 162nd near Battalion |
| CHAPEL 1156 | 37th at Hqts |
| CHAPEL 902 | 50th at Hqts |
| CHAPEL 2109 | 37th at Hqts |
| CHAPEL 2209 | Bn. in TDS Area |
| | 6:30 P. M. |

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BIBLE SCHOOLS

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| CHAPEL 2109 | 37th at Hqts |
| CHAPEL 639 | 162nd near Battalion |

FOR COLORED TROOPS

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| CHAPEL 513 | Battalion at 69th |
| | 10:45 A. M. 6:30 P. M. |
| | Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. |
| STOCKADE | 2:00 P. M. |

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Confession

Thursday, Jan. 21

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| CHAPEL 902 | 50th at Hqts—5:30 P. M. |
| CHAPEL 176 | Brig. at 164th—5:30 P. M. |

MASS

Sunday, Jan. 24

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| HOSPITAL | 6:30 A. M. |
| CHAPEL 1156 | 37th at Hqts—7:00 A. M. |
| CHAPEL 289 | Brig. at 168th—9:30 A. M. |
| CHAPEL 2209 | Bn. in TDS Area—9:30 A. M. |
| HOOD ROAD Theater | 11:00 A. M. |
| 162nd St. Theater | 11:00 A. M. |

EPISCOPAL

Sunday, Jan. 24

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| CHAPEL 289 | Brigade at 170th |
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JEWISH

Friday, Jan. 22

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| CHAPEL 902 | 50th at Hqts. |
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LUTHERAN

Sunday, Jan. 24

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| POST CHAPEL | 52nd at Hqts |
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Thursday, Jan. 21

Sunday, Jan. 24

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| CHAPEL 1156 | 37th at Hqts |
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Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

General Bruce Receives Oil Painting

Tech. 5th Gr. John R. Janos presents his oil painting of the Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center, Major General A. D. Bruce, to General Bruce at the Christmas dinner of Headquarters Co., Training Brigade. Guests of the company were General and Mrs. A. D. Bruce, Col. A. O. Gorder, Commanding Officer, Training Brigade, Mrs. Gorder and their families, and Capt. Ronald C. Harmon, former commanding officer, Hq. Co., and Mrs. Harmon. Capt. Harmon is at extreme left, Col. Gorder, extreme right. Mrs. Bruce sits across the table.

Belton Nazarene Church Invites Enlisted Men

Camp Hood men have been invited to attend revival services now in progress until Sunday night at the Church of the Nazarene, Belton, Texas.

Services are being conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Fisher, who are both musicians, singers and instrumentalists as well as speakers.

Services begin every night at 7:45 and Sunday morning in the "Little Stone Church."

Firing Was Successful

The introduction of Co. B, 843rd TD Bn., to the firing range recently, was accomplished very successfully, in the boys' opinion.

An average of approximately 116 was achieved.

Ex-Roaming Chef Corporal In Co. A, 654th Engineers; Believes In Giving Service

Hood Man On Bond Broadcast

Private First Class Oscar E. Beard, member of the Military Police Detachment assigned to duty in the Army Emergency Relief Office, represented Camp Hood on the Eighth Service Command War Bond radio program, "What's Your Name, Soldier?" Monday night.

The program, broadcast by the Texas Quality Network, emanates from Dallas between 9:30 and 10 p. m. every Monday night.

By Pvt. Bernard Cohen
Co. A, 654th Eng. Bn.

His name is Corporal Lucio G. Laude, and in my estimation he is one of the most colorful characters that this reporter has ever ran across. He is a Filipino and comes direct from the Islands. As I write this story our boys are doing a masterful job trying to recapture the city that was once his home, now under the domination of the Japanese.

Became A Chef

Establishing himself a home in America, a few years ago, he found work in his own field as a chef in a swanky hotel. There he worked contented until a gentleman—a well known star from stage, screen and radio, Harry Richman, by name—took him to New York, where he worked as valet and cook and catered to some top celebrities, one that I remember being Clara Bow—and that isn't bad catering.

Winter rolled around in New York and Richman rolled into Miami, but without Corporal Laude. The "roaming chef" went back to his old job and worked until he received an invitation—an invitation to serve his country and he was proud—proud to know that he could be of some use to a country that helped him get a start.

Provided Service

It was at our previous camp where "Low Shoes" as he was called, was everybody's valet. He pressed the uniforms for the boys before inspection, sewed on chevrons and all-in-all was a handy man to have around. To try and compensate him would almost be fatal.

Later, he was appointed to the kitchen where, in a short time he received the rank of Private First Class.

When his day's work was done, we would gather around and listen to Lucio tell stories. His actions, his form of laughter, was enough to make your sides ache. He is typically a "morale builder."

New Tech. 5th Grade

Today, we are in Camp Hood, and today, Private First Class Laude, has risen to the rank of Technician 5th Grade.

On behalf of myself and the rest of Company "A," we take this time to congratulate Corporal Laude, and say to him, "Don't stop—keep right on going."

Want Practice Game?

Any team desiring practice basketball games have been invited to contact the OCS Regiment team. Phone Lt. Lewis Powers, 2173.

Cartoonists, Attention! Your Chance

February 4th issue of The Hood Panther will feature a full page of cartoons drawn by Camp Hood artists.

Any cartoonists who wish to submit material for consideration are invited to do so. If suitable, their cartoons, with a short sketch of their career to date will be published.

Original themes dealing with various phases of army life in Camp Hood, favorite gripes or characters are especially desired by the editors.

Send your cartoons to Editor, The Hood Panther, Special Service Office. Deadline is noon, January 29.

To Ordnance School

Technician 5th Grade James A. Daughtery, M. P. Detachment, left Camp Hood to attend Ordnance Candidate School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., January 7, 1943.

Father's Letter In Rhyme Tells Story Of War In 1942

Second letter in rhyme from G. M. Stearns, Sr., Hollis, New Hampshire, to his son's commanding officer in Camp Hood was received recently by Major D. F. Buckwald, 605th TD Bn.

His son, Cpl. Granville Stearns was home on furlough when his father wrote a poetic letter to his commanding officer thanking him for allowing his son to come home for a visit. This poem was reproduced, in part, by Camp Newspaper Service, and circulated throughout the United States.

The second poem is too long for complete reproduction and relates the course of the war during the past year. Portions of it follow:

"Thought you'd like a little memento,
Of our first year of war.
How it all got started,
And what we're in it for.

"I write a lot to many boys,
For I love all those lads,
And I think you officers would like
To hear from their dads.

"I was once a soldier,
Now my boy takes my place,
And truthfully he does it,
With a smile upon his face.

"Yes, I'd love to be with them,
But they say it cannot be done,

RTC Officers Get Advance In Rank

Major Promoted To Lt. Col. And Two Captains Now Majors

During the past week several changes in assignments were made in the Headquarters and Companies of the 128th Training Battalion, RTC.

Capt. Phillip J. Vander Swiepe assumed command of the 128th T.D. Training Battalion, RTC. Previous to the above assignment the Captain served as Battalion Executive.

Acting Battalion Commander, Capt. Enio Bufo was assigned to Headquarters, First Tank Destroyer Training Regiment. The Capt. was Co. D Commander prior to assuming the above assignment. Lt. Theodore Mertens assumed command of Co. "D."

Some additions and changes were announced by Capt. Vander Swiepe in the staff of the 128th Bn. Headquarters. The staff consists of the following named officers: S-1, Lt. Woodrow Zimmerman; S-2, Lt. Charles Bojanic; S-3, Rudolf S. Christiansen; S-4, Lt. Robert A. Defee; Motor Officer, Lt. Marion J. Mingus.

Promotions were on schedule also for two Company Commanders. Lt. Gerald E. Brietling and Lt. Clarence G. Fairchild were promoted to Captain, commanding Co. C, and B, respectively. Lt. David W. King is Company Commander of A Company.

TD School News On Air

Tank Destroyer School News, a weekly radio program of the Publications Department, TDS, is now presented each Sunday at 10:45 a. m. on Radio Station KTEM, Temple.

Sgt. Robert Clemens is commentator for the broadcast which features a "TDS Portrait of the Week," a biographical narration of an outstanding soldier, officer or enlisted man.

Camp Judge Advocate Busy Interpreting Legal Rules

When a soldier runs afoul the law, military or civil, the office workers of the Staff Judge Advocate start scratching their heads, take down their law books and go to work.

That isn't all they do, however. The office of the Staff Judge Advocate functions as a part of the Special Staff at Camp Hood. The Judge Advocate, Major George R. Taylor, functions as legal advisor to the Commanding Officer, to the Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center, and to other members of the command on questions of military and civil law.

Handles Courts Martial

He supervises administration of military justice, advises as to courts-martial proceedings, trial records and board proceedings.

Major Taylor reported to Camp Hood for duty in June, 1942 from the Judge Advocate General's Office, Eighth Service Command. He was formerly chief of the Legal Section for the Zone Construction Quartermaster, now the District Engineer. He is an Oklahoma lawyer, graduate of the University of Oklahoma in 1922. Prior to his entry into the army he served as vice-chairman of the Oklahoma State Election Board and city attorney of Stillwater, Oklahoma. He is a veteran of World War I.

First Lt. George P. Hines, assistant staff judge advocate, is a Texas lawyer, graduate of Cumberland University in 1914, and was assistant county attorney of Ellis County and city attorney of Waxahachie, Texas before entering the service. He too, is a veteran of World War I.

Four Enlisted Men

Practicing attorneys from four states make up the enlisted personnel of the office.

Staff Sgt. Cyrus B. Weller was engaged in general practice of law in San Antonio, Texas for nine years before entering the service.

Sgt. Hans W. Hanson graduated from Falfurrias High School, Falfurrias, Texas. He was a bookkeeper and teller, First National Bank there before his induction. PFC. Samuel M. Cashio is a graduate of Louisiana State University and a member of the Louisiana state bar. He was employed by the attorney general of Louisiana as director of the Huey P. Long Memorial Law Library from 1940 to 1942.

PFC. Abraham Saperstein graduated from Brooklyn College in 1933 and Brooklyn Law School. He was a member of the Philomonic Council and engaged in the practice of law in New York City until his induction.

From Michigan

Pvt. Louis C. Baker graduated from Albin College, Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School. He is a member of the Michigan State Bar and was a law clerk at Justice Chandler of the Michigan Supreme court and practicing attorney in Detroit.

Pvt. Harold B. Kline is a graduate of the University of Missouri and the Harvard Law School. He practiced in the office of Root, Clark, Buckner & Bellantine, New York, was attorney for the French Purchasing Commission, British Purchasing Commission, Department of Justice.

That's what I get for being
A veteran of World War One.

"Now Sir, I'll call today
The Seventh of December
And tell you all about the war,
As near as I remember.

"The Japs attacked Pearl
Harbor
On that fateful Sunday morn.
As my private heard them
As their planes were coming
on.

"He notified his officers,
And told them what he heard.
They thought it nothing to
worry about
Thinking an attack absurd.

On May the sixth, Corregidor
Was captured by the Japs,
But believe me these United
States
Won't change it on their maps.

"For we will take it back again,
We'll stop their fighting spree,
And pound that Rising Sun so
hard,
We'll sink it in the sea.

"Today Bataan the Japs have
got
Tomorrow we'll say, "they had."
You men will take it back again.
Good luck, from Corporal
Stearns' dad."



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Don't Talk Too Much

Most effective of all loose talk posters to date, in opinion of Panther editors, is the current OWI poster now in our post exchange on which is the slogan: "If You Talk Too Much, This Man May Die." It bears the picture of one of America's service men.

Yet, in the opinion of the editors, it is not effective enough.

Submit New Plan

This week Panther editors propose that the dangers of a vain death in transport to one of America's battle fronts be brought home to every one of her millions of fighting men in training at home.

To apply this slogan to the one it belongs, we propose that it be placed above and below at least one mirror in every latrine in camps throughout the nation!

Truly, it is not some other fighting man who may die through loose talk, but YOURSELF!

"Serve In Silence."

"The Enemy Is Listening."

"A Slip of the Lip May Sink A Ship."

"Zip Your Lip."

These are familiar slogans to Army men. These and scores of others appear on colorful posters everywhere. They have served to impress you with the folly of loose talk on military subjects.

Yet, to the editors of The Panther, they have not been effective enough.

He Talked

A veteran soldier at Camp Roberts, Calif., was recently courtmartialled and sentenced to serve six months at hard labor and to forfeit \$28 from his pay per month for the six-month period because he talked too much.

He telephoned a friend that he was to be transferred on a future troop movement order on a specific day to a certain destination.

Contents of his conversation, had it fallen into the hands of saboteurs, might have resulted in the death of American troops, sailors and merchant marine personnel, the loss of valuable equipment. The convicted soldier spoke from a coin telephone booth in a camp post exchange.

Stop And Think

Ships are sunk, trains are wrecked because YOU don't realize what you are doing when you talk.

Intelligence officers well know the danger to America's fighting men. Dangers which lurk in railway trestles, highways and in the sea beneath transports. Dangers which may destroy men and materials before they reach the battle front.

You don't want to die.

Most of all, you don't want to die because of carelessness.

"If You Talk Too Much, YOU May Die."

A Dilemma

We are caught in the horns of a dilemma.

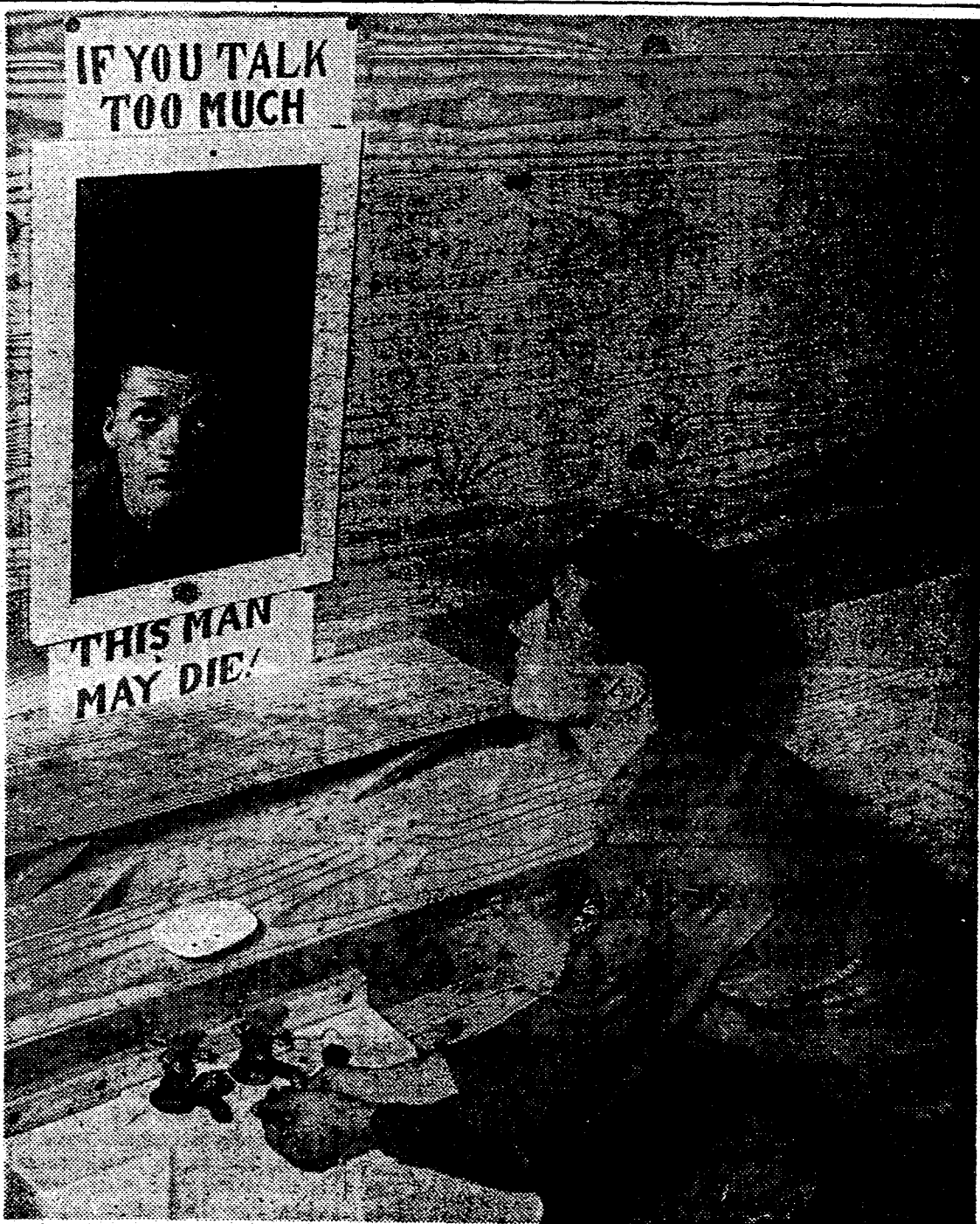
Anyone who has ever wrestled with a dilemma knows, as we are finding out, that it is an exasperating creature which harasses you for days on end.

This is our dilemma: When we started editing this paper we made up our minds to publish the names of the unit reporters who cooperated in sending us news items, for we appreciated their work.

Now, however, when they have all proven cooperative in a degree which we never imagined possible, we find ourselves unable to give them credit due to lack of space. The list of contributors has grown too long.

Let us assure all of you who are helping us that we appreciate your efforts. Not all stories submitted can be printed, naturally, and not all of them will carry a byline. However whenever possible or the type of story merits it, a byline will be given the reporter submitting it.

Thanks for your help.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Dramatic Anti-Loose Talk Poster.

Pvt. Marshal DeMuynck, Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt., finds himself the object of this novel anti-loose talk poster, proposed by The Hood Panther. His company was first to adopt the novel plan. (Story Page 1). The slogan is placed above and below a mirror in the company's washroom. See editorial at left.



The Editor,
The Hood Panther,
Dear Editor:

This is from one of the newcomers. We liked your first numbers of The Hood Panther and wish you every success. We hope you never run short of material and always have more than you can use.

Newly arrived at Camp Hood is the 643rd T. D. Battalion. Organized in 1941 during the Louisiana maneuvers, from the artillery units of the 43rd Division, the battalion is mainly composed of New Englanders, over 80 per cent hailing from Maine, Vermont, Mass., Rhode Island and Connecticut. The remainder are from New York State and City.

Athletically inclined, the 643rd holds the baseball championship of the 43rd Division, and has defeated representative teams of the 28th and 38th Divisions in post season games. They have also defeated Zeke Bonura's All-Stars at Camp Shelby.

Arriving here in the middle of the basketball season it is doubtful if a good basketball team can be put in the field this season. However, a determined effort is being made to fit basketball into our training schedule, and Manager Sergeant Czesick says he will do it or bust.

The battalion completed its hardening marches prior to departure from the IV corps maneuvers, with the tough Green Mountain Boys and Maine lumberjacks of the 43rd Division, some of the boys even climbing Mount Mansfield during their furloughs to keep in shape.

The 643rd offers a cheery "Hello", and "Glad to know you" to their brothers-in-arms at the TD Center, and hopes to meet them

all, sooner or later, at Camp Hood or wherever it may be our good fortune to be sent from here.

With best, sincere, Yankee wishes,

643rd T. D. Bn.

Camp Hood, Texas.

Editor

The Panther

Happy New Year to The Panther!

Most of my service has been during some national disaster. I entered the service in 1912. I have never done anything of very much importance, but I have authority to wear nine service ribbons with 14 stars for various engagements and situations. I am ashamed because I cannot go to the front and win some more stars and ribbons in this world conflict. I am past the age limit. I have tried three times to go to foreign service since the Japs stabbed us in the back at Pearl Harbor and the Philippine islands. I am in good physical condition, but my age prevents me from going to foreign service.

I am still trying to do my bit. I have one son in the navy, a gunner's mate somewhere in the Pacific. One son is a cadet in the air corps. One is in the eighth service command headquarters at Dallas, Tex. He is 17 years of age and soon to go into the navy. One daughter is a mechanic at Duncan field, San Antonio, and two in the ambulance corps in California. One son-in-law is a sergeant in the parachute troops, now in Colorado. In addition, my wife is working in San Antonio at a job which relieved two who entered the service in October.

I am here just marking time. I would really like to do something for my country.

My wife tried to get into the WAACS, but could not pass the physical. If my wife, whom I still call my sweetheart, could get in to the service, it would be 100 percent.

Homer F. Brackney,
M/Sgt., Medical Detachment,
Station Hospital
Camp Hood, Texas.

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

President Roosevelt said in his last speech that the Axis must disarm after the war. He may get his way too. He has a disarming personality.

Hitler didn't like the peace settlement after World War I. He said the Allies sat around the peace table chewing the fat and left only the Rhine for him.

The new tax program, now going into effect, is so comprehensive it even taxes the imagination.

We are gradually changing from an isolationist to an interventionist nation. We started out years ago sticking our nose in other people's business. Then came "hands across the sea," which the war changed to arms across the sea. Now we're all at sea.

Army Quiz

1. When is a lieutenant considered too old for field duty?
2. How many different sizes of shoes does the army issue?
3. What are "hash marks?"
4. What is the derivation of the word "chow?"
5. Are enlisted men supposed to salute officers of the WAACS?
6. Who is Major General Ira Eaker?
7. What does the hexagon in the Chemical Warfare Service insignia symbolize?

Answers Page Eight

Soldier Of Note

Pvt. Leonard L. Crapanzano, Hq. Co., 610th TD Bn., played the clarinet in Tony Pastor's band for more than eight months before coming into the service.

RTC Private Invests \$1,000 In War Savings Bonds; Says Government Can Use Savings

Instructor In RTC Is First Soldier In Camp Hood To Purchase \$1,000 In Bonds Through Camp Finance Office; Believes Investment Sound

"These are my savings. I can't use the cash now, but the government surely can. What little other money I possess is in War Savings Bonds, too. A man can make no better investment than in his own country."

Thus quietly spoke the first soldier to buy \$1,000 in War Savings Bonds at the Camp Hood Texas Finance office, 21-year-old Pvt. John C. Smedley, Co. D., 137th Bn., TD Replacement Training Center.

Born In England

Pvt. Smedley was born in England, and came to the United States following the death of his parents when he was nine years of age. He has made his home in Beverly Hills, California.

While attending St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., John was called into the service. On November 5 he arrived at the Tank Destroyer, RTC. Following completion of his basic training in a satisfactory manner, he has been held in the RTC as an instructor.

From Denver

T-Sgt. Charles H. Evans, whose home is at 1195 South Vine Street, Denver, Colo., is cashier of the finance office and chief of the accounting section. He sold Pvt. Smedley two \$500 War savings Bonds, (see photo at right). He was attending the University of Denver when he was called into service. He was a Kappa Sig and is "anxious to meet any fraternity brothers who may be in Camp Hood."

Rita Hayworth's Signature Goes With Furlough

Upon his return from New York City, Cpl. Victor Fisola, 644th TD Bn., displayed his furlough papers showing film actress Rita Hayworth's autograph on the margin. Miss Hayworth had signed the document at New York's famous "Stage Door Canteen."

However, to redeem his ration money the corporal was forced to surrender reluctantly his furlough paper with the precious autograph to a stony-hearted C. Q.

Headquarters Group, DEML, In New Quarters

Recently moved into barracks 903-1, 2 and 3 on Hood road near Headquarters avenue is the Hq. Detachment of the DEML section. This group of 280 includes men assigned to Post Headquarters offices, Finance office, Camp Post office, Special Service office and the officers mess.

The Hq. Detachment continues a part of the DEML section, 1848th unit, 8th Service command under Major Reuben K. Ransone. It is commanded locally by 1st Lt. W. L. Jameson, assisted by 2nd Lt. Oscar A. Wingren and M-Sgt. J. M. Kilpatrick. Lt. Jameson has been with the DEML section since its inception at Temple and has helped to build the organization. Sgt. Kilpatrick comes to the unit from a former assignment in the Post Publications office with a background of 15 years in the service. Cpl. I. Brauerman is company clerk.

It is planned to make the barracks and area of the Hq. Detachment one of the show spots of the post.

Red Cross Donates Magazines To Shut-Ins

Bell County Chapter, American Red Cross has donated a large quantity of magazines to men of the TD RTC who are being held in quarantine.

New recruits entering the RTC serve a two-week quarantine period before they are allowed freedom of the camp.

Hood Men Must Be Clean

If "cleanliness is next to godliness," the men of Camp Hood must not be too badly behaved. For if the amount of water they use daily can be taken as any token, they are cleanly.

Lt. Col. Homer G. Olmstead, post engineer, estimates that a daily average of approximately 2,000,000 (two million) gallons of water is used by Camp Hood. The water department of the post engineers office has the job of maintaining 80 miles of water lines, which during the period of October, November and December carried 152 million gallons of water to the men of Camp Hood.

\$300,000 Per Year

As gigantic as this task seems, it is far from all the post engineers have to do. The electrical department, for instance, takes care of a distribution system of 250 miles of electric lines and services 210,000 electrical devices, including 600 electric refrigerators. Estimated bill for electricity is expected to reach a total of \$300,000 per year soon.

Each man in camp could help relieve the load on the line system if they would cooperate in conserving electricity, especially during the peak hours of use, the engineers point out. Peak periods are from 6:15 a. m. to 8 a. m. and from 6:45 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.

Sewage Lines Long

More than 60 miles of sewage lines handling an average of more than one million gallons per day are included in the sanitary sewage system operated by the engineers. A total of 94 million gallons of sewage was treated during a recent three month period by the disposal plant.

The roads and grounds department during the three month period ending December 31, rebuilt 14 bridges, repaired 18, repaired five miles of fence, salvaged six houses from the range area, and stored and salvaged approximately 400,000 feet of lumber. It has maintained 150 miles of gravel and stabilized roadways and hauled 2,500 tons of trash, about 160 tons per day.

Soil Program Theirs

The huge task of landscaping the camp and preventing soil erosion falls on the hands of the post engineers also. In their program they have sodded 96,374 yards, strip sodded 8,311 square yards, space sodded 103 acres, planted 45 acres with grass seeds and completed 21,313 cubic yards of excavation work. More than 180 cubic yards of masonry work has been completed and drainage ditches and fire lanes constructed.

The fire department, a function

of the post engineers, has visited 27 fires during the quarter. Damage amounting to only \$220 resulted due to quick work of the department.

Building Program Forge

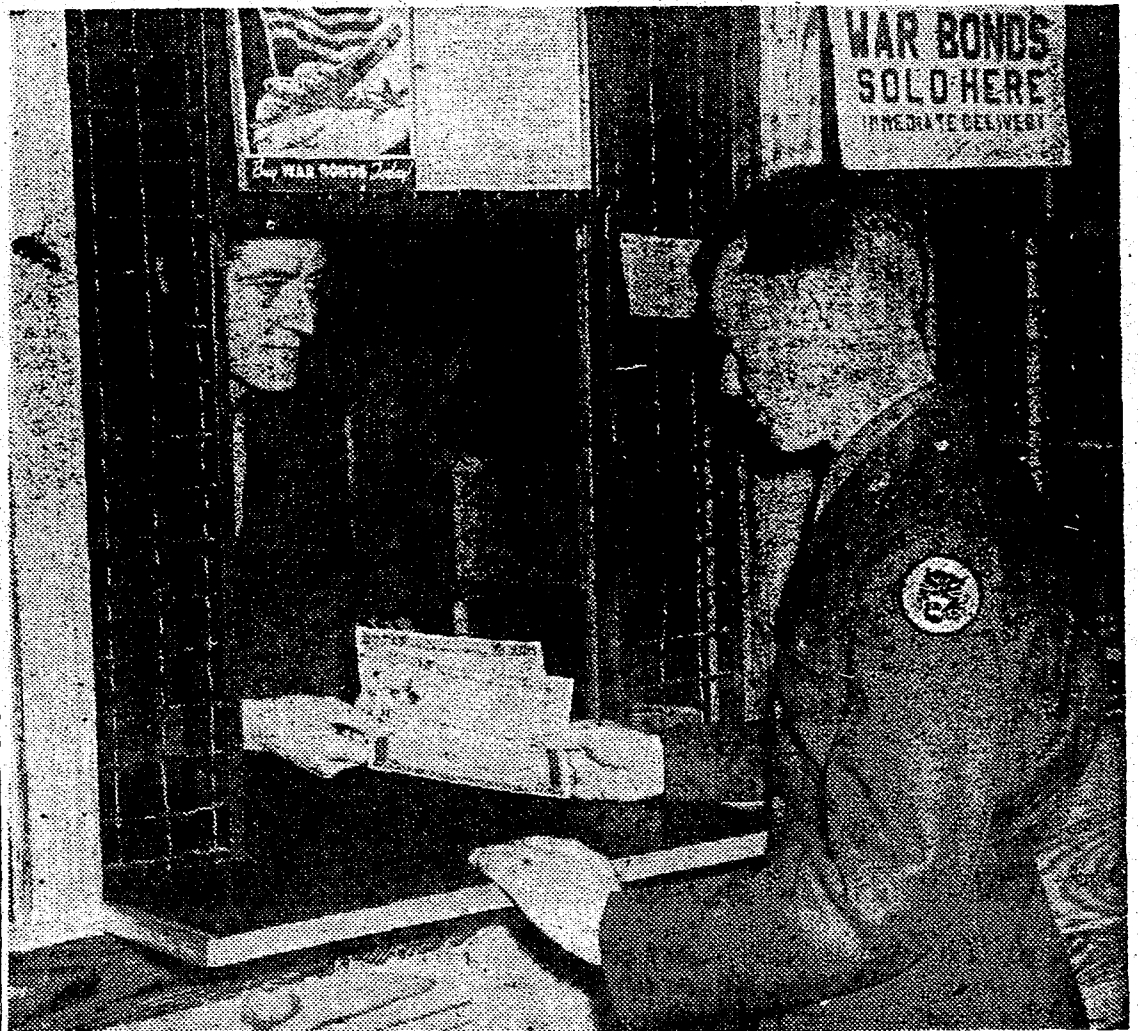
During the period 42 buildings were remodelled and 30 company mess halls, seven post exchanges, nine officers clubs and seven battalion houses were constructed in the range area, and 16 buildings were constructed while 72 were piped for gas and heat installations were completed.

In the meantime, carpenter and cabinet shops were busy constructing 28 ice boxes, 3,408 packing boxes, repairing 1,800 windows and 807 doors. The sign shop built and painted a total of 4,161 signs.

The gas, plumbing and steam departments were all busy with maintenance calls of more than a 1,000 each during the period.

Aim of the post engineer organization is to operate all utilities as efficiently and effectively as possible and to maintain them that these may be no interruption in service.

Members of the organization face the same problems in servicing the camp that a utility system does in caring for a city of 100,000 persons.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

He And His Money Work Against Axis

Pvt. John C. Smedley, Co. D., 137th Bn. Tank Destroyer RTC, marshals his funds to fight the Axis. He was the first soldier in Camp Hood to invest \$1,000 in War Savings Bonds at one time through the Camp Hood Finance Office. T/Sgt. Charles H. Evans, cashier and chief of the accounting section, hands him two \$500 War Savings Bonds. See story at left.

Benito's Medals May Return To Him As American Bullets

Two medals which Benito Mussolini pinned on Colonel Paul Martin, new director of the Weapons Department, Tank Destroyer School, may literally "backfire" on Il Duce!

Dictator Mussolini awarded the medals to Col. Martin in 1927 for outstanding shooting skill.

General Douglas MacArthur was captain of a rifle team of which Colonel Martin was one of the foremost shots on the American Olympic team which competed in and won the matches in Amsterdam in 1928.

15-Mile Hikes Just Exercise

Most battalions approach the obstacle course with awe and apprehension. Not so, the sturdy lads of the 630th TD Bn. who report that previous Hood training enabled the outfit to breeze through the Bowie course without lifting the proverbial eyebrow. The 630th regards 15-mile hikes as light exercise.

Col. Martin received orders to report to Camp Hood a few weeks ago while attending the Naval War College, Providence, R. I. Prior to the Naval War College, Col. Martin's entire career had been in the army.

He calls Camp Hood the crossroads of the army. In the Weapons Department two junior lieutenants now assist him who served under him before as enlisted men.

Col. Martin started his military career as an enlisted man in the National Guard. In the last war he attended Artillery OCS and fought in the artillery as a lieutenant.

Following the war he was transferred to the cavalry as head of the Weapons Department, Ft. Riley, Kan.

This War Just A Family Fight For Farrahs

The Army is a family affair for Pvt. James Farrah, Co. D., 128th Tng. Bn. RTC.

In addition to himself, six brothers are serving in the Army and two sisters are working in war plants.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson honored his parents in a personal letter for the "notable contribution they have made to the war effort." Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farrah live in Ambridge, Pa.

Pvt. James Farrah was the last to enter the Army.

The others are: Staff Sgt. George, Camp Gordon, Georgia; Staff Sgt. Regis, Army Air Base, Maxon, North Carolina; Pvt. Joseph, Camp Blanding, Florida; Pvt. Abraham, Army Air Base, Armarillo, Texas; Pvt. Harry, Camp Carson, Colorado; and Pvt. Benjamin, somewhere in Iceland.

Many From 802nd Attend Schools; OCS Claims Some

By Pvt. Edward D. Cohen
Co. A, 802nd TD Bn.

A path is being beaten between the 802nd's area and the schools of Camp Hood. Cpl. Harold J. Hasselbask has just returned from Enlisted Weapons school. Pvt. John W. Leflor is attending Automotive school; Pvt. Joseph Mather, Enlisted Weapons school; and Cpl. Leonard J. Autero, Enlisted Pioneer school. All men are from Company C.

One of the happiest men in Company C is Pvt. George (Poison Ivy) Moody. His wife just informed him that the heir to his fortune is now sporting two brand new teeth.

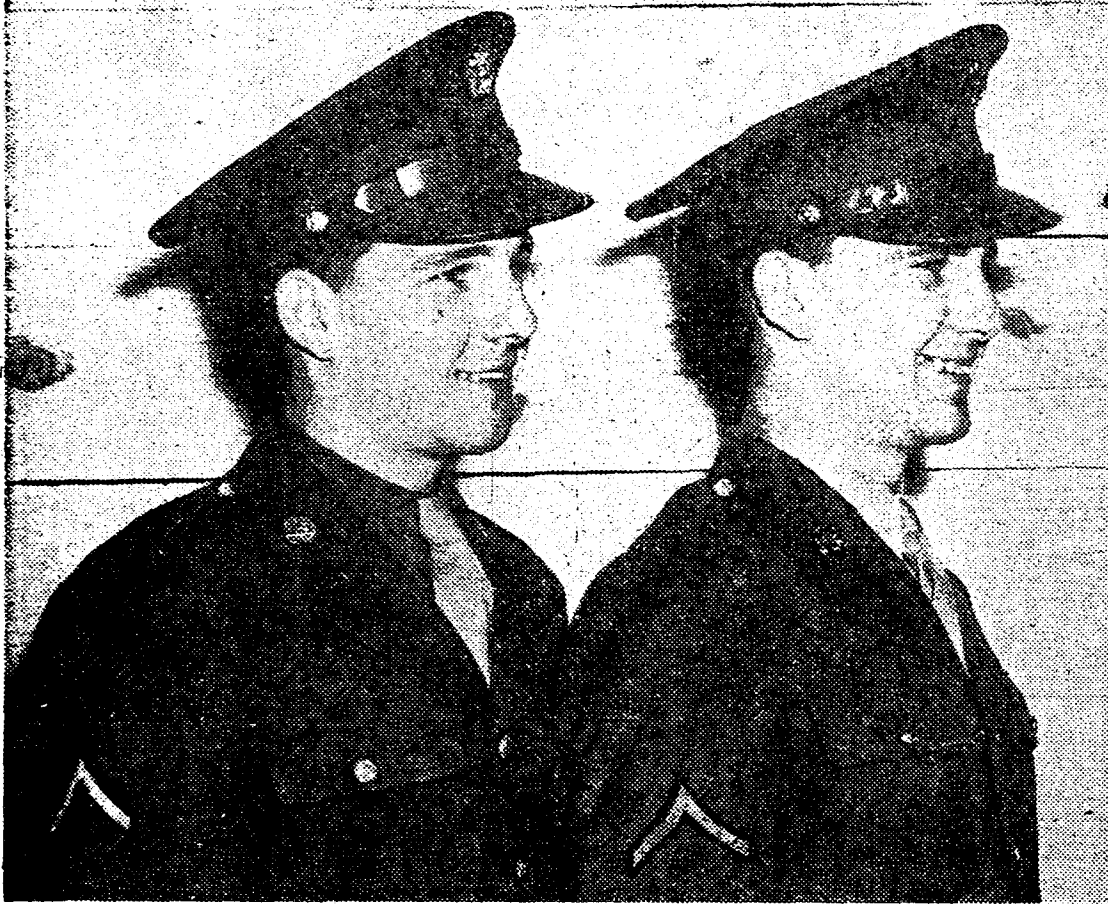
OCS digs deeper daily into the ranks of the 802nd TD Bn. S-Sgt. Francis Coonan of Co. C, Sgt. Howard Groth and Cpl. Robert Joyce of Co. A, left during the week of Jan. 5.

Seventeen years ago a strong friendship developed between the Cooley family of Hagerstown, Md., and Sol Korson a young motion picture film salesman of Philadelphia. The young Philadelphian, in his middle twenties, made the Cooley household (no pun) his Hagerstown hq. Time and circumstances broke the contract.

On Oct. 16, the long arm of the 802nd TD Bn., called a group of recruits from Camp Lee, Va. During a sight-seeing trip in Atlanta Pvt. Sol Korson was having a talk with the commentator. Pvt. Charles Cooley was startled by the familiar voice and appearance of this man. He did a little cross-examining, but Korson remained skeptical until the Cooley family sent him a picture of Pvt. Cooley at the age of five snuggled securely in his arms. Pvt. Cooley and basic training together in the Korson have since completed 802nd.

Attending Course

Lt. Colonel Charles E. Frederick, Director of the OCS Department, is attending Officer Orientation Advanced Course. During his absence, Captain William E. Anderson, is acting-director.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Enough To Make Any Sergeant Gray-Haired

These are the Gentile twins, Wilferd, left, and Willis. The two young soldiers have almost identical characteristics, tastes and talents as well as physical appearance. See story at right.

Two Brothers Are Artists In Own Field

Headquarters Co., 643rd TD Bn. seen brag of two brothers who are artists, but in different fields of endeavor.

George and Philip Corbeille have both gone high in their fields. George studies music at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Mass., and then went on to play first clarinet with the Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra for seven years.

The brothers are inseparable, so brother Philip also decided on a musical career. But his bend was toward vocalizing. He studied at the Maikn Conservatory in Boston, and then sang professionally for six years. He was accompanied by many New England orchestras, and presented several concerts.

George had thought of joining the 169th Infantry band of the 43rd Division, but brotherly love won out. He decided to keep the combination unbroken.

Texas Found To Liking Of 819th Bn.

Men of the 819th TD Bn., activated at Camp Chaffee, Ark., June 1, 1942, are now stationed at Camp Bowie.

Lt. Col. Kenneth F. Pughe is battalion commander, assisted by James F. Wooster, executive officer.

The boys are not disappointed in Texas, evidently. Writes correspondent Cpl. Stanley Rothenberg:

"The climate here was a most welcome surprise. We thought the mild weather in Arkansas pretty darn good, but Texas has that beat hollow!

"As a whole we like Brownwood, and say—five USO's—that's just more than we expected. We'll probably be running into town every night, and not get enough sleep. The good people of Brownwood shouldn't have been so kind. But we are only kidding and really pleased with the situation."

Becomes Father

Pvt. Clarence R. Kent, of the M. P. Detachment, has been doing a considerable amount of glowing-with-pride since January 5, when his wife presented him with a son at the McCloskey Hospital in Temple.

Who Can Bake The Finest Lemon Pie?

Camp Hood cooks will again vie their culinary arts in a pie baking contest in the 37th St. Service Club. The second in the series of contests will feature lemon pies and will be held the evening of Jan. 30.

In the first contest, in which the bakers and cooks competed with apple pies, PFC George Decker, Co. A, 771st TD Bn., won first prize and a fountain pen for his artistry.

A total of 55 entrants participated in the first contest, and more are expected to enter the second. Bell County home economists acted as judges.

809th TD Bn Buys Bonds 100 Percent

Men of the 809th TD Bn. have subscribed 100 percent for the purchase of War Bonds. Lt. Stuart J. Seborer, War Bonds Officer of the organization said this week.

First company in the battalion to reach the 100 percent goal was Reconnaissance Co., led by Lt. Thompson.

During the campaign, short talks were given in each company by the war bond officer and company commanders. Company clerks were present with applications. Charts were designed for the company bulletin boards by Cpl. Paine and Pvt. Wiener to show progress of the drive.

Many Trained At Hood Now In 812th Bn.

A battalion numbering many Camp Hood-trained Officers and men is the 812th TD Bn. which, under command of Lt. Col. Henry B. Margeson, recently moved to Camp Bowie, Texas, from Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Several Officers are now attending specialized schools at Camp Hood and about 10 others have previously attended these schools. A few of the Officers are graduates of the TD O. C. S. at Camp Hood and the battalion has sent a number of enlisted men to this school. Enlisted men, some now at school, have taken courses in light and heavy weapons, pioneer and communication work at Hood.

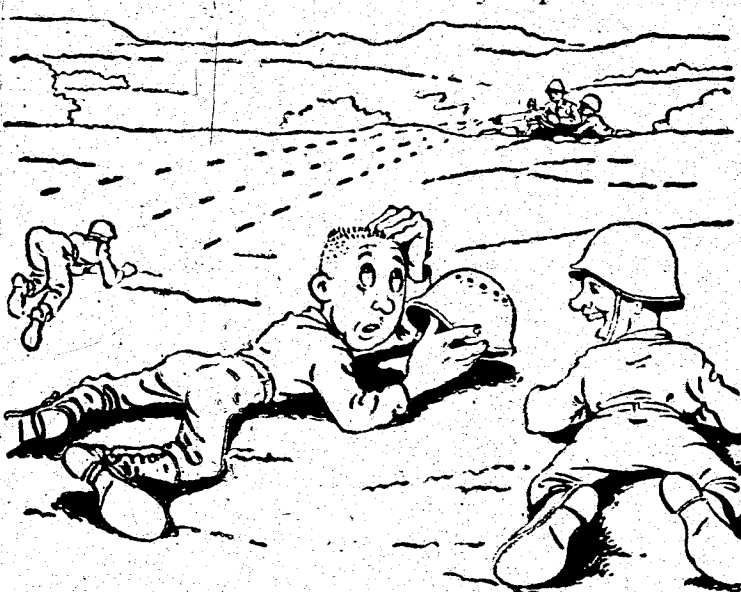
The battalion consists of an initial cadre from the 605th TD Bn., a number of men who have received basic training (many of them from Camp Croft, S. C., and Camp Wheeler, Ga.), and filler replacements from a New York reception center.

The outfit is now undergoing a program of basic training for its new men and specialized training for men who have accomplished their basic instruction.

In New York

Cpl. Lew Duk Ham, Co. B, 644th TD Bn., and former New York City Chinese restaurant manager, spent his recent furlough in his old home town.

Infiltration Course By Cpl. Schweio



"That's the closest G. I. I've ever had."

These Twins Make 1st Sergeant Think He's Seeing Double

There is no official record of it, but it wouldn't surprise us to learn that a certain Sergeant at the Ft. McClellan Reception Center swore off drinking that morning in July, 1942.

Whenever he looked at one of the new rookies, he saw double. He shook his head, rubbed his eyes, but the double image would not disappear.

He was looking at the Gentile twins.

PFC Wilferd R. and PFC Willis M. Gentile, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gentile, East Palestine, Ohio, are more alike than two Privates in a platoon.

Many Similarities

Both 21 years of age, they each weighed 140 lbs. when they took their physical. A likeness in their case is not confined to exterior appearances either. Heartbeat, blood pressure, and blood type were identical at induction.

"We enlisted for service with the air corps," Wilferd told us, "and I can't say that we're not disappointed because we were not sent there. However, we haven't lost weight over it. Willis and I both weigh 157 pounds now."

The twins were sent to Camp Hood from Ft. McClellan, but the Army system nearly separated them.

Had Close Call

Until 45 minutes before Willis, who was on a shipping order, was due to board the train, Wilferd labored on K. P., fully expecting to be separated from his twin for the first time in his life.

"When the First Sergeant stuck his head inside that kitchen and told me to get going I didn't waste any time packing my barracks bags," Wilferd admits.

A considerate General, human sympathy and a long-distance telephone call had triumphed over red tape.

In Different Units

The twins are not exactly together now. Willis is assigned to Co. C, Weapons Department, Academy Regiment, Wilferd is a member of Headquarters and Service Co., OCS Regiment.

Their tastes for a variety of things, including girl friends are similar. "We both seem to prefer blondes", they admit. Both have home town girl friends which they knew in high school. The two girls are both blondes, both secretaries.

The twins were interested in music from an early age and in high school played in the band. Wilferd is now with the Hq. & Service Co. Drum and Bugle Corps. He plays a trumpet. Willis plays a clarinet and saxophone.

"It's a strange thing," the boys relate, "but in our last year in high school we ended up in the finals of the school contest to name a student conductor for a state contest, pitted against each other." Willis won the nod.

Remain Unspoiled

Admiration usually heaped upon twins seems to have left the boys unchanged.

"You can't get 'spoiled' when you have four older brothers and three sisters to keep you in place," the twins agree.

The two boys have similar hopes for the future also.

"We hope we are both transferred to the Air Corps. Not that the TD's aren't alright, but we enlisted for the Air Corps."

Vaudeville Shows Coming

Sollie Childs' Vaudeville and dancing girls show comes to Camp Hood Sunday to play a series of shows in battalion Rec Halls throughout camp.

Three shows will be staged each night in different areas beginning at 6:15, 7:30 and 8:45 o'clock. Complete schedule of shows is carried in "What's Cooking?" page seven.

RTC Officers Given Change In Duties

A number of officers in the TD RTC received advancements in rank this week. Among them were the following:

Lt. Col. Donald McGrayne, has been promoted from Major.

Col. McGrayne, who was born in New York City, but last resided in Cranford, N. J., has been in the service for 19 years, graduated from Georgetown University, soldiered in France and Germany, and as a civilian represented the Export Department of General Motors in New York.

Major Joseph B. Collierian, was promoted from Captain last week.

Major Collierian, whose home is at 2031, Brentwood Drive, Houston, Texas, graduated and was commissioned F. A. 2nd Lt., R.T.C. from A&M, June, 1937.

Major George F. Spiegel, of RTC Headquarters has been promoted from Captain.

A graduate of Western Maryland College, Major Spiegel, whose home is on Ridge Road, Raspeburg, Md., was commissioned 2nd Lt., Inf., R.O.T.C., June, 1937.

Capt. O. L. Rogers, of the 135th Tng. Bn., has been promoted from 1st Lt.

Capt. Rogers, whose home is at 27 Broad St., Charleston, S. C., attended The Citadel, where he played all state football and boxed in the Southern Conference.

GOYA Bn. Has Holiday Events

Members of the 807th TD Bn. evidently enjoyed themselves during recent holidays if a report of their correspondent is any indication.

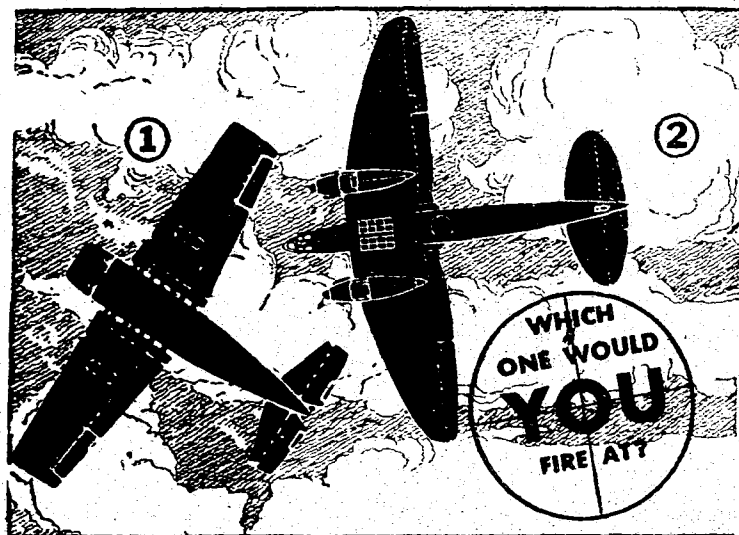
"A most lively holiday spirit has been shown by members of the Hqs & Hqs Co. of the GOYA Bn. during the past few weeks. Some of the boys have just shortly returned from furloughs, shortly recovered and short."

"Although it is a trifle late it still might be appropriate to say something of the Christmas party held in this Bn. on Christmas Eve. Those attending had a fine time and a lot of credit should go to hard working members of the GOYAs who made this entertainment possible for those who had to spend Xmas here."

"There was a shortage of girls due to the fact that most of them wanted to spend Christmas at home and that was to be expected. The entertainment was furnished by the GOYA orchestra with T-5 Myers at the piano, Pvt. German on the drums, and T-5 Carl Hauge on the trumpet and steel guitar. T-5 Howling and Mrs. did a few vocal numbers."

LOST—

Brown Cameo stone from man's ring between Camp Hood and Killeen. Finder please contact Sgt. Alan G. Doyle, Reproduction Dept., Camp Hood, Texas. Phone 2305.



NOT AT NO. 1! It's the U. S. Navy's Grumman F4F-3, "Wildcat", a midwing, single seat fighter powered by a radial engine. The edges of both wings and tailplane of the "Wildcat" are tapered to square cut tips. The fuselage is short and cylindrical.

FIRE AT NO. 2! It's Germany's Heinkel He. 111K, a long range, low wing, heavy bomber powered by twin engines. The wings are swept back elliptically, on the leading edges and the trailing edges are straight. It has an oval tailplane and a large single fin and rudder.

Good Returns

T/5 Willard Moter, Co. A., 610th TD Bn., returned to duty following a 20-day stay in the hospital to find that he had been promoted to Sergeant during his absence.

Struck by Luck

Friends of T/5 Eldred R. Manary, Co. C, 610th TD Bn., claim that he has been struck by luck. He was married a few weeks ago and promoted to Sergeant a few days ago.

What's Cooking?

Thursday, Jan. 21

"In The Groove, Musical Show (free) ... 6:15 & 8:15 P. M.,
—Hood Road Theater

Square Dances, Music, Games,

Parade of States 162nd St. Service Club

Dance Night, with girls from Temple,

Lampasas 37th St. Service Club

Quartets 72nd St. Service Club (Colored)

Friday, Jan. 22

"In The Groove," Musical Show (Free) ... 6:15 & 8:15 P. M.,
—Hood Road Theater

Date Night Party with Orchestra and

Dance Instruction 37th St. Service Club

Camp Hood Review, Broadway in

Khaki, Glee Club 162nd St. Service Club

Hour Of Charm Program 72nd St. Service Club (colored)

Saturday, Jan. 23

Civilian Variety Show 37th St. Service Club

Let's Sing Soldiers, Ivory

Ticklers Contest 162nd St. Service Club

Soldiers' Wives and

Sweethearts night 72nd St. Service Club (Colored)

Sunday, Jan. 24

Professional Vaudeville Acts, Dancing

Girls; Shows at 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 P. M.
—Rec Hall 172, 162 nd St. & Brigade

Classical Music, Solos, 2:30 p. m. 162nd St. Service Club

Symphonic Hour, 3:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Sing Song, Movies

Open House Dancing, 2:30 p. m. 37th St. Service Club

Symphonic Hour, 4-5 p. m.

Song Fest 72nd St. Service Club (Colored)

Monday, Jan. 25

Bingo Games, Quizes 162nd St. Service Club

Professional Vaudeville Acts, Dancing

Girls; Shows at 6:15, 7:30 and 8:45 P. M.
—Rec. Hall 640, 64th & Bn. Ave.

Bingo Games 37th St. Service Club

Games, Music, Dancing 72nd St. Service Club (Colored)

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Dance Night 162nd St. Service Club

Ballroom Dancing Instruction, Quiz, teams with

\$3 in prizes to winners 37th St. Service Club

Professional Vaudeville Acts, Dancing

Girls; Shows at 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 P. M.
—Rec. Hall 511, 67th & Bn. Ave.

Bingo, Whist, Bridge with prizes 72nd St. Service Club (Colored)

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Professional Vaudeville Acts, Dancing

Girls; Shows at 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 P. M.
—Rec. Hall 2212, 27th & Bn. Ave.

Jam Session and Sing Song 37th St. Service Club

Dance Night 72nd St. Service Club (Colored)

Thursday, Jan. 28

Professional Vaudeville Acts, Dancing

Girls; Shows at 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 P. M.
—Rec. Hall, 1148, 39th B Bn. Ave.

Friday, Jan. 29

Professional Vaudeville, Dancing.

Girls; Shows at 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 P. M.
—Rec. Hall 111, D.E.M.L.

Saturday, Jan. 30

Professional Vaudeville Acts, Dancing

Girls, Shows at 6:15, 7:30 and 8:45 P. M.
—Rec Hall 777, 55th & Bn. Ave.

Pie Contest 37th St. Service Club

Mail Rules For Soldiers Abroad Given

Size Of Packages, Papers, Magazine Shipments Limited

If you have a buddy overseas, don't mail him that package until you've read this!

The enormous amount of space consumed by packages, and the fact that they so frequently contain objects which are already supplied by the Army in compact bulk shipments, have compelled the War Department to issue new regulations which went into effect Jan. 15.

Must Be Requested

No package may now be sent to a soldier overseas unless it contains an article that has been requested by the soldier, and the request has been approved by the commander of his battalion or similar unit. The package will not be accepted by the post office unless the written request, bearing the commanding officer's approval, is presented.

These packages will be limited in weight to five pounds and may not be more than 15 inches in length, and 36 inches in length and girth combined.

Mail forwarded in November 1942, consumed cargo space equivalent to the total capacity of three 11,000 ton ships of the "Liberty" class—ships that are virtually needed to provide food, ammunition, and the countless items of supply which are the raw material of victory. With the expansion of forces overseas, this presents a problem of pressing and ever-growing importance, the War Department stated.

Should Subscribe

Under the new regulations, magazines and newspapers may be mailed to a soldier only by the publisher and only if the soldier is the subscriber. However, the soldier will be free to subscribe to any newspaper or magazine he wishes, and will not require special permission to do so.

827th TD Bn.

Officers Upped

First Lt. Edward L. Jann, 827th TD Bn. intelligence officer and adjutant, was recently promoted to the rank of captain.

Captain Joe N. Love, returning to the battalion from school, has been assigned acting executive officer.

Captain Leif Olsen has been assigned battalion operations officer relieving Captain Ira B Richards.

He Thought He Was Really Quick On Draw

Corporal Martin R. Goldberg, Co. B., Student Regt., was prone to object when Lt. Gorecki reported to him a second time in one day to draw equipment out of the supply room which he needed during his stay as a student.

Cpl. Goldberg insisted that he had just issued the necessary equipment to Lt. Gorecki and produced the signed forms to prove it.

Upon seeing this Lt. Edward J. Gorecki realized that his brother, whom he had not seen for seven months, had been detailed to attend the same course at the Tank Destroyer School.

Gold For Silver

Second Lieutenants Robert L. Leatzow, Richard L. Duchossois, and Ralph H. Sharpe, 610th TD Bn., were all promoted to first lieutenants this week.



The Del Rios Popular Here

Featured in "New Trends in Motion," the Del Rios proved to be one of the most popular acts of "In The Groove," USO-Camp show now playing in the Hood Road Theatre. (See story Page One.)

Renewed Killeen USO Plans Formal Opening; Activity Program, Snack Bar Features

By Pvt. J. DeSantis
126th. Bn. T.D.R.T.C

With building renovations now reaching completion, the USO Club in Killeen, Texas, will be opened this week for all activities. Remodeling of the building on Main Street has changed it completely.

All dressed up in its new "clothes," the club will serve as the Killeen home as well as the out-of-camp social and recreation center for the soldiers stationed at Camp Hood.

New Program Planned

Opening of the large recreation room will inaugurate a complete program of activity for servicemen and their families. There will be space for letter-writing, ping-pong, a library of books, magazines and newspapers, jazz and classical recordings, and game tables.

The week-in-week-out program will include games and tournaments, dances, folk dancing, art and Red Cross classes, sketching, radio classes, clubs, and "jus plain ole restin'."

Snack Bar

One of the features of the club will be the Snack Bar where all kinds of sandwiches, cold drinks, coffee, smokes, candy, and gum, will be sold. Formal opening of the club has been tentatively set for the first week in February. At that time, a special program will be presented with short dedicatory speeches by army and USO officials.

Student Regt. Expands Area

Student Regiment expanded during the past week. Companies "L" and "M" were activated to take care of the increasing number of students. The Personnel Office Student Regt. moved into the building next to the Student Regimental Headquarters, which was formerly occupied by the Academic Regiment. This left the Adjutant's Office and the Sergeant-Major's section in the old building.

Each day the Personnel Officer has come back to the old building, deciding that he needs this desk or typewriter, or piece of equipment.

The men are now afraid of losing their chairs and run to hold onto them, whenever he makes an appearance with that "look in his eye."

Theater Schedules

Hood Road and 37th St. Theaters

Thursday, Jan. 21: Sky Trooper.
Friday, Jan. 22: Wrecking Crew.
Saturday, Jan. 23: Double feature—Over My Dead Body and Kid Dynamite.
Sun.-Mon. Jan. 24-25: The Commandos Strike At Dawn.
Tuesday, Jan. 26: You Can't Take It With You. (Revival)
Wed.-Thurs. Jan. 27-28: The Powers Girl.
Friday, Jan. 29: Dr. Gillespie's New Assistant.

162nd St. Theater.

Thursday, Jan. 21: It Started With Eve (Revival).
Friday, Jan. 22: Arabian Nights (Technicolor).
Saturday, Jan. 23: Sky Trooper.
Sunday, Jan. 24: Wrecking Crew.
Monday, Jan. 25: Double feature—Over My Dead Body and Kid Dynamite.
Tues.-Wed. Jan. 26-27: The Commandos Strike At Dawn.
Thursday, Jan. 28: You Can't Take It With You. (Revival).
Friday, Jan. 29: The Powers Girl.

Battalions Fight Eliminations

Camp Hood Takes Shot At Titles In Golden Gloves Meet At Temple Jan. 29, 30

Big sports event of the month in this part of Texas is the Temple-Camp Hood district Golden Gloves tournament which will hold forth at the high school gymnasium in Temple the nights of Jan. 29 and 30.

The tournament's entry lists will close next Tuesday night, Jan. 26, and any Camp Hood amateur boxer is eligible to enter by that time by sending in his entry to the Golden Gloves Editor of the Temple Telegram.

Basketball Play Begins Monday Night

A new round-robin basketball tournament will start at the Field House Monday night at 7 o'clock, and will continue until the first week in March.

Play in the Field House will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Two games will be played between 7 and 8 p. m., two from 8 to 9 p. m. and two from 9 to 10 p. m. Twelve teams will play on the floor during each night of tournament play.

A total of 36 teams have entered the event, Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, said this week.

Seating facilities have been arranged for spectators, and anyone interested in watching the games has been invited to attend. No admission charge will be made.

644th Splits Double-Header With Gatesville

In attempting the "Iron Man" stunt of playing a basketball double-header after a gruelling 20-mile forced march that day, Company "C" 644th TD Bn. split in its twin-bill with the Gatesville High School quintet and the Alumni 1942 State Champion team.

The opener was close until the closing minutes when the High School put in fresh waves of substitutes to forge ahead to a 29-25 win. The nightcap was completely dominated by the TD boys, who showed the grit and spirit of the "Hood Panther." Technicians T. C. Godwin and Edward J. Linkowski went on a scoring spree, chalking up 18 and 12 points respectively.

Remember Bobby Waugh Flyweight?

Pvt. Vincent Folgeras, who fought for many years under the name of Bobby Waugh, has just been transferred from the TDS to a new assignment.

The Portuguese fighting man weighs only 99 pounds. He won the Florida Boxing championship in the flyweight division in 1938. During his boxing career he fought Kid Chocolate twice, winning a decision the first time and coming up with a draw in the second match.

He was inducted into the army on July 4, 1942, and during his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., he fought 16 bouts, knocking out all 16 opponents.

Two years ago he dove from a pier to save a man from drowning and was awarded a medal for bravery.

Camp Affair

Apparently, the tournament will be largely a Camp Hood affair, with Allen Academy, a military school at Bryan, furnishing the principal competition for the Camp Hood fighters. At least two boys coming from the Academy are being touted by their coach as possible state champions this year.

Camp Hood not only will furnish a list of fighters to the Golden Gloves, but one of its officers will be the tournament referee. He is Lieut. Everett Atterbury, instructor and umpire in the First Training Group of the Advanced Unit Training Center.

Was Champion

Lieutenant Atterbury, hailing from Evansville, Ind., won the national tournament of champions title in the lightweight division at Chicago in 1938. He was a Golden Gloves star and champion in his state for three years.

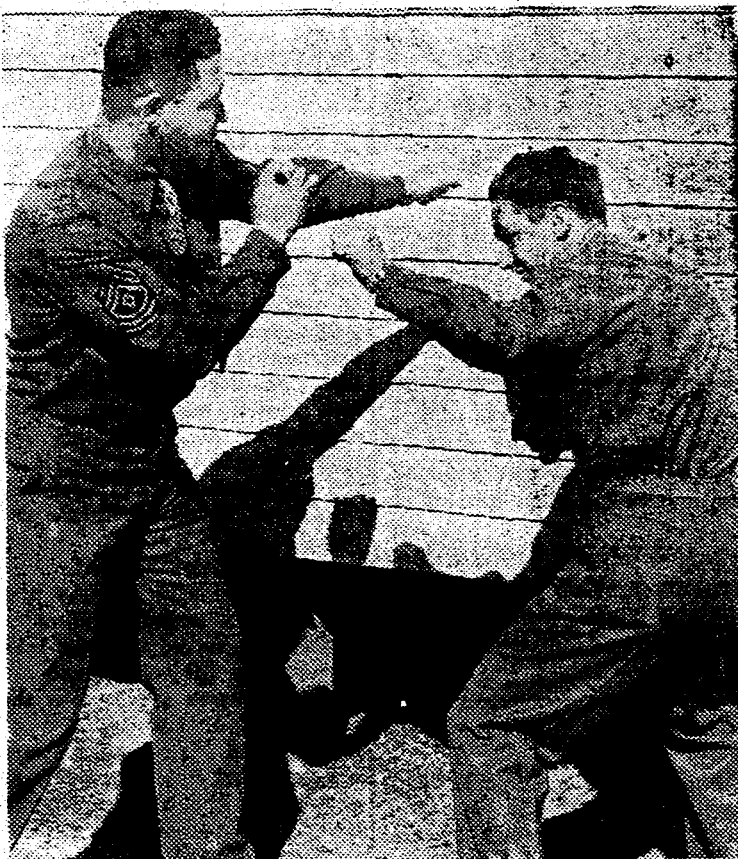
Camp Hood fighters who already have entered the tournament include:

Pvt. Ernest Walker, 135, Co. A, 807 TD Bn; Harold Houben, 185, 8th Ordnance Detachment; Cpl. Henry McGahan, 155, Co. A, 806 TD Bn; Pvt. August Ernst, 165, Hq. 141 Bn RTC; T-5 Henry B. Allen, 150, Recon. Co. 605 TD Bn; James J. Blessington, 145, Co. C, 609 TD Bn; Revell Francis, 136, 605 TD Bn; Jack Bortoli, 165, Co. A, 135, Bn RTC; George Urista, 135, Co. C, 605 TD Bn; Pvt. Walter W. Pairloris, 160, Co. A, 135 Bn RTC.

643rd Plans Five In Meet

Having won the 43rd Division baseball championship at Camp Shelby, Miss., the 643rd Tank Destroyer Bn. is laying plans for repeating in the basketball field.

Under direction of Staff Sgt. Edward Czesdik, who guided the ball team's destinies, it is planned to enter a five in the coming camp tournament, to be held in February. A strong entry is expected to be fashioned from the talent in the Battalion. A practice schedule is being arranged.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

The Topkick Takes A Workout

First Sgt. Henry Hubbard, Co. C, 127th Bn., RTC, 1924 Army welterweight champion of the Southwest, works out with one of his trainees, 130 lb. James Creatore, 22, 1939 AAU bantamweight Westcoast champion of Youngstown, Ohio. See story below.

Ex-Army Boxing Champ Now In RTC

In 1st Sgt. Henry Hubbard, Company C, 127th Bn. RTC boasts both a former Army champ and contender for the world welterweight crown. Hubbard held the service title in 1924 and under the name of "Kid Wittenberg" fought world welter champion Jackie Fields to a draw in a non-title bout.

Sgt. Hubbard enlisted from Del Rio, Texas, in 1921. He obtained an honorable discharge in 1925 to fight professionally as Kid Wittenberg, winning a decision over Billy Petrolle and a knockout over Jerry Hays, then light heavyweight champion of Pennsylvania. Following the draw with Jackie Fields, the Kid was rematched for the title but lost in a close battle.

The sergeant reenlisted late in 1926 and has been in the service since that date, with the 5th Cavalry.

Pvt. Harold R. Alex who turned in this story exclaimed, "I was thrilled to find that Sgt. Hubbard was my top-kick as I'm from Chicago and saw the Jackie Fields-Kid Wittenberg Championship fight. I remembered well how everyone thought the Kid would be knocked out but, believe me, he put up a terrific battle. I used to live a few doors away from Jackie Fields and he told me that was one of the toughest fights of his ring career. Among the Chicago boxers I knew were Barney Ross, Davey Day, Joe Medill, Billy Gilbert and "King" Levinsky — and they all respected the Kid." ssnrelWckJthewd

OCS Team Wins From Champs In Overtime

Last Thursday night in the Field House, in a starting upset, the OCS basketball team defeated the 771st TD Battalion team, winner of the recent championship tournament, 29-26, with victory coming to the OCS-ites in the overtime period.

The score was 26-25 in favor of the 771st, a few seconds before the final gun, when Kolodzieg (OCS) dropped a free throw into the hoop for a single tally to tie the score and force the overtime period. After 3 minutes of close play, Owens (OCS) put over a field basket, and a free throw immediately afterward, which proved the margin of victory for the Officer Candidate Regiment team, which was coached by Lt. Lewis Powers.

Box For Right To Fight In Tournament

Battalion Eliminations Must Be Completed By February 15

Boxers in battalions throughout Camp Hood are fighting elimination contests for the right to participate in a boxing tournament to be staged in the Field House after February 15, at which time elimination contests will have been completed. Lt. J. R. Varnell, post athletic officer, announced this week.

Eight Classes Listed

Eight classes will be represented in the tournament which will be held under rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. They are:

| Classes | Weight |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Bantamweight | Up to 120 lbs. incl. |
| Featherweight | 121 lbs. to 127 lbs. incl. |
| Lightweight | 128 lbs. to 135 lbs. incl. |
| Welterweight | 136 lbs. to 145 lbs. incl. |
| Senior-welterweight | 146 to 155 lbs. incl. |
| Middleweight | 156 lbs. to 165 lbs. incl. |
| Light-heavyweight | 166 lbs. to 175 lbs. incl. |
| Heavyweight | 176 lbs. and over. |

Not more than one-half pound overweight will be allowed in all divisions except heavyweight.

Elimination fights in the battalions will consist of three rounds with 1 1-2 minutes of fighting and 1 1-2 minutes resting between bouts. Sixteen ounce gloves will be used. Only one man in his respective weight classification can represent a battalion in the tournament.

Elimination contests will be run by the battalion, in the battalion area, if arrangements at the Field House cannot be made. Friday night bouts until the tournament starts, however, will consist of battalion eliminations, Lt. Varnell said.

Names of all battalion champions must be turned in to the Post Athletic Officer by 5 o'clock, Feb. 15. Any name that has not been submitted by that time will not be eligible to participate in the tournament.

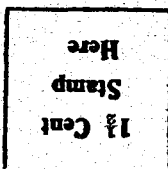
Quiz Answers

1. Regulations have just been changed, increasing the age limit for duty with troops in the field. Both first and second lieutenants who have not passed their 36th birthday are now eligible for such duty, providing they are physically qualified. Second lieutenants used to be ineligible after reaching their 30th birthdays, and first lieutenants their 35th birthdays.
2. Two hundred and thirty-eight ranging from size 4 1-2 to 16!
3. Hash marks are worn four inches from the bottom of the left sleeve and designate the number of "hitches" an enlisted man has done in the Army. One stripe is worn for every three years of service.
4. The word "chow" is said to have been introduced in the U. S. with the first arrival of the Chinese in 1849. It is thought to be an Americanized corruption of the Chinese word "Chai."
5. Not if you're an enlisted man. The ladies, however, have to salute army officers of higher rank and military courtesy requires the latter to return it.
6. U. S. bomber command in Great Britain.
7. The hexagon is a benzene ring. The other devices are crossed retorts.

Ordnance Office Now Assigned To TD Board

Lt. Col. Robert K. Haskell, former post ordnance officer, has been transferred to the special staff at TDC Headquarters and assigned to the Tank Destroyer Board.

Mail Your 'Panther' Home



Camp Hood, Texas

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