

# There's Still Time--Buy A Bond

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### Captured Nazi Arms Studied By Men In TDS

#### Famed 88', German Personal Carrier Captured Overseas

Firsthand information on foreign material now is being secured by TD School Weapons and Automotive department men. Just recently three pieces of equipment captured from the Nazis were turned over to the departments for experimental work and study.

Most interesting to the Automotive men is a German half-track, while Weapons department men are studying a mobile Nazi 88-mm. gun and a towed Russian 76-mm. gun.

Automotive men believe they can put the German half-track in operation so, in the future, if a German halftrack—easily identified by its overlapping bogie wheels—is seen in camp, don't shoot. It probably will be this vehicle, operated by a TDS crew.

The 88 shows evidence of having been under heavy allied fire. It is badly scared, and was either set ablaze by an Allied shell or by retreating Germans themselves.

Tires of American lend-lease manufacture on the Russian weapon show signs of hard use, but still are serviceable. This weapon fell into German hands and later was retaken by Allied troops.

The vehicle and guns were secured from the Aberdeen Ordnance Center.

### New Ratings In RTC To 112 GIs

Jubilant GIs of the RTC spread the word last week as ratings were "unfrozen" and the special orders for two consecutive days carried 112 promotions for enlisted personnel.

The great thaw followed a steady decrease in advancements for enlisted men and WACs in the RTC during the last few months.

Hq. Co., RTC, personnel received 81 of the promotions announced in the two days. Others went to women of the WAC Det., the 188th Army Band, 4th Regt. Hq., and the 130th, 131st and 136th TD training battalions.

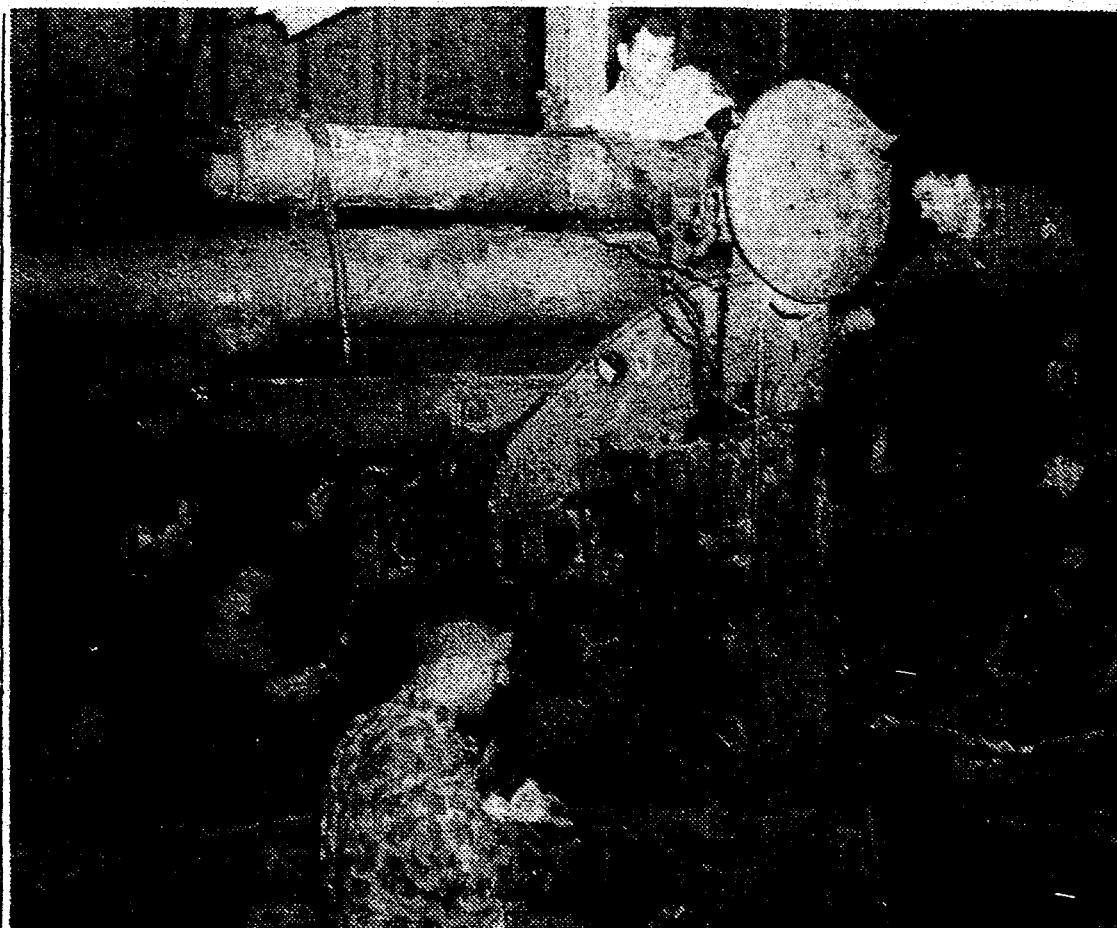
Among the new top grades were Frank J. O'Connell, from tech to master sergeant; Max I. Levine, also from tech to master, and 1st Sgt. Scott C. Maze of Co. "A," 136th Bn., up from technical sergeant.

### Symphony Plays Hood Rd Tonight

The Houston Symphony Orchestra, after last night's successful concert at north camp, will appear at the Hood Road Theater tonight at 8 p. m.

The orchestra, conducted by Ernest Hoffman, will offer its usual well balanced program.

This is the same orchestra that provided the music for Richard Crooks on his recent Houston appearance.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**TAMED NAZI 88**—Part of the huge German 88mm guns which are used against the Allies presents an excellent new study for men in the TD school. The gun badly battered, was brought here from Maryland after being captured overseas. Students at the school and men of the weapons dept. examining the piece. Pvt. Walter Martin, Pvt. M. Smith, Cpl. Clinton G. Beck, Sgt. M. Rusnak, and Pvt. R. Schwartz.

### "It's A Pleasure" Is The New USO Show

The new USO show, "It's A Pleasure," is a breezy, nimble revue paced by the music of a balanced cast and the comedy of Red Pepper, 300 pounds of master of ceremonies. It will be at north camp, at the Central Rec. Hall, Feb. 23, 24, and 25; at south camp, at the Hood Road Theater, Feb. 26, 28, and 29; starting both places at 8 P. M.

Red Pepper does Spanish and Hawaiian "dances" like a man made of jello. Aside from his own act, and a clowning throughout the show, Pepper does impressions of famous trumpet players which have won applause all



LYNN KIRK

over the country. He toured with Eddie Cantor and Abe Lyman, and appeared in "Monkey Business" with Olson and Johnson.

#### Soft Shoe Horse

"Imogene, The Wonder Horse" by any other name is Tyler and

Renoud, whose soft shoe dancing act has been taking vaudeville audiences across the country for 20 years. The horse is put through its paces by Linda Martin, pretty, the press agent says, in an abbreviated ring master's costume.

Comedy known as Hokum ala Mode, or "Shucks, it's off the cob," gives Bobbie Carr a chance to wear an evening dress, with no doubt calculated effect. Those who like laughs can laugh, and those who like music can listen. The act has played with both Ozzie Nelson's and George Hall's bands.

#### She's Pretty

The press agent says that Lynn Kirk works a lot like Ethel Merman, got into show business via the amateur contest route, has done radio, theater and night club work, sings delightfully and is very pretty. Miss Kirk sang with Borah Minevitch on the Riviera, did a single at the Copacabana in Rio de Janeiro, made television broadcasts, and is pretty.

Winnie May is a girl who juggles, tennis balls, rackets and things in a comedy routine. She's from Cleveland, played the Tic Tac Club in Montreal and the Latin Quarter in Boston.

Variety, according to the press agent, has called Betty Lou Holt "a package of oomph," which is probably no relation to K-ration. She's an acrobatic dancer and is said to do difficult routines. She has done the difficult routines at

### No Reveille For RTC Units That Have No AWOL

RTC trainees are taking a renewed interest in the conduct of those members who go on pass, furlough and such and fail to report back in camp on time.

An administrative memorandum by Col. Christian Hildebrand, commanding officer, last week exempts companies with no AWOL's from standing reveille. The rules are these:

Companies which now have no AWOL's of record will not stand reveille. Companies which now have men absent without permission but in which no new AWOL's occur between now and the end of the month will cease standing reveille beginning March 1. After March 1, companies will stand reveille ten days for each new AWOL,

the periods of ten days to be cumulative in cases of more than one absentee. And units commencing a new cycle will not attend reveille formation as long as there are no new AWOL cases.

The memorandum notes that inasmuch as reveille formations are standard procedure throughout the Army, the imposition of periods of attendance at reveille will not be construed as punishment, the exemptions from these formations being in the nature of a reward.

the Diamond Horseshoe, Drake Hotel, the Strand, the Roxy and way stops.

Donald McCutcheon is pianist and musical conductor. Our advance pigeon brought no information about his background.

It all adds up to what sounds like a right entertaining show and an evening of fun. There will be no reserved seats.

### Bond Selling Continues In All Out Drive

#### Military Drive Will End Feb. 29; More Allotments Recorded

With almost two more weeks in which newly purchased War Bonds can be included in the camp's Fourth War Loan Drive, all Hood Military and civilian personnel set new figures showing the camp's participation in this big campaign. Reports complete for the month of January showed more than \$135,000 for cash sales throughout the camp.

Civilian Class A pay reservations were made for more than 98 per cent of the total employees, and 11.32 per cent of the gross payroll for that month. All these figures mean that the camp is increasing its efforts to make an excellent showing as compared with other Army posts.

The Fourth War Loan Drive has officially closed for outside civilian participation, but there is still a chance for soldiers to get credit in the drive for bonds bought right up to the end of the month. Arrangements are being made to have intensive last day bond drives at the orderly rooms on pay day.

One other figure is important to soldiers: During January 1,169 new class B allotments were taken out by the military personnel in camp.

It is expected that more increases in both cash sales and allotments will be recorded before the drive ends.

### Grenade Gets Tank

A sergeant with the 36th Division in Italy has been cited for heroism by his commanding officer for the destruction, single-handedly, of an attacking German tank, the War Department announced.

The sergeant, V. Gill of 213 East 19th Street, Amarillo, Texas, found himself in the middle of a tank battle. Bullets, gun flashes, and thunderous reports were coming from all directions. Concealing himself in the underbrush, he waited an opportunity for action.

Suddenly he heard the clanking roll of an approaching German tank. Moving slowly with its turret top open, it suggested to Sergeant Gill a plan of attack. Seizing a hand grenade, he hoped on the side of the tank and threw the grenade through the open turret. After the explosion, the tank spun crazily for a few seconds and then came to a halt.

When Gill peered inside, he found the entire German crew had been killed.

#### Makes Good Score On Machine Pistol

Hq. Co., 801 TD Bn. has a record to be proud of. One hundred and fifty men fired the machine pistol M-3 cal. .45 for the first time and qualified 100 per cent in spite of adverse weather conditions. The Company fired from the Cowhouse Creek Sub-machine Gun Range.

## Words Without Music

Groucho Marx offers a tip for social climbers who've lost touch with Emily Post: A bird in the hand is bad table manners . . . Betty Hutton has bought an interest in a music publishing firm—her press agent says she did it because she wants to publish the songs of men in the band who can't get a break with the songs they write . . . Guy Lombardo's liaison agent says that he's getting a large part of his requests on Musical Autographs from the bobby-sock sorority and it's definitely for icky music—a swinging away from swing, the PA suggests.

Longhair Dept.: A contribution from one Pvt. Greenman in Africa was the first to reach the Metropolitan Opera in its radio drive to raise \$300,000 . . . Babe Didrikson beat out three horses for also-ran in a recent sports poll . . . Ethel Barrymore will make her first film in 12 years, when she goes to RKO for a part in "None But The Lonely Heart," Clifford Odets' first as a Hollywood director—Cary Grant will star . . . Oscar Strauss, composer of such as "The Chocolate Soldier," will conduct the world premiere of several airs from his newest operetta tonight at 8:30 on Mutual . . . Silliman Evans is reported to have resigned from the Chicago Sun.

Bob Hope is taking off again on a tour of army camps. The Spotlight Band tonight is Frankie Masters (expected in Camp Hood March 1st) . . . tomorrow night Bob Chester—Saturday night Jan Savitt, Blue at 8:30 . . . Walter Winchell reports that when President Roosevelt was asked which of our three major allies, Russia,



Ida Lupino,  
Academy Award Winner.

Great Britain, or China, he considered most important, the President replied, "Which leg on a three legged stool is most important?"

Winchell — forgive us these trespasses—further reports that the owner of the Stork Club will be paid \$100,000 by Paramount for the use of his club's name—to which the office woodtick mutters, "And some guys were worrying about what kind of work to do after the war!"

### EM Warned To Wear Only Prescribed Uniform

A recent daily bulletin called attention to the fact that uniform regulations for enlisted men are carefully prescribed:

The attention of all enlisted personnel is invited to General Order number 166, HQ. 8 Sv C, dated 27 Oct. 43, and particularly to Par. 2b (5) which prohibits the wearing of articles of clothing by enlisted men different in color, make and texture from that issued. Immediate steps will be taken to insure strict compliance."

### Got Time On Your Hands?

Between chow time, mail time, and drill time, let's make a time for

#### SHOW TIME!

It takes all kinds of talent to make a show. The thing you do may be just what we're looking for.

So come on, you ENTERTAINERS! Bring your trumpet, taps and tonsils to the Central Recreation Hall, 11th and Park, North Camp Hood.

You may be a STAR! Let's get in the SHOW!



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**NONE BUT THE LONELY HEART**—Just in case any GI was overlooked this leaping leap year, the Panther offers this Valentine greeting, posed with obvious charm and considerable grace by JoNell Baker, a camp civilian employee.

### Seven Hood Men Killed In Crash

Seven Camp Hood soldiers were killed and five others injured, three of them seriously, in a collision of three vehicles north of Burnet last Friday morning. The men were returning from a War Bond rally held in Burnet when the Army bus in which they were riding crashed with a panel truck and a truck coming in the opposite direction.

The men killed were riding in the army bus. The dead: Pvt. Charles H. Martin, Pvt. Angelus Efantiss, Pvt. Frances N. McIntosh, Pvt. Warren A. Goff, Pvt. James V. Perkins, Pfc. John M. Proctor, and Cpl. Benjamin W. Weinfeld.

Those seriously injured: T-5 Leonard G. Vanderbogart, T-5 Charlie L. Lenhart, and Pvt. Carroll E. Martin.

#### Camp Mentioned In PIC

Camp Hood broke into the pages of Pic magazine, Feb. 15th issue, in a story about Margaret O'Brien. The magazine mistakenly stated that she had been chosen camp pinup girl; it was the Panther that fell for her charms.

#### Rare Birds These Days

Two men of the TDS leave soon for Ordnance Officer Candidate School, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

They are S-Sgt. Keith C. Van Buren, and Pvt. Perry W. Lewis, both of D Co., Academic regiment.

### Fast Obstacle Run Made By Sergeant In 679th TD Bn

Sgt. O. D. Richardson of Co. B, 679th TD Bn outdid all other men on Saturday, February 5, 1944, the final day of rigorous training at Battle Conditioning course No. 3, when he raced over the obstacle course for the record in four minutes and eight seconds—a time never before recorded by any of the officers assigned to the course. It was a remarkable feat and a triumph of rugged endurance and sheer will-power over fatigue and a normal tendency to give up.

Company "B" ran the course, with one hundred and twenty-four men, in nine minutes—this time being the best in the battalion.

In the same vein, the entire 679th TD Bn, commanded by Lt. Col. Jesse H. Turner, received a rating of Excellent for the week spent on Battle Conditioning

Course No. 3; this battalion in turn received a rating of Superior over all other colored battalions which passed through this course.

#### Winning Platoon Given Party For Carbine Score

Fun and entertainment was the by-word last Wednesday evening for Co. "C" 665th TD Bn. when the second platoon was given a party by other platoons of the company as the result of that platoon firing a score of 81 per cent on the Cal. 30 Carbine qualification course, thus outfiring the other two platoons.

A five piece band from the TD School played for dancing. Guests were girls from the civilian barracks and the wives of EM of the company.

#### The Wolf

by Sansone



"Time'll go much faster if you know of any games we two can play."

### State Council Asks Military GI Vote Aid

Acting on the request of the Council of State Governments, the War and Navy Departments have prepared a statement on "Practical Aspects of Cooperation by Army and Navy in voting by Absentee Servicemen during War Time," according to Camp Newspaper Service's Washington Bureau.

The statement, issued by War Secretary Henry Stimson and Navy Secretary Frank Knox, was made public in answer to a letter from Frank Bane, executive director of the Council, which asked for suggestions regarding Federal legislation on the soldier vote.

In their reply to Mr. Bane's request, Secretary Stimson and Secretary Knox made it clear that the War and Navy Departments had no intention of interfering with states' rights in the soldier vote issue. It is understood that whatever bill Congress adopts, the action of state legislatures will remain vital.

The secretaries also stressed the point that their departments do not advocate or oppose any particular voting legislation. "They will endeavor to administer, subject to their primary obligation, whatever law may be in effect," according to the statement.

"The policy of the Army and Navy is to assist and encourage servicemen to vote, so far as is practicable and compatible with military operations. Nothing must interfere with the services' primary obligation to wage victorious war," the statement said.

The statement outlined the limitations placed by war conditions on the Army and Navy in carrying out requirements of the law among men and women abroad. It recommended that ballots be mailed servicemen overseas at least 45 days before the election and to servicemen within the U. S. at least 30 days before that date.

### German Position After War Topic Of School Book

"What shall be done with Germany after this war to avert another world conflict in twenty years" is a question pondered in Heinz Pol's new book, "The Hidden Enemy," now available at the TDS Library.

Pol writes that the root of the evil of German ambitions lies in a German plan conceived 50 years ago, which has succeeded twice in this century in betraying first the German people, then the world. "As fascinating as it is horrible" is Pol's idea of the plan of German super-imperialism.

#### School Course Stresses Chaplain Morale Value

"Orientation to the Work of the Chaplain" is the title of one of the latest TD School courses, designed to be of much value as a morale builder.

Student officers taking the course are urged to encourage their men to visit their chaplains when in need of guidance or aid. The first of the classes, held recently, was addressed by Maj. Thomas H. Talbot, post chaplain. He pointed out, among other things, that interviews with the men are always held in strictest confidence.

#### Adding New Stripes

Nine men of the 664th TD Bn. received additional stripes this week:

To Sgt. Joe E. Barr, Robert E. Jeffery, and Linus L. Lacy; to T-4, Charles W. Brock, Robert Messner and Xavier J. Bonkowski; to Cpl. Joseph P. Siriamni; to T-5, Pvt. Gerald H. Kachler and John A. [intact]

## Men Of Co. C., 664th Bn. From 30 States, Represent Nearly All Trades Except Pretzel Benders

Co. C, 664 TD Bn., has enlisted men representing 30 states of the union, spreading from Maine to California and from Minnesota to Texas. Pennsylvania and not New York, leads the way with 15 natives, but the Empire and Wolver-

ine states run a close second place with 14 men apiece.

Actually, the company could form into a self supporting community were there a need for it. There are farmers and farm hands to take care of provisions. Most any crop, ranging from Kansas wheat to Maine Potatoes are familiar to them.

There are truck drivers to take care of transportation and mechanics to take care of the trucks. As to home-builders, there are bricklayers, carpenters, machinists, plumbers, roofers, masons and electricians to do most any sort of job needed.

There are insurance salesmen, real estate brokers, newspapermen, clerks, students, actors and artists among them, one even admitting to having at one time done a little bootlegging and bookmaking.

## Wedding Bells +++

Two men in the 441st MP-PWP Co. were married on recent furloughs. Pvt. Pasquale Fraioli to the former Miss Livia Ricci, and Pvt. John Malnati to Miss Rosa Leon.

## Get In The Show

The Special Service Office is casting now for an all-camp show. Have you signed up yet?

Here's what we need: Singers, dancers, musicians, song writers, play writers, directors, electricians, and anyone interested in the theatre. So, come on, fellows, give the Entertainment Officer your name and be ready to start production soon.

Phone 2385 or write in care of Entertainment Officer, Special Services now.

All men who attended the Soldier Show Conference in camp are asked to inform the camp special service office of their present whereabouts.

JOHN L. SLEZINGER,  
1st Lt. AUS,  
Entertainment Officer.

## The Weaker Sex

MEMPHIS (CNS)—Henry Reynolds saw a blond lugging a huge package into the post office. Chivalrously he offered his aid. The heavy bundle taxed his slight physique but, after three stops for breath, he finally made it. "Thanks," said the blond. "Come and see the show tonight. I'm Mae Young, the woman wrestler."

## Rationalizing Gas

SALT LAKE CITY (CNS) — An expectant mother called at the local ration board office to request additional gasoline ration coupons to take her to a maternity hospital. "Sorry," said a board official, "there will be a slight delay." "Very well," said the woman, "I'll have my baby here." She got the coupons.

## The Wolf

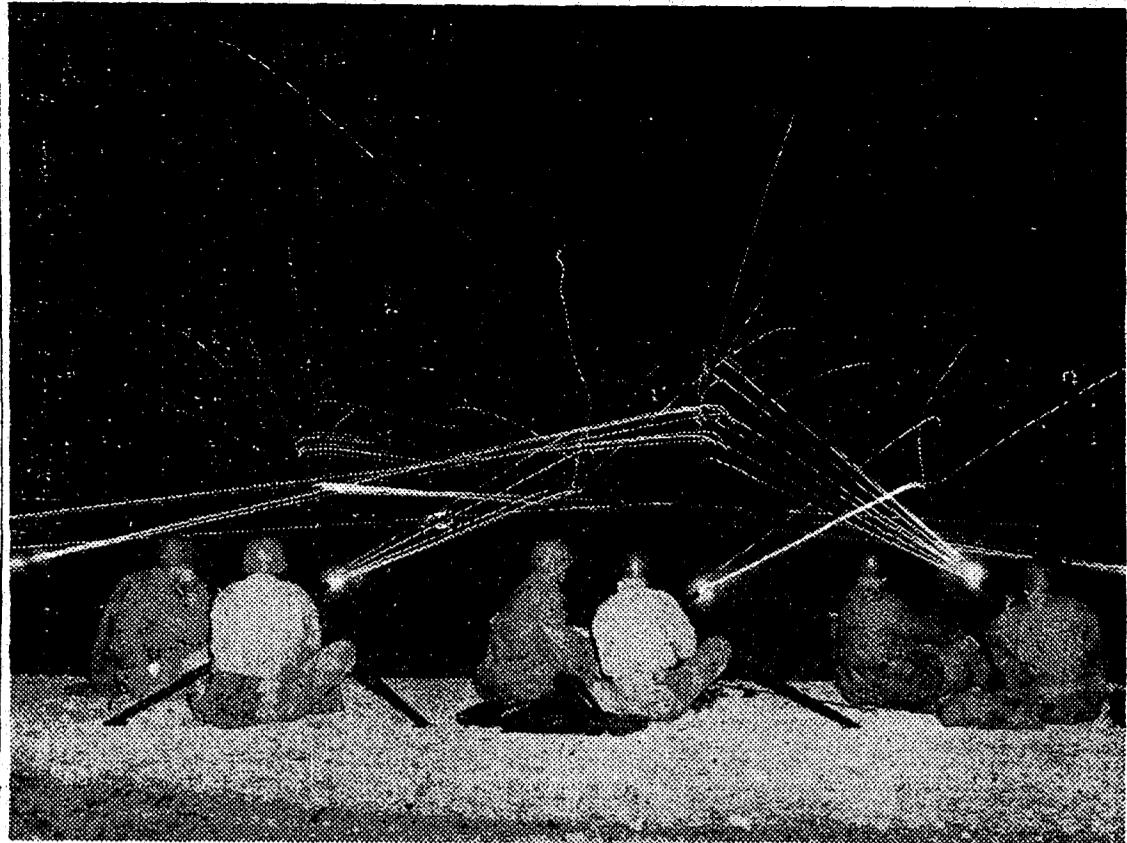
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by Sansone

(In Alaska)



...I've lived here a long time, soldier—but I've never heard of that custom before!"



CAMP HOOD SIGNAL CORPS PHOTO  
**PATTERN IN THE NIGHT**—A night firing class at the TD School makes this striking shot as the men blast at a moving target with their 37 mm. Target simulates a tank passing across country.

## Rank Has Its Privilege For The Private If Hood Wac Writes To "Her" Colonel

The colonel's wife is a private. She is Pvt. Margaret G. Murrow, WAC stenographer in the adjutant's office, camp headquarters.

When Pvt. Murrow's husband entered the Army in 1940, after several years in the engineer reserve, Air Corps, at Spokane, Wash., she began to think more seriously than ever about what she could do in the war effort. But it wasn't until he went overseas that she joined the WACs.

The colonel was, in civilian life, Lacey V. Murrow, director of highways in the state of Washington. He was in the National Guard, was an amateur flyer.

### She's A Pilot

Pvt. Murrow is a flyer, too, with 35 hours in the air to her credit. Before her trip abroad six years ago, just when Hitler was marching into Austria, she held an amateur flying license.

In London, she spent some time

with her husband's brother, Edward Murrow of CBS.

Colonel Murrow was stationed at Fort George Wright, Spokane, in 1940, as G-4, and his wife did everything she could there to further the winning of the war.

She was in charge of a Red Cross surgical dressing group that sent 50,000 dressings overseas every month. She drove for the motor corps, and spent one day a week in the Red Cross home service section.

After December, 1942, when Col. Murrow went overseas, she joined the WOOFs—an organization at Spokane for Wives of Officers on

Foreign Service. She's still a member.

### He's In The Pacific

While she's in the Army at Camp Hood, he is building bridges and landing barges in the South Pacific battle area.

Her decision to enter the WAC came suddenly, after her husband wrote that—"there is definite merit in recognized organizations." He thought it was a good idea.

She was sworn in Oct. 12, 1943, at Seattle, and left immediately for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for training.

She is one private who writes to a colonel without going through channels.



## More Of A Good Thing

There's a reason for our generosity with the Wolf and Miss Lace; sometime we'll tell you the story. But too much of these items can never hurt—The Panther Staff.

## Part Of Legacy For Bond

Pvt. Ralph S. O'Shea will buy a \$1,000 bond—as the result of a recent surprise. He was notified that he had inherited a sum of money from an aunt in upstate New York who died recently.

## Traffic Conditioning

TOPEKA, Kans. (CNS) — A woman pedestrian started to cross an icy street. She slipped, fell, was struck by two cars and crawled the rest of the way. When she reached the other side she arose, brushed her clothing and walked away unhurt.

## Male Call

### UNCLE SAM—hatter...

HIS VARIETY OF ISSUE HEADGEAR IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY THE WAYS G.I. JOE AND JOSEPHINE HAVE FOUND TO WEAR THEIR SHAP-PO

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by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



CHINA-SIDE JOB—VERY MASKEE... only seagoin' Gyrenes with hash to the elbow can do this justice...

They never seemed to finish the NAVY NURSE's hat...

THAT FIELD CAP ISN'T BUILT FOR THE R.A.F.'S PICCADILLY TILT—ESPECIALLY ON WINDY DAYS...



NAVY'S DISHPAN... who wouldn't wear earphones? It gets lonely in there—you can pick up Bob Hope between Zeros...

ARMY NURSES allowed to wear new brown peaked cap on the street—and WACs get field cap for post duty—All takes one branch for the other...



COAST GUARD IMMIGRATION RESTRICTOR. Those guys are always going to the beach at the wrong time of year...



THE GOOD OLD ALL-PURPOSE M-1 BUCKET

The A.A. DONALD DUCK



100 MISSION CRUSH—for that first furlough home from FLYING SCHOOL.  
THE MARINE GALS... TEUFELHUND WITH CHIC...  
THE DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE makes every Dogface look like he built the PANAMA CANAL—well, maybe a foxhole  
What your mom wouldn't give for a matched set of six of these to meet the cooking vessel shortage  
on DISH-FACED JOKERS this is MUR-DER!

## Skimmer Primer



No doubt about who's got responsibilities in the WAVES and SPARS



MILTON CANIFF

REMEMBER?

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Question: DO YOU THINK THE SIXTEEN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAMS WILL OPERATE AS SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE COMING 1944 SEASON?

Pfc. Joe Kello, Co. C, 667th TD Bn.—"No, I don't think the whole 16 will operate, with so many of the players being drafted today. I think the leagues might fold up and baseball

will become entirely a serviceman's game. However, if the season does go the limit, the Yanks will be in there as champs again. I should think that only about 10 of the major league teams will finish the 1944 schedule, due to the fact that so many players are being called to the colors."

Sgt. David Hernandez, Hqs. Co., 671st TD Bn.—"Yes, the 16 teams will keep going. Baseball is the greatest morale builder of all sports, and though the crowds may at times be very small in the big leagues, there'll always be enough in the stands to keep the game going and the teams will all see the finish of the 1944 campaign."

Pfc. Ross E. Glasscock, MP Det., 1848th Unit—  
"I doubt if they do finish the full season. However, if they all reach the July 4th mid-season mark, they will likely continue to function throughout the season as scheduled. The crowds will be good, but with the war hitting its fastest pace yet, things can change almost overnight, so I will doubt if the teams will operate all the way in 1944."

Pvt. Nancy Carroll, WAC Det., 1848th Unit—  
"Yes, the teams will all make the entire distance this year. I understand that there is a great shortage of players, but we'll always find more to take the place of those being called to arms. There'll be plenty of 4-F players around to fill the positions of those leaving the various teams. When America starts a job, she finishes it. Baseball will see her 16 major league teams operate as usual, despite the war."

## RTCS Tops NC Bond Sale:

TD RTC School led in preliminary reports of War Bonds sales through new allotments for the Fourth War Loan Drive at north camp, according to the report of Capt. S. Howard VanDyke, special services officer.

the United States recently abandoned all of its competitive sports?

5. How are Meats for our soldiers overseas shipped?

6. What is the name and weight of the recent American battleship which now stands out as the world's largest warship ever launched?

(Ans. Page Seven)

## Army Quiz

1. If your buddy, John Doe, is sent overseas, but inside two weeks is found to be physically unfit and sent home—is he entitled to a campaign ribbon?

2. Is the 14 billion dollar quota for the Fourth War Loan drive, now underway, greater than that for last fall's Third War Loan?

3. What basis is used for the naming of the various Hills captured by American troops in the Tunisian and New Britain campaigns?

4. What Army installation in



Drawing By Sgt. Stanley Farnham

## Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Panther:

The inclosed poem was sent to me by my sister, Mrs. Jacqueline Myers, who is now stationed with her husband in North Carolina.

To me and other Army Wives this poem really hit its mark, and as many of the readers of the Hood Panther are wives who are following their husbands—won't you please print it, if you consider it worthy.

Mrs. Shirley C. Orth

### HOMESICK

The life of an Army Wife is certainly no fun! You hope and you pray that the war will be won, So you can go home and see all your friends,

And live in peace 'till your life ends.

To be with your family means a lot,

To stay away, you'd rather not. You'd rather be home with the ones so dear

You are so far away and yet so near!

The folks write and tell you all the news,

And when you read it you kind of get the blues.

Your mind travels far across the miles,

Yes, you can even see their pleasant smiles.

There's a lump in your throat as you turn around,

You try to speak, but there is no sound.

You'd love to see their familiar faces,

And visit all your favorite places.

But remember there is that soldier who

May give his life just for you.

So stick by your soldier; don't leave your post;

Now is the time he needs you most.

So keep up your spirit, don't be sad.

When you think of it, it's not so bad.

Keep that smile, be witty and clever,

Remember the war can't last forever!

By Mrs. Jackie Myers.

Editor, The Panther:

"A Mother's Hero" was written by my own mother just six months before she died. She wrote this the day after I left for the Army and sent it to me. I shall keep it with me as long as I live; it means much to me, as I know it will to other boys who left their homes and all they love to fight America's aggressors. That is why I am giving it to you, so other fellows can benefit from it.

### A MOTHER'S HERO

America has bred a host of noble sons whose deeds are embla-

zoned on the pages of her history.

Who shall I choose as hero number one? A great president, who with calm courage wings across dangerous seas to promote the welfare of America? A heroic flyer such as Colin Kelly or Eddie Rickenbacker whose deeds thrilled the hearts of millions? An Edison or Carver? General MacArthur or Admiral Halsey. Choosing one above all others seemed impossible to do—then, yesterday he went away—a lad just turned nineteen.

With springing step and cheery smile he left home and loved ones to bravely face whatever the future holds.

"Laying aside cherished hobbies and personal ambitions, he went to find his niche among those who live, fight, and if need be, die for America. Placing his hand upon my shoulder he said: 'Mom, I'd be glad to die for my country if it would help to make it a better place to live afterward.'

"He's gone to become one more brave American soldier and today, along with thousands of other proud American mothers, I hung a star in my window for my choice for American hero number one, my son."

PFC Samuel D. Champaign  
Co. A, 655th TD Bn.

Editor, The Panther:

On Dec. 15, 1943 I was interviewed and accepted for the Army Specialized Training Program. At that time I was told to expect call in from three to six weeks. Such a call has not come.

In the meantime many camp rumors have it that the ASTP is closed. This is backed by the fact that no calls to STAR units are coming through. However, the ASTP board was still meeting as late as January 15, and presumably is still functioning. Also the radio advises civilian students that they can now take examinations to become eligible for the ASTP.

All this is extremely confusing. Because of your excellent coverage of ASTP in the past, I appeal to you for clarification. Am I still eligible? Is the program closed? If not, what steps can I take to obtain information about my particular situation?

Respectfully,  
Pvt. D. W. Killinger  
Rcn. Co. 664th TD Bn.

Editor's note: ASTP was set up to fill definite shortages in technical specialists for the Army. The need has been in part fulfilled. The program is not closed although it has been cut sharply to eliminate all but Medicine and Dentistry. You are still eligible if you are highly qualified in the fields that are still open. Courses available in ASTP fluctuate according to the demands of the military situation. Some Engineering courses may still be open. All you can do now is "sweat it out."

# Income Tax Procedure Is Explained By Collector

The following was received from the Collector of Internal Revenue, Austin, Texas, in answer to a request for a simplification of income tax return procedure:

**PAY EXCLUSION:** Members of the Armed Forces of the United States may, for any period beginning after December 31, 1942, and

for any taxable year before the termination of the present war, exclude gross income compensation received for such services as does not exceed \$1500.00, or all of such pay if less than \$1500.00 provided it is received in the service.

**1942 TAX RECOMPUTATION:** If the 1942 income tax liability exceeds the 1943 tax, a member of the Armed Forces of the United States (or of any of the other United Nations) actually in service in either 1942 or 1943, may recompute his or her 1942 tax liability under Section 6(d) of this act excluding all allowable earned income from the 1942 return. If the 1943 tax exceeds the 1942 original liability, no recomputation of the 1942 tax is necessary, the total tax due being computed as if for a civilian.

**DUE DATE OF RETURNS:** Members of the Armed Forces of the United States if on duty in the Continental United States are required to file their 1943 returns on or before March 15, 1944.

All military and civilian personnel of the 1848th Unit desiring information and instruction which will aid them in preparing their own income tax returns may call upon the following named at their respective offices:

North Camp Hood — PFC. Harold Kahn, Camp HQ. North Wing.

South Camp Hood — Camp Headquarters.

Competent assistants who have attended a course of instruction in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Austin, Texas, are now prepared to help in preparing income tax returns with special emphasis on the returns for military personnel.

**DEFERMENT OF PAYMENT OF TAXES DUE:** Members of the Armed Forces may apply for deferment of income tax liability for a period of 6 months after the termination of service to which called. Deferment is granted upon showing that ability to pay is materially impaired by reason of call to service. The Collector's office must be put on notice concerning this request. Forms for this purpose will be furnished on request.

**WIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICE:** The special provisions applicable to members of the Armed Forces do not extend to spouses of such members unless the spouse also qualifies as a member of the Armed Forces.

**COMMUNITY RETURNS:** Wives of taxpayers in the Armed service should file separate returns in Community Property

states when one-half of the next taxable community income exceeds \$1200. Full personal exemption and credit for dependents should be claimed on the wife's return. An amendment of this return will be permitted at the time the husband's report is due to be filed.

**PLACE FOR FILING RETURNS:** Returns for the year 1943 should in all instances where possible be filed in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue with whom the original 1942 return was filed.

**REFUNDS FOR 1942 TAX OVERPAYMENTS:** No refunds of overpayment on 1942 tax will be made unless a final 1943 return is filed. The 1943 return within itself, constitutes a formal application for refund of excess 1942 or 1943 tax paid. Members of the Armed Forces of USA should file completed 1943 returns regardless of whether they owe tax for 1943 in order that any refunds due may be expedited. No refunds can be made unless the 1943 return is filed.

**ONE PICTURE ETC.** Lena Horne, who had them cheering at Savoy-Plaza in New York, in Stormy Weather in Hollywood, and at all way stops, got extra special cheers from the men of the 659th TD Bn. when she answered their announcement that they'd chosen her their pinup girl with the above. Why they chose her was explained several thousand years ago by the Chinese philosopher who said one picture was worth a thousand words.

## Add Odd Titles In Civilian Life: Whiskey Proofer

The army classification system comes in for many a ribbing because civilian and army occupations of many men differ widely, but it does work. Take the case of S-Sgt. James Smith of Communications.

When wearing mufti, he was a whiskey proofer in a Cincinnati plant, now he works on radio transmitters—and does a good job. The army had no place for a whiskey proofer. Since his mechanical aptitude score was high, and he showed a talent for things electrical, he was given special training.

Now, he's a radio technician, a far cry from gauging and testing spirits for alcoholic content.

## Tenor Was Lost, In The School; Fills His Role

It has been disclosed this week that a soldier at the TD School is leading a Jekyll and Hyde existence under the very noses of his friends. Working quietly in the office of the Weapons Dept. is T-4 Robert V. Lewis. He's been there a long time. Yet nobody knew his secret.

Sgt. Lewis, an accomplished tenor, has sung at 24 weddings on the post, by invitation of the chaplains.

He taught voice in a high school at Lennox, South Dakota.

## TDS Flowers May Bloom In The Spring With New Soil Erosion Project

An erosion control project in the Tank Destroyer School area in the east end of camp has blossomed into a wholehearted "civic betterment" project. During the past few weeks, numerous trees and shrubs have been planted and large additional areas sodded.

This spring, the school area is expected to be one of the most beautiful in the entire camp.

## EM Of Hq. Co. TD RTC Brush Up On Training

Privates and noncoms of Hq. Co., TD RTC, will get a chance to brush up on field training. Headquarters will institute a series of weekly night classes for personnel, the first twelve weeks to be devoted to class work and the last six to drill and command.

The program is based on the fact that many noncoms being transferred are given jobs other than those for which they have been trained, and consequently have to "sweat out" ratings.



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## Even Friends Of A 1st Sergeant Gotta Fall Out

Twenty men of Company "D," Academic Regiment, TDS, had a rude reville the other morning.

The night before, in an unusually gay vein they made noise after lights out, even after taps.

On the following night the moment the lights went out all was strangely quiet in contrast, as the men composed themselves for sleep. Why this sudden good behavior?

1st Sgt. Floyd Roosa had those twenty men fall in again just after reveille formation, then, under the watchful eye of the appointed corporal they proceeded to double-time around a stretch of Texas terrain during the early part of the breakfast period.

Without exception they took the run. In fact, because of their participation in the noisemaking, some of Roosa's pals were in the lineup too.

When the short run was over the mess sergeant complained that he had never before seen such a voracious attack on food.

## TDS In Magazine Ads

An advertisement by an automobile manufacturer, featuring tank destroyers and a TD emblem, appears in the March Esquire and Feb. 7th Time. The ad seems not available in camp library magazines — apparently it's been ripped out of all copies.

## Wins Prize For Carbine Score

For making the highest individual score on the Gatesville Carbine range, T-5 Elmer Clark, Co. C, 663rd TD Bn., won a ten dollar prize offered by the company's officers. He scored 188 out of a possible 200 points. This was also high score for the battalion.

The men in the company also qualified 100 per cent on the Brookhaven Transition range and were complimented by their officers. To add to the record the entire company qualified on the carbine in the mass marksmanship tests.

## Sgt. Zsarko To 665th

First Sgt. Walter S. Zsarko has been transferred to Rec. Co., 665th TD Bn. from the 801 TD Bn. where he was First Sgt. of Co. C. Prior to his service with the 801 TD Bn. he served with the 64th Coast Artillery (AA) at Fort Shafter, Honolulu, for five years.

## A New Design Added

Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur Bratton, Jr. announced the arrival of "our pinup girl in more ways than one," Minda Louise, at New Orleans, Feb. 6th. Bratton, who designed the Panther's Christmas greeting, is in charge of the camp Special Service decorative section.



Tues.—Swingtime Johnny and Na-bonga.  
Wed.-Thurs.—Broadway Rhythm  
13th and 15th St. Theaters  
Fri.-Sat.—Standing Room Only.  
Sun.—Phantom Lady.  
Mon.—Frisco Kid.  
Tues.-Wed.—Jane Eyre.  
Thurs.—Swingtime Johnny and Na-bonga.  
4th and 10th St. Theater  
Thurs.-Fri.—Jane Eyre.  
Set.—Swingtime Johnny and Na-bonga.  
Sun.-Mon.—Standing Room Only.  
Tues.—The Phantom Lady.  
Wed.—Frisco Kid.  
Thurs.—In Our Time.  
37th St. Service Club ...  
Thursday—Weekly Dance.  
Friday—Music, Games (French class).  
Saturday—Killeen High School Band  
8:30.  
Sunday—Temple High, Tumbling Team, Movie.  
Monday—Bingo, Prizes.  
Tuesday—Dance Instructions, Music, Games (Shorthand class).  
Wednesday—Song Nite.

## Chapel Services



### PROTESTANT

Sunday, 9:30 A. M.  
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig.  
Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn.  
Chapel 902, 50th & Hdq.  
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.  
Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.  
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.  
11:00 A. M.

Post Chapel, 52nd & Hdq.  
Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.  
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.  
Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn.  
Chapel 2209, School Area.  
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.  
6:30 P. M.

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### EPISCOPAL

8:00 a. m., Chapel 1156, 37th St.  
4:30 p. m., Chapel 902, 50th St.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Chapel 1156, Thursday, 8:00 p. m.  
Sunday, 9:00 a. m.

### LUTHERAN

Post Chapel, 52nd St., Sunday, 6:30 a. m.

### COLORED TROOPS

Chapel 513, 70th & Bd.  
Worship Services  
24th St. Theater, 10:00 a. m.  
Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.

### STOCKADE

2:00 P. M.  
ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass, Sunday  
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.

Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 8:00 a. m.  
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hdq., 9:00 a. m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a. m.  
37th St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.

162nd St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.

### NOVENA SERVICES

Sunday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.  
Monday, Chapel 1156, 6:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.

### MORNING WEEKDAY MASSES

Chapel 1156, Sat., Tues., 6:30 a. m.  
Chapel 176, Mon., Wed., Thur., 8:00 a. m.

### EVENING WEEKDAY MASSES

Chapel 176, Fri., Tues., 6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 1156, Thurs., Fri., Mon., 6:30 p. m.

### CONFSSION

Saturday as follows:

Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.

Chapel 1156, 37th St. West, 4-6 & 6:30-9 p. m.

Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 6-9 p. m.

JEWISH

Chapel 902, 50th & Hdq., Friday, 7:30 p. m.

Orthodox, followed by reform Service.

### LATTER DAY SAINTS

Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn., Sunday, 7:30 p. m.

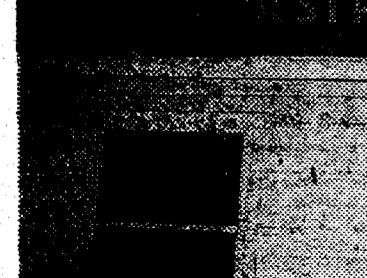
### Sgt. Jefferies Feted

Friends of S-Sgt. Clarence E. Jeffries of Rec. Co., 665th TD Bn. gave him a gala sendoff with a farewell party in Waco, Texas, Monday evening, February 7, 1944. Sgt. Jeffries received a Medical Discharge from the Army.

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## QUARTERS DESTROYER GROUP



**ACE HIGH**—Men in the 21st TD Gp. erected a large design of their group insignia on the top of their Hq building recently. T-4 Joseph C. Binder and T-5 Richard Jones help nail up the sign.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo



**FIRST HAND STORY**—Adding emphasis to their orientation lecture, men in the 657th TD Bn. heard Pvt. H. L. Holt, veteran of the Casablanca landings and now at McCloskey Hospital, tell of battle actions. With Holt, left, are S-Sgt. Doyle B. Hendricks and T-5 Thomas Marvin, both of Co. B. (Story below).

The men of Co. "B", 657th TD Bn. were given a first hand account of battle conditions when Pvt. H. L. Holt, North African veteran from McCloskey Hospital, spoke to the Company in the day room during an Orientation period last Wednesday.

Pvt. Holt served with the 15th Inf., 3rd Div. and the 39th Inf., 9th Div. He was among the troops who made the initial invasion of Africa, and saw action in the Casablanca, Bizerte, Tunisian and French Morocco engagements. He brought out very forcefully to the men the value of continuous, serious training in all phases of warfare used by the branch in which they served, stating that always in the period that followed actual battles his unit would continue strenuous close order drill and maneuvers and other phases of training.

#### Learned To Dig In

Pvt. Holt told the men of Company "B" many amusing and many serious experiences he had

while overseas. He stated that a soldier very quickly learns to "dig in"—to dig himself a fox hole for his protection, and to use everything he had previously learned in training.

Among the many questions asked of Pvt. Holt by the men was the value of money to which he replied "a can of C rations can buy more than a hundred dollar bill"—Private Holt stated that he had paid as high as \$10.00 for a package of cigarettes. Money loses its value, he stated, where there's nothing to spend it on.

#### Nazis Fear Bayonet

As to the abilities of the German soldier, Pvt. Holt stated that the American soldier was superior in practically every phase of fighting, and particularly in close, hand to hand fighting. He said the German soldier could not face the cold steel of American bayonets, and that a bayonet charge by Americans was invariably successful.

## Headline Review

The worst news of the week for the Nazis was from Finland. The fact that the Germans were sending high ranking transport officers into Finland indicated that they were planning to move their troops out.

At the same time the Finnish legation in Stockholm revealed that Juhu Paasikivi, former Finnish cabinet minister, had been conferring with Mme. Alexandra Kollontay, Russian minister to Sweden, and practically admitted that direct negotiations were under way for a peace settlement between Russia and Finland.

#### In the Wind

Indications of this move have been humming along the diplomatic rumor wire for weeks—just recently Finland's foreign minister asked the American chargé d'affaires what our attitude would be if German troops were moved out of Finland. The Secretary of State replied in effect—as have spokesmen for all the Allies—that we would maintain our position with Russia in demanding unconditional surrender of all Axis satellites. Finland's part in the war has not always been as ingenuous as she would have it appear; and her alignment with Germany has unquestionably strengthened the Nazis.

#### Outflanks Japs

American and New Zealand troops captured the Green Islands, isolating 22,000 Japs troops in the Solomon Islands and drawing tighter the net around Rabaul. This outflanks the enemy on Bougainville, Buka, and Choiseul, and brings our forces within 120 miles of Rabaul, crumbling center of the Jap southern defenses.

#### Bomb Monastery

For the first time Allied bombers deliberately set their sights on a religious monument, when early this week American planes blasted Nazis out of their hiding place behind the thick walls of the Benedictine monastery on Mt. Cassino in Italy.

The Allied high command announced that the German army was installed on the grounds of the papal palace at Castel Gandolfo, and that if they remained, our airmen would not spare the property.

British and American bombers have set up a pattern of around-the-clock bombing of German forces threatening our beachhead near Rome. The weather has turned slightly fair, giving our air force a somewhat better chance.

The Germans have been charging the beachhead in hysterical waves, crawling over their own dead as the Allied troops mowed them down.

The lines at the beachhead remain substantially as they have been—somewhat to the credit of the Allies, as the Germans have been attacking recklessly, and losing large numbers of men.

Secretary of the Navy Knox announced that the Allies are strengthening their blockade lines around Europe and Asia, which weakens the lines of communication between the Germans and the Japs. Part of his announcement stated that the Spanish government has been slipping war material to the Nazis by way of

## New TD Part In Hot Spot Below Rome

Much of the credit for success of the Allies in the bitter fighting on the beachhead south of Rome is given Ground Force troops, and a large share to TDs, with the 5th Army.

A radio report last Sunday featured an interview with a TD officer who had been seeing action in that sector. It was a vivid story of the ways in which TDs have been employing their destroyers and bazookas and smashing Nazi counterattacks in the area. Stress has been given to the reports of hand-to-hand fighting.

An infantry officer, according to the War Department, told of an incident at Biscari Airport. "A German officer tried to capture my bazooka man, but the latter gave the enemy officer an upper-cut and then killed him with his helmet."

#### Taking Every Job

Although the Germans have been massing crack troops to drive the Americans into the sea, many battle front reports in newspapers and on the radio, in magazine articles, and in first-hand surveys made by staff officers, emphasize one dramatic fact—TDs are taking every opportunity to use their fire power to smash the Nazis at every turn.

As the Germans retreat, they have continued to set booby traps. War Department releases told of a German Lugar pistol which was "booby trapped" on a table. A new replacement picked it up. Two were killed and 14 were injured in the resulting explosion. The First Division reported a Lugar pistol was laying on the ground, in Tunisia. An American Infantry Lieutenant carefully tied a long cord to it and then getting into a hole, pulled it to him and put it in his pocket. Later in the day while examining the pistol, he attempted to remove the magazine. The explosion killed the Lieutenant.

Since the release by the Army and the Navy of the atrocities by the Japanese, GIs are finding out another side in the make-up of Jap Army men.

There are too many of these atrocities for any soldier to regard them with suspicion. This is all part of knowing the enemy.



**CAMP HOOD SIGNAL CORPS PHOTO** ALL FRONTS—T-Sgt. Edwin Loftness, intelligence sergeant, and Pfc. John Allan, draftsman, working on maps of all fronts, kept daily in accordance with changes in all theaters of action, as part of the orientation program of the 603rd TD Bn. In addition to newspaper clipping, the picture and biography of the outstanding "Commander of The Week" is posted.

## Former Top Guitarist Featured In 663rd TD Bn. Entertainment, Shows

Being in the Army hasn't kept outfit and for other entertainment in camp. Albini used to play with Teddy Powell and was an NBC staff musician.

While in high school in New York, Albini started arranging music and playing with his high school band, of which he was also the leader. He was "discovered" by Allen Ruess, Benny Goodman's guitarist who arranged to have Albini study with him.

Along the way, Albini also played duets with Jack Hotop, who is now assisting Eddie Peabody, the famous banjo player, at the Great Lakes Naval Station. Just before he came into the Army Nick had a chance to play with Shep Fields' Orchestra.

As a star entertainer in the battalion and for other groups of men, Albini still finds spare time to compose and make plans for that big band he's going to have after the war is over.



**ROUGH GOING**—The Germans, fighting defensively in Italy, have had a big advantage in the mountainous terrain. But they have not only taken advantage of the natural obstacles, including treacherously muddy mountain roads, they have not hesitated to hide behind religious monuments such as the famed Benedictine monastery atop Cassino (arrow in picture points to it.) When the Germans refused to remove their installations from behind the monastery walls, the Allies for the first time bombed religious property. The city of Cassino, the center of some of the bitterest fighting in Italy, is circled. In the foreground is Mt. Trocchio, and in the extreme background is Mt. Cairo. The Allies' road to Rome is to the left.

# Nazis' Tricks Taught Bitter Lesson To TD Lt. In Africa

By Lts. L. R. Barnhill  
and D. G. Merritt

Use of captured material by Nazis to give Allied troops a false sense of security and cause them to reveal their positions is explained by 1st. T. H. Eskridge, former reconnaissance platoon leader with the 601st TD Bn. in Tunisia.

Lt. Eskridge says advisedly: "Watch the Germans closely for

## Raised \$7,500 In War Bond Rally

Civilians in the Post Engineers at the north camp sold \$7,500,000 in War Bonds in a rally recently for the Fourth War Loan Drive.

Mr. Robert Redding was the high buyer with a purchase of \$1,350.

The rally was in charge of Mrs. Gladys Graham, bond clerk.

## Army Gives Him Chance To Try New Skilled Job

Pvt. Nicholas DiAngelo of the TDS athletic office is proving that perseverance and ambition are not hampered by the Army. On the contrary, DiAngelo proves that initiative and ingenuity pays good dividends.

DiAngelo may be found daily rolling the tennis courts, repairing sections of the obstacle course, or out on the athletic fields doing whatever laboring jobs are necessary to keep things in shape. Yet, from the Army he has been learning another trade. He's going to be a film projectionist.

DiAngelo learned how in the booth of the 24th Street Theater, then he became a substitute projectionist, and, while working on the job at night, has been steadily reading up on this subject.

## Zone Numbers Assure Better Mail Delivery

The delivery of mail will be greatly expedited in larger cities if the zone number is included in the address, the camp post office announced. From eight to 24 hours can be saved.

The zone number should be placed immediately after the city. For example: Trenton 8, N. J.

## Quiz Answers

1. No. He must serve 30 days in a foreign war theater to be entitled to the ribbon.

2. No. The Third War Loan was for 15 billion dollars.

3. The Hills are named for their height, either in feet or meters, usually the latter in Europe.

4. At the conclusion of her current basketball season, Camp Grant, Illinois, will suspend all sports, due to the stepped up race of the war at all fronts.

5. All meats going overseas are shipped in boneless form to conserve shipping space.

6. The 45,000-ton battleship, Missouri.

tricks. They don't play the game according to any rules we know. Every deception is encountered and the Nazis are always ready to take advantage of the unwary.

Now at the TD School to observe TD instruction here, the lieutenant is attached to the Armored Force School as an instructor in tank destroyer tactics.

### Ruse Worked

An experience of Lt. Eskridge, in which he was wounded, points out one instance in which a ruse employed by the Nazis was successful.

"I was taking my reconnaissance platoon out to set up an observation post," he indicates, "on a hill known to be close to enemy territory. We approached cautiously, hiding behind the crest of another ridge to watch for a sign of enemy activity.

"There was much activity between us and our proposed OP location, but we couldn't tell what the forces were. We saw a black sedan, an American 3-4-ton, and an American half-track, and a group of men wearing what looked like GI overcoats. The soldiers walked about their exposed position unconcernedly as if they were hundreds of miles from any fighting. A tank, partly camouflaged and but half visible, was unidentifiable.

### Troops Seemed Friendly

"With our vehicles in defile, we lay on the hillcrest for almost an hour and still couldn't identify the troops as friendly or American. I decided to take a chance and called a jeep up to our position, then signalled a half-track to come forward. The half-track driver didn't stop as he should have, but veered off to the left and continued on over the ridge, with me after him.

"I tried to stop him, but was too late. Just as we went over the top of the hill the tank we hadn't been able to identify turned around. There was a puff of smoke and only then did I know for sure it was an enemy vehicle. Just before I hit the ground I saw a black speck in the air between the tank and me and to this day I believe it was the shell which wiped out the half-track and crew and ended my career in Tunisia.

"Hindsight is always better than foresight, and I have thought many times since then that this would have been an excellent opportunity for dismounted reconnaissance.

"I am convinced," concluded Lt. Eskridge, "that if time will allow, dismounted reconnaissance is the best. It should be practiced constantly in training and then utilized in combat."

## 661st Wins Tough One

It took the Unit and Special Staff of the 661st TD Bn. two overtime periods to defeat the Co. A, 661st officers quintet, 27 to 25 last week in a hotly contested game at the field house.

Lt. Beutelman was high point man for the Staff quintet, with 15 points, while Lt. McFarland tallied eight points to pace the losers.

In honor of the patroness of women in leap year, a Sadie Hawkins Ball will be given at the Temple USO next Wednesday evening.

## Coast Guard Appointments Now Open To EM

The Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., is offering cadetships to all enlisted men.

The Coast Guard Academy is similar to West Point and Annapolis. The three year course, which is basically scientific, leads to a Bachelor of Science Degree in engineering and a commission in the regular coast guard.

Appointments to the Academy are made on the basis of examinations held May 10 and 11.

All enlisted men under 22 who wish to apply, should write a letter to the Commandant, United States Coast Guard, through channels. Those who get an appointment will be discharged from the Army to attend the academy.

Any further information may be obtained from your company commander.

## Has Top Score With Carbine .30

Firing what is believed to be a record-smashing qualification percentage for the carbine, .30, Co. "C", 679th TD Bn., commanded by 1st. Lt. Donald F. Cameron, qualified 92.8 per cent of its men.

The excellent marksmanship of Pvt. J. T. Wrencher, who fired 197 out of a possible 200 points, was observed by 24th TD Group CO. Col. P. H. Ringsdorf. Pvt. Percy Redmond and Pvt. Clifford McElwaine were runners-up, each scoring 189.

Lt. Col. Jesse H. Turner, CO of the 679th TD Bn., commended the men of Co. C for having qualified 104 men out of the 112 who fired: Expert, 35; Sharpshooter, 18; and Marksmen, 51.

## Promotions, Fire Marks, Medals, War Bond Sales, Spur Co. A, 660th TD Bn.

Recent promotions announced in the 660th TD Bn. include: Elmer E. Sewasky and Edwin Hill, Co. A, to sergeant; Herman Botteon and Kenneth H. Brooks to corporal; Horace E. Hixon to T-4; and Stephen J. Baj, Tony Degard, Roosevelt Freeman, and Conrado Gonzales to private first class.

Along with the promotions, the men in the company were complimented on their indirect fire showing by the UTC officer in charge.

The following men have been recommended for the Good Conduct Medal: Sgt. Abe Mandel, T-4 Robert M. Snyder, Pfc Joseph A. Johnson, Pvt. Stanley Andur and Pvt. Conrado Gonzales.

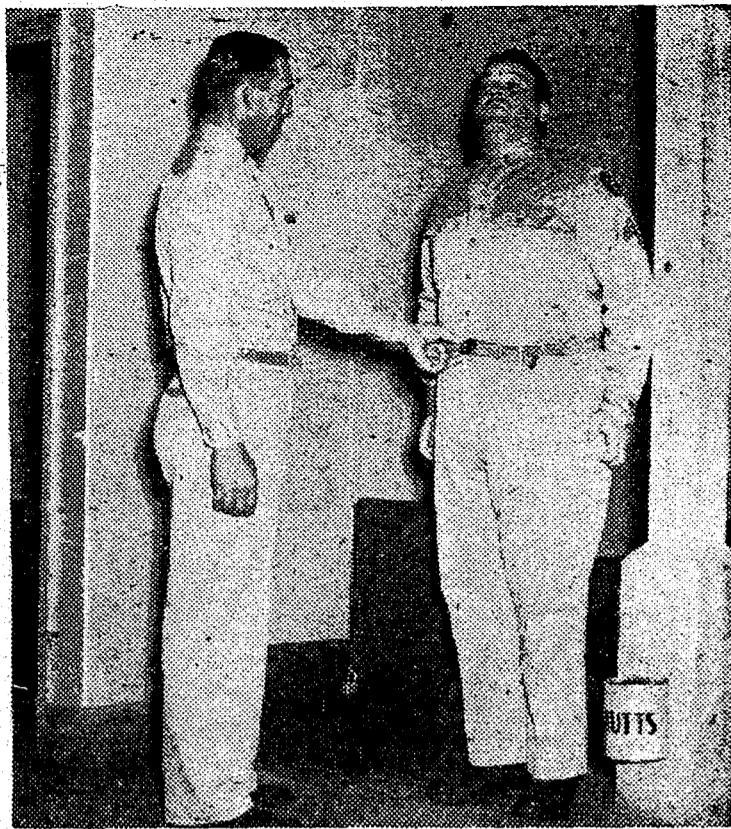
Co. A was, at the Panther deadline, leading the Battalion in the Fourth War Loan Drive.

## Open Sadie Hawkins Season — Dance, Chase At Temple USO

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## Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" R. H. I.P. (Rank Hinders Impromptu Propositions)

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**ACHES AND PAINS OF A PASS** ". . . It's a cinch . . . he won't find a thing wrong . . . I'm clean, the barracks is clean, the latrine's clean, the area's policed, and I am right now practically on pass . . . In my arms . . . in my . . . oh boy . . ." (Further suspense in the series of poignant vignettes posed by that lugubrious sophisticate S. Sgt. Sid Katz, OCS Regt.)

## Rebuilt NC Panthers Scorch Basketball Floors Despite Loss Of Key Men; College Stars Still Play

At the beginning of the current basketball season Lt. Henry Mahaley, coach of the North Camp Hood "Panthers", had two former All-Americans and many college stars dominating his basketball team. Several of the college stars are still around, but the two All-American stars, Pvt. W. D. Nash and Pvt. Jack Dodd, due to shipment of men have left the team. These two basketeers were the key men of the Panthers, both being former All-Americans and were ranked as two of the country's most outstanding cage men.

When Dodd and Nash left, along with several others, it appeared as though the Panthers would have to call quits, but not so. Lt. Mahaley issued a call for new players.

One by one new players started reporting for practice, and again the team hit its stride and today is considered one of the strongest service teams in Texas.

The Panthers current lineup boasts such stars as Lt. John Thompson, last year's captain of the Nebraska university team, who ranked third in individual scoring in the Big Six conference; Lt. Jim Martinez, who played at Oklahoma university when the team went to the semi-finals in the national basketball tournament last year; Sgt. Tom Warwick, a brilliant floor man and currently leading the Panthers in scoring, formerly of a Trenton, New Jersey, professional quintet. Warwick has been setting a terrific pace in the Waco USO loop, which the Panthers now lead.

Lt. Robert Sager, former Westminster College, Pa., who was chosen on several all-eastern teams, is a fine point-getter and floor man; PFC Elton Davis, who

was the outstanding freshman player at Oklahoma university last year, a great defensive man and a scoring threat from any point on the hardwood; Lt. Charles Grupp, a new-comer to the Panthers, formerly of the great Illinois university team. Lieutenant Charles Craig, of Clemson university, captain of that team and an All-Southern Conference player; Lt. Jack Mulhern, ex-Boston university star, who, prior to his Army status, played with the Boston Yankees. Lt. French, former Duke university courtman, a dangerous and very consistent goal-shooter.

And there you have it—the North Camp Hood Panthers, a team that seemed to be definitely doomed at an earlier date, but who today, under the superb leadership of their coach, Lt. Henry Mahaley, have fought through thick-and-thunder to rack up one of the best records ever recorded by a service quintet. The Panthers have won 17 and lost but two games, the setbacks coming at the hands of the Baylor ASTP and Waco Fliers cage teams.

## Curtailment Of ASTP Reported From W. D.

The ASTP is being tapered off, in all categories except medicine and dentistry, according to reports emanating from the War Dept. By April the current enrollment of 140,000 will be reduced to 125,000.

## Have Own PT Schedule

Co. B, 666th TD Bn. has been using a two hour session at the end of each day for a physical conditioning course, playing football and basketball.



**CAMP HOOD'S BOXING TEAM INVADES COWTOWN . . .** These are the men who are out to "bring back the bacon" for Camp Hood in the State Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, which opened last night in Fort Worth. Front row: Dominic Rondo, 655th TD Bn., who has acted as alternate for the team in its warmup session; Fred DeResi, 564th Ord. Co., lightweight hope; John D. Hoffman, 670th TD Bn., lightheavyweight; Claude Norris, 670th TD Bn., featherweight; and William DeFontes, 603rd TD Bn., bantamweight threat . . . Back row shows Lt. George Stautz, TDS, the team's director; Edward Zednik, 655th TD Bn., heavyweight; Max Kezick, 667th TD Bn., middleweight; John T. Brown, 665th TD Bn., the belting welterweight; and Pfc. Jimmy Fagan, the team's trainer.

## Hood Boxers Fighting In Ft. Worth Tourney

By PFC KEITH QUICK

They're up there trading punches now! Camp Hood's seven-man golden gloves boxing team, winners of the recent District fight program here, took off early this week to match blows with the best pugilists ever to be assembled at the Fort Worth State Golden Gloves tournament, where they opened their participation in the Lone Star's top winter sports event last night.

The Hood fight squad, which made the cowtown juant under the direction of Lt. George Stautz, of the Tank Destroyer School, and trainer, PFC Jimmy Fagan, all drew byes in the opening stanza of the State ring jubilee. Competition for the Stautzmen, in their various weight divisions, will be dished out by fighters from Camp Howze, Camp Wolters, Camp Bowie and Brownwood, Bryan Army Air Field, Grand Prairie Naval Base, Waco Army Air Field, and Dallas in their rounds to try and bring back State titles for the honor of this Army installation.

However, if the seven Hood men advance all the way to the quarter semi-final and finals, they will probably wind up fighting different ringmen from all points over the state, as practically every major city and military setup in Texas, from her Border-tip handshake with "old Meck-a-co" to the rattlesnake prairies of her Panhandle, is represented. It will be the eighth annual run of the State gloves program, which is being sponsored by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Winners of the Texas titles will journey to Chicago next month, with all expenses paid, to compete for the national honors.

### Seven-Man Team

Hood's ring glory at the State event will be riding on the flying mitts of seven stalwart men, who mowed down, in bloody style, all opposition that could be had in this sector of the Lone Star in last month's district tilts here.

Starting at the bottom weight entry, the flyweight class, Camp Hood will not be represented, since there were no entries in the 112-pound category. In the bantamweight circle, William DeFontes, 603rd TD Bn., will go after that crown, his opening opponent to be an aspirant from Camp Wolters. The featherweight Hood mittman, lithe, wiry Claude Norris, 670th TD Bn., will make his State debut against a Brownwood bat-

tler... Fred DeResi, the classy lightweight from the 564th Ord. Co., will match strokes with the best Bryan Army Air Field can supply in that particular weight class, while John T. Brown, 665th TD Bn. welterweight, will be out to kyo the entry from Grand Prairie Naval Base in the Welter circle.

### Tough Competition

All-American Max Kezick, 667th TD Bn. middleweight, opens war against a strong middle from the Waco Army Air Field, card. John D. Hoffman, double-tough light-heavyweight from the 670th TD Bn., will perhaps have the toughest assignment of his career, when he climbs through the ropes to do battle with one of Dallas' top-flight lightheavy candidates, while big Eddie Zednik, of the 665th TD Bn., a powerful Hood heavyweight, will make his initial bow against the best "big man" Camp Howze has sent to the State tourney.

The Camp Hood fight team opened battle last night at the State event, and will be in there again Friday and Saturday nights. Should the fighters, all or some of them win down to this point they will then lay over Sunday and rest for the semi-finals and finals, which will be run off next Monday night, February 21.

The Panther will carry a complete story in next week's edition as to the outcome of the Hood battlers at the Fort Worth tournament.

### Former Ring Champion Now With TD School

Latest addition to the roster of fistic champions in TD school, it was revealed when Golden Gloves tourney results were being discussed recently, is Lt. Brady Chapman, graduate of the first OCS class here. Lt. Chapman, as a staff sergeant in the regular Army, held the middleweight title of the Hawaiian islands in 1926-27, and almost a decade later was king of the lightheavies at Fort Sill, Okla.

### TDS Gridmen Leave

Cpl. John Scroggins and Pfc. Virgil Grenhagen who were both attached to the OCS Regiment, HQ and Serv. Co., and grid team last fall will not be available when grid practice starts again this spring. They have received new assignments.

## Tight Race For 1st Place In Tourney

Camp Hood's round-robin basketball tournament is nearing its final stages, with three teams, the 672nd, TD Bn., 665th TD Bn., and Co. A, 667th TD Bn. quintets still owning unblemished records in tournament play.

Circuit No. 1 has dwindled to only three teams, with the Student Regt. five appearing to be the strongest aggregation in that league.

The Group II title will undoubtedly rest between one of two teams, the 656th TD Bn. or 657th TD Bn. cagers, while Group No. 3 seems to be practically in the bag for the fast-stepping 672nd TD Bn. quintet, who has five wins against no defeats.

Group No. 4 is seeing perhaps the closest of all races for individual group titles, with three teams owning a good chance to grab the playoff and championship spot.

Tonight the teams from groups 1 and 2 will swing into the tournament's sixth round of play, while tomorrow night, Friday, teams from groups 3 and 4 will conclude the sixth stanza. This will leave all teams set to enter the seventh and final round of the round-robin event, which will go into its final games next week, with the playoff between the four group champions to follow the week of February 28 to March 3.

### Basketball Standings

Group I	W	L	Pct.
Student Regt. ....	4	1	.800
264th FA Bn. ....	2	2	.600
310th Ord. "A" ....	1	3	.250
Group II	W	L	Pct.
657th TD Bn. ....	4	1	1.000
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660th TD Bn. ....	3	2	.600
OCS Regt. ....	1	2	.333
658th TD Bn. ....	1	3	.250
Group III	W	L	Pct.
672nd TD Bn. ....	5	0	1.000
Co. A, 667th TD Bn. ....	2	0	1.000
564th TD Bn. ....	4	1	.800
Academic Regt. ....	3	2	.600
663rd TD Bn. ....	2	2	.500
308th Ord. Co. ....	1	1	.500
667th TD Bn. ....	1	1	.500
662nd TD Bn. ....	1	4	.200
Group IV	W	L	Pct.
665th TD Bn. ....	4	0	1.000
310th Ord. "B" ....	4	1	.800
90th MRU ....	4	1	.800
Co. D, Acad. Regt. ....	2	1	.667
22nd TD Gp. ....	2	3	.400
Post Ord. ....	1	3	.250
658th TD Bn. ....	1	4	.200
668th TD Bn. ....	1	4	.200

### RTC In March Of Dimes

Trainees and cadre of the TD RTC contributed \$546.50 worth of dimes to the March of Dimes campaign during a one-day collection for the National Infantile Paralysis Fund last week.



With Pfc. Keith Quick

**Around The Calendar:** Today, this corner cannot resist feeling a bit proud. It's anniversary day! One year ago, today, "on the ball" rolled off the press "for the first time." In that span of 12 months, we've taken great pride in sports scribing for this Army installation. To the many fellows still here, and to those long ago sailed out, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the splendid cooperation they've given us in making this section of the paper possible, through their athletic activities and achievements so superbly gathered during their stay in this military setup. And to the thousands of fellows who have been kind enough to read our sports flow, many of whom are playing a bigger and more important game now, we say—thanks a million, fellows! Without you as subjects, readers and fans, we would have had no strength or inspiration. Thus, we dedicate, today, and all the time left for us to know this capacity, a steady and unblushed stream of congratulations to both old and new athletes whose exploits have been ours only in words. What another year will bring—we dare not say—but if the position we play means anything toward Victory—let us, through Him, continue to know the strength and pleasure of doing this job to the very best of our ability . . . **Track and Field**, one of the nation's most outstanding competitive sports, is destined to take over pretty soon in Camp Hood. Already the ground-site has been pointed out for the cinder circle's birth, which is understood to be a quarter-mile cut. Through Capt. Leslie Wood, athletic officer at TDS, Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, Lt. Henry Mahley, of North Camp, and several other camp athletic moguls, the new sport is expected to take hold and be as popular as any of the other sports now on the camp's menu, of which baseball, football and basketball have come to be extreme favorites. Incidentally, Lt. Mahley, coach of the "Panthers" basketball team at NC, announces that he has a couple of ex-college tracksters, one from Missouri, who holds several conference records, which he feels would make a great play for Camp Hood at the coming Border Olympic games, to be staged at Laredo, Texas, beginning March 10. The Tank Destroyer School also has a number of cinder and field men among its personnel, and if things go well, Camp Hood will perhaps send a full track and field squad down next month for the 12th annual running of the Laredo Olympic event. Such would be a great boost for Hood sports, and if results prove satisfactory from a team going to the Laredo program—it would be well to enter said team in the Texas Relays, which are staged annually in Austin, Texas, in April . . . Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, wishes to thank all officers of units having men on the seven-man boxing team, now in Ft. Worth, for relinquishing the fighters their allotted time to participate in the State Golden Gloves tournament . . . and we know the boys will prove themselves worthy of their leaves, indeed.

## Panthers Defeat Blackland Five

Lt. Henry Mahley's pace-setting "Panthers" basketball team at North Camp just won't go down in defeat. Last Saturday evening, in a game played at Waco, the Panthers rode to a 58 to 43 victory over the Blackland Army Flying School cagers. The Mahleymen were on top, 31 to 27 at halftime, and were never headed the rest of the way, holding the Blackland outfit to a total of 16 points through the remainder of the game.

Leading point-makers for the Panthers were: Sgt. Tom Warwick, Pvt. Elton Davis and Lt. Bob Sager, who threw in 20, 16 and 12 points, respectively.

Lt. Mahley, coach of the North Campers, announced that the game with Camp Swift next Saturday evening at Camp Swift was definitely "on." It is a return game, the Panthers having turned back the Swift aggregation, 44 to

## No Fees Required For EM And WACS in Baylor Badminton Tournament

Enlisted personnel of Camp Hood desiring to compete in the 5th annual Baylor University Badminton Tournament, to be held in Waco, February 25 and 26, should keep in mind that there are to be no fees for entrance. Soldiers and Wacs will be admitted free.

Tournament tickets to all others will be fifty cents for students and one dollar for adults.

All entries must be received by the Waco USO, sponsors of the event, by noon Friday, Feb. 21st.

### Double Entendre

Sgt. Ted Zebrowski, Co. D, 136th RTC Bn., became the father of twins Jan. 18. Mrs. Zebrowski gave birth in Brooklyn, N. Y.

41, in a game played at North Camp recently. A large crowd is expected to see the two service teams match baskets again come Saturday night in the return game at Swift.

## Mail Your 'Panther' Home!

