

GIVE A WAC A HORSE SHE CAN RIDE - Four Wacs from north camp take advantage of ARs which allow soldiers to wear "clothing appropriate to the game or sport" as they stopped for this photo while riding during off duty hours recently. These are the same soldiers who are working in north camp offices. Left to right, Pfc Betty Hale, Pfc Gene Gerst, T-5 Bert Barkhuff ,and T-5 Celeste Marren. More pics of these sporting wacs on page two.

To Play At Field House Wed. Night

The "Vicotry Parade of Spotlight Bands" will salute Camp Hood Wednesday night when Frankie Masters and his orchestra broadcast from the Field House the Special Service Office



PHYLLIS MYLES

informed by Charles B. Caughlin of the Temple Coca-Cola Rottling Co., spensoring the

The pre-broadcast part of the program will begin at 8 P. M.the band goes on the air from 8:30 to 8:55. After the broadcast the Masters crew will put on a show for the Field House audience until 9:30.

The program will be heard over KTEM, Temple, and 175 other Blue Network stations: in addition it will be shortwaved to all parts of the world.

Masters will share the vocalizing with Phyllis Myles.

The program will combine swing and sweet, with a variety of novelty numbers, including imitatons of other name bands.

Masters' programs are usually highlighted by fast paced showmanship—something he gained from years of vaudeville experi-

Frankie Masters Increasing Troop Needs Lead To Cut In ASTP

More than five million Americans-two-thirds of the U. S. has led the WD to recognize that Army-will be in service overseas by the end of 1944, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has

The Secretary's announcement the officer ond enlisted personnel of the Army had been ordered as the result of a re-study of troop requirements for the coming year.

. Best Men First

Under the new plan, U. S. soldiers stationed at home will be carefully reviewed. The best men will be sent overseas and their places at home assumed by civilians, new recruits, members of the WAC and soldiers who are either too old or not physically equipped to withstand the rigors of combat warfare.

As a part of this program, the Army plans to place on the inactive list commissioned officers who are over 38 years old and no longer needed for active duty. Preparing for this huge exodus of U. S. based troops, the Army already has closed many training camps.

L Overhead Reassigned

To carry out the overseas plan the W D has ordered that physically qualified men who have served more than 12 months at fixed stations or overhead activities in the U.S. be reassigned to units destined for service overseas. Enlisted men under 30 will go first, then those over 30 will be reassigned, in the order of their age, with the youngest first.

Reassignments to overseas units will not, however, apply to enlisted men who have served qualities of leadership which these abroad since Dec. 1, 1941, or to thousands of student seldiers posmen of "highly specialized skills" sess are used on assignments which cannot be utilized by any where they can function most efunit assigned to overseas duty.

which the Army is now suffering Selective Service cannot deliver personnel according to schedule. The Army is now short 200,000 men who should have been in uniform before the end of 1943 one WD official said. The increased followed disclosure by the W D tempo of offensive operations tothat major changes affecting both gether with the mounting casualties requiring immediate replacements in the field have created a situation which has necessitated drastic economies in the employment of personnel throughout the United States, and a decision to reduce the soldiers in college taking the ASTP from 145,000 to

Small Choice

After exhausting all other sources, it was determined that the type of trained military personnel needed could be obtained only by decreasing the number of combat units or by drawing from the man in ASTP training. It was decided that military necessity required that existing combat units be maintained.

The 35,000 remaining in the ASTP will be primarily those trainees taking advanced courses in medicine and denistry, or engineering, and will include 5,000 pre-induction students. The students withdrawn will be those already basically trained and on active duty.

Around 80,000 of the men to be transferred from ASTP will be assigned to the AGF, where the skills and capacity for leadership are now most needed. Most of the remainder will be assigned to other units destined for overseas service. The policy will be to make certain that the skills and the fectively.

UTC Discontinued; Gen. Gorder Takes Command Of RTC

ing activities designed to prepare its numerous forces for maneuver experience and subsequent battle assignments is reflected in the announcement from the Tank Destroyer Center that the training until recently. of tank destroyer battalions under its supervision has come to an end.

The Unit Training Center at Camp Hood was discontinued after nearly two years devoted to training tank destroyer battalions. UTC battalions remaining in camp pass to direct command of an army coros.

Mission Accomplished

The UTC was discontinued because its program actually has been completed and its "mission accomplished," TDC officers said. Tank destroyer hathalions needed for an army the size of the present American army already have been organized and processed by the Unit Training Center. That

The battalions which comprise the UTC remain at Camp Hood for continued training.

The headquarters staff of the Unit Training Center will be transferred to new assignments, many with the Tank Destroyer School and the Replacement Training Center, both of which maintain their old identities.

General Gorder Returns In line with the growing importance of the training of battle replacements, it was announced that Brig. Gen. A. O. Gorder has returned to Camp Hood and has assumed the command of the Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood.

General Gorder was the original G-4 (supply) officer of the Tank

Our Allies In First War Noted In Name Of TD

The men of "C Co., 663rd TD Bn. have in their midst a walk- charged with the training of tank ing League of Nations, namely destroyer battalions. It was orone Pfc. Warfeige A. Charles of ganized by and for a year and a Norristown, Penn.

him on the day of his birth, Sept. 21, by a proud father who, unable to go to the wars, sought to appease himself by naming his the spring of 1942 before the son in the following manner;

The first two letters of his name, WA, are for Wilson of America; the next two, R-F, for Raymond of France; the succeeding two, E-I, are for Emanuel of Italy: and lastly G-E for George of England.

The combined letters of his first name give us the Allies of World War I. He was given the middle name of "Allies", thereby completing the patriotic obligation of ter. the sincere parent-"WARFEIGE ALLIES CHARLES".

128th Tng. Bn. Wins Mess Honor

The spic and span WACs at North Camp's Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center yielded first place in messhall competition last week to the 128th TDTB, after hanging up a record of 12 first places in 15 weeks since the WAC Det. was formed in the RTC.

The army's progress toward Destroyer Center and later comcompletion of its far-flung train- manded the training Brigade at Camp Hood before being assigned to organize a tank destroyer brigade headquarters. This headquarters was moved last spring and has been stationed in Tennessee

Géneral Gorder succeeds Col. Christian Hildebrand, RTC executive officer, who has been acting commander of the replacement center since the departure of Brig. Gen. W. A. Dumas.

Brigade Transferred to School In this week's changes at the Tank Destroyer Center, the Tank Destroyer School under Brig. Gen.



Brig. Gen. A. O. Gorder

Hugh T. Mayberry is considerably enlarged by the transfer of the school troops in the Training Brigade to the school.

Henceforth, the school troops will be a part of the school instead of being a separate organization of the TDC.

The 52nd ordnance group, which includes one of the largest ordnance maintenance and training set-ups in the Army Ground Forces, remains unaffected by the change, as do many other separate units at Camp.

The Unit Training Center was organized within a few weeks after the Tank Deströyer Center was created, as the headquarters The name Warfeige was given Brig. Gen. Richard G. Tindall.

Training At Increased Tempe The UTC began training battalions on the camp reservations in Camp Hood cantonment was constructed.

When General Tindall was transferred by the war department. Col. Thomas J. Heavey commanded the UTC, and he, in turn. was succeeded several weeks ago by Col. E. W. Bacon.

Training of replacements and instruction for officers and specialists continue at an increased tempo at the Tank Destroyer Cen-

Epitaph For A Black Goat

Professor is dead. Professor. a tiny black goat, gave great promise of being an unusual mascot for the TD School's Stud. Regt. baseball nine, however, despite lavish care, Professor succumbed. He didn't even get to go out to practice, since the spring training schedule has been held up, due to bad weather.

Sergeant Finds WAC Role--Job Means Play And Work

By SGT. PATRICIA DUKE 1848th WAC Sect. North Camp Hood

The 21st of February will mark one year of active duty with the women's army for me. Time has sped past on winged feet. It seems as if I have always been in the Army, though. I was working in an ammunition plant when I enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. People asked me why I was joining the Service when I was filling such a good job on the "home-front"; my job was to inspect shells we made for the Navy. My answer to them then is the same as today: "I think the Women's Army Corps is the grandest gesture American women have ever made toward helping their men win a war." True enough, there are jobs at home I could be doing; but there ar e married women with children who cannot leave their homes who can fill these jobs.

I shall never forget my basic training, nor shall I forget my first impression of Fort Des Moines. Those first few weeks were hectic but wonderful. In civilian life I have paid as much as \$89.50 for a suit; but I was never as proud of any civilian dress as I was the day I was issued my WAAC uniform. I can't express the feeling.

Was Helped Along

Two weeks after I entered basic, our platoon sergeant was transferred and I was made acting platoon sergeant. I was scared to death, but my buddies came through and when I made mistikes, which were many, they kept straight faces and ignored them.

Imagine my surprise upon finishing basic and receiving my order, to find I was coming to Texas, My home. I was delighted of course to be within one day of home, which is Vernon, Texas, and only a few hours from Fort Worth, the town I was working in when I entered the Service. When we arrived in Camp Hood I was assigned as acting platoon sergeant, although I was still an auxiliary, with seventy - five WAACs in my plateon.

My duties were to drill the girls, see that they were dressed correctly at all times, that they kept their barracks spotless, to help keep up their morale, etc.

On June 11, 1943, I received my Corporal rating, which made me very happy.

Had One Cook

The latter part of June I was sent to North Camp Hood with forty girls, all members of the 1848th Service Unit, who were to work in the telephone and telegraph section. We lived in a with the WAAC Det., TD RTC. I had one cook who worked in their

The Wolf



PLAY AND WORK-The same Wacs who were shown horseback riding on page one are seen top right, knocking the pins at a nearby bowling alley. bottom right, at work in a north camp office. Above, T-5 Bert Barkhuff takes a high swing at the shuttle on the badminton courts. The Wacs are assigned to both the 1848th unit at the north camp and to the TD RTC WAC Unit.

months, although the weather was hot, to go on swimming parties into Gatesville. Almost every company in North Camp invited the WAACs to chicken dinners and parties.

Understand, we didn't play all the time. We worked hard; but hours when the girls were off duty, I encouraged them to find relaxation. I've never met a harder working bunch of girls, or a more congenial bunch. Each one does her job well.

On September 1, when we were actually taken into the Army and became the WAC, dropping the Auxiliary from our title, I was promoted to Sergeant. They tell me I've been recommended for Staff Sergeant, too.

During recent months we have had WACs join us who work in dental clinics, libraries, one is a Chaplain's Assistant, and various other jobs. I have received letters from three members of the original platoon, who are now in North Africa in telegraphic work. barracks of our own, but messed Theyp are very happy in their over-seas duty, but miss the gang of girls and boys they left in Camp Hood.

by Sansone

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Commanding Officer. She is a friend to each member of the company, and has won the admiration and respect of us all. . .

My duties now consist of being acting First Sergeant; supply sergeant; mail clerk, and company clerk. I like my duties; as I have always liked to work with people.

Would I like to go home? Yes; so would every other man and woman in the Service. But I could never be happy at home with the job to do that has to be done. So, until the war is over, I'll be right on the job, doing whatever kind of work Uncle Sam thinks I'm best qualified to do. We all had our chance to "get out," as they sal; but I couldn't see myself quitting. I have one brother in the Service, one brother-inlaw, and several nephews and cousins. If they can take it, so can I. Some of them will not be coming back. My cousin, Alton Watkin's, plane was shot down by the Japanese; when he bailed out he was riddled with bullets. Its things like that, that makes each member of the WAC organization determined to see this thing

Moment Of Truth Is Recommended By TDS Library

Recommended reading by the TDS library for TDS who want a broad, overall picture of what has been happening in Germany since the middle of the 18th century, is "Moment of Truth" by Colonel Charles Sweeny. This is one of the late additions to the TDS lib-

Continental Europe as a background on which armies of the Axis operate is discussed, and a study is made of the German saiff, which is blamed as a group for much of Europe and the world's suffering, in the past and at pres-

Co. D, 136 TDTB Make Top Score

When the men of Co. D, 136th TDTB went on the carbine range recently, they set a record which may be equalled, but will never be beaten. The company qualified 100 per cent.

Of the 176 men who qualified, 48 made expert in the shooting. The company is commanded by Capt. N. Nash.

First Camp Contributor Starts Red Cross Drive

The first contribution to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund, made landed in mud and water almost by a soldier at Camp Hood was up to his neck. The mud was so received on Jan. 6th, 1944 from sticky he was mired completely T-4 Theodore A. Stockmanter, and had to call for help to get Troop A, 106th Cavalry.

On that date T-4 Stockmaster and laid down \$5.00 stating that 1944.

Enter Fox Holes TDS Man Finds At Own Risk

TD men are getting ready for anything, anyplace, if reports from Cpl. Alta Howell of the TDS are considered. Howell thinks that since mud, water and foxholes are similar the world over, he's made acquaintance with them, and knows what rough going is.

Recently, when he went through the Brookhaven Battle Conditioning course, Howell jumped into a foxhole to avoid concussion from a nearby blast. He didn't have time to look before he leaped and

walked into the Red Cross office he desired to renew his memberat Station Hospital, Camp Hood, ship in Red Cross for the year



"Look at the guitar—only three strings!"



Drive For More War Need Funds

Approximately 90 per cent of the \$200,000,000 War Fund goal for 1944 is ear marked for services to the armed forces, George H. Hyde Red Cross Field Director, said today. Men at Camp Hood will share directly in the benefits of this fund whether in the United States or overseas

Already the Red Cross at Camp Hood has had an opportunity to serve nearly 30,000 service men and women and assist them in Attu engagement, and have been emergencies. This does not include the many individuals who have enjoyed the entertainment and recreation facilities provided at the Station hospitals, or who have asked for information which could be given off hand and would not be considered important enough to be recorded, said Hyde.

Hood Men Shared Camp Hood soldiers have been among the 1.000.000 who have shared loans and grants from the Red Cross of approximately \$33,-000,000. About one-half of these loans have been repaid and further payments are being made. It is estimated that \$3,500,000 will be needed to cover emergency expenses of service men who already have such havy obligations that repayment will not be asked.

Varied Service

In the past year, stated Mr. Hyde, Camp Hood Red Cross officers have sent and received 40 .-000 telegrams, verifying death or illness at home, requesting welfare reports, transmitting funds, locating missing relatives, and provided other information and assistance of emergency nature. During this same period over 46,-600 letters have been exchanged with the Red Cross Chapters, military authorities, or solders. Many men have received the assistance of Red Cross in gathering information to sustain their requests for family allotments and in reverse many soldiers have been contacted at the request of Red Cross Chapters and advised of home conditions which could be improved by an allotment to parent, brother or sister.

666th TD Bn. Promotions

The following named men of Co. "A" 666th TD Bn. received promotion.

Those promoted to Sat.: Joseph Ahrens, Henry Huddleston, Alvin Joyce, Richard Merriman, and

To Col.: Leonard Nadler, Ollie Henderson, and Fred Leibner.

To T-5; Kenneth Hansen, Loenard Spieler, and Andrew Abfalder. Co. C promotions, to Pfc.: Ronald McClain, Robert Rushing, and Elmer Weatherford.

Red Cross Opens | Attu Fighters Tip TD School Mates

Cpl. Julio Guerra and PFC position with heedless hand and northern and southern extremities of the United States but in the past two and one half years have worked and fought and bled together in their country's service. Now they're in the same outfit, the Academic Regt of TDS and even have physiotherapy clinic appointments at the same hour.

These two lads. Mysliwski from Milwaukee, Wis., and Guerra from Laredo, Tex., were wounded in the awarded the Purple Heart. They were evacuated on the same ship and have spent the months since last June together at McCloskey Hospital. Temple, recuperating before being assigned to TDS.

They both served with the same outfit. Their companies won battle honors for their "outstanding performance of duty on the Aleutian island of Attu."

. Fierce Battle

The action was described as "one of the fiercest battles of the war in which the Japanese interlopers -under orders to defend the strategic North Pacific island to the last-were virtually annihiliated."

Mysliwski was wounded shortly before the operation of wiping out the Japs was completed. He was standing and looking out over the snow-covered, frost-bitten, mistobscured terrain through a pair of binoculars. A mortar shell exploded nearby, making a sieve of his helmet, tearing his right hand badly and knocking him uncon-

Almost miraculously his eyes were uninjured even though the binoculars were torn in two by the blast.

At about the same time. Guerra was taking out a patrol. Waving his men forward, Guerra was sighted by a Jap and was given a burst of machine gun fire which caught him in the left leg and right foot.

Both boys indicate that careless exposure to the extreme cold and wet caused as many casualties as enemy bullets and shells. Aithough at times they were made extremely uncomfortable by the intense cold these two men suffered no permanent ill effects from the weather.

Guerra, a squad leader, says that in controlling a patrol of the type he was leading into the teeth of the Japs, one should be very careful about exposing himself since a careless movement might mean a bad wound or even sudden

Jan Gunners Clever

"The Jap gunners," he says, "are clever enough to pick off any one who attracts attention to his

Richard Mysliwski come from the arm signals. In the open, with little cover, safety lies in keeping close to the ground and taking advantage of every tiny depression. Motions should be kept to a minimum.

"With the enemy dug in on the high places, hand and arm signals are seen by the enomy as well as by the persons for whom they are intended. They also reveal who is leading the party and naturally the enemy attempts to get the leader in hopes of disorganizing the rest of the patrol.

"In daytime, when the enemy knows you're there" he continued, and when there is noise all around, there's less danger in yelling to the other members of the patrol than there is if you attract the attention of everyone, friend and enemy, by waving your arms.

"Any movement is likely to bring down a sniper's bullet or a burst of machine gun fire. Remember, it takes but one bullet to put you out of commission. Don't risk getting that one bullet by unecessary movement," he con-

Pay, Records Section Aids Gls In RTC

The TD RTC has one highly important component that ticks along with the precision of a watch and the speed and volume of an assembly line

This unit is the pay and records section of the RTC personnel department, which recently received its third commendation for stacks of records almost without

The commendation was from the commanding general of an Army Ground Forces replacement depot, for superior records accompanying a shipment of several hundreds of replacements. In all the reams of paperwork only one error was found which could be blamed on the pay and records section, the general noted.

The 54 enlisted men and Wacs and six junior officers and warrant officers of the section took a brief breather while the commendation was read to them and then turned back to the line.

The records are received by an incoming section, which routes them to battalion sections, where they are combed, doubled-checked and rechecked before being sent to an outgoing section, which goes over them once again.

When a big shipment through, a mass outgoing section is set up and this is the unit which works on the assembly line technique around a long table.

Academic Regt. Quintet **Continues Fast Pace**

New names are noted in the roster of the successful Academic Regiment basketball team which has won nine of the eleven games played this season. Besides winning over various camp teams, the Academic Regiment hoopsters have defeated Gatesville High, McCloskey Hospital, and an Austin independent team. One of tehir losses was avenged in a second engagement with the 663rd

Goodheart, formerly with Drake university, Van Hekken, Grand Rapids High product; Horton of Hastings (Nebraska) college; Lamson of Bordentown, N. J.; Snizek of Nesquehoning, Pa.; and Hoover of Washington university are the team's mainstays.

WEDDING BELLS

On a recent furlough Pfc. Leon Welches, Co. C., 666th TD Bn., was married to Miss Pauline Elzey of Elwood, Indiana.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo RECEIVING COLORS—High spot of a formal review held recently by the 666th TD Bn. when Col. Frank Silliman, commanding officer of the 21st TD Gp., presented colors to the battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Walter S. Mullins. Pfc. Clarence C. Van Fleet, Hq. Co., 666th, receives the standard from Col. Silliman. The battalion is now with the 23rd TD Gp. .

Mop Mount For | Ren. Co., 668th Non-Coms In RTC Has High Scores

caught with mouths agape at RTC Carbine MI Course on the Gates-Headquarters in North Camp of ville Range. After the smoke had late, when detailed to the central cleared away and the holes in the offices as messengers.

Cause of the amazement is usually a brace of staff sergeants and maybe a T-4 or two, briskly of 160 or more and fifty markswielding mops and brooms during man with a score of 135, or more. the daily Headquarters cleanup. Hq. Co. privates, Pfc.'s and NCO's up to and including the grade of staff sergeant stage "mop mount" at Headquarters five evenings a week. New RTC policy dictates that henceforth training battal- ing; S-Sgt. N. J. Fitzgerald, 176; ions will not supply the usual Sgt. James Bariel, 182; Sgt. Leoncleanup details.

WAC personnel are not included on the daily cleanup roster but orderliness in their Hq. rest room.

Ex-Machine Gunner Now In 663rd TD Bn.

This is the second war for 1st Sgt. George G. Jones of Rcn. Co., 663rd TD Bn. Sgt. Jones was in charge of a machine gun section in World War I. He participated men of the Tank Destroyer in three major engagements Chateau Thierry, St. Michael, and Meuse-Argonne.

Three months were also spent on the defensive sector in France and he was in the army of occupation in Germany. He is authorized to wear two gold stripes.

Rcn. Co., 668th TD Bn. qualify-Appreciative trainees have been ing 91% of all men who fired the targets were plugged up there were ten experts with a score of 175 or more out of a possible 200; thirty sharpshooters with a score

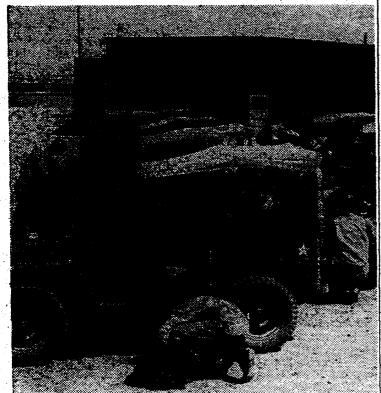
The shell-hole improvement gang reports there were less divots to be fixed after the company fired than for any other previous outfit.

Commendations go to the following experts for their fine shootard Bishop, 180; Sgt. Norman B. Gander, 185; T-5 John W. Roberts, 178; Pfc. Arthur K. Doll, the WACs are responsible for 178; Pfc. Carl D. Enlow, 176; Pfc. Martin Kries, 177; Pvt. William Carter, 185.

> The average score per man was 148, or 13 points above the needed score for qualification.

Sports Poll Being Held For TD School Men

Results of a poli taken among will have on the School athletic program in the future, according to announcements this week. Men were asked to indicate their preferences in sports. These preferences will be used in mapping out forthcoming activities.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo FUNDAMENTAL TRAINING-Men learn all the details of motor maintenance on these quarter-ton jeeps in one of the pools at the North Camp. This instruction insures proper handling and understanding of the vehicles.



162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters Pri.—Bridges of San Luls Rey. Sat.—Stagedoor Canteen. Sun.-Mon.—Tender Comrade. Tues.—Swingtime Johnny and Na-

Wed.-Thurs .- The Uninvited Hood Road and 24th St. Theaters Thurs.-Fri.—The Sullivans. Sat.—Swingtime Johnny and Na

Sun.-Mon.—Rationing.
Tues.—Bridge of San Luis Rey.
Wed.-Thurs.—Stagedoor Canteen.

Brigade Ave. Theater
Thurs.-Fri.—The Imposter.
Sat.-Sun.—The Sullvans.
Mon.—Swingtime Johnny and Na-Tues. - Wed .- Rationing.

Tues. Wed.—Rationing.
Thurs.—Bridge of San Luis Rey.
72nd St. Theater
Fri.-Sat.—Rationing.
Sun.—Bridge of San Luis Rey.
Mon.—Stagedoor Canteen.
Tues. Wed.—Tender Comrade.
Thurs.—Swingtime Johnny and Nalonga.

Ave "D" Theater Fri.—Phantom Lady,
Sat.—Frisco Kid.
Sun.-Mon.—In Our Time,
Tues.—Hey Rookie,
Wed.-Thurs.—The Sullivans.
18th and 15th 8t. Thesiers -Phantom Lady Fri.-Sat.-Broadway Rythmn.

Fri.-Sat.—Broadway Rythmn
Sun.-Mon.—The Imposter.
Trues.-Wed.—In Our Time.
Thurs.—Hey Rookie.
4th and 10th St. Theaters
Thurs.-Fri.—In Our Time.
Sat.—Hey Rookie.
Sun.-Mon.—Broadway Rhythmn.
Wed.—The Imposter.
Thurs.—Rationing.
37th St. Service Club
Thurs.—Dance, Girls from Temple.
and Cameron, Belton and McGregor.

and Cameron, Belton and McGregor.

Pri — Recordings, games.

Sat.— Show night.

Sun.—Open House, Temple High.

School class—afternoon movie, eve-

Mon.—Bingo, Tues.—Games, Music. Wed.—Sing-song.

The Hood Panther Panther

Published every week for the military personnel of Camp Hood, Texas, under supervision of the Special Service Office. News published in The Hood Panther is available for general release—Reproduction of credited matter prohibited without permission of Camp Newspaper Service, War Department, 205 E. 42nd St. New York City.

Distribution Free. Phone 2343

Editor Cpl. Norman Perlstein

Sports Editor PFC Keith Quick

Associate Editor Pvt. Wilfred Weiss

Footnotes For A Program

There is no greater insult than to give a person the impression that his tastes are crude, that he is inferior to others. Our army, so large that it represents all the kinds of American people, can not afford to have any one part of it insulted in this manner.

Because so many cultural and civic organizations have been kind in providing free entertainment for men in camps and overseas, we have to be careful in suggesting what our reaction has been to their programs. We have to avoid biting the hand that feeds us.

Yet lack of discrimination on our part can lead to equal laxness on the part of those who would entertain us. We must be treated as normal Americans with a clean sense of tastes. We know the difference between good and bad and have a right to express preference.

People In Uniform

In this war there has been no big change in the living habits TD Bn. - "I of the people in uniform. The Army recognizes this by arranging think they will training and indoctrination programs so that men are gradually be closer toaccustomed to military life. Most of us have not been and will not gether. They'll be professional military men. We have joined in a common fight have to be to against a vicious enemy of our way of living. We won't stop until get the peace our war is won.

From the maze of things that Americans say they are fighting the kind of to preserve, there are certain patterns which make us the envy peace that will of all the peoples of the world. We enjoy a culture and luxury and democracy better than any in the world. We have always prized -it looks like our pest chance better living and education. We want to win the war to make bet- of preventing another war, getting ter homes, to get better jobs, to make more progressive civic closer together, and staying that soldier of a free country reliable life-in short, to get back so that we can appreciate the finer way." qualities of American living.

Army Has All Types

The Army mixes men and women, officers and enlisted personnel from all sections of the country. That's the set up at Camp Hood. We represent all the levels of America. That's why we have definite ideas and feelings.

No person or group can assume that we, any part of us, represent low stratas of society. Hurting the Army hurts oneself in this war.

Unfortunately, many civilians act as if only the low forms of humor, only the cheap and hocus-pocus can amuse or entertain toward getting the kind of peace disobey. military people. Some comedians have the perverted idea that the that will hold and prevent another only way to get a laugh out of an Army audience is to make one war." filthy crack after another. These same amateurs forget that comedy is an art, that the different kinds of men and women in the Det., 1848 Unit. army today can appreciate higher types of entertainment. They -"I t h i n k forget that we have pride and have been accustomed to decent they'll be closer living, perhaps in some cases better than themselves.

None of this should indicate any puritanic complex on our part. We have seen the age of enlightment. We aren't prudes. have begun to But we do make a stand for treatment as adults, adults with some realize that degree of refinement.

'Army Entertainment'

Despite the hopeful pleas of the music masters and swing just fans, music is a catholic medium for GI consumption. Some of us war as they have during the war, like all types of music. As a respite from regular activity, music if we are to prevent another war." hath definite charms.

That's why we are lucky to have access to all kinds of music in camp. Those who prefer swing can find it; those who expect to hear classical music can hear it.

No One Fooled

That we know what we want and can tell the difference be- teenth Army, where would he go? tween clowning and real artistry is the point we want to make here. If musicians come to play for those who want to hear commissions in the Army after their music, they must realize that the audience will be voluntary, they had left the White House? that it came to hear a special program. The entertainers must 3. When a plane is referred to know that this audience, this military audience has taste, that it as a "homesick angel," what does resents any inferences which would make it necessary for the entertainers to play down to the audience.

The least that can be done for the men overseas now and shipped overseas to the Air Forces those who will go there, is that Americans at home should try since the beginning of the war? to build up all the "things we are fighting for." We have no 5. How many infantry cannon real ax to grind. We thank all who have helped us. But we must companies are there in the United insert a reminder, we must ask for fair treatment and respect States? for our sensitives. We demand that there be considerations for 6. How many of the 62,000 memour intelligence. We don't want cake ala mode when we're expect- bers of the WAC are now overing plain cake.

A Child Is Born

Ren. Co., 657th TD Bn.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Roy H. Hosley, Jr., announced the birth of a son, Richard Allen, at Chehalis, Wash.,

Announce Birth Of Son

Lt. and Mrs. Joseph H. Watson of Waco are parents of a son, per announce the birth of a son That the Medics were always David Rutland, born Saturday, at Scott and White Clinic in Peb. 8. Sgt. Hosley is in the Feb. 12. Lt. Watson is with Co. B, Temple. The boy has been chris-672nd TD Bn.



Considering the discussion by news commentators of the general, mutual, suspicion between countries after the last war, the Panther's polling reporter asked: WHEN THE WAR IS OVER, DO

YOU THINK THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WILL BE CLOSER TOGETHER OR FAR-THER APART?

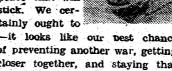
S-Sgt. Grant T. Bridges, Co. C. 661st TD Bn.-

"I'd guess closer together. I have an idea that everybody will realize by that time that one way of keeping the peace will be for the countries to get

together and cooperate. Surely the Allied countries will be closer together.'

Sgt. James Bradley, Co. B, 660th

settled, and get tainly ought to



Pfc. Louis Belle, Co. B, 614th

TD Bn. - "I think that by diplomatic make an army. moves the coun-

Sgt. Shirley Sansavere, WAC

together after the war. I bathey'll have to trust each oth-

er and work is closely together after the

1. If an Army officer were newly assigned to duty with the Four-

2. What two Presidents held

4. What has been the cash value

(Ans. Page Seven)

Announce Son's Birth

Pfc. and Mrs. William A. Kniptened Robert Arnold.



Drawing By Sgt. Stanley Farnham

Discipline For Free Soldiers

As has been said often, dis- from a corresponding spirit in the cipline is an important weapon— breast of the commander. but it is double edged. How much due to others cannot hope to inso has probably never been ex- spire in them regard for himself, pressed better than by Maj. Gen. while he who feels and hence John M. Schofield to the U.S. manifests disrespect towards oth-Corps of Cadets, Aug. 1879.

Gen. Schofield's remarks so impressed Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, CG Field Artillery School at Fort Sill-fermerly OG TDC-that he sent them to the editor of the Temple Telegram, a connoisseur of good expression:

"The discipline which makes the in battle is not to be gained by harsh and tyrannical treatment. On the contrary, such treatment call for them. is far more likely to destroy than

"It is possible to impart instructries can be tion and give commands in such a brought closer manner and in such a tone as to together, and I inspire in the soldier no feeling rope; 75, New Guinea, Italy and think they will but an intense desire to obey, get together. I while the opposite manner and think it would tone of voice cannot fail to excite be a big help strong resentment and a desire to

> "The one mode or the other of dealing with subordinates springs

Ode To Medics

We are the happy Medics Pillrollers as they say We follow our brave fighting men All through the night and day.

When the battle gets the hottest And our soldiers need our care We're always right beside him To do our deeds so fair.

And when the call is sounded For the litter bearers to their side It's the good old faithful Medics Who answer with their pride,

And when the soldiers' main eased

And his wounds are dressed with

He'll be placed upon a litter By stalwart hands who share His every joy, his every pain His every longing care.

And then they'll move him over And very soon he'll find He's in a clean white sheeted bed Way behind the line.

There'll be a gleaming bright Red Cross

Unfurled and flowing there For he's in the hands of Medies The boys who do and care.

And when the tide of battle

And victory's trumpets sound He'll thank his God above in

heaven

By T-Sgt. William L. Macklin, Med. Det.. Station Hospital

ers, especially his inferiors, can not fail to inspire hatred against himself."

Orientation Map Available To SSO

The camp morate office, located in Post Headquarters, has a supply of back issues of Army Orientation maps. These are available to any special service officers who

The main subjects of the maps and their quantities are: 25, Germany and France; 15, New Georgia; 56, South Pacific and Eu-Turkey; 175, Yugoslavia; 75, Europe; 75, Map of the world; 45, European breakflown; 20, Southern Italy; 25, Berlin; 40, Solomon Islands; 50, Air Offensive in Europe; 25, Burma and World; 100, Russian front; 3, Tarawa; 25, Italy and Bismark; 50, Eastern Front; 10, New Guinea, entire; 15, Dutch East Ind; 5, Rabaul; 30, Eastern Hemisphere; 25, French Indo-China and China; 40, Russian Front and Pacific.

Cpl. Davis Can Dream

Cpl. Jack H. Davis of the TDS headquarters is having a marvelous time on his West Coast furlough, according to the "e sent back to friends here. Davis wrote S-Sgt. Stanley Claves, enelosing the front page of the fictitious Hollywood Bulletin which proclaimed in two-inch-high headlines, "Cpl. Jack Davis Dates Lana Turner."

Ballad In Key Of G

This is the song of the GI muse,

Lumbering along in GI shoes. Sung to the music of a GI tune,

Under the GI Southern moon.

GI'm loaded with GI clothes. GI'm tired of GI hose, GI'm sick of GI issue, And, oh, my Darling, GI miss you.

GI long for a GI pass, Far from the duty of GI grass, GI'm tired of the GI whirls, With the usual crop of GI girls.

GI adore you, Darling mine, GI'm tired of this GI rhyme. But GI'm happy and I'll tell you why.

Our's is a love that's not GI. Opal R. Rumm



PROTESTANT Chapel 178, 164th & Brig. Chapel 639, 62nd & Brig. Chapel 639, 62nd & Brig. Chapel 902, 50th & Hq. Chapel 289, 170th & Brig. Chapel 2189, 37th St. East. Hospital, Red Cross Bidg.

Huspital, Red Clos Blog.

11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
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.
Chapel 115, 258th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
Chapel 2209, School Area.
Chapel 229, 170th & Brig.
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
WEEKDAY SERVICES Post Chapel, Thur., 1930. Chapel 902, Tues., 1830.

EPISCOPAL. 9:00 a. m., Chapel 1156, 37th St. 6:30 p. m., Chapel 902, 50th St. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Chapel 1156, Thursday, 8:00 p. unday, 9:00 a. m.

LITTERAN Post Chapel, 52nd St., Sunday, 6:30

COLORED TROOPS Chapel 513, 70th & Ba. Wership 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. Hospital, her Cruss Brog., 6:30 a. Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 6:00 a. Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq., 9:00 a. Wership Service, 10:00 a. m. 162nd St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.

NOVENA SERVICES Sunday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m. Taesday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m. MOZNING WEERDAY BASSES Chapel 176, Mon., Wed., Thur., 8:00

EVENING WEERDAY MASSES
Chapel 176, Fri., Thes., 6:30 p. m.
CONFESSION CONFESSION
Saturday as follows:
Escapital, Red Cress Bidg., 3-4 p. s.
Chapel 178, 164th & Brig., 6-9 p. m.
JEWISH
Chapel 902, 58th & Hq., Friday, 7:30

Orthodox, followed by reform Ser-

LATTER BAY SAINTS Chapel 639, 62nd & Bh., Sunday.

New Cage League Formed In North Comp RTC Area

A newly formed 15 team basketball league to include all RTC battalions and Hq. Co. along with the 441st and 493rd MPEG Co. and the 302nd Ordnance has started to function in North Camp. The league will run for the remainder of February and better part of March.

Proper Handling Will Give Chapel Longer Life To TD Motors

"Want to kayo the aim of that | Services hard-hitting 3" gun on your M10?"

monthly publication of the Tank-Automotive Center, Detroit, brings the M10 and M10A1. up an important maintenance point for all M10-equipped tank destrovers.

Waste Paper Is Vital War Need

Hundreds of thousands of items used by the armed forces ranging from blood plasma and field rations, to cartridges and field artillery ammuntion must be packed in paper products. Reprocessed waste paper is the best source of supply for packaging these items. Not less than eight million tons of salvaged waste paper will be required to meet the demands of the current year, and it is mandatory that every effort be made immediately to increase the supply of salvaged waste paper.

The armed forces will have to do their part toward attaining a one hundred per cent savings of all waste paper.

It should be realized that paper salvage is not a seasonal or temporary need, but a continual need.

Paper is so vital a war material that in Great Britain destruction of paper in any form has for several years been a penal offense.

Conduct Medals For Med San Co.

The following men of the 786th Med. San. Co. received Good Conduct medals:

1st. Sgt. Allen Neighbors, S-Sgt. Sherman D. Chinn, S-Sgt. Jessie Arterberry, S-Sgt. Obie Snyder, S-Sgt. Andrew H. Robinson. Sgt. Eugene Hillard, Sgt. Miles D. McCullough, Sgt. Charles G. Jones, T-4 John Dykes, T-4 James W. Abernathy, T-5 Alexander Williams, T-5 McKinley Woodard, T-5 Tem C. Riddick, T-5 George E. McKinney, Pfc. James E. Smith, Pfc. William L. Walton, Pfc. Sydney Newell, Pfc. John L. Young.

Pfc. Midas Woolfolk, Pvt. Virgie L. Anderson, Pvt. James Williams, Pvt. Dorfus Warren.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo MERITED REWARD-Plaques showing his company's records in battalion competition are satisfying to S-Sgt. Bernard J. Dolan, acting first sergeant of Rcn. Co., 667th TD Bn. The battalion won five out of six first places in the weekly inspection, a gratifying record for veteran TD Sgt. Dolan, who has been with TDs since they were organized. The contests have stimulated competition in the battalion, Co. B having won the spot for top barracks in this same week.

Army Motors tears into those GI 'Joe Dopes" who have dreamed This question, posed in the up the short-cut method of using January issue of Army Motors, the gun elevating mechanism as a device for tightening the track on

Watch Short-Cuts

Be on the watch for these goldbrick mechanics who hook up the idler-adjusting wrench to the gun barrel, then elevate the gun to tighten the track. This lazy man's method invariably results in the breakage of the bronze elevating nut, disabling the entire elevating mechanism.

One little piece of soft metal sheared off and umpteen thousands of dollars worth of equipment is useless as a tank destroyer.

The magazine article further states that this stunt is becoming so common that there is a serious shortage of the hard-to-get bronze nuts "which hardly ever break when they're doing the job they're supposed to do. That job is aiming shells at Nazis, not hoisting a wrench to take a load off your biceps."

Installing Springs

Another paragraph in this important maintenance publication warns that the front springs on many M6 and M8 Light Armored Cars and M20 Utility Armored Cars have been installed backwards.

The axle is not seated in the exact center of these springs when properly installed. Correctly, the front spring should be measured and the shorter end put to the front.

When incorrectly installed the springs do not give the proper support, the axle is moved back, and the drive shaft is forced back into the transfer case.

To avoid broken front springs, wheels out of alignment, and ruined transfer cases on the M6. M8, and M20, measure the front springs and see that they are properly installed—with the short end

Additions For The 672nd TD Bn

Latest "battalion" to be activated is claimed by "C. Q." mongrel mascot of Hq. Co., 672nd TD Bn. Seven various colored pups, born recently, have been named Hq., Rcn., A, B, C, Medics, and

Message center per usual claims credit for the "delivery," but Supply Sgt. Raymond E. Walton near whose warm-stove they first appeared asserts otherwise.

Veterans From McCloskey Visit TD Firing Ranges

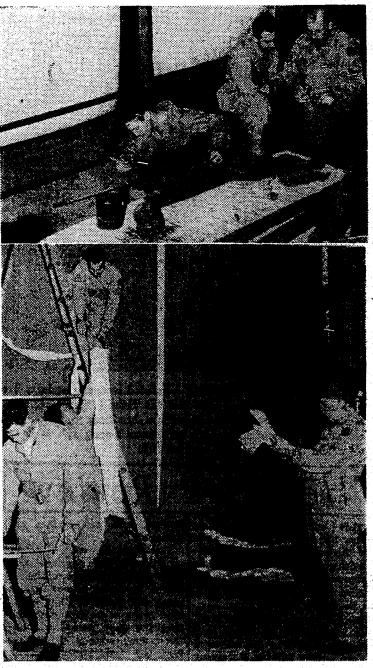
The group of World War II veterans who came to Camp Hood under selective service has an from McCloskey Hospital this eight figures number. The first uring ranges where TDs were in training, were in—if the number begins with 1, brought here by the Southwestern he enlisted; if it begins with 2, he Transit Bus lines, according to

It is the second time the Southwestern line has furnished free transportation for special camp events. The line assisted in the inducted under selective service-Fourth War Bond drive recently when a bus was provided to take more than 100 WACs to Temple for the dance and war bond rally given by the 664th TD Bn.

Recon. Co., 668th TD Bn. Ups Men In Grade

Promotions were made in Rcn. Co., 668th TD Bn. recently, the following men received ratings: Pvt. Austin J. Nerney promoted to T-4; Pvt. Clemons Cumbie to T-5; Pvt. John R. Koniewicz to T-5; Pvt. David A. Parent to T-5; Anthony J. Milano, Jr. to Cpl. and T-5 Julius L. Ruff to Cpl.

Most recent promotion in the Company is that of the Co. Mascot, Pfc. "Rollin' Recon.", himself to 1st-Sgt., making the biggest jump in his army career, he is being promoted to assist 1st. Sgt. "Anti-Tank" Brown and T-5 Welch in running the Orderly Room, wearing Top-kick stripes



FIXIN' TO HAVE FUN-"Club 14" will open for frolic again Saturday night when the Acd. Regt. gives another party. In these pictures some of the men-T-5 Donathan Norton, Sgt. August Percca, S-Sgt. John Slavenski, Sgt. M. Perreca, and T-5 William Renie—are turning a classroom into a night club. Members of the camp WAC contingent will be guests.

The Army Serial Number, It's The Same Wherever He May Go

GIs figure it's something to put cates the service command. on the ubiquitous dogtag, and the only time it's of any use is when a GI takes the last ten. Surprising to most cynical GIs, it has another use. The ASN was devised during the last war to avoid the confusion of same or similar

A GI's serial number is his for ver; it can never be assigned to anyone else. In fact, he carries it from war to war-for instance, a man who served in the last one got the same ASN when he came back for this encore.

In addition to identification, the number tells the legend of a GI's service entry. A GI who came in digit indicates how the GI came was National Guard; if it begins the Camp Public Relations Office. with 3, he was inducted through the draft.

The second digit indicates the service command in which he was it may indicate the command of his enlistment if he's regular army, depending on varying circumstances—for National Guard Muriel McGriff of Atlanta, Ga.

The Army Serial Number-most | men the third digit usually indi-

WAC serial numbers are preceded by A, WAC officers by L. Officers of the male portion of the army have their numbers prefixed

Three Men In 668 TD Bn. **Receive Commendations** For Work On BC Course

Three members of Rcon. Co. 668th TD Bn. received commendations and a superior rating from Major R. W. Sleator, Chief of the Battle Conditioning Course, for their work while the battalion was spending three days of intense training on the Course.

The three men who were cited alertness, and leadership were: S-Sgt. Glen O. Brandon, S-Sgt. Robert E. Anderson, and Pvt. Rayford C. Willis.

Wedding Bells

Set. J. H. Chapman, Signal Corps Photo Lab-who has shot a lot of the pictures for the Panther-became engaged recently while on furlough, to Miss

Get

The South Camp Special Service Office is still casting 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 theater. So, come on, fellows, give the Entertainment Officer your name and be ready to start production

Phone 2669 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. All who have applied for this show will find a note on first rehearsal in next week's Panther.

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



"NUMBER ONE—ON THE WAY—Enlisted weapons students fire the 3-inch towed destroyer on the TD School range. Camera catches gun in full recoil. Explosion jars dust from ground. Sugar Loaf mountain in background is as famous among TDs as is the well-known Signal Mountain at Fort Sill.

Headline Review

Using our constantly increasing power like a spray gun, the Allies for the past week have been hitting the enemy where ever he lives -the swinging muzzle of the gun poured it on from Berlin to Truk in the south Pacific.

Except for our position in Italy, the Allies seem to either have complete control of the offensive or are rapidly pushing the enemy back on his heels.

Enemy Is Hurt

The blows struck have been solid, the kind that hurt, without being outright spectacular, and they've raised welts and bruises that indicate that the enemy is being hurt internally. However, the general, considered, opinion of military leaders is that we are still a long way from victory parades, and there is plenty of tough fighting ahead.

American and British bomber squadrons swinging in from Britain and Italy have been pounding the German aircraft industry with crippling regularity. While announcing this to Parliament, Prime Minister Churchill took time to praise the Russians for their part in Allied fight for civilization.

Churchill Backs Russia

At the same time the Prime Minister indicated that Britain favors the Russian demands for the so-called Curzon line in postwar settlement of the Russian-Polish boundary:

"Russia has the right of reassurance against future attacks from the west," Mr. Churchill said, "and we are going all the way with her to see that she gets it, not only by the might of her arms but by the approval and assent of the United Nation."

Favors Tito

Speaking of the Yugoslav situation, the Prime Minister declared, "In Marshall Tito the partisans have found an outstanding leader, glorious in the fight for freedom," and virtually accused Gen. Draja Mihailovic, minister of war for King Peter's government-in-exile, of being a Nazi collaborationist.

As if to earn the Prime Minister's praise, the Russian army occupied the prized iron ore center of Krivoi Rog in the Dnieper bend, depriving the Nazis of one of their most prized spoils of war, and opening the road to Rumania and the Black Sea.

Pearl Harton Avenged

In the south Pacific we have begun to avenge the treachery of the Jap Pearl Harbor attack. Admiddl Nimitz called our assault on Truk in the Carolines "Japan's Pearl Harbor," in the sense of the damage we inflicted—in a week the enemy lost 19 ships sunk, including two light cruisers and three destroyers; seven more hit and probably sunk; 127 planes shot down; 27 destroyed on the ground and possibly 50 more parked planed destroyed.

Our losses were 17 planes Aviation Cadet.

downed, and one surface ship damaged.

President Roosevelt declared that the Jap high command must be faced with a very painful situation in trying to develop new plans and means of supplying island bases, as he expressed belief that the Japs were hurt much worse than appears on the surface, by our slashing attacks against their supply lines.

Italian Stalmate

Ground fighting in Italy, from all available reports, seemed to be stalemated. Both sides were resting, on their toes as it were, waiting to see what next move the other side would make. The Nazis still hold the advantage of fighting from higher ground, and under the circumstances prevailing, are able to take advantage of the uncertain terrain.

The President indicated that Prime Minister Churchill's statement that the European war might extend into 1945 agreed with what he has been saying all

Hard Words For Britain

Informed that the Prime Minister had said that probably there would be some harsh things said about Great Britain, by politicians here, during the coming election, the President said he guessed there would be. When the reporters laughed, the President said it was not meant to be funny.

Washington reports state that military circles are in agreement with the President and Prime Minister that there is no certainty of victory over Germany this year.

The Argentine government is still turning up Axis espionage

Bedaux Suicide

Charles E. Bedaux, the man who publicized the industrial speedup system, and made headlines when he acted as advance man for the Duke Windsor's proposed visit here right after his abdica-tion, committed suicide while facing a charge of treason.

Chairman May, of the House Military Committee, suggested that the existing top draft age, be raised a few years, and the minimum lowered from 18 to 17, in order to avoid drafting fathers.

Meeting with top officials of the Army Service Forces, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, said that every prisoner of war in the United States would be put to work.

For the seventh successive week United Nations sources made no announcement of merchant ship sinkings by U-boats in the western Atlantic.

Swoonatra fans—the bobbysock clique—are said to be writing for pictures of Sinatra's daughter, Nancy, and sending her presents.

Becomes Air Cadet

Pvt. Bernard Sullivan, Rcn Co., 663rd TD Bn., was transferred Feb. 21 to Sheppard Field as an

Battle Veterans In Action Here

Eleven battle-scarred patients from McCloskey General Hospital viewed equipment and training here recently.

Welcomed by Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general of the TDC, the men were taken on a tour of the camp by bus which included both the cantonment and firing ranges, where they saw hundreds of TD soldiers in training. The big spot of the day was a ride in a modern TD vehicle.

Lunch was served in a regular army mess hall, but there was no waiting in line for these veterans, whose injuries were received in both Pacific and Mediterranean

In the group were the following: Pfc. Thomas F. McNeely, Sgt. Willis Marin, Pfc. Arthur E. Egan. Pfc. George Hancock, Pfc. Hugh Reuter, Pvt. Joseph Pollard, Pvt. Kelly L. Bean, and Pvt. Arnold Murdock, Capt. D. L. Geror, Capt. Mark L. Hodges, and Lt. H. M.

Pass Inspection Without Gig

Rcn. Co., 668th TD Bn. added a feather to its crown by passing a motor maintenance inspection without a single gig.

Commendations went to the drivers for keeping their vehicles in topshape throughout daily use over rough terrain. The result of the inspection brought satisfaction to the drivers to make up for maintenance call when the other men are free.

Co. A, 663rd TD Bn. Rates High In Firing

"A" Co. carried off the honors last week in the 663rd TD Bn. with the highest company percentage for hits made with caliber .30 Carbine fired on the Clear Creek Range No. 1. After the companies had fired at targets from 150 to 200 yards, the outcome showed that "A" Co. fired 53 per cent to beat "B" Co., who took second honors with the score of 46 per cent. "A" Co.'s score of •53 per cent is one of the highest scores made on this range. Rcn. Co. came in third with 42 per

New Assistant For **TDS Athletic Program**

Lt. John M. Kerr of D Company, Academic Regiment, TD School, has been assigned to regimental headquarters and will aswith the athletic program Lt. Kerr, together with Lt. William C. Willard, piloted the TDS grid team to the post title

Morale Services Offers See TD Vehicles | Many Opportunities To Gls

Camp Morale Services Section, new importance has been given to the program of orientation and education as outlined in WD circular 261, dated 1943.

Under the new serup the post morale officer, now located in the same offices with the Hood Panther, will centralize information and material both for ASF personnel and for the troops in the field. All this material will be passed on to battalion special service officers.

Emphasis will be placed on the off duty educational opportunities available to servicemen, which will include various types of correspondence courses and self teaching materials, in subjects ranging from completion of grammar school education to post-graduate college courses, or specialized courses in languages or such trade studies as radio.

The courses are designed for several purposes—to aid toward army promotion, continue or supplement civilian education, and to prepare for a better civilian job after the war.

With the cooperation of over 700 high schools and colleges, the army is prepared to help any enlisted man in practically any edu-

No Tax On Class E Pay Allotments

Army wives and other dependents of Army men. and women, with a single exception, need not pay income tax on family allowances or Class E allotments-ofpay, Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, Director of the WD Office of Dependency Benefits, ASF, an-

The possible exception is the divorced wife who is receiving a family allowance or an allotmentof-pay in payment of alimony, the Director explained. Such dependents should consult their local Internal Revenue Office for specific ruling in their cases.

Orientation Course Of The 664th TD Bn. Includes Pinup Girls

The orientation officer of Hq. Co., 664th TD Bn. has brought added interest to his weekly orientation lectures.

While conducting lectures it was noticed that the inveterate fly-by-nights had a tendency to nodding. In the course of the lecture an "awakener" was flashed on the screen in the form of a scantily clad young lady. Observers report that the nodding has ceased compietely, and that luture lec tures are being looked forward to with enthusiasm.

With the establishment of the cational project he desires, after he has had four months of ser-

> The Army Institute Catalogue which can be obtained from the camp Morale Services Officeoutlines courses for both high



school and college entrance credit. and extension courses for college

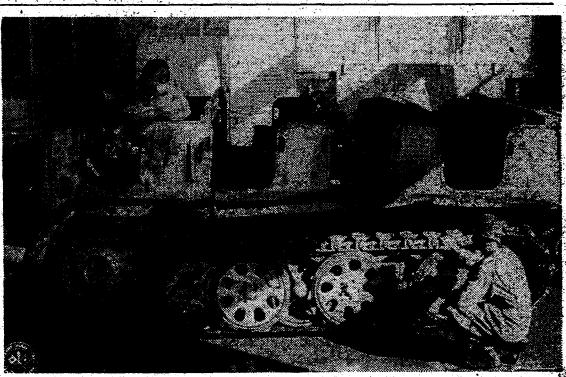
The information is also available at the camp libraries.

Photographer's Story Offers Sidelights On TDs And FA In Africa

An interesting analysis of the war photographer's problems covering the battlefront is told in a story by Eliot Elisofon in the March U. S. Camera.

In the story Elisofon tells of the prominence of TDs in the African campaign. One of the striking pictures used to illustrate the article shows Maj. Paul B. Lemman, of an unidentified TD battalion awarding silver stars to men of his command for gallantry in action at Sheitla and El Guet-

While the article is mainly concerned with photography, it offers some striking photographic shots and interesting sidelights on PA and TO



CARRIED ITS LAST NAZI—A German personnel carrier, captured by American troops, being examined by T-4 Julius Seebold—in the driver's seat—and Pfc. William Plank, at the Operations and Maintenance Dept., TDS.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

"MISS KILLEEN"-Mrs. Della Gray, mother of the late Capt Robert Gray, Tokyo raider, being congratulated by Maj. Gen. John H. Hesfer, Commanding General TDC, at ceremonies recently when Mrs. Gray christened a B-25 bomber "Miss Killeen" representing the local town's share in the Fourth War Loan Drive. Gen. Hester was one of the speakers at the event. Mr. Gray shown at the left was on hand to watch the christening of the plane which landed at the camp airfield after being flown here from Kelly Field by two officers who saw action in support of the British Eighth Army in North Africa.

"It's A Pleasure," USO Show, Offers Music And Comedy

The latest camp USO show "It's A Pleasure," has two more nights at north camp before it makes the trek south. Tonight and tomorrow night it will perform at the north camp Central Rec Hall-Saturday, Monday and Tuesday it will show yonder at South camp, at the Hood Road Theater. Starting time for all performances is 8 P. M.

The show is pushed around under the guidance of Red Pepper—slightly smaller than an M10—who dances with energy anyway. In his time Pepper has done his clowning with such acts as Eddie Cantor, Abe Lyman,

draught.

Wonder Horse

and Olson and Johnson.

Either amusing or esthetic depending upon the state of your soul-is "Imogene The Wonder Horse," more up of Tyler and Renoud, fore and aft, who is put through soft shoe dancing paces by Linda Martin, whom the trumpeter says wears a costume that almost isn't there.

Then there is Lynn Kirk who has sung in the theater, radio, and night clubs from Riviera to Rio de Janeiro, and is pleasant to look at. To provide balance for such serious business there is Bobbie Carr who sighs and clowns

Uuiz

- 1. To Burma, where the 14th British. Chinese and Indian troops.
- pointed lieutenant general at the of simple instruments into the retime of threatened war with France in 1798, and Grant was commissioned general in 1885.
- 3. It means that the ship can chmb upstairs speedily.
- 4. \$130,000,000.
- 5. Only three.
- 6. About 3,000 as of Feb. 12 according to army times.

and wears an evening dress that offers no protection against

For The Boys

Also in the laughs-for-the-boys sector is Winnie May and her juggling routine—tennis balls and rackets and odds and ends. For 'comph" and energy the show offers Betty Lou Holt, an acrobatic dancer who can do things with herself that are almost unbelievable.

Donald McCutcheon is pianist and musical conductor.

There's enough of everything to make everybody happy. There will be no intermission.

There's Whirl And Skirl At The TDs Comm. Dept.

Musical talents of enlisted men Army is made up of American, and officers of the TD School are exceptionally varied, it was learn-2. George Washington was ap- ed recently when the introduction creational activities was discussed.

> TDS men play everything from piano to piccolo, but probably the most unusual one is the Scottish national instrument, the bagpipe. Captain Roger S. Andrews of Communications Dept. lists playing the bagpipes as one of his accomplishments.

Words Without Music

Frank Tours bragged to Frank Morgan that he has every reason to be happy, he has a wife and a cigarette lighter-and both work ... "The Hour of Charm" is seeking the "undiscovered voice of America"-a girl 18 or older, able to sing but non-professionaladdress: Hour of Charm Auditions, Nela Park, Cleveland 12, Ohio Vincent Youmans' Ballet Revue closed in Boston; it won't show in New York-the financial backer, a girl named Doris Duke, lost her investment -\$197,000-according to Leonard

Arturo Toscanini has refused \$250,000 for one picture—but just completed making a picture..for free. for the OWI, to be shown in countries freed from Nazi slavery....with the maestro were the Westminister Choir, Met Opera tenor Jan Peerce, and the NBC

Humphrey Bogart, just back from a tour of Mediterranean and African Military bases, gets the lead in Hemmingway's "To Have and Hahe Not" Hollywood Variety reports that Chaplin has temporarily called off his planned productions....his next was to have been "Bluebird". . Margaret O'Brien, the fascinating moppet, returned from New York to Hollywood to play in "Meet Me In St. Louis."

If you like music....Sat., Blue network, at 1 o'clock, "The Tales of Hoffman," Met Opera with Ezio Pinza, Beecham conducting ...at 7:30 p. m., Boston Symwith Roland Hayes among soloistsIrene Manning, singing star of "Shine On Harvest Moon" found in a 10,000 miles tour of U. S. army camps that the men prefer semi-classical songs by three to one.

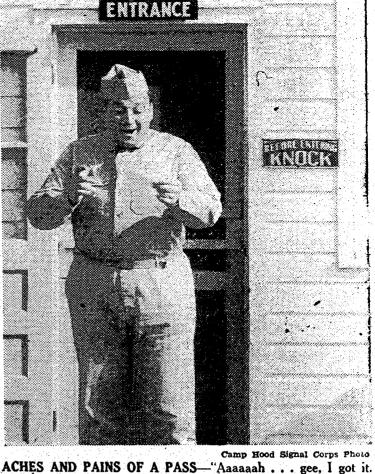
"Mr. Broadway," the story of Variety and Sime Silverman is up for early production...."The Dolly Sisters" is being held up until Alice Faye and Betty Grable are available.... Harry Carey heading for Broadway for "Out of This World".... Bela Lugosi in Poe's "The Gold Bug."

Col. Stoopnagle wants the concession in office building elevators to rent hats to men who don't wear hats but want to take off their hats when women enter the elevator....Not because we're in Texas, but we appreciate the contestant on Thanks To The Yanks who admitted that occasionally the weather in California is unusual enough to need pumping out of the basement.

Rumor has it that the Med Corps is working on an inoculation against Maizy whatchamacallit....Which leads Albert, the office woodtick, to muse, "Lots of girls don't like to be whistled at-and they can't whistle when they try, end quote.

Information Please moves new time April 3, Mondays at 8:30 p. m. on NBC....There will be another Gershwin program by Toscanini next month—Oscar Levant as soloist.

Count Bassie opens at the Appollo theater in NY tomorrow night....Les Brown at the Grand in Evansville, Ind. Cab Calloway at the Golden Gate, San Francisco....Frankie Carle at the Hotel Pennsylvania, NY....Xa-



ACHES AND PAINS OF A PASS—"Aaaaaah . . . gee, I got it. A real pass—with the sahge's fingerprint on it and everything. Oooooh, what a time I'll have. I bet I could eat six bags of popcawn. And maybe I'll even go see Miss America at the carnival the guys say she's pretty if ya look at her like yer aimin' a gun. Oh, boy, gee whiz . . .

All Personnel In OCS Regt. Spend Evening At Club 400

By Cpl. Walter H. Glaser One of the most successful parties conducted at Camp Hood was put on by the Officer Candidate School Regiment at the "Club 400" recently when a large gathering of officers, enlisted men, and guests turned out for a memorable evening.

It was the first regimental party to be conducted with candidates of the 54th OCS Class invited, plus regimental officers, and the officers and enlisted personnel of Hq. and Serv. Co. The latter company had held similar parties prier to this affair but had never before included the entire regiment among the invited guests.

Maj. William B. Anderson, OCS regimental commander, headed the list of invited guests.

One of the principal features of the evening was the attractive decoration of a section of the mess hall which was turned into a bona fide night club setting for the third time in the last four months. No efforts were spared in making the setting outstanding and original. Credit for the "club" decorations is again due to T-4 Theodore J. Lamothe who drew up the plans and executed the work. Lamothe also arranged the lighting effects.

A canopy entrance led the way to the "club" with an electric sign, "Club 400" hanging over the doorway. A miniature pillar on each side had lights shining upward from the floor through decorated poles made of rolled crepe

vier Cugat at the Paramount, NY. Benny Goodman making a picture in Hollywood....ditto Harry James . . . ditto Kay Kyser Tommy Tucker plays at the University of Georgia Saturday.

paper. The orchestra's setting was equally outstanding.

T-4 Lamothe used various tones and color combinations for his lighting effects. Monk's cloth was used in many sections of the hall. Assisting him in decorating were T-5 Anthony J. Zyber, PFC's Thomas J. Bosco, Alfred J. Mears, Alfred H. Berck, Donald E. Walby, and Horace J. Campbell.

M-Sgt. Vincent J. Sickora was party chairman. He was assisted by M-Sgt. Ronald W. Lambert, 1st. Sgt. Stanley O. Young, T-Sgt. Edward W. Brogan, S-Sgt. Sid Katz who was also emcee, S-Sgt. Joseph T. Lekutis, Sgt. Wilfred R. Gentile, And Cpl. Walter H. Glaser. 1st. Lt. Lawrence T. Garner and 1st. Lt. Herbert M. Matthews were committee advisory members.

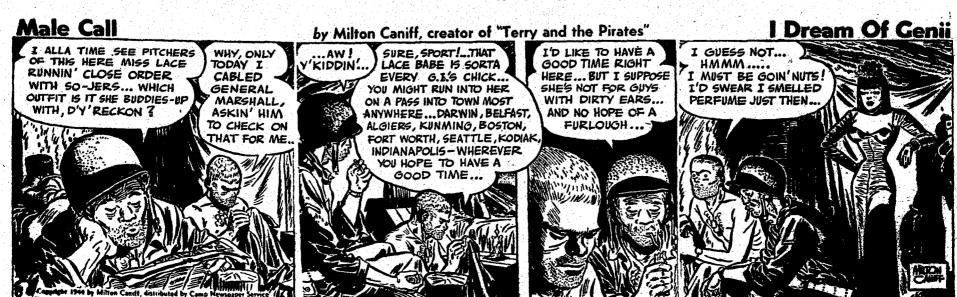
Among the guests for the dance were WACs from the 1848th Unit and a number of civilian employees. Wives and friends of the enlisted men and officers were pres-

The 106th Cavalry band played a program of the latest dance hits, and entertainment was furnished during the intermission by a traveling USO show.

The lady guests were presented with inscribed dance booklets, and a buffet lunch was served.

Gen. Hester Visits Men In His Former Command

Maj. Gen. John H. Hester visited the 672nd TD Bn. Friday, to talk with men of the battalion, who were formerly in the 43rd Division under his command at Ft Blanding, Fla., or in the 643rd TD Bn. attached to the division at Camp Shelby, Miss.



Max Kezick Loses Finals Cagers Play In In State Golden Gloves

Hood's seven-man fight team returned this week from its gallant stand in the State Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament held in Ft. Worth, a five-night mitt program in which pugilists, representative of 21 states, swung for keeps, decisions, forfeits, and every other means by which a championship title may be won. Golden Gloves champs from 21 different districts in Texas, nearly all of which owned a full eightman ring team, slapped each other bloody and senseless in what proved to be the greatest sports show in the history of the annual Lone Star event, the recent program having rounded out its eighth yearly appearance

And Camp Hoed's glory, much of which melted away during the opening round of the week's glove jubilee when four of her seven fighters bit the dust, came from the powerful punches of All-American Max Kezick, pummeling middleweight from the 667th TD Bn., who scored a sensational spree of three consecutive kayos to march all the way to the finals last Monday night, only to lose his last go and championship bid to one Dick Young, classly middleweight of Asheville, North Carolina, and Camp Barkeley,

Action-Filled Bout

It was an action-filled bout, with Young finishing a very strong third round to gain the decision, one of the closest ever to be judged at the State tour-

Battling Max Kezick had eliminated three of the best middleweights in amateur circles, namely. J. Deli Kennedy, middle from Mexia and Waco, Buddy Munster, sensational Dallas sugger, and Elbert Yoes, classy middle from Brownwood. Had Kezick gotten by his finals opponent, Dick Young, he would have brought back the State middleweight crown and the right to represent Camp Hood at the National Golden Gloves tourney, which opens its 17th annual run come February 28, in Chicago.

Results on other Camp Hood boxers at the Ft. Worth meet saw Sgt. Edward Zednik, 665th TD Bn., lose the heavyweight chance to Benny Brast, 219pounder from Camp Howze, via technical kayo.

Brown Loses On TKO

the welterweight division, Camp Hoed's John T. Brown, of the 665th TD Bn., put up a sensational battle against Ft. Worth's war worker, Donald Nasche, only to lose the decision in the third and final round. Brown had Nasche en the floor several times in the first two rounds, but Nasche finished fast to get the nod.

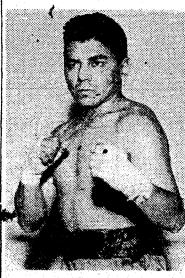
Sgt. Claude Norris, 670th TD Pvt. Joseph Engi, of Camp Bowie, in the featherweight division. It was a three-round decision for the Bowie battler.

Camp Hood's lightheavyweight candidate, chubby John D. Hoffman, 679th TD Bn., lost a close decision to Sgt. Charles Stump, of 'Dallas' Fifth Ferrying Group, in a nip-and-tuck lightheavy go spectively.

Now it can be told! . . . Camp | during the opening night's fight

Reaches Quarter-Finals Fred DeResi, 564th Ord. Co.,

who advanced to the quarterfinals, defeated Pfc. Leo Sando-



val of Bryan Army Air Field in the opening round of the tourney via decision. It was a lightweight tussle. DeResi later lost a three-round decision to Gilbert Garcia, Houston battler, and bowed out of the tournament.

William DeFentes, Camp Hood's bantamweight candidate from the 603rd TD Bn., was ousted in the quarterfinals of the tourney, after having won his opening round battle on a forfeit.

Panthers Rout Swift Five, 72-24

The Camp Hood Panthers playing their finest game of the season ran rough-shod over the highly-touted Camp Swift quintet 72 to 24 in a game played at Camp Swift last Saturday night. The game was witnessed by a full house.

The opening quarter saw both teams playing a cautious and excellent defensive ball, and at the quarter's gong it was 8 to 4, with the Panthers on the short end.. At half time, through some brilliant scoring on the part of the Panthers, the score stood at a 24 to 8 count. Early in the second half Camp Swift threw is 9 quick points to strike back and make the score 24 to 17, the Panthers still out front

The last 15 minutes of the game saw the Panthers score 48 points, exhibiting a scoring spree never before witnessed by spectators at Camp Swift. Camp Swift's big center, Sgt. Bob Cochran and Cpl. Richard Zurline, who were poison to the Panthers in the two teams first engagement earlier this month were held two points and no points, respectively. Lts: es Gurpo and Jim Mai who guarded the two Swift stars. stuck to them like leeches throughout the closing quarter. Leading scorers for the Panthers were Lt. Bob Sager and Koonts who hit the hoop for 17 points, each, closely followed by Lt. Jim Marteney and John Thompson, who tossed in 16 and 14 points re-

Mail Your 'Panther' Home!

Camp Hood, Texas

Final Contests Of Round Robin

The camp round-robin basketball tournament raced into its seventh and final round this week. Last Tuesday night's games opened the last stanza of play in the long winter grind for top honors in basketball for 1944.

Tonight's games, Thursday, will mark the conclusion of the regular schedule in the league which will see four group champions crowned when the final whistle sounds this evening.

Beginning next week, probably Tuesday night, the four group champions will enter an elimination round to determine the final winner and team to represent South Camp in a series against the winning team at North Camp, the series winner to be officially recognized as 1944 cage champions of Camp Hood.

Final standings of the teams in the round-robin event will appear in next week's edition of the Panther, which will include results of this week's seventh and concluding round of the court tour-

BASKETBALL ST	Feb.	18
Grosp I	W	· L
Student Regt	4	1
264th FA Bn	3	2
Group II	W	Ţ.
656th TD Bn	5	1
657th TD Bn	4	2
660th TD Bn		
OCS Regt	1	3
666th TD Bn	1	3
Grosp III	W	. L
672nd TD Bn	5	. 0
Co. A. 667th TD Bn	2	. 0
663rd TD Bn	3	1
664th TD Bn	4	2
Academic Regt	4	2
308th Ord. Co	1	2
667th TD Bn		
662nd TD Bn		
Greum IV	3 W	T.
665th TD Bn	4	0
90th MRU	5	1
Co. D. Acad. Regt	3	- 1
310th Ord. "B"	4	. 2
22nd TD Group		
Post Ord.		
668th TD Bn	2	7
658th TD Bn		

NC Court League Reaches Finals

North Camp Hood's basketball tourney reached its final stages last Thursday night, when the 138th RTC Bn. trounced the 842nd Ord. Depot Co. quintet in a hard fought game.

Sgt. Tom Warwick was again the big gun for the 138th cagers, chalking up a total of 19 points, while his mate, Holmes, with 10 points, took second place honors in scoring. Wyman, with 11 points led the losers hoop-hitting.

The championship game between the 138th Bn. and 137th Bn. quintet, winners of the upper bracket title, has been tentatively slated for next Monday night February 28, when the 137th Bn. returns from bivousc.

The contest between the two teams for title honors promises to be one of the best games of the year. Both teams are potentially high scorers, and it is only

presence of Sgt. Tom Warwick in the 138th's lineup that might turn the tide. Warwick, the loop's leading scores is an excellent floor man and is dangerous from any point at hitting the basket.

The victorious team will be presented with a classy 18-inch trophy, with individual awards to go to all players on the championship team. The losers will receive the 12-inch runner-up trophy.

Hq. Co., 656th Bn. Takes Lead In Group Cage Tilt

Winning their fourth straight game, the Hq. Co., 656th TD Bn. basketball team took possession of first place in the 22nd TD Group rage tournament last week when they defeated the highly favored 22nd TD Group quintet, 20 to 19, in one of the closest games ever played in the circuit.

Excellent play by T-5 Storey and Pvt. Grove turned the tide for the victors.



With Prc. Keith Quick

... T-5 William S. Kennedy, of North Camp's RTC Personnel Office, one of the nation's foremost experts on the game of Soccer, formerly with the San Francisco Daily News and several other Pacific Coast newspapers, gets the initial slice of this corner's first step into its second year. Recently T-5 Kennedy was called upon by the Christian Science Monitor, Boston's internationally, known publication, to select the six outstanding Soccer Association players of Great Britain for the past 10 years. This sounds like a tall order, but to T-5 Kennedy it was merely a breeze. Through his tremendous amount of assembled data and first hand acquaintance with the game, Kennedy came up with the following men, several of whom are recognized today as the greatest Soccer players of all time: E. Hapgood, left fullback of Woolwick Arsenal, who represented England in international matches against Scotland, Ireland, and Wales in 1934-5-6; Stanley Mathews, outside right of Stokes City, is credited with being the best player of the 1939-1943 era and has already favored England in international competition four times; Ron Starling, inside left of Sheffield Wednesday and its captain in 1934-35, played for England in 1933; Alec James, inside left of Preston North End, and Woolwich Arsenal, out of the cleverest players in contorlling the ball and who played 11 times in international competition from 1926 through 1936; Harry Hibbs, one of the est goalkeepers England has ever had, who represented his country in eight international matches; and the most successful goal kicker for all codes of football in England and Australia, James Sullivan, who, in rugby competition, kicked 2,671 goals up to June 5, 1939 . . . That was T-5 Kennedy's response—and don't let anyone tell you that he doesn't know his Soccer, for he's originally from Sheffield, England, where the game has been a favorite for nearly a century . . . T-5 Bertha Barkhuff, of the Wac Det., TDC. swings a mean badminton racquet. She's the former national champion, having held the top crown for a period of five years. Back in 1937-38 39, Bertha struck down all badminton opposition in sight in one of the greatest individual performances the game has ever known. This corner hopes to see Bertha compete in the 5th annual Baylor University Badminton Tournament, which opens in Waco tomorrow, Friday, and continues through Saturday, with finals set for Saturday evening. If Bertha should enter and bring back the singles crown, we'll come back next week with a timely feature story concerning the comely Seattle. Washintgon, badminton dynamo . . . "Strike it out"—there will be no track and field setup for Camp Hood as mentioned in last week's run of this strip. The idea, while a great one, has bit the dust, and it is quite likely that Baseball and Softball will own the top spring and summer sports slot in Camp Hood. Swimming, tennis, touch football, and several other sports will also play a favorite hand in the camp's future athletic program.

Sports Films To Be Shown At Service Clubs

Eight hundred feet of fast-moving action entitled _"Football Fireworks" will be shown in Service Clubs and Rec. halls at the North Camp Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center this

The film was loaned to the RTC Special Services Office by the Orange Bowl Committee and is the 1943 edition of games in the Orange Bowl during the last several years. Ted Husing, sports announcer, provides a running com-

Takes EM Title

Smashing his way through seven tough contestants last week, Cpl. Gerald P. Carney, 656th TD Bn., won the Table Tennis championship of Camp Hood in the enlisted men's division.

The tournament, under the direction of Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, saw 66 entries strike out for the top spot glory.

The final match went five games, with Cpl. Carney taking three of the five-game set in defeating Pvt. Schwartz of the 662nd TD Bn. for the championship.

Capt. Marvin H. Smith of the Tactics Dept., TRS, and a TD veteran of the Tunisian campaign, was winner of the officers division of the post ping pong tournament staged last week. Maj. Frank D. Hitchock, whom Capt. Smith met in the finals, is from the School weapons department.

NC Panthers Victors Over 672nd TD Bn. Team

Suffering their first defeat after a long string of victories, the 672nd TD Bn. basketball team bowed to the North Camp Hood Panthers, 45 to 29, in a game in the near future

High Scores For

With a total of 98 Experts, the 658th TD Bn. recently completed its carbine qualification firing, posting an average score of 161.7 for the battalion. Of the 594 men who fired, 98.8 per cent qualified. as marksmen or above.

Two Companies, Ren. and A. qualified every man. Co. "B" sent the most rounds into the black to attain the high average of 165.

Individual shooting honors went to Pvt. G. S. Matthews of Co. C. who hung up a record of 198 eat of a possible 200. In attaining this high score, Pvt. Matthews managed to put 38 out of a possible 40 rounds in the bull eye. Other high scorers were Cpl. H. H. Bosten, Co. C, 196; Cpl. E. A. Jedrzewski, Co. B, 193; Pfc. R. G. Detwiler, Co. C, 192; Sgt. W. A. Grunwald and T-5 J. B. Newman. Co. C. 191; Pvt. A. S. Jutrzonka, Ren. Co. and Pvt. T. J. Patch, Co. B, 190.

660th TD Bn. Cagers Continue Win Streak

The 660th TD basketball team continued its winning streak last week defeating the Temple High School team 20 to 18. The game was played at Temple.

Despite the close score, the 660th team was not hard pressed. riding on a good-sized first half margin and staving off a last period Temple rally.

The game was marked by the defensive skill shown by both sides more than by scoring punch, although Woolerts, Callahan, and Rathbun of the TD aggregation showed they could find the basket quite frequently.

nlaved last Priday night at the Gatesville high school gym. The two top-flight Hood quintets are planning a return game to be held

deres:

13 Cent