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TDC Headquarters Is Reorganized

Changing Strategy Of War Reflected In Elimination Of Usual Staff Sections

Army Ground Force Directs Streamlined Setup With General Officers Over New Departments

In accordance with the Army's policy of adjustment to keep abreast of the strategic situation, the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood today announced the reorganization of its headquarters.

As the strength of the various types of army forces is being proportioned to apparent needs, the character of leading headquarters is molded to meet the demands of future missions. Under direction of Army Ground Forces the TD Center has accomplished a streamlined organization designed to carry out its current responsibility.

Equipment Section. An Inspector General and Judge Advocate General comprise the special staff.

Tactics Study Continues

Responsibility under Army Ground Forces for continuing study of organization and tactics, of training methods and aids, of materiel and equipment, rests with the TDC headquarters staff. It is also charged with the conduct of inspections of tank destroyer units within the continental limits of the United States for Headquarters Army Ground Forces, to determine their state of tactical proficiency.

The TD Board continues with the work of testing new weapons and equipment, operating directly under the supervision of Army Ground Forces.

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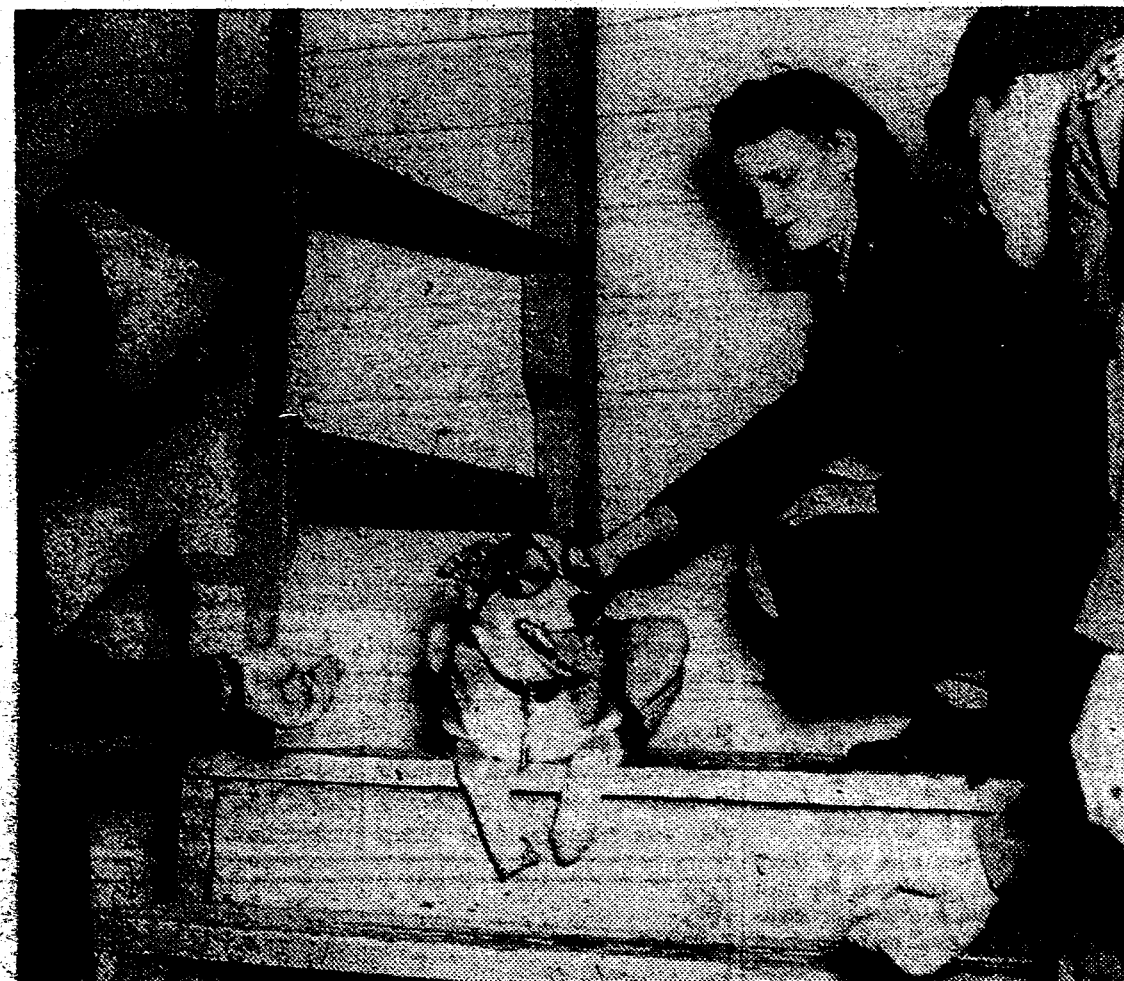
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WHAT'S IN A NAME?—When M-Sgt. Raymond Kline found a stray pup and the men of the 658th TD Bn. adopted him, they realized that not even a report of survey could hazard his parentage, but they named him Wolf, for what they imagined were his tough, fighting qualities. They never suspected he would live up to his name in another fashion. Ever since Wolf went AWOL for several days they've been doubtful about what's in a name. They found him living in the WAC area. In this picture Kline and S-Sgt. Lawrence Furrow plead with Wolf to come home, as Pvt. Mary Trice watches to see if he's going to be fickle.

Brig. Gen. Mayberry Leaves TDS Command To Col. E. J. Dawley

Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry relinquished command of TDS, Saturday.

Gen. Mayberry, commandant of the School since the TDC's activation, Dec. of 1941, was the last of the original Center subdivision commanders at Camp Hood. A Lt. Col when he joined the original TDC staff at Fort Meade, Maryland, he was promoted to the grade of colonel shortly thereafter and became a Brig. Gen. in October of 1942. Under his direction the TDS has become one of the

most efficient military training institutions in the Army, graduating thousands of commissioned and non-commissioned students and officer candidates.

Brilliant Record

Gen. Mayberry's successor is Col. E. J. Dawley, FA, who assumes command immediately.

A testimonial dinner for Gen. and Mrs. Mayberry was given Friday evening at the Camp Hood 26th Street Officers' Club. Among those present to take leave of the former commandant and greet his successor were Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, CG, TDC; Brig. Gen. A. O. Gorder, CO RTC; Col. R. C. Montgomery, President, TD Board; Col. Guy S. Meloy, Chief of Staff; and the assistant chiefs of staff of the TDC. The TDS staff and department heads, former School Officers, regimental commanders, and commanding officers of the recently-attached Training Brigade units were also present.

Gen. Mayberry takes with him to his new post a brilliant military record garnered during 27 years of service.

Between wars, Gen. Mayberry served as a member of the Tactics Dept. at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, from which post he joined the TDC. Other assignments included a period as instructor in military science and tactics at Boston University, instructor to the 14th New York National Guard Regiment, and regimental adjutant of the 19th Infantry in Hawaii. He is also a

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Scheduled Classes Meet At Libraries

Classes will definitely be conducted as scheduled, it was announced by the camp morale section.

Shorthand, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., at the 37th St. Library.

Conversational Spanish, Tuesday, 8:30 p. m., at the 37th St. Library.

Advanced Spanish, Thursday, 7:00 p. m., 162nd St. Library.

TD Knocks Out Tank at 1½ Miles

Further news from the Army's beachhead this week indicated that TDs there are consistently maintaining their reputation for amazing marksmanship.

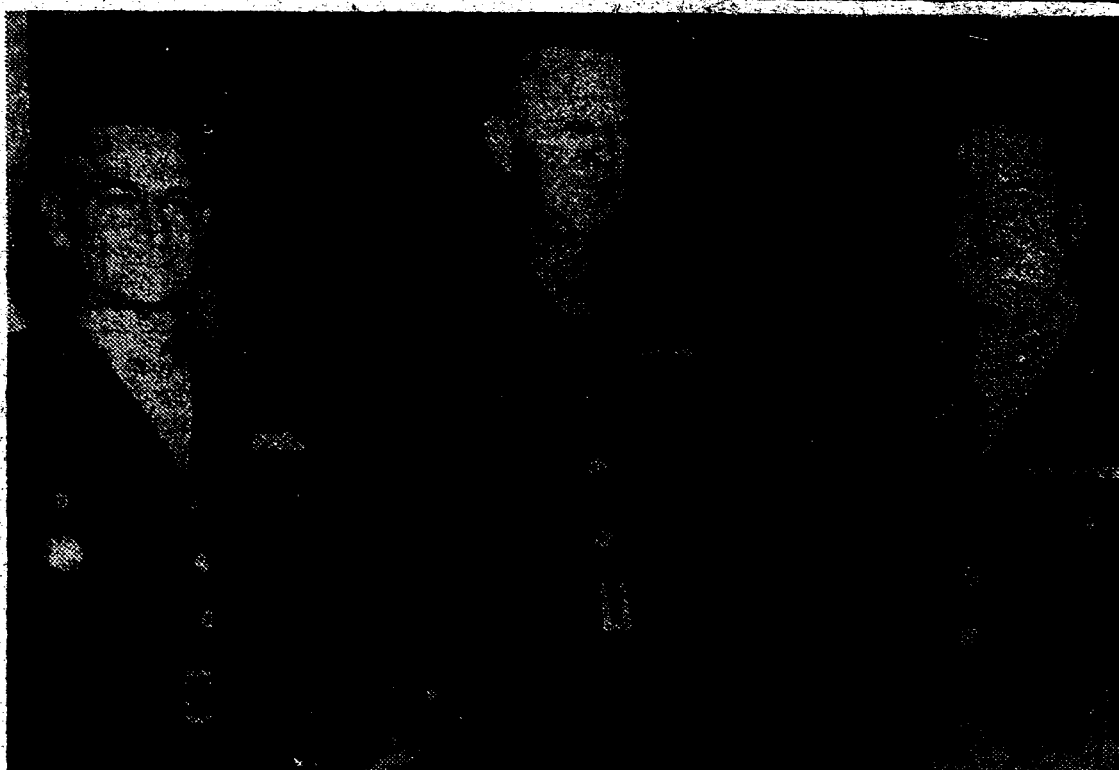
An Associated Press report cites the case of a TD that fired just one shot at a Nazi tank, burning it up completely. The range was 3,000 yards, about a mile and a half.

The destroyer was commanded by Sgt. Clarence Volner of St. Louis and Lesterville, Mo.

Over Bond Goal In 658th TD Bn.

The 658th TD Bn. has gone over the top in the "Fourth War Loan Drive." Their goal was \$6,000 per month in class "B" allotments. With a week to go before the drive closes, they have already exceeded this mark with monthly deductions totaling \$6,157.45. This is 13 per cent of the battalion payroll.

Co. "A" leads the battalion in the number of men taking out monthly allotments, boasting a total of 112 men out of 120. Leading in the amount being deducted, is Co. "B", with the outstanding total of \$1,178.75. Co. "C", which is but \$17.00 from the lead, still has not conceded the race to Co. "B". More allotments coming in every day promise continued competition.



GENERAL'S FAREWELL—A dinner at the 26th St. Officer's Club last week honored Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, who relinquished command of the TD School and left for a new station. Above from left, Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general TDC, Gen. Mayberry, and Col. E. J. Dawley, new commandant of the school.

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Eight MPPWPs Receive Papers Of Citizenship

By Pvt. Sal J. Miragliotta
441st MP-PWP

Eight more members of the 441st MP-PWP Company recently received their American Citizenship in Waco, Texas. They are: Cpl. Harry Vidor, Cpl. Fred Berdass, Cpl. Dominick Iadanza, Pfc. Alphonse Croce, Pfc. Charles C. Calvetti, Pvt. Philip Dussing, Pvt. Pasquale Fraloli, and Pvt. Johnny Ronga.

Hearty congratulations were merited by these men, particularly those who lived under the Hitler and the onetime Mussolini regime. Several left the "old country" just in time that is, just before the dictators plunged their respective countries into the war.

It is imprudent to mention names, for some of these men still have families and relatives living in Europe, and as such, some item mentioned here might get back. However, it might be noted that these men are eyewitnesses to the atrocities committed by both tyrants.

It is good that these men are in the Army of the United States, for they are an asset. Classified as interpreters, they have the blend of the democratic way of life and the understanding of a foreign people.

DEML Men Will Be Transferred By MOS Number

The transfer of station complement men from here is, at this time, being effected on a gradual basis. There seems to be no set pattern—men are being called for individually or in groups by specified Military Occupational Specialty Numbers.

On the basis of circulars and directives issued by the ASF up to this time, men are being reported to Washington and Dallas in the following manner:

"(a.) Following meet the minimum standards for induction and are physically qualified to perform their necessary duties under field conditions in an overseas theater.

"(b.) Following do not have defects specifically disqualifying them for overseas service, are not considered qualified for shipment as individual overseas replacements, but are believed able to qualify as members of an ASF T-O unit destined for overseas service.

"(c.) Following are physically disqualified for overseas service but are qualified to perform their necessary duties in continental limits of the United States."

From indications, it would seem



BUT NO BACH—Co. B. 664th TD Bn. hit four Bs as they began naming their destroyers. Sgt. Raymond Bujan was artist in charge, painting the finishing touches in these pictures on the Bumble Bee, Bushmaster, Bangalore (torpedo), and Big Butch.

Casting Started For Camp's Army Revue, 'Spring Fever'

Production of a new all-soldier revue—to be called "Spring Fever"—has been announced by Lt. J. L. Slezinger, Entertainment Officer, Special Services Office.

The show will be a three act musical, built around the dilemma and woes of inevitable GI Joe; and will be presented early in April.

Casting has begun; many of the parts have been cast, but there are still solid parts open for men with dramatic, musical, or comedy ability. A good make-up man is needed, as are scenery artists and stage crew.

Plans are still in a formative stage, and, Lt. Slezinger announced, the production can use any man in camp who is interested and willing to give the time. Any suggestions, he added, will be welcomed if mailed to him in care of the Special Services Office. He'll be glad to talk with any men who are interested—an appointment can be arranged by calling 2669 during the day, and Monday and Tuesday evenings between 6:30 and 9 o'clock.

This fits in with the WD announcements in the Panther last week—in effect, that all men who could physically qualify for some job overseas would be shipped; they to be replaced by men in-validated home, by WACs, or by civilians.

Rumors to the contrary, or confusion, the situation, as far as ASF men in this country are concerned, is substantially the same as in the original announcement.

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New Novel On Rostov Retreat At TDS Library

A new book at the TDS library is "Retreat From Rostov," by Paul Hughes in 856 pages, a novel about one German capture of Rostov and then the retreat that followed the capture a week later.

If the big picture of the battle may seem a trifle wordy, the many little pictures drawn by Hughes are very vivid.

He kills off his characters with the abandon considered typical of the Russian novels, but he improves on the Russian writers in one important detail—he uses only one name to a character, and it is no mental strain to remember whom he is writing about.

Qualify All Men On M1

Co. A. 679th TD Battalion qualified all men required to fire the M1 rifle, on the Gatesville range. Eight men qualified as Expert; 16 as Sharpshooter; and nine as Marksman.

Sojourners Meet Monday

The regular monthly meeting of Camp Hood Chapter, No. 208, National Sojourners, will be held at the Leon Drive Officers' Club, north camp, March 6th., at 6:30 P. M.

Dog Tag Machine Moved

Dog tags will no longer be made by the MRU. All requests for tags should be sent to Post Personnel Section, Hq. Avo.

Promotions

Promotions announced last week: to Captain, Clarence E. Manley, who was formerly duty officer

for the Panther and is now theater officer for north camp; Lt. Koons, who is executive officer of 1848th Unit DEML.



The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Careful! This is Leap Year!"



"Last month my light bill was only 43¢, Corporal!"



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COLORS—M-Sgt. Raymond J. Kline presents battalion colors to the commanding officer of the 658th TD Bn., Maj. Harold C. Bronwell. Inclement weather prevented the uncasing and presentation at the formal parade and review.

Gala Party For MPPWP, Guests

By Pvt. SAL J. MIRALIOTTA
441st MP-PWP

For the second time in one month, the 144st MP-PWP threw a party.

Wives of the enlisted men, Wacs and civilians girls were guests. The music was provided by such name bands as Harry James, Glenn Miller and the like—by a juke box. Refreshments were plentiful.

Many members were on some committee or other, all chipping

in to do their bit. Special mention should be made of Sgt. Bernard Strauss and Sgt. Stanley McClintock, who promoted the affair. The reception committee was headed by 1st Sgt. Frederick N. Simpson.

The entire mess personnel was responsible for the refreshments.

Cpl. Frank Campbell was the NC. A square dance was tried, and at the end, it was difficult to distinguish whether the couples were doing a Tarantelle or a Fandango.

Final words of appreciation go to our Co., Capt. Ernest C. Wimberly, and to our Personnel Officer, 1st Lt. Camillo A. Fraghi.

TDs Get Credit For Blowing Up Beachhead OPs

A delayed Associated Press dispatch from the Fifth Army beachhead south of Rome gives tank destroyers credit for knocking out two observation towers being used by Germans in harrassing an infantry outfit. Commander of one TD battalion called on for help by one infantry, Lt. Col. Walter E. Tardy of Bryan, Tex., a cousin of Capt. James N. and William T. Tardy of the Tank Destroyer School.

When asked for aid, Lt. Col. Tardy gave the assignment to Lt. Ambrose G. Salfen of Alten, Mo., who took two destroyers forward. Despite an enemy box barrage, the mission was completed in short time and the towers, on the edge of the Italian town of Cisterna, were crumpled to earth.

"We used high explosive delayed action stuff," Lt. Salfen is quoted in the dispatch. "It's quite a sight when it bursts inside the target and puffs it out like an egg."

Numerous other exploits of TD's in routing German armored assaults on the Allied lines in Italy also have been reported.

224th FA Group Activated Here

Camp Hood's first Field Artillery Group, the 224th, was activated here Feb. 21, and is now increasing in strength and numbers as cadre move in to organize field artillery battalions and battalion fillers arrive.

Col. Louis J. Compton, commanding, who served with the field artillery in the last war, was, before he came here, AGF liaison officer with the Air Force at Orlando, Fla.

The Group, now comprised of the 749th FA Bn., the 750th, the 264th, and the 528th, with the 529th, to come, will, when full strength is reached, cover the entire area previously occupied by the Training Brigade.

Cadre of the Hq. and Hq. Bty. came from the California-Arizona, maneuver area; 849th Bn. cadre came from Camp Bowie; 750th, Camp Gordon, Ga.; 528th, the west coast maneuver area.

It Happened In Tulsa Where Wells Go Deep

Two returned veterans of overseas fighting, men from the 45th Div., were giving talks at a war bond rally in Tulsa recently.

A member of the audience rose and said he would buy more bonds tomorrow, but that he would buy three million dollars worth today. The next day the man bought another \$1,000,000 worth.



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TD BATTLE CONFERENCE—Lt. Col. Walter E. Tardy, cousin of TDS officers, posed for this picture in Tunisia with other officers. Col. Tardy, left, is now in Italy with TDS; next from the left Capt. Mitchell and Maj. (then Capt.) G. A. Ellmann, former CO of a company with the 701st TD Bn. in that campaign and later with the 1st Tng. Gp. of UTC before it was discontinued here (Story left)



CHECKUP—According to the legend, Pfc. Betty Hale, TD RTC, uses this map from Yank to checkup on the whereabouts of her friends overseas. It makes a nice picture anyway.

Gen. Mayberry Leaves School

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graduate of the Army Industrial College and of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Was In Maryland

When the TD Tactical and Firing Center was organized with temporary station at Fort Meade, Maryland, in December 1941, Gen. Mayberry (then Lt. Col.) was chosen to head the TDS an integral part of the Center. His background and experience in military instruction made him a logical choice. The task facing him, along with the other original officers of TDC, was tremendous. There was an urgent need for trained TD troops to meet the threat of the German panzer divisions. To meet this need, TDS had to plan the training, formulate tactics, lay out a program, find training literature and instructional materials, and found a school where officers, officer candidates, and enlisted specialists could be trained in the shortest possible time.

The task was accomplished well ahead of time. When the Center was moved from Maryland to Temple, to be near the site of its present home, the School began a training program whereby hundreds of TD soldiers were trained, even before there was a Camp Hood, classrooms, shops, or training facilities. Since the activation of Camp Hood, the School has steadily increased in importance. Recent reorganization of the TDC makes the School a primary factor in the continued training of tank destroyer personnel.

His aide-de-camp, 1st Lt. William C. Willard, will accompany

Gen. Mayberry to his new assignment.

Taaining Brigade in TDS

The reorganization of the TD Center, directed by Army Ground Force Headquarters, called for the transfer of the Training Brigade to the jurisdiction of the School. The Training Brigade, formerly a separate unit under TD Center direction, provides school troops and other units necessary to the training conducted at Camp Hood. It is expected that the Brigade will continue to function in this manner under the direction of the TD School.

The addition of the Training Brigade's tank battalions, QM transportation companies, tank destroyer group, field artillery battalion, bands, and WAC Det. directly to the School will expedite the training given here. The instruction of tank destroyer officers and specialists of all types will be greatly intensified.

Several of the Training Brigade units have already completed the move to the School area. Others are expected to follow shortly. The personnel of the WAC Det is gradually being dispersed throughout School headquarters and the five major departments where the enlisted women are replacing a large portion of the male personnel. The latter, in most cases, are being freed for active combat service.

Meanwhile, the training in tactics, weapons, communications, pioneer work, and automotive maintenance continues on the current training schedule.

Stork Delivery

Born to Lt. and Mrs. John M. Gaske, a boy, John M., Jr., Feb. 20th, at Waco. Lt. Gaske is a member of Recon. Co., 667th TD



Mad Road and 24th St. Theaters
Thurs.-Fri.—Tender Comrade.
Sat.—Hey Rookie.
Sun.—Mon.—The Uninvited.
Tues.—Lady Let's Dance.
Wed.—Nine Girls.
Thurs.—See Here, Private Hargrove.
Fri.—Lady Let's Dance.
Sat.—Nine Girls.
Sun.—Mon.—See Here, Private Hargrove.
Tues.—Hey Rookie.
Wed.—Thurs.—The Purple Heart.
72nd St. Theater
Fri.—Sat.—The Uninvited.
Sun.—Lady Let's Dance.
Mon.—Nine Girls.
Tues.—Wed.—See Here, Private Hargrove.
Thurs.—Hey Rookie.
Ave. "D" Theater
Fri.—Sat.—The Imposter.
Sun.—Mon.—Rationing.
Tues.—Mojave Firebrand and Weekend Pass.

Wed.—Thurs.—Tender Comrade.
18th and 15th St. Theaters
Fri.—Sat.—The Sullivan.
Sun.—The Bridge of San Luis Rey.
Mon.—Stage Door Canteen.
Tues.—Wed.—Rationing.
Thurs.—Mojave Firebrand and Weekend Pass.
4th and 10th St. Theaters
Thurs.—Fri.—Rationing.
Sat.—Mojave Firebrand and Weekend Pass.
Sun.—Mon.—The Sullivan.
Tues.—The Bridge of San Luis Rey.
Wed.—Stage Door Canteen.
Thurs.—Fri.—The Uninvited.
Thurs.—Dance, girls from Georgetown, Belton, Cameron, and McGregor.
Fri.—Recording, games, radio.
Sat.—Music.
Sun.—Open House, Girls from Ft. Worth from 1 to 3:30 p. m. Movie; Religious Sing Song.
Mon.—Bingo, prizes.
Tues.—Dance Class.
Wed.—Program.



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NEW FIELD ARTILLERY—Members of the cadre of the Hq. and Hq. Bty., 224th FA Gp., posed for this picture shortly after the activation of the group here. Center front, Col. Louis J. Compton, commanding, and behind him from left to right, Lt. Col. John E. Perman, executive officer, Capt. Jack W. Melcher, S-2; Capt. Alexander C. Pate, S-3; and Capt. Robert W. Schafer, S-4. (Story on this page).

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Statement of Unity

The latest report on our lend-lease contributions to Russia demonstrates an overwhelming accomplishment for American production. That we supplied the Russian Army with thousands of fighter planes and arms while still making our own armies the strongest in the world makes a dramatic picture of the strength of the countries fighting fascism. Any who still doubt whether the Allies are pulling together for this victory must face these bare facts.

If at times the Russians have seemed too impatient with our military contributions to the battle against Hitler, these newly released lend-lease statistics may be offered at their true potent worth. We understand the Russian expendability of lives; they can now, and we can now appreciate the vast quantities of arms which we have supplied from our factories to help the Russian soldiers.

All Play In Blood

We don't have to be meek in talking about the gallant way in which many of our men have lost their lives. We will spend more lives in winning the peace. The cost to all the Allies will be bitter and dear. We are sharing the fruits of victories and the price of battle. We are united in the field and in the factories.

There have been times when domestic friction and sometimes international jabbing has marred our attempt to create unity with all our allies. The British have fought as hard and well as any soldiers in this war. We have learned that most of the lies sown by fifth columnists gave aid to the enemy who wished to divide us.

China still fights a terrific battle against an almost ancient Jap oppressor. In spite of earlier mistakes, we are now achieving a grand unity with our Chinese allies. Our own Army in that theater active trains Chinese and American troops for the day when they can route the Japs from the mainland.

We Admire Soviet Soldiers

Making palatable our military agreements to fight with Russia had presented many problems, mostly in erasing blind prejudice. We as Americans have a deep dislike for all that communism breeds. A benevolent dictatorship is still a dictatorship. But our growing admiration for the Soviet soldier constitutes evidence of our desire to pool all resources in winning the war.

It has been an uphill fight, this business of convincing Americans that Russia is an ally to be trusted in the war. The Russian government made gestures to build this good will between our countries. We have made similar gestures.

Yet our best reasons for seeing the value of Russia as an ally are the tributes given to her fighters by our own soldiers and statesmen. Here is the strong anecdote for all the writings of mistrust which are parroted by some Americans who seem to desire disunity.

Stalin's Tribute To Us

The Soviet appreciation of our contribution was best stated in a toast which Marshal Stalin made to American production, without which he said the Russians could not have thrown back the Germans.

One of the goals of winning the peace will be better understanding and cooperation among the nations of the world. We must cooperate to get along. We must understand and be tolerant of each other. We don't have to surrender any sovereignty to accept at their face value, the different gestures which each of the allies make for victory against the common enemy.

Courage is not a special attribute of any one people. We must have the will to admire all courage, and to understand our allies is an aim of war and peace.

Star Of Victory

There's a bright star way up there
It's the star of liberty
Brightest star in the heavens fair
The symbol of Victory.

Black clouds have it shrouded
now,
Clouds of bitter hate, and war.
But they will soon take a bow
And we'll see that star once more.

Thunder roars across the sky,
And lightning blazes away
Rain pours from the clouds on
high
And the darkness hides the day.

This storm is fearful and great
It's a mighty big one too.
But it will soon meet its fate,
As, you know, they always do.

And when this storm is ended
The heavens once more will clear
Love and cheer will be blended
The star of Peace will appear.

That radiant sun will shine
Brighter than ever before.
It'll be a heavenly shrine
A tribute to peace galore.

Pfc. Charles Wellbocher,
Co. C, 662nd TD Bn.

PX, Barber, Beauty Shop Being Built In Village

A branch PX, a barber shop, beauty shop and cleaning and pressing plant will be housed in the new store building being built in Hood Village. One end of the building will also be used for an ice storage plant.

No definite date has been set



Some reporters have decided that servicemen and women are concerned exclusively with pin-up pictures and bottled beer. Wondering if that were true, the Panther's polling reporter, asked divers GIs around camp:

DO YOU THINK THAT MEN IN SERVICE ARE GIVING ANY THOUGHT TO THE KIND OF WORLD THEY'LL COME HOME TO WHEN THE WAR IS OVER?

T-4 O. K. Lindblom, 863rd Ord., Depot Co. —

"Absolutely. I think most of us wonder what's going to happen. We wonder what kind of a world it will be. I know it's on my mind, and I don't think I'm very different from most of the men in the army. I certainly believe most of us are wondering how we'll settle the peace—and how we'll keep it."

Sgt. John W. Barn, Eng., Sect., Supply Branch — "I certainly do. I'm sure they're thinking and planning now for what they're going to do when they get home after the war. I think most of the men are thinking about it—most of the men I've talked to have been thinking about it."

Sgt. Shirley Lee, WAC Det. 1848 Unit. — "Yes, I believe they are thinking about the kind of world they'll be coming home to. I can't help wondering what kind of world it will be—and hoping it will be a better world. We don't want any more mess such as this. I think we all want peace to last this time."

Pvt. Clarence Holman, Qm. Det., 1848 Unit — "Yes, I believe they are. You can tell the way they talk. Talking to men here—getting letters from men overseas—most of us are pretty much concerned with what it's going to be like in this world when the war is over. I think we're all thinking about it."

for the completion of the building and the opening of the new facilities.



Drawing By Sgt. Stanley Farnham

My Home

Dedicated to the Security Sections of All T.D. Units.
(Sung to the Tune of 'Paper Doll')

I'm gonna dig a little slit trench,
I can call my own,
I'm gonna dig a little slit trench,
I can call my Home,
I'm gonna dig it deep, I'm gonna dig it wide,

I'm gonna dig it so the Japs can't see my hide,
Oh, I'm gonna dig a little slit trench I can call my Home.

Chorus
Now it takes a lot of digging if you dig one:

But digging will not hurt you if you know,
That in a tiny slit trench is the safest place to go.

2.
I'm gonna dig a little slit trench,
I can call my own,

I'm gonna dig a little slit trench,
I can call my Home.
I'm gonna make the Japs respect our flag,
And then I'll dance to the Tiger Rag.

Oh, I'm gonna dig a little slit trench That I can call my Home
By S-Sgt. Earl C. Brannon,
Sgt. Charles Aceto,
Co. A, 658th TD Bn.

Editors' Mail

Editor, The Panther:
I've been wondering if a civilian like myself would be allowed to subscribe to the Panther.

I enjoy it so much. My husband mailed it to me each week while he was there. Now he is assigned to duty elsewhere. I would like very much to keep getting it.

If I might be allowed to say so it keeps my morale up. . . .
Thank You,
Mrs. Iris Davis,
3411 K St.
Bakersfield, Calif.

Editor's Note: We are glad to give a lift to morale. But as an Army newspaper, we are sorry that we can't sell you a subscription to the Panther.

JUMPING THE BROOMSTICK

Mrs. Grace Dyser of Pittsburgh, Penn., was married to S-Sgt. Erwin Kimmel, 310th Ord. Bn., in a candlelight ceremony at the Raleigh Hotel in Waco recently.

Class E Allotments Pass Two Million Mark

Class E allotment-of-pay accounts for the Army have passed the two million mark on the books of the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits, it was announced today by Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, USA, Director.

A total of 2,632,031 allotment-of-pay accounts are now in effect, the Director stated. The ODB, an activity of the Army Service Forces, administers the major benefits for dependents of Army men and women. In addition to Class E allotments-of-pay, these include family allowances and dependency allotments-of-pay.

Village Library Hours

For the convenience of visitors, the Hood Village Library has arranged to have evening hours from 5 to 7 each Tuesday.

Words Without Music

Billboard's annual poll of radio editors came up with accolades for BOB HOPE as top comedian, and FRED ALLEN in second place.

Favored quiz program was INFORMATION PLEASE, followed by TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

BING CROSBY was first choice for best male singer by almost 5-to-1. FRANK SINATRA placed.

BILL STERN and TED HUSING finished in that order in the sports announcers division.

THE ARMY HOUR was voted the best government program.

Other blue ribbons went to GUY LOMBARDO, dance orchestra; DINAH SHORE, female vocalist; RAYMOND GRAM SWING, news commentator; MILTON CROSS, announcer; LUX RADIO THEATER, dramatic program; LET'S PRETEND, children's program; GLADYS SWARTHOUT, concert singer.

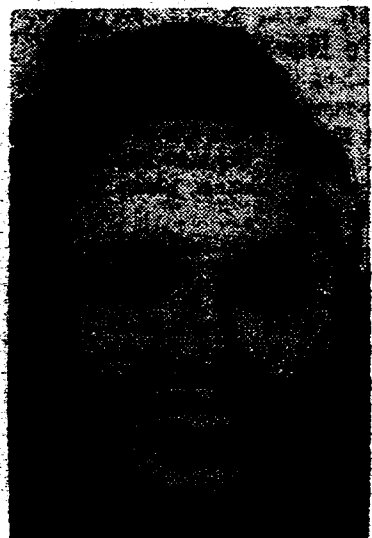
NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC SYMPHONY, symphonic orchestra; FRANK SINATRA, outstanding new star; FRED ALLEN, favorite program; CBS LETTER ON RACE HATRED, best single program; MAN BEHIND THE GUN, best documentary.

Other citations were, NBC SYMPHONY, H. V. KALTENBOERN, GINNY SIMMS, HARLOW WILCOX, BOB HOPE, ARTURO TOSCANINI's special concert on the surrender of Italy, OWI show on the invasion of Italy, and ED MURROW'S RETURN FROM BOMBING.

Our favorite cartoon of any week shows Pvt. Breger and his squad in front of an historical English building, and the officer in charge telling the men:

"We can't waste too much time on this sightseeing. Sergeant, detail half the men to view the inside of Westminster Abbey, and the other half the outside."

When CASS DALEY finished her guest spot on Bing Crosby's program a couple of servicemen showed her pictures of dead Japs



Ann Elyth, the press agent says is her name. She was in "Chip Off The Old Block."

—inquired the amorphous faced Miss Daley, "Why should anyone with a face like a Jap worry so much about losing it?"

TOSCANINI will be back on NBC March 5th, 4 P. M.

The Spotlight band tonight is TEDDY POWELL, tomorrow night FRANKIE MASTERS, Saturday night STAN KENTON.

"One Little Wac," is the name of the latest composition by PVT. FRANK LOESSER—it'll be sung by the EVANS SISTERS on the Musical Steelmakers, on Blue, March 5th, at 4:30 P. M.

COUNT BASIE is at the Apollo in NY, and next week moves to the Roxy. CAB CALLOWAY is playing Sweet's Ballroom, tomorrow night moves to the auditorium, Oakland, Cal.—next week he moves to the Regal in Chicago. XAVIER CUGAT carries on at the Paramount in NY.

TED DAFFAN is touring western theaters. BENNY GOODMAN is making pictures. HORACE HEIDT is anchored at the Trianon in Southgate, Cal. HARRY JAMES is making pictures. KAY KYSER ditto. BOB WILLS touring western theaters.

Young Vets Teach From Combat Experience At TDS

Two youthful combat veterans have reported for duty to the Acad. Regt. of the TDS. They are Pvt. Fred S. Spencer and Pvt. John L. Ainsley. Both came to the Army from Michigan. Spencer from Kalamazoo; Ainsley from Grand Rapids. They have been buddies since the day they were inducted together.

Following their basic training they were assigned to the 32nd

Division, which served a brief time in the Panama Canal Zone. Then they were sent to Australia in the spring of 1942. New Guinea was their objective.

On landing there, Ainsley was assigned to a rifle company, Spencer was appointed a machine gun section leader, which meant he controlled two .30-caliber guns, five men to a gun.

Waited For Japs

Anticipating a Jap drive, they lived near an airdrome, and there built defensive positions. But the Japs stopped at Buna, unwilling to risk an open encounter with our forces.

"That didn't stop our boys," said Spencer. "We just piled into those big transport planes a regiment at a time, and were flown to the very edge of the jungles. From that point, without vehicles or even mules, we hiked through the thick jungles for fifteen days. Boy, those twenty-mile hikes on open roads in Louisiana became just a pleasant memory to most of us!"

They met little opposition until they arrived at a point near Sanananda, three miles from their combat objective—Buna. Ainsley came down with malaria and was taken back. This was the first time Spencer and Ainsley were separated.

The regiments were formed. One large group moved up toward Buna; Spencer was in the group that moved up to take Sanananda. About a mile and a half from Sanananda the enemy suddenly opened up on them with heavy fire from machine guns, rifles, and mortars. Spencer made a road block on the trail, posting one machine gun on each side of it. They remained in the position four days.

Caught In Crossfire

Thanksgiving Day brought the word to attack. As the Yanks went forward they were suddenly caught in a cross-fire from unseen jungle pill boxes—unseen because the thick jungle had made it impossible to locate them by either air or ground reconnaissance. It was too dark to find their way back, so Spencer's company dug in until daylight, then recovered its first position.

They launched a new attack, and at last the stubborn Japs began to give way. The Yanks stormed ahead, and this smashing assault kept up in the jungle for a full month with no relief. Spencer grew a beard—there were hardly time or facilities to even wash. Ammunition was parachuted down to them from transports.

Then, one morning a Jap patrol tried to knock Spencer's machine gun crews out, and while at his post in the machine gun pit, Spencer was hit by a sniper. His crew shot the patrol completely out of the picture and got him back to the first aid station.

Sulfa Saved Life

Sulfa drugs kept Spencer alive while eight natives, four at a time, carried him on a stretcher—a blanket rigged up on two poles. It took two days to reach an air strip at Pongani. There he was flown to Port Moresby and then to a general hospital in Australia, where Spencer was reunited with his buddy, Ainsley.

Nine months later both were returned to the States and McCloskey Hospital. Following their recovery, Spencer, who received the Purple Heart, and Ainsley were assigned to Camp Hood. Their period of service overseas consumed nineteen months.

Miss Josephine Ward, Missionary To Speak

Miss Josephine Ward, who has spent the last 20 years as a missionary in China, will speak at the 162nd St. Library Sunday at 3 p. m. Enlisted men, officers and civilians on the post are invited to attend.

Miss Ward is now teaching Chinese culture at Baylor, and will speak Sunday afternoon about her experiences while living in China under Japanese control.

Cited For Care Of TD Vehicles

The excellent condition in which TD vehicles were returned to the Post Ordnance section brought a commendation to the commanding officer of the 655th TD Bn., Lt. Col. George R. Poole, from Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, CG, TDC.

Gen. Hester commented on the cleanliness and serviceability of one returned M10s and their guns, tools and accessories were also found complete.

Because of this "superior performance of duty," Gen. Hester asked that his appreciation of it be transmitted "to the officers and enlisted men of the 655th TD Bn."

Commended For Building Upkeep

An inspection of the buildings vacated by the 670th TD Bn. resulted in a commendation for the outfit from Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general, TDC.

The billeting office reported that the 670th set the best record of any of the recently departed battalions in this respect.

Gen. Hester wrote to the battalion Co. "Your record at Camp Hood has been excellent and I know the TDs will always be proud of your unit."

Jewish Chapel Moved To 37th St. And Hq. Ave.

Chap. Bernard H. Lavine, just returned from Chaplain's School at Harvard, announced that the Jewish services will in the future be at the 37th St. Chapel.

The schedule of services will be Orthodox, 7:30 reform, 8:15; at north camp, 16th St. Chapel, Orthodox, 8:00; reform, 8:30; Friday.

This Friday night Chap. Lavine will speak at north camp on "The Best Kept Secret of the War." He will be at north camp every Monday from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.; every Wednesday from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; and alternate Fridays from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Heading For South America After The War

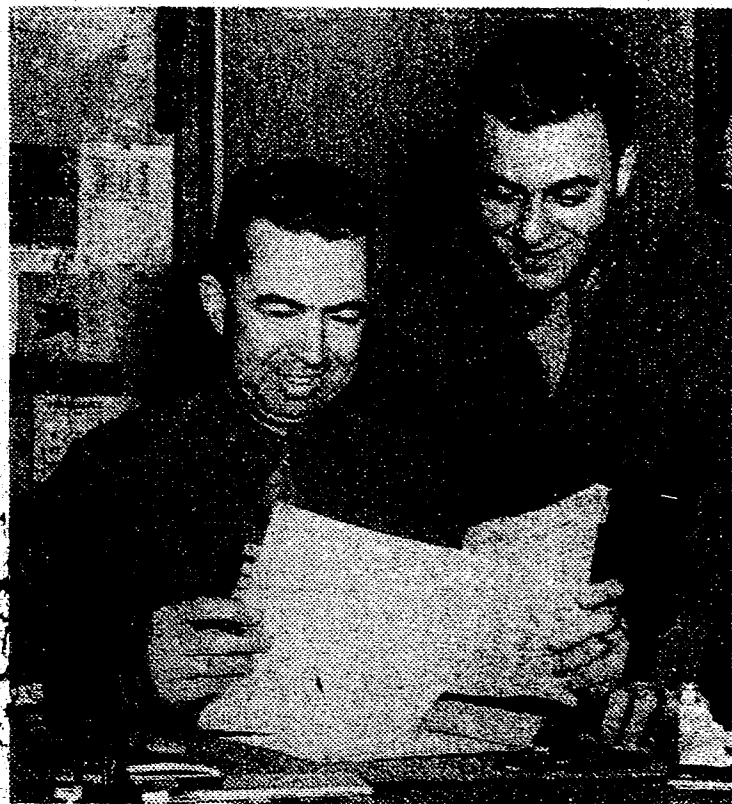
T-Sgt. Norman Street of the Communications Dept., TDS, has made a serious study of Latin America, its people, customs, and topography.

He was preparing for a trip down there with easel and brushes when the war abruptly ended his plans.

Street still studies during his spare time and fully expects that the war's end will find him making a visit to his home in Marion, Ind., just long enough to pick up his brushes, then "it's the 'South American Way' for him. He plans to spend two years painting the Latin scene.

Special Dance, Supper For Hood Villagers

Enlisted men and their wives who live in Hood Village are planning a special dance and buffet supper in the near future. A definite date for the party will be set by the committee. The dance was originally planned for Feb. 19 in the community building.



INSPECTION MARK—WO Samuel Kachelnik and T-Sgt. Arne M. Hiatt, 667th TD Bn., look over records of a recent IG inspection in which the battalion was given one of the highest ratings awarded to any outfit here. The 667th made a mark of 94 per cent plus in the inspection.

Realistic Combat Training In Maintenance At School

Situations which will face TD combat maintenance crews are duplicated in the new battle recovery course planned by the Automotive department of the TDS. Capt. Thomas J. O'Bryne of the Operations and Maintenance section described it as a tactical problem, an engagement between battalions of tank destroyers and enemy troops.

The problem, unusual in that there is no "approved solution," concerns recovery and repair of vehicles which have been immobilized during the battle.

Conference and a terrain plot exercise will be used for explanation and orientation. One plot represents the southern Camp Hood area in which the practical work will be done.

Work On Plot

During the afternoon a class will be given a period at the 56-foot square plot, where the location of their part in the exercises for that night is pointed out.

Probable lines of action caused by the terrain and capabilities of armored and wheeled vehicles are explained. Then area maps and assignments for the night's work are given to the recovery parties.

Due to limitations of time and strict light discipline, the problem is a test of the ingenuity of the students in devising expedients to supplement their equipment.

During the night the parties

proceed to the rallying point and establish centers of operations. From here reconnaissance parties go forward to determine the location of wrecked or otherwise incapacitated vehicles.

Searching out these general areas, crews locate the vehicles, analyze the damage, and an estimate of the type of equipment needed to effect recovery is made.

Real Test Of Course

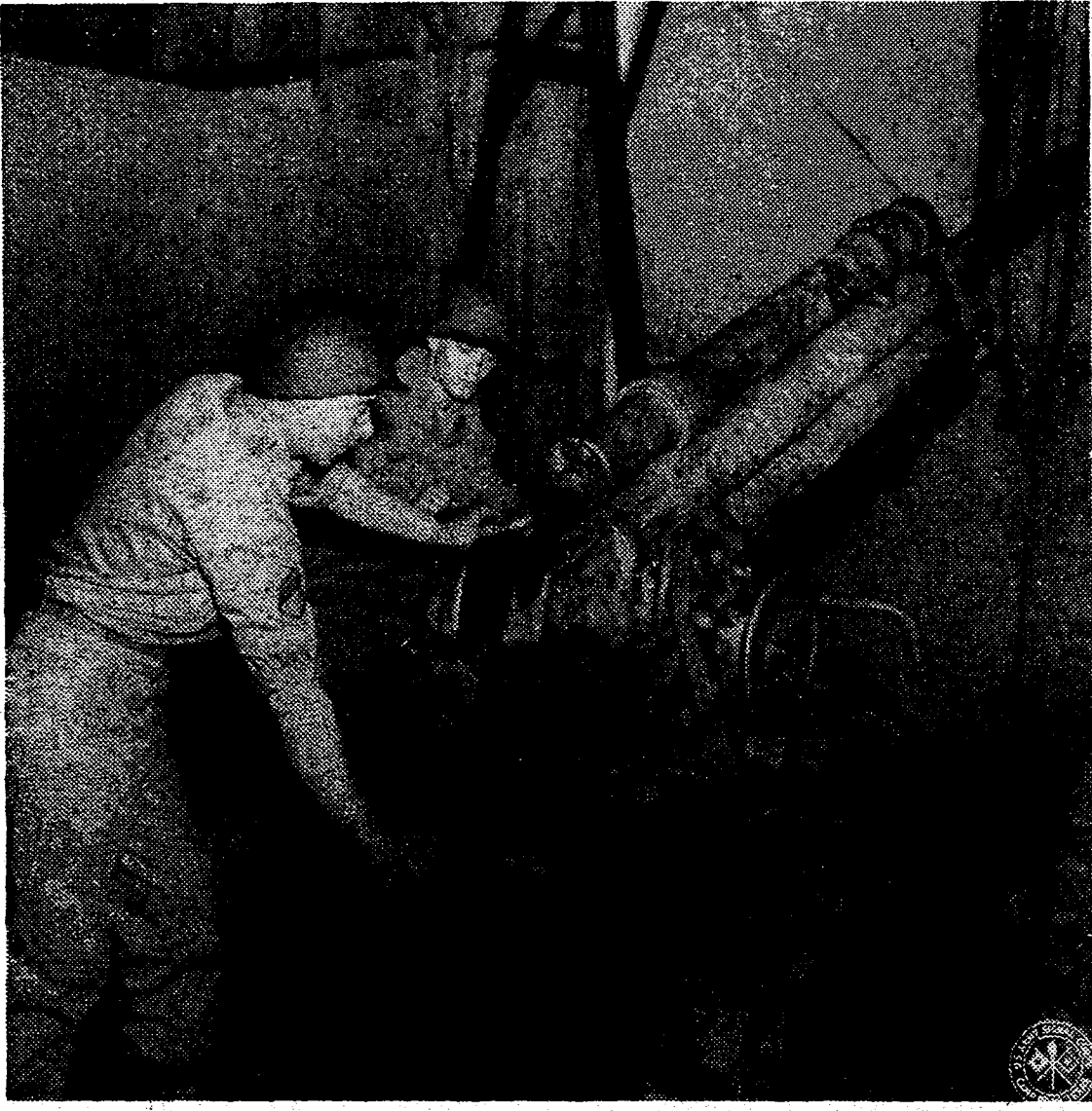
This is where the real test comes: the actual location of vehicles and their recovery, so they may be put back into service again with least expenditure of time and equipment.

Vehicles which cannot be repaired on the spot must be removed by means of a wrecker, with which each party is furnished, to the forty-ton evacuation tractor-trailer trucks, which must necessarily be left on hard surfaced roads.

Since due consideration must be given to the areas and roads barred by "enemy" occupation, and the work must be carried on quietly and without lights, successful location and recovery of carriers, and jeeps is a real test of the student's resourcefulness.

With such a large area available, widely varied tactical problems may be set up and the situation easily altered. Thus the problems will not lose emphasis with use.





TESTED RUSSIAN GUN—Captured by the Germans from the Russians and later recaptured from the Germans, this Russian 76 mm gun is examined by two enlisted men in the TD School area.



The focal point of action seems to have swung to the Pacific. The top headline news has been coming from that area for the past couple of weeks; while the news from Europe has been either veiled or announcement of maneuvers. The steady rolling advance of the Russians we've come to take for granted—which habit the Russians don't seem to like.

Obviously the quiescence in western Europe is temporary. The very absence of communiques indicates that invasion plans are progressing satisfactorily. In Italy there has been no break in the weather, and each side has continued to dig in and slug from position.

Hundreds of carrier based planes hit the Marianas islands, within 1,300 miles of Tokyo, in a raid which the Associated Press said rivaled that on Truk for boldness.

At the same time Adm. Nimitz announced at Pearl Harbor that U. S. Bombers have been ranging more than 2,000 miles to hit Jap island installations.

Attack on Guam

Simultaneously with the bombardment of the Marianas, the AP reported, the first American attack on Guam was made. The Japs were forewarned and put up strong ground and aerial defenses. However, 135 Jap planes were destroyed, while the attackers lost only six planes and not a single ship was hurt.

Later reports quoted the Axis radio as saying that a violent battle was being fought for the possession of Guam. The AP considered the main significance of these reports to be in the emphasis they placed on the recent daring strokes by American forces in this area.

Adm. Nimitz followed his previous announcement with one that photographic information showed that the blow delivered at Truk had inflicted even more damage than first believed.

Japs Hit In Asia

In Asia, too, the Allies seemed to be gaining offensive position. The Japs were retreating before

the attack of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese and Lord Mountbatten's African and Indian troops. Jap Indo-China ports were pounded by American bombers flying from China bases.

The Japs claimed to have routed a force of Australians and Dutch in southern Dutch New Guinea; but there was no Allied confirmation.

Continuing their campaign, American troops invaded the Admiralty islands in the southwest Pacific; a move that outflanked the crumbling Jap base of Rabaul.

Germany, the AP reported, continues to make outright bids for peace, but the bids fall so far short of the Allied determination on unconditional surrender that the bids are being given no consideration.

This and the increasingly desperate position of Germany is said to be drawing the Nazi party and the Junker generals closer together.

U. S. bombers based in Italy continue to commute to Hitler's airplane factories, flying over the Alps to plaster factories in Austria.

Raids Grow Bigger

Swinging in from both sides, Italy and Britain, U. S. bombers collaborated with the RAF to drop their lethal loads with unbroken continuity on such important manufacturing centers as Schweinfurt and Regensburg.

It's difficult to put these raids in relative order. The Allies have varied their tactics, and almost casually stepped up the power and size of the raids in a way that not long ago would have sounded like fiction, so that each raid practically represents the maximum possible at the moment.

It's No Breeze

Typical of what is happening was Germany's loss of 641 combat planes in six days, and many freshly built ones waiting to be shipped to the fronts. The Allies lost about 400 bombers and 50 fighters—a loss for our side that should sober the giddy café generals who insist we'll breeze in now. Our production of planes is

way ahead of the Nazis—but every plane that's lost also means men lost.

Our assumption that Russia will go on steamrolling Germany until the end seems to irk the Russians. Comment in their newspapers indicates that they still feel that we have a large stake in crushing Hitler's mob, and a "second front" is still required.

They are also becoming fedup with American diehards who put their prejudices before everything else.

Hitler's Friend

Pravda, a leading Russian paper, accused William Randolph Hearst of trying to destroy the alliance between Russia, Great Britain, and the United States, in an article entitled, "Randolph Hearst, American Friend of Adolph Hitler." Hearst who publishes a string of papers in New York and other parts of the country said that the article was "amusing."

Before they would settle peace terms, the Russians demanded that Finland break relations with Germany and intern Nazi troops in Finland, offering to help do the job. Juhuri K. Passikivi, Finnish emissary, left Stockholm refusing to discuss negotiations—the AP said he looked like a man whose mission had been none too successful.

On the Baltic and White Russian fronts the Soviet armies moved steadily forward, capturing towns and pushing the Germans back without surcease.

Spain's "Neutrality"

Talks are said to be under way in Madrid on the British and American requests that Spain make her claimed neutrality real.

Premier Badoglio asked that his government be given the status of a full Ally.

The situation in Argentina is uncertain. There were indications of a new, anti-Axis policy, and then the reactionary colonels' clique forced out President Gen. Ramirez and replaced him with Vice President Gen. Farrell. It has added up so far to confusion.

Former RTC Men See TD Crews Get Division's Praise In Test Firing

Some former RTC trainees now in the Artillery have shown the artillerymen what a Tank Destroyer can do in the way of knocking out enemy armor.

An account of the demonstration was written by Cpl. William French, former RTC cadremen at North Camp Hq., to Col. Christian Hildebrand, RTC executive officer. The letter was published in the form of a memorandum for RTC personnel by order of Brig. Gen. Alexander O. Gorder, CG. The letter follows:

For TD's Pride

"Again, like the bad penny, I turn up to take up a moment of your time. Still, I don't think you will be too annoyed since the occasion which prompted me to write you casts rather a brilliant reflection on the Tank Destroyers.

"Yesterday, as a part of our training here in the desert, we witnessed a demonstration which included anti-tank tactics. We were shown the various weapons which could be used in anti-tank warfare from the famous 37 up to and including a 155 mm howitzer firing point blank at actual tanks. As a fitting finale, two tank destroyers belonging to the 633rd TD Bn swung into action with a warning from the narrator to the audience that these were the Army's latest weapons—so recent in fact that the crews of the destroyers had never had the opportunity to fire the new gun they now carry before this demonstration. At a range of approximately 500 yards these "green" boys commenced firing. The first shot hit the tank in the center as did the second. The third knocked the turret completely off and the fourth and final one completely knocked that particular tank out. The impression created was so forceful that a whole division of some 14,000 men let out a tremendous roar of approval over the excellent marksmanship.

Former RTC Men There

"There are 120 former RTC boys here in the Artillery, some of whom have made quite a record for their proficiency in the use of our heavy guns. Yesterday at the demonstration there were three with me. I have a feeling that the other 177 got the same bit of satisfaction out of that demonstration that we did. We had apparently been shooting our mouths off just before the TD's went into action, for the other artillerymen were rather doubtful about the results that would be

obtained by these "green" boys, but our faith and pride in the TD's was more than justified and I must admit the artillerymen were very quick to eat humble pie, and were most effusive in their praise. Despite an absence of over six months from the TD's all three of the boys with me and myself jingled with pride at the performance and itched to be back in the TD's.

"I shan't bother you any more but I felt that you would appreciate an account of the impression those TD's made on these hard-to-impress divisional boys. I feel sure that if you could have witnessed this demonstration you would have felt completely satisfied with the caliber of TD's you are turning out at Hood, and at the same time felt that you would be interested in knowing that the TD's apparently get in a man's blood and stay there even after he leaves for another outfit."

EM In 658th Bn. Get New Stripes

The following promotions have been announced in the 658th TD Bn: To S-Sgt; T-4 Dominic P. Billera, Hq. Co.; and Sgt. Robert M. Davis, Rcn. Co.

Cpls. William G. Hurley, Rcn. Co.; John P. Kokales, Co. B; Richard D. Etherington, Co. C; and Elmer R. Hallen, Co. C, were promoted to the rank of Sergeant. T-5 Albert P. Basi, Hq. Co., was upped to T-4, and Pfc. Robert D. Smith and Pvt. John Ochodnick, of Rcn. Co. and Co. C, respectively, gained the rank of corporal. Privts. James N. Lynn, Hq. Co., and James E. Wern, of Co. A, received T-5 ratings.

Hq. Co., Acad. Regt. To Have Photo Albums

Capt. Gowan Stroman announced this week that every man in Hq. and Serv. Co. of the Acad. Regt., TDs, has subscribed to the idea of having photo albums printed.

Not unlike a college year book, the albums will include pictures of all the men in the company with brief biographical notes. Photographs have already been taken and the contract given to a local printer to print the books, which will be distributed to every man in the company.



FROM REVEILLE TO TAPS—A phonograph and loudspeaker system have been installed in the steeple of the main post chapel, to sound the calls from reveille to taps. Similar installations will be made in seven chapels in south camp and two in north camp. In this picture are M-Sgt. Russel J. Nelson and T-4 Martin L. Burden, Post Finance Office, in charge of the detail.

No Echelons At Front, Sgt. Says

By Lt. L. R. Barnhill

Sixty German bombers roared into the attack upon the American convoy off Bizerte on the northern coast of Africa. The ships were bound for Italy and the invasion beaches at Salerno. Aboard were members of the first TD battalion to see action in Italy.

One of the busier men during the aerial raid was M-Sgt. Robert



H. Hamilton. Normally Sgt. Hamilton supervised a TD battalion maintenance platoon, but during the German aerial assault on the convoy he was in charge of 16 men detailed to carry anti-aircraft ammunition from the forward hold. He was busy at this job when he was hit by a shell fired from one of the American AA guns.

Hell Broke Loose

"All hell was breaking loose around us when it happened," Sgt. Hamilton explained at McCloskey Hospital in Temple. "We were firing everything we had into the air. Shore batteries in Bizerte were ad-

Chapels Being Decorated Like Churches At Home

A program of redecoration for the post chapels has been begun. Several already have been furnished with carpets and window drapes; eventually all will be.

All the seats will be cushioned, velvet hangings will be added, and the necessary furniture will be included to make the chapels feel as much like the churches back home as possible.

Quiz Answers

1. Because the Japs made a habit of bombing American bases during Sunday services; the services are now held on any other day of the week, now known as "GI Sunday."
2. No. Mounted Russian Cossacks drove German forces from sections of the Ukraine last year.
3. A cluster of incendiary bombs.
4. Four: General Carl Spaatz, Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, Air Chief Tedder, and General Sir Bernard Montgomery.
5. Because it stops her circulation.
6. Because she couldn't throw it up to Adam that she might have married a better man.

ding their fire, and on top of that came the exploding bombs of the German planes, their cannon, and machine gun fire.

"You can tell your men they need not worry about suffering pain when they are hit in combat. I didn't even know I was hit and went stomping down the deck trying to jar feeling back into my foot. Only when I looked down and saw the top of my shoe blown away did I realize had been hit.

"I was hit by one of our own 20-mm explosive shells that had failed to find a target in the air and had fallen back on the ship.

"The shell exploded when the point penetrated my foot and hit the deck. There was only a small hole on the underside of my foot, but most of the top was blown away by the explosive force.

"The medics sprinkled sulfa powder into the wound and bandaged my foot. Off Salerno I was transferred to a ship evacuating wounded to Africa. I didn't even get a chance to step on Italian soil. Back at Africa they told us that 55 of the 60 planes that attacked us had been knocked out of the air.

Missed Italy

"While I didn't see action in Italy, I did get in on the last of the African campaign and previous to that had undergone extensive training in the Fifth Army battle school in Africa.

"On the basis of my own experience, and that of other men in my unit whom I talked to after they were hurt in Italy, I would like to pass on to TDS a few points we picked up over there.

"Learn everything you can about your job and that of every other man in your section. You never know in combat when you will be called upon to take over another job without warning.

"In my work in the maintenance platoon I learned the need of knowing how to do third and fourth echelon maintenance in the battalion shop. We were working under pressure in Africa and we didn't have time to send M10's back to ordnance shops for repair. We did the best we could with what we had at hand. By doing this we kept our vehicles in action at the front. Don't stop with learning first and second echelon problems. Learn everything you can so you will be able to keep your vehicles in action.

Got To Work Fast

"You must learn to work fast and accurately under combat conditions. We repaired tanks under fire in Africa and did a good job of it.

"Take care of your fuel and oil. See that both are clean before they are put in your engine. We filtered diesel oil for the M10's through chamol's skin in Africa.

"Just remember that by exercising proper maintenance you can keep your vehicles running when you need them. It is not a good feeling to have your motor fail in the midst of battle. Now, while you are in training is the time to learn to care for your equipment, not after you get into action. You have plenty of other things to do then."



SAFETY PAYS OFF—What not to do in Warehouse work is demonstrated by Mr. W. S. Williams and Mr. W. D. Neale, civilian employees on the post. The demonstration is part of a foreman's safety course being conducted in connection with the observance of February as "Accident Prevention Month". Similar programs are being conducted throughout the Eighth Service Command.

TDS Teaches Indirect Fire In Supplementing Artillery

A long step forward in training tank destroyers to supplement the fire of field artillery has been taken at the Tank Destroyer School.

Supplementary indirect fire, a newly-assigned secondary TD mission, was the subject of a recent School Tactics Department demonstration entitled, "The Organization and Employment of Division Artillery." This demonstration is designed to acquaint officer students at the TD School with the functioning of a tank destroyer company when supplementing the fire of an artillery battalion on an indirect fire mission. A secondary purpose of the demonstration was to illustrate the organization and firing methods of a field artillery unit.

Participating were the 264th FA Bn of 105-mm. howitzers from the Training Brigade and a company of M10 tank destroyers provided by the 656th TD Bn.

Position Moves Shown

Of primary interest was the demonstration of the newly-developed methods by which the tank destroyer company moved into position and added the fire of its 12 powerful guns to the fire of the artillery battalion.

Acting under simulated combat conditions, the destroyer company received its assigned map positions from the artillery unit, moved to the indicated area, and surveyed in its positions. The artillery also furnished the map location of the target areas in which it expected to need the prepared concentrations of tank destroyer fire.

Establishing its own observation

post and fire direction center the TD company calculated sufficient map data for an actual registration by fire on a central base point. By applying the data thus obtained by actual fire, the TD fire direction center was able to calculate the corrected data necessary to fire on any of the pre-

arranged targets designated by the artillery unit. The destroyers were then ready to fire on call. Student officers witnessing the demonstration visited each artillery and TD installation, thus receiving a complete understanding of the entire picture.

Triple Phone Lines

The positions for the M10's were blasted out of a hillside to provide cover for the destroyers. The communications lines between the various TD and artillery units were triply secure, the officers learned. The phone lines are laid along different routes to avoid their being cut by one shell. Even if both lines are put out of commission, radios, tuned constantly, are ready to fill the breach.

The climax of the entire course comes when guns of the destroyers and artillery are registered on simulated enemy tanks and machine gun nests eighty-five hundred yards away, and the mission is actually fired. Students witness demolition of the targets from the artillery OP where commands from the various fire direction centers are broadcast. Thus students get a complete picture, a round by round description from the time the original mission is handed down until the signal,

"Mission Accomplished," is sounded.

The first demonstration was witnessed by Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general of TDC and Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, the former TD School commandant, along with their respective staffs.

Frankie Masters And Spotlight Band Gave Bangup Entertainment

Brightening Camp Hood, the Coca-Cola Spotlight Band, featuring Frankie Masters and his crew, hit the high spots with a program of novelty choral numbers, instrumental solos, and a neat balance between swing and sweet orchestrations. The vocalizing was by Masters and lovely Phyllis Myles.

The program was on the air from 8:30 to 9:55—listeners from coast to coast heard Masters' music and the exercising lungs of the men of Camp Hood.

Becomes Father

Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph C. Drummond announce the arrival of a son, Joseph II, born Thursday, Feb. 24 in Temple. Sgt. Drummond is with Hq. Co., 672nd TD Bn.

664th TD Bn. Promotions

Promotions for Co. B, 664th TD battalion:

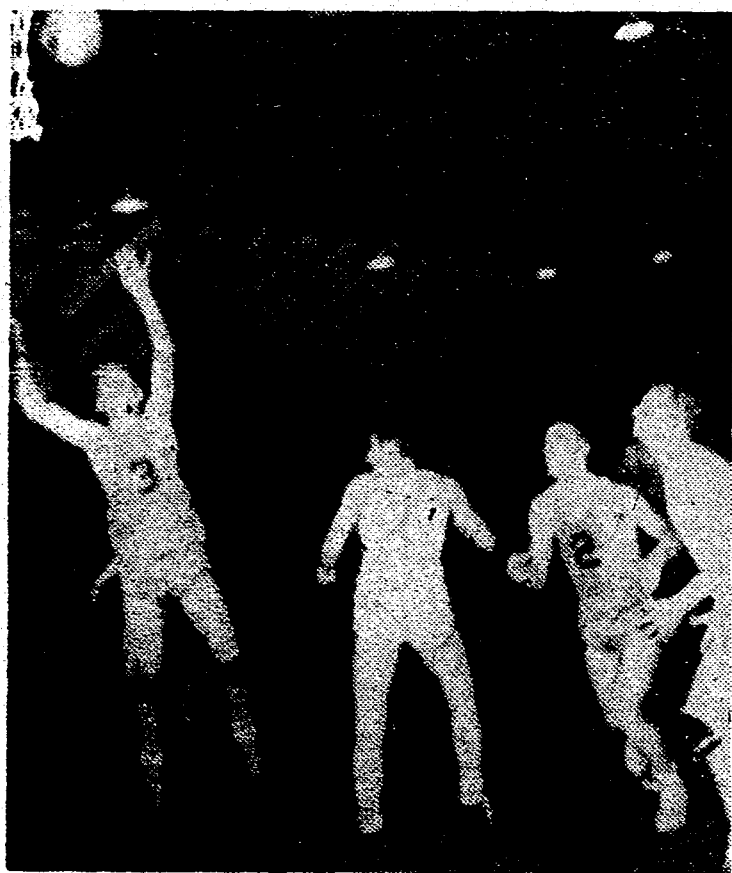
To S-Sgt., Charles F. Davidson, to T-4, John S. Kasper, to Cpl., Richard P. Mathena, to T-5, Lawrence E. Rabon.

Male Call

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

He'll Have To Go Through Chanel's





Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

RETURN ENGAGEMENT—Action in the recent basketball game between Camp Swift and the North Camp Hood Panthers, a return game played at Camp Swift, shows Lt. Jim Marteney, No. 3, of the Panthers, lofting a shot that swished through the hoop for two points, with Lt. Bob Sager, No. 2, about to rush in for a rebound try in case Marteney's counter had failed. The Panthers overwhelmed the Swiftites, 72 to 24, playing before the largest crowd ever to witness a basketball game at Camp Swift.

Camp's Court Laurels To Be Won Tonight

Scoring 19 points in the fourth and final quarter, the fast-stepping green-and-white clad 672nd TD Bn. basketball team moved into tonight's finals of the camp round-robin cage tournament last Tuesday night, when they trounced a hard-fighting Student Regt. quintet, 50 to 30, behind the sensational 22-points shooting of Pvt. Marshall Koontz. The game, marking the semi-final round of the round-robin event which saw four group champions open strokes against each other, was a nip-and-tuck affair until the fourth period, with seldom more than one point dividing the two classy quintets at any particular time prior to the ending quarter and the final spurt by the 672nd cagers. Breaking fast and using a terrific stanza of speed throughout the closing ten minutes, the 672nd quintet, behind the flawless work of Koontz, Saylor and Schramm, ran off and left the tiring Studes who had made a gallant bid for the finals slot, which opens tonight at the field house. Dollar and Shea played outstanding ball all the way for the Studes in the semi-final go.

In last Tuesday night's other semi-final game, which was one of the closest and most exciting games ever played on Hood hardwood, the 665th TD Bn. "Red Devils" eked out a 46 to 43 decision over the 656th TD Bn. quintet. The two aggregations were winners of titles in groups 4 and 3 respectively. Rowan, with 19 points, led the "Red Devils" scoring, while Buddy Orling, flashy forward of the

656th quintet, poured in 21 points to spark the losers attack. Orling shot from every angle on the court, one of his aims being good from a sitting position on the floor when he slipped and fell. Not until the final whistle blew did the fans know just which team was the master and the one to battle in tonight's championship game. It was a crowd-pleaser from start to finish.

Championship Game
TONIGHT'S card will feature the consolation honors and championship game, the title melee to be between the 672nd TD Bn. and 665th TD Bn. quintets. Consolation honors will see the two semi-finalists losers, Student Regt. and 656th TD Bn., match hoop shots.

Tonight's consolation game will get underway at 7 p. m., with the championship event scheduled to hold the spot-light at 8:15 p. m., according to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, who directed the long round-robin grind for teams seeking 1944 basketball honors in Camp Hood.

Capt. Leslie Wood, athletic director at TDS, and Lt. Pace have been chosen to referee tonight's championship game. A large crowd is expected to be on hand, since the game will ring down the curtain on basketball for this season, making way for baseball and softball in which a gigantic season is in view.

Receive Captaincy

Station Complement promotions recently: To Captain, Joe M. Franklin and Robert R. Woodruff, of the Post Special Services Office.

NC Racquet Star Triple Trophy Winner At Waco

T-5 Bert Barkhuff, Waco Det. TDC, North Camp Hood, met with triple success over the past week-end. Competing in the 5th Annual Baylor University Badminton Tournament, staged last Friday and Saturday in Waco, T-5 Barkhuff, who is former national champion of the shuttle game, won all honors that could be had at the Waco event, taking the women's singles crown and playing the important role in the other half of the winning women's doubles and mixed doubles titles—making a total of three trophies which accompanied her back to camp.

Last Friday, in the two-day tournament's opening round of play, Waco Barkhuff raced past all opposition to gain the semi-finals, and then, on Saturday, met Baylor University's Mary Honaker, the tournament's champion for the past four years, in the finals, defeating the flashy Baylor lass in straight sets, 11-0 and 11-3, to capture the singles title.

Pairing with Helen Lane, Waco's feminine athletic instructor, T-5 Barkhuff, exhibiting some of the finest badminton play in the tournament's history, stood out in the pairs winning the women's doubles crown by scores of 15-9 and 17-14.

In the mixed doubles, T-5 Barkhuff was paired with Sgt. Stig Larson, of Camp Wolters, and the two master shuttle-swatters set a blistering pace to oust their opposition in straight sets, 15-12 and 15-13.

The twoday badminton event saw some of the best players in Texas gathered to compete for top laurels, none of which had ever owned such distinction in the game as held by Hood's T-5 Bert Barkhuff, the only feminine star ever to win the national singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles in the game's history.

Next week's Panther will feature a complete story of T-5 Barkhuff and her far-reaching badminton exploits.

22nd Gp Circuit Reaches Finals

Hq. Company, of the 656th TD Bn., and Co. "C" of the 662nd TD Battalion fought their way into the finals of the 22nd Group basketball league by hanging up victories over the Co. "B" 662nd and 22nd Group Headquarters quintets last week at the Brigade TD building.

In the preliminary game, Co. "C," 662nd TD Bn. was too fast and too precise in the ball handling for the 22nd Group team, winning 29-8. Cover and Long led the scoring with ten points each.

Storey, of the 656th team, was the big gun in his team's victory over Co. "B," 662nd, scoring 24 points, 18 of which came in the first half. Co. "B," which trailed throughout, tied up the score in the final minute only to lose when Storey got loose on a fast break. Final score was 34-31.

137th, 138th Bn. Teams Play For NC Cage Title

The 137th and the 138th RTC Bn. basketball teams, winners of the two brackets in the North Camp basketball circuit, will play for the North Camp title starting tonight at 8:15 o'clock, according to word from Lt. Bernard Tarabino, RTC athletic officer, early this week.

The two title seeking teams will play their deciding and championship game in the Rec. Hall, 1st and Hq. Ave., at North Camp. A large turnout is expected, as the two quintets both have unblemished records in loop play this season.



WITH PFC KEITH QUICK

Baseball . . . What are the prospects for baseball in the coming season, now that the armed services are taking married men with children? Opinions are varied, not only from the man on the street but among big league owners themselves. Bill Stern, NBC Director of Sports, not only believes that the big leagues will again operate, but that one or two class A minor organizations which did not operate last season will resume this Spring. Bill believes that, although there will be a serious shortage of ball players throughout the country, the major and some minor loops will be able to operate by using men in 4F classification, players who are over the age limit, youths under 18 and players who have been discharged from the armed service . . . The great sports voice also predicts many baseball players will continue to work in war industries and play baseball at night. Bill points to the lifting of the ban on night baseball in New York City by Mayor LaGuardia as a step toward encouraging baseball during the war and proof that officials are doing their best to continue the sport. Says Stern, "Baseball survived through the last war and I am sure it will through this one." Incidentally, Camp Hood is looking forward to its greatest season in history and with the season now at hand its baseball diamonds will be flooded with aspirants who will be in there slugging to land a berth on the many starting nines which are to ring the baseball gong within the next few weeks. The Student Regiment nine will be out to defend its camp title, gained last season by ousting a classy OCS Regt. team in a hotly-contested series witnessed by tremendous crowds. The Studes will race for the 1944 crown under the leadership of Herb Karpel, ace portsider and former Kansas City Blues flinger . . . Winning the recent District Golden Gloves heavyweight boxing title here wasn't the first time Sgt. Edward Zednik, of Rcn. Co., 655th TD Bn., has achieved fame in the athletic world. Prior to his Army career, Eddie was a student at Ohio University, where for three consecutive years he slapped down all heavyweight material in sight, owning the "big man" crown throughout his entire stay at the university, not once knowing what it meant to take a count by the ring's "third man." Boxing was not all that attracted Zednik at school, for he earned varsity letters in football and wrestling right along with his mitt honors. Eddie was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, too. When the war is done, Zednik plans to continue his collegiate sports career, as well as receive his degree at Ohio U. . . . Sgt. Daniel McCarthy, 663rd TD Bn., formerly known as Jockey Daniel McCarthy, having ridden at Belmont, Saratoga and other famous race tracks, wishes to contact racing friends who might be stationed here in Camp Hood.

North Camp Mail Is Given Fast Service With Experts

The man who got twenty-three sugar reports from his girl all on one day just before Christmas still stands out in the minds of the RTC postal force at North Camp as a notable feature of an unusual mail rush.

The letters, all thick ones, were

postmarked within an hour on the same day and the return addresses showed they were from the same girl.

But the crew of thirty-three men who handle mail and packages for the RTC are proud of the fact that nothing goes astray.

1st Lt. Donald L. Trigg, RTC postal officer, added that his men have not lost one of the 50,143 registered or insured articles of mail handled since the postoffice opened last May. One of his assistants mentioned that 30,948 insured parcels of this total included "a number of very valuable brand new tires."

The volume of insured mail increased about 200 percent just before the Christmas holidays and registered mail went up by 125 percent. The total daily handle was between 400 and 500 bags, the postoffice reported.

Lieut. Trigg believes the good record is due to the large number of veteran mail handlers on his staff. Dean of the crew is Cpl. Lawrence A. Sistrunk of Jacksonville, Fla., with eleven years of civilian postoffice work to his credit and nineteen months of handling Army mail.

T-5 Bryan J. O'Toole of Manhattan is another man who knows his way about the intricacies of a postoffice, having spent seven years in them in and out of the Army. T-5 William W. Swinton of Spartanburg, S. C., started work as a mail clerk in the Army in May, 1941.

Other clerks on the RTC staff, all with more than a year and a half of experience, are T-5 Fred H. Winkler Jr., Cpl. Stanley E. White, T-5 Elmer N. Guck, T-5 Lambert Bartak and T-5 James S. Rollins.

The extra duties of the postal crew included, at one time, operating a very busy rewinding department to salvage incoming packages improperly wrapped.



FRED DE RESI, lightweight mittman from the 564th Ord. Co., who went to the quarter-finals in the recent State Golden Gloves tournament at Fort Worth.

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