

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**GIVEN COLORS**— Col. William S. Biddle, Commanding Officer of the Training Brigade, speaks to men of the 605th TD Bn, as it receives its ballation standard. M-Sgt. George A. Stone, holds the standard. Lt. Col. D. F. Buchwald CO. of the 605th, stands at the right. See story below.

## Battalion Standard Given 605th TD Bn. In Colorful Review

The 605th TD Battalion recently received its battalion standard at a review before Col. William S. Biddle, Commanding Officer, Training Brigade, who left Monday for another command.

Company A escorted the standard to its place in the battalion formation where it took its position with the color bearers.

The 605th was activated as the Fifth Anti-Tank (Prov) in July, 1941, and was redesignated as the 605th TD Bn. in December, 1941. It has been on duty as demonstration troops for the TD School since October, 1942.

The battalion was organized by Lt. Col. David S. Babcock, a classmate of Colonel Biddle at West Point, who is at present a prisoner of the Japs in the Philippine islands. He participated in the defense of Bataan.

Present commanding officer is Lt. Col. D. F. Buchwald, who has been with the unit since its activation.

## Buildings Still Rise

While most of the construction for Camp Hood has been completed, a few buildings are being built here which will add to the completeness of the camp.

Two more motion picture theaters are being built, one at 72nd St. and one at Terminal Ave. and 272nd St.

A new Post office will be located in the Quartermaster area near the cold storage plant. This will add to the convenience of men in that part of camp.

The Camp Publications building, facing Headquarters Ave. between Hood Rd. and 50th St., is rapidly being completed.

In the Camp Headquarters area, just beyond the special service building on Headquarters Ave., construction has been started on a building for a film reviewing library.

## To Study Further

Lt. John T. Marion, 42nd Ordnance Depot Co., left July 22 for Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland, where he will take a course in Unit Supply.

## Proposed Bill Provides Loan For Education

**Ex-Service Women And Men Would Borrow For School**

If a bill, introduced by Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, passes, service men and women will be able to borrow money from the government, after the war, to go to college or trade school.

According to an explanation by Senator Pepper, it will "help those whose education has been interrupted to complete (their education), and it will give those who have not previously had it, an opportunity to get the kind of training they will need to fit themselves for peacetime service . . ."

### For Those Who Served

If the senators and representatives pass the bill, the loans will be available to any man or woman who served in the armed services (including auxiliaries), and merchant marine who receives an honorable discharge or release.

Under the terms of the bill they would be allowed to attend any school, college, university, or institution that is run on a non-profit basis.

The amount of the loan would depend upon what the school chosen considers to be adequate for living expenses, books, and fees, and the dependents of the service man, up to a maximum of \$1200 a year.

The United States Commissioner of Education would pay tuition fees and the cost of books and supplies.

### Installment Loan

The loans would be made without security, would bear interest at the rate of one per cent a year, and would be repayable in 10 equal installments beginning a year after finishing.

According to provisions of the bill, a person making a loan would be credited with one half of the amount of each payment due if they can show a certificate from the school testifying that they have been diligent in their work.

Men or women receiving these loans (as well as their husbands, wives, or children) will be eligible to receive any necessary medical attention or care at any hospital or medical institution wholly supported by the government.

The bill, which is S. 1295 and is known as the "War Service Education and Loan Act," has been referred to the Committee on Education and Labor for action. It is still being considered.

## His Career Not Spotted But Striped

Lots of guys get promoted in the army; but when a T-5 goes to Top Kick in three months, something's happened.

1st Sgt. Joseph Gyenes, Jr., Rcn, Co. 648th TD Bn., a former violin teacher, wore only two stripes and a T back in March. This month, he showed that you too can get a rating. He got his three up and three down two months after he made buck.

## Good Conduct Medals Awarded 67 Soldiers

The 652nd Bn. recently awarded the Good Conduct medal to 67 men.

Of the 54 men sent from the battalion to the ASTP unit at Camp Maxey during the past month, many have gone on to colleges and universities.

## One Staple, Please, Or Three Cents

The Post Office has called attention to the fact that many men are using several staples to fasten copies of the Panther when mailing them home. To meet regulations for the cent and a half rate, no more than one staple may be used.

If two or more staples are used, a three cent stamp must be attached.

## OCS Here Has First Birthday

With graduation of the 38th officer candidate class Friday, the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School observed its first anniversary.

During its first year of existence, the School developed numerous training facilities for officers of the Tank Destroyers. It is now one of the leading schools in the country.

So vital was the need for officers, a year ago, that the first class was enrolled July 20, 1942, even before the opening of Camp Hood.

The people of Gatesville answered the need by opening their homes and public buildings to the officer candidates. Gunnery classes were conducted on the front lawn of the high school.

Exercises for the 38th class were held in the 24th Street Theater, and Major Park Bailey, director of the communications department, spoke.

## Col. McVicker New Training Brigade Head

**Has Been Commander Of 654th Battalion Since March, 1942**

Colonel Lansing McVicker, who was until the last of June, commanding officer, of the 654th TD Battalion, took command of the Training Brigade Monday.

Serving first in 1916 as a lead driver with the 1st Massachusetts Field Artillery along the Mexican border, Colonel McVicker has had a wide range of experience as an officer in the field artillery. In 1917, he was platoon leader with the famous Battery A, 7th Field Artillery which claimed equal honor with the 6th Field Artillery, was the first Yank outfit to fire a laid shot at the Germans in the first war with Germany. During the course of that war, Col. McVicker received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart, and the Silver Star Citation with Oak Leaf. Following the Armistice, he served with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

As a member of the Reserve Corps, Col. McVicker attended the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth, in 1933. In 1940, he resigned his commission in the reserve corps to become a Colonel in command of the 156th Field Artillery at Fort Dix, where he served over a year. Later Col. McVicker was in the artillery section of the 2nd Corps under Gen. Fredendall and in March 1942, took command of the 654th TD battalion. Col. McVicker went through the Carolina maneuvers in 1941 and 1942 and the Tennessee maneuvers in 1943.

## Soldier Variety Shows Set For RTC Hall Monday Nights

The recreational program for the TD RTC at North Camp is booming apace, with plans in process to make every Monday a soldier variety night featuring GI talent, amateur and professional alike.

First Lieutenant John L. Slesinger, assistant RTC Special Services Officer, celebrated his promotion from 2d Lt. by completing the setting up of stage curtains in the North Camp Recreational Hall at Eleventh and Park Avenue.

There are three full sets of multicolored curtains fronted by a blue and silver proscenium with a black cyclorama (backdrop) plus a miscellany including a red grand drape, aqua blue legs, orange and black teasers, and a burlesque set in back.

## Officers Have Work-Outs Too In The BUTC

If you should see a group of officers sweating it out on the range these nights, it will most likely be Brig. Gen. Harry F. Thompson, commanding general, TD BUTC, and his staff. They'll be practicing handling M-10s.

This is the practice of the General's belief that officers should be able to step in and take over any TD vehicle in an emergency. To which end they are out in the field from 7:30 to 9:00 every night.

## Assigned To AUTC

Marking a new phase in its training, the 17th TD Group was reviewed July 23rd by Brig. Gen. Harry F. Thompson, and was assigned to AUTC.

## Will Get New USO Buildings

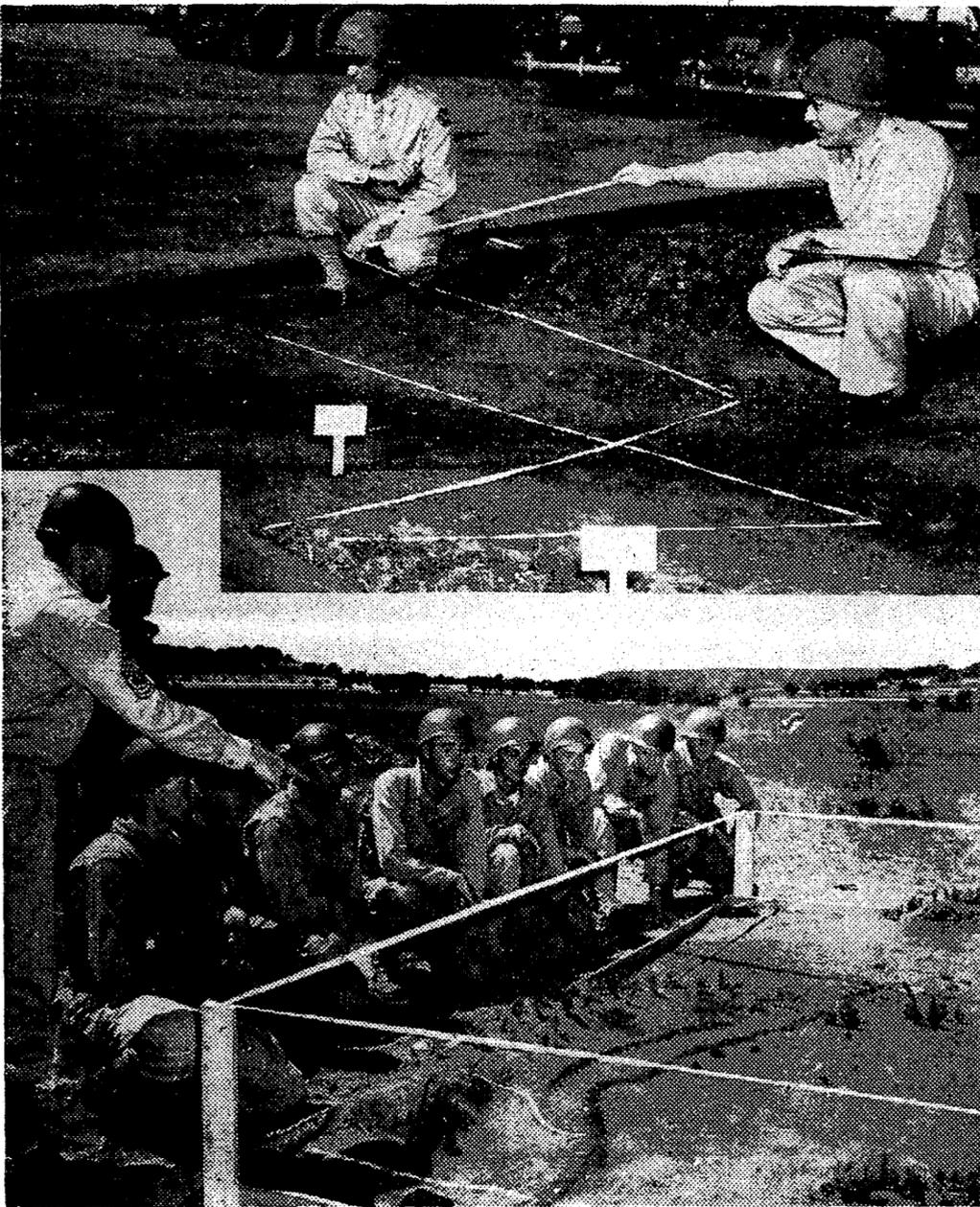
Plans are now under way for the construction of new USO buildings at Killeen and Gatesville, according to word received here from Harry J. Emigh, regional recreation representative of the Federal Security Agency at San Antonio.

The projects were recommended by Colonel C. M. Thirkeld, camp commander at Camp Hood, to augment the present USO facilities in both Killeen and Gatesville.

## War Secretary Says Camp Hood Finest Unit In The Army

Camp Hood is the finest army camp in the United States, Secretary of War Henry Stimson told Senator Tom Connally of Texas.

Senator Connally, speaking in Temple, told his audience that Secretary Stimson had returned from his recent visit here deeply impressed by Camp Hood, had called it "the best the army has . . . with perfect terrain and a setup admirably equipped and suited to carry out the objectives of the army."



**PLOT THEIR COURSE BY THE SAND**—Col. N. J. Wiley, Jr., Executive Officer, AUTC, and Col. Thomas J. Heavey, CO, AUTC, examine one of the new terrain plots of the 815th TD Bn. Depicting an actual range in camp, the white tape indicates range of fire of destroyers. Below, men of Co. D., 137th Bn. receive instruction on their new terrain map from 1st Sgt. William E. Schuetze.

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## Vaudeville Team Heads 670th Show

With a former vaudeville team, Harry Walker and Sam Margolis, in the lead, the 670th Bn. in the Basic Unit Training Center at North Camp presented a variety show Friday night in the 24th Street recreational hall.

Walker and Margolis were in the Army production "Khaki Wacky," and also played in "Sahara," with Humphrey Bogart. The team is the author of "This Ain't the Army," as well as the starring players.

Producer is Lt. Murry Karsh, who, before he joined the Army, was an actor, producer and director in Hollywood. He played supporting roles in "Gorgeous Hussy" and "Ziegfeld Girl."

## Combination Field Desk And Filing Cabinet Used

The Orderly room of Troop B, of the 113th Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized), has a combination field-desk and file cabinet, especially made to fit the requirements of keeping troop records both in the field and in the camp.

The combination was made by hand by Capt. Elmer M. Hay, former commanding officer of the troop, who is now in the Army Air Corps. Made of galvanized iron sheets, the desk has removable drawers, and spaces built exactly to fit the standard G. I. file cases.

## Nazi Prisoner Escapes, Is Captured, Saturday

Frederich Bohnerberger, 22, a German prisoner of war, who escaped from a work detail here Saturday, was captured near Flat the same day.

R. C. Suran of San Antonio, special agent in charge of the FBI, said Bohnerberger offered no resistance and was returned to the Hood internment center.

## Headline Review

Mussolini this week made the most important news of his life as far as the civilized world is concerned. He quit.

The man who sold out everything tendered his resignation to King Emanuel, who immediately appointed Marshal Badoglio to head a new government.

The Sawdust Caesar burst at the seams and collapsed quite suddenly—even catching German newspapers by surprise, several of which commented that he had resigned as if he had been elected, rather than having stolen it via murder and castor oil.

Though Badoglio issued a terse, and ambiguous, statement to the effect that Italy would "defend her honor," reports persisted that he was preparing to ask an armistice.

The United Press said there was reason to believe that Gen. Eisenhower had been designated to act for the allies, and that he would consider nothing but unconditional surrender.

In the north Pacific 10 flights of planes carried out the greatest series of bombings ever aimed in one day at the Japanese garrison on Kiska.

A little while before that allied bombers broke up a Japanese attempt to supply their important base at Buin on Bougainville island, sinking a 9,000 ton enemy seaplane tender, damaging one of four escorting destroyers, and shooting down 18 enemy planes.

Under the personal direction of Marshal Stalin, the Soviet army pushed on and was reported to have a stranglehold on Orel. The Russians were closing in from north and south, inexorably clamping the German windpipe.

On the western European front, Yugoslavian armies began what seemed to be full-scale war on the Axis.

Allied planes based in England

returned to Hamburg, dropping tons of bombs, and also delivering blockbusters to Cologne and the important industrial city Essen.

The converging of allied lines was beginning to have an effect on inner German which could no longer be hidden—the Aneta, official Netherlands news agency, reported that Air Gen. Friedrich Christainsen had been court martialled "for cowardice," and that Hitler had formed a new, "super" Gestapo, apparently because he fears a revolt within the German, was reported by the Reuters agency.

The Japanese are feeling a share of the growing allied power, too. Allied bombers, extending their range, made a successful surprise attack on the main Japanese base in Netherlands East Indies. Direct hits with 500 pound bombs were scored on an oil refinery, which resulted in fires that damaged a dock, warehouses, and railway installations.

Despite attempts to throw up stronger defenses, in the form of heavy waves of Zeros, American airmen continued to pound Wake island, damaging defense positions.

American troops pushed on past Termini in Sicily, while Canadians pushing east from the center of the island continued their advance—all told the allies have captured some 70,000 prisoners, including 10 generals and two admirals.

On the Italian mainland Marshal Badoglio was reported to have arrested anybody suspected of being loyal to the Fascists.

Broadcasting from London, Prime Minister Churchill urged the Italians to sue for peace, and an unconfirmed report from Switzerland said but the new Italian regime was discussing an armistice terms with the allies in Rome.

In the crop of unconfirmed

## Demand For Warrant Officers Increases Under New Program

It has been said, facetiously or from sincere confusion, that a warrant officer is "a civilian army officer." Because he has held a seemingly anomalous position, the confusion has extended to within the army too.

The question comes up more often than usual these days because there is a noticeable increase in the number of warrant officers in evidence around military establishments. The reason for the increase is that under new tables of organization, provision is made for warrant officers in various sections of battalions.

### Like Other Officers

Under new directives the warrant officer is entitled to the same prerogatives as a commissioned officer. His military title is "Mister." He is entitled to a salute from enlisted men, shares officers' quarters and mess, wears the same uniform as commissioned officers, and is usually a member of officers' clubs.

The warrant officer receives his warrant on the basis of being a specialist in personnel, finance, motors, maintenance, or some specified field. He is "hand picked," as it were. His job is to take over a special department and relieve a line officer. Thus in combat he would, probably, be in charge of his section.

The motive behind this set-up is that commissioned officers are primarily trained as platoon leaders and combat specialists.

### More Are Needed

Here at Camp Hood warrants are being issued steadily; many battalions qualify for these specialist officers under the new T.O. The board here has a reputation for being rather strict in its examination, but also the reputation for turning out some of the best personnel warrant officers in the army.

A personnel warrant officer, for instance once accepted goes through a stiff course of training. He is made a member of the AUTC "team," whose job it is correct errors in procedure and set in smooth running order the personnel sections of TD battalions.

Here in three weeks the new WO learns to run a personnel section smoothly and efficiently, by the numbers and the ARs. How good the training is, is attested by the fact that the 803rd TD Bn, trained here, was considered the best administered battalion to have passed through the New York Port of Embarkation.

### Men Are Eligible

Any enlisted man is eligible to become a candidate for a warrant. The physical requirements are about the same as those for a commission. On procedure he must know how to handle all personnel problems according to the Army Regulations, which range from pay and furloughs to enlisted men and officer's wills.

## Wedding Bells

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1st Sgt. Bradford E. Dennis, 147th ASTB, North Camp, was the first of the men in this new unit to get married when he and the former Miss Betty Jane Lorzier of Roseville, Ill., were wed at the central chapel here last week. The sergeant's home is in Macomb, Ill.

T. Sgt. Melvin S. Falck, RTC, and Jean Camille Brownell of Waco, Texas, were married in Waco last week. The sergeant's home is Baltimore, Md.

Sgt. William R. Benjamin, 136 Bn. RTC, was married in the central chapel at North Camp to the former Miss Marie Helene McCloskey of Wilkes Barre, Penn. The ceremony was performed July 12 by Chaplain Meyer.

S-Sgt. John Michaels, Co. A, 653rd TD Bn. was married early in July to the former Miss Nadin Walker of McGregor, Texas. Sgt. Michaels is originally from New York.

Cpl. Robert P. Shufelt, 819th Bn. was married to the former Miss Jimmie Lee Denting July 10.

Reproduction Dept.'s first post wedding was held recently when T-Sgt. Hubert P. Dasher, chief of the printing section, married Sue Owens. Post Chaplain T. H. Talbot officiated at the ceremony held in the TDS Chapel. Lt. Nick Nichols was best man, Mrs. Nichols, matron of honor.

S-Sgt. Alfred M. Collins, Co. B, 635th Bn., was married while on furlough recently.

### Father Of Boy

Cpl. Henry P. Bender, Co. B, 635th Bn., became the father of a seven pound boy born July 13th.

## If 'Variety Is The Spice Of Life' These Trainees In The 129th Bn. Should Have Plenty Of 'Pepper'

Careers have been quite varied among many of the trainees of the 129th TD Bn., RTC, North Camp.

Take for instance Private Roger N. Raaen of Company E, who was not content with a little trapping and hunting as a pastime in the wide open spaces of Canada but tried parachuting for thrills. He was born in Saskatchewan.

Private William R. Williams of the same company was an apprentice artist before Uncle Sam plucked him. He painted a war poster which hangs in the Treasury Center of his home town, Chicago.

rumors was one that Badoglio had ordered the dissolution of the Fascist party.

Back in the United States a tropical storm hit the south central part of the country; and in Galveston alone damage was estimated at \$10,000.

### Was A Dancer

Dancing up and down several continents is the way Private Chester H. Toomer of Company A kept the wolf from the door. He is a professional dancer and would like to return to gay Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, fascinating corners of the earth, he says. In South America Williams witnessed the German pocket battleship Graf Spee burn after she was scuttled by her crew. Nosing around the world, he has picked up a working knowledge of Spanish and Portuguese and had a side seat at a couple of revolutions.

### He Can Run

Long distance hikes should not bother Private William F. Green of Yonkers, New York, who is rated as one of the best distance runners in the country. He galloped to sixth place in the national 30 kilometer championship at Philadelphia in November, 1942. He is a former one mile Bronx County champion. And by the way, he has three children.

# Odd Numbers

Idle rumors travel fast in Texas climate, as Cpl. George Wax, Co. B, 815th TD Bn., can attest, having been run down by one. The corporal left on emergency furlough. The emergency being the imminent birth of his first child.

A friend yelled with casual diction (endemic to this column too): "Wax is going to Milwaukee to have a baby."

Shortly afterward a local battalion crier told newshungry pals that "A WAAC has gone to Milwaukee to have a baby."

By sundown latrine lawyers carried the news to far corners of north camp that "Several WAACs have gone to Milwaukee to have babies!"

Mrs. Wax is doing fine, the baby is no doubt very pretty, and every time Cpl. Wax hears an unexpected sound he jumps out of the way for fear he'll be run over by another rumor.

Apropos the heat, as everything is in Camp Hood, it just goes to prove that you can't guess a man's capacity by his rank. Pfc. Robert Hamilton, Mq. and Service Co., OCS Regt., answered a recent challenge by eating 60 pounds of watermelon.

Other contestants collapsed in the face of such capacity, and Hamilton obligingly downed two remaining slabs of melon.

Given a chance, he could probably cause a panic in the cantaloupe market. And while speaking of markets, that on reticence is unquestionably cornered by a woman in the Saturday Review of Literature who described herself as, "excellent social, financial, cultural background, considered attractive"—she also claims to have a sense of humor and no neuroses. But we'll bet she wouldn't brag that way if she had to do it by the numbers.

Certainly not bragging, according to a breathless communique arriving at this office via a friendly antelope, is one Sgt. Lawrence Marino of North Camp personnel office. He has just learned that the pretty little snake he was fondling was a deadly coral snake.

Come to think of it, many pretty little things have their dangerous moments.

On the other hand, and you can't give yourself much importance if you don't assume another hand, Pfc. Charles H. Bernstein arrogantly throws the boast in our face that in the past three weeks six (6) men of the 650th TD Bn. have become fathers—and all were BOY-babies.

"Boy-oh-boy," chortled the office woodtick, "see what that Texas climate does for you. Down here men are men and women duck when the shooting starts."

And it wasn't shooting that causes that ringing in the ears of Cpl. Leo Pirani, D Co. clerk, 132nd AST Bn. A trainee "our alert woodtick learns, was asked his middle initial. Said trainee replied, "I don't have any."

Cpl. Pirani properly inscribed in the proper place, "NMI."

The trainee noting the inscription, yelled angrily, "I told you I don't have a middle initial."

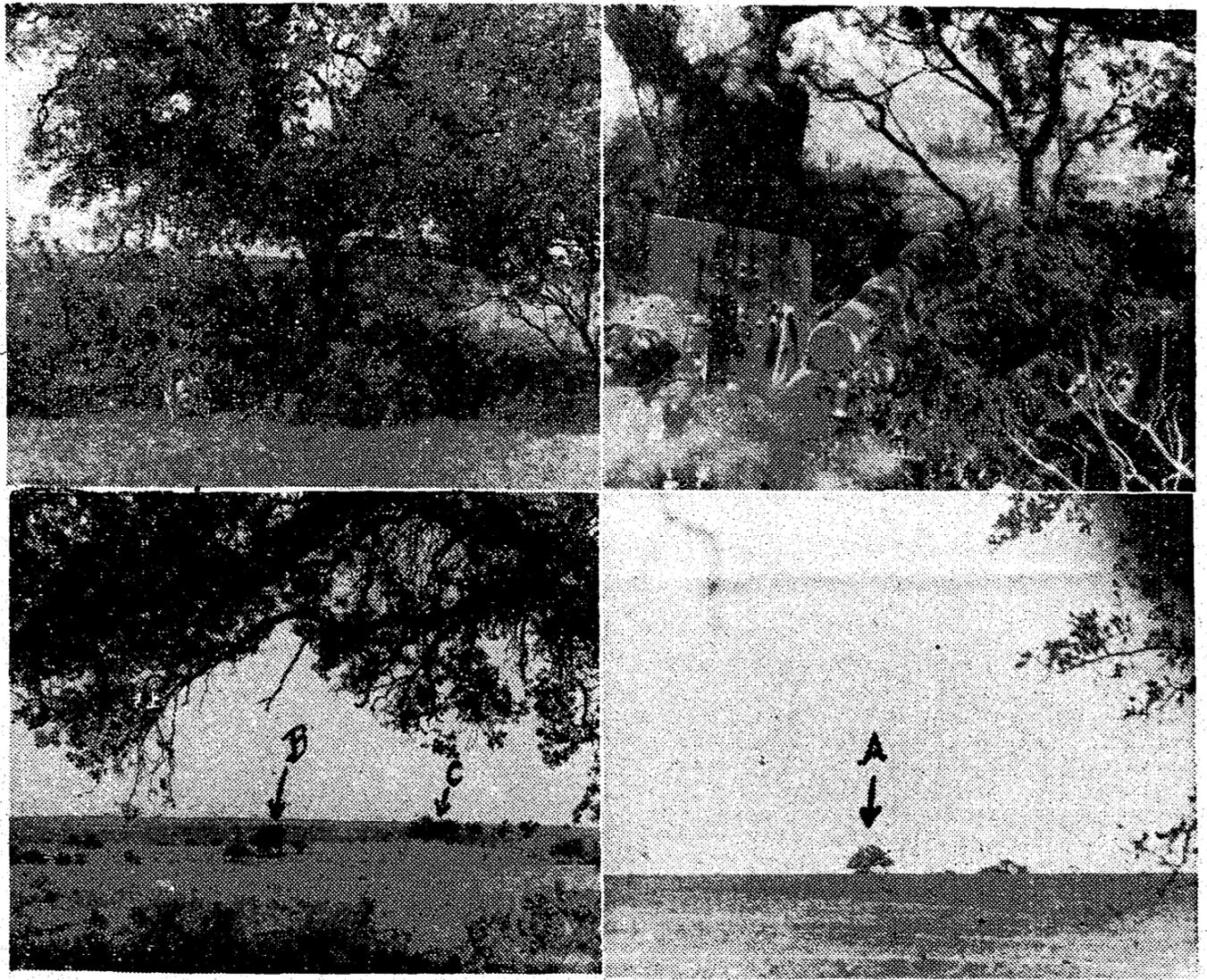
We wonder how he feels about his number?

WE SHALL ALWAYS cherish a prose picture channeled to us from North Camp. A tiring soldier stood in the hallway of RTC headquarters, waiting to be called as a witness in an investigation.

He had been shifting from foot to foot for about an hour, when somebody came out of an adjacent office and offered him a chair, remarking, "It's more comfortable sitting down than standing up."

You might call that a bit of obvious understatement. However, the chair donor was identified as Walter A. Dumas, commanding general. And you can't comment on that, brother.

—W. W.



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## Definition Of 'Cadre' Is Given

By PVT. C. WOLF, JR.,  
CO. C., 132nd ASTB

The new soldier is often baffled by the recurring term "cadre." He encounters it daily in one connection or another, yet few people know what it means in its strict army sense, or broader general use.

Of course, we know after only a few days at camp that the cardman is that non-com who gives you the devil if something is not according to SOP. But that is the point at which understanding of the word ceases for most of us.

The term comes from the French word "cadre," which means literally a frame, as for a building or a picture. In the Army sense, the cadre is a group of non-coms and officers used as a nucleus for, or added to a battalion or regiment as it is being formed, to give it full balance. The cadre thus provides the framework upon which the battalion is built when later the full complement of men is received.

## Hospital Staff, ARC Announces Changes

Ruth M. Stenvick, Assistant Field Director, American Red Cross has announced some personnel changes in the hospital staff.

Ruth Gillesby, staff social worker, was transferred to Camp Wallace as Assistant Field Director in the Station Hospital. Helen Barr, recreational worker, was sent to Washington, D. C. for a month of specialized training, and will return to Camp Hood thereafter. Romona Coghlan, social worker, and Elizabeth Hibbs, recreational worker, were transferred to North Camp Hood Station Hospital.

Helen Piltingsrud of Leeds, North Dakota has been added to the staff as a recreational worker.

## Amateur Shows Will Be Held On Lawn

A weekly amateur show sponsored by the Waco USO will be held on the court house lawn in Waco Saturday evenings at 8:30 o'clock.

Any one from camp wishing to enter the shows, for which prizes will be given, must register before 8 o'clock on the night of the show at the Waco USO building.

**"HOW NOT" TO DO**—Many excellent gun positions are selected by Tank Destroyer units in field exercises. These pictures, taken during an exercise, illustrate several points to be avoided in selecting a gun position.

The picture at upper left does not reveal the 3" towed Tank Destroyer gun which is well concealed and camouflaged. However, closer inspection (upper right) shows the tube extending ahead of a 14-inch tree trunk, thus prohibiting traverse to the left for targets appearing in that direction.

The field of fire (lower left) is good. However, the gun commander observed personnel under trees at "B" and "C".

In the absence of information from his platoon leader, the gun commander believed them to be Red reconnaissance personnel and therefore instructed his 50-caliber MG gun to fire on them.

Now look at this gun position from the position of the supposed enemy. The selected tree, "A" (lower right) is silhouetted against the sky line and is such a prominent and isolated terrain feature, that it would attract the immediate attention of the enemy.

Actually the personnel at "B" and "C", believed to be Reds, in fact, were two other gun positions of the same TD platoon.

## Theater Schedules

### 162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters

Thursday, July 29: What's Buzzin' Cousin?  
Friday, July 30: Melody Parade.  
Saturday, July 31: Once Upon A Honeymoon.  
Sun.-Mon., Aug. 1-2: Hers To Hold.  
Tuesday, Aug. 3: Appointment In Berlin.  
Wed.-Thurs., Aug. 4-5: Salute For Three.

### Hood Road and 24th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., July 29-30: Stormy Weather.  
Saturday, July 31: Melody Parade.  
Sun.-Mon., Aug. 1-2: What's Buzzin' Cousin?  
Tuesday, August 3: Once Upon A Honeymoon.  
Wednesday, August 4: Appointment In Berlin.  
Thursday, August 5: Hers To Hold.

### 72nd Street Theater

Thursday, July 29: Melody Parade.  
Fri.-Sat., July 30-31: What's Buzzin' Cousin?  
Sunday, August 1: Once Upon A Honeymoon.  
Monday, August 2: Appointment In Berlin.  
Tues.-Wed., August 3-4: Hers To Hold.  
Thursday, August 5: Double Feature: Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event and Silver Spurs.

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### Avenue "D" and 24th St. Theaters

Thursday, July 29: Pilot No. 5.  
Friday, July 30: Gentleman Jim.  
Saturday, July 31: Double Feature: Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event and Silver Spurs.  
Sun.-Mon., August 1-2: Stormy Weather.  
Tuesday, August 3: The Youngest Profession.  
Wed.-Thurs., August 4-5: What's Buzzin' Cousin?

### 18th and 15th St. Theaters

Thursday, July 29: Gentleman Jim.  
Fri.-Sat., July 30-31: Pilot No. 5.  
Sunday, August 1: The Youngest Profession.  
Monday, August 2: Double Feature: Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event and Silver Spurs.  
Tues.-Wed., August 3-4: Stormy Weather.  
Thursday, August 5: Once Upon A Honeymoon.

### 4th and 10th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., July 29-30: Dixie March of Time.  
Saturday, July 31: The Youngest Profession.  
Sun.-Mon., August 1-2: Pilot No. 5.  
Tuesday, August 3: Double Feature: Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event and Silver Spurs.  
Wednesday, August 4: Once Upon A Honeymoon.

## North Camp 100 Percent Club Growing

The One Hundred Percent Club of North Camp whose membership is confined to departments with a civilian personnel signup of 100 per cent for War Bonds, is growing rapidly.

Lt. Colonel Donald E. Dunkle, executive officer of North Camp received a report from Lt. John Morris that six new departments now hold membership in the club. The new members are the Ration Board, the Adjutant's Office, Personnel Branch, Post Office, Billing, and the Supply and Service Office.

The drive began with the initial sign-up of the 285 civilian employees of the new Quartermaster Laundry, which was followed by the Intelligence Office, Ordnance, Claims and Army Transportation Rail Departments.

Colonel Charles M. Thirkeld, camp commander, is anxious to have Camp Hood become the first camp in Texas with a 100 per cent civilian personnel roster in the club.

## Three WAACs Leave TDRTC For OCS

Three WAACs, Technicians Fifth Grade Helen L. Thompson, Elizabeth L. Russell, and Ethel M. King, of the WAAC Det., TDC, and on duty with the Replacement Training Center, North Camp, are headed for WAAC-OCS at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, to attend the class beginning July 31st. The WAACs are the first to go to WAAC-OCS from the Replacement Training Center.

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## After-War Organization

IN LAST WEEK'S edition of The Panther, Camp Hood service men and women expressed themselves on one of the most interesting questions yet asked of them in the feature, "Panther Poll", which is sampling soldier opinion on a number of vital problems each week.

The question, asked last week at random of four soldiers and a WAAC, was, "Do you think soldiers ought to maintain an active service organization?" The question referred to a serviceman's group after the war, of course.

Answers to that question varied, naturally, but the consensus of opinion expressed by those five, and many others we have discussed the question with here in camp, may be boiled down to a few broad, general principles.

### Agree Generally

Most of us agree that such an organization should be formed.

The largest percentage of us seem to think that a group separate from the American Legion, formed during World War I, might be more effective.

Nearly everyone agrees that the organization must not only be social, but it must do something constructive.

That is about as far as our thinking to date has taken us.

We are inclined, personally, to feel that too many millions of people, the world over, have sacrificed too much in this war to have their work nullified simply because they will be "too busy" after the war to express themselves vocally on peace terms, international trade and relations and the million problems which will yet remain to be solved when the actual shooting is finished.

### Find The World

Millions of American young men and women, are finding that there is a world outside New York, Kansas, Texas or Oregon—a world populated by little people, little people like themselves, people who desire life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, as do they. They are finding that between the common people of all the various nations, whose desires are almost identical if their customs are not, rises many strange systems, some given this name and some that, but all designed to keep them apart.

These, they will return to America, desiring to tear down, that all of the little people everywhere may have the opportunities which they have known in this nation.

It occurs to us that no "chandelier-swinging", purely nationalistic organization, no matter how high its stated aims may be, will ever represent the true sentiments of America's fighting men of World War II.

### Peace Our Problem

It is our opinion, and we believe that of the majority of men in the service, that if the people of the United States are to be called upon every 20 years to fight an international war, then the first concern of the people in the period between is the causes of those wars and their eradication.

World War II's service organization will have an international policy consistent with the world's oneness.

### Ode To A Chigger

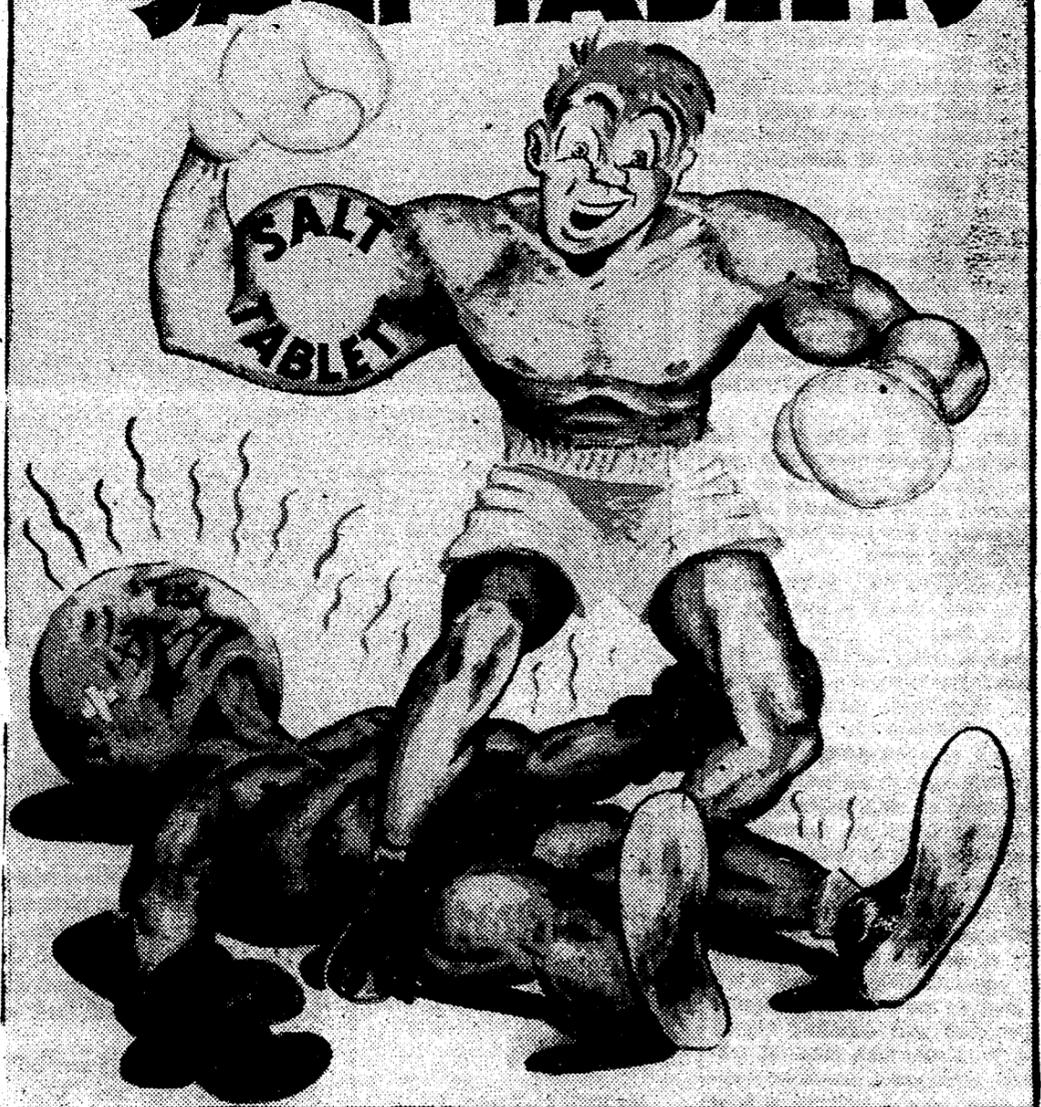
Last night as I lay in my peep  
I was lost in a deep dream of Sleep.  
My dreams of home and a furlough grew bigger  
When suddenly t'was broken,  
By the bite of a chigger.

#### "MY SARGE"

"The Sarge is my shepard, I Shall not want.  
He maketh me pick up burnt matches;  
He leadeth me through mud puddles,  
He restoreth my step.  
He guideth me on the course of  
Obstacle for my heath's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through valleys,  
I must run up hills.  
He ordaineth my head with abuse  
And my cup runneth over.  
Surely cadence and K. P. will  
Follow me all the days of my Army Life  
And I shall dwell in the hair  
of the Sergeant forever."

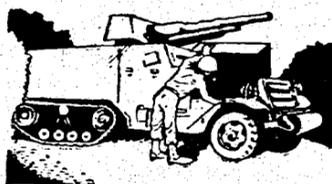
Pvt. Eugene Golan  
Co. A, 138 Tng. Bn.

# HEAT K.O.'D BY SALT TABLETS



Posters, similar to the one reproduced above, have been placed in Tank Destroyer School mess halls to launch a salt tablet campaign in that organization. (Sketched and Reproduced by Reproduction Dept., TDS)

## Looking UNDER THE HOOD



Perhaps this thief wanted to retire.

At any rate, he picked an unusual spot to undertake the theft of two tires and the front wheels of a civilian's automobile.

It was parked across the street from the MP Detachment at the time!

Hood men might question anyone seen removing tires from a parked automobile in any of the parking lots. Tires are hard to purchase, or had you heard?

PFC Arthur Koretz, medic with Hq. Co. 824th TD Bn., can be found almost nightly at the 162nd St. Service Club, accordion in hand or seated at the piano entertaining his fellow GIs. He's a native of New York City where he used his talents in a professional way.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson arrived in Camp Hood this week to visit their son, Pvt. Danial Gibson, Enlisted Weapons Class, TDS. They flew by clipper from Jamaica to Florida, then by train to Houston and Camp Hood. They're British subjects, missionaries on the island. They hadn't seen their son for four years. Casting an eye about Camp Hood Mr. Gibson said, "When You Americans do something, you do it in a big way". They brought another son, 13-years old, to the U. S. to attend Bob Jones College in Tennessee.

### Quote Of The Week

That to live by one man's will became the cause of all men's misery.—Richard Hooker.

## Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Hitler's bid for world conquest has been dealt consistently from the bottom of the deck.

His whole regime is a house of cards, from which he has now lost his Duce and King.

He may have some Jack left, but he has never held a Heart.

Now that our fliers are trumping his Aces he'll soon be lost in the shuffle, and the world will get a better deal.

## Army Quiz

1. What is the largest gun used by the United States forces?
2. May reading matter be sent to prisoners of war?
3. Can white uniforms be worn in the Army?
4. How long does it take, on the average, for a parachute to open?
5. How many types of pursuit planes are now being supplied the Army Air Forces?
6. How many Japanese planes have the Allies shot down, on the average, per week in recent air warfare in the Pacific?

Answers Page Seven

## WAACs Become Part Of Regular Army On September First

The War Dept. has announced that the WAACs will be sworn in as a part of the regular army Sept. 1st. On that date they will be known as the Women's Army Corps (WACs.)

Recruiting for WAACs will continue, and new enlistees will be converted to the new status on that date.

## "Sound OFF"



Editor, The Panther

My Dear Sergeant Smith:

My apologies for this late reply to your letter of May 15th. I have been in and out of the city and since returning my schedule has been so full that this is the first chance I have had to get at my personal correspondence.

I was very much interested in seeing the review of ONE WORLD in the Hood Panther. I appreciate it very much indeed. Thanks a lot for sending it.

Best wishes to you all.  
Wendell L. Willkie  
15 Broad St., N. Y.

Editor, The Panther.

Dear Sergeant Smith:

Thank you so much for sending me three issues of The Panther. I would be delighted to continue to receive copies of the publication.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the splendid work you are doing with this paper.

Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce  
Hq. 77th Inf. Div.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

## Officers May Use Library

Officers on the Post are eligible to use the libraries at the Enlisted Men's Service Clubs, it has been announced by Mrs. Myrtle C. Johnson, librarian of the 162nd St. Library.



# Writer Now In 670th Foretells Events In His Short Stories

Action In Present World Conflict Forecast In Various Fiction Stories Written Six Months Ago

When you want to know what the Japs are going to do next? Read one of the adventure stories written by the 670th Tank Destroyer Battalion's Lt. Louis L'Amour.

Lt. L'Amour, who travelled extensively in the Far East a few years ago, has written fiction for several years, as well as magazine articles and poetry. In the past few years he has been calling the turn on the Japanese consistently.

In the July issue of an adventure stories magazine, Lt.

L'Amour has a story written several months ago, called "Night Over the Solomons." In that story, he tells of a lone American soldier of fortune and his discovery of a secret Japanese base on Kolembangara in the Solomons.

### Stories Come True

Two weeks after the magazine was on the stands a Japanese base actually was discovered there, and in approximately the situation it was placed in the story!

In the same magazine for September, 1941, Lt. L'Amour told of the Japanese using pocket submarines. Such submarines were used for the first time, in December of that year, in the raid on Pearl Harbor.

Before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, this writer had written stories of impending war in the Pacific, and before Russia went to war with Germany, stories appeared telling of the event.

### Foretold Sea Battle

The famous battle of Makassar Strait, when the Dutch, British and Americans tried to stop the onward march of the Japanese Navy, and dealt it a terrific blow, was almost duplicated in his story, "Voyage to Tobalai."

Now, in the September issue of a sky fighting magazine, Lt. L'Amour has a story of impending war between the Russians and Japanese. The story's locale is the lonely Siberian coast opposite the island of Hokkaido, in the Japanese group.

There's nothing remarkable about it," the lieutenant informed a reporter. "Simply a knowledge of the countries, the problems of warfare, the terrain and a little analysis."

The issues of a sky fighting magazine and an adventure magazine for next month will contain further stories by Lt. L'Amour, written over a year ago, prior to his entry into service.

### Place To Cool Off

The Presbyterian church Service Men's Center in Belton is a good place to cool off in that town. The usual recreations and the place is open 4 to 10:30 Saturday nights and 3:30 to 7 Sunday evenings.

Performance by Brigadier General Harry F. Thompson, commanding general of the BUTC. The detachment had the record of no punishments or restrictions during the month of June.

## Training Aid Shop Busy Spot

The Training Aid Shop of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at north camp is yet to be stumped by an order.

Recently units of the RTC needed a number of blackboards in a hurry. The Training Aid Shop went to work and in three days turned out 101 blackboards.

Model tanks, signs, charts, and sand tables are a part of their stock in trade. Pvt. Vernon Wachholtz and Pvt. Richard Bishop specialize in these model tanks. They are real works of art, correct in every detail. The models are patterned after pictures or training manual specifications.

Functional models of weapon parts are produced along with range estimation signs, target frames, and bayonet dummies.

The sign painting section is of interest because of its highly trained personnel. Six of the men have held good jobs in civilian life as commercial artists. One of them Pfc. Arthur Ross, formerly did illustrations for several Hollywood moving picture studios.

Afc Cecelia Kosiba, WAAC, of Florence, Wis. studied commercial art in Chicago. She paints signs in the shop.

The men in the shop recently furnished a colored map, eight by eight feet. It shows part of the camp area.

## 19th Group In Bivouac

The 19th TD Group, BUTC, North Camp, consisting of the 662nd and 663rd battalions, commanded by Lt. Col. B. St. G. Tucker, has left North Camp and their area is now being occupied by the ASTB.

Moving to Shell Camps Nos. 1 and 3, the 19th Group will complete its basic training, devoting the last week to a 75 mile march and bivouac before entering BUTC at South Camp.

Headquarters Detachment of the 19th Group recently was commended for its fine conduct per-

## Black Gold Paid For Campus At Texas University In Austin

By Pvt. J. A. Bowman  
Hq. RTC

The location of the University of Texas in Austin is marked by a large skyscraper which can be seen both from within and far without the city. This tall administration and library building is one of a number of new buildings made possible by oil wealth. It is oil which has made the University of Texas campus one of the most beautiful in the country.

The legislature of the republic of Texas, in the days before its admission as a state, had foreseen a great educational institution. They set apart 40 acres, north of the capitol, where the main campus is now located. Then they

dedicated areas of public land, equal to the size of Ohio and Kentucky, income from the sale of which would go for popular education. The income from the sale of this land was augmented by money from the usual sources, legislative appropriations, gifts, and student fees.

Unexpectedly, under the public lands set aside for the University's income, a great hidden treasure was found. From oil discovered on these lands in west Texas, the institution has collected millions of dollars in royalties.

With the main plant at Austin and big branch schools in Galveston and El Paso, the University has grown famous with its start from "Black Gold."

The Panther's questing reporter this week polled soldiers and a WAAC on a question of post-war jobs?

### AFTER THE WAR DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE SAME JOB YOU HAD BEFORE?

Pvt. Edward M. McKnight, Co. B, 141st TD Bn., RTC. "Yes Sir! I was a construction worker in Columbus, Ohio. Right now I'm a cook, but as soon as we finish this war I hope to head back there and do construction work."

Pvt. Clarence C. Parker, Co. B, 138th TD Bn., RTC. "Not me. I worked in a service station in West Monies, Iowa, but enjoyed driving a truck during my basic TD Training. I'd like to be a truck driver when I get out of the Army."

AFC Betty Cowan, WAAC Detachment, TD Bn., RTC. "No. I was a telephone and beauty operator, but want to do something different. My Army experience has increased my confidence through being made to do things I never would have tried to accomplish on my own."

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### Lightning Causes North Camp Fire

A fire, caused by lightning, burned the old Ewing School in North Camp to the ground Monday. The building, which is one of the oldest in camp, was used to store range equipment.

The fire was discovered at midnight. The camp fire department answered the alarm.

A worse conflagration was prevented by the alertness of range guards on duty, who removed 50 gallons of gasoline from a building 25 yards away.



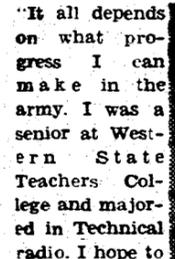
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Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
**PERAMBULATING BOOKS**—The first of 10 mobile library units which will be sent to men in bivouac areas. Each unit contains 100 books, offering a varied selection of fiction, non-fiction, and technical books. Under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle C. Johnson and Miss Katherine Settle (above), changes will be made in the books from time to time to meet the requests of the men.

## Heat Exhaustion Combatted In BUTC With Instructions

With the summer's heat in full force, the men of BUTC have been prepared to combat heat stroke and heat exhaustion so well that only two men have been hospitalized because of the heat.

Before the heat set in thoroughly, Brig. Gen. Harry F. Thompson, commanding general BUTC, instructed all officers in effective means of combating the heat problem.

To beat heat stroke, which is

caused by concentration of heat on basal nerve centers, according to Maj. John Carlock, BUTC surgeon, men are being trained so that they will not be exposed to intense heat.

Heat exhaustion results from a loss of body fluids and salt when men perspire a lot. Proper water discipline and use of salt tablets has reduced this hazard. Salt taken with meals will also serve this purpose.

## Veteran Of Guadalcanal Has Low Opinion Of Jap Soldier's Sharpshooting

By Pfc Irving Hirsch  
1848 Unit, Med. Det.

Directly facing a storm of bullets from a Japanese-manned machine gun 20 feet away, yet alive to tell the tale, is the story brought back from Guadalcanal by Lt. Charles A. Harrington, now assigned to the Station Hospital at Camp Hood.

Lt. Harrington saw action as a member of an infantry regiment which played a prominent part in the early fighting on the island. He attributes his survival to the generally poor marksmanship of the Nipponese.

"We were advancing at dawn and I was in front by myself when I heard some Japs talking," Lt. Harrington related. "I decided to capture them myself. I got within 20 feet of them when they saw me and turned their guns on me. I ducked, but a bullet reached my shoulder and tore down through my lung.

"With them still firing, I managed to crawl back toward my outfit," he continued. "I managed to pass on a warning to the boys, and then passed out myself. Stretcher-bearers brought me to the rear, where a collecting station gave me some first aid."

Among the more dramatic moments Lt. Harrington remembers, was the morning surprise attack pulled on his group by 150 Japs who surrounded them on three

sides, the fourth side being the ocean.

"We had to shoot our way through that," he remarked.

"We finally managed to reach the rest of our battalion."

The outfit received a warm greeting from the Japs as soon as it landed. Planes, artillery and a cruiser all combined to open up on the Americans as they reached the beach.

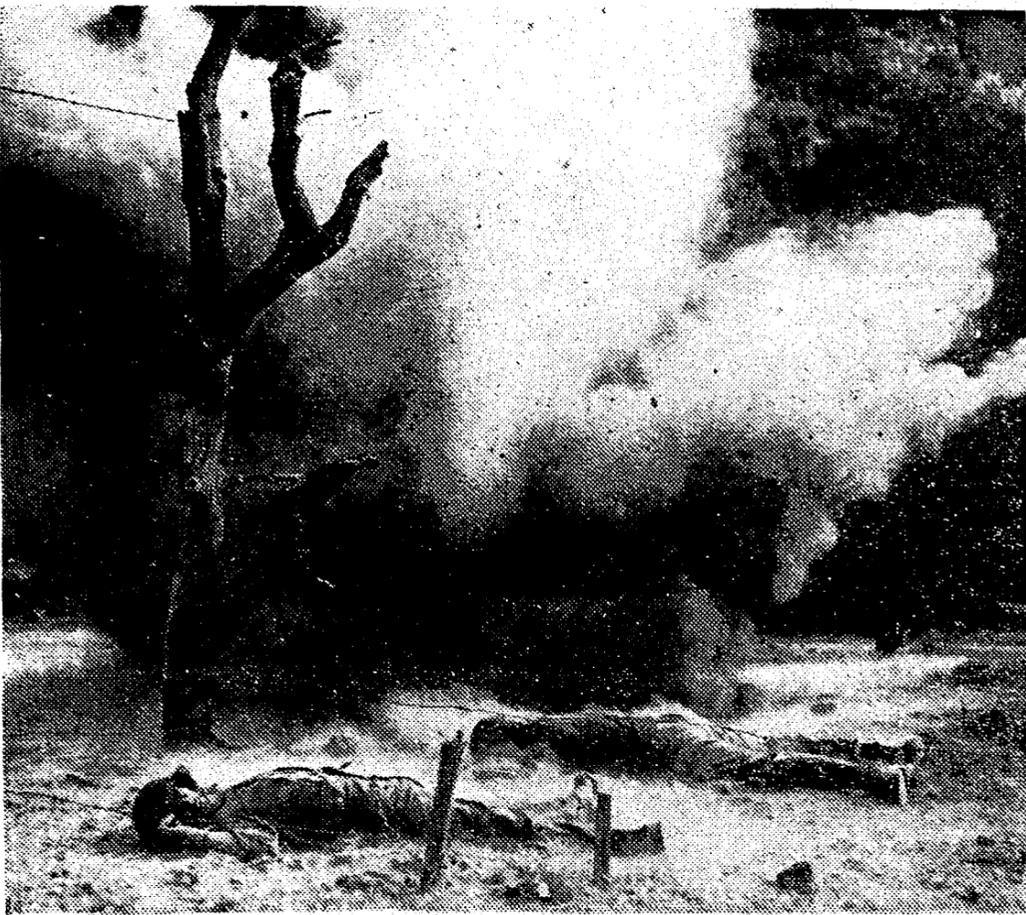
Lt. Harrington stressed the all-around superiority of the American soldiers. He was particularly critical of the poor sharpshooting ability of the Japanese, whose snipers did not appear to advantage.

What bothered the Americans more than the enemy was the lack of water. Insect pests also had to be contended with, particularly red ants, as the men crawled on the ground.

There was little in the way of entertainment while under fire, and the men had to rely on talk and make plans for after the war. Occasionally there was a movie. Even though some of the pictures were several years old, the men enjoyed seeing them three and four times.

### No More Openings

There are no more openings for men to attend the Army Administration OCS for assignment to the Army Exchange Service, the War department announced. Enough exchange officers have been procured.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**CONDITIONING FOR BATTLE**—Through dust and smoke, under barbed wire and past deafening explosions crawl these men undergoing training inaugurating Hood's newest battle conditioning course under Major Ralph W. Sleanor, AUTC. Not real battle, but close enough to fool the camera is this newest addition to TD training. See story at right.

## WAAC To Attend Finance School

T-5 Constance Harmon has been selected to attend an Army finance school at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., beginning August 16.

She is one of 50 enrolled members of the WAAC selected from all over the United States to attend the school. It is the first time women have been admitted to an Army finance school.

T-5 Harmon has been working in the finance section at Camp Hood, where she was sent with the WAAC Detachment, 1848 Unit, after receiving basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

## Jack Teagarden's Band Plays Here

According to plans announced by the Special Service Office, Jack Teagarden and his famous dance orchestra, will play at the Field House for a special dance, August 24th. Only a limited amount of tickets will be sold.

## From Private To Staff Sergeant In Eleven Months Is The Record Of Non-Com In Hood's TD RTC

Staff Sgt. Thomas J. Hurt was a private just eleven months ago.

Last September, prior to the activation of the TDRTC, a planning board was formed, consisting of three officers, Col. J. R. Gillfillan, Col. Christian Hildebrand and Col. (then Major) William H. O'Brien.

The planning board needed a driver, so Private Hurt was borrowed from Headquarters, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood. He was charged with a good deal of responsibility—driving, drawing property, and handling supplies for the first cadre on its arrival at Camp Hood.

So efficiently did Hurt acquit himself that when the TDRTC was activated last October, Col. O'Brien requested his transfer, and assigned him to duty as Motor Pool Dispatcher. In December, Hurt was promoted to Corporal and became acting Motors Sergeant until March when he was made sergeant. Late in April

he was the noncommissioned officer in charge of moving thousands of men, materiel and equipment 23 miles to North Camp Hood, new home of the Replacement Training Center.

Sergeant Hurt drove a trailer for the Olson Transportation Company, Chicago, before joining the Army. His brother, Jimmy, 20, is in the Navy, and his two sisters, Margaret, 19, and Jeanne, 17, live in Chicago.

## 822nd Celebrates Birthday With Party At Buchanan Dam

The 822nd TD Bn., celebrated its first anniversary with a picnic at Buchanan Dam, Sunday. Refreshments, vaudeville, movies, swimming, fishing and baseball were on the program. In a gun assembly contest first prize was the visionary apex of Army Routine. A 15 day furlough; lesser prizes included three day passes."

# Night Problem Newest Addition To Camp Hood Battle Conditioning

Course Designed To Teach Men Effect Of Overhead Fire During Nighttime And Night Leadership

Shells whistled overhead and burst in mid-air with a blinding flash. A red canopy of machine gun tracer stretched overhead. Deafening explosions from artillery and mortar fire showered geysers of dirt over grim men laboriously crawling through barbed wire and mines. A nearby burning tank briefly illuminated the scene, and an occasional flare heightened the illusion that here was Hollywood at its best.

But it wasn't a movie. Nor was it the real thing. It was the nearest to the real thing, however that has been seen at Camp Hood. "Battle Conditioners" they call the men who conceived it and staged it and they deserve the name. Nothing short of actual battle will try men's nerves and test organization and leadership any more than this macabre play.

### Christen New Course

It was the inauguration, last Friday night, of the newest course in "Battle Conditioning," under Major Ralph W. Sleanor of AUTC. A company from Lt. Col. Wint Smith's 635th TD Battalion christened the course.

The course is designed to teach all men the effect of overhead fire at night and to impress leaders with the necessity of coordination and control of their units under cover of darkness. Actual battle conditions are easily imagined even by spectators, to say the least of participants, who have the firing over them, hear distant enemy machine guns, feel the concussion of nearby explosions and are required to remain motionless when star shells explode and illuminate the area. The psychological effect on troops under the above circumstances is comparable to actual combat.

### Is A Night Problem

The negotiating of the course is in the form of a night problem, involving a dismounted attack by a TD unit to clear the way of enemy infantry and machine guns so that heavy guns can be brought into position. They crawl through a simulated mine field in which lanes have been prepared by engineers. They are supported by friendly machine gun overhead fire during their movement forward. Other foot troops move in on their flank for further support. During the advance a flank security detachment discovers two enemy tanks protecting a road block. One section, under its lead-

er, moves out and by the use of small arms, grenades, and Molotov Cocktails, destroys the two enemy tanks. After the advancing troops have neutralized the enemy positions by fire, the overhead support ceases to fire and the troops advance forward to clean out the enemy machine gun emplacements after which they signal by rocket to bring in the TD guns.

Col. Thomas J. Heavey, commanding officer of AUTC, expressed himself as pleased with the course, but asked a large number of spectators for any criticism or suggestions for adding to the realism of the problem.

The problem will be a permanent feature in the battle conditioning which all battalions receive while under AUTC.

## OD Bandages For Desert War

Bandages used in the desert will be olive drab, according to the Army Times. Brig. Gen. David W. Grant is quoted as saying that "Camouflage saved our equipment and men, but a soldier bandaged in white could be spotted miles away."

Production of the bandages has taken some time, as it was necessary to find an olive drab dye that caused no allergy or infection when placed against an open wound.

During the same remarks Gen. Grant told of weight and cargo space saving medical kits made of paper, and a new kit shaped like a frying pan, which contains in addition to medicines and sulfa tablets, fish bait and hooks—"If you're lucky enough to catch a fish, you have a frying pan in which to cook it."

# North Camp Site Of Historical Fort Gates

Rich in the lore of the old west, of the days when marauding bands of Indians threatened the safety of those who pioneered in the state of Texas, is the site of North Camp Hood, near Gatesville.

The military history of the area stretches back almost 100 years, when old Fort Gates was established there for the protection of the settlers.

When the pioneers arrived to set up their homes among the rolling hills of the central Texas region, the Tonkawa Indian tribe, who lived in the territory, became their friend.

### Indians Fought Settlers

But the Kiowa and Comanche tribes constantly harassed the pioneers, drove off their stock, set their homes afire, murdered and ravaged.

In despair, the settlers asked for help from the United States military forces.

Following an authorization by Major General George M. Brooks, commanding the Eighth Military Detachment, Fort Gates was established on the banks of the Leon river, north of what is now the cantonment area of North Camp Hood, and within the training area of the present camp.

Still farther north is located now the town of Gatesville, which

took its title from the fort. The fort itself was named for Major C. R. Gates of the Fourth Infantry.

On October 26, 1849, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery, grim-faced and determined after his experience in the Mexican War, marched his men through the portals of the fort, joyously welcomed by the anxious settlers and the friendly Tonkawas.

### Two Companies There

The garrison was manned by two companies of soldiers, who, like their commander, were also battle-hardened from the Mexican fray.

There were 17 buildings—four for officers' quarters, two for company quarters, three for laundresses, one for muleteers and their employees, a hospital, a stable, a forage house, two storehouses, a guardhouse and a blacksmith shop.

The company barracks were thrown into one huge rectangular structure, heated by six fireplaces so large they burned cordwood. All the buildings were of clapboard, post oak stakes and native clay.

The Indian menace was quelled shortly. Eventually the power of the Kiowas and Comanches was completely broken.

Meanwhile, with commercial

travelers following the slowly hardening paths across the plains into the western frontierland, Fort Gates became the center of a thriving community.

That community became the town of Gatesville, county seat of



Coryell county. Of the nine officers and 119 enlisted men stationed in the fort, many remained to make their home in the town.

By March of 1852, with the Indians under control, the need for military protection was almost at an end. The Fort Gates soldiers, excepting a very few, left to maintain the peace, were moved out.

The only reminders of the fort now are—an excavation for the powder house; the Lead Mountain target range, where many old

fashioned lead bullets have been found, and the military cemetery where are buried the soldiers who came over the country to protect the frontiersmen and their families.

### Monument Is Left

On the exact site of the fort now stands a Centennial Monument erected in 1936 by the state of Texas, honoring the soldiers who manned the fort in the days of the old west, and giving a brief history of the garrison.

Early settlers re-tell with pleasure the story told by a Fort Gates doctor who was called to attend a band of robbers.

The bandits attacked a party of prospectors returning from California, the story goes, murdered the lot, and were forced by the Texas Rangers to flee to a cave in the Coryell county hills.

During the months they remained in hiding, one of the outlaws became ill and a runner was set to Fort Gates for a doctor. The physician was blindfolded and taken a distance of about 10 miles.

When the blindfold was removed, the doctor found himself in a large vaulted chamber, stacked high, he said, with a vast amount of gold bullion. He was invited to take what he wanted

of the money, as a reward for his efforts but he refused the offer. He was blindfolded and returned to the fort, and the place has never been found.

The folks in Gatesville, tell too, the story of the Army payroll of gold which, according to the legend, is buried somewhere along the old military road between the fort and the spot where the road crosses the Bosque River at Clifton.

### Gold Never Found

The payroll was stolen from the paymaster for the fort, and although the paymaster's innocence was completely established before a military court, the money was never found.

The stories and the few physical evidences are all that remain of the old fort which heralded the move of America across the frontier. It served its purpose.

Now the Army has found a new purpose for the fort. The quiet hills of Coryell county and the somnolent site of old Fort Gates once again resound to the cadenced march of uniformed men.

But this time the silence of the hills is torn with the roar of monster cannons and the rumble of Tank Destroyers, alien to anything known by the soldiers of the Indians of 100 years ago.



I've made footprints in the sands of time  
And sand has clung to me.  
I've made footprints in the mud and slime  
As sticky as can be.

I'd like to tell the whole world  
What they never knew—  
How much soldiers' time and money  
Goes to shine the shoe!

Verse by Pvt. J. A. Bowman, Hq. Co., TDRTC, and cartoon by T-5 Dale Godfrey, Hq. Co., TDRTC, North Camp Hood.

## 635th Team Back In Race

The 635th TD Bn. baseball team, of the post League "A" circuit, promises to make the championship race a bit more interesting from now on out. The club got off to a slow start as the result of the bulk of its players being away on furloughs, but now that all have returned, the "Jayhawkers" are anxious to grab the camp title.

Last week the "Jayhawkers" erased both of the camp's leading clubs, Student Regiment and Academic Regt. nines.

In turning back the high-flying Student Regiment team, Bob Shepard, ace hurler of the 635th, allowed only five hits and whiffed 14 of the Studes.

Against the Academic Regt., the 635th ran wild to hang up a 22 to 2 count in a game featured with home runs aplenty. Herring, Hart, Senne, and Stephenson clouted round-trippers for the Jayhawkers, Herring and Hart getting two each.

It was the sixth win against two setbacks for the 635th nine in the current post league baseball chase.

## 113th Wins Again

The 113th Cavalry baseball club turned back the 801st TD Bn nine, 3 to 2 in a game played last week on the Cavalry diamond.

## Quiz Answers

1. The coast defense gun, over 66 feet long, is of 16-inch caliber. Over 130 men are required to operate it.
2. Yes, except those containing prohibited matter. All books must be ordered from a publisher, who will pack, address and mail the book.
3. Yes, it may be worn when not on duty.
4. Under normal conditions a parachute opens in less than two seconds.
5. The number of types was recently reduced from six to four.
6. 120 planes.

# Student Regiment Team Roster A "Who's Who"

The baseball roster of the fast-stepping Student Regiment nine reminds one of baseball's booklet "who's who."

High school, college, semi-pro and major league timber dot the roster of the tank destroyer school aggregation. This probably is the best account for the superb record being hung up by the "Studes" in the post league play this season; they have won all their games played.

### Former Pro Hurler

Herb Karpel, former pro hurler for the Kansas City Blues of the American Association, can be put down as the real "backbone" of the "Studes". He recently turned back the strong San Marcos nine in the current Waco semi-pro tourney.

Pvt. Donald Wheeler, former first-string catcher for the Minneapolis American Association Club is a hustler from the first strike on. Pvt. Thomas Spears, Karpel's assistant and former strikeout artist for the Amarillo club of the West Texas League, is getting his share of the "Studes" wins, too. Also chiming in for mound duties as well as playing in the outer garden is Sgt. John Zuber, former star moundsman for the Bayonne, New Jersey club. He could be called the utility man of the Studes.

### Was College Player

Pvt. James Rourke, who plays in the Studes pasture, used to play with the St. Bonaventure college nine of New York. Winslow, Stude shortstop, was formerly with a team on Long Island, and the university of Utah rounded Williams, the Studes big first sacker into baseball air. He hits consistently. Pvt. Francisco Barrero, a catcher, played in the Mexican Baseball League prior to joining the Studes, and Pvt. Peter Petrillo, performed in baseball circles around Bay Ridge, New York, prior to his

army entrance. Pvt. Virgel Clemons, a native of West Virginia, played on several semi-pro clubs in his home state before his induction.

## 'Bombers' Seek Games

The 302nd Ordnance Company softball team, known as the "Bombers" and managed by Sgt. Tommy Canning, is in the market for ball games with any team on the post.

The "Bombers" have a roster dotted with several outstanding softball and baseball stars, who learned the game so well that they played it for a living prior to using it for a conditioner in the Army.

Among the top-notch performers on the "Bombers" roster are: Pvt. Ted Parr, a fastball hurler, who hails from Detroit, Mich., and Pvt. John Farkas, who belonged to the Cincinnati Reds of the National league prior to his induction into the Army. He is a catcher.

In these two stars, combined with a fast infield and a hard-hitting outfield, the "Bombers" feel confident that they can take the measure of any softball aggregation in camp.

Any team desiring a game with the "Bombers" should get in touch with Sgt. Canning, or Sgt. Zuska, company clerk of the 302 Ordnance Co.

## 670th Battalion Organizes Baseball Team Featuring Stars

The 670th Bn., BUTC, North Camp Hood, turned a hand this week to organize a baseball team that promises to rank with the best in all Hood.

Pfc. Arthur B. Schnake, of Hq. Co., formerly of the Milwaukee Brewers of the American Association, and T-5 John Hoffman, Co. A, have been added to the roster and are expected to give the newly-formed nine considerable aid in batting power. Hoffman hits in the fourth slot of the lineup, the clean-up position.

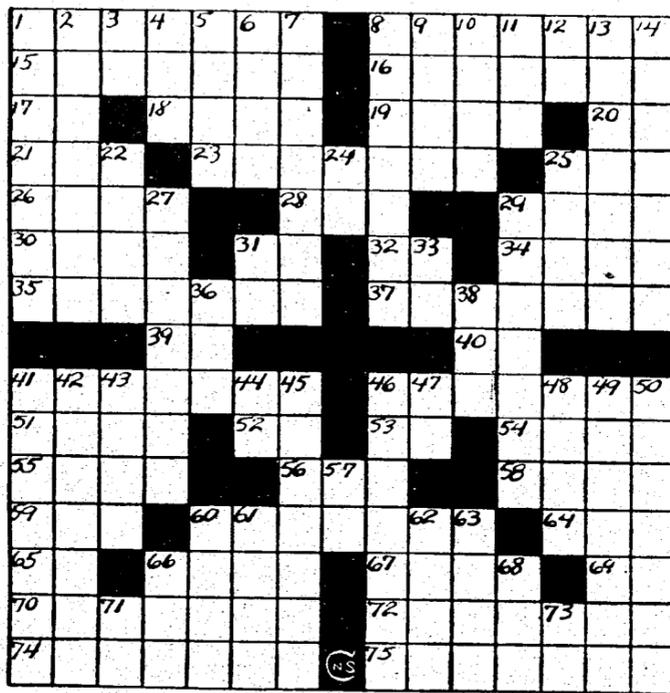
On the mound, the 670th will have Pfc. Stanley Ross, a fast ball chucker from Co. B, and Pvt. Charles Creighton, who formerly hurled for the Student Regiment, TDS, nine.

## Softball Tournament Ends First Round

North Camp's first round results of the American Softball Association tournament for the Coca-Cola award is as follows:

- 147th Bn. defeated 143rd Bn.
- 131st Bn. won over 138th Bn.
- 145th Bn. topped 149th Bn., 19 to 5.
- 146th Bn. won over 140th Bn.
- 145th Bn. A defeated 138th Bn. D.
- 149th Bn. won over 141st Bn.
- 131st Bn. defeated 129th Bn.
- Hq. Company winner over 148th Bn.
- 147th Bn. defeated 129th Bn.
- 1st Regt. officers won over 2nd Regt. officers, 6 to 1.
- 4th Regt. Officers topped 3rd Regt. officers, 21 to 3.
- 5th Regt. Officers ousted 6th Regt. officers, 16 to 11.
- 7th Regt. Officers won over Hq. Officers, 6 to 5.

The second and third round games are to be played this week.



### —ACROSS—

1. Army Camp in Missouri
8. Communication
15. Distress of conscience
16. Alloys used in making cheap jewelry.
17. Prefix meaning "out of"
18. Leaping animal
19. Sour
20. Part of the Bible, ab.
21. Branch of the service
23. Aim
25. Witness
26. Be agreeable to
28. Spike of corn
29. Certain
30. Ireland
31. Exists
32. What?
34. English trolley
35. Derricks for stowing cargo
37. Refusals
39. Toward
40. Ahead
41. Resumption
46. Account books
51. Arabian military commander
52. Myself
53. Article
54. Fencing sword
55. Advance guards
56. Head covering
58. Prevalent
59. Compass point
60. Affairs
64. Worthless dog
65. Our old sun god
66. Part of the ear
67. Back of the neck
69. Chemical symbol
70. Dyer
72. Small things
74. Traps for catching eels
75. Long seats

### —DOWN—

1. These look well in pants
2. Rookies
3. Mystical Hindu word
4. Know; archaic
5. What our planes do to bombs
6. Brother of Jacob
7. What we shall exact from Hitler
8. How we traveled in the old days
9. Epochs
10. Angry
11. Occupy a chair
12. Public announcement
13. Prosser's title
14. Regards
22. Hard stuff to advance through
24. He may have been in the last war
25. East Indian fermented beverage
27. Seesaws
29. Bee's weapon
31. That is, ab.
33. Pronoun
36. Solemn promise
38. Grow sleepy
41. Opposite
42. Issue forth
43. Baseball team
44. When the bugler blows reveille: ab.
45. Welcome arrivals from home
46. Bewails
47. Type measure
48. Heroic tale
49. War victim
50. Prophetess
57. Near
60. Prefix meaning "one"
61. What we do not do to the enemy
62. Scarce
63. Roasting stake
66. What you do not give your superior officers
68. Small salamander
71. Man's nickname
73. Football position: ab.

# Songwriter In 824th Writes TD Fight Song

Pvt. Stephen F. Ciancimino, Hq. Co. 824th Bn., a native of New York City and a tunesmith in civilian life, recently reached into his melody bag and came out with a fighting tune with words to match.

He dedicated his tune to his organization, and men of the

824th have familiarized themselves with the melody and the words.

"Seek, Strike, Destroy  
That is what our motto reads  
We are the boys,  
With the panther on our sleeves  
We fight our battles, against odds  
The tanks we meet, will find us hard  
When our fight's won  
We roll with ready guns.

## 605th Officers' Team Wins 8 To 1 Over Training Brigade

The officers softball team of the 605th TD Bn. took the measure of the Training Brigade officers team, 8 to 1 in a recent game featured by heavy hitting.

The 605th officers banged out a total of 14 hits, featuring a pair of round-trippers by Lts. Blankenship and Brecht.

Captain Suardi, the winning pitcher, contributed to the win with a double and a single. Col. King, first sacker of the Training Brigade, bagged the longest blow for the losers, a three-ply wallop in the fourth inning.

## Daughter Is Born

First Lieutenant William F. Warren, Hq. Co., 824th Bn., is the father of a girl born July 19th to Mrs. Warren in West Roxbury, Mass.

## Male Call

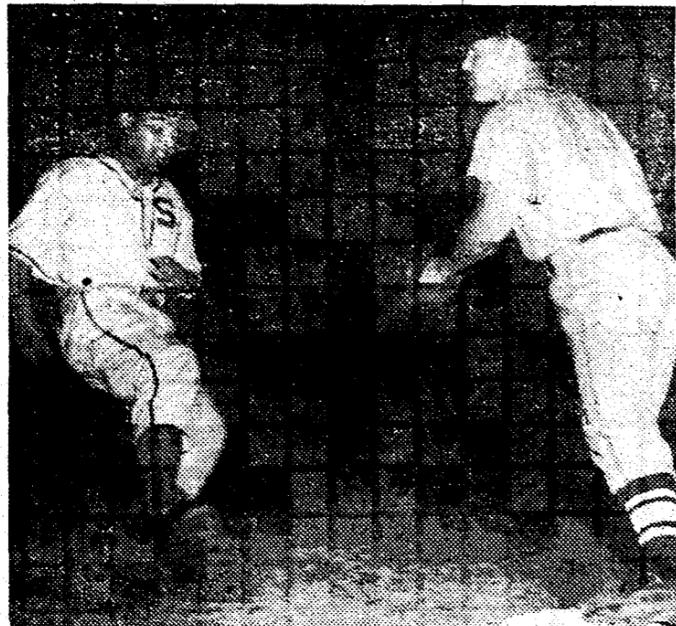


by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Auxiliary Power





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**THEY WIN** — Pvt. Francisco Barrero, left fielder, slides into third after hitting a deep fly into the field during the night game this week during which his team from Student Regt., TDS, defeated the San Marcos Flying School nine 1 to 0. At right, pitcher Herb Karpel, who allowed two hits, struck out nine men and scored the only run on Barrero's hit.



### Former Big League Baseball Player Now Directs Athletic Program At North Camp Hood

From big league baseball player to athletic director at North Camp Hood is the step taken by S-Sgt. Victor Mettler, who is in the Special Services Section at the camp.

Mettler, whose home is in Hammond, Indiana, was graduated from Notre Dame university in 1935, with a degree of Bachelor of Science in physical education. He played basketball and baseball for three years, and during his freshman year won the Herring Medal for proficiency in football.

**Got Six Letters**

Mettler garnered six Notre Dame letters, three in basketball and three in baseball. It was his lifelong ambition to play big league baseball, and in 1935, after finishing his college work at Notre Dame, he joined the Detroit Tigers of the American League. In 1936 he played for the Beaumont club of the Texas League, and in 1937 he performed for the Indianapolis Indians. In 1938, Mettler was sold to the Hollywood Stars, of the Pacific Coast League, and from there he went to the Birmingham, Alabama, Barons of the Southern League and Montgomery, Alabama, of the Southeastern circuit. In 1940, he was sold to the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League, and was preparing to sign a contract when he was drafted into the Army, April 10, 1941.

During the off seasons period in baseball, Mettler coached athletics in high school. He also served as referee in professional basketball tournaments.

**Now Supervises**

At North Camp, Sgt. Mettler supervises all athletic equipment and cooperates with the battalion recreational officers in adjusting schedules for inter-battalion games and the organization of baseball and softball leagues. Mettler is planning to organize an all-North Camp basketball team made up of former high school and collegiate courtmen when the basketball campaign gets underway this winter.

### Baseball Standings

"League A"				
	GP	W	L	Pct.
Student Regt.	9	8	1	.889
Academic Regt.	7	5	2	.714
635th TD Bn.	8	6	2	.750
605th TD Bn.	6	3	3	.500
651st TD Bn.	2	0	2	.000
652nd TD Bn.	5	0	5	.000
520 Ord. Co.	0	0	0	.000
"League B"				
	GP	W	L	Pct.
113th Cav.	9	7	2	.778
OCS Regt.	7	5	2	.714
801st Bn.	8	5	3	.625
657th TD Bn.	4	1	3	.250
653rd TD Bn.	8	2	6	.250
650th TD Bn.	6	1	5	.167
603rd TD Bn.	0	0	0	.000
656th TD Bn.	0	0	0	.000

## Student Nine Wins Opener In Semi-Pro

Defeat San Marcos Flying Field Nine In Waco Night Game

The Student Regiment baseball club made a brilliant showing in its first round game last week in the eighth annual Texas semi-pro baseball tournament at Waco.

Playing under the arcs, the Studes eked out a 1 to 0 triumph over the San Marcos Flying School nine in a game packed with the suspense right up to the final putout.

The Studes were originally scheduled to open against the strong Karlen Bros. nine of Dallas, but a last minute change pitted them against the San Marcos aggregation.

#### Open Tournament

A large crowd was on hand to witness the opening of the annual highlight of Texas semi-pro ball, in which the best teams in the Lone Star compete for the State crown.

The Studes-Fliers game a pitchers duel all the way, saw big Herb Karpel, Stude ace, at his best. Karpel allowed only six hits and fanned nine, while the Studes collected six hits off of Baker, San Marcos moundman.

The Studes prize run came in the final frame, when Karpel singled, stole second, and came home on Pvt. Francisco Barrero's well-placed shot into right field.

#### Leads Batting

Pvt. Donald Wheeler, Stude maskman, garnered two hits in two trips to the plate to lead the batting percentage of the Hood nine.

The victory gave the Studes a good start in the big baseball event, which aims to send the winner of the State title to Wichita, Kansas, to represent the Lone Star in the national semi-pro tourney.

#### The Score by Innings:

	R	H	E
Student Regt.	0	0	0
San Marcos	1	6	1
	0	0	2

## 801st Baseball Team Wins From 657th 7 To 6

The 801st TD Bn baseball team staged a seventh inning rally to win their third game in as many starts, when they defeated the 657th TD Bn. nine, 7 to 6 in a recent Post league B game.

After taking the lead with a run in the second frame, the 801st, baffled by the offerings of pitcher Pepper, watched their lead melt away to a three run lead by the 657th. Going into the bottom-half of the seventh stanza, with the 657th leading 6 to 3, the 801st finally unloosed its terrific hitting power and knotted the count at 6-all, then, as a result of catcher Dixon's long three-ply wallop, edged out in front with the final tally and victory.

Spectacular defensive play on both teams featured the league contest.

Freeman went the route for the 801st and Pepper worked the whole nine for the 657th.

### Officers' Team Wins

The 113th Cavalry Officers' softball team defeated the AUTC officers' softball club, 6 to 4 in a recent game played on Cavalry soil.

It marked the second time the Cavalry team has trounced the AUTC club this season.



### With PFC Keith Quick

S-Sgt. Henry L. Underwood, Co. A, Provisional Truck Bn., TDC, likes nothing better than to gaze upon a no-hit no-run performance in baseball. Sgt. Underwood has played lots of baseball himself, but admits he gets more kick out of watching the national pastime. He saw Johnny Vander Meer, ace portsider of the Cincinnati Reds, pitch the first of his double no-hit performances on June 11, 1938 at Crosley Field, where he erased the fighting Boston Braves, 3 to 0. But last week, and it happened on Hood soil, Underwood witnessed his second no-hit no-run game, when Sgt. Jack Kelly, of the Prov. Trk. Bn. nine, subdued the OCS Regt. team. Kelly helped the cause along by collecting four hits in five trips himself. The Truckers have won 15 out of 17 games played this season . . . We've just learned that Lt. Willie Zapalac, former Texas Aggie gridiron star, now of Camp Hood, has been promised a 15-day leave in order to play for the college all-stars against the Washington Redskins at Evanston, Illinois, next month in the Annual bigtime football classic. We hope the Lieutenant will put over a six-pointer or two for Camp Hood . . .

**20 prospective pugilists** have started to work under the careful eye of Cpl. Joe Muscato, the nation's ranking heavyweight contender, at North Camp Hood. Team bouts are being planned with the Waco and Blacklands Army Flying Schools teams . . . **Bowling is now close by, fellows,** so here's your chance to spill the pins! Mr. L. Burkett Arnold, Justice of the Peace in Killeen, will open the first ten-pin bowling alley in Killeen's history on Friday evening, July 30, at 7 p. m. Arnold's new kegler center will be known as the "Hi-way Bowling Center" and will be located on Highway 190. Officers and enlisted men of Camp Hood are cordially invited to attend the Center's opening . . . **Camp Hood's** pair of baseball representatives in the State semi-pro tournament at Waco, the 635th TD Bn. and Student Regiment nines, have found the going pretty steep. The Studes, however, won their opener last week, 1 to 0, defeating the San Marcos Flyers, but came back last Sunday to take a beating at the hands of the powerful Houston Shipbuilders, 8 to 3. The 635th aggregation lost its initial contest last week, 10 to 0, being overwhelmed by the tournament's favorites, the Waco Flyers, who have not been defeated in 13 straight games. The Flyers are our favorites to go to the national event at Wichita, Kansas, next month. Hats off to Lt. Birdie Tebbetts and Sid Hudson!

### Academic Team Wins 6 To 2 From Hospital

The Academic Regiment baseball team, TDS, defeated the McCloskey Hospital nine, 6 to 2 in a game played last week at Temple.

After the third inning the issue was never in doubt as the Hood nine, led by pitcher Lloyd Troseth, unloosed a barrage of extra base hits that ut them out in front to stay.

### Fourth Regiment Team Collects Win 21-3

The 4th Regt. officers' softball team, of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp Hood, overwhelmed the 3rd Regt. officers club, 21 to 3 in a game which marked the opening of the American Softball Association tournament now underway at North Camp.

Thirty-two teams are scrambling for the Coca-Cola award to be handed the winner.

### 'Tug-Of-War' Now A Part Of Program

Add to sports activities of North Camp Hood's Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center one of the world's oldest competitive games—tug of war.

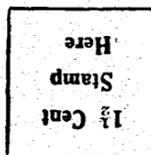
The Special Services officer of the center recently purchased one ton of rope, which is to be cut up and divided among the battalions of RTC.

Each battalion will form a tug of war team which will compete in a round of tournament play for the tug of war championship of RTC.

More than 1,800 feet of two-inch rope will be cut into 100-foot lengths.

The various units are already picking their teams and the big tug of war pull will get underway soon.

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