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HE'S A TD MASCOT—Bobby, year-old son of T/4 Antonio Cardasco and his wife Veronica, is a frequent visitor at the Leon Drive Service Club, North Camp, where he enjoys romping with his soldier pals and trying on their helmet liners. Claimed as official mascot of the club, Maggie Rose Earles, hostess, says he's the best-behaved soldier of the lot!

North Camp STAR Unit Activated

A Specialized Training and Re-assignment (STAR) unit of the Army Specialized Training Program has been ordered activated at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center here.

With this unit functioning, trainees now in the ASTP battalions undergoing basic training will be given tests and recommended for specific curricula and terms at North Camp Hood for the colleges and universities.

This STAR unit consists of Army officers and civilians who have wide experience in choosing men for college courses and for particular assignments in the Army after schooling is completed.

Ordinarily STAR units are located at a college or university, but with one located at North Camp, the trainees upon reaching the 8th or 9th cycle in their training, will be introduced to the STAR board. It can be determined then whether or not they are fitted to go to college for study or be sent as replacements in an Army organization.

The STAR unit will use some cadre, several of whom have been ordered to this station.

Invent TD Game

Another variation of the "Seek, Strike, Destroy" motto of the TDs is a game invented by Cpl. Edward Lozowski and Cpl. Maxwell Meyer. The game is played with boards and discs. Its originators are busy with preparations for having it manufactured.

The Censor Isn't Hep To This Jive

Perhaps this G. I. in the 836th Ordnance Depot Company is in training to be a politician when the Axis gets the axe, or maybe he just wants to be sure his letter evades the censor.

At any rate he recently mailed this highly informative note home:

"The 836th Ordnance Depot Co. is now here and came here from where we were a short time ago. We did just what every new company does where we were, and now that we are here, we are doing what we were taught there.

"Here we are almost ready to start business and don't know what will happen from there on, but we know we like it here.

"The weather here is just about like it always has been and the people are similar to what they are like everywhere else."

V-Mail Use Overseas Is Urged

When you write a fellow soldier overseas, use V-Mail. It will get there faster and it is guaranteed to go by air—V-Mail is never left behind. The Army recommends its use because space is vitally needed for war materiel.

Army officials point out that because of the increasing pace of the war, it is important to get munitions and supplies to all theaters of action; therefore, space for letters is limited.

In many cases, letters marked airmail go by air only to the port of embarkation in the United States and travel overseas by boat, because of lack of space on the planes.

V-Mail always go by air, and since the weight of a V-Mail letter is equal to 1-65th of the weight of an ordinary letter, their use means many more letters can be sent at one time, space can be saved.

'Limited Service' Class Discontinued In The Army

Use of the term "Limited Service" has been discontinued by the War Department.

All enlisted men who have been classified Limited Service will be re-examined and either discharged from the Army, if they can't meet standards for induction, or will be placed in general service. But if a man cannot meet physical standards for induction, he still may be kept in the service when the commander concerned finds that the man in question can do a special job in the Army.

It is believed that any man useful to the service will be retained if his commander so desires.

Elimination of the Limited Service classification here will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Five boards of three or more medical officers started Monday re-examining all men who were classified Limited Service.

Present indications are that a man's skills and usefulness in a certain job will largely determine whether or not he is to stay in the Army.

Attention Camp Hood Soldiers, Civilians!

In other years, to persons we felt we could count on, we have said: "Your word is as good as your bond."

Today in war, America's combat soldiers are looking back to the home front and they are asking: "Is your bond as good as your word?"

Praises of them as fighting men have been reproduced on their radios in hutments in Ireland, tents in Africa, and Guadalcanal. Salutes to America's fighting men have been beamed around the world by powerful short wave stations. They have been decorated for bravery and cited for heroic action. They have been fed, entertained and made over by USO's and Red Cross organizations and churches from Seattle to London.

All this is as it should be.

We Need Guns

But radio programs, salutes, decorations, and adulation does not kill the enemy, and if we are to win this war we must kill more of the enemy than he kills of us.

Planes, bombs, guns, grenades, clothing, food, shelter, medical supplies—all of these and millions of other articles do defeat the enemy.

These articles cost money. They are purchased through your investment in War Savings Bonds and Stamps.

America's soldiers have heard words of praise and thanks.

These they appreciate, but they are looking back to us on the home front to place the intricate instruments of destruction in their hands which will enable them to win the victory to which they are dedicated.

They are asking: "Is your bond as good as your word?"

Join The "100 Percenters"

At North Camp the "100 Percent Club," membership in which is restricted to civilian offices whose personnel has signed up 100 per cent for War Savings Bonds, is growing rapidly.

South Camp civilians can do as well. See that you and your fellow workers in each office sign for payroll deductions for the wisest investment you can make.

Most of the military personnel on the post are investing regularly from their small salaries.

Together we can prove that Camp Hood's "Bond is as good as its word!"

CIO Men Will Live GI Life For Two Days

Forty members of the CIO Oil-workers Union, in convention in Ft. Worth, arrive in camp today to spend two days in uniform learning how Tank Destroyers are trained.

The union men will be attached to the 635th battalion, where each will be assigned a "buddy" to show him the ropes. He will go through the routine of each day's training with the battalion just as the rest of the men do.

Included in today's training for the visitors will be the night combat course. This will be followed Friday by firing of three-inch guns and a trip through the Tank Destroyer School.

This is believed to be the first time that civilians have actually

become soldiers for two days in any camp in Texas, and the second time in the United States that this educational experience has been attempted.

Swimming Pools Will Be Built Here

Two swimming pools, 50 by 100 feet, costing about \$17,000 each, will be built at Camp Hood in the near future for the use of the enlisted personnel at the camp, it was announced today.

One will be at North Camp Hood, at 15th Street and Leon Drive, and the other in the Camp Hood original cantonment area between Headquarters and South Avenues, southwest of camp headquarters.

Construction of the pools will take about 30 days, according to the camp engineer. Work will be started in the near future, he said.

Now Warrant Officer

M-Sgt. Henry G. Weiss, former Sergeant Major of the 801TD Bn., was recently promoted to Warrant Officer, j. g., and holds the position of Battalion Personnel Adjutant. Mr. Weiss was the Battalion Personnel Sergeant prior to his duty as Battalion Sergeant Major.

39th Officer Class Graduates From OCS; Hears Col. Biddle

The 39th officer candidate class of the Tank Destroyer School was graduated Friday in exercises at the 24th Street Theater with Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry presenting the commissions and Col. William S. Biddle, commanding officer of the 113th Cavalry, as the speaker.

"A proper creed, in my opinion," said Colonel Biddle, "is the following: Be on the look-out for work to do and responsibility to accept; and when you receive an assignment, no matter how trivial, make it a rule to execute it better than anyone else could do it."



Col. Ora J. Cohee

Peace Problems, War Aims To Be Discussed At Camp Meetings

The National Conference of Christians and Jews will hold a series of meetings throughout camp August 9, 10, 11 and 12, Post Chaplain Capt. Thomas H. Talbot, announced this week.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews has been in existence since 1928 to develop justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews in the United States.

The series of gatherings in Camp Hood, which all men will be given an opportunity to attend, will contact the largest number of service men ever addressed on one post by speakers of the Conference, Capt Talbot said.

Seek High Standard Individuals and Organizations

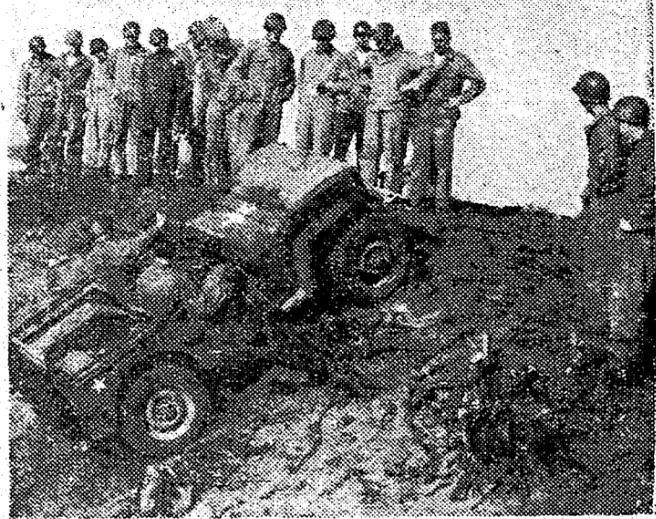
are being invited to join with the conference in the endeavor to build a nation in which the religious ideals of brotherhood shall become the standards of every day relationships, Capt. Talbot pointed out.

Schedule of meetings in camp follows: Training Brigade, 162nd St. and Brigade, 7 p.m., Aug. 9; TD School Amphitheater, 9:15 p. m., Aug. 9; BUTC Area, 7 a.m., Aug. 10; RTC Area, 7 p. m., Aug. 10; Table Rock Area, 7 a.m. Aug. 11; Shell Camp Area, 11 a. m., Aug. 11; Leon River Area, 1:30 p.m., Aug. 11; AUTC Area on Hood Road between Headquarters and Battalion Avenue, 7 p.m., Aug. 12.

Speakers Outstanding

Featured as speakers at the gatherings will be Professor H. J. Ettlinger, University of Texas; Dr. John L. McMahon, president of Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, and Col. Ora J. Cohee, chief of Chaplains' Branch, Eighth Service Command.

Program of the conference is giving soldiers of the United States a demonstration of an American unity that crosses religious lines as well as information as to American war goals and postwar problems.



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They Learn The Hard Way . . .

Soldier-Drivers Must Know Their Stuff Here

A soldier has to be fully qualified before being allowed to drive any military vehicle at Camp Hood. He has to be physically and mentally stable.

At the Tank Destroyer School testing laboratory, applicants for the little blue driving permit required, must go through rigid examinations of their ability to see and to act quickly on the road.

Use Devices

Ingenious mechanical devices check their vision, depth and color perception and coordination of limb, ear, and eye. Then the soldier is put in a vehicle and required to drive down a specially prepared roadway crowded with driving hazards.

Within a few thousand square feet along the road are the perils you wouldn't ordinarily find in a month's steady driving. Bad curves, gullies, grade crossings, steep, rough grades are only part of it.

If the applicant can "take" that course, he can drive.



Prof. H. J. Ettlinger



Dr. John L. McMahon

Headline Review

The week's news is still focused on Italy—but Germany is being dragged in as if its clothing were caught in the cogs of defeat.

As far as can be determined, Badoglio is still coyly pretending not to hear our offers of truce. However, the tension of the Italian people's determination to quit fighting seems undeniable. Authentic reports of riots and even revolt continue.

The Nazi troops remaining in Sicily are taking a thorough beating as they backtrack before the pressure of the Allied drive.

In Milan the Italian army rebelled, and no one seems to be able to find any Italians still fighting.

Rabbit-like, rumors about the disposition of ill Duce multiply beyond the capacity of most calculation. Meanwhile President Roosevelt warned neutral nations against harboring Mussolini or any of his Axis associates.

In London Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Parliament that the Allies want bases in Italy for the fight against Germany.

Meanwhile, the attack on Germany, from English air bases, continues. In the ninth attack in 10 days, Allied bombers gave Hamburg a going over that left it in ruins. A Danish consular official estimated the dead at 200,000.

The Japanese, too, are feeling the increasing power of the Allied punch. The east end of their Munda base on New Georgia Island was reached by hard fighting Yanks in a yard-by-yard battle through the jungle.

In Washington the Secretary of Navy implied that our present tactics against the Japanese are only a prelude to a much more powerful, decisive fight on our part.

From Africa, the biggest low-level mass raid in aviation history was made on the Rumanian oil fields—175 Liberators blasted the fields with 600,000 pounds of explosives.

On the Russian sector the Germans were in fast retreat from Orel. The Germans tried desperate counter-attacks, but continued to fall back under Russian hammering.

Writing from North Africa, Raymond Clapper, tops among a crew of the best correspondents in history, saw, for the first time, the

possibility of the European phase of the war ending this year.

Clapper, who has never hazarded predictions without having well-rooted facts, sees Italy as out of the war for all practical purposes, and Germany as on the ropes.

Germany's lumps are increasingly evident as the British Admiralty announced the defeat of one of the largest German U-boat packs in the war, and declared the Atlantic safe for shipment from the U. S.

About the same time Argentina considered the time propitious to state that it was disregarding the North Atlantic.

From Stockholm, David Anderson, NBC reporter, said that Propaganda Minister Goebbels ordered the immediate evacuation of all citizens in Berlin.

American fliers rounded off their continental attack with the bombing of French airfields at Merville and St. Orem.

From China came the announcement that Lin Sen, 81 year old American educated President of Chinese Republic, had died. He was succeeded by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

On the Domestic Front: President Roosevelt announced the termination of coffee rationing, and the probable increase of sugar allotments.

The State Department reported that arrangements had been made for another exchange of American and Japanese nationals.

The War Manpower Commission set in motion machinery for finding jobs for "discharged war veterans."

Limiting their authority to that needed to fill quotas, local draft boards were authorized to call up pre-Pearl Harbor fathers after October 1st.

653rd Bn. Commanding Officer Dies Suddenly

Camp Hood's flag flew at half-mast yesterday honoring the memory of Lt. Col. Eamel W. Smith, commanding officer of the 653rd Bn. who died suddenly at McClellan General Hospital Tuesday.

Col. Smith was one of the original tank destroyer officers and previous to his recent command was with the 894th Bn.

World Famous Rodeo In Waco August 17 To 21

Gene Autry's "World Championship Rodeo" will be seen in Waco Aug. 17-21 as the main attraction of the eighth annual Bear Club Rodeo.

The star-studded troupe of bronc busters and riders will be at the old Cotton Palace Park Stadium. More than 200 head of horses and cattle will be brought to Waco from the show's headquarters in Dublin, Texas.

As in the past, the big rodeo will appear in New York's Madison Square Garden and the Boston Garden in the fall.

Prizes are awarded for some six events, including saddle bronc, calf tie-down, steer wrestling, bull riding, bareback, and wild cow milking.

Special Training Unit Formed In TD BUTC; Accommodates 50 Men

A Special Training Unit, similar to the one set up in AUTC as announced in last week's Panther, has been formed in the Basic Unit Training Center. The unit will aid men who have difficulty in reading, writing, or speaking English because of a lack of education or other factors.

Each course in the BUTC Special Training Unit will run eight weeks. Classes will be divided between military and academic subjects, and will be held, when possible, in the field.

The battalion, which will have a cadre of 70 officers and men, will take care of 500 trainees.

Maj. Robert D. Rodes is commanding officer.

Becomes A Father

Lt. Howard R. Olsen, of Company "B", 647th Bn. AUTC, became the father of an eight and a half-pound girl on July 26th. The new father was home in Berkeley, California for the important event.

Big Success In RTC Initial Show Night

"Habber Dabber Night," as instituted by 1st Lt. John L. Slezinger and Sgt. George Hall of RTC Special Services Office, has been reported a howling success and will be continued as a regular Monday night feature at the Central Recreation Hall, North Camp.

The initial variety soldier-show was presented Monday, July 26th, featuring Lt. "Bud" Jacobson, a "master magician with a clever pattern line." Others in the GI revue, which included songs, dances and comedy blackout skits were Pvt. Eli Roy, Co. B, 134th Bn; T-5 Louella Nichols, Personnel Section, RTC; Pvt. Thord Swanson, Co. A, 136th Bn; T-5 Eleanor Witt, Personnel Section; RTC; Sgt. George Hall, Hq. Co., RTC; AFC Ruth Johnson, BUTC; Pvt. Steve Meyer, Co. C, 138th Bn; Sgt. Beverly Cletcher, BUTC; Pvt. Bill Noelle, Co. D, 134th Bn. and

Pvt. William B. Valentine, Co. B, 132nd AST Bn, RTC. Sgt. Bill Fischer and his "Fearsome Five" from the 2nd RTC Band played for the show.

The August show, second in the series, spot-lighted the 138th Bn, RTC, band, which was formed by Lt. Francis Coonan, SSO. This band has been termed a variety show in itself. Among the other artists were Pvts. Pikulski, Du-blade, "Sgt. Swami," Cpl Hines, Pvt. Rodiki and Sgt. Hall. Sgt. Beverly Cletcher and T-4 Louella Nichols were again enthusiastically received. Jean Cates of the Station Hospital personnel sang blues and ballads.

Any North Camp soldiers, WAACs or civilian employees interested in participating in future "Habber Dabber Nights" have been asked to contact Lt. Slezinger or Sgt. Hall at the Central Rec Hall, 11th St. and Park Avenue.

The Draft Board Will Take You Even If You Were A Sailor Artist, Musician Or Athlete

If anyone now doubts that the two years in the Class B. Piedmont League. Other baseball players in the battalion cadre include Privates Leo J. Fountain, semi-pro, and William O. Day, who played for the Durham Black-sox.

Sgt. Wilbur F. Williams was a portrait painter and Pvt. James V. Duvall did landscape drawing and is a poet. Pvt. Willard A. Easley has had a poem or two published nationally.

Pvt. Dennis W. Faison has spent many years as a musician, singing in three operettas and playing for dance bands.

Its roster includes an ex-author, poets, professional baseball players, teachers, artists, musicians and an ex-sailor!

The ex-sailor is Pvt. Horace J. White, who was a marine fireman on a round-the-world freighter before entering the Army.

A Sunday School teacher, when he wore civvies, was PFC John Joyner.

Are Re-Classified

Limited service claimed five men this week from Co. C. 658th TD Bn, AUTC. Pvt. Harry William Teachey, was transferred to AUTC headquarters; Pvt. John Zarembo to Headquarters of TGTD 1. Pfc. Robert Braley, and Pvts. John Cusmano and Raymond Walker were transferred to Cas. Det DEML Sec. of the 1844 Unit 8th Service Command.

Pvt. Albert P. Cage was co-author of "The Past and Present Negro," published by Nelson Publishing Co., Chicago, and also worked as a member of the Special Training Unit of Camp Claiborne, La., during maneuvers. He assisted in writing and editing pamphlets on history, arithmetic, personal hygiene, and spelling. PFC Hezekiah L. Johnson taught history and played short stop for

'Meet The Girls' Comes Here Featuring All-Girl Orchestra

Eric Blore, Screen Butler, Ann Savage Hollywood Starlet, Added To Unusual Cast Of USO-Camp Show Coming Here

With Eric Blore, Hollywood's famous screen butler, and Ann Savage, Columbia Studio starlet, added to the cast, USO-Camp Shows' "Meet The Girls" will be presented in camp Monday through Saturday.

The show will open at North Camp Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 8:30, and in the Field House at South Camp Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8:30.

Blore is famous for his butler portrayals in "Gay Divorcee" and the Lone Wolf series. Miss Savage is one of Columbia's prettiest new starlets.

'Going-Out' Party Held

A party was given outgoing trainees of Co. A, 140th Bn. RTC, recently, for which the 2nd RTC Band swung out in the 1st Street Rec. Hall. It was strictly a closed affair for the trainees, their wives, WACs and post employes of the female gender.

There was an abundance of food and drink, dancing and laughs.

1st Lt. Joseph Berry, commanding officer, and Lts. Victor H. Sutherland and Harry S. Burnett planned the affair.

You Can't Go Where You Already Are

When an order was received at Tank Destroyer School Headquarters this week transferring Harold W. Eberhardt from TDRTC to the School to take the Weapons course, no one was more astounded than Tech. Sgt. Harold W. Eberhardt, who has been in the message center at School Headquarters for many months.

Eberhardt was sure a mistake had been made—he couldn't come to TDS from RTC for two very good reasons: (1) he'd always been at the School, and (2) he'd never been at RTC.

A quick checkup revealed that Sgt. Eberhardt was wrong on one count. Harold W. Eberhardt was coming in just as the order read—another Harold W. Eberhardt!

BUTC Officers Hike Four One-Half Miles In Sixty-One Minutes

Officers of Headquarters, TD Replacement Training Center, put the stop watch on themselves on their last hike. Led by Brigadier General Walter A. Dumas and Col. Maurice C. Bigelow, they hiked four and a half miles in 61 minutes. And the road was wet and slippery, too.

Previous hikes were taken over the tank, tank destroyer and automobile driving courses of the RTC. Ambling over those routes with their curves, hills and thick caliche dust is considered a real conditioner.

Leave AUTC Battalion For ASTP Training

The following named enlisted men of Ren. Co. 658th TD Bn. AUTC have been chosen for the Army Specialized Training Program. They left here Wednesday for Baton Rouge, Louisiana and there expect to attend Louisiana State University: Pfc Robert Pringle, Pfc Richard Schuda, Helmuth Wolff, Pvt. Walter Sitariski and Pvt. Max Walter.

Drum And Bugle Corps

A drum and bugle corps was recently organized in the 658th Battalion, AUTC. The corps, under the direction of Cpl. Kirk Spy, has been playing reveille, retreat and other battalion formations.

There is everything from D'Artega and his all girl orchestra playing symphonic swing to hot swing, to Harry Savoy, who is master of ceremonies and is known for his fast moving comedy.

Variety Is Offered

Rounding out the show are Deval, Merle and Lee with a belly-laugh routine that burlesques dignified ballroom dancing, and pretty Patricia Ford whose ballads set the torch to smoking.

D'Artega's band is made up of 20 girls who've been playing their music from coast to coast in some of the best night spots in the country. D'Artega collected his female aggregation when his regular band left him to join up for \$50 a month.

Before the war D'Artega had the usual man among men band and played many outstanding spots on the radio—the Admiralty series, Jello summer program, Stepping Along, Hit Parade, Rinso Vaudeville Theater, and D'Artega Presents, among others.

His new orchestra is rated equal to the other in music, and much prettier.

Has Unusual Voice

Patricia Ford is a green eyed blonde, with a voice that hits more notes than most people can count, from F below middle C to F above high C, and a smooth kind of glamor that also hits the high notes.

She has been singing since she was a child, and her mother, who travels with her, says that Patty sang even when her ears were being washed. When she was sixteen she had her own network program from Los Angeles. She's been a model, an actress, and had the lead in "Laugh it Off."

Deval, Merle and Lee are two men and a girl, who knock themselves out with a dance routine that takes—off on the solemn ballroom adagio teams, and work up to some of the funniest slapstick in the business.

However, funny as it is, their dancing skill is tops. They've taken audiences into camp in such places as the exotic Latin Quarter in New York, the Royal Palm, Miami, Tic Toc Club, Montreal, and theaters in Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, New York, and most of the big towns.

Group Leaves 655th Bn. For ASTP In Louisiana

An ASTP unit of 15 men left the 655th Bn. recently for Louisiana State University to undergo Special Training.

Those selected were: Privates Carl Neiss, Darrel P. Ready, Dick A. Yockey, Maurice E. Dosier, Darrell B. McBride, Maurice E. Oliver, Ford Prsbrey, Arnon L. Goff, Jerry Leibowitz, and Privates First Class Irving Passick, Joseph P. Lee, Sherwood W. McIntire, Gordon E. Tomberlin, Merle D. Wood, William S. McCash and Corporal Edward M. Deters.

Becomes Father Of Girl

T-Sgt. Bill Nichols of the 520th Ordnance Co., 13th Ordnance Battalion, is the father of a brand-new 7 1/2 pound baby girl, Pamela Helen, born July 17.

Opens Drive For National Life Insurance

Colonel Thomas J. Heavey, Commanding Officer of AUTC, has directed that an intensive campaign for National Service Life Insurance be conducted in each unit assigned to AUTC. The campaign is to be conducted up through August 10, 1943, which is the deadline date for all men in the armed services to make applications for insurance.

The campaign is being conducted in line with the Chief of Staff, General George C. Marshall's recent report that many of the battle casualties have failed to take advantage of securing insurance. It is reported that many of these men had dependents and relatives who are now subjected to financial difficulties because the men failed to subscribe to National Service Life Insurance.

Colonel Heavey cited the 815th TD Battalion for its excellent record of having personnel subscribers to National Service Life Insurance. In the Battalion 97.5 per cent of the officers and 94 per cent of the men have taken out the maximum of \$10,000 of National Service Life Insurance.

Model Planes Used In AUTC

Cut-out models of the most common American made low-flying planes, fighters and attack bombers, are being distributed to all battalions and groups under AUTC.

One set of nine planes, including the Thunderbolt, Lightning, Mustang, Airacobra, Corsair, Vengeance, Kittyhawk, Dauntless, and Wildcat, is being issued to each company.

The models are to be put together and suspended from the ceiling of the day room or mess hall to stimulate interest in airplane identification.



WE KNOW IT'S A BIRD—The boys from Brooklyn would even argue that, maintaining that it's a "boird," but just what species of bird, or "boird," remains a mystery. Captured by Major Albert W. Hoffman, 131st Bn., RTC, the Eagle or vulture, is being held for the cameraman by Pvt. Irvin W. Bowles, Co. D, 131st Bn., left, and T/5 Richard M. Flahive, Hq. Co., 131st Bn.

Company In 19th Group First To Sign 100% For Maximum Amount Of G. I. Insurance

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th TD group, BUTC, under command of Lt. Col. Beverly St. G. Tucker, now claims the honor of being the first unit in Camp Hood to have all officers and enlisted men covered by the maximum government National Service Life Insurance policy for \$10,000.

Brigadier General Harry F. Thompson, commanding general of the BUTC, commended the Group on June 30, 1943, for setting a 60-day record. Spurred on by the commendation, the 19th Group Headquarters now is trying for a new record—since organization on May 1, 1943, the outfit has had no courtmartials

nor any men in arrest or confinement.

There is a clean slate record for 90 days for the rest of the record breakers in camp to tie. Beat it if you can, says the 19th Group.

Party Marks End Of Course

On Friday evening, "C" Co., 653rd TD Bn., AUTC, held a party to celebrate its successful completion of the Battle Conditioning Course. The men had as their guests, a contingent from the local WAC Detachment as well as a group of girls from the nearby towns.

After a varied buffet supper, there was dancing to the music of a "juke-box". Movies, in color, of the men on the Conditioning Course were also shown.

ASTP Battalions Now Becoming Field Soldiers In North Camp Training

Men of the Army Specialized Training Battalions in the north camp are quickly getting into their stride as full-fledged infantrymen.

Some of these soldiers in the battalions are already set for the rifle ranges, like the 132nd ASTB which has finished four weeks of training. The 126th ASTB has just begun its second week of training and the men have put behind them long marches with the full 50-pound infantry pack. New units are being formed which will soon bring the entire outfit up to a strength of 15,000 men. This will make North Camp Hood's ASTB section one of the largest units of its kind in the country.

Trainees come from as far away as New England while many of the cadre have seen action in the Pacific and in North Africa.

Two More Departments Join 100 Percent Club

Lt. John Morris, War Bond Officer for North Camp Hood, has added two more departments to his 100 Percent Club of civilian employes who have signed for payroll deductions to purchase war bonds.

Latest addition to this fastest-growing-club-in-the-camp are the Special Services Office and Gate Number One, Civil Service Board.

Father Of Girl

M-Sgt. John P. Manning, Hq. Co., 648th Bn., became the father of a daughter born a few days ago.

Jack Teagarden's Band Here Aug. 24

Jack Teagarden and his orchestra will come to Camp Hood August 24th. Teagarden, who is known as "King of the Blues Trombone," will have the same band with him that he has used on his featured radio shows and in night clubs from New York to Hollywood.



WACK-TEAGARDEN

Featured vocalist will be sensuous Dottie Reid, and Harry Storum will be pounding the drums. The Jack Teagarden Trombone Choir will do its usual smooth chore.

Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the dance, which will be at the Field House, 8:30 August 24th, are on sale in the cafeterias of the 162nd St and 37th St. Service Clubs. Admission for enlisted men will be \$1; girls will be admitted free.

The music will be the same that has made him famous as a blues stylist for the last 10 years. It is the music which won a featured place for Teagarden and his boys in the Bing Crosby picture "Birth of the Blues."

As the man with the "blue trombone," he was also starred by Paul Whiteman as a vocalist; and has earned a reputation among musicians as an outstanding interpreter of the blues tempo.

Singing the feminine side of the blues, Dottie Reid's sly-smokey voice adds indigo to the band's ride. She looks like the gal every torch-toter ever wrote or sighed about.

Tops In Swing

Teagarden's place in modern music was probably best attested by Tommy Dorsey when they were making a record date with the famous Al-Star Swing Band. Benny Goodman called on Dorsey for a solo. Tommy refused, saying:

"Teagarden, here, is the best swing man..."

And Teagarden promises to be in his best form for his Camp Hood date.

P. S. The Special Service Office has promised there will be plenty of girls to dance with.

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We Are Thinking

BEFORE THE OUTBREAK of war we can well remember when the nation's writers and alleged thinkers took great delight in belittling the ambitions and desires of the "younger generation."

To most of them we were the "lost generation" without spiritual background, emotional stability, "guts" or ideals.

If the war to date has done nothing else for the United States it has banished forever from the minds of most persons the idea that there is anything soft about us because we preferred the rhythm of a dance orchestra to that of a military band in peace days; because we spoke our minds with youthful freedom; because we were not then as concerned with the world's problems as we might have been.

Interested In Religion

Therefore, while it is no surprise to us, it may come as a bit of a shock to some who have not had the opportunity of working with the young men and women in the services today, when they learn that interest of servicemen and women in the spiritual and cultural activities of their camp and stations often exceeds their interest in entertainment and recreation.

We have no desire to throw God and Goldwyn into competition, but it is worth noting as a sign of the times that while 7,556 service men and women attended South Camp theaters last Sunday, 8,409 were present in chapels.

Very likely, many of the same persons are included in both figures, for whatever we may be, we are not a narrow generation with deep-set prejudices.

No doubt the gravity of war with all its implications has brought thought of, and wonder about, the things of the spirit to the forefront in many young people's minds.

We Find Ourselves

More likely, however, is it that this generation, this "lost generation," is finding itself and is learning that "man does not live by bread alone."

It is learning that a life devoid of spiritual activity and meditation is as narrow, coarse and brash as one is radical and perverted which does not consider the realities of the flesh.

We are of this generation. We know it better, perhaps, than any of its critics.

We have faith in it!

Just A TD

You can have your Coast Guard cutters
You can have your Navy blue,
For there's still another fighter
That I'll introduce to you.

His uniform is different
The best you'll ever see
The Japs all call him maddog
But his real name is T. D.

He was trained in Camp Hood, Texas
The land that God forgot;
Where the mud is 15 inches deep
And the rain will never stop.

And he always lived in little tents
Where he had no squeaky doors
Old mother nature furnished everything
Even to his floors.

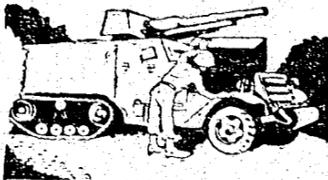
He has scrubbed off many a table
And many's the dish he dried
He also learned to make a bed
And a broom, he sure can guide.

He has peeled a million onions
And twice as many spuds
He also spends his leisure time
Just washing out his duds.

Now sister take a little tip
That I'm handing out to you.
Just grab yourself a good T. D.
For there's nothing he can't do.

—Pvt. Thomas Schaeffer
Co. "A" 816th T. D. Bn.

Looking UNDER THE HOOD



Pvt. Matt Helreich, Ren. Co., 661st Bn., Table Rock Camp No. 2, has a message for the soldier who found a wallet in barracks No. 3 at Panther Park, Lampasas, Saturday, July 24th, which we're passing on. Pvt. Helreich is anxious for the wallet, pictures, papers, etc., of value only to himself, to be returned. Of course he'd like to have the \$18 dollars that were in the wallet, but doesn't count on that. Says Helreich: "The wallet was of sentimental value to me, a gift from my loved one when I departed for this militaristic fraternity."

This contribution from Pvt. L. C. Barber, 610th Bn., BUTC, may be of some condolence to Pvt. Helreich. It's all we have to offer in lieu of wallet:

"If the days look kinder gloomy
And your chances kinder slim,
If the situation's puzzlin',
And the prospect awful grim,
And perplexities keep pressin'
'Till all hope is nearly gone,
Just bristle up and grit your teeth
And keep on keepin' on!"

There is one outfit in camp which is of the opinion that the eventual outcome of the war will be decided by precisely 1,400 feet. These 1,400 feet belong to the 700 men of the 652nd Bn. These 700 GIs and officers, recently completed the unparalleled safari from Camp Bowie to Hood in the amazing time of six days. Total distance covered on foot was 108 miles, but able statisticians readily figured that a total of 6,842,880 miles was covered on the trek, equal to approximately 1,250,000 the distance Eleanor Roosevelt travels in an equal number of days. We're indebted to Pvt. P. Hugh of the 652nd for the figures.

In the 15th TD Group, rank takes a beating when the men and officers team up in a series of bitterly contested volley ball games as part of their daily training schedule. Many a youthful recruit requests one of the high ranking officers to "get on the ball" if he doesn't want to be responsible for defeat of their team, but no one minds, for at that moment, the game's the thing.

Return To Duty

T-4 Elias Swafford, acting first sergeant, and Pvt. Abelardo Ybanez, both of Hq. Co., 648th Bn., have returned to their company after spending some time in station hospital.

Sergeant! Answer Your Girl Friend

This letter, addressed to the Post Chaplain, has such a poignant appeal that Editors of The Panther reproduce it here with no comment:

"Could you give me some information about a soldier who is stationed at Camp Hood?"

"I would like to have the address of this soldier as I would like to write to him and I think he would like to hear from me. All I know about him is that he is a Sergeant and his first name is Ray. His home state is Vermont. He told me that he was stationed at Camp Hood.

"If you find out about him will you tell him the girl from the May Company in Cleveland would like to hear from him. Thanks in advance for your efforts."

Incidentally, if you answer this description, you might contact your chaplain.



Army Quiz

1. How many names are given to the United States flag?
2. What is the all-time speed record for a marching army, and by whom is it held?
3. How long do Aliens serving in the United States Army have to wait to get their citizenship papers after induction?
4. How many Service Commands are there in the United States Army?
5. Do German soldiers carry any emergency field rations?
6. Why is whistling not permitted on a Navy vessel?

Answers Page Seven

Leave Co. C, 658th For ASTP Training At Louisiana University

First results of the Army Specialized Training Program reached Co. C, 658 Bn AUTC, when on Wednesday of this week three men left to attend the Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There they will take

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Latrine rumors, in the Army, are rumors which originate in the latrine. In that case, in the Navy, they must be all in their "head."

The food shortage in Germany is becoming acute. Nazi soldiers have eaten so much horse meat that they have to have oats every morning for breakfast.

Some optimists think the war is all over but the shouting. It's probably nearer the truth, however, to say that it's all over but the shooting.

One wonders if a paratrooper with coffee nerves would be good to the last drop.

a series of tests which if passed will qualify them for a college training at the University.

Men who left were Pfc. Lawrence LaVerne Wallace, Pvt. Thomas Cherry Bell, and Pvt. Joseph George Sehr.

A Cook Is A Fellow Who Can Bake 'Goat' Meat So It Tastes Like Ham; 14th TD Group Claims Two Of Them

Cpl. Dan S. Lopatnikov
Hq. Det., 14th TD Group

"Listen, brother," bellowed the 14th Group's outstanding man-handler of facts, "I might spread the truth a little thin at times but saying that was goat meat is going a little too far."

"We know you don't just throw the food at us like some of these so-called cooks do," stated somebody else. "But stories like that one are going to shake our confidence in you too."

The reason for this sudden outbreak was a statement by one of the Group's cooks that the men had just eaten (and enjoyed) a meal of one of their "pet peeves," goat meat. When they were finally convinced they began wondering why they hadn't recognized it.

"How could you tell what it was," said one goat meat abhorrer, "When it was made up similar to breaded pork chops and put on a platter with enough garnishes to bring back memories of your last dinner date with the girl friend."

Chefs Are Responsible

The last statement should give you an idea why the personnel of the 14th Group are uttering compliments, instead of gripes, about the "chow" these days. On the receiving end of the praise are "two of the best chefs in 'this man's' Army."

The first is T-4 Louis J. Rorte, who hails from Pennsylvania. He came into the Service in September, 1940 with a National Guard outfit and by the time he became first cook in his present organization two months

ago, he had "soldiered" all over the United States.

He began cooking while a member of the 644th TD. Bn. at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and came to Hood ten months later from Ft. Lewis, Wash.

His fellow chef is James Dominic Antonio Alfred Steffari, Jr., one of twins born only a few hours apart but on different days. Although born in Pennsylvania his boyhood days were spent in Brazil. He returned to this country when he was 10 years old and four years later began cooking as a hobby. By the time he answered Uncle Sam's call in March, 1942, he had five years experience as a cook and host (head waiter) behind him.

Gives Extra Touches

He began cooking four days after he began his basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, taking the place of a cook in the outfit who became sick. He has been behind the ovens ever since. From experience he knows it's the "little extra touches" that make the difference between just another meal and a dinner. This characteristic is especially noticeable in his salads and the men are still wondering where he obtained the shrimp that garnished that course the other day.

Final proof of the popularity of the cooks is the appearance of the Group mascot, "Whitey," at meal time only. Whitey seems to know that there won't be anything left if he shows up after meal time and you can always find him outside the side door waiting for his share as soon as the whistle blows.

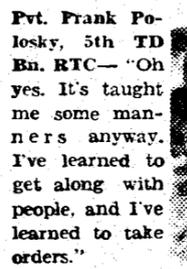


This week the Panther's curious reporter picked four soldiers and a WAAC at random and asked them:

HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE ARMY TAUGHT YOU ANYTHING, OR CHANGED YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE WORLD OR THE WAY YOU WANT TO LIVE?



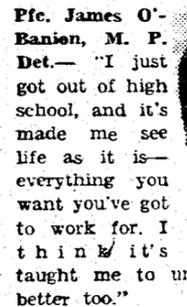
Pvt. Donald Strausser, 264th Ord. Bn. — "Well, yes I think it has—taught me to save money. It's taught me to get along better with people."



Pvt. Frank Polosky, 5th TD Bn. RTC — "Oh yes. It's taught me some manners anyway. I've learned to get along with people, and I've learned to take orders."



Aux. Dorothy Attison, 1848th Unit — "Well yes. You, have to be able to get along with people, all kinds of people. I'll be able to take things better after I leave the army."



Pfc. James O'Banion, M. P. Det. — "I just got out of high school, and it's made me see life as it is—everything you want you've got to work for. I think it's taught me to understand people better too."



Pvt. Joe Palmer, Hq. Co. 821 TD Bn. — "Well, I've learned quite a lot. People are different in different parts of the country — and yet they're along the same. I think I can get along better with people now."

Revisions Made In ASTP Plan

As military requirements change, certain revisions have been made in the qualifications of enlisted men for the Army Specialized Training Program. These changes are being made so that the flow of men to colleges and universities will not be interrupted.

A new personal data form will be used which will guide field selection boards in determining eligibility of men for ASTP.

But the principal changes are those which affect the men who are college graduates and over 22 years of age. In effect, what is given to the boards are specific qualifications the men must have. If they are not graduates with engineering degrees, they must have an Army General Classification-Test score of 115, speak fluently a modern foreign language, or speak fairly well, an Asiatic language; or a score of 125 and speak fairly well any non-Asiatic language.

Similar specific requirements have been made for men under 22 years of age and for men who have not completed college.

Some of the new AGCT scores required for candidates are as high as 130 or better, as in the case of high school graduates who do not have required subjects.

Full information on the revisions may be obtained from the field selection boards.

Allowances May Be Increased Under New Bill

The possibility of increased allowances for dependents was indicated in a story published by the Army Times. Chairman Johnson, of the Military Affairs Committee was quoted as predicting a "modest" increase in allowances.

Under the contemplated bill a wife without children would continue to get \$50 a month, in the same proportion she has been receiving it. The addition would be for children.

Calling it an innovation, the Times declares that the entire first month's payment would be made by the government, without contribution by the soldier. Another change would be a choice for sergeants of the first three grades between an allotment or, as now, \$37.50 a month in lieu of furnished quarters.

The legislation would also create a B-1 classification, for parents, brothers, and sisters who receive their chief support from servicemen, making available to them monthly payments up to \$68.

Men Of 823rd Bn. Celebrate Birthday At Panther Park

When the 823rd TD Bn. celebrated its first anniversary at Panther Park the week of July 25, it was a celebration with more than one point, for the battalion was the first military unit to have climbed in formation last August, Pike's Peak in Colorado. Not only that, but the altitude was the highest any U. S. military unit had gone up to that time.

This hike was the third of its kind that the battalion had taken, others being up Cheyenne Mountain and Mt. Rosa. On the Pike's Peak climb, the men reached 14,000 feet in a little over five hours, going over rough country all the way.

An article in the Cavalry Journal described some of the personnel conditioning given the men of the battalion. The 823rd has finished BUTC and AUTC work.

At Panther Park, the men took advantage of all the recreation facilities, and in the evening the

2nd TD orchestra played for dancing.

Now men are getting furloughs, as the 823rd, under Lt. Col. Paul B. Bell, strikes out for another year.

Librarian Works Out A Compromise

Lenora Manning, librarian of the 12th St. Library at North Camp, tried an experiment last Sunday which promises to make two groups of people happy.

Miss Manning set up her personal radio in one wing of the library, allowing opera lovers and those who wanted spot news to hear their favorite programs without disturbing those who wanted to read.

The experiment will be continued as long as there is interest in it, she stated.



A STORE OF KNOWLEDGE—Cpl. Robert Washburn, who has charge of enlisted personnel in the Tank Destroyer School bookstore, waits on a customer in the store's comfortable sales-room in TDS Headquarters. Well-stocked with all military publications essential, greeting cards, stationery and various other articles, the store is available for use of all men in camp.

Theater Schedules

162nd St. And 37th St. Theaters

Thursday, August 5: Salute For Three.
Friday, August 6: Double Feature: Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event and Silver Spurs.
Saturday, August 7: You Were Never Lovelier.
Sun.-Mon., August 8-9: Du Barry Was A Lady.
Tuesday, August 10: The Constant Nymph.
Wed.-Thurs., August 11-12: Behind The Rising Sun.
Friday, August 13: Double Feature: Follies Girl And The Falcon In Danger.

Hood Road and 24th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., August 5-6: Hers To Hold.
Saturday, August 7: Double Feature: Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event and Silver Spurs.
Sun.-Mon., August 8-9: Salute For Three.
Tuesday, August 10: You Were Never Lovelier.
Wednesday, August 11: The Constant Nymph.
Thurs.-Fri., August 12-13: Du Barry Was A Lady.

72nd Street Theater

Thursday, August 5: Double Feature: Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event and Silver Spurs.
Friday, August 6: What's Buzzin' Cousin?
Saturday, August 7: Salute For Three.
Sunday, August 8: You Were Never Lovelier.
Monday, August 9: The Constant Nymph.
Tues.-Wed., August 10-11: Du Barry Was A Lady.
Thursday, August 12: Double Feature: Follies Girl and The Falcon In Danger.

(NORTH CAMP HOOD)

Avenue "D" And 24th St. Theaters

Thursday, August 5: What's Buzzin' Cousin?
Friday, August 6: Once Upon A Honeymoon.
Saturday, August 7: Double Feature: Follies Girl and The Falcon In Danger.
Sun.-Mon., August 8-9: Hers To Hold
Tuesday, August 10: Appointment In Berlin.
Wed.-Thurs., August 11-12: Salute For Three.
Friday, August 13: You Were Never Lovelier.

18th And 15th St. Theaters

Thursday, August 5: Once Upon A Honeymoon.
Friday, August 6: Pilot No. 5.
Saturday, August 7: What's Buzzin' Cousin?
Sunday, August 8: Appointment In Berlin.
Monday, August 9: Double Feature: Follies Girl and The Falcon In Danger.
Tues.-Wed., August 10-11: Hers To Hold.
Thursday, August 12: You Were Never Lovelier.

4th and 10th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., August 5-6: Stormy Weather.
Saturday, August 7: Appointment In Berlin.
Sun.-Mon., August 8-9: What's Buzzin' Cousin?
Tuesday, August 10: Double Feature: Follies Girl and The Falcon In Danger.
Wednesday, August 11: You Were Never Lovelier.
Thurs.-Fri., August 12-13: Hers To Hold.

Staff Sergeant In Weapons Dept. Well-Known As Expert Rodeo Rider

When advance scouts from a motion picture company asked the Pineville, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce to recommend men who could really ride horses and who would be used in a movie to be photographed in the region, "Slim"

Stringer was the first name mentioned. "Slim," Now S-Sgt. Arthur Stringer, small arms instructor at the Weapons Department, Tank Destroyer School, is well known to rodeo fans in Oklahoma and Mis-

Wedding Bells

Major Elmer Schmierer of the tactics department of the Tank Destroyer School and Lt. Juanita Crosby, Army nurse in the station hospital at Camp Hood, were married last week at camp headquarters chapel. Officiating was Chaplain Thomas H. Talbot. Captain Ben Smith was best man. Guests included officers of the tactics department and the station hospital.

When he went home to Madison, Wis., on a furlough in July, Pvt. Harry Sweet, finance detachment, married the former Miss Leah Silverman of Minneapolis, Minn.

Lt. Ernest Van Long, 647th Bn. married Ruth Kendall in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, recently, with Rev. Everett H. Jones officiating. Raymond G. McLean was Lt. Long's best man, and the usher was Edwin Brown.

Variety Review Opens Tonight In Rec Building

"Thumbs Up," an all Camp Hood variety review will be presented in Building 640.2, Battalion Avenue between 64th and 65th Streets, tonight. Friday and Saturday nights at 8 o'clock.

Thirty WACs, enlisted men and civilians have combined their talents in this production which features, music, singing, dancing and skits. Music will be furnished by the Second TD Orchestra.

Admission to the review, which will be staged under the direction of Lt. Richard Hepburn, Post Special Service Office, is free.

souri and has spent most of his life in a saddle, riding through historic McDonald county. The county is historically famous because Jesse and Frank James were born and lived there, and cinematically famous because 20th Century Fox chose to film the motion pictures "Jesse James" and "Belle Starr" there.



You Can't Pin Down A "Pin-Up Girl".....

Betty Grable Pin-Up Girl For Two Hood Units

This story just goes to show that you can't pin down a "Pin Up" Girl!

Not long ago, boys of the Headquarters & Service Co., OCS Regt. Drum and Bugle Corps sent Betty Grable one of their old bass drum heads wishing her well and announcing that they had selected her as their honorary drum majorette.

The "Gorgeous Grable" returned an autographed photo "To the boys of the Drum and Bugle Corps. Thanks a million for letting me be your majorette."

She Is Versatile

But Miss Grable can be all things to all services.

Six wishful non-coms from Headquarters Co., 605 Bn., AUTC, had their morale substantially boosted this week by an autographed photo of "Legs" Grable herself! (See above photo).

In a letter to Mrs. Harry James, after seeing her portrayal in "Coney Island," Sgt. Gus Baldwin, Corporals Ivory Jones, Jimmie Bosco, and Edward Peters, and Pvts. Kimber Larson and S. J. Athanasoff pointed out that they were a "bunch of il-A's pulling for an A-1 actress," and enclosing a TD shoulder patch for her model coat which bears insignia of all branches of service.

"My Dear Betty," the non-coms wrote, "we are not writing this letter to you to tell all of our troubles, but to express our appreciation for your marvelous picture, "Coney Island". Honestly, some of us have already seen the show twice, and if we get a chance, will see it again. We like you best of all in that scene where you walked into the office when Montgomery and Romero were having it out. That was certainly a stun-

ning dress, but after Montgomery got through with it, it was really a dream."

What About This?

We don't want to start a feud between two TD outfits, but just whose pin-up girl is she, anyway?

She'll never tell you fellows. As we said, it's pretty hard to pin down a pin-up girl.

Two G.I.'s Operators

"Operator," booms forth a masculine voice as North Camp telephoners life their receivers.

North Camp telephone customers have become accustomed to hearing the gentle voices of the WAC operators, and to be greeted by the basso voice of a male operator is confusing.

Yet it is no vocal illusion—there really are GIs at the operating end of the line.

Privates Robert C. Rice and Clyde Stout, of the Medical Detachment, have been sitting at the switchboard, surrounded by their sister-soldiers the WAC operators, learning the intricacies of the trunk-lines to enable them to handle the new hospital switchboard at night. The new hospital board was officially opened Monday, August 2nd, and during the daytime it will be operated by WAC personnel, but after hours, the two GIs will take over.

The General Walks While Trainee Rides

Pvt. Gordon O. Scott, RTC, was marching incoming trainees from the troop train. One of the boys passed out. Pvt. Scott was detailed to stay with the new soldier until transportation arrived. A GI sedan passed by, stopped and backed up to Scott, who had his hands full with trainee, papers, etc. Brigadier General Walter A. Dumas, commanding general of the RTC, got out and inquired what was going on.

Upon hearing Scott's explanation the general ordered Scott to take the lad to the dispensary in the sedan and proceeded on his own way afoot.

822nd Bn. Celebrates Birthday With Party At Buchanan Dam Area

The 822nd Bn AUTC celebrated its first anniversary at Buchanan Dam, July 24th.

The celebration included a vaudeville show, swimming, baseball and a trip through Longhorn Cavern.

The Company competition contest on assembling and disassembling the various guns was won by the following men each were given 15 day furloughs.

Sgt. Lemoine Dry of Headquarters Company, winner on .30 cal Machine Gun; Pvt. John Powell of Company A, winner of the 45 cal. TSMG; Pvt. Earl Elfer of Company B, winner on the .50 cal Machine Gun; Pvt. Ernest Yazzie of Company C., winner of the .30 cal 03 rifle.

Three day passes were given as additional prizes to the runner ups.

Goes To School

Cpl. George L. Givens, Hq. Co., 605th TD. Bn., AUTC, has been transferred from this organization to the ASTP Unit, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

Cpl. Givens, formerly worked at Battalion Headquarters as Message Center Chief, and will under his new assignment pursue a Basic Course at DePaul.

Army Insurance Offers Bargain

The Army is renewing its drive to have every soldier take out the maximum amount of life insurance available to service men without physical examination until Aug. 10 under the National Service Life Insurance plan.

But one of the big gaps in selling insurance protection to service men has been the lack of information which the men have about the kind of insurance they have and the kind they can get while in the Army.

If you were like most men, you were told shortly after your induction, something about taking out an insurance policy at very cheap rates. If you bought blindly, you signed up for \$10,000 of life insurance without knowing much about it.

Usually Term Insurance

When you first take out insurance in the Army, everyone is sold a simple kind of policy. You pay a certain premium and your beneficiary is protected in case you die or are killed. This is called **term insurance**. It is the most protection for the least amount of money. If you are in your middle twenties you gamble \$90.00 a year against \$10,000 that you will not die.

But here's an important note: The kinds of insurance you can get in the army.

There are three other kinds of insurance policies you can get after you have held your **TERM** insurance policy for one year.

Whether or not you continue the same policy you have now (term) which runs for five years, or convert to one of these three other kinds of insurance depends on your ability to pay for these other kinds.

How It Works

Here's an easy example. John Doe, 25 years old, has \$10,000 of term insurance for which he pays \$95.16 a year. At the end of a year if he dropped his policy, the money he paid in would have given him protection for that

year. If he wishes he can continue this policy or he can take out an ordinary life insurance policy, a 20-year payment policy, (paying premiums 20 years), or a 30-year payment policy. On these last three policies, Doe will have three advantages over the simple term policy. He will be able to borrow against his policy, he will have a cash value to his policy, and he will have an extended insurance value. Of course, these last policies cost more, but you get, besides insurance and protection, an investment. You are saving money in addition to getting full insurance protection.

Whatever additional money you pay in premiums for ordinary life, 20-payment life, or 30-year payment life will still be to your credit as a savings because of the cash value of this new policy.

If you can afford a higher premium—in the ordinary life policy the premium is about twice what you pay for term insurance—and want to get a sound insurance program now when the premium is the lowest. Convert your term insurance after a year to one of the permanent policies offered you through National Service Life Insurance.

If what you need most is protection, take out the full \$10,000 policy and you will pay the lowest rates on this kind of insurance that you can get anywhere. Insurance grows more expensive each day you delay in taking out a policy. Once you have the policy, your premium is the same each year.

Men From 648th Bn. Will Attend College

The following men left recently for a college in the southern section of the United States, where they will undergo ASTP training. The men were S-Sgt. Richard E. Welch, Pvt. Casimir B. Rozycki, Pvt. Samuel J. Rudelich, Pvt. Morris S. Prohove, Pvt. Walter L. Scott, and Pvt. Roger W. Spiegler.

Embarrassing Now Wasn't It Colonel?

You sergeants, corporals and privates—yes, and you lieutenant colonels, majors, captains and lieutenants, too — don't feel too badly about it if you get "chewed" for making a mistake. We all make 'em sometimes.

The other day a high-ranking Colonel was observing a field problem conducted by AUTC's Training Group No. 1. In an effort to see all the action he took off in his jeep across a field at a pretty good clip. Every time a wheel turned a practice mine went off—no matter which way the colonel steered the jeep.

But that wasn't the worst of it. The Blues, realizing that the colonel had unwittingly cleared a gap in the mine field for them, poured through it, to the consternation of the surprised Reds. The colonel, anticipating the howl that went up from the Reds, decided that discretion was the better part of valor and removed himself and his jeep from the scene.

He had hardly parked in another spot when a captain erupted from a well-camouflaged slit trench: "Get that. . . . jeep the. . . . out of here!" the captain yelled. "You're giving away our command post." And we might add—the colonel complied!

New Cadreman In RTC Return From Panama

A new Hq. Co. RTC cadreman is S-Sgt. Lawrence J. Jones, a native of Philadelphia, Pa. After six weeks of recruit drill at Fort Hamilton, New York, in 1940 he shipped to Panama where he served with a mule artillery outfit for three years. Sgt. Jones recently returned to the states, going to Fort Sill, from there to Camp Wolters, and is now on duty in the Personnel-Section RTC.

Becomes A Parent

Sgt. Lawrence A. Bauer, Co. B, 649th Bn., is now the father of a boy christened Lawrence A. Bauer, II.

605th Battalion Done With Nine Months As TD School Troops

The 605th Bn. AUTC, completing a successful nine months as Tank Destroyer School Troops, were transferred last Friday from Training Brigade to AUTC.

The 605th, one of the veterans of Camp Hood and the Tank Destroyer Command, arrived here August, 1942, to begin training under the embryo UTC. They were selected as school troops in October just before completing training, which detail they have carried until the present.

After an active refresher in range firing of their new M-10's and all auxiliary weapons and some tactical work in battalion and group problems the 605th will be ready for bigger things.

Bus Service Regular Between Two Camps

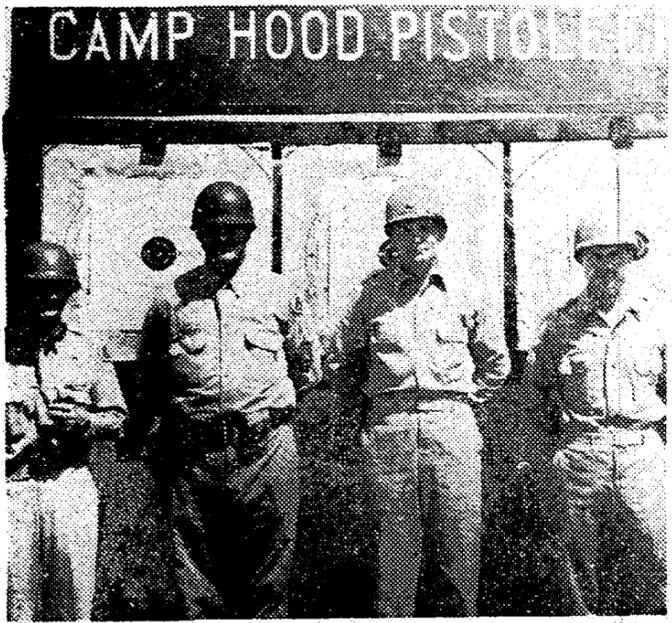
An official camp bus, operated for all military personnel on official business, now leaves the north and south camps for round trips in the morning and afternoon.

A bus leaves camp headquarters in the south camp at 8:10 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., completing one round trip in the morning and afternoon. About the same schedule is followed by the buses leaving the north camp.

A soldier or officer can get a bus from camp headquarters in either camp, or from other points, four different times during the day. Permission for the ride must be secured from a superior officer.

He Entertains Fellows

Pvt. Norbert S. Kukla, Co. "A" 658th TD Bn. AUTC, did his part in entertaining the fellows at the 37th Street Service Club Saturday. Pvt. Kukla played songs of all nations on his concertina and mixed a few Polish songs in for variety.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Straight Shooters, These Boys . . .

Hood 'Pistoleers' Now Fire Regularly

On February 1, 1943, a group of officers and men formed a club for those interested in firing the pistol and improving their marksmanship. Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, who was at that time the Commanding General of the TDC, approved the club and its purposes and the organization was "dubbed" the "Camp Hood Pistoliers".

The Camp Hood Pistoliers had 13 charter members, each of whom was required to qualify as an "Expert" or better on the Army "L" Course. The membership of this organization is 32 officers and men at the present.

Training Brigade Team Defeats Infantry 8-7

The Hq. Co., Trn. Brigade softball team defeated the 1st Bn., 51st Infantry softballers, 8 to 7 in a recent game, which saw the Brigade ten shove over two counters in the last half of the seventh inning to go one-up on the infantrymen.

Pvt. Jimmy Barnes, Trn. Brigade hurler, was complete master of the foot-soldiers for six frames, but found the going rather rough in the last stanza, when six runners crossed the plate in a desperate attempt to put the game on ice. But the rally went for naught, as the Brigade ten counted twice in their half of the inning to gain victory.

Acting S-4 Officer

Major Joseph B. Collierain has been appointed acting S-4 of the TDRTC, serving as such in the absence of Lt. Col. William H. O'Brien who at present is on detached service.

Quiz Answers

1. There are four names given to the flag: Flag flown from a post flag pole; Colors, carried by dismounted organizations; Standards, carried by motorized or mounted organizations; and Ensigns, flown on ships or small boats.
2. The record for sustained marching is that of Alexander's infantry forces, who, after the Battle of Arbelia, traveled at the rate of 36 and one-half miles per day for 11 days.
3. Three months.
4. Thirteen.
5. No.
2. Because it might be mistaken for the boatswain mate's pipe.



I want a silent barber man,
If there is any such,
Who don't puff his stock
And bother me too much.

Sometimes you'd think a haircut was
A thing that they don't do,
Listening to these barber men
Blabbling at you!

Cartoon by Cpl. Dale Godfrey,
Rhyme by Pvt. John A. Bowman,
Hq. Co., RTC.

Football-Like Score Run Up By 635th Bn.

The score would remind one of a football game, but it meant a new record for Camp Hood's 635th TD Bn. baseball club last week in the current Texas Semi-pro baseball tournament at Waco. Pvt. Bob Shepard, property of the Columbus baseball team of the American Association, pitched the first no-hit, no-run game in the state semi-pro tournament history, as the 635th TD Bn. defeated the Bryan, Texas, Navigators, 18 to 0.

The Hood nine went into a 10-run lead in the eighth, but the 10-run rule which ordinarily would have called the game was not invoked to give Shepard his chance for the no-hitter. The 635th made eight runs in the final frame when Bryan catcher made four errors, all wild throws.

Shepard pitched to only 29 batters, walking two and whiffing 17, while his mates played flawless ball behind him. The Hood nine pounded Bryan moundsmen for a total of 15 safeties.

Senne led the batting attack for the victors, collecting three timely smashes, while Martin, Householder, Foord and Spiker contributed two safeties apiece.

The 635th, in its last four post league appearances, has ran up a total of 68 runs, 70 hits, while their opponents have been staled to a mere 5 runs and 10 hits.

113th Cavalry Adds Another Win To List

The 113th Cavalry baseball club, now riding the top rung of Camp Hood's League B baseball chase, turned back the OCS Regiment nine, 7 to 0 in a recent game.

The win gave the Cavalrymen their seventh victory in nine starts in post league play, in which they have beaten every member of their circuit.

Elmer O. Smith, Jr. headed the AUTC club, which is now being coached by Major O. S. Dresher.

Shortly after the organization was approved, a pistol range with 15 targets was completed in the Battle Conditioning Course Number 2 area. The range is completely equipped with 15 targets, 30 pedestals, table sand and range house.

Members fire one evening a week, provided it does not interfere with their regular duties, and scores are tabulated each month. For members who have piled up the best scores, during the month of July, medals will be awarded in the following classes, Class A, Class B and Class C

Former Gridiron Star In Training In RTC

Pvt. Dick Dwelle, of Dallas, former gridiron star at Rice Institute, Houston, Texas, is now in his fourth week of basic Army Specialized Training at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center.

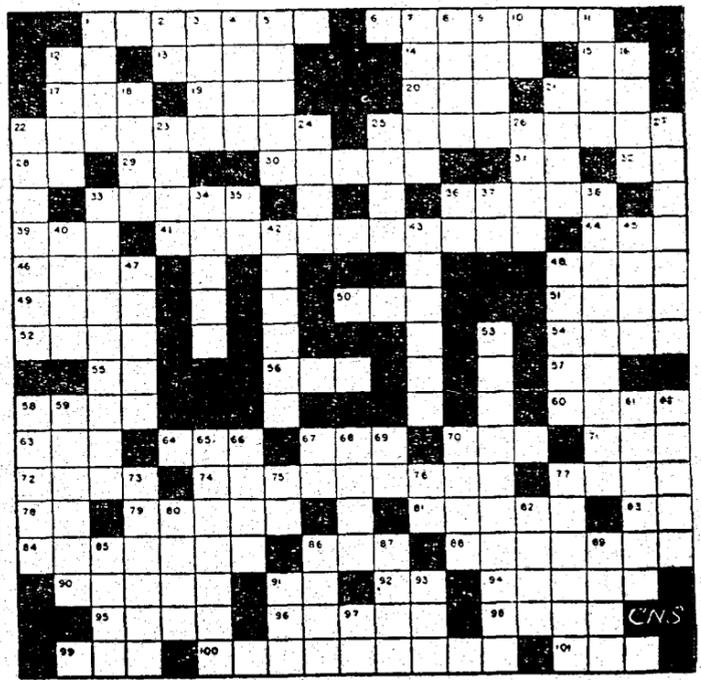
Pvt. Dwelle was graduated from Rice Institute in February, 1943, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He played collegiate football for four years, holding down the full-back and left halfback slots during his stay at Rice.

Before going to Rice, Dwelle attended Highland Park High School in Dallas, where he was a member of the ROTC and a star on the Highland Park football team.

AUTC Officer Team Defeats 16th Group

The AUTC officers' volleyball team defeated the 16th TD Group officers' volleyball team in two last games last week, 21 to 8 and 21 to 12.

The 16th Group team was led by Col. Harry J. Wheaton, Capt.



- ACROSS**
1. Barracks where provisions are held
 6. A soldier
 12. Judge Advocate, ab.
 13. A fellow's sweetheart
 14. A sign of some future event
 15. Detached Service, ab.
 17. Enlisted Reserve Corps, ab.
 19. Apprentice operator (Signal Corps)
 20. Armed conflict
 21. An epoch
 22. Those chosen for service
 25. Sprees
 28. Kitchen Police, ab.
 29. Cadet officer reduced to ranks, ab.
 30. A rampart with apex toward enemy
 31. Two thousand (in Roman numerals)
 32. Double time, ab.
 33. This is a very important road in this war
 36. To gather together in great quantity
 39. Proficient, ab. West Point
 41. Remember
 44. Form of salutation
 46. Johnny cake
 48. A pepper shrub used to make intoxicating drink by natives of Polynesia
 49. Evenings preceding important events
 50. Brevet, ab.
 51. Always
 52. Cease from action
 54. To accommodate
 55. Toward
 56. Infantry ab.
 57. Lieutenant ab.
 58. A pace
 60. Silly or worthless fellows.
 63. A unit of square measure
 64. To strike lightly
 67. Army of the United States, ab.
 70. Practical skill
 71. Anger
 72. A register
 74. A kind of igneous found in Berkshire England
 77. Recorded tape (Signal Corps)
 78. Move on
 79. Complaints
 81. This is a finger or a toe
 83. Word of denial
 84. Badge worn on shoulder, by military officer
 86. This is our very own Uncle
 88. This freedom is the thing for which we are fighting
 90. An Inn, in the East
 91. In like manner
 92. One of our own U. S. ab.
 94. Takes out a letter (in proof reading)
 95. Fabrics, also reputations, ab.
- DOWN**
1. A strong, sturdy fellow
 2. National Guard, ab.
 3. Aslant
 4. One of the Great Lakes
 5. One older in rank or station
 7. The mountain Ash
 8. An Eastern Prince
 9. A part of speech
 10. Any
 11. Border
 12. A wheel drive ton truck
 16. First principle or source
 18. Important island in the war
 21. Weapons of defense
 22. Company Commander
 23. To complain
 24. To close formally
 25. Coffee
 26. A famous Mosque
 27. A managing officer
 33. Commanding General U. S. forces in Ireland
 34. Union commander at Gettysburg
 35. Anti aircraft, ab.
 36. Cadet walking punishment course in area of barracks
 37. Mustered out
 38. Second Lieutenant
 40. To wander
 42. A new recruit
 43. An allowance of provision
 45. An apparatus for cooking
 47. To bar
 48. A real hero who died for a country
 53. Gibraltar of Philippines
 58. Sergeant
 59. Units of Cavalry
 61. Impresses
 62. Indian native soldier in British service
 65. Disbelief of God
 66. One strongly imaginative
 67. Active duty, ab.
 68. United States Military Academy
 69. Saint, ab.
 70. Indigo dye
 73. Honor distinction
 75. Air Service, ab.
 76. Officer of the Day, ab.
 77. Sculptural slabs formerly used by Greeks to mark a grave.
 80. Sharp noise
 82. Mountain wild goat
 85. An air carrier
 86. Short billed American rail
 87. Place where money is coined
 89. City in Nevada
 91. THUS
 93. Kind of a tree
 97. Correlative of either.

Member 'Five Fighting Warwicks' Now Plays On Tank Destroyer Team

T-4 Tom Warwick, cademan of Company D, 138th Bn., TD RTC, is a member of the "Five Fighting Warwicks," star basketball quintet of Trenton, New Jersey.

In 1941, the Warwick brothers were structural iron workers in Trenton. Two other brothers, also members of the basketball team, are likewise in the service.

The Warwicks organized the basketball team with Eugene, then thirteen, being the youngest member and Eddie, six feet two inches, 25 years old, the senior member. The Warwick quintet entered and won the Mercer County tournament, and was a very successful combination throughout the state.

Eugene, the teen aged floorman, led the scoring in the Trenton Grammar School league.

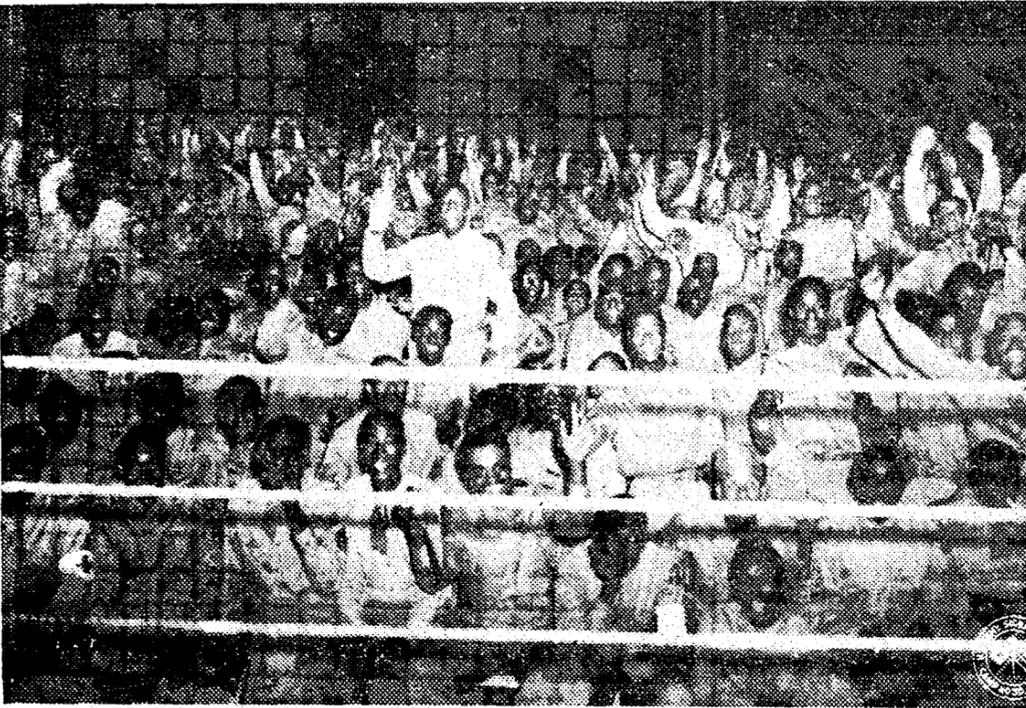
Bob, 21, six feet, three inches and weighing 195 pounds, is a Navy man and is now the current heavyweight boxing champion at Ft. Pierce, Florida. Walter, 23, is an infantry sergeant and is fighting somewhere in the Pacific. Ed who broke track records at the University of Pennsylvania, became a professional football star. He started out with the Cleveland Indians and later played with the powerful Chicago Bears.

Male Call

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

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They Cheer The Winners . . .

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

OCS Team Wins 7-0 From 801st

By Pvt. Walter Glaser
Behind the brilliant no-hit, no-run pitching of David Madison and Larry Davie, the OCS Regiment baseball team scored a 7 to 0 victory over the 801 Tank Destroyer nine Monday night.

Madison, who formerly hurled for Louisiana State university and the Columbia Military Academy, chucked the first four innings and had plenty on the ball in stopping the visitors cold, while Davie, a slender right-hander, was equally superb as he blanked the opposition in the last three frames to hand them a coat of whitewash.

Madison and Davie failed to pass a man in the seven-inning contest, and between them, fanned four men. The surprising part of the contest was that only two balls were hit to the outfield and not an "801" man reached first base.

Only 21 men faced Madison and Davie in the abbreviated contest, with the pitchers themselves getting most of the work, tossing out no less than six men on hoppers hit back to the mound. First Sergeant Stanley Young of the OCS Regt. had a busy night, handling five chances at the initial sack without a flaw.

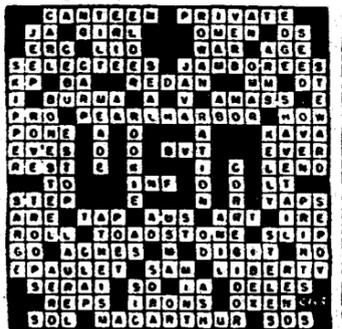
The winners banged out eleven hits off Cromer, visiting hurler, with James Newberry and George Krigbaum leading the way with two apiece. All of the runs were scored in two innings, with the OCS pushing across, three in the first and four in the sixth to make it an easy victory.

The score by innings:
801 TD000 000 0-0 0 2
OCS 300 004 x-7 11 0
Cromer and Dixon; Madison, Davie and Fenice and Grenhagen. Umpire—Gentile.

Ordnance Baseball Nine Defeats AUTC 7 To 6

The 3825th SU Ordnance Detachment baseball team nosed out the AUTC Hq. nine in a recent game, 7 to 6. The score changed hands several times during the game, but in the final frame the Ordnance nine shoved across the markers to take the lead and the game.

The Ordnance club is anxious to meet other clubs in camp as a result of their recent win.



Baseball Standings

League "A"				
	GP	W	L	Pct.
Student Regt.	10	9	1	.900
635th TD Bn.	10	8	2	.800
Academic Regt. ...	8	5	3	.625
605th TD Bn.	7	3	4	.428
520 Ord. Co.	0	0	0	.000
651st TD Bn.	3	0	3	.000
652nd TD Bn.	8	0	8	.000
"League B"				
	GP	W	L	Pct.
113th Cavalry ...	10	8	2	.800
OCS Regt.	7	5	2	.714
801st TD Bn.	8	5	3	.625
657th TD Bn.	4	1	3	.250
653rd TD Bn. ...	8	2	6	.250
650th TD Bn.	7	1	6	.143
603rd TD 'Bn.	0	0	0	.000
656th TD Bn.	0	0	0	.000

Camp Hood Teams Set New Records In Semi-Pro

Camp Hood's entries in the state semi-pro baseball tournament at Waco are making records that never before were known in the eight years of tournament history.

Last week, the 657th TD Bn., a Camp Hood entry in the annual classic at Waco, was defeated, 8 to 1 by the Camp Wallace nine in a game which saw Jack Smiley, former University of Illinois athlete, set the Hood boys down without a single hit. Smiley's no-hit performance was the second of its kind in the history of the tournament's first no-hit, no run game last week when he set the Bryan, Texas Navigators down, 18 to 0.

In the Wallace 657th melee, Smiley gave eight walks, but one of these was out stealing, another was picked off and the others were held to first.

Bruce Divers, hot-corner man of the Wallace nine, was the big noise for the winners, collecting three hits in four trips, a homer, double and a single. His circuit clout came in the seventh inning with two mates aboard.

The score by innings:
657th TD Bn 000 000 010-1 0 3
Camp Wal. 021 010 31x-8 10 2

Student Regiment Defeated By Academic Baseballers 7 To 4

Over-confident as the result of their fine showing in the state semi-pro baseball tournament at Waco, the Student Regt. baseball team returned to Camp this week and took a 7 to 4 lacing at the hands of the Academic Regt. nine.

Troseth was on the hill for the winners, and allowed 10 hits, all well-scattered. The Academic nine scored first, when they shoved over several tallies in their half of the fourth inning to put them out in front. The Studes were unable to catch up as a result of the rally.

659th Boxing Show Draws Large Crowd

Brigadier General Harry F. Thompson, commanding general of the Basic Unit Training Center, his staff officers and commanding officers and their staffs from all BUTC battalions were the guests of Major Frank S. Prichard, commanding officer of the 659th TD Bn. recently, in which the 659th presented their first boxing card and variety show out in the battalion's bivouac area.

Led by their new drum and bugle corps, the battalion marched to their ringside seats to witness 24 rounds of fast, boxing. The nine-piece 659th TD Bn dance orchestra furnished music during intermissions of the matches.

Members of the battalion staged a brief variety show at the conclusion of the boxing bouts, which included an appearance by "Lulu-belle," the 659th's famous female impersonator, who dazzled the audience with her jitterbug dances.

Gen. Thompson concluded the gala evening by speaking a few words of appreciation for the entertainment which had been offered.

ASTP Bn. Teams Are Undefeated

The 145th Army Specialized Training Bn., RTC, has two softball clubs, which have not been defeated all season.

The Officers team has played four games, won all, and the Enlisted men's club has played five games and have a perfect record.

The games are a part of the sports activities in the newly-formed Coca-Cola softball league.

Trophies are to be awarded at the end of the season to those clubs holding high standing in the league.

Softball Team Wins 10 Of 17

The Hq. Trn. Brigade officers' softball team is having a very successful season. A recent report from its sports authorities revealed that the team has won 10 of its 17 games played.

The most recent game pitted them against the AUTC "Demons", led by Col. Heavey, in which the Trn. Brigade ten chalked up a 7 to 5 decision. In this game, Major Mattox pitched superbly for the Brigade, keeping six hits well-spaced.

Lt. Col. C. C. King, with three safeties in three appearances at the plate, led the hitting for the victors. He batted in three of the seven markers.



With PFC Keith Quick

We'd like to see it! And we'd pay a lot for a ducat, should there be any. We're speaking of a three-game series between the 635th TD Bn. and the Student Regiment baseball clubs after they have completed their play in the current Waco semi-pro tournament. If a three-game set can not be arranged, why not try one big Sunday game! With Herb Karpel and Bob Shepard locking horns, we'll wager a sizeable amount of shekels that such a game would pack in around 5,000 attendance. . . . Lt. Murrell Miller, athletic officer of the Student Regt., TDS, bid "thumbs up" to the Tank Destroyer School this week. Lt. Miller has received a new assignment, whereabouts unknown. . . . The 836th Ordnance Depot Co. baseball team is all set for action at North Camp. The newly-formed team, under the directorship of Lt. Laughter, issues a challenge to take on all comers. Let's test 'em out, Karpel. . . . Chalk up an error for us! Guess we weren't "on the ball" after all. In last week's run of our panorama, we seem to have made a miscue in regard to the Prov. Trk. Bn. defeating the OCS Regt. via Sgt. Jack Kelley's no-hit, no-run performance. Well, strike it out, for it isn't a fact. The OCS Regt. softball team and the Prov. Trk. Bn team have never met in a game. What's more, we had it down as a baseball game. Nuts, aren't we! So are Adolf and Benito. But pardon our error, OCS—we'll not let it happen again!

North Camp's First Boxing Team Formed

North Camp Hood's first 10-man boxing team has been formed by Lt. Bernard Tarabino, assistant Special Services Officer of TD RTC.

The newly-formed team made its initial fight appearance at Wright's Arena in Waco last week against the Waco Army Flying School mitt squad, where they gave a creditable account of themselves in several hotly contested bouts.

The team, which is an all-North Camp team, includes men from the RTC and BUTC organizations, and is being coached by Cpl. Joe Muscato, one of the leading heavyweight contenders in civilian life. Muscato, who was injured in training recently, hopes to be set for some ring action himself within the near future.

Among the fighters who appeared in the recent Waco venture were: Sgt. Willie Hale and Pvt.

Dock Cook, Lou Villante, Billy Cranmer, Sam Krymsky, Ray Slagle and Ed Delaney, all representing the North Camp Hood team.

Plans have already been made to take on the Blackland Army Air Field ringmen in a fight card at Wright's Arena in Waco this week.

Champs Will Play Series

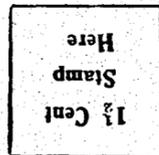
A championship softball series between the 113th Cavalry and Station Hospital teams, representing the Training Brigade and 14th station complement, respectively, originally scheduled for the month of June, will be played next week beginning Friday evening, August 13.

It will be a three-game series, that is, provided one of the two teams doesn't take two straight wins. Should one of the clubs take two in a row, the championship will go to the victor, otherwise three games will be played.

The second game of the series is scheduled for Monday, August 16, and the third, if necessary, will be played August 18.

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