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Col. Dexter Heads 7th Tank Group

Just Back From Observing Task In North Africa

Colonel H. V. Dexter, formerly G-3, II Armored Corps, is the new commanding officer of 7th Tank Group, here.

Colonel Dexter has seen action in both World Wars. During World War I he commanded Company B, 16th Machine Gun Battalion. Prior to that he had served along the Mexican Border. His training since then has been extensive, having graduated from The Infantry School, Tank School, and Command and General Staff School, also serving as an instructor in the Infantry School and Tank School. Colonel Dexter participated in Carolina Maneuvers during July and August, 1942 and later served as Deputy Director of Desert Maneuvers during Sept. and October, 1942.

Colonel Dexter has just returned from six weeks in Africa where he was sent by Army Ground Forces as special observer for Air-Ground operations.

The new Commanding Officer of the 7th Tank Group has two sons in the service, one a sergeant in a parachute battalion at Fort Benning, Georgia and the other attending the US Military Academy at West Point.

British Journalist Visits Here

T. E. Healy, British war correspondent of the London Daily Mirror who has reported from all battle fronts of the global war except the Russian front, and who spent 18 months with General Montgomery and the British Eighth Army in Africa, was a visitor here last week. He is making a 10-week tour of army camps in the United States and gathering data for an article on the highlights of America training for war. While here he visited TDC units to observe training, tactics, and firing.

The writer, who has reported the war from China, Burma, India, and other theaters of operation, was given interviews by Major General Orlando Ward, commanding general of TDC; Col. T. J. Heavey, commanding officer of UTC; Col. Montgomery, president of the TD board; Col. Peter C. Hains, G-3, TDC; Col. Branner P. Purdue, head of tactics department, TDS, and other TDC officers. He was also taken on a tour of camp installations of the Post.

UTC Review Is Tonight

Nearly the entire Unit Training Center will take part in a dismounted road review tonight before Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center.

Thousands of men will march in two columns past the reviewing stand between Park and Central avenues west of Hood Road. One of the TD bands will be with a column.

First call will be sounded at 6:30 and the Adjutant's call at 7:00.



SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS—Ann Savage, Columbia Studios starlet who appeared here last week with the USO-Camp Show "Meet The Girls", gives her autograph to an admiring group of Tank Destroyers gathered around her after the show in the Field House. Ann was featured guest star in the show with Eric Blore, Hollywood comedian.

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OCS Class Hears Talk On Loyalty

The Forty-first Officer Candidate School Class graduated in exercises given by the Tank Destroyer School Friday. Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, School Commandant, presented the new lieutenants with the certificates and commissions, and Colonel H. J. Wheaton, Commanding Officer of the 16th TD Group, gave the address.

Colonel Wheaton spoke to the class on "Loyalty." "I believe the Army version of loyalty," he said, "could very well be stated as that ethereal something, that something deep down inside of you where you live alone that makes you want to do the very best you can on any job, no matter how disagreeable that job may be, when there is no one around!"

Lieutenant Commands Colonels

When the Academic Division was dissolved this week, Lt. Lawrence O. Hoffman, Commanding Officer of Company "A," Academic Regiment, found himself burdened with a problem.

With the dissolution of the division, all the high ranking officers of the Tank Destroyer School have been assigned to Company A of the regiment, which places Lt. Hoffman in the peculiar position of being commanding officer of 95 officers who outrank him—including one full colonel.

Regulations Listed For News Writers

All company and battalion reporters for The Panther have been requested to observe certain regulations in preparing copy for publication.

All copy must be written, or typed, double-spaced.

A man's full name, rank and organization must be given if referred to in a story.

All copy must go through channels starting with the company or battalion S-2 officer.

All copy must be turned in to your S-2 officer by Saturday morning for publication the following Thursday.

Reporters will place their "by line" on all feature stories.

The Panther is anxious to receive news from all units in North and South Camp, but because of limited space it must be vital and terse.

Use Practical Training Methods In 13th Group

The 13th TD Group, UTC, under Lt. Col. Clarence K. Darling, has devised a new method of practical training for its I and O section.

When group officers act as umpires for battalion problems, the entire I and O section accompanies the chief umpire of one force. The section keeps a situation map, an S-2 journal, and a work sheet just as it would if actually fighting the problem.

Saves Buddy From Death On Outing

By Pvt. Dennis O'Sullivan

1st Sgt. Earl King, Hq. Co., 824th Bn. showed a lot of quick thinking in rescue a buddy, T-Sgt. Mitchel Silah from the waters of Inks Lake when the battalion was on a three-day outing at Longhorn State Park last week.

Sgt. Silah dove from a boat about 100 yards from shore. When cramps caught him in the water, Sgt. King on shore swam out to Silah and towed him to the beach.

The men took advantage of the boating, fishing, and bathing facilities.

Highlight of the sports program was a softball game between teams of enlisted men and officers which finally went to the EM by a score of 5 to 2.

Friday the men toured the Caverns and took advantage of their mailing privilege to send post cards home.

The big event of the outing was a dance Friday night, with music by the battalion dance band, and partners from the nearby towns of Llano, Burnet and Marble Falls.

Now A Battalion

With the addition of two new companies, A and F, the 374th Engrs. Regt. is now a battalion.

671st First To Sign 100% For Maximum

Battalion Reports All Men Sign For \$10,000 In Insurance

The 671st Battalion, 23rd Group, at North Camp Hood, was the first unit to report a one hundred per cent sign up for the maximum \$10,000 life insurance policy under the National Service Life Insurance plan.

Lt. Col. Milo H. Matteson, commanding the 23rd Group, announced late today that 95% of his personnel have registered for the full \$10,000. The 668th Bn stands at 90%, and the 670th has signed up 95%.

Movie Stars Help

The drive was given added impetus Aug. 10th when Ann Savage, Columbia Pictures starlet, and Eric Blore, movie comedian, made a personal appearance in front of 23rd Group Headquarters. Practically the entire Group was present; several battalions marched in 10 miles from their training area to attend the rally.

Ninety-eight and five tenths percent of the entire personnel in ITC now carry policies averaging \$9,735 per man.

Three units have gone over the top with 100%, eight units have more than 95%, while the rest are climbing rapidly toward the goal.

RTC Close Behind

The Replacement Training Center is closely pressing the ITC for top honors; 97.9% of RTC personnel now is subscribing for the insurance. More than \$115,000,000 worth of National Service Life Insurance now is being carried by the soldiers in training, with 98% carrying the maximum, and 99.5% holding some form of government policy.

Sworn In To Army

In a retreat ceremony at the central flagpole in North Camp, the RTC WAAC Det. was sworn into the Army Monday by Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, commanding general RTC, the women becoming members of the WAC.

Parading to a new march, "Tank Destroyer Men," composed by Capt. Thomas Denny, RTC adjutant, the women passed in review for Gen. Dumas and 2nd Officer Elizabeth Flannigan, former commanding officer of the Det., who will leave for a new post at Lubbock, Texas. The new commanding officer of the WAC Det., 1st Officer Margaret M. Phillips, lead the review.

Dave Franklin, Hit Parade Songwriter, At North Camp Clubs

Dave Franklin, who wrote such Hit Parade number-one shots as "The Merry-go-round Broke Down," "When My Dream Boat Comes Home," "Anniversary Waltz," and a long list of others, has been visiting the service clubs this week, playing his own and request numbers.

Tonight he will be at North Camp, at Club number six; and Friday night he'll be there at club number five.



THEY LISTEN— Part of the largest throng ever assembled in Camp Hood, more than 24,000, listen to speakers at a session of the National Conference of Christian and Jews here last week. Below, the Stars and Stripes float gently in the afternoon breeze as Col. Ora J. Cohee, Chief of Chaplains, Eighth Service Command, delivers a message on racial and religious tolerance. The program was presented 10 times throughout camp to a total of 65,000 men. Other speakers on the series were The Rev. Paul A. McNalley, vice-president of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., and H. J. Etinger, professor of mathematics, University of Texas.

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Soldiers Get Vote Opportunity

Soldiers may vote in the two elections for Congressmen to be held in the Second Congressional District of California August 31, and in the Second Congressional District of Kansas on Sept. 14.

If you would have had voting privileges in these elections had you been at home, you can get a post card from the commanding officer of your unit which, if sent to the Secretary of State of your place of residence, will bring you a war ballot, and allow you to have a vote in the election. The post card should be certified by a commissioned officer. The war ballot, when it reaches you, will carry the instructions for filing it out. All the documents, of course, go postage free.

In certain states, such as New York, post cards are not recognized as an application for war ballots except for voting for federal issues. The post card, in such cases, will bring an application for registration and ballot, and on receipt of this the state will forward the war ballot.

ASTP Men Out Soon As Others, Letter States

Following action taken by the Fifth Service Command, Eighth Service Command Headquarters in Dallas sent out a War Department letter last week which asked that action be taken to stop rumors which had been circulating to the effect that men who were in Army Specialized Training would have to serve in the Army longer than other soldiers.

The War Department letter said that men would be in the Army under ASTP no longer than any other service man.

This was the first direct word from the Eighth Service Command to combat the rumors which had been jeopardizing the program.

Recent information points to a new arrangement for the European language students in ASTP. It is believed that that field will be closed down or highly limited the same as Psychology.

Engineering students, Asiatic Languages and Medical and Veterinary Students are still being sought.

Headline Review

The big news of this week is a question—Where do we hit them next?

The President and Prime Minister Churchill have had several meetings, and the world has come to expect the results of these meetings to be shown in some major action by the Allied armies.

Invasions of Africa and of Sicily were pre-saged by meetings such as this one.

Reports from Great Britain indicate that coastal areas are being cleared, though no prediction is made as to the reason. The same report suggests that probably no offensive will be started by the Allies for a couple of weeks, to allow the full psychological effect to give the Axis the jitters.

Tuesday marked the first anniversary of American airmen in the European theater—they celebrated with continuous bombings of the continent, including a thorough pounding of Le Bourget field, where Lindbergh landed in 1927.

The conquest of Sicily seems to be completed with the taking of Messina unopposed.

Germany shows signs of strained nerves. Recently the Nazis executed the chief of Norway's civilian police for refusing to obey orders to round up remaining army officers. They seem to expect an Allied invasion of Norway.

Russian Front

The last major Nazi outpost east of Bryansk, Karachev, fell under the smashing blows of 60,000 Russian troops. This represented a Russian advance of 45 miles in 10 days following their taking of Orel.

Meanwhile the Russians had advanced to within five miles of the important Ukrainian manufacturing center, Kharkov. At the

same time the Russian army was spreading spokewise in all directions, steadily running over or pushing back the Nazi troops.

A report from Sweden described a new Russian rocket bomb-projectile capable of piercing seven inches of armor plate. The rocket is fired from racks under the wings of Lagg monoplanes.

Pacific Theater

American and Australian jungle fighters moved steadily on Salamaua airdrome, while in the air Allied planes scored impressive victories over the Japanese. In one day 48 Japanese planes, including 23 bombers, were shot out of the sky.

At the same time there was no letup in the pounding of other Japanese bases. Over 90 tons of explosives were dumped on Komiatum.

On the northern road to Tokyo Liberator bombers blasted Japanese defensive positions on Kurile Islands. This, the report stated, was part of the Pacific strategy, to hit the enemy at many points, and give him no chance to concentrate his power.

Adding to Japanese troubles in the Philippines, where the natives have actively opposed the invaders, President Roosevelt promised the Filipinos their independence as soon as the islands had been rid of the Japanese.

At home an Associated Press dispatch stated that there were indications that congress might not pass the bill which would give soldiers and sailors the right to vote by mail in 1944.

The WPB issued an order prohibiting the making of steel cake cutters, merry-go-rounds, hitching posts, or cups.

Breathless announcements from Hollywood: Frank Sinatra aired his tonsils at the

Rugged Training Program Still Underway In 655th

By S-Sgt. M. Grasha

With the rising crescendo of successful allied military operations which have assumed a global character and presage the inevitable disintegration of the Axis, life, strict, rigid and rough, still goes on in the 655th Bn.

The "boot" period or basic training under the guidance and close scrutiny of ITC is just about over. For those who had just shed civilian clothing it has been a period of trying labor and discipline. However, because of it, none can deny that he is a better man and better soldier.

Since a good percentage of this unit is fresh out of school or was still attending before induction, memories of commencement rituals are still vivid. Making loose comparisons, we might call this a graduation. It will have none of the pomp and ceremony nor valet-dictorians, historians, nor will and testament. It will however have its place in the greatest drama of all times and one which history certainly will retain. Its a step closer to our participation in the combat which is already making victory inevitable.

The tempo of athletic activity under the leadership of Lt. Emanuel is steadily picking up. The main "square" or "plaza" is a most useful part of the cantonment area. It is prominently

Hollywood Bowl—Deanna Durbin will make her first technicolor picture, **Caroline—Donna Reed** will be Robert Benchly's daughter in "See Here Private etc." — Dorothy Lamour is patching her sarong for use in **Rainbow Island**—the Katherine Hepburn will be a Jade in the Pearl Buck story **Dragon Seed**.

marked and divided into softball diamonds and volleyball, handball, basketball courts, etc. And more significant is that most of these are used nightly. Softball with the full support and participation of the battalion is of course the most popular and intercompany rivalry is stiff.

If You Don't Believe Books Tell A Story Read This One

By MYRTLE C. JOHNSON
Librarian 162nd St. Library

Books these days are tuned to the moment, they're either almost as fresh as the newspaper headlines, or they are aimed at telling us how to understand the world, get more out of life and living. Their very titles are part of our daily language and living.

So closely connected with daily living are they, that the next few paragraphs, which sound like a news summary, are actually composed of many book titles.

In the following paragraphs how many book titles can you find?

Let the people know that the war has seven faces, that day alone when we were having a dress rehearsal through blood, sweat and tears, we were looking for trouble on all fronts.

Without fear or favor, we felt brave enough for life. We were thinking on being a real person when the storm broke. We heard the sea gulls cry. Through hell and high water we received King News and we took to the woods.

The tide of fortune came. Still there was a girl brave enough to say I married a vagabond, who would live at Hotel Sienaide be-

side the Sea of Memories, where one could find salt water poems and ballads.

Nearby we heard the RAF in action. From the Moscow war diary we concluded that Russians don't surrender, and our faith never wavered that there would be victory in the Pacific.

Visitors with Sam Houston in Texas on the 101 Ranch saw the longhorns, and even there realized that defense will not win.

With France on Berlin time, we had to get tough, attack, show that the army means business, let the world see that unit-as we stand.

(Answers will be found on page 8)

Weapons Department Officers Softball Team Wins 15 Of 16

The TD School's Weapons Department officers' softball team holds an enviable record in both league and non-league games, having won 15 of its 16 games to date.

The team has beaten such outstanding ball clubs as the UTC Demons and the 603rd Battalion.

Challenges for games are being accepted over the telephone at No. 821

100 Percent Civilian Bond Drive Underway

Civilian employees on the Post have been stepping up their purchases of bonds. But, as the Post Bond Officer, Major L. E. Goode, has pointed out, this is an all out, 100-per cent war, and until the record of bond purchases is also 100 per cent, it is not up to par.

The following record shows quite a few sections having 100 per cent, and many within striking distance while some lag for behind. Objective of the present drive is to give all civilians employed on the post an opportunity to back their fellow Americans in

arms with bonds, to prove that "their bond is as good as their word."

	South Camp	North Camp
Ordnance A	94.81	100
Ordnance PD	76.75	100
Medical	65.43	37.36
Personnel	100	100
Postal	100	100
Adjutant	87.50	100
Judge Section	100	
Training Section	100	
Claims Office	100	100
Intelligence Office	100	100
Fiscal and Budget	50	
Purchase and Contract	100	100
Army Emergency Relief	100	100
Post Inspector	100	
Public Relations	0	
Ration Board	100	100
P. W. Camp	100	100
T. D. C.	77.19	
Finance	91.83	
Signal	89.23	100
C. W. S.	100	
Quartermaster PA and		72.04
Quartermaster D	87.26	97.27
Laundry	42.98	
Engineer Property	87.50	
Engineer PA	37.97	28.92
Engineer PD	6.37	21.31
Special Services (C.S.)	7.69	100.00
C & E Repair	84	
A T Rail	65.21	81.81
Auto Advisors	33.33	28.57
Purchase and Contract	100	

STU Graduates 14

The Special Training Unit School of the 653rd Battalion graduated 14 of its students during the past week.

Entertainers Are Willing To Amuse Fellows At Club

Enlisted men of Camp Hood who can entertain others and usually quite willing to do so, according to Mrs. Ida Mae Heffington, senior hostess at the 37th St. Service Club. Most of the men who come to the club regularly never

refuse to provide music and entertain for their fellows, she said. Among regular contributors to the service club entertainment is Cpl. Matty Pappus, pianist, of the 647th Medics, whose speciality is tangos and rumbas.

Pvt. Irwin Bienbaum, another pianist who works with the gas rationing board, has composed a number of tunes and sings as well as plays.

Cpl. Fred Noerenberg, Chaplain Talbot's assistant, plays religious music, swing and the classics and transposes music for programs in the club.

Cpl. Young is a trombonist and pianist and has composed a number of modern tunes.

PFC Fenn plays and sings for amusement of the soldiers who frequent the club.

Pioneer Platoon Praised

The Pioneer Platoon of the 648th Bn., UTC, has been termed "The hardest working and most aggressive Pioneer Platoon I have ever observed," by Capt. Milton E. Stabin, director of pioneer training in UTC.

On the Captain's rating sheet, the 648th's pioneers were rated "excellent." Their leader, Lt. Edward S. Gipson, has been rated superior in training the unit, while his platoon sergeant, S-Sgt. Grover M. Reed, has been rated excellent.

The platoon seems to have distinguished itself throughout its training. Observers have frequently commented on its spirit and efficiency and have considered it one of the three best Pioneer units ever developed at Camp Hood.

Only recently it was called upon to construct a dam across Cowhouse Creek in the Pioneer Training Area. This week, on an artillery range, the platoon blasted away the side of a hill with a 350-pound charge preparatory to installing an observation post.

Several of the platoon's non-commissioned officers have attended the Pioneer Tank Destroyer School where they further qualified themselves for their specialized work through study of camouflage, rigging, demolitions, mine fields, and booby traps.

Scrolls Of The Law Will Be Presented In Services Sunday

Two Scrolls of the Law (Sifre Torah) will be presented to North and South Camp at services to be held Sunday in the 50th St. Chapel.

The scrolls have been loaned by a home for the aged in Chicago to those of the Jewish faith in Camp Hood, and will be used in connection with their services on the post.

Dr. H. J. Edlinger, University of Texas, will be the speaker, and Chaplain Thomas H. Talbot will accept the scrolls for the men.

Major General Orlando Ward, Commanding General, TDC, and other high ranking officers will be present.

Has Anybody Here Seen Sherry??

All papers, please copy:

Somewhere—perhaps in Louisville, Ky.—there is a girl named Sherry. And here in Camp Hood is a boy, S-Sgt. Richard Kreitz. Between the two is the stuff of poignant stories for slick magazines.

Sgt. Kreitz met Sherry Carol Saunders in Ft. Worth, where she was visiting relatives. What Sgt. Kreitz said to Sherry is their personal business—but a good story teller might imagine.

He promised to spend his furlough with her family, when she returned home to Louisville. But boy lost girl when Kreitz lost the address.

The postal authorities in Louisville tried, but weren't able to help him. And so the story lacks its boy-got-girl ending.

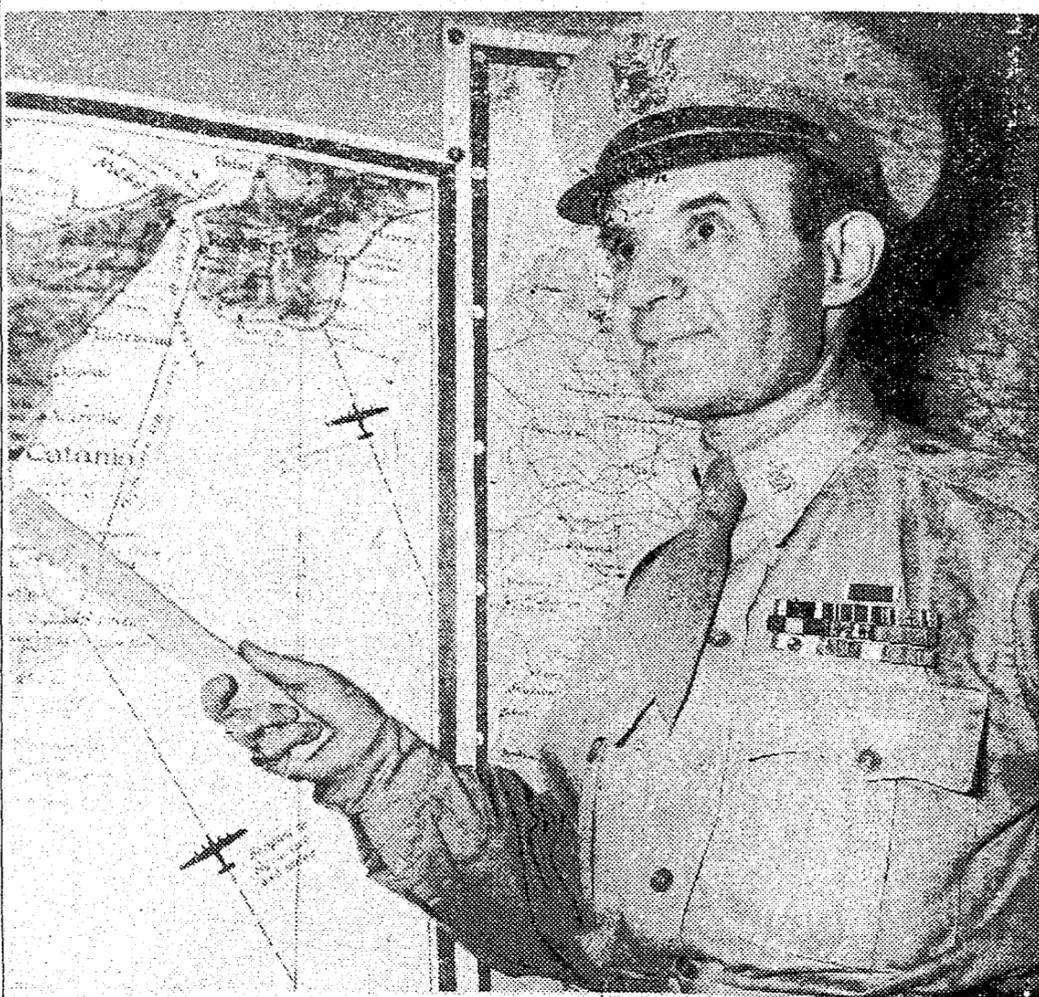
If anybody knows where Sherry Carol Saunders is, will they please let S-Sgt. Richard Kreitz, care of the Hood Panther, Camp Hood, Texas, know?

San Antonio YMCA Servicemen's Center Expands Facilities

By enlarging the facilities of its U.S.O. Army-Navy Y.M.C.A., the San Antonio Servicemen's center is prepared to offer an even better welcome to all visiting soldiers.

In addition to the usual bowling alleys, basket ball courts and reading rooms, the San Antonio club provides a limited number of rooms for men staying overnight, some others being taken care of on cots in the gym.

The famous "Liberty Belles," "The Girls service Organization" and other social groups supply lots of girls for dances given each week.



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He Fought To Get Through Supplies For Our Forces

It isn't unusual to see service ribbons on a soldier now. That's why small, slightly-built Capt. Paul C. Turner Post. Hq. might pass without much more than a comment on the rows of brightly colored ribbons which decorate his shirt.

Yet, beside the colored bars, which read like a world geography, the captain has seen, in his regular army career, the behind-the-scenes story of some of the greatest battles of this war and the last one.

His is a story jammed with the problems and triumphs of the backbone of the army—the Quartermaster Corps.

Wounded In Action

Rising from the enlisted ranks in the last war, Captain Turner was a member of the Supreme War Council. But not before he earned the purple heart for wounds received in action. He was with the First Division in the first American action in the Bures Sector.

Entrusted with important jobs in liquidation and military occupation, Capt. Turner also attended Schools and colleges in France for the Army following the war.

Not long after he reentered the army last year the captain was involved in the tremendous task of preparing the way for our forces in Africa.

No adventure story is more exciting than the flights Capt. Turner made into all the places of Africa. After landing on the Gold Coast he visited Liberia, Nigeria, Sedan, Kenya, Belgium Congo, and later North Africa and Casablanca. He helped organize Hq. SOS. Thousands of items of materiel had had to be purchased on the spot. Supplies had to be assured for coming troops. Air bases had to be planned and staffed. Here the QM officers had to barter and arrange the countless things necessary to an army. And the things an Army needs are startling.

Must Be Combat

"Every man must be a combat soldier," Capt. Turner said, "And if it is his job to be in the Service of Supplies, he'll have to fight for and defend those supplies. Every man will have his chance for action before the war is over, and he should not be too impatient."

"Our great danger is complacency in the face of recent suc-

cesses in Europe," the Captain warned. "Japan must be completely beaten and that means a hard fight to get Japan's oil supplies in the Dutch Indies."

Capt. Turner has a new analysis of the war; it's from the angle of supply. That's why great importance is given to the manner in which enemy supply was disorganized in our victory in Africa. . . Getting the goods to the Army is one of the biggest jobs of this war, and supply transportation is now a combat team of the Army.

Understands Needs

By carefully studying and planning to keep our Army going, the captain has gathered interesting information about the enemy, about the reasons for the German failure in Russia, about the necessity of a "lightning war" for the Germans to win, about the vast power we can mass and are massing. He can think in terms of actual needs for an army, and this background has helped him in the big job of the Q. M.

Anything can and does happen to a QM officer. He may be asked to feed and water 260,000 prisoners of war as in Tunisia, or buy typewriters and olive oil in other parts of Africa, or fuel bombers and get mosquito boots for nurses, QM men are under all conditions of fire from planes and enemy ground troops and must keep up with the troops. In working with the Army Service Force in Africa, Capt. Turner came in contact with strange native customs, like the native women who would carry a letter on their heads with a rock to hold it there. But his job was to get supplies. He also worked on reciprocal lease-lease with three governments.

When he returned to this country a couple of months ago, he gave men at the Quartermaster School, Camp Lee, Va., the benefit of his recent experiences.

Given Many Awards

Now he has new bars to add to the ribbons from the last war. Next to the Order of Prince Danilo, Serbia, Knight of the Order of Leopold Belgium, French medal of Bravery, the Victory medal with three clasps, and others, he wears the African and Atlantic campaign medals.

He sent back to Italy and Rumania their medals which he used to wear.

Hospital Patients Learn Gray Ladies Not Necessarily Gray

Gray ladies are not necessarily gray.

Service men of Camp Hood, who have been patients in Station Hospital can attest to the cheerful services of the Red Cross volunteers who are on duty almost daily visiting with the patients, writing letters for them, playing games with them, bringing reading materials, going on personal shopping missions, and otherwise speeding up the convalescent hours.

Officially the volunteers are members of the Red Cross Hospital and Recreation Corps organized by the Bell County Chapter. They are under the supervision of Ruth M. Stenvick, Assistant Field Director, and Mrs. Edith Blake, senior recreational worker at the hospital. There are now 10 members coming to the station from Killeen. Another group to be composed of women from Killeen, Gatesville, Lampasas, and Temple is to be organized shortly.

Candidates for Gray Lady service, aged 21 to 50, are passed upon

by a Red Cross chapter committee and by the hospital staff member assigned to supervise the service. They agree to give at least 50 hours of service a year for four years to retain corps membership. The training course includes between 15 and 20 lectures, with examination and a probation period. Certificates are awarded. Lectures in the course here are given by medical officers and chief nurse.

Corporal Commended For Superior Knowledge

Cpl. John Mohr of Co. B, 824th Bn. UTC, has been commended by Lt. George Cauffman, UTC's observer and chief umpire, at an indirect firing exercise held on July 27th. Cpl. Mohr was commended for his superior knowledge and his expert handling of the three-inch gun. Cp. Mohr also received praise from his Company Commander, Capt. John R. Gretzinger.

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Blue Prints For THE Enemy

HE SAID HE HADN'T meant to, that he had been drinking, that it was all carelessness, but Pvt. J. Ingebredsten, stationed in England, is just beginning a five-year prison term for talking too much.

Talking to two British non-coms in the presence of a number of civilians, Pvt. Ingebredsten disclosed details of a new type combat plane.

In pronouncing the sentence, the U. S. Eighth Air force headquarters pointed out that the information might have impaired the effectiveness of the planes and resulted in serious loss of life among American troops.

They Still Talk

Not long ago we were in San Francisco on furlough. While sitting in a cocktail lounge we overheard conversation from an adjacent table. A sailor was telling his girl friend: "We're shoving off in the morning so I won't be able to see you tomorrow night."

No, she wasn't dressed "like a spy," in a black satin gown. But she might have been an enemy agent, or any of a dozen or so persons who overheard his remark may have had connections with Axis espionage.

Yes, we're winning the war, but there are still thousands of men, millions of dollars worth of equipment, food and supplies to be shipped across the continent and overseas before the Axis will say "Uncle Sam".

The closer we get to victory and the nearer the Axis gets to defeat, the more daring and frantic will be their efforts to stop our soldiers and supplies, to sink them to the bottom of the world's oceans before they reach the battle front.

Slogan Applies Now

A few months ago, Panther editors originated a campaign to place the slogan, "If You Talk Too Much This Man May Die," around GI mirrors in barracks and washrooms across the nation to bring home to every serviceman the dangers to himself from his own loose talk.

It applies to you today as much as it did then.
Let's not make blueprints for the enemy!

The Marvelous Medics

They put me in the Medics,
Now some guys call me "Doc",
They often call me other names,
But I ignore such rot.

They taught me how to roll the pills,
And give 'em the shots,
But when it comes to weapons,
I just stand 'round and watch.

When the boys are seein' action,
Where a feller needs a friend,
You can always find a medic,
Who'll hang 'round until the end.

Hell, I'm only kiddin',
I've really this to say;
The medics are the the boys you need,
'Till victory comes our way.

—Pvt. Jack Weiss,
Med. Det. 824th Bn.

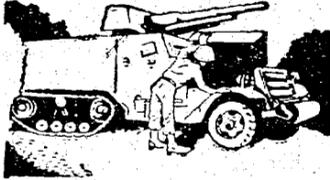
A Creed

God has always blessed what's right
And, has put the devil on the run,
Where ever he may come in sight—
To spoil this life he has begun.
Friend-beautiful is this life of love and liberty,
That God has handed down through man
To hold and for all eternity

Within the heart's and soul's of men
to put their trust,
In him to guide, and we defend, or die,
If need's be that we must
To keep this gift of home, love and pride,
And prove to all the world that God is just
And ever present at our side.

—Sgt. John W. Gates,
264th Ord. Co.

Looking UNDER THE HOOD



Between The Acts

Between World I and II, Sgt. William F. Hester, Classification Dept., TDS Headquarters, found time to graduate from Wake Forest College, Tenn., and to practice law at Fayetteville, N. C., for 15 years. He enlisted during the last war, serving two years overseas. He re-enlisted for this war in July, 1942. We hope he has a little longer time between this war and "the next one."

Drives His Namesake

Cpl. Arthur T. Moon, Headquarters Troop, 113th Cavalary, Regt., (Mecz.), is one of the few men in the Army to be assigned a jeep bearing his name. Cpl. Moon drives a bantam named, by coincidence, he says, "Half Moon."

And A Happy New Year!

Far be it from us to cast any aspersions on the efficiency of the postal service, which we think is doing a mighty fine job despite a lot of handicaps, but we do want to mention that Lt. Norman Potter, Hq. Co., BUTC, has just received a Christmas card dated Dec. 17, 1942. Merry Christmas, Lieutenant!

Knit One, Purl Two

The American Legion Magazine reports this reply to the girl, whose name and address accompanied a pair of home knit socks received by some GI "out there": "Some socks, some fit. Used one for a hammock and one for a mitt. Hope we meet when I've done my bit, but who in the devil taught you to knit?"

It's The Same Old Stuff

Pvt. T. T. Shargel, 692nd Bn., who is now in station Hospital, has evidently not lost his sense of humor despite his confinement. At any rate he sent us the story about the rookie and the Major. It seems the Major asked the Rookie what "maneuver" was. "Oh that's something you put on the grass to make it green, Sir", was his reply. Probably a farm boy.



Editor, The Panther:

Late as always, I want to thank you for remembering me with those copies of your wonderful newspaper. I would have enjoyed reading it even without my picture on the front page.

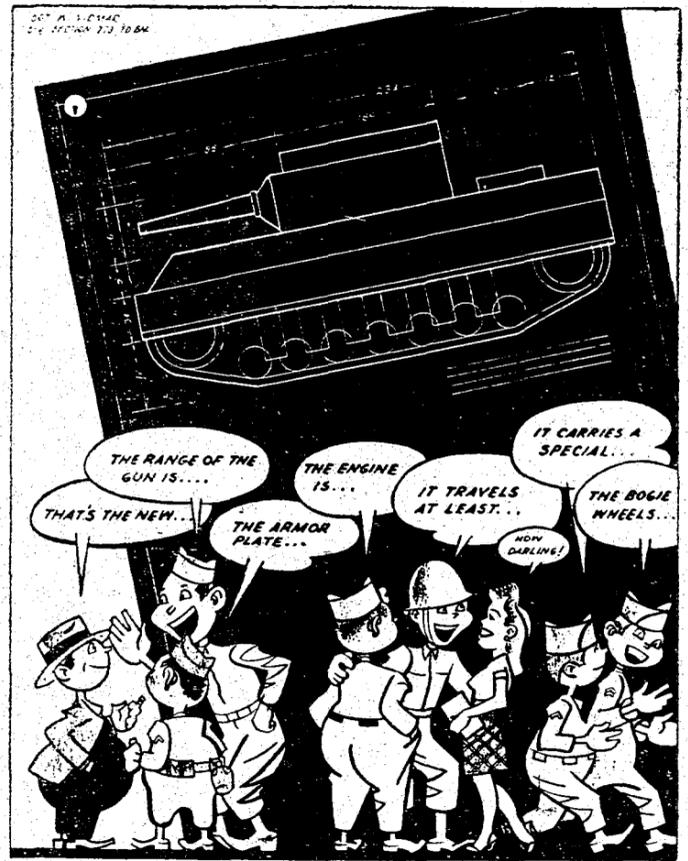
Seriously, I never got as big a thrill out of anything as I did out of my visit at Camp Hood; it was really a high spot in my life. I hope to be able to get back there some time, but it looks like I'll have to hurry, the way the war is going lately. Thanks again, and best regards.

Bob Burns,
Hollywood.

Editor, The Panther:

In a sense, cursing may be a sign of stupidity and indicates a deficiency in base intelligence and character. It may indicate that the person speaking is unable to fill in or complete a sentence by using standard English words, or phraseology and thereby completes his line of speech with cursory remarks.

The general impression seems



Don't Make Blueprints For The Enemy!

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Among current rumors in the Army is one which relates that WAC hats will be changed in style. Just what they'll look like, however, is a midinary secret.

Newsmen couldn't find Churchill while he was visiting Roosevelt last week. Naturally, he was at Hyde Park.

May we suggest as an advertising slogan for the enterprising Justices of the Peace who set up business near the Army camps: "The More The Marrier."

It seems quite logical that the soldier who goes to see a "B" picture usually gets stung.

657th Bn. Members Interested In M-10's

Now that the 657th Bn. UTC, is using the M-10, the men are more than anxious to learn to drive and shoot the guns of the tank destroyer, members report.

But the battalion still found time to make a comeback with their baseball team when they rapped out 12 hits and got 10 runs against none for the 670 Bn. team last Friday.

Good conduct medals and awards for rifle shooting were presented to the men Saturday.

Quote Of The Week

"Whether you be man or woman, you will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor."—James L. Allen.

to be that when a soldier curses, this action is to reveal him as a rough, tough and seasoned individual. There are some who may accept this philosophy, however, anyone with a trace of character and intelligence will entirely disagree with this reasoning.

This matter of using the proper word or phrase, instead of the usual curse words and expressions, is largely a matter of self discipline and control of thoughts in thinking before the spoken word is uttered.

We can all curb our abusive methods of speech and thereby benefit morally and spiritually. It is natural to assume that if we curtail our speech and taking the name of God in vain, we as soldiers are more than likely to be looked upon with favor by our Almighty Lord and in turn receive his blessings and protection during the period of violence and stress which lies before us.

Cpl. Clarence F. Warras
Hq. Co., TDC

Army Quiz

Prepared By Capt. Kennon J. Ward, 663rd Bn.

These are questions that have been asked either directly to me or in my hearing. In some cases these questions require research, therefore it is evident that many do not know the answers. In most cases the source of the question will not be given, but in all cases the source or reference for the answer will be given:

Q. Under the 104th AW can a soldier be given seven days extra fatigue and seven days restriction for one offense?

A. No. It is intended to limit the powers of the company or detachment commanders. If two or more similar punishments are adjudged for the same offense there must be an apportionment. (Digest of opinions JAG 1912-1940, Par. 462-4.)

Q. Do gasoline field ranges have to be set on a concrete base over a wood floor?

A. No. According to the office of the Post Engineer, North Camp Hood, the construction of these ranges does not have such an excessive amount of heat as to require a concrete base. A base of sheet metal is sufficient. Also bricks or fireproof blocks on the corners to hold them up to allow circulation of air is recommended. These ranges should not be set flat on the ground because of danger of rusting.

Q. Would you ever have more than three combat commands to a Division in a tactical situation?

A. No. The opinion of the present head of the Tactics Dept., TDS, is that as long as a unit is capable of its own administration it should not be split. To have more than three combat commands in a division, it would be necessary to split a regiment or a battalion. However, if a unit is so shot up or disorganized it may be attached to a unit that is capable of administering to it for the purpose of support and reorganization.

Return To Duty With 14th Group

Three officers of the 14th Group Headquarters returned to duty with the organization Saturday.

Capt. Kaplan, having completed the advanced course in Tactics at the TD School, arrived along with Capt. McManis, and Lt. Miller, both of whom have finished the Communications course offered by the TD School.

Capt. F. T. Edmundson, (Group S-2) was transferred to the Tactics Department, TD School, and the vacancy left by him is being filled by Captain Carl G. Petty.

Demonstrate Three-Inch At Ft. Sill

A platoon of men from Companies "A" and "C" of the 635th Bn, UTC, has returned from the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where the men, under the direction of Capt. H. E. Pellegrino, Lt. J. Thompson and Lt. W. Stanfield of the 635th TD Bn, gave a demonstration of the 3-inch gun.

The demonstration given by the 635th's platoon was one of the outstanding events of an 11 event program, arranged by Lt. Colonel M. Moses of the Gunnery Section of the Field Artillery School, and was witnessed by Assistant Secretary of War Patterson and several hundred officers and officer candidates.

The 635th Bn was commended on the excellent demonstration, and the 3-inch guns used in the demonstration provoked much interest.

Writes Song For Disney

Cpl. Murray Grand, Hq. Co., RTC, has written a song for a forthcoming Walt Disney picture.

Cpl. Grand was on furlough in Mexico City where he met one of Disney's directors who requested him to write the song for the picture which is being produced in Mexico City. The corporal calls his latest tune "Chico Charro" which means, "Mexican Hat Dance."

He has written a number of popular tunes, best known here being "When You Looked At Me," which Sgt. Bill Fischer has arranged for his second RTC band.

He has also written "Ever Mine", a beguine; "As Long As You Hang Around," a ballad, and numerous comedy and novelty numbers. He writes both lyrics and music.

Before entering the Army Cpl. Grand was a pianist and entertainer in Philadelphia, Pa., night clubs and on the radio.

Friday, 13th Good Fishing Day For Him

If they tell you the fish run big in Texas, it's one fish story that makes sense—at least to Cpl. Joseph L. Ryckman, Hq., ASTP, RTC, the "big ones" not only live in Texas streams like the Leon River, but they even get caught. Yes, even a 60-pound, 45-inch long catfish, and on Friday the 13th.

But Ryckman wanted to show a few new tricks to Izaak Walton and landed his whopper by first stunning the fish with a rock, then wading in and dragging it ashore.

While driving along the river early in the morning, the corporal played the lights of his car on the water. Just seeing the huge fish aroused his fishing—or hunting—instinct. Later a mate about the same size was shot by a neighboring farmer.

The proof of the fish is in the eating—and the cooks in the corporal's mess hall said they could get 60 steaks from Ryckman's cat fish.

Tech. Sergeant In 605th Becomes W. O.

Mr. Earl Callison, who until a few days ago was Tech Sergeant Callison, Personnel Sergeant Major of the 605th Bn, AUTC has been promoted to the grade of Warrant Officer.

Gallison "grew up" with the 605th having been assigned when the unit was organized on July 16, 1941. He progressed through the ranks from Private to S-Sgt. and from company clerk to Sergeant Major. He is now at North Camp attending a three-week course of instruction, and awaiting assignment.



Wondering about the day after the war, the Panther's curious reporter asked four soldiers and a WAAC:

DO YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE MAKING OF THE PEACE AFTER THE WAR?

Pvt. George Osumn, Co. B, 133 TD Bn.:

"Yes certainly. I think all soldiers should—whether or not we have another war probably depends on the kind of peace we make. We ought to see to it that we have the kind of peace that will prevent another war."

Efc. James Zanders, Hq. Co., 374th Engrs.:

"I think so. I can't say what I think about it with just a snap answer. But it is very important to soldiers. That's what we're fighting for—peace in a better world."

Aux. Billie Caraway, 1848 WAAC Unit:

"I don't know. My aunt is Senator Hattie Caraway, and she and the other people in Washington can take care of it, I guess."

Cpl. Raymond Dietrich, "Why, sure. The big leaders will probably fix it, but everybody should be interested in it. I guess we ought to let the leaders know how we feel about it."

Sgt. Theodore Shanbaum, 1848 Unit, DEML:

"Of course we should. You don't pay somebody else to live with your wife, do you? Why leave it to somebody else to fix up the world you're going to live in, then?"

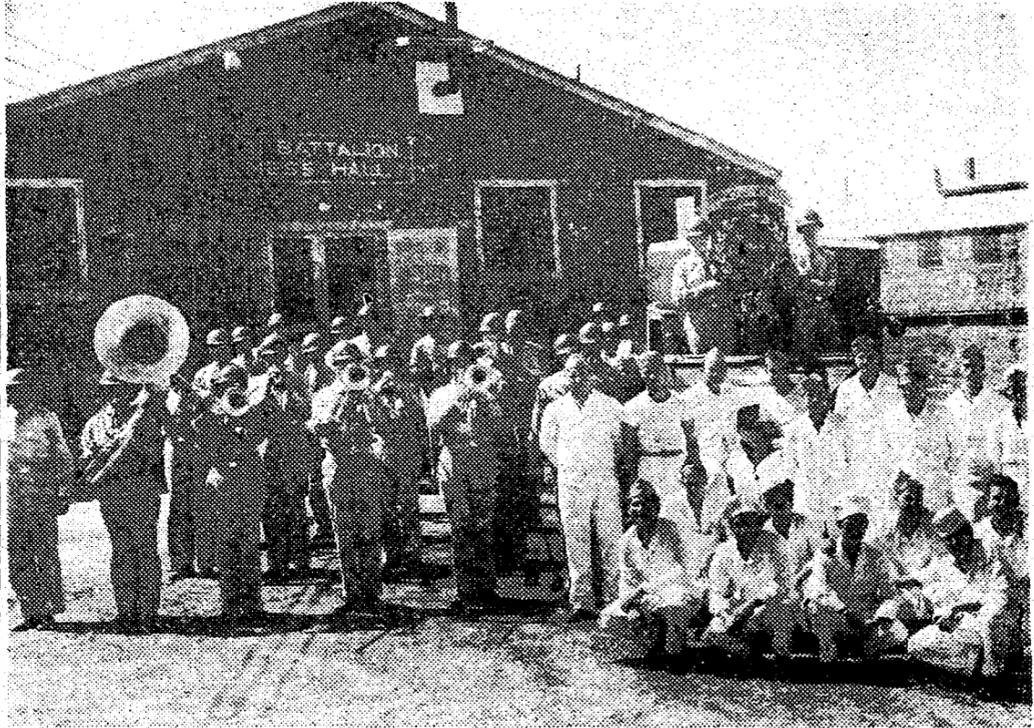
Headquarters company of the 17th Group, under command of Lt. William J. King, has qualified 94 percent of its men in firing on the Cowhouse SMG Range.

PFC Percy W. Clayworth and Pvt. Millard C. Brown, Jr., led the group with scores of 92 out of a possible 100.

657th Spends Week On Firing Ranges

The 657th Bn. UTC, has spent the past week firing the 30 Cal. machine gun, the 22 cal. mounted on a three-inch gun, and the sub-Thompson machine gun on the silhouette and bobbing target range.

All companies of the battalion have done well on the ranges and has the highest percentage of the 17th Group.



FANFARE FOR SOLDIER FARE—The 2nd RTC Band sounds off in honor of the winning of the Award of Merit for the best battalion mess by the 141st Training Battalion, 5th Training Regiment. Cooks of the mess marched to the mess hall where they formed in front of a half track tank destroyer. Story below.

Company A, 128th AST Bn. Has Musicians For Band

Company A of the 128th AST Battalion, TDRTC, activated only two weeks ago, has within its ranks the makings of a complete dance band. There are six trumpet players, one trombone, two saxophones, two piano players, one tuba, one drummer and four professional singers. Lacking is a string section for schmaltz tunes, but the Army is strictly with jive at present so they won't be missed.

One piano player, Pvt. Royal E. Knott of Duluth, Minn., has been playing professional for 15 years, ever since he got his first start at the age of three. Pvt. Arnold Eley, Benton, Kentucky, was a trumpet player with big name

bands, including those of Charley Barnett and Charles Spivak. Several of the other musicians have had extended professional experience.

Private John G. Castle, whose home is at Buffalo, N. Y., is a sleight-of-hand artist of no mean ability, who makes his fellow trainees see things that "ain't."

Friday evening Co. A held its first company party with entertainment provided completely from company talent.

Capt. David W. King, first commanding officer of Co. A, transferred last week to a new command. His successor is Capt. James R. Land, who comes from the TDRTC Schools.

'Bozo' Had The Heart And Soul Of A Good Soldier; Was It His Fault He Was Only A Mongrel?

This is the story of Bozo.

Bozo was a dog. He was part setter and part bulldog, but mostly heart and head. To ordinary people he was another mongrel, but to 1st Sgt. Bradford Dennis of Co. A, 147th AST Bn. RTC, he was a real buddy.

Bozo never missed a formation—took the obstacle course like an old soldier, stood his regular tour of guard duty, and, of course, was in every chow line.

Bozo enlisted early in 1941, just three years after his "boss," Sgt. Dennis from Macomb, Illinois. He became the mascot of Brad's Field Artillery Battery, back at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He went with them on maneuvers in Louisiana and Arkansas—he trained with them every day so that when that big day came he'd be ready.

"Against Regulations"

The big day finally arrived—orders came down from headquarters to move to a port of embarkation. Bozo was all set. But authorities said "No dogs on this ship!"

Something had to be done. Bozo was a vital part of the battery—his men needed him. Finally one lad came through with an idea. He emptied one of his barracks bags, apportioning his clothing and equipment among his pals. Bozo crawled into the bag and, being a well trained, good soldier, uttered nary a peep until the ship was well out to sea. He had the run of the ship for the rest of the trip.

Their destination was Australia. The ship pulled into the harbor, docked and unloaded its cargo—all but one important item. Bozo was forbidden to go ashore—something in the Australian laws.

It was an unhappy day for Bozo and the rest of the men in the battery. Arrangements had to be

made to send Bozo back to Camp Forrest.

But Fate gave them a break. Two weeks later the battery was ordered to return to the same ship and move on to another port. It was a happy, cocky Bozo who greeted the men as they walked up the gangplank that day.

Given Honors

Months passed. The work and training became more strenuous every day. Bozo was right in there all the time. But it was too much for him. He developed heart trouble. He'd have to stop and rest every few minutes until one day he laid down and didn't get up. The battery turned out for a full formal military funeral. They erected a white cross and put Bozo's collar on it.

Signed 100 Percent Maximum Insurance Early In The Drive

The 479th Ord. Evacuation Co., commanded by Capt. R. C. Coulter, claims to be one of the first companies in Camp Hood to have signed 100 percent of its personnel for the maximum of \$10,000 worth of government life insurance.

On July 23, every last man in the company had signed up for the maximum.

Furlough From Heat

Summer being what it is—and in Texas it's more than that—some of the men in the 661st TD Bn. have taken furloughs, supply Sgt. James Leach, Co. "B," going to his home in Scranton, and T-5 Arthur Hoffman, armorer for Co. B, visiting in Chicago. Mess Sgt. Gravel Bright, a recent addition to Co. B, took an emergency furlough to Dallas.

141st Mess Wins Plaque For Merit

With music and ceremony the 141st Training Bn. 5th Regiment, celebrated winning the Award of Merit Plaque August 3, for having the most efficient mess of the Tank Destroyer battalion at the TD RTC.

The plaque is awarded weekly by inspection teams in a campaign to produce the best possible messes.

Headed by the 2nd RTC band, the cooks of the mess marched to the mess hall where they formed in front of a half track tank destroyer. The band played during the ceremony in which the plaque was received by Lt. Ralph W. White, mess officer, and S-Sgt. Albert L. Rookes. Present were Lt. Col. F. M. Flanagan, commanding officer of the 5th Regiment, and Lt. Col. Donald McGrayne, commanding officer of the 141st Bn.

The 141st Bn mess received a rating of 97.20 from the inspecting team, the highest among the 33 messes of the replacement center. The 5th had further rejoicing to hear that for the week its officers' mess was awarded first place in that class.

Cooks of the 5th Regiment are trained at the 141st Bn mess, and the students in the cook courses shared in the award.

Among the ASTP companies in a separate contest Company D's mess of the 149th AST Bn won first place in the first week of competition.

'Polka Dot Trio' Entertains Weapons Department, TDS

The 657th Bn, "Polka Dot Trio" found another enthusiastic audience when it played for the Weapons Dept. of the Academic Regt. last week.

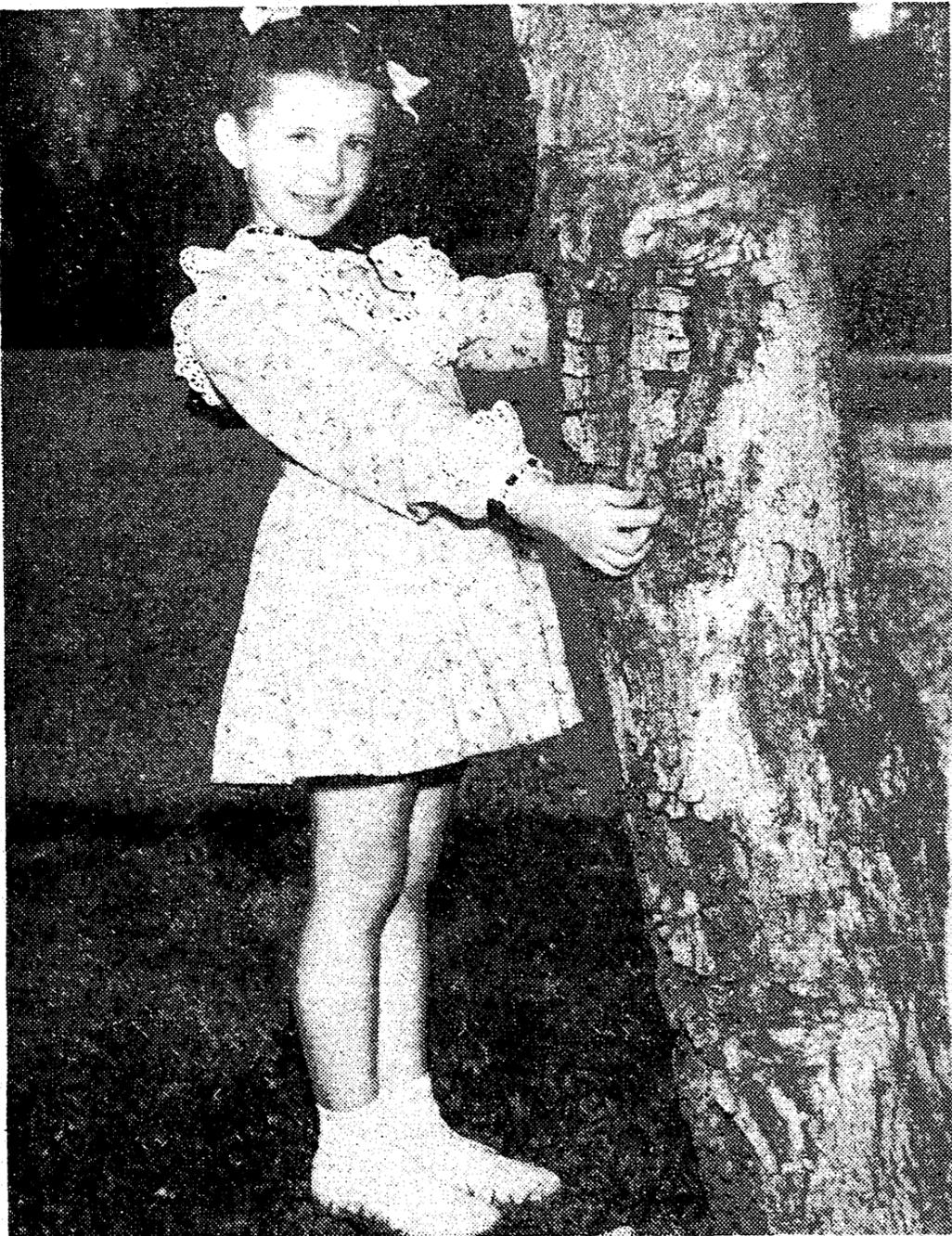
Their stage was constructed on two vehicles, and used lights from other vehicles for spots.

They played the usual favorites. Polish polkas, and added a few novelty numbers including arrangements of "The Shiek of Arabi" and "Stardust."

The trio is made up of Pvt. Frank Divis, Cpl. Ed Stampfl, and Sgt. Youlyous Jackson.

OCS Graduating Class Host To Visiting Stars

Film stars Eric Blore and Ann Savage, accompanied by Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, attended a party Thursday night, given by members of the Forty-first OCS Class on the eve of their graduation. Blore regaled the officers and men with Hollywood anecdotes, and Miss Savage did much to add to the merriment of this get-together, which marked the last occasion for the candidates as enlisted men.



OUR "PIN-UP" GIRL—After seeing a steady stream of pictures of gilded glamor girls chosen by the 00th Flit Gun Battalion as "The girl we'd like to look for water on a desert island with," to those chosen by the 000th Swatter Squadron as "the girl we'd like to meet in a storm cellar," the staff of the Hood Panther has selected five-year-old Margaret O'Brien, wile-less and completely devastating Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio starlet, as "The girl we'd like to come home to"—and that goes if the war ends the day after tomorrow!

Mail Addressed Incorrectly Causes Delay In Delivery

Incorrect and insufficiently addressed mail is the biggest problem in any Army postal office. 1st. Lieutenant Hugh S. Noonan postal officer for North Camp Hood, said recently.

New recruits in the Army often fail to give their proper return address, with the result that incoming mail for these men is incorrectly addressed. The volume of "bad" mail has run as high as 5,000 letters in one day, making necessary the service of 30 or more workers to trace the addresses, he said.

Locator File Helps

Lt. Noonan emphasized that every effort is made to find the owner of the misaddressed mail, successfully in most cases. When a man comes to North Camp Hood his name is entered in the post office locator file, and every change of address is recorded thereon so that he will receive his mail promptly. These locator cards are kept for two years. If all soldiers would follow the prescribed formula there would be no delay. Mail of military personnel should bear the following information:

Rank, name and serial number on the first line; organization and arm of service on the second, and the name of the post, camp or station on the final line:

Pvt. John T. Doe, 31234567,
Co. D, 178th AST Bn, TDRTC,
North Camp Hood, Texas.

All regimental, battalion and company mail clerks must attend special classes in handling mail, given by Lt. Noonan and his staff, and these clerks will help any soldier in properly preparing his letters.

In tracing an enlisted man the postal office is aided by special orders, but the situation is different where officers are concerned. Confusion and delay in the handling of pay, travel allowance checks, and mail is due to the failure of officers to notify the

Postal Office, in writing, of any change of address.

Lt. Noonan is assisted by M-Sgt. William Garland.

Large Staff Employed

Seven civilians and 55 soldiers, including WACs, handle the heavy volume of mail and postal matters passing through the North Camp post office.

More than 500 sacks of incoming mail reach North Camp Hood daily, while an average of 35,000 pieces of first class mail leave the post during the same period. All other mail, including packages, averages more than 50 mail sacks each day.

With the cooperation of Brigadier Generals Harry F. Thompson and Walter A. Dumas, commanding generals of the ITC and RTC, respectively, and Lt. Colonel Donald R. Dunkle, executive officer of North Camp Hood, there are two daily delivery and pickup services for the benefit of the military personnel. Mail received in the morning is sorted and dispatched for delivery to the various units by 10:30 of the same morning, and the same expeditious service is given the afternoon mail.

Several postal substations are planned for North Camp to relieve congestion and to provide an ever better service for soldiers stationed in sections of the camp distant from the post office.

Volume Is Large

Indicative of the volume of commercial transactions is the report

They Should Enjoy Marital Harmony, Eh?

T-5 Robert E. Derr likes music—and plenty of it, even at weddings.

He left his band at Hazelton, Pa., to join the Army, and became a bugler for the 893rd TD Bn. at Fort Meade, Md. Last spring the battalion moved to Camp Hood, and in July he was transferred to the First TD band as a trumpeter.

Last week he married Miss Alyce Lois Heller of Allentown, Pa. Before the ceremony was performed, Cpl. Russell Loveless played the violin and Cpl. Jack Williams sang, and after the ceremony the TD band of 28 pieces performed for the couple outside the chapel.

Revival Services Start In Belton

The Belton Church of the Nazarene announces that Rev. and Mrs. John D. Rhame of Millville, New Jersey, will conduct a revival meeting starting Tuesday night, August 24.

Before his conversion, Mr. Rhame was a prize fighter, a radio singer and actor.

of stamp and stamp paper sales during the month of July. These sales amounted to \$4,300, with air mail stamps predominating. War bond sales totaled \$2,500, mostly to military personnel. Sales were particularly large in the \$50 and \$100 denominations.

Two thousand money orders, valued in excess of \$75,000, were sold during July, a "light" month.

Famous Band Here Tuesday

Tuesday will be the night of the blues in camp; the kind of blues that make you sway and hum and tap your feet. That's the night when Jack Teagarden and his crew take over at the Field House.

The Dance will start at 8:30, tickets on sale at the 37th St. and 162nd St. Service Clubs or the Field House, are \$1—girls will be admitted free.

Teagarden, who recently finished making "The Birth of the Blues" in Hollywood with Bing Crosby, is considered by Professional musicians as the outstanding interpreter of blues music, as a leader, trombonist, and vocalist. When he sings—as his theme—"I've Got A Right to Sing the Blues" he's singing it straight.

Mr. T—the nickname press agents and musicians have hung on him—has been playing blues since he started sliding a trombone as a kid nine years old.

Most people, he points out, have the wrong idea about the blues—they think all blues must be sad; but that is not necessarily so. "The number one blues of all times, as far as I'm concerned,"

he said, "is both fast and happy. 'Woverline Blues.'"

He'll be playing both kind at the Field House Tuesday night—with novelty features by the Teagarden Trombone Choir.

New Non-Coms

Several new men were added to the Hq. Co., 13th TD Group recently, among them, M-Sgt. Hare from UTC, S-Sgt. John E. Huff and S-Sgt. Windsor V. Stewart from the 824th Bn., T-4 Harry G. Bernhardt, 611th Bn., T-4 Edgar H. Jacobson, 824th Bn., Cpl. Robert S. Kohn, 815th Bn., and T-5 Thomas C. Fong, from the 824th.

Two Former Musicians Now Now Serve In 23rd Group

PFC William Edward Decker and T-5 Ralph Edward Dodd, 23rd TD Group, ITC, have delayed outstanding careers as musicians to join Uncle Sam's forces.

PFC Decker was an electro-steel guitarist with the Sammy Kaye orchestra when duty called. How he came to get his job with Kaye is a story worth repeating.

Decker, who has kept up to date on the history of the Kaye organization since its start, knew the exact time when the original guitarist was to leave and enter the Army. He learned to play the electro-harp under guidance of his brother-in-law, trumpet and piano player and formerly in the band of the late Hal Kemp. Decker

knew several members of the Kaye band, and when Lloyd Gillion entered the Army, Decker was signed up.

T-5 Dodd is a 21-year-old pianist from Columbus, Ohio. He is a former member of the Capital University faculty, where he taught piano.

He started his musical career studying with his mother, and began accompanying when he was nine. He graduated from Capital University, where he specialized in music. He was a member of the famous Chapel Choir, and has been guest artist with the Columbus Symphony.

He is one of the few musicians with the unusual sense of absolute pitch.

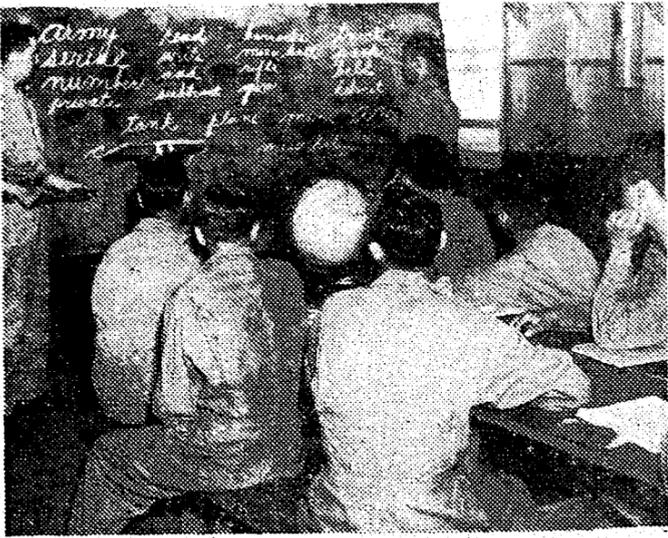


The Weapons Department, Tank Destroyer School has received a letter from Lt. John Kieran, Jr., formerly of the department, which was written May 26th, before the invasion of Sicily. Lt. Kieran is the son of John Kieran, Sr., noted newspaper columnist and quiz expert on the "Information Please" program. The following excerpts from his letter are of special interest to TD's:

"Well, the shouting and the tumult dies, the captains and the generals depart. In other words, the sights and sounds of battle, which weren't so bad, and the smells (which were) have faded away. We can all rest now. Except for an occasional visit from Jerry by air, we are quiet. I had many opportunities to get to the front on my own, and did. Quite an epic. A man lives a long time in a few minutes. I even got behind Jerry's lines one night—by mistake. It was quite a noisy war. I got to see Tunis within 24 hours of its occupation. The TD's are really doing their part here and are well respected by all branches.

"Have traveled a great deal, and seen many a sight, done many a deed, that would cost a civilian a fortune when on tour. My French is pretty good. We live, of course, the crudest type of life. Pup tents, no luxuries, even minus some necessities, heat, dust, flies, monotonous food, little water or washing facilities, no radio, newspapers, and one movie per 10 days. I have had a slight touch of dysentery from flies lately. But withal, I like the rough life, and am looking forward to being an integral part of a battle.

"All the Italian and German prisoners I've spoken with seem quite happy about their fighting days being ended, but are badly misinformed as to the way the war is going. They expect to win in about two months."



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

They Learn To Read And Write . . .

Teaches Men To Read, Write

Private Pete has been marking "x" on the payroll for the past four months. He could not sign the payroll because he was unable to write. Last week he walked into the orderly room, signed his name on the dotted line, grinned at the astonished First Sergeant and proudly walked out. Private Pete is typical of numerous students receiving instruction in the newly organized Special Training Unit being conducted at UTC.

Example of Work

This incident is illustrative of the work being accomplished by the Special Training Unit. Soldiers who formerly had to get their buddies to read and write their letters are now enjoying all the pleasure incident to carrying on a limited correspondence with their folks at home.

In day rooms, unused mess halls, in shady groves, and in Rec Halls all over Camp Hood, the Special Training Unit is conducting classes for men who through unfortunate circumstances did not complete their elementary education in civilian life.

Enrollment Is Large

The school is progressing far beyond original expectations. Since its establishment, about three weeks ago, 81 enlisted men have already passed the necessary achievement tests and have "graduated". All the men appear interested and work hard eight hours a day. Interest was so great in one battalion that the men re-

quested classes at night, and the senior instructor arranged for an assistant to hold a voluntary study period that night. One half of his students were present, and now the study period is held every night, and voluntary attendance is high.

In this same battalion, the instructor purchased a globe of the world, and the interest of the men in tracing the supply routes to the fighting fronts was so great that he had to order his men out of the classroom during the breaks.

Works Out Side

Although the men work eight hours a day, not all of the day is spent studying the three r's. Two hours are spent outside the classroom. Training in military subjects is integrated with educational subjects, and one hour a day is spent in physical train-

Wedding Bells

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T-4 Charles S. Stewart, Hq. Co., 635th Bn., and PFC Leo J. Neilan and Pvt. James W. Bradbury, Medical Detch., recently joined the ranks of married men in the 635th.

Pvt. Frank Meo, butcher at the Leon Drive Service Club, has returned from furlough at Ozona Park L. I., New York, with his bride, the former Nancy Diane Francese.

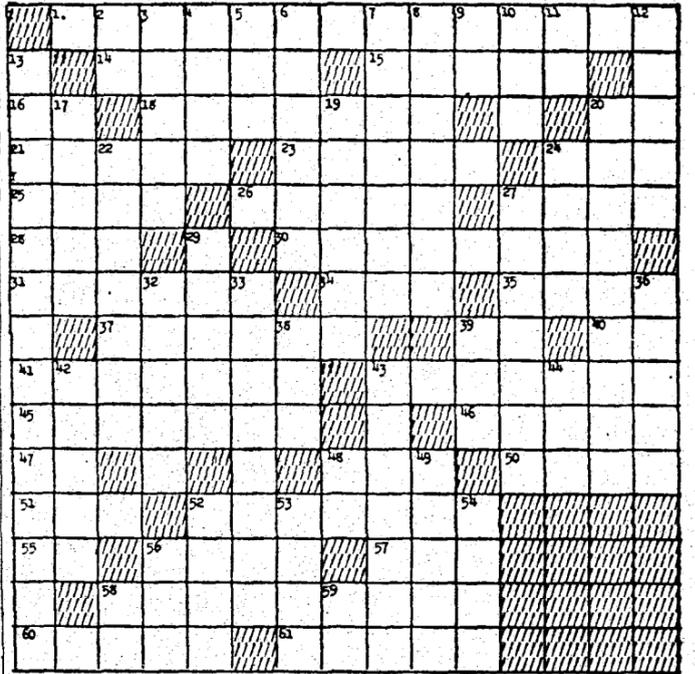
Cpl. Wilfred P. Bourbon, Co. C, 635th Bn., UTC, was married July 31 to Inex Nona Kopp in the Presbyterian Church in Temple. Cpl. and Mrs. James Armstrong, served as best man and matron of honor, respectively.

T-Sgt. William J. Lutz, Headquarters Co., 647th Bn., UTC, was married to Betty L. Goosby, at the home of the bride's uncle, Major and Mrs. T. W. Bynum, Brownwood, July 31. T-4 Daniel R. Curran, of the same company, was best man. Theresa Bynum was maid of honor.

Capt. M. M. Merritt, 23rd TD Gp., North Camp, married Miss Barbara Bliss recently, at the bride's home in Santa Fe, N. M.

The students also see three of the latest and best training films weekly. Those in the lower levels view specially prepared Film Strips for one hour each day.

The principal aim of the entire program is the development of sufficient knowledge and ability to enable each student to properly assimilate the necessary army instruction required for training purposes—that is, to make good soldiers better soldiers. The battle value of the program cannot be overestimated. When a man is taught to read a message, a thousand lives may be saved. The keynote of the whole program is "Help the men to help themselves."



HORIZONTAL

1. & 7. Name of civil war General and a Tank.
14. Famous Austrian Sculptor.
15. Book used for translations.
16. Opposite of down.
18. Coat worn with O.D. clothes.
20. Doubly.
21. Guide wheels for tracks of tanks.
23. Mug for beer.
24. Loiter.
25. One tenth of a penny.
26. U. S. General who defeated Lee at Gettysburg.
27. Narrow strips of wood.
28. Third King of Judah.
30. Most severe.
31. The middle.
34. Every. (Dial.)
35. All American tanks carry this symbol.
37. Fundamental points of religious beliefs.
39. Demonstrative adverb.
40. Behold.
41. Produces as a representative image.
43. A chrysalis.
45. Beginning to exist or develop.
46. A fillet worn over the head as an ornament.
47. Symbol for Erbium.
48. Dined.
50. Male offsprings.
51. South African antelope.
52. Vetch-like plants.
55. We.
56. To a greater extent.
57. Wide-mouthed Spanish cooking pot.
58. Group of men in a company.
60. Type of land mine used in the present war.
61. Locations of machine guns in field of battle.

VERTICLE

2. Hem in fish with a staked net.
3. Awarder of prizes for distinction in literature, science and the promotion of peace.
4. Slippery. (Slang)
5. Seventeenth letter of the Greek alphabet.
6. Entertains.
7. One who travels fast.
8. Women are not wearing many of these now.
9. Half an em.
10. The Russian Army is known as the Army.
11. Possessive pronoun.
12. Cry of an equine.
13. Small arms.
17. Equilibrium.
19. The U. S. has 48 of these.
20. Group of companies in the army.
22. Ricochets.
24. Wooden block for shaping footwear.
27. Makes smaller.
29. Tropical plant of India.
32. Without this, 1 & 7 across would be useless.
36. Tanks don't need these to go places.
38. Darn Stout Tanks. (Abbrev.)
39. Measures of land.
42. Mends.
43. 1 & 7 across were built for these.
44. Card game.
48. Near.
49. American engineer who made the first wire suspension bridge in the U. S. over the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia just 101 years ago.
52. Knowledge.
53. Gaseous element.
54. Salts.
56. A crew of well trained—run a tank.
58. Jumbled type.
59. Direction. (Abbrev.)

635th Defeats 605th

The 635th Bn, UTC, defeated the 605th Bn, in a baseball league game 27-0, and are tied with

Student Regiment for the leadership in the league, each team having lost two games. In the last six games, the 635th Bn has scored 111 runs to their opponents 10.

Private Bolo

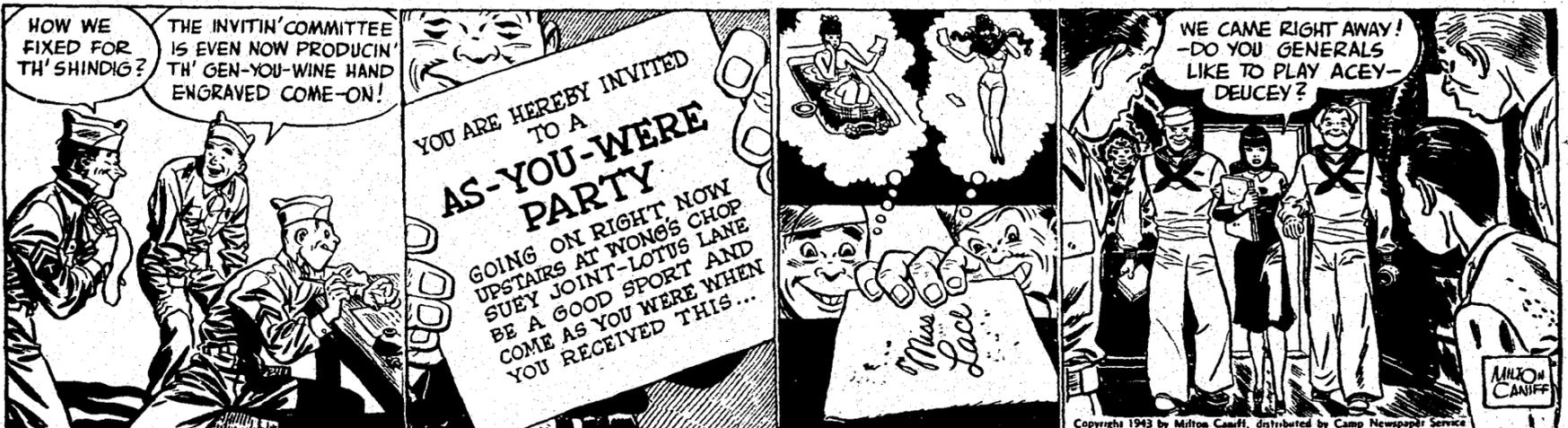
By T-5 Cross, 23rd TD Group



Male Call

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

Stand By To Repel Side Boys



824th Birthday Party Held At Panther Park

By Pvt. Dennis O'Sullivan

The 824th Bn. UTC, celebrated its first anniversary with a birthday party at Panther Park Aug. 19. Sporting events were the key note of the day, including swimming, baseball and horseshoe pitching.

The companies clashed for battalion baseball championship with Co. A winning the laurels by defeating Co. C 4-3 in a play off game. The winners were crowned champions and awarded 12 cartons of cigarettes and the "Activation Day Plaque."

635th Holds Track Meet

The 635th Bn. UTC, held a track meet in the area adjacent to the Bn. Motor Park Saturday.

In the 1-2-mile race, Pvt. James P. Davis, Med. Det., finished first in 1:58 1-2. Sgt. Robert H. Poor, Co. A, and Cpl. Raymond Martin, Hq. Co., tied for second, time 2:01. In the mile Cpl. Andrew A. Beisel, Hq. Co., finished first in 4:40; Pvt. Joseph M. Vidumsky, Co. B, finished second in 4:40 1-2, and Sgt. Nicholas G. Kunts, Co. A, third in 4:47. The two-mile event was won by Cpl. Reuben Benden in 11:09 2-5; Cpl. Elbert B. Clark, Co. B, second in 11:11 and Pvt. William M. Posch, Co. B, third in 11:19.

827th Loses Two Games

During the past week 827th lost two games in as many times out. The first game, a 7-inning affair, was lost to the Student Regimental aggregation (9-4), and the second contest, a 10-inning affair, was lost to the Marlin Stars (10-9). S-Sgt. Haines and Pfc. Leatherwood, respectively, were the losing pitchers.

Both games could easily be categorized as "The Comedy of Errors."

In the first game hitting honors were split between Harden and Haines. The second game was highlighted by a barrage of 827 hits, S-Sgt. Early and Sgt. Elmer clouting individual 3-run homers. Two or more hits each were scored by Frederick, Early, Elmer, Harden, Adams, Bowes and Simpson. All spectacular plays were overshadowed by 827's contagious errors.

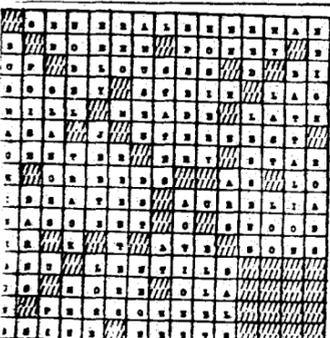
To date 827 has won four and lost three and still feels that it has about the best combo on the Post. Worthwhile challenges are still invited by the "Destroyers."

610th Battalion Busy At Camp Atterbury

Hood trained men of the 610th TD Battalion, now at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, are still maintaining the high training standards established here, according to a recent edition of the "Camp Crier," camp newspaper at Atterbury.

Twice weekly all men, including cooks and clerks, go on three-hour hikes.

Heading the marching columns are Lt. Col. William L. Herold, Battalion commander, and Maj. Arthur B. Jeffrey, executive officer. In the last mile of each hike, the 610th Drum and Bugle Corps leads the parade to the finish line. The battalion averages 13 miles in three to three and one-half hours.



Co. C Champs

Co. C won play-off honors by defeating Hq. Co. 3-8. Co. A scored but one run against Co. B's five run tally. Later in the day the officers team, over estimating their baseball strength, challenged the champs to a game and were defeated by Co. A 6-2.

Horseshoe pitching contest was won by PFC Frank Chambers, Co. C, who defeated PFC John Harmon of the same company.

Swimming matches took place in the afternoon under direction of Capt. Peter P. Brooks, assisted by the Misses Frances Grossman, Jane Johnson and Irene Benson, who acted as judges. Swimming title was taken by Co. B, which scored 17 points out of a possible 36. Hq. Co. was second with 11 points, Co. A third with six and Co. C with three.

The winning team was composed of PFC Wilbert Groker, who took first in the 50-yard, breast stroke and second in the 50-yd. freestyle; Pvt. Walter Mulligan, first in the 50-yard, backstroke; Pvt. Abraham Cohn who tied for third in the 50-yd. breast stroke.

Headquarters Co., runners-up in the swimming meet, had on its team T-5 Marshall DePuy, who broke the tape in the 50 yard freestyle meet, PFC Joseph Curtin, who took third in the freestyle, and scored a tie for third in backstroke; Pvt. Claude DeLucia, who took second in backstroke and T-4 Seymour Page who took second in 50 yard breast stroke.

Winners Are Listed

Outstanding for Co. A were Pvt. Gerard Lennon who took first in backstroke, and Pvt. Louis Carrese, who took third in the 25 yard underwater race.

Company C was saved from being scuttled by PFC Walter Hamba, who took second in the 25 yard underwater race.

During intermission, Pvt. Arthur Heft, attached to Co. A, gave an exhibition of fancy diving. He was followed by Jane Johnson from Washington State, who gave an exhibition of the true Olympic style. Pvt. Mickey LaRosa, the Pride of Brooklyn, gave his impressions of "how not to dive."

Wonder If He Wasn't Burnt Up A Little

Tech. Sgt. Bob Fordney, Hq. Co. TD RTC, North Camp, will no longer be quite so cynical in the future. The other night Bob parked his car and went into the PX for a soft drink and fell into conversation with some other GI's. A friend came by and remarked, "Say, Bob, your car's on fire."

"Yeah, Yeah," said the slightly bored Fordney, recalling the story about the jeep who sat in the barber's chair getting a shave when another joe rushed in and yelled, "Hey, McBomber, your car's on fire!" The jeep jumped out of the chair spraying lather and towels and ran down the street. Suddenly he stopped and said, "What the hell am I running for? My name ain't McBomber!"

A couple of hours later, a shadow of a doubt crept into Bob's mind. Perhaps he had better take a look. So he double-timed it over to where he had parked his car . . . and sure enough, it had been on fire.

Short circuit had set the wiring system afire but little damage was done due to the work of a passing private.

Now T-Sgt. Fordney is looking for this private to extend his thanks personally.

Game Is Called

The 657th Bn., UTC, baseball team played one game last week with the 670th Bn, which was called because of darkness in the sixth inning when the 670th was leading 6-5. The game will be played this week.

113th Wins Softball Tourney

Downs Station Hosp. Team 13-5 In Playoff Game Here This Week

The 113th Cavalry Regt. smashed their way to the championship in the Camp Hood softball tourney by downing the Station Hospital ten 13-5 this week.

In the second game of a scheduled three game series the cavalrymen won a hard fought game which at times bordered on a track meet. In the first inning, to the tune of three hits coupled with four errors by the Medicos, the cavalrymen crossed the plate for six tallies. In the third inning the Hospital softballers reversed the story somewhat by scoring their only five runs of the game. The Hospital's bid for championship, was highlighted by Novosad's double which drove in three runs.

Throughout the contest both pitchers were stars in their own right, showing great sportsmanship in the face of numerous errors.

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Station Hospital	0	5	6
113th Cavalry	6	10	5

Undefeated In Eight Games

The 603rd TD Bn. has been undefeated in eight scheduled baseball games. In seven of these the battalion has scored 75 runs to 12 for their opponents.

The game with the 113th Cav. was one of the best of the season and the battalion scored a 2 to 1 victory.

But it was the series of games with the 801st battalion that captured most of the excitement for the men.

After a nip and tuck battle on the 801st's diamond the game was called at the end of the seventh inning on account of darkness. The score was tied 9 all.

A full turnout of the 603rd was on hand for the playoff last Monday night. But they found an empty diamond. Then in the distance an unbelievable sight—the 801st Drum and Bugle corps leading the marching officers and men to the "big game." Still the band and the dramatic arrival didn't help much.

Unlikely the close-fought first game, this second one was a runaway. Then without the inning played, the 603rd hung up a 19 to 0 victory.

'Demons' Win 3-2 In Overtime Play

Going into extra innings the UTC "Demons" nosed out the 603rd Officers' Softball Team recently by the score of 3 to 2. Captain E. O. Smith, a "paddy ball" player, left his favorite game long enough to score the winning run for the UTC Softball Team.

Library Quiz Answers Here

"Let The People Know" "The War Has Seven Faces." "That Day Alone." "Dress Rehearsal." "Blood, Sweat and Tears." "Looking for Trouble." "On All Fronts." "Without Fear or Favor." "Brave Enough for Life." "On Being A Real Person." "Storm" broke. "The Sea Gull" Cry. "Through Hell and High Water." "King News." "We took to the Woods." "The Tide of Fortune Came." "I Married a Vagabond." "Hotel Splendide." "Sea of Memories." "Salt Water Poems and Ballads." "Russians Don't Surrender." "Victory in the Pacific." "With Sam Houston in Texas." "The 101 Ranch." "The Longhorns." "Defense Will Not Win the War." "Strategic Materials in Hemisphere Defense." "France on Berlin Time." "United We Stand." "Get Tough." "Attack." "The Army Means Business."

On The Ball

With PFC Keith Quick

The 670th Bn., ITC, recently organized a boxing team that sports a number of experienced fighters, all former pros. Main cogs of the newly-formed ring team are :Pvt. Claude Norris, former Southeastern Golden Gloves titleholder in the bantam-weight division, and T-5 James Duncan, a hard hitting welter-weight mixer. Both lads are powerful with either hand and should score many wins for the 670th. Lt. James Phillips, CO of the 670th, is coach of the team. Lt. Phillips was runner-up for the National Golden Gloves heavyweight crown in Chicago's tourney last year. He is being assisted by Lt. Louis L'Amour, Special Service Officer, a former amateur and pro ring man

Only one Camp Hood ball player was worthy of a berth on our all-tournament baseball team, picked from the various clubs which participated in the state semi-pro event in Waco. Here's our "cream of the semi-pros." Bill McClaren, of the Karlen Bros. nine Dallas, first base; Jack Capelle, of the Houston Shipbuilders, second base; Bob Stone, Waco Army Air Field, shortstop; Bruce Divers, of Camp Wallace, third base, and Lt. Birdie Tebbets, of the Waco Flyers, catching. In the outer garden, we chose Buddy Didrikson to roam the left side slot. He's been going great for the Houston Shipmen. In the middle pasture, Hoot Evers, of the Waco Flyers, can't be beat when it comes to bagging fly balls, no matter where or how they come. On the right side of the outfield, we ran up against a host of players, all very good, but after weeding them down to a single choice, Jack Bradsher, of the Houston Shipbuilders owned the "Babe Ruth" ground. Pitching chores for this star-studded nine fell to five good men, perhaps the best Texas' semi-pro baseball circles will know for a long time. Sid Hudson, Waco Flyers; Jack Jakucki, of the Houston Shipbuilders; Dwain Sloat, of the Sweeny Oilers; Joe Hare, Houston Shipmen and Herb Karpel, ace of Camp Hood's Student Regiment, were the top moundmen throughout the tournament. If a couple more hurlers were to be added to this mound staff, we'd choose Bob Shepard, of Camp Hood's 635th Bn., and old Sal Gliatto, of the Dallas Karlen nine. But there you have it, the best bunch of ball players any manager could ever want to trot out on a Texas diamond; fine pitching, a good infield and the fastest outfield known in the Lone Star . . . A balanced ball club—that's what it takes to win.

Pvt. Henry Stram, Stude. Regt., TDS, iron man of the Purdue backfield, has been invited to play with the All Stars against Washington Redskins next month.

Pvt. Patrick Hinkson who recently left the Publications Dept. of TDS for an ASTP unit was a candidate for the Notre Dame football varsity when he got his induction notice.

Lt. Fred R. Murphy, new athletic officer of the Stude Regt. coached football and basketball at Wilmington High School.

Candidate Frank W. Bramhill, 43rd OCS class, was director of athletics for the city of San Jose, Cal.

635th Bn. Field Meet Competition Is Keen

The 635th Bn. held a field meet in the area near their motor pool last Sat. afternoon.

Hq. Co. finished first in the series of track and special events, with Co. "A", "B", and "C" in that order.

One of the most interesting events was a race in which the platoon officer had to run around the track a lap then call off the names of all the men in his unit with out looking at them or at a roll.

First prize was 20 cases of Coca-Cola.

In all the events the men wore G. I. shoes.

Maj. J. W. Gibbs, UTC, was referee and Lt. Bier of UTC and Lt. Varnell post athletic officer, were timekeepers. Capt. H. K. Garber was scorer.

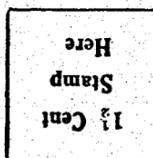
100 yd. dash—Sgt. K. G. Kipp, Co. "A"—time 10 sec. 1-4 ton race—Hq. Co.—time 2' 6". Four-

lap race—Cpl. Ruben Bender, Co. "A"—time 10' 55". Tug-lap race—Cpl. A. A. Beisel, Hq. Co.—time 4' 31". One-lap race—Pvt. J. P. Davis, Hq. Co. time 1' 54". One-lap relay—Co. "A"—time 1' 29 1-2". Two-lap relay—Co. "C"—time 3' 28". Platoon race—Co. "B"—time 4' 18".

Baseball Standings

		"League A"		GP.	W.	L.	Pct.
Stude.	Rgt.	15	13	2	866		
635th TD Bn.		13	11	2	846		
605th TD Bn.		10	3	7	700		
Acad.	Rgt.	12	7	5	583		
652th TD Bn.		6	0	8	000		
651th TD Bn.		4	0	4	000		
		"League B"		GP.	W.	L.	Pct.
603th TD Bn.		4	4	0	1000		
113rd Cav. Rgt.		15	12	3	800		
OCS Regt.		12	9	3	750		
801st TD Bn.		12	6	7	461		
657th TD Bn.		6	1	5	165		
650th TD Bn.		7	1	6	132		
653rd TD Bn.		8	1	7	125		

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