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**HELL BE COOL!**—Pvt. Jimmie Morana, Co. B, 824th Bn., is just about to get sudden and cool relief from the Texas heat. It looks like the end, but it's only the beginning of a weekend at Panther Park, Camp Hood's Enlisted Mens Country Club. For a full-page of pictures, turn to page three.

## Obstacle Course Run For Record

The men of the 136th Bn at North Camp have a way to spend their times these days—that of running the obstacle course against time. There has been a new record set, and an old one broken, every day since the boys started timing themselves on this tough course.

The course is located at the south end of Eighth Street and is 510 yards long. It has 13 difficult obstacles to overcome.

The first record on the course was 2:08, made by J. Burson of Company B. The next day Co. C took top honors when W. Young ran the route in 2:00 flat. The following day Earl Edgill and Tiger Tigert came in under the wire in 1:55, but that record didn't stand for long, for Edgill and James Coleman tied and are now co-holders of the record in 1:48.

Men of the 136th don't like to brag, but they say they would like to see anyone else in North Camp beat the record time on this course, which is run under the direction of Lt. Roy E. Oby.

## Insurance Sales High

Lt. Col. Donald R. Dunkle, executive officer of North Camp Hood, today was studying a report submitted by Lt. John Morris, insurance officer, showing that Camp Hood is in third place on a list of 29 major camps in the Eighth Service Command for National Service Life Insurance sales.

For the month of July alone, the report shows, Camp Hood soldiers purchased \$21,083,000 worth of permanent insurance.

## 'Thumbs Up', Variety Revue, Plays Friday In Rec. Hall

"Thumbs-Up!" the Post Special Service Section's ribpoking revue will be presented again Friday at 8:30, at Recreation Hall 777, Battalion Ave. and 55th St. to welcome battalions of the 18th Group to South Camp.

The revue, written and directed by Pvt. William E. Hoffman,

## Review Held Honoring TDS Captain

A review of more than 6,000 officers and men of the Tank Destroyed School, was held last week in honor of Captain Ernest C. Hatfield, Cavalry, former aide to Major General Orlando Ward and now assigned to the Tactics department of the School.

Captain Hatfield was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on March 25, 1943, at Djebel-Naemia, Tunis, when he dressed a badly wounded man under machine gun fire, encouraged men to advance under machine gun fire, and was the only officer to reach the top of Djebel-Naemia in an assault on that objective.

Major General Ward, Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center, made the award, and with Brigadier General H. T. Mayberry, Commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, and Captain Hatfield reviewed the troops.

## Fast Promotion

Add to the list of fast promotions a soldier that came into the Army as a private last September and five months later was first sergeant. It was First Sgt. Morten P. Aakrann of the 259th Ord. Med. Maint Co.

under the supervision of Lt. Dick Hepburn, is a procession of ridiculous sketches and blackouts, well seasoned with songs and dances, and paced by the music of the Second TD Band under the direction of Sgt. Charles Dandrow.

The cast will include Pfc. Sammy Lillibridge as MC Pvt. Mel Horowitz, "Professor Glutz," lecturer extraordinary on the Art of Goldbricking in One Hard Lesson; Pfc. Art Mee, comic and musician; Mrs. Miriam Kosak, boogie-woogie pianist; Pvt. Morris Jones, guitarist; Pvt. Joe Rogers, impersonator; Cpl. Elwood Donaghy; T-5 Joseph Johnson; Pvt. Jimmy Perkins, who with Miss Dana Gant forms the only adagio team on the Post; Miss Jolene Prater, vivacious singer from Baylor; and various other entertaining tidbits.

## Camp Musicians Play When Jack Teagarden Band Fails To Appear

When Jack Teagarden and his band failed to arrive in time to play for their scheduled Tuesday night dance here in the Field House, members of the First TD dance band, and two from the 113th Cav. Band, under the direction of T. Sgt. Barney B. Rook, "sat in" in their place.

Major C. M. Adams, special service officer, praised the musicians for their willingness to serve.

Members of the band who played were: George Harsch and Leonard Crapanza, both of the 113th Cavalry Band; Bob Laine, Al Lallo, Red Evans, Frankie Franco, Frank Nicholas, Gerald Sims, John Boswell, Jack Williams, Marshall DeMuyneck, Russell Loveless, Loren Richards, Jake Schwendt, Carl Edwards, all of the 1st TD Band

## 18th Group Becomes UTC As 60 Mile March Ends Its ITC Training

On Thursday, Aug. 19, the 18th TD Group UTC, led by Lt. Col. Lafayette D. Mathews, completed the 60-mile foot march which marks the transition of training from ITC to UTC. All officers and enlisted men of the Group Headquarters, Major Fred Plathe's 660th Bn., and Major Donald Miller's 661st Bn., participated with the exception of the kitchen details who moved by truck.

The three day program included marching, forced marching, MTP

tests, and inspection of a formal field bivouac by Brig. Gen. Harry Thompson, CO., ITC.

On Monday the Group marched 17 miles from Tablerock Camp No. 5 to Walker's Cemetery. Tuesday called for a 12 mile move to Pidcoke Crossing in the morning and an 11 mile forced march that night to a bivouac northwest of Anderson Mt. Wednesday they pushed southeast of Anderson Mt., and Thursday completed the move to Camp Hood.

## Civilian '100 Percent' Club Increases In Size

Civilian personnel in Camp Hood is turning to and going all out to prove that their "Bond is as good as their word." Getting behind the drive to have every section 100 per cent in its weekly purchases of bonds, the civilian personnel is intensifying its drive.

This week 13 sections in South Camp and the same number in North Camp can boast of 100 per cent.

The roster this week:

T. D. C.	92.52	
Finance	95.90	
Signal	88.13	
C. W. S.	100.	
Quartermaster PA	78.08	72.04
Quartermaster PD	50.00	
Laundry	52.58	98.44
Engineer Property	87.51	
Engineer PA	37.97	28.92
Engineer PD	6.37	21.31
Special Service (C.S.)	7.69	100.
C & E Repair	75.00	
A T Rail	65.21	100.
Auto Advisers	33.33	28.57
Purchase & Contract	100.	
	South Camp	North Camp
Ordnance PA	99.78	100.
Ordnance PD	86.75	100.
Medical	65.26	37.36
Personnel	100.	100.
Postal	100.	100.
Adjutant	87.50	100.
Judge Advocate	100.	
Training Section	100.	
Claims Office	100.	10.00
Intelligence Office	100.	100.
Fiscal and Budget	100.	
Purchase & Contract	100.	100.
Army Emergency Relief	100.	
Post Inspector	100.	
Public Relations	0.	
Ration Board	100.	100.
P. W. Camp	100.	100.

## UTC Review Held Before General Ward

In what was considered one of the best dismantled road reviews ever held here, several thousand officers and men of UTC marched past Major General Orlando Ward and his staff Thursday.

Combined units of UTC paraded before the General's half-track in two columns. The south column, led by the band under the direction of Mr. Leon Zawisza, W. O., consisted of the Commanding Officer of Troops, Col. T. J. Heavey, and staff, massed colors, and the 16th and 17th TD Groups of UTC. The north column, also with massed colors, included the 15th and 18th TD Groups. After Colonel Heavey and his staff marched in review they joined General Ward on the reviewing plot where four half-tracks were grouped.

The two converging columns, one to the north on Park Avenue and the other to the south on Central Avenue, arrived before the reviewing officers with split-second timing. They marched in columns of massed battalions with slung arms. Precision and military smartness was the keynote of the review.

## Major Gets Silver Star

For gallantry in action in North Africa, Major Allerton Cushman, currently commanding officer of the 671st Bn., was awarded the Silver Star.

Brig. Gen. Harry F. Thompson, commanding general of ITC, North Camp, made the presentation at a formal review.

Maj. Cushman was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Bragg, N. C., prior to going overseas. He was with the famous 893rd Bn., the first TD outfit.

## Freight Car Used In RTC

A big steel freight car has been purchased by the Army from the Cotton Belt Railroad for use as a training aid in the TD RTC.

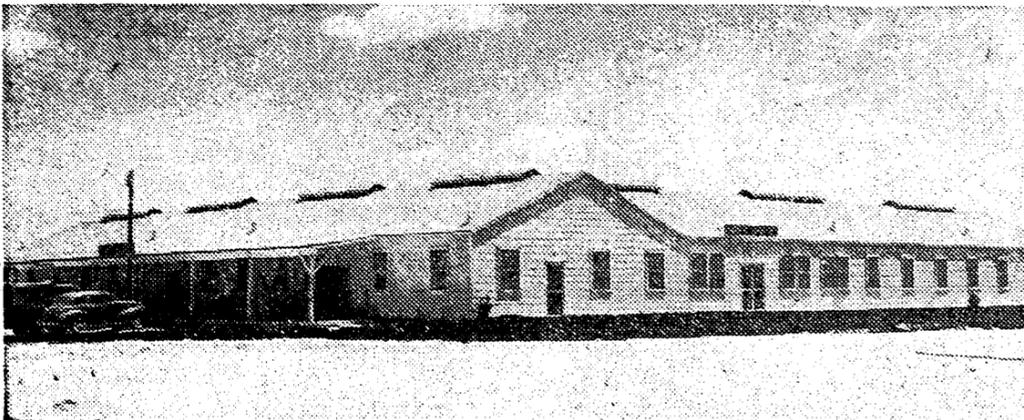
The box car, 44 feet in length and weighing 20 tons without undercarriage and wheels, has been installed at the water tank near Seventh Street. It will be used for instruction purposes by the training battalions. It was felt by RTC officers that a real box car will prove more effective to students than a replica. Loading and unloading of materiel and equipment will be demonstrated to trainees. One thousand men can be seated in an amphitheater in front of the car.

Ordnance personnel will haul the car from the railroad tracks to the instruction area. The car will come to North Camp aboard a flat car, and winches will be used to slide it onto a low-boy, a long, flat trailer motor truck.

Flat cars eventually will also be used in the training program.

## Have Skull Practice

The 605th Bn. had a session of skull practice this past week with their classes for Intelligence and Operations personnel. Use of radio was one of the major subjects. A field problem followed the work in the classrooms.



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## New Postoffice Speeds 42nd Class Mail To Hood Soldiers

Every possible means has been used to tell how important it is that mail gets through to soldiers—and as quickly as possible. It's an old story. But the opening this week of the new Camp Hood Post Office at 277th St. and Spur Drive brings attention to the huge job which the camp postal workers are doing in getting the mail delivered.

### More Space Given

Even a breezy look at the big new building—it's twice as large

## Print Show Planned Here

An exhibit of prints by outstanding American artists will be held here soon, sponsored by the Special Service Office. Arrangements are being made to have the prints sent here as a loan exhibit from the Associated American Artists Gallery in New York.

Included will be work by such well known artists as Thomas Benton, Reginald Marsh, Raphael Soyer, Georges Schrieber, George Grosz and others.

The first showing will be at the 37th St. Library. From there the exhibit will probably move to other parts of the camp—exact dates to be announced as soon as the gallery wires the Special Service Officer when the prints will arrive.

## Photographic Department Ready To Take Group Pictures Of Companies

Even the largest groups, including whole companies, can now be photographed by the Camp Hood Exchange Photographic Dept., according to Lt. Paul Renay, officer in charge of the department.

Anyone desiring group pictures can arrange for them by calling Lt. Renay at 416.

Two additional portrait studios have been opened this week, at Post Exchange No. 1, 50th St. and Headquarters Ave., and at PX No. 2, 27th St. and Battalion Ave. The other studios, where you can have a picture taken without appointment, are PX No. 5, 44th St. and Battalion Ave., and PX No. 7, 69th St. and Battalion Ave.

In the near future, similar portrait studios will be set up at the North Camp.

## Officer Candidates Here Had Unusual Careers As Civilians

The last two classes enrolled in the Tank Destroyer OCS, include many men who have had unusual careers in civil life.

Dale A. Daugherty, a graduate of the University of Florida who majored in forestry was a "timber cruiser," estimating the quantity and value of timber stands for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Candidate Robert T. McPherson worked as a biological aide, cultivating and helping to pollinate corn on experimental plots. He also observed and separated diseased plants from others.

as the old one—gives you an idea of the importance of the mail system.

One of the biggest advantages of the new location is that mail is brought right to the door of the office on railroad cars, saving time and transportation in unloading. First class mail is still trucked into Temple to move it quickly.

Army Camps handle about three times the amount of mail as a city of the same population, according to Lt. H. P. Grounds, postal officer. Camp Hood's mail, all of which passes through this post office, runs into millions of pieces each month. More than 13,000 registered letters were handled in July.

### Around The Clock

Soldiers and civilians work together 24 hours a day seven days a week on three shifts. Vast locator files are kept up to date so that men can be traced in camp or even after they have left camp. The postal workers go to the last hope to see that a letter is delivered. One woman spends all her time notifying newspaper publishers of changes in military addresses. Any soldier who is transferring has been urged to get a change-of-address card at the post office or from his CO. One of the toughest jobs is forwarding mail time and again.

Although many of the soldiers are not veterans of postal work, Lt. Grounds and Lt. R. T. Glenn, his assistant, are both former U. S. Postal Railway workers. Lt. Hugh H. Noonan, also with long postal experience, is in charge of the post office in the north camp.

It's an unglamorous part of war, but ask any buddy how much his mail means to him. The Camp Hood Post Office is doing the job.

## 652nd Enlisted Men And Officers Hold Informal Dinner Party

Officers and enlisted men of the 652nd Battalion, UTC, recently enjoyed the second of their fortnightly informal dinners. The evening in the company mess hall was sponsored by 1st Lieutenant Edmund J. Zilinski, Company Commander, and First Sergeant Kelvin Kemp.

Five officers were recently transferred to the 653rd Battalion. The five lieutenants included: Lt. Norman F. S. Russell, Lt. Theodore W. Rabey, Lt. Walter W. Cardwell, Lt. Edward T. Rafferty, and Lt. John A. Powell.

Candidate Arnold Horemah attended the University of Southern California, specializing in music. However, following his graduation, he worked as an interpreter, translating spoken Turkish to England and vice versa, and taught English to Turkish nationals in a church school.

Candidate Joseph Edwards, who graduated from Clemson college in South Carolina, worked for the state highway department during his summer vacations, as a foreman

## 42nd Class Graduates

When graduation exercises of the 42nd Officer Candidate School were given Friday at the 24th Street Theater by the Tank Destroyer School, Brigadier General H. T. Mayberry, School Commandant, presented commissions and certificates to the new lieutenants. Colonel P. C. Hains, III, G-3, TDC, spoke to the class on "Responsibility."

"Keep in the back of your mind," Colonel Hains said, "just what the responsibility you are taking on your shoulders really is."

Colonel Hains also told the graduates to "seek responsibility—don't shirk it—go out after it."

## These Boys Really Take The Prize

Four men, S/Sgt. Orville L. Robinson, Sgt. Jack L. Anderson, T-4 George E. Sophas, and Cpl. Jodie E. Belcar, all of Company B, 648 Bn., captured every prize offered by the USO, Killen, bingo game Friday evening, August 20. The other players, approximately 50 in number, gazed enviously at the four men as the prizes of gum, cigarettes, theater passes, and money were passed to their table, until at the end of the evening all 12 prizes were in their hands.

## Troop C Named Again To Demonstrate For 113th Cavalry Regiment

For the second time in as many months, Troop C, 113th Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized) this week was selected as a demonstration troop for the entire regiment—this time to show the approved method of loading men and equipment aboard each general type of military vehicle.

A scout car, two bantams—one field-type and one amphibian, a weapons carrier, a personnel carrier, and their trailers and arms were all placed in order for column movement, and were inspected by Col. William S. Bidle, commanding officer of the regiment, as well as the various troop and detachment commanders.

Two months ago, Troop C was selected to demonstrate to the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School the make-up and appearance of a reconnaissance platoon of a Cavalry regiment mechanized. At that time, Capt. Roland H. Joseph, troop commanding officer, was commended by the inspecting TD officers for the excellence of the demonstration.

## Seeks Return Of Lost Catholic Medal

Anyone finding a Catholic medal-scapular and miraculous, with engraving on the inside, has been requested to contact Sgt. Bob Bathurst, Co. A, 647th Bn. was lost in the vicinity of the 647th Bn. area or gas demonstration area.

## Daughter Is Born

S/Sgt. William Peckham, Co. C, 801st Bn., and Mrs. Peckham, have announced the birth of a seven-pound, six-ounce daughter.

# 'Enlisted Men's Country Club' Cools Off GI's

When the Texas heat soared to an all-time high on a recent Saturday afternoon, Panther Editors decided it was high time to do a picture-story of Panther Park at Lampasas, Camp Hood's "Enlisted Men's Country Club."

To illustrate the things a GI can do to cool off at Panther Park, editors selected Pvt. Betty Cartigmelia, 164th WAC Det. of New Iberia, Louisiana, and Pvt. Jimmie Morana, Co. B, 824th Bn., formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y. Accompanied by the two "models" and Signal Corps Cameraman Sgt. Johnny Hendrickson, Editor T-Sgt. Ivan Smith and Associate Editor Pvt. Wilfred Weiss made the 50-minute journey to Panther Park which resulted in the pictures, page Three.

### More Play Than Work

But the two willing models found their job more play than work. Swimming in the cool, spring-fed pool, lying on the grass in the sun reading Sunday funnies, buying ice-cold cokes in the pavillion's service club, consuming a steak in the cafeteria, skating in the open-air rink, riding a bicycle or horse through the wooded 120-acres of park land, or dancing in the cool open-sided pavillion is not a GI's idea of something hard to take.

Novel among enlisted men's recreation camps is Panther Park, which has been turned over to Camp Hood by the city of Lampasas for the use of Tank Destroyers for the duration.

### Many Activities Planned

Camp Hood dance bands play in the pavillion each Saturday night for dancing, which is free. The flood-lighted pool is open until 11:30 each night and a number of swimming trunks are for rent as are baskets for clothing and valuables. There is no charge for swimming. The cafeteria on the grounds sells meals at prices comparable to those at the service clubs in camp.

Soldiers, or WACS, who wish to remain at the park overnight are housed in barracks complete with showers and shaving facilities. A charge of 25 cents is made and each soldier is issued clean sheets and blankets. Married couples, or parents of a soldier, are allowed to reserve one of the cottages for three days. They are complete with cooking facilities. These rent for \$1.50 per day. Battalions or other units, desiring to use the park grounds for a celebration may make arrangements through the Special Service Office. Accommodations are provided in the barracks for 350 single men, and one barracks is reserved for WAC personnel. Bivouac area is available for larger groups.

### Transportation Is Available

Buses may be taken from the Central Bus Station to Lampasas. Panther Park, less than a mile from the town, is served regularly by shuttle bus. Round-trip fare to Lampasas is 70 cents. Complete schedule for departures from camp follows:

In the morning, daily: 1:15, 7:15, 10:00:

Afternoon: 1:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:00, 7:00, 7:45 and 10:45.

## Youngest Master Sergeant In TDS Only 19 Years; In Army 3 Years

Dessie E. O'Neal, 19, is probably the youngest master sergeant in the Tank Destroyer School. He has held that rating since June 1, last year, when he was given the promotion at Camp Shelby, Miss., where he was stationed with the Seventh Field Artillery.

Enlisting in the regular army at 17, M-Sgt. O'Neal followed in the steps of his father who

served 12 years, and came out of World War I as a captain.

### Enlisted In 1940

Young O'Neal's army career of three years, since his enlistment in October, 1940, has been colorful. He attended a surveying and engineering school at Fort Bragg, N. C., and, previous to coming to Camp Hood, was in charge of as many as eight surveying crews.

Recommended last year for appointment to West Point, he was turned down because of his marriage a short time previously to a Temple girl, Pauline Wiley.

### Did Salvage Diving

Balboa Island, off the coast of Florida, near St. Petersburg, was O'Neal's home. There, in the waters surrounding the small fishing community, he did some undersea salvage work, often going down 30 or 40 feet, with only a diving helmet as protection.

At the present time, O'Neal is attached to the Weapons Department, where he is section chief on many of the field problems and demonstrations.

## Soldiers Sing Hymns At Sunday Night Community Sing Program

A community sing of familiar religious hymns is proving to be quite popular at the 37th St. Service Club where it is held each Sunday evening on the patio starting at 6 o'clock.

Led by Post Chaplain Major Thomas H. Talbot, with Cpl. Fred Noerenberg at the piano, the group sings hymns which the men request.

## 801st Bn. Parades For Training Brigade Commanding Officer

The 801st Bn. marched on the training Brigade parade grounds in a formal inspection and review for Col. Lansing McVicker, brigade commanding officer, and Lt. Col. Wallis, 22nd Group Commander.

Led by its commanding officer, Lt. Col. E. B. Horsfall, the 801st marched to the music of its own drum and bugle corps.

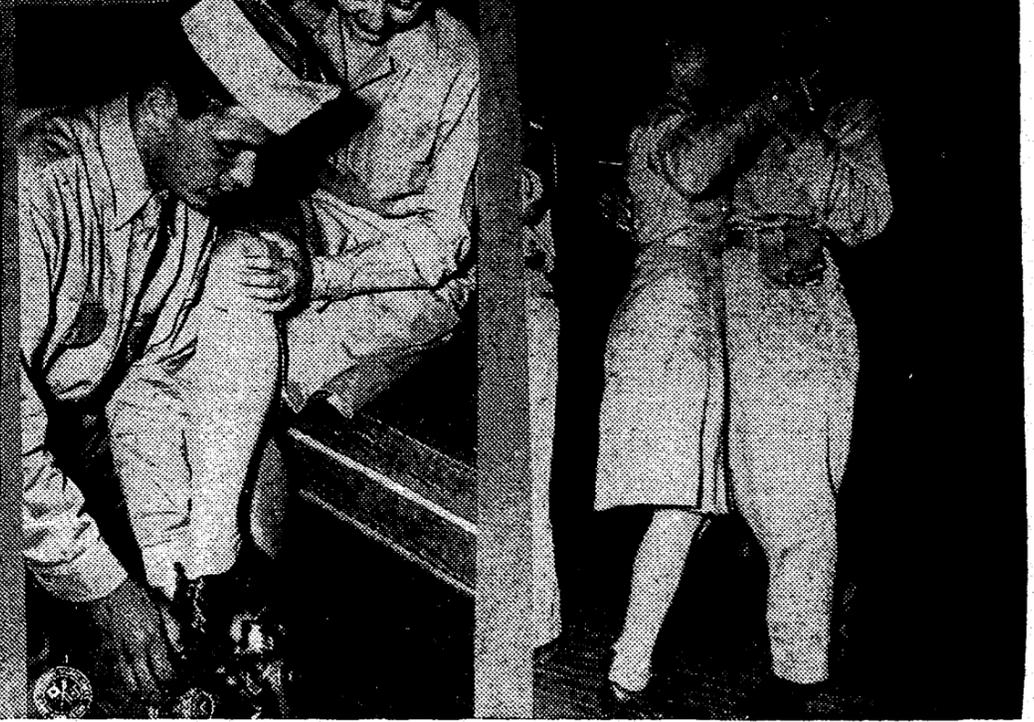
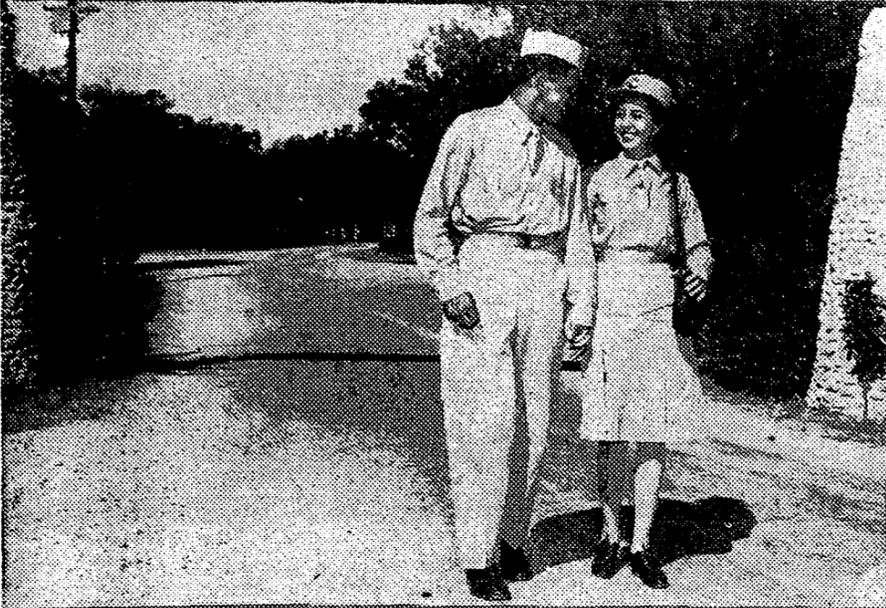
Col. McVicker commended the review as the best performance by any of the Training Brigade troops.

## Open Barber Shop

The Academic Regiment, TDS, has announced the opening of a two-chair barber shop. It is managed by Pfc. Robert Hunter and his assistant is Pfc. Anthony Capuzelli.

Business hours will be from 1200 to 1700 and from 1900 to 2100 week days. Full tonsorial operations are carried out.

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TANK DESTROYER RECREATION CAMP



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## Lead Poison For Hitlers

By Raymond Clapper

SEVERAL PITIFUL RENEGADE American journalists who work for the Axis were indicted recently for treason. More to the point would be a reward for the delivery of Benito Mussolini, dead or alive—preferably dead. The same should be arranged regarding Adolf Hitler.

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It is not too early to decide what we shall do with them. There need be no hair tearing about this. As a simple, clean cut way to dispose of one of the lesser problems connected with the end of the war, just shoot them.

## No Trial Needed

No trial is needed. We know they are guilty. They forced war when Neville Chamberlain was begging for peace. Don't allow international law to lay its palsied hand on this business. If the international law experts get into this nothing will ever happen. Why make it complicated? If you try to exile them, you will have their henchmen trying to help them return from Elba. We should always be having to watch them to guard against escape plots. Shooting is so much simpler. They can be found if we want them. J. Edgar Hoover could get them. In fact it is the job he did on the kidnaping gangsters here in America that suggests to me that the same ruthless extermination should be applied to the gangster in Europe.

What good will it do?

## Get The Guilty

First, it will rid us of the two men who pulled the trigger for this war. Hitler and Mussolini saw the British Prime Minister and the French Premier crawl to Munich begging for peace. Hitler and Mussolini wanted to use war as their method, and they made it war. There can be no argument about war guilt this time. It is right there on the heads of two brutal dictators.

Second, it will be wholesome to show for a change that murder by wholesale is just as intolerable to society as murder in individual cases. We have never been able to see this straight. We shoot John Dillinger, whose crimes were trivial misdemeanors compared with the crimes of Hitler and Mussolini. Hitler's predecessor, the Kaiser, lost his war, but he moved to Holland got himself a buxom new wife, and lived out a comfortable old age as a country squire surrounded by luxury and lackeys. Let some kid murder a fellow in a drunken fight and he is executed. When a dictator plans and carries out the murder of hundreds of thousands he becomes a sacred cow and you mustn't touch him.

## After Real Problems

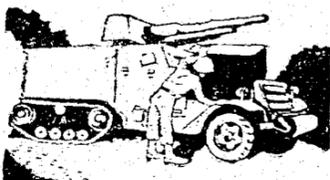
Third, I don't want to see the real problems with which we must deal obscured by a long postwar controversy over what to do with the two head men. We know they will be on our hands. Let's decide now what to do with them and dispose of that business quickly. That will simplify also the task of punishing the lesser criminals. There will have to be a list of those—but you may be sure that nothing can be done about them unless the two head men are promptly shot. You can't punish the little fellows while allowing the top men to retire to a life of ease.

I am not in favor of a Carthaginian peace. I came home by air last week with a German prisoner, a young Luftwaffe lieutenant. He was a pleasant lad and became quite popular among the American Army officers on the plane. They made him a short snorter. I have his signature on my bill. I sat beside him in the plane and pointed out the buildings on the New York skyline. The last I saw of him was a rather touching picture. A young American major, coming home from many months in a combat area, went up to the German prisoner to say good-bye. They shook hand, saluted, and parted as old friends might have done.

I believe humanity wants war now less than it has ever wanted it. Wars of aggression can be made impossible. It will be a long and difficult task. I can think of no more appropriate beginning than to shoot the two men who began this last one.

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## Looking UNDER THE HOOD



When the First RTO dance band visited North Camp Hood Hospital last week to play an outdoor concert they had a lot of "patient-listeners." Among them was Pvt. Curt O. Larson from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a patient from the 129th Bn. Not content with just listening, Pvt. Larson "sat in" on the drums and played several numbers with the boys. The concert was second in a series of outdoor musical programs at the hospital sponsored by the American Red Cross.

The Second Platoon of Company C, 655th Bn. picked up quite a little change last week, not shooting craps either, but shooting on the range. It seems that the battalion was firing, and inter-platoon rivalry to see which would fire the highest score developed to such a pitch that all the boys pitched in a few cents and the Second Platoon walked off with the pot. Perhaps they're all pot shots!

The Mess Sergeant and Second Cook in Headquarters Co., 647th Bn., are a couple of happy guys these days. Mess Sgt. David Collins became the dad of a nine-pound boy July 11, born in Granada, Miss., and Second Cook Edward Baugh is the father of a seven and one-half pound son born Aug. 9 in Temple.

It isn't that the Army classification system always makes a truck driver out of a female impersonator, once they get him in their clutches. Take the case of Pvt. Gordon Salzwedel, Communications Dept., TDS. In the army more than a year, he was first a cook. Then, recently when the Communications Dept. needed a stock and parts man in the radio service shop, he was chosen for the job. Salzwedel, as a civilian, was a radio hobbyist. His cooking experience was gained in the CCC. Since that was his most recent job when he was inducted, it was his first job in the Army.

Camp Hood's Ration Board takes the cake. At least it didn't refuse it, according to word from Pvt. Irwin B. Birnbaum of the board. He relates that T-Sgt. Jack Woodward had asked some of the women applicants for non-highway gasoline from Hood Village if they wouldn't bake for the board to show their gratitude for their work. "The other day," Birnbaum relates, "a Mrs. Parkhurst came to the board and deposited on the counter a delicious devil food layer cake."



Editor, The Panther:  
I think that post-war peace is as important a problem as winning the war itself. After all, if we could have secured the right kind of post-war peace after the last war, we wouldn't be where we are today.  
I don't believe in the Allies holding a whip over our enemies heads when victory is ours, but I do think that the Allied Nations should be the ones to set up and control their government and

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Third, I don't want to see the real problems with which we must deal obscured by a long postwar controversy over what to do with the two head men. We know they will be on our hands. Let's decide now what to do with them and dispose of that business quickly. That will simplify also the task of punishing the lesser criminals. There will have to be a list of those—but you may be sure that nothing can be done about them unless the two head men are promptly shot. You can't punish the little fellows while allowing the top men to retire to a life of ease.

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Although the war may not be over, parts of it may be over. No one wants to see optimism. As James Connelley, director of the Office of Information Warfare, said, "We have never been able to see this straight. We shoot John Dillinger, whose crimes were trivial misdemeanors compared with the crimes of Hitler and Mussolini. Hitler's predecessor, the Kaiser, lost his war, but he moved to Holland got himself a buxom new wife, and lived out a comfortable old age as a country squire surrounded by luxury and lackeys. Let some kid murder a fellow in a drunken fight and he is executed. When a dictator plans and carries out the murder of hundreds of thousands he becomes a sacred cow and you mustn't touch him."

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By T. SGT. GLEN, Hq. 5th Regt. ETC.  
See Editorial At Left

## Army Quiz

By Captain Kennon J. Ward

1. Is the command "At close (normal) interval dress right—DRESS" correct?

No. There is no such command as this. FM 22-5 prescribes that to obtain close interval from normal interval, the command is "Close—MARCH". To obtain normal interval from close interval, the command is "Extend—MARCH". These commands apply whether the unit is in line or column.

2. If a soldier is AWOL from one camp, and his organization moves to another camp, what transportation is chargeable to him?

To the new station. (Digest of Opinions, JAG, 1912, Par. 15.)

3. Can the SCR Radio Sets 608, 609, and 610 be located by "cross-beaming"?

The communications department, TDS, advises that these sets are frequently modulated and are almost impossible to locate by this method. Briefly, this method consists of turning the receiving antennae until the signals come in strongest; then by use of triangulation, finding the area of the sending set on a map.

## New USO Show Now Touring Bivouacs

A new tabloid USO show is now touring bivouac areas until Saturday night. Morton and Ausley, well-known nightclub comedians head the cast, which also includes Georgia Gaye, attractive young singer; Marcella Blanton, novelty tumbling act and tap routines; and Norma DeCourcy, pretty accordionist.

The show has a comedy pace, with plenty of popular music and dancing. It has been received enthusiastically in all the camps it has played, and promises a couple of hours of topform amusement for the bivouac areas here.

armed forces so as to present history repeating itself for a third time.

To keep this post-war peace, I think, depends upon the extent we can allow them to live as they were accustomed to living, and still maintain our power of control.

Pvt. Kent Talboe,  
Co. H, SE Bn., SRTDS

Editor, The Panther:  
I have just finished reading a copy of The Hood Panther and find there is hardly another camp paper in the country that compares with it. My husband, Pvt. Edward J. Myers, Med. Det., 656th Bn., is indeed fortunate to have access to such a fine morale builder. I'm looking forward to my copy next week, which I will pass along to other people.

Mrs. Edward J. Myers,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

## Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

He had an honest face. People would look at him and say, "Honest, is that your face?"

It takes peculiar characteristics to be an MP. In the first place, you have to have an arresting personality.

Joe Louis, the world's heavy-weight champion, is headed this way on his tour. He is the fighter, you will remember, whose bouts were so brief they used to broadcast them during a pause for station identification.

Many of the wartime marriages will probably not last, an eminent marriage authority says. It seems that many a girl who attracts a man before marriage, distracts him afterward.

## 692nd Bn. Has Own Little Theater Group

The 692nd Bn., just recently moved into camp from North Camp Hood, can boast of their own Little Theater Group. While stationed in Camp Gordon the Battalion presented a number of shows, using talent obtained from the different companies. One of the shows not only played in camp, but was presented in several of the USO clubs in nearby towns.

The new Battalion Show will be on the Hellza-Poppin theme with songs and dances, with scenes and gags made famous by such Comedy Stars as Olsen and Johnson, Abbott and Costello, "Red" Skelton and many others.

The show goes into rehearsals this week and is expected to be ready to present in about three weeks.

## Now Warrant Officer

WO Edward A. Goralski, 647th Bn. UTC, was recently promoted to his new rank from master sergeant.

WO Goralski was sergeant major with the 647th. He entered the Army in March, 1942. He came into the TD's first with the 631st TD Bn.

## Stork Brings Girl

It was a girl stowaway that the stork was carting when it stopped off at the home of Pfc. Ross T. Althouse, Hq. Co., 801st Bn., recently.

## Quote Of The Week

Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence. . . . It is nothing more or less than faith in action.—Henry Chester.



The Panther's wedding reporter this week asked three soldiers DO YOU CONSIDER A HONOR OR A JOB MOST IMPORTANT AFTER THE WAR?

T-5 Timothy J. Shea, 1848 Unit DEML—There's no question about it. I want a job—one in which my capabilities will be used and where I'll get a chance to do as well as I'm able to"

Cpl. Mauro J. Trota, 647th Bn. —"I want a job. I don't want any bonus. I was an electrician before I came into the army, and I want the same kind of a job."

Cpl. Hunter Toms, Hq. Det. 1848 Unit DEML—"I'd rather have a job. I'd like to go back to school and get my degree, but if I'm too old for that, then I want a job with a future."

## Wedding Bells

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Sgt. George Nuoffer, Hq. Co., 648th Bn., was married recently while on furlough

T-5 Paul E. Butterfield, Hq. Co., 801st Bn., married Miss Doris McConnell August 1 in the First Baptist Church, Temple.

T-Sgt. Melvin Legreid, Co. C, Academic Regt., was married to Thelma Dahlstrom of Forman, North Dakota, at ceremonies held in the Lutheran Church, Temple, recently. PFC and Mrs. Robert Hunter were best man and mairon of honor respectively. The Legreids were childhood sweethearts.

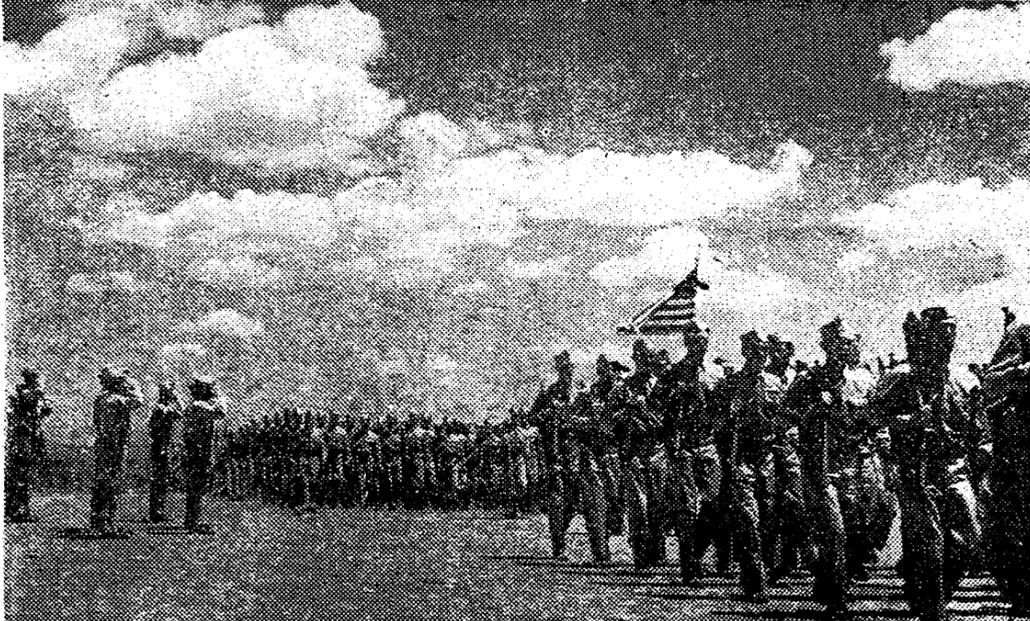
Operations Sergeant, T-Sgt. Ralph Jones, 605th Bn., was married last week.

Sgt. George Nuoffer, Hq. Co., 648th Bn., and Miss Mary Jane Kane, Hudson, Mich., were married last week. The Nuoffers were childhood sweethearts. bride's parents in Michigan.

While home on furlough Pvt. Simon Hernandez, Co. A, 648th Bn., married Miss Lupe Rojas, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in San Antonio.

Lt. William J. King, CO. Hq. Co., 17th Group, was married in Dallas Tuesday to Miss Mary Frances Allen of Denison, Texas.

Lt. Raymond J. Roberts, Co. B, 648th Bn., and Miss Huguette Foisy, Province, R. I., were married August 4.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

### General Discusses Terrain Plot Problem With Men, Officers

A successful defense against an attack by enemy tanks staged by the 635th Battalion in the terrain plot covering an area east of the Clear Creek road, was observed Friday by General Orlando Ward, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center.

General Ward, in a brief and informal critique to officers and men participating, stressed realism of battle and the need for perfect coordination of the various units. The Germans, who have had years of experience in battle, are not dumb, he asserted.

Other officers attending the mock abttle which 'knocked out' eight to 10 enemy tanks included Col. Noble J. Wiley, Jr., executive officer of UTC; Lt. Col. Robert H. Wilson, commanding officer, First Training Group; Major Stanley R. Shepard, UTC range officer; Col. Wint Smith, commanding officer of the 635th TD Battalion; and Capt. Dale Page, commanding officer of Company A, 635th TD Bataalion, who supervised theproblem.

## Co. B, 611th Given Colors

National colors were presented to Co. "A", the flag company of the 611th Bn. UTC, at a battalion formation, when Lt. Col. Clarence K. Darling, commanding officer of the 13th TD Group, watched the men pass in review in an impressive ceremony Saturday.

Lt. Col. Fred B. Lyle, commanding officer of the 15th TD Group, to which the 611th belongs, joined Col. Darling in reviewing the men after the flag ceremony.

#### Activated In 1942

The 611th was activated at Camp Polk, La., May 1, 1942 and is commanded by Lt. Col. Charles E. Woodruff. After finishing early training in the north camp, the battalion moved to the cottonwood bivouac area and then on into the main cantonment area last May. Now UTC training has been completed.

As part of a program held Aug.

14, a drill contest was arranged between the companies. Maj. Samuel Morse, executive officer of the 13th TDC Group, Maj. Frank Grebe, S-3 of the 13th Group, 1st Lt. H. W. Freck and 2nd Lt. George Taylor of the 13th Group judged marching ability. Co. "B" was first with Co. "C," Co. "A," and Headquarters Co. following.

## Twenty-Three Men In 658th Given Good Conduct Awards

Colonel Edwards M. Quigley, Commanding Officer of the 16th TD Group, UTC, and Major Harold C. Brownell, Commanding Officer of the 658th TD Battalion, UTC, South Camp, presented Good Conduct Ribbons (medals), to 23 men of the 658th Battalion at a formal battalion formation, recently.

The following men were awarded Good Conduct Ribbons:

M-Sgt. Raymond J. Kline, T-Sgt. George Burton, T-Sgt. Melvin C. Cupps, T-Sgt. Carl S. Appel, Jr., T-Sgt. Thomas Lauer, S-Sgt. Robert M. Vaught, S-Sgt. Albert P. Miller, S-Sgt. Warren

Lewis, S-Sgt. Albert J. Katch, 1st. Sgt. Joseph M. Lees, S-Sgt. Delmar Booher, S-Sgt. Anthony A. Ceselsky.

Sgt. Angelo M. Nese, Techn. 4th. Gr. John Mulutzie, Techn. 5th. Gr. William R. Hickey, 1st. Sgt. Roy H. Holcomb, S-Sgt. Erwin E. Heider, Ist. Sgt. Paul C. Taylor, S-Sgt. Mike Babuka, S-Sgt. John A. Gebhart, S-Sgt. Clarence E. Zimmerman, Techn. 4th. Gr. Edward J. Kennedy, T-5 Olney N. Stringer.

Music for the formation was furnished by the 658th Drum and Bugle Corps under the direction of Corporal Kirk Spry.

### Company B, 635th Bn., Also Fired At Sill

The Panther received a news report from the 635th Bn. last week that Companies "A" and "C" demonstrated the three-inch gun at Ft. Sill.

PFC Harry F. Jensen, TDTG No. 2, has written us that Company "B," of the same battalion, also fired at Ft. Sill and was "the best on demonstration."

"German soldiers live on victory; defeat for them is disastrous," said T-5 Richard Kahnweiler, Hq. Co., 635th Bn. UTC, who was still in Germany when the swaggering Nazi troops came home from the conquest of Poland.

Kahnweiler, born and brought up in Cologne, left his parents in the much-bombed city when he finally got a visa to the United States and came here in the early summer of 1940.

#### Always On March

"Troops were always ready to march," Kahnweiler said. "I saw them prepare to go into Norway. I saw long trains ready to jump into the Netherlands. As long as Hitler kept winning the people were satisfied.

"I wanted to come to this country for a long time and only visa difficulties held me back. I left Germany at the last minute and boarded the Dutch ship "Pennland" only a few days before the bombing of Rotterdam in Holland.

"When our ship made its slow way through the channel, we stopped at Dunquerque for two weeks waiting for clearance through the mine fields. There I saw air battles and had an idea of what the war was like. All the time that we were on the boat until we reached New York we had no news of what was going on in the world. By the time we landed Hitler was the master of France."

Kahnweiler was called to the Army only a few weeks after Pearl Harbor.

#### Believes Parents Dead

Shortly after he left Germany, his parents were sent to a concentration camp and he believes they are dead. "But the Germans are poor losers," Kahnweiler said, "and the present bombings of the Reich are going to shake their confidence in victory. My aunt was killed in the Allied bombings of Cologne in the last war. What has been handed out to the city this time is a reminder to the Germans there."

## Former Champion Drummer Now Beats The Hides For Uncle Sam In Co. C, 648th Bn. Drum Corps

Pfc. H. Hart Nance Saturday night fans at the 37th Street Service Men's Club are not as many as he had in 1941, when Pfc. Vincent Romeo, Company C, 648 Bn. sat in with Gene Krupa, but they are just as enthusiastic and perhaps more 'hep' to his jive."

Pfc. Romeo, who has drummed his way around New York state for the last six years, was awarded fourth place in the Gene Krupa contest at the New York World Fair, and promised a life of bright lights, but then came the draft, and he was forced to desert his training and his chances for advancement. At the present, he content's himself with jam sessions on Saturday night, drilling with the drum and bugle corps, and thoughts of bouncing drumsticks off the heads of Hirohito, Hitler, and a pinch-hitter for Musolini, Badoglio.

A musician from the day of his birth, Pfc. Domeo is also talented on the trumpet, having doubled on it while playing with Dick Cross and his orchestra in New

York. Competing with more than 50 contestants in 1941, he was given third place in the Connecticut Junior States Championship, at his home town in Norwalk.

### Headquarters Company, 655th Bn. Out Again

Hq. Co. 655th Bn, is breathing carefully these days—hopeful of not inhaling any bugs or germs. They've just been released from their third consecutive quarantine, and would like to get to town at least once before being waylaid again by a stray mump or chickenpox.

### Are Transferred

Second Lieutenants Frank Calbos, Miles J. Jackson, Bernard A. Borger, Edgar R. Pascasio, Donald Jackson, Jr., Julius E. Di Coopman, Jr., Robert V. Dexter, and Carson R. Dalton have been transferred from the 829th Battalion to Training Group No. 2, UTC, and detailed Inspector-Instructors.



"Look At Dottie's New Shoes!"

Pfc. S. Rottenberg  
Hq. Co., TPTC #11  
Camp Hood, Texas

### All Men In 655th Bn. Signs For Maximum

The 655th Bn. brags a record of 100 per cent of its outfit having army life insurance policies.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**\$10,000 THRILL**—Forgetting all thoughts of warfare, \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance, and such mundane subjects, is Pvt. Harold C. Miles, 671st Battalion, North Camp as he receives a resounding kiss from lovely Ann Savage, Columbia Pictures starlet. Looking on in envy is Major G. I. Epperson, executive officer of the 23rd TD Group, while Eric Blore, movie comedian, smiles his approval of the Private's technique.

## Men In 801st Receive Good Conduct Awards At Parade

Before a Battalion formation August 13, Lt. Col. Elmer B. Horsfall, Battalion Commander, 801st Bn., presented the following Enlisted Men of Co. A, 801st Bn., the Good Conduct Ribbon. 1st Sgt. Harold E. Welch; Staff Sgts. William L. Derry, Clifford J. Evans, and Carl F. Sperry; Sgts. John F. Burke, Peter J. Cain, Paul J. Demboske, Donald P. Dembowski, Joseph E. Hess, Walter F. Hollister, Bernard J. Machis, Abram V. Schaeffer, Russell M. Suits and Francis R. Wim-

ble; Technicians Fourth Grade. August A. Carbone and John G. Clementi; Corporals, Carlos D. Cobb, Stanley Grygiel, Joseph Herbert, Earl J. Kennedy, Walter C. Smaka and Joseph W. Vetter; T-5's James A. Brasher, William J. Cole, Clifford Freeman, John Karker, John Osiadacz, Chester J. Stev, Julius A. Tyburski, Raymond O. Williams and Herbert A. Willis. This raises the total to 156 Enlisted Men now wearing the Good Conduct in the Battalion.

## TDS Private Had Interesting Experience In Alaska While Working As Fisherman, Teacher

Private Robert J. Burns a native of Fairbanks, Alaska, and now of the Classification Center, TDS, came down to Seattle, Washington, in 1940 to enlist for a year of military service. Unfortunately, he was turned down because of an eye defect, but later, when restrictions were lowered, he flew to Seattle and was inducted June 15, 1942.

### He Knows Aleutians

Fisherman, riverboatman, gold-miner-pro prospector, teacher, hunter—those are some of Burns' vocations and avocations. Well-versed in Alaskan lore, Burns is greatly interested in recent war developments in that theater, since his fishing trips have taken him down through the Aleutians, in the waters around Kodiak Island and Dutch Harbor.

A high school teacher in Fairbanks, his post was nothing extraordinary. But he spent a season at Tenekee, in Southeastern Alaska, halfway between Juneau and Sitka, as a grade school teacher. His students were mostly Indians, with a few Japanese, Finns, Swedes and Filipinos.

Burns will long remember the first week in May, 1938. Finishing school early that spring, Burns was in Fairbanks for the annual celebration which marks the opening of river travel and was aboard the steamer Nenana for its first seasonal trip. As soon as the ice had broken up, the flat-bottomed stern wheeler started down stream in a mad race on the crest of the raging flood, released by the melting of an unusual snow. Practically the entire river valley was a torrent, and, without regard for torturous channels which must be followed on later trips, the Nenana rushed down stream with a full head of steam so she would have steered away. One summer, in two short voyages to Skagway, then over-

earned eight hundred dollars, his split of the proceeds from the heavy haul of salmon. Not bad for so short a time, but fishing, during the two short seasons, is a 24-hour-day, seven-day-week job.

Burns is acquainted with placer gold mining on some of the old claims around Fairbanks and has also worked in a quartz mine. In fact, in 1936, with his brothers, an uncle and a friend he helped reopen a mine his late father started before World War I, and closed during that war.

Flying down to Seattle—with breakfast in Fairbanks, luncheon at Juneau and dinner in a Seattle hotel was a far cry from the weeks his parents spent on a small coastal steamer, decades ago, when they made the difficult voyage to Skagway, then overland to the Yukon, and by river steamer to Fairbanks.

## Says Psychology Course In ASTP Discontinued; Others Go From 647th

S/Sgt. Walter Elliot, who had left Co. "C" of the 647th Bn. UTC, to study advanced psychology under the Army Specialized Training Program, recently returned to the battalion from Camp Maxie when he was told that the psychology course had been discontinued.

But several other men from the company are in ASTP, among them Cpl. Howard Rice, Cpl. Bernard McEnroe, Pvt. Thomas Cary, Pvt. Arnold Brodsky, and Cpl. Charles Kennedy.

## Plan Softball Team

With new men arriving from the north camp and from Camp Wolters, the 842nd Ordnance Depot Co. is whipping a softball club together.

## 651st Nears End Of Training In UTC

Now in its last week of UTC training, the 651st Bn. has left in its wake a good batch of records for new TD's to shoot at.

The battalion has already sweated through the Battle Conditioning Course, tactical problems and night marches and, under the command of Lt. Col. Dwight E. Moorehead, is now assigned to the 16th TD Group. The 651st was activated in March 1943 at Camp Bowie.

# Form Concert Group In North Camp Club

Strains of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, as well as boogie woogie and the blues, will soon fill the social hall at the Leon Drive Service Club in North Camp Hood.

The music will not be the canned variety turned out by the club's three record players, but the product of a concert orchestra now in formation. Twenty-five trainees have been signed to date, according to Maggie Rose Earls, principal hostess and sponsor of the project, with ASTP men showing marked enthusiasm.

The musicians will use instruments borrowed on the post and from a Waco symphony orchestra, which has also promised the use of its library to the fledging orchestra. They will give a concert each Sunday afternoon for their own pleasure and for that of anyone who cares to listen.

Next Sunday, August 22, the group will meet at the service club to continue organization and welcome new members. To date the projected concert orchestra has drawn players with experience ranging from high school orchestras to the Philadelphia Symphony, and one trainee, eager for a part but who admitted he

couldn't play a note, was signed as librarian.

After formation of the orchestra, a male chorus is planned as the next addition to the club's musical program.

## It Takes A Lot Of Brass- And Reeds, Too

What do you do when you have a swell brass section and no reed section? You can, if you think of it, do what the 692nd Bn. did—look up the 658th Bn., which had a fine reed section but no brass.

You combine the two, and the result is some uncanny jamming. It seems to be clicking, because the lads are much in demand, playing at camp dances, the officers' club, and in nearby towns.

## New Train Schedule For North Camp-Waco Road

The train schedule, Cotton-belt route, from North Camp Hood to Waco and return, has been changed, and officials announced this week that the following schedule will now be in operation.

Leave North Camp	Arrive in Waco
2:00 a. m.	3:30 a. m.
12:30 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
(Sat. and Sundays only)	
2:30 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
(Daily)	
6:15 p. m.	45 p. m.
(Sat. and Sunday only)	
9:45 p. m.	11:15 p. m.
Leave Waco	Arrive North Camp
12:15 a. m.	2:00 a. m.
6:00 a. m.	3:30 a. m.
(Sat. and Sunday only)	
12:05 p. m.	1:30 p. m.
4:00 p. m.	5:30 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	9:30 p. m.
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## Set Record With .45 Cal. Sub-Machine Gun On Range Here

Firing the .45 cal. sub-machine gun, the Recon. Co., 655th Bn. set a new UTC record on the range, making an average score 86 per cent. One man had a score of 96 per cent and the entire company was complimented on the excellence of their marksmanship.



(A summary of the week's news prepared by Panther Editors)

An estimated 700 Allied bombers took a Sunday punch at Berlin. The Associated Press reported the attack to have been twice as heavy as any ever poured on any capital, and only slightly short of the weight that virtually pulverized Hamburg in 10 days.

The Allies are reported to have agreed to open-city status for Rome, if they can be certain that open-city conditions are maintained. Meanwhile the attacks continued on the southern Italian railway system, already practically useless.

During the raids the Allied airmen brought their score of downed Axis planes to 149 in five days.

The inexorable Russian steamroller crushed its way into Khar'kov, and continued without halt in its drive for the industrial Donets River basin.

### Quebec Parley

China's foreign minister, T. V. Soong, met with President Roosevelt at Quebec. A statement from the President's secretary revealed that their discussion concerned plans to smash Japan.

Secrecy continued to shroud the specific decisions made by Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt, but the general inference seems to be that they made plans for early blows at Japan.

The conference was closed with a gesture to Russia—a promise that the Soviets would receive a full report of the conference, and future meetings would be arranged so as to be convenient for Russian representatives to attend.

### European Theater

Plump Hermann Goering's Nazi Air Force is staggering, an effect due at least partly to American daylight precision bombing. Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz declared, One of Germany's most vital

industrial centers, Peenmuende, center of radio-location devices manufacturing, was smashed in a series of raids by some 3,000 Allied planes. It was estimated that repairs would take at least a year.

The Algiers radio reported that Yugoslav patriots made a surprise attack on Nazi-held Belgrade, occupying several towns along their route. A Swiss newspaper stated that the King of Croatia, a second cousin of the Italian King, had abdicated.

French patriot activity is intensifying. Crops and flour mills in France were burned and machinery destroyed.

The effects of the ebbing Nazi tide were felt in Hungary as citizens demonstrated in a demand for peace.

Italian newspapers have frankly admitted that the Nazis are blocking their efforts to sue for peace. The bombing of Italian railroads has brought travel within Italy to an almost complete standstill.

Smashing Salerno, a major Sicilian communications center, American planes fought their way through a swarm of about 100 Axis fighters, downing an estimated 33 of the enemy.

On the diplomatic front speculation as to the reason for the recall of Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff from Washington continued. Allied officials made no comment, but unofficially there was a tendency to look upon it as a gesture of disapproval that Russia had not been invited to the Quebec conference.

### Pacific Theater

Allied troops are still pounding and pushing their way through the New Guinea jungles.

For the first time in two years Japanese bombers approached

Chungking, capital of Free China, but apparently failed to break through the city's defenses.

All evidence points to Japan losing its battle to maintain supply lines. The fact that she gave up Kiska without firing a shot would indicate this, as does her loss of Vella and Lavella in the Solomons.

Meanwhile the Japanese and Nazi found their only excuse for amusement in a long time in the continued American bombing of Kiska two weeks after the alleged Jap withdrawal.

### Home Front

At home the major headline of the week was the reported resignation, at the President's request, according to the report of Sumner Welles, as Undersecretary of State. Mr. Welles has been a member of the State Department for 10 years, and had recently been taking active part in overall post-war planning.

Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey predicted that seven out of every 100 fathers would be called for service by the end of the year.

The Treasury ruled that members of the armed forces need not file Sept. 15 declarations of estimated income tax, provided they file a final return by next March 15.

Professor William Lyon Phelps, Yale, professor emeritus, died after no one quite remembers how many years of making books popular.

From Hollywood, columnist Shellah Graham wants to know if Betty Grable is expecting the bird, specifically the stork. . . . Frank Sinatra is trying to buy himself back for himself. . . . rumor has it that he only owns two and a half percent of his voice.

## Ribbons, Conduct Medals Given

Last week, Lt. Col. Harvey Shelton awarded 29 good conduct medals to men of the 692nd Bn.

The soldiers who received these decorations were:

M-Sgt. Robert W. Harvey, T-Sgt. Arthur Lewis, T-Sgt. Jacob W. Marcum, T-Sgt. Francis L. Yost, S-Sgt. Clarence E. Barnes, S-Sgt. Marion W. Bardin, Jr., S-Sgt. Joseph A. Hancharik, T-4 Samuel N. Parkinson, T-4 Vernon G. Richey, Corporal William G. Hilliard, Cpl. Joseph C. Gerth, Pfc. L. C. Gambrell, Pfc. John D. Jackson, 1st Sgt. Wilford L. Sidebottom, S-Sgt. Eugene L. Jacobs, S-Sgt. Stanley Kmiecik, S-Sgt. Julian W. Wells, Sgt. Leroy W. Hirst, Sgt. Frank J. Hughes, Sgt. Don K. Crawford, 1st Sgt. Joseph A. Bianchetti, S-Sgt. William H. Gollighugh, S-Sgt. Harry Manko, Sgt. Walter A. Sustek, Sgt. Donald B. Shank, 1st Sgt. Bill N. Graham, S-Sgt. Charles A. Clark, S-Sgt. Alpha C. McDonald, Sgt. Boyd C. Laycock, Jr., and Sgt. Leroy J. Powers.

## Inspect Ordnance

By Jack E. Huff

Fourteen Enlisted Men of the 801st Battalion, under the guidance of Lt. John Hanson, journeyed to San Antonio August 20 to inspect methods and operations in the Normoyle Ordnance Plant.

The tour of the plant was designed to show maintenance workers the proper methods and use of equipment used in repairing all types of government vehicles.

The Enlisted Men were: Hq. Co., M-Sgt. Robert S. Hoffman and T-5 Victor Abravaya; Recon. Co., T-4 Anthony C. Ohmer, T-5 Joseph A. Gilbert and T-5 Donald F. Russell; A Co., T-4 Burton D. Phillips, T-5 Jack C. Crow and T-5 Floyd Coawette; B Co., T-4 Gustav L. Anderson, T-5 Robert L. Henry and Pfc. Frank J. Danyan; C Co., T-5 Elmer T. Powell, T-5 John B. Pilaut and T-5 Robert C. Hermann.

## Major Back From Iceland Command Sees Hood As Outstanding

Major General C. H. Bonesteel, recently returned from command of U. S. forces in Iceland, was a visitor at Camp Hood last week.

In commenting upon the Tank Destroyer Center, he said, "The terrain and facilities here are outstanding. To judge by the appearance and attitude of the troops in training one would say they are taking full advantage of their splendid opportunities for preparation to fight. My men were itching for combat; it is that spirit which is carrying our troops forward these days. And it is thorough preparation, such as afforded at this Center, which enables American units to succeed in their missions."

## RTC Rations Section Busy

You "chow-hounds" are great ones for "putting it away," but have you ever given thought to the problems of the Rations Section of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, in "putting it out" to better than 13,000 hungry characters?

Two officers, 1st Lts. John H. Rockel and Thomas F. McGinty, plus 31 enlisted men, handle the entire procedure from QM warehouse to mess halls within a four hour period each day—and that's fast stepping!

## Improvement Ideas Sought

Awards of \$5 to \$250 have been announced by the War Dept. to be given to Civilian personnel who turn in acceptable suggestions for improving the efficiency of the department or for any mechanical inventions.

Boxes have been placed in key spots in the north and south camp by the War Dept. Suggestion Committee. All civilians are urged to contribute serious suggestions.

Ideas are to be written on special forms which will be available either in the various headquarters or near the boxes, which will be in the Post Hq., Ordnance, Signal bldg., TDC Hq., North Camp Post Hq., QM office, and Camp Exchange No. 12. Suggestions must be written on the forms, but may be mailed in to the committee if a box isn't available.

Members of Camp Hood's War Dept. Suggestion Committee are: Lt. James E. McMichael, Ordnance, Lt. Leslie V. Nicewarner, and Mr. Thomas Williams of the camp service and supply office.

Persons submitting ideas of inventions may not later make claims against the government.

Although the Army can't give cash awards to military men, all ideas from soldiers are welcomed.

## Student Regt. Team Wins From 603rd Bn.

The Student Regiment baseball team continued its winning ways last week, when they turned back the strong 603rd Bn. nine, in a hard-fought game, 3 to 1.

Batteries for the Studes were: John Zuber, pitching, David Wheeler, catching. For the losers it was: Wesley, hurling; Monaco, behind the plate.

The Studes counted in the first, second and seventh innings, while the lone 603rd marker came in the sixth frame.

## 647th Baseball Team Desires More Games

The 647th TD Bn. baseball team, an undefeated aggregation, would like to schedule ball games with any baseball club in camp.

The team boasts an exceptionally good record, part of its victories being reaped while at Camp Bowie.

Their most recent win was a 5 to 3 verdict over the strong OCS Hq. and Service Co. team.

Teams desiring games with the 647th club may contact Pvt. Alfred Bruno, of Company A, 647th TD Bn., who is captain of the undefeated nine.

## Are Up Early

Eleven semi-trailers and two 2 1/2 ton trucks draw rations from the QM warehouse at 7:30 each morn. but the milkmen are up bright and early, making their route shortly after 3 a. m. Each truck draws a different food; a breakdown sheet, tallied the day before, makes distribution possible directly from the vehicles to the mess halls. Men are chosen mainly on the basis of past experience in knowledge of and handling of food. This is important as much time is saved in breaking down by estimated weight, rather than by constant use of the scales with which each truck is equipped.

Lt. Rockel instituted a system of tallying which involves the use of a slide rule rather than a calculator which he estimates uses one twelfth the time of the calculator method. Then, too, by cutting all unnecessary redtape and emphasizing care plus speed in handling, spoilage has been an unknown word to the RTC RS.

Last fall, when the RTC was first activated, Lt. Rockel's crew consisted of three EMs, who drew rations for as many as 800 TD soldiers with one borrowed 1 1/2 ton truck. T/Sgt. Robert G. Cook, at that time a private, was, and is, the noncom in charge.

## Have Other Talents

The Rations Section men are talented in ways other than in line of duty T-5 Lionel Lyle is a fine pianist and composer who dispenses classics and boogie woogie with equal skill. Then there is Pvt. Dick Cook, a lightweight who won a Golden Gloves tournament and boxed his way to the Camp Hood championship. We mustn't forget husky six feet, three inches tall Pvt. James W. Fowler who delivered a side of beef to the wrong mess hall not so long ago. Upon discovering his mistake Fowler declined to call a truck, went back to the mess hall, hoisted the 180 pound cut of meat to his shoulder and proceeded nonchalantly down the street to the correct kitchen three blocks away!

## 647th Softball Team Wins From OCS 5-3

The 647th Bn. softball team turned back the OCS team, 5 to 3 in a recent game which saw T/Sgt. Ronald Lambert and 1st Sgt. Stanley Young share pitching duties for the victims.

The 647th team scored four runs in the first stanza and were never headed thereafter.

## Ready For Basketball

The 145th Bn. ASTB all-purpose recreation hall North Camp is now equipped for basketball. Several cage teams have already been organized and practice play will get underway soon.



**THEY PUT IT OUT**—Sgt. Samuel Manissian unloads 100 pounds of coffee, handing the package of GI dream-dust to T/5 Frank Pena. Getting ready to fall flat on his face is Corporal John Staniszkowski, who says juggling a hundred pound sack of coffee is easy after juggling that name for years. Checking in supplies at the left of the picture are Sgt. Carl Falkenberg and Pvt. James Fogler. See story at left.

## 670th Bn. Noses Out The 651st 13 To 12 In Baseball Game Here

The 670th TD Bn. baseball team, North Camp, nosed out the 651st TD Bn., South Camp, club in a recent contest, 13 to 12.

T/5 Vito D'Aprille, pitcher of the 670th nine, was the winning hurler. Going into the game as a relief pitcher in the fourth frame, the hefty southpaw held the 651st sluggers in check while his mates clubbed the opposing hurler to all corners of the lot.

Combining four hits and two walks, the 670th scored six runs in the sixth inning to put the game on ice. T/5 Jack Hoffman, captain of the 670th nine, and Pvt. Stanley Anhalt were the big guns for the winners. Hoffman collected a double and a pair of singles to drive in five runs, while Anhalt blasted a double and a homer.

## TDS Team Stages 'No-Hit, No-Run' Game With 'Demons'

A no-hit, no-run game is the latest accomplishment of the TDS Department A softball team. UTC's "Demons" were the victims, 5 to 0.

Lt. Geiwitz was on the mound for the Weapons ten and was not touched for a single hit. He was supported by Lt. McMasters.

The Weapons Department teams are having things their own way in the two softball tourneys being staged by officers of the TD school. One team leads the A league with 12 wins, one loss, for a percentage of .893, and the other club tops the B loop with 13 wins, one loss, for a percentage of .929.

## Classification Officer

Lt. C. L. Nunn is the new classification officer at the Tank Destroyer School, replacing Lt. W. Avery, who was transferred to another assignment last week.

## Studes Win 'A' League

The Student Regiment baseball club won the championship of Camp Hood's League "A" baseball circuit by defeating the strong 635th TD Bn. nine, 7 to 4, in a closely-fought game Tuesday.

The game, featuring John Zuber on the hillock, instead of the ever-dependable Herb Karpel, was hard-fought all the way, and not until the last batsman was out did the fans know just which team would own the league "A" title.

The seventh inning saw the Student nine chalk up three runs that amounted to a three-run margin which the 635th club was never able to overcome, final score being 7 to 4.

After a winner is determined in the league "B" loop, the Studes will engage that winner in a three-game series to determine the baseball championship of Camp Hood for 1943.

## 670th Bn. Baseball Team Wins 6 To 5 From 657th Battalion

The 670th Bn. ITC, baseball team invaded South Camp recently and went home on the long end of the score in a game with the 657th Bn. The score was 6 to 5.

The North Campers went into an early lead as the result of some fine play on the part of Cpl. Bud Cunningham. Cunningham walked, stole second, third and home in the opening frame. In the fourth inning, the 670th bunched four hits, plus two walks, to score five runs that put them out in front to stay.

The North Camp club is looking for opposition, any anyone interested in a game can contact Lt. Karsh or Cpl. Cunningham by calling North Camp, 3197-J.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates

## Why Don't You Do Wriah?!





Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**GIVEN AWARD**—Col. William S. Biddle, regimental commander of the 113th Cavalry, was guest of Troop C at mess Friday evening, at which time he presented a plaque for the Camp Hood softball championship. The Company C team won the softball pennant by virtue of 18 consecutive victories over other Camp Hood teams. Sgt. Morley McCourt as acting captain received the award in behalf of the team.

## 659th Boxers Win In Bouts With 669th Bn.

The call of the barber, "Next!" echoes this week through North Camp Hood, voiced by officers and men of the 659th ITC Battalion.

In sounding off, the 659th was inviting opposition for its vaunted boxing team which began its competitive career last Friday evening by playing host to the 669th Bn. mitt squad in a duel at the 659th arena.

More than 3,000 soldiers saw re-

presentatives of the two battalions engage in six action-crammed bouts. When the last blow was spent, sluggers from the 659th had triumphed five times, and the other go was a draw.

### Have Three TKO's

Savage swinging of the victors produced three technical knockouts on the last half of the program, giving many neutral on-lookers the impression that the 659th may have the best colored boxing team in camp. Followers of the 659th are certain their men can whip any comers.

First TKO was scored by Eddie Wiley, speedy 128-pounder, who as a civilian won 121 of 126 professional bouts, some of which were waged in Madison Square Garden. Outweighed by 10 pounds, Wiley wasted no time, measuring his foe with a few feints, then tagging him between the eyes with a looping right that rendered him unable to continue. The bout lasted less than a minute.

Leather flew fast and furiously in the next battle, with 165 pounder Henry Johnson of 659th gradually wearing down his opponent, Pvt. Jimmie Mays. Late in the second round Johnson floored Mays with a crushing right to the midriff. The bell clanged after the ninth count but Mays was through.

### Woodson Wins

In the finale, long-limbed Cpl. Pat Woodson, 185, of 659th dealt enough destruction in a hectic second round to floor 669th's Pvt. James Patterson. The latter rose before being counted out but was obviously helpless, so the referee awarded Woodson a TKO.

Cpl. Alfred Hendy, 170, and Pfc. Dan Jamison, 140, of the 659th earned decision victories in a pair of close struggles. Pvt. Chester Johnson, 150, of the 659th, and Pvt. William Grimes of the 669th battled to a draw.

Lt. Pad Adamo is in charge of the 659th team, and welcomes any challenge on behalf of his men, who include battlers of almost every weight.

## 20th Group Loses First Game To 665th

The 20th TD Group baseball team lost their first game of a series to the 665th Recon. Co. club, 8 to 1 in a recent game played on the TD Group's diamond.

The game was even until the fourth frame, when the Recon. Co. nine unleashed a five-hit spree to shove over four runs and ice the game.

## OCS Team Now Tied For First

Wins Tenth Game In Thirteen Starts From 603rd 6 To 2

By PFC. WALTER H. GLASER

Cpl. Bill O'Malley, OCS moundsman, personally took charge of halting the eight-game winning streak ran up by the 603rd Bn. in a league contest played recently, when he tossed a five-hitter, as his team buddies pounded out a 6 to 2 victory for their tenth win in 13 starts in the league "B" loop.

The victory put the OCS nine in a three-way tie for the initial slot in circuit "B."

### Pitcher Is Hot

O'Malley, aside from hurling five-hit ball, whiffed 12 men, walking only two batters. He fanned four of the eight men to oppose him in the final two frames. The lean southpaw was in trouble only once, that in the second inning, when the visitors slashed out two doubles and a single to account for all their runs. After that, O'Malley had them eating from the palm.

The OCS nine scored three runs in the opening frame and coasted practically all the rest of the way, adding runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings to swell their margin.

"Babe" Goforth, mound starter for the 603rd, was shelled in the fifth stanza, after being belted for 11 safeties. Christopher finished the game, allowing the OCS nine no hits the rest of the way.

It was the 603rd's first loss in league play, after winning four and losing none.

### Three Out of Four

Pvt. Leo Matuszak, with three hits in four appearances at the plate, including a double and two singles, was the big noise for the victors. Sgt. George Krigbaum, OCS maskman, collected two-for-three.

Score by innings:  
603rd ..... 020 000 0-2 5 2  
OCS ..... 301 110 x-6 11 2

## NC Boxing Team Wins

North Camp Hood's boxing team, the "Tank Destroyers," returned recently from a boxing card with the Blackland Army Air school in which they took four out of the five bouts scheduled.

Pvt. Lou Villante, 129th AST-RTC, who battled with a wrenched shoulder, took the measure of his opponent, Cpl. Tom Lenior, Blacklands fighter.

Blacklands only victory came as the result of Cpl. Andrew Jones' defeat of Hood's Pvt. Ray Slagle, two out of the three rounds.

Cpl. Dick Cook, TD RTC, scored a decision over Cpl. Max Wawler. Cook knocked the Blacklands battler out of the ring in the second round and carried the fight all the way.

Sgt. Willie Hale, RTC, won over Cpl. Bud Turcotte, BAAF, in a toe-to-toe slugfest which brought the fans to their feet in the second stanza.

Pvt. John Barbara, North Camp, won a decision from Sgt. Stephen Phillips, BAAF, in the final bout on the card.

Cpl. Joe Muscato was scheduled for an exhibition with Sgt. Babe Ritchie of Dallas, but an injured hand prevented his appearance.

## Training Brigade Wins

In their opening game, the Training Brigade ten nosed out the Company "F" club of the 51st Armd. Inf., 5 to 4. The 6 to 3 win marked the second straight victory for the Brigade outfit over the Infantry units.

# On The Ball

With PFC Keith Quick

Pvt. Lou Duva, 564th Ordnance Company, bears a striking resemblance to the great Mickey Walker, former middleweight ring champion. Duva, a welterweight, is built along the same lines of Walker, has powerful shoulders and sturdy legs. Lou dropped in for a chat with us a few weeks ago and gave us a sketch of his past exploits in the prize ring. The likable chap hails from Patterson, New Jersey, where he took up the other end of more than 30 battles, some of these being over in the big town, New York City. Duva has lost only two bouts during his career, and this pair of setbacks came by way of close decisions. He has never been on the canvas and has scored 19 knockouts in his 30-odd ring appearances. Incidentally, Duva is a personal friend of one Lee Savold, also of Patterson, New Jersey, and the latest aspirant to Joe Louis' heavyweight throne. Lou has worked out and done lots of training right along with the big and powerful Savold, and according to Lou, Savold has a fine chance to dethrone the Brown Bomber once the pair come together. Duva has worked, too, with such boys as Wild Bill McDowell and Pat Comiskey, both of whom are veterans when it comes to throwing leather. As to Lou's hobbies—he likes all kinds of sports, but preferably the boxing racket. He has starred in basketball, football and baseball. And believe it or not, the jovial welterweight swatter plays a good brand of golf; says he came around in 98 strokes his first try at the fairway, which isn't bad for a novice. At the current moment, Duva is helping train a group of fellows in his battalion, but has a sincere longing to join Cpl. Joe Muscato's North Camp Hood pugilistic team. He's terribly anxious to get into action against the Waco and Blacklands Flying School mitt teams. . . . This corner is anxiously awaiting the championship baseball series between the two top teams of Hood. We'll be right there in the press box, cheering for neither team, but just hoping the best one wins. Could that be Karpel and his "Studes"? Only time can tell.

## Boxing Show And Entertainment Held In The 564th Ordnance Co.

Before a gathering of nearly 300 men and officers, the 564th Ordnance Co., of the 13th Ordnance Bn, presented an evening of entertainment Friday night, when the men were treated to a first-class boxing show, plus rounds of entertainment between bouts.

Entertainment was under the direction of "Red" Smithers, T/5 "Mattie" Mengle, and Pfc. Leo White. The boys sang several popular numbers and rendered some "fancy guitar playing."

The MC for the night was Sgt. "Goldie" Goldfarb.

The initial bout of the evening brought together Pvt. John Monroe and T/5 Primo Racioppi. The contest was a draw.

Several exhibition bouts featured the evening. Among those taking part were: Pvt. Lou Duva, Sgt. Cliff Rudolph, Pvt. Fred De-

Risi, T/5 Irv Dankin and T-5 George Jones.

The final note of the evening featured a short talk by Lt. Richard Clark. The Lieutenant promised to make the boxing bouts a weekly feature, since they were so enthusiastically received by all members present.

## Ampitheater Opened With Fight Card

An all-Tank Destroyer School boxing show formally opened the school's new amphitheater last Friday evening. The outdoor bowl, a modern construction conceived by personnel of the school, provided the scene for plenty of fast action in the opening bouts.

The program opened with a fast bout between two light-heavyweights, Alexander and Marrucci. Marrucci won handily. Several other bouts followed, the last one being between Dunlop and Artinian, which was stopped in the third round, Artinian going out on a TKO.

Lt. George P. Stautz referred the entire card, doing a very smooth job. Judges were Lts. Bawden and Green. Major Edwin Davis was timekeeper and Capt. Scurlock, announcer.

The school plans to run weekly boxing shows in the newly-constructed amphitheater.

## Training Brigade Nine Wins

The Training Brigade Hq. Company softball team defeated the 51st Armored Infantry's Company "D" softball aggregation, 6 to 3 in a game played last week on the Brigade diamond.

1-5 Bud Oie was on the mound for the victors, all-owing 11 hits, all well-scattered. Hitting honors went to Fritz and McCormick, of the Armored outfit, collecting a total of five hits, Fritz getting three and McCormick two.

Box score of the contest:

Hq. Co. Trn. Brigade	AB	R	H
Graveline, sf	4	1	1
Bowen, ss	2	0	1
Weaver, 3b	3	0	1
Blaze, cf	4	0	0
Walling, 1b	3	0	1
Greene, c	4	0	1
Schitts, lf	4	1	1
Broll, rf	3	1	1
Sheehan, 2b	3	1	2
Oie, p	3	2	2
Totals	33	6	11

## Baseball Standings

BASEBALL STANDINGS

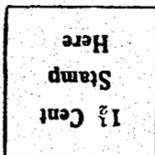
League A	GP	W	L	Pct.
55th Cav Regt	15	13	2	.867
55th TD Bn	15	13	2	.867
505th TD Bn	10	7	3	.700
Acad. Rgt	12	7	5	.583
451st TD Bn	4	0	4	.000
530th Co. Id	4	0	4	.000

League B	GP	W	L	Pct.
113th Cav Regt	17	14	3	.823
OCS Regt	17	14	3	.823
603rd TD Bn	5	4	1	.800
801st TD Bn	13	6	7	.461
657th TD Bn	6	1	5	.166
650th TD Bn	7	1	6	.142
653rd TD Bn	8	1	7	.125
656th TD Bn	3	0	3	.000

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