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Camp Hood Will Air News KTEM Starting Sunday

One of Camp Hood's most popular features, the Tank Destroyer School news broadcasts, heard on KTEM every Sunday morning at 10:45 for the past seventeen months, will now merge with the other units in camp starting this Sunday.

Replacing the TDS news-casts, starting at 10:45 this Sunday, Camp Hood itself will sponsor the news. Current, lively activities in the Field Artillery, TDRTC, IRTC the station complement, and TDS will supplement the former popular feature.

The personnel of Camp Hood is urged to tune in at this time and hear about themselves and their buddies, their work and progress and play.

Sgt. Robert Clemens, who has handled the TDS news broadcasts from their beginning, will be commentator of the new Camp

Hood WACS Take Part In Waco Parade On WAC Day

Camp Hood Wacs observed "WAC Day," Monday, May 15, the day the first bill was signed authorizing the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, in 1942, by taking part in an all-WAC parade in Waco. Also in the parade were WAC contingents from Blackland and Waco Army Air Fields, and bands and color guards from the three camps.

The Wacs, who were celebrating the completion of the second year of service of the women's military organization, were entertained later at a dance at the Waco USO club.

Flag To Gen. Donovan

Presentation of the Minute Man flag to Major General Donovan, commanding general of the Eighth Service Command, will highlight the all day conference of War Bond Officers from larger installations over the Service Command Area.

Hood news broadcasts. Remember, its KTEM-140 on the dial, 10:45 every Sunday morning. Camp Hood is on the air!

Highlighting the parade program were short talks by WAC officers, city officials of Waco and Judge D. Y. McDaniel, McLennan county judge.

Lt. Elizabeth A. Miller, commanding officer of the WAC Detachment of Blackland Army Air Field, expressed the appreciation of the Wacs there for the assistance and cooperation of the people of Waco.

She declared: "As this is the second anniversary of the Corps, it is not amiss to say that, like the Army, the Wacs represent and belong to the people of the United States. We are, in truth, a civilian working and fighting for the right to be civilians again in a peaceful world."

239 Jobs For WACS

"The Wacs," said Frank Wilcox, who spoke as mayor pro-tem of Waco in the absence of Mayor Denton, "have more than proven themselves in the Army. Today there are 239 Army job classifications for the Wacs, a fact which proves the quality and sincerity of their work. But, not only are they good soldiers; they are good citizens and good neighbors. We know because they have demonstrated it to us in Waco."

"The Wacs with whom we have come in contact," he continued, "have been an inspiration to all of us. Although war is essentially a man's job, our women have stepped in to carry their share of the effort toward victory."

"The Wacs have voluntarily left their homes and their positions to put on the uniform they are so proud to wear and to take their places alongside their husbands and brothers in the service. They have left behind them many of the things American women expect and have pitched in to help retain our American ideals."

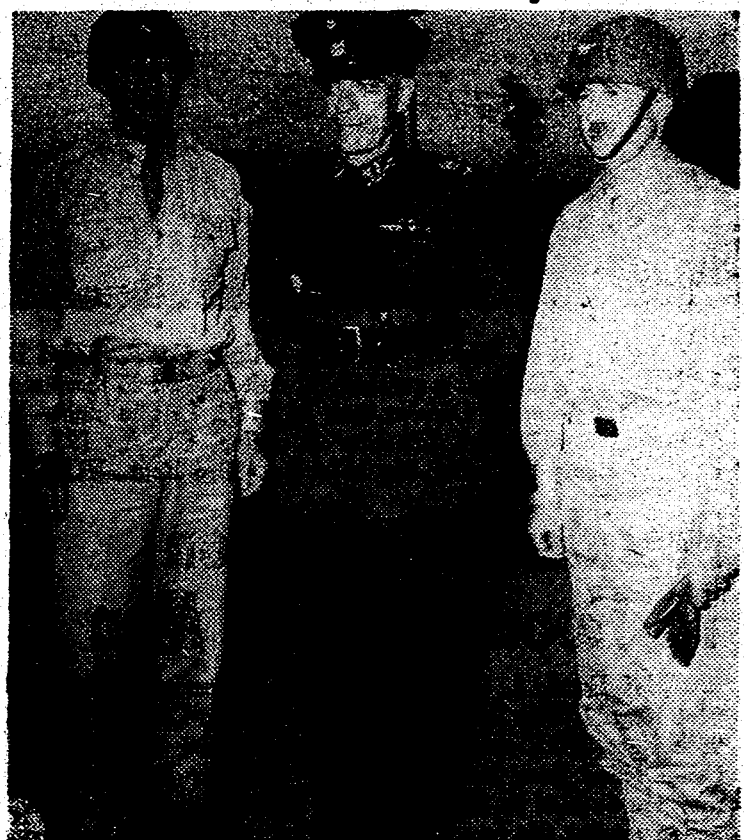
Judge McDaniel, calling the Wacs "Molly Pitchers," declared that "We are proud of these American women. They command our respect for the great job they have so willingly undertaken and the manner in which they are executing the trust put in them by the people of the United States."

Mothers "Adopt" Soldiers

A musical tea honoring one hundred mothers of Gatesville was held at the Leon Service Club, North Camp Hood Mother's Day. Each one has a son overseas, and adopted one of the North Camp soldiers present, as a son for the afternoon.

A varied musical program was presented. Pvt. Arthur Henderson offered three piano solos. "Songs My Mother Taught Me" was sung by Pvt. Arnold M. Kassen. Miss Maggie Rose Earls, Service Club Social Director, sang Treharne's "Mother My Dear." Concluding the program was the impressive group singing of "God Bless America."

Refreshments were served from a gayly decorated table at which Miss Madge Bursch social hostess presided.



Camp Hood signal Corps photo
Chief of Brazilian Army armored force visits TDS: L to R
Lt. Col. C. H. Plank, Automotive Department director; the distinguished guest, General Milton de Freitas Almeida; and Colonel E. J. Dawley, commandant of the TD School.

General Milton, Recent Visitor, Wires "Thanks"

Following the recent visit to Camp Hood of General Milton de Freitas Almeida, chief of the armored and motorized forces of the Brazilian Army, this wire was received by the commandant of the Tank Destroyer school:

"Again I thank you and the officers of your command for the interest shown during my visit to Camp Hood, and for the fine demonstration of the skill at arms which is so necessary at this time. I assure you that whatever I have seen will greatly profit the Brazilian army. May I use this means to express my appreciation for the efficiency of the methods used at the Tank Destroyer School. Best regards. General Milton."

Cafeteria Opens At Panther Park

The Panther Park cafeteria—at Lampasas—will open this Saturday, serving meals from 6 P.M. until 1:30 A.M. Sunday breakfast will be served from 8 until 11; lunch from 12 to 3. Sunday dinner will feature steak.

Cabin reservation, for married soldiers, will not be accepted after 12 noon; and will not be held after 8 P.M. Reservations may be made by calling Lampasas 83, or the camp Special Service Office, 729.

Sundown Serenade

There's music in the air these days at the west end of Camp Hood with the public address system at the sixty-ninth street Chapel being used each evening to broadcast a fifteen minute Sundown Serenade, starting between 8 and 8:30 p. m.

The concert is sponsored by the Ninety-Second Regiment, IRTC, with recorded light classics being sent over the air from the phonograph in the chapel. The same method will be employed for a special one hour concert once a week.

Old News Pals Meet At TDRTC

If it's unusual, you'll find it in the Army.

Pvt. James O'Connor of the 138th Bn, Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp, looked up from his seat and beamed after someone had tapped him on the shoulder in the Leon Drive Service Club cafeteria. Soon there was hearty handshaking and backslapping.

When the commotion subsided, companions of O'Connor learned that O'Connor and the stranger—Cpl. James Hennessey, 529th FA Bn—were newshawk pals in New York city and had not seen each other since Hennessey joined the army in the fall of 1940.

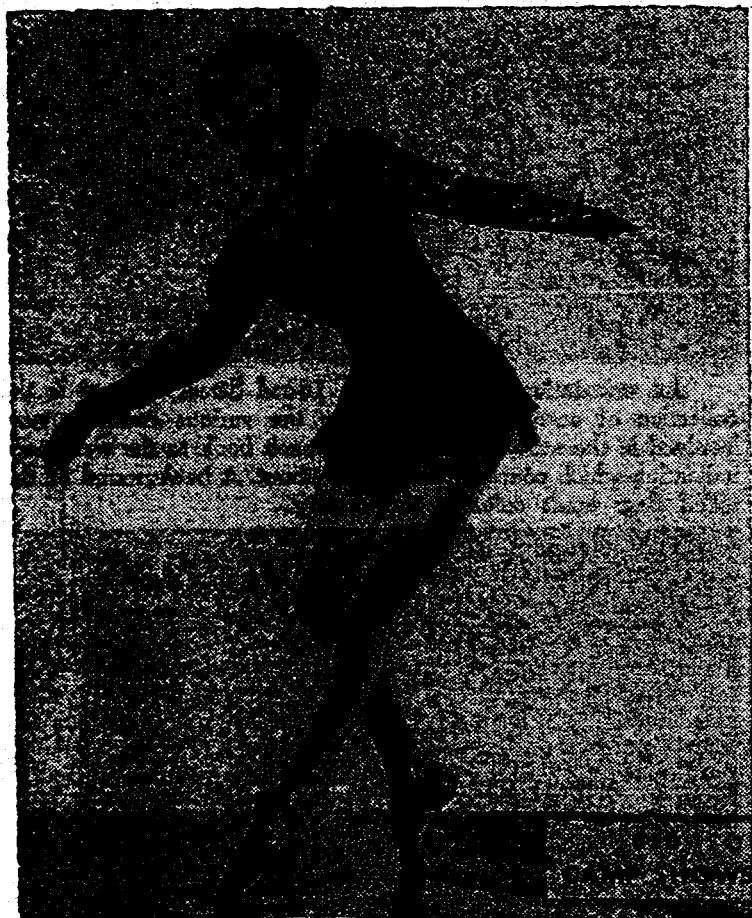
Before receiving the nod from Uncle Sam, O'Connor was a by-line writer for the New York Mirror, and Hennessey was a competitor on the New York Times.

Flies For Gas Coupons

A dramatic solution to a sudden problem was instrumental in enabling an enlisted man from the TD School to continue his journey from Camp Hood to his new assignment, last Monday.

T-Sgt. William Thomas left Camp Hood by automobile. He stopped in Temple, and while eating lunch beside a medical officer, suddenly discovered that he had left his gas ration coupons and money back in his barracks. He was frantic. Driving back to camp and starting out again meant the loss of several hours, and many miles. Discussing the matter with the officer in the café brought surprising results. The officer took Thomas to the airport at Temple. He flew the grateful enlisted man to the air-strip at Camp Hood, Thomas called the Communications Dept., and a man was sent to his barracks to pick up the forgotten coupons and money, and he brought them out to the air-strip.

Whereupon Thomas was flown back to Temple to resume his journey by car.



ROBERTA RAMON

"STEP LIVELY" a timely, topical revue with new songs, new comedy and presented by a troupe that's heavy with talent and good looks, is scheduled for Camp Hood on May 26, 27, 29, 30, 31.

Come and see a world-famous juggler, just home from a year overseas with a CAMP SHOWS unit. Laugh with a popular character comedian who makes all GIs remember their home-dialing days when listening to him was a weekly "must." Two girls and a man acrobat will be on hand to do a little mad tossing. A pair of comedians will catch one another in crossfire and song. There'll be toe-dancing by a beautiful ex-Radio City Rockette and some nifty warbling by a young woman who can really rock a tune, and is mighty good to look at besides. All this and for free to servicemen. It's a production of USO-CAMP SHOWS. The troupe is touring army camps and naval bases in the United States.

The cast is:

Stan Kavanagh Comedy Juggler
Joe Lane Master of Ceremonies
Sam Hearn (Schlepperman) Famous character comedian
Roberta Ramon Toe-dancer
Lane & Harper Song and comedy, quick ad-libbing

Three Blair Sisters Attractive singing trio
3 Rays Acrobats
Milton Sherman Pianist and Musical conductor

The following performance are slated: Fri. May 26th, 24th St. Rec. Hall, North Camp, 2 shows: 6:30 and 8:30. Sat. 21st St. Rec. Hall, 8:00 p. m. Monday May 29th, Central Rec. Hall, North Camp, 8:00 p. m. Tues. and Wed. May 30th and 31st, "Step Lively" will appear at South Camp Hood, performing at the Hood Road Theater at 8:30 p. m.



1st Lt. R. G. Rickett, executive officer, Co. A, 173rd Bn., 96th Regt. IRTC, reads a presidential unit citation to three members of the Americal Division now in IRTC. Left to right—Sgt. Nooney Lamantia, Sgt. Chandler B. Paine, Co. A, 173 Bn; and T-4 Henry E. Saylor, Hq 161st Bn., 93rd Regt., IRTC.

Presidential Citation To Hood Officers, Men

Maj. Herald L. Crook, Commanding officer of the 153rd Bn. 91st Regt. IRTC; 2nd Lt. James M. Dykes, Co D, 172nd Bn. 95th Regt. IRTC and twenty-five enlisted men of the IRTC at Camp Hood have been notified by the War Department that they are entitled to the Presidential Unit Citation for successful action against the Japs on Guadalcanal during the historic campaign in the Winter of 1942.

The recipients of the Citation were all members of the famed Americal Division which landed on Guadalcanal in October, 1942 and reinforced the Marines who had been waging a desperate battle against the Japs.

In this struggle which undoubtedly will be recorded by historians as a turning point in the Pacific war, the Japanese hold on Guadalcanal and other islands in the British Solomons was broken, and since these islands provided the initial anchor for further successes in the Southwest Pacific.

The Citation, in the name of the President of the United States, was signed by Frank Knox, late Secretary of the Navy, and was originally made to the First Marine Division in February, 1943. The Americal Division, which played such an important role in the campaign, was recently included in the Citation which reads:

"The officers and enlisted men of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, on August 7 to 9, 1942, demonstrated outstanding gallantry and determination in successfully executing forced landing assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambogo, Florida and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, completely routing all the enemy forces and seizing a most valuable base and airfield within the enemy zone of operations in the South Pacific Ocean. From the above period until 9 December 1942, this reinforced Division not only held their important strategic positions despite determined and repeated Japanese naval, air and land at-

tacks, but by a series of offensive operations against strong enemy resistance drove the Japanese from the proximity of the airfield and inflicted great losses on them by land and air attacks. The courage and determination displayed in these operations were of an inspiring order."

The reinforcing unit mentioned in the citation was mainly the Americal Division and information from the War Department indicates that members of that Division are to be issued a ribbon bar and star for their services during that period. The Division, formed in New Caledonia, is the only Division in the United States Army with a name instead of a number. The name is a combination of the first four letters of America and the first three letters of Caledonia.

Veterans of the Division, now at Camp Hood, are engaged in teaching new trainees in the IRTC the art of warfare, or in administrative work.

IRTC Training Motto

"Instill in the trainee confidence in his weapons and equipment."

These words painted in white letters on a blue background can be found in every headquarters and orderly room of the 97th Regt IRTC, as the motto to be followed in the training program of the Regiment.

The motto which expresses the concise manner one of the chief purposes of the training program in the IRTC was recently adopted by the Regiment.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

New Training Idea At TDRTC

An idea to stimulate competitive spirit among trainees—without detracting from teamwork—which originated in the Fifth Regt. at the North Camp Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center has been applied to the entire TDRTC. A memorandum issued by Brig. Gen. A. O. Gorder, TDRTC commander, directs that trainees completing the 17 weeks basic TD course in a satisfactory manner, without unauthorized absence or trial by military court, will receive a tangible record of such completion in the form of certificates to be issued by Headquarters. The certificates are to be presented by appropriate commanders at a ceremony to be held at the end of the 17th week of training.

The certificate bears at the top a likeness of the M-3 Tank Destroyer and states that the recipient has completed the basic training of a soldier in the Army of the United States in an excellent manner and has further indicated his technical proficiency, having received training as a (specialty inserted) at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center. The award further certifies that the bearer has displayed admirable fidelity and sense of duty during the course of his training.

The certificates are signed by General Gorder.

The commanding general also directed that utmost publicity be given any program to build the competitive spirit within units. Whenever practicable, results of inspections will be published, and where possible each company will choose the platoon which has shown the greatest proficiency in drill and soldierly appearance for the week.

Scores made on all ranges will be published with attention directed to high-scoring individuals and units, and copies of the scores will be furnished to the individual trainee for such use as he may desire, such as mailing his record home to the folks.

In this connection exceptional performance by individuals or unit teams will be brought to the attention of the public relations officer.

The program was begun in March by the Fifth Regt. under Lt. Col. Francis M. Flanagan, whose headquarters has issued more than 600 certificates of qualification to date.

784th TB Record Fire

The last 784th TD Record firing of the .30 Cal Carbine did not produce anymore experts but the shooters, and well—a sharpshooter following are recorded as Sharp— isn't guaranteed to miss!

2nd Lieut. Harry A. Andrews Jr., 168.

1st Lieut. George P. Abernathy, 164.

Pvt. Elmer J. Newsom, 171.

Tec. 4th Walter Burnett, 166.

"Hottest Spot" Was Anzio Fray, Says TD Veteran

"Our TD group was first under fire at Casserine, and if any man says he isn't scared that first time, you can call him a liar for me," said Sergeant-Major John W. Bridges, Student Regiment, TDS.

Bridges, who joined the Army in 1925, served 19 months overseas with the 894th TD Battalion, and saw action at El Guettar, Mateur, and his group was the first to enter Bizerte during the African campaign. A three months training period on the African desert was used to acquaint the men with their weapons and vehicles, and the veteran group then had the opportunity to play an important part in the Italian campaign below Cassino, at Mignano. After that came the Anzio beachhead and the "hottest spot" of their foreign service, according to Bridges.

"You didn't have to tell the men to dig in," he said, "for you either dug or died. The Germans were throwing over artillery antipersonnel stuff and the shrapnel

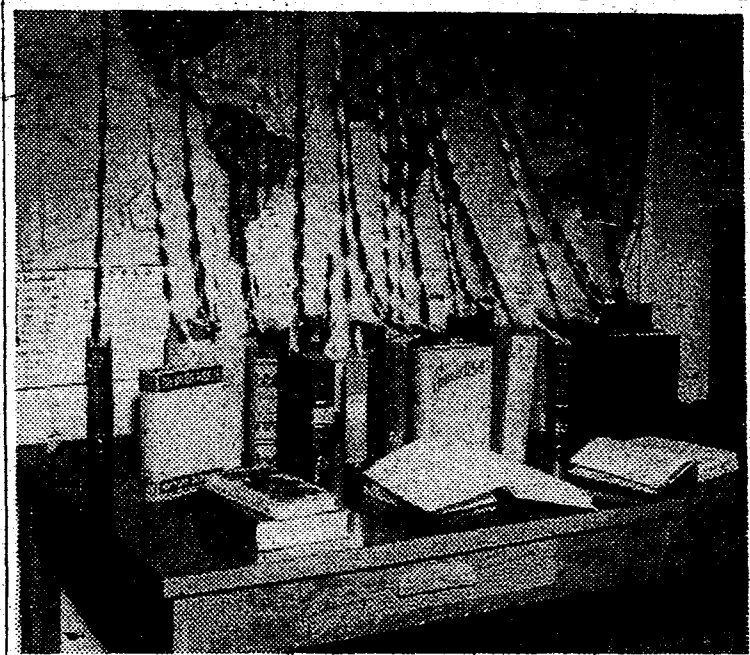


Miss Helen Evans, daughter of Mrs. Tena Evans, Morton, Ill., and Sgt. Leslie Osterman, son of Mr. John Osterman, son of Mr. John Osterman, Pekin, Ill., were married Easter Sunday at the Post Chapel. 2 Chaplain Darlington R. Kulp performed the ceremony. Sgt. Osterman is a member of Rcn. Co., 660th TD Bn.

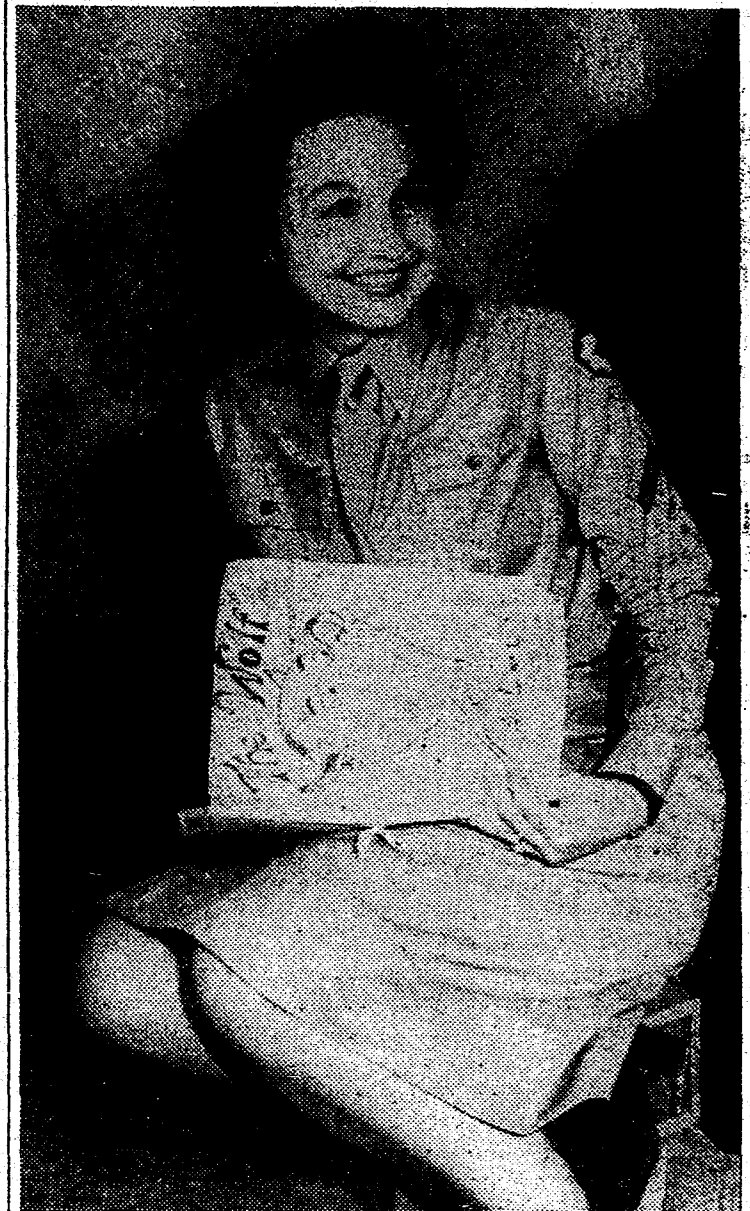
Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Monteith were their attendants.

was thick and hot!"

As a parting shot he said: "We were proud of the jobs we did, but you can't really say enough for those foot soldiers and the first-aid men who are doing the hardest, toughest, dirtiest jobs of the whole war. Believe me, we gave these boys fire cover and protection with everything we had."



An orientation feature at the 162nd Street Library is the collection of current books covering the various countries now involved in the war. Ribbons connect each book to the wall map, indicating which country the book is about. A background of the allied flags lends color to the display.



Camp Hood's number one "Wolf" fan, Pfc Martha Laughridge, WAC, Post Hq., is pictured with her clip book of Hood Panther "Wolf" cartoons, which she has been collecting for many months. Wooooo!



Sat—Address Unknown.
Sun—Mon—The Story of Dr. Wassel.
Tues—Days of Glory.
Wed—Thurs—The Hitler Gang.
Fri—Three Men in White.
Hood Road & 21th St. Theatres
Sat—Days of Glory.
Sun—Mon—Gaslight.
Tues—Bermuda Mystery.
Wed—Address Unknown.
Thurs—Fri—The Story of Dr. Wassel.
72nd St. & Brigade Ave. Theatres
Sun—Bermuda Mystery.
Mon—Address Unknown.
Tues—Wed—The Story of Dr. Wassel.
Thurs—Slightly Terrific.
Fri—Sat—The Hitler Gang.
Ave. D and 21th St. Theatres
Sat—Seven Days Ashore

Sun—Mon—Show Business.
Tues—Slightly Terrific and Silent Partner.
Wed—Thurs—Gaslight.
Fri—Bermuda Mystery.
18th St. Theatre
Sun—The Yellow Canary.
Mon—Seven Days Ashore.
Tues—Wed—Show Business.
Thurs—Black Parade and Follow the Leader.
Fri—Sat—Gaslight.
4th St. and 10th St. Theatres
Sat—Slightly Terrific and Silent Partner.
Sun—Mon—Once Upon a Time.
Tues—The Yellow Canary.
Wed—Seven Days Ashore.
Thurs—Fri—Show Business.

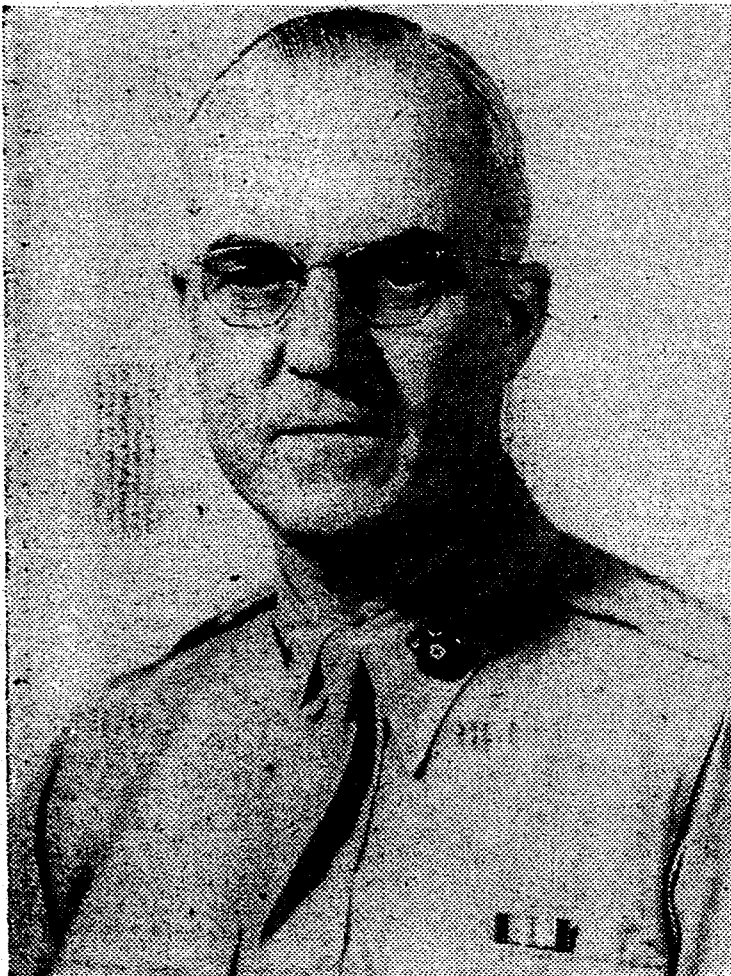
New Red Cross Field Director Was World War I Sergeant

Now heading the sizeable Red Cross units at Camp Hood is Mr. Galen J. Pearsons, recently arrived here. In accepting this appointment as Field Director, Mr. Pearsons stated he felt the Red Cross faces new and greater responsibilities as the tempo of war increases. He added that the job will be accomplished through the voluntary and wholehearted cooperation of the 3755 chapters in the United States and through the perseverance of Red Cross workers overseas.

Mr. Pearsons is a native of Minneapolis, Minn., and for many years served in the insurance field the same city prior to entering Red Cross Service a year ago. In World War I he served as 1st Sgt. in the Signal Corps. Prior to his present assignment at Hood Mr. Pearsons

was Field Director of Red Cross units at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Mr. Pearsons succeeds Mr. Geo. H. Hyde, well known Field Director here for the past several months. Mr. Hyde who recently accepted a position connected with the training program at the Quartermaster Depot, Jeffersonville, Indiana, was tendered a farewell party prior to his departure, and by his fellow workers.



Mr. Galen J. Pearsons, successor



Mr. George H. Hyde, who leaves Camp Hood.

D-Day Prayer Services At Hood Every Tuesday

Pre-D-Day Prayer Services will be conducted at Camp Hood Chapels each Tuesday at 1900. Station Hospital Service will be conducted on same day at 1800.

Protestant

Chapel
2833—70th and Battalion Avenue.
413—School Area.
321—37th St., East.
4416—268th and Service Drive.
3425—170th and Brigade Avenue.
Post Chapel—52nd and Headquarters Avenue.

Catholic

Chapel
218—37th St., West.
2508—62nd and Battalion Avenue.

Jewish

Chapel 53—50th and Headquarters Avenue.

Colored Troops

Chapel 3406—164th and Brigade Avenue.

The Morale Service Branch announced this week that off-duty classes to be held in the clubroom of the 37th Street Service Club, will commence Monday, May 22nd. Here is the schedule: Military Correspondence, 7:30. Shorthand, 8:30 p. m.



When Mr. Average American hears the terms "strike" and "pitch" he visualizes a huge enclosed park with men running around in natty uniforms batting and chasing a spheroid object.

But when Mr. A. A. gets his call from Uncle Sam and goes away with hundreds of other men just like himself to a training camp he finds himself in uniform "pitching" and "striking" in a way that has nothing to do with baseball.

These two terms are as familiar to Army men as they are to sportsmen for they are the commands given to set up tents then bring them down again. In the right picture Pts. Charles Cravath (left) 175th Bn, 96th Regt. IRTC and Charles Conrad of the same battalion are getting a bit of practical training in pitching tents.

IRTC trainees are learning to pitch and strike tents during their first week of instruction and even the most experienced outdoor men say the Army method is somewhat new and different from their own way of performing this comparatively simple procedure.

The first phase of tent pitching instruction is carried on in training areas near the barracks. Pitching a tent is a two man job with each man carrying a piece of waterproof canvas known as a "shelter half". The two halves put together form the tent. Each man also totes half of the other equipment necessary to pitch the tent.

When trainees go on bivouac they learn proper dispersal and camouflage of their tents to prevent the possibility of recognition from the air.

Combined with the course in tent pitching is clothing inspection. In the picture above a group of trainees, their clothes in their barracks bags, are enroute to a training field where they will lay out their clothes in neat orderly fashion. Officers and non-coms then check on the apparel to find if each man has a sufficient amount and that it is in good condition.

Waco Scene Of Meeting Between GI Neighbors

Two neighbors from New Britain, Conn., both stationed at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood, Tex., had to go 2,000 miles away from home in order to get together for the first time.

It happened one recent Saturday afternoon while Pvt. Sherman Stocks, Co. C, 138th Tank Destroyer Training Battalion, and two other North Camp trainees were wending their way through the busy streets of Waco, headed for a hotel.

A corporal who later identified himself as Milton Greenhough of a Field Artillery unit stationed at North Camp Hood, approached Stocks and asked if the latter knew where a room could be had for the week-end. Stocks and his fellow soldiers invited the corporal to join them.

Just before the quartet registered at the hotel conversation revealed that Greenhough, on his first trip to Waco, and Stocks lived only a few houses apart on the same street in New Britain, and yet had never met before.



IRTC Talent Series Starts At 162nd Club

With IRTC talent featured, a new entertainment series was started last Wednesday evening at the 162nd St. Service Club.

The first program given by a troupe from the 92nd Regiment, IRTC, included a Sing Song led by Cpl. Marion Aleh and vocal numbers by Cpl. Aleh, Lt. Frances Hill and Pvt. Morley Andrews.

On Sunday evening the 91st Regiment performed before a huge and enthusiastic audience. Highlighting the Sunday show was a Jam Session offered by a Swing Sextette, an imitation of Clyde McCoy by Pvt. Carl Hartman, an accomplished trumpeteer and vocal solos by Cpl. Virgil Nash.

These programs will be held weekly at the 162nd St. Club with various IRTC Regiments providing the talent. The 37th Street Service Club will be the scene of a mental melee each Wednesday evening with an IRTC team vying against other Camp units in a quiz contest. Last night the IRTC team matched answers with a group of Wacs from the TDS.

Pvt. Has Movie Job Waiting

It has just been discovered that Pvt. Clifford A. Powell, 660th TD Battalion, who has been active in many camp shows, will return to Hollywood after the war to start a film contract.

While working at MGM as a cameraman, one day a producer heard him singing to himself on the set. Without more ado, the producer arranged a screen test for Powell and another discovery, Doris Means. The test was successful and a contract extended to Powell.

Immediately after his test, Powell received his draft notice, and made a trip to Cleveland on business. Stopping over at Canton, Ohio, he visited the Loew's State Theater where Russ Morgan

Army Patients' Relatives Get Red Cross Care

Relatives of patients at the Camp Hood station hospital experience the hospitality of the post and the special attention of the Red Cross during their emergency visits here.

All the details, from meeting the visitors at the train or bus to providing accommodations in the guest rooms of the recreation building of the hospital, are attended to by Red Cross workers, according to Ramona Coghlan, Red Cross assistant field director at the hospital.

"More than 159 parents, wives and other near relatives of patients have been guests of the Red Cross since the program was introduced at the Camp Hood station hospital," said Miss Coghlan.

"When a man is seriously ill, the morale of his close relatives is almost as important as his own," the Red Cross hospital worker stated. "We of the Red Cross at the hospital cooperate with the doctors and nurses in keeping both patients and family encouraged."

Because of limited accommodations, only relatives of seriously ill patients whose presence is considered necessary can be accommodated at the hospital recreation building Miss Coghlan pointed out. This enables them to be close by in order to spend the maximum time with the patient and to be in constant touch with the medical staff. With the cooperation of the Central Texas Camp and Hospital Council, the military guests rooms are being redecorated. New colorful furnishings have been added through the courtesy of the Council and the Killeen Gray Ladies.

Before and after their visit, the relatives also are given reports on the patient's condition by means of messages from the Red Cross workers.

and his band were holding forth. Result: Clifford Powell remained for an entire week as Russ Morgan's soloist—after permission had been obtained from MGM.

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THE USO

There's a home in the nearest town for most American soldiers, a home that was built by the folks back home and by many of the soldiers themselves thru contributions to the United Service organizations. The short and common name for this home away from home is USO. "Let's go over to the USO" is as often spoken as "let's eat" by the boys who have been to town a few times. USO is headquarters for soldiers on pass, a meeting place for all and for good reason. USO is a "must" while in town between trains the place where showers and shaving facilities are available. For those that like to "hole up" for the week-end there's always a comfortable chair under a good reading light and a choice of reading material. Cooling drinks and tasty food will always be found at the snack bar. Cards, table tennis and countless other pass-times offer a pleasant afternoon or evening and if alone there's more likely than not a young lady with whom to share the entertainment. Dance night at the USO is always a gay affair and stags are more than welcome, there's always a partner among the many young ladies present, it's a good place to get acquainted.

The USO belongs to the soldiers and those so graciously serving your needs are there purely in your interest and doing a fine job of it too. USO and the patriotic women give so unstintingly of their time, was not designed for just an occasional good time but built on a foundation that will serve as long as our country is at war, it's an every day proposition, a place that is home any time of the day, any day in the week. Camp Hood soldiers will find the latch string out at USO Service Clubs in Killeen, Temple, Lampasas, Gatesville, Waco, Austin and any other town near an army camp. There's always a warm hand to greet you and a place to hang your hat at your USO.

TD Museum Gets Captured Flags

An Italian and German battle flag left behind in the ruins of Naples by retreating Germans are two of the most recent additions to the Tank Destroyer Museum in the Tank Destroyer School area, thanks to the GI penchant for swapping of a Tank Destroyer sergeant who has recently returned from overseas.

Staff Sgt. C. C. Morgan, who is now assigned to the Weapons Department of the Tank Destroyer School, lent the two flags to the museum. It is his second contribution. Several weeks ago he gave the museum a collection

of foreign coins from Africa, France, Sicily, and Italy. Several pieces of Allied military currency issued by many finance officers overseas are included in the interesting collection. Of particular interest to currency enthusiasts is the small type on the bottom of the French money showing that it was printed by a bank note company in this country.

Sgt. Morgan says the two battle flags, much soiled through use at a Nazi headquarters on the bombed, shattered waterfront of Naples, when he got them, were captured by one of the first tank destroyer officers ashore in that city. Sgt. Morgan gained possession through a series of trades that is far too complicated to follow.

Panther Poll

Question: DO YOU THINK YOU WILL GO BACK TO YOUR OLD JOB AFTER THE WAR?



T-5 Helen M. Hughes, WAC Det. TDETC

I'm not quite sure just what I am going to do when the war is over. I have several ideas in mind, but going back to my old job at 20th Century-Fox doesn't head the list, although when the time comes it may look more inviting than it does right now. My first choice is to remain in the WAC and go overseas with the Army of Occupation.



S-Sgt. Aron E. Smith, 141st TDTB

My civilian profession is perhaps one of the most ungrateful and least appreciated of all professions. Fourteen years spent in a school room, twelve of them as a city school superintendent. Yes my profession as all others, had its faults, but I loved it. So when the peace comes, I want to return to school, take up where I left off, hear that school bell and enjoy a comfortable home, not forgetting the probabilities of resuming my hunting and fishing career.



Pvt. Gerland P. Patton, TDETC

Yes, I practised law for 10 years prior to my induction. All lawyers in the armed service will have to start from scratch but it should not be too difficult. Practically all attorneys under thirty-eight, physically able, are in the service...the law schools are not graduating any students, and probably many attorneys with just a few years experience will enter other lines of endeavor.



Pvt. Robert S. Mansfield, Co. A, 141st Bn.

I expect to go back to my old job as insurance claim investigator and adjuster after the war. I know that my job is being held open for me as I am being kept on the company record as Absent In Military Service.

Free Information

Captain John H. Morris, Personal Affairs Officer, will give information on problems pertaining to financial, domestic, pay, al-



WHO'S HAD TOO MUCH?"

Letters To The Editor

Hood Panther,

Request that I be mailed each week a copy of The Hood Panther and if possible, that I be furnished with a copy of each issue since 1 February 1944.

I teach "Organization, Equipment and Employment of Tank Destroyer Units" in the Armored School and have found in the past that I am able to get many interesting items of information concerning tank destroyers from your paper and which I then pass on to the students here in the Armored School.

Thank you,
Tilford V Eskridge, 1st Lt.
Tactics Dept.,
The Armored School,
Fort Knox, Ky.

Dear Sergeant:

Thank you very much for the letter of recommendation.

I deeply regret leaving Camp Hood and my work here due to the many friends I have made here but I believe I can make better use of my talents as an officer.

I have enjoyed my work with you and the other boys of the Panther and I hope to have the pleasure of working with you all soon in civilian life.

A million thanks for all the courtesies you and the others have shown me and if we should ever run into each other in our duties hereafter I will be glad to do all that is in my power to aid you.

I won't say good-bye but till we meet again, so long

very truly yours
Sgt. Julius H. Chapman, Jr.

Complete Study List

The GI college has a complete list of self-taught courses and a full curriculum of correspondence courses. Only cost to the enlisted men is a \$2.00 registration fee when the study is started. Officers may enroll for the same training, but must pay for the cost of all materials used.

Training offered varies from an elementary first reader to advanced courses in physics and foreign languages. Algebra leads all other subjects in popularity. Popular practical studies are auto mechanics, refrigeration and book-keeping.

Study under supervision of the institute enables troops to prepare for advancement in rank, to learn a trade and to continue their education where they left off when entering service.

lowances, insurance, vocational rehabilitation, and other matters affecting members and former members of the Army and their dependants, to anyone desirous of obtaining this information.

Anyone with these or similar personal problems are requested to call in person or write to the Personal Affairs Officer, Camp Headquarters.

Dear Sir:

When my brother, Louis, was stationed at Camp Hood, I received the "Panther" regularly and enjoyed it immensely. Now that he has been transferred to another camp, I miss it. What arrangements can I make to receive it regularly again?
Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Catherine Brescia,
Long Island, N. Y..

Sir:

In regard to your article of soccer competition in the early April issue of the Hood Panther, I, as a member of the 549th FA Bn, Btry C, am writing asking for a challenge in the near future.

Thanking you for your promptness and consideration in this matter.

I remain,
Cpl. L. Isadore.

The Panther

We are entwined near Tunis Hill

Where swollen streams rush by;
And over head, we see the planes
Dog fighting in the sky.
The Black Panther with flashing fangs
Is mowing into fight.
The Panther has a trick or two
To crush the Nazi might.
It's cocktails for the tanks, my boys,
When they begin their drive;
It's Molotov cocktails for them
As soon as they arrive!

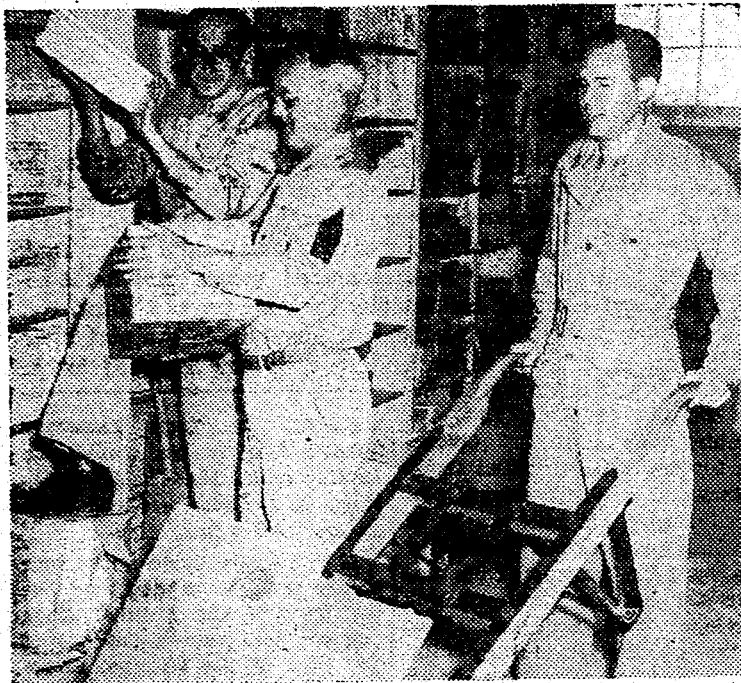
The Panther moves with striking speed,
This wily fighting cat.
The Panther strikes with force and strength
Against the Nazi rat.

The tanks come down from hills and fields,
The bombs and shells explode.
We'll greet them well, we'll give them hell
Just as they reach the road.
It's cocktails for the tanks, my boys
As soon as they arrive.
It's Molotov cocktails for them
And we won't wait 'til five!

It'll be a roaring party, boys,
The tanks won't like the fun.
When they get near the bending road,
They'll shoot their bloody gun.
We'll meet them at the winding road,
Our Panther will be there.
The Nazi tanks will squirm and stop
Like dead ducks in the air.
We'll serve cocktails for tanks, my boys,
When they begin their drive.
It's cocktails for the tanks, my boys,
As soon as they arrive.

Pvt. George Cunningham,
TD School





L to R Pfc. W. E. Blum, M-Sgt. G. R. Reed, and Pfc. Henry Fletcher, of Camp Publications filling requests for manuals.

Wounded Vets Show Keen Interest In Gustav Line

LT. L. R. BARNHILL

Veterans of the Italian front at McCloskey Army General hospital in Temple are following with keen interest the progress of the Allied forces smashing through the German's formidable Gustav line on both sides of Cassino.

The veterans, many of them injured in the fighting in and about

Cassino, tell of German concrete gun positions, steel machine gun nests, miles of wire entanglements, and literally acres of mines and booby traps that must be torn aside in the Allied advance.

"The Germans had miles of wire strung along the northern bank of the Rapido river, so wide in places, that you couldn't see across it on a moonlight night," recalls Lt. Hal N. Anderson, who was injured in a mine explosion on the river bank. There were mines everywhere. The engineers were doing a swell job, but it was impossible to pick up or even mark, all the mines. Every man who fights the Germans should learn everything he can about mines, where they are usually found, how they are hooked up as booby traps, and how they appear when partially buried."

Hard Fight

"The fighting got worse as we advanced in Italy," says Cpl. Herschel Bell, who got as far as the foot of Monastery Hill at Cassino before he was injured by an artillery shell fragment. We thought it was tough at Salerno, but it was a lot worse up there at Cassino where the Germans had prepared positions and better terrain to defend. I know our men are running into a lot of trouble, but they are well trained, they know what the score is now, and they'll beat the Jerries."

The Germans are having troubles within their own ranks in addition to the headaches the Allies are giving them, reports Cpl. Marion Gaultney, who hit an enemy near Cassino.

"Two British officers escaped from the Germans and were led safely back to our lines by a couple of Polish soldiers who had been forced into the German army."

"The Poles hid the British by day and led them through enemy positions at night. They even provided them with German rations."

A lieutenant who overheard a group of men who had been injured at Salerno discussing the war, chimed in with, "Salerno was a picnic compared to the crossing of the Rapido river near Cassino."

These are the men who have met the German soldier and know how he fights. They know at first what the Americans, British, and French now smashing forward in Italy are up against, and knowing this, they are confident of Allied successes.

137th Bn. Mess Tops

The 137th Bn Mess at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center was rated tops by inspecting teams last week with a record of 99.3, while the 131st Bn again scored in second place, averaging 99.1. Fourth Regiment Officer's Mess came to the fore in the officer's mess category, beating out the Second Regiment 98.1 to 96.2.

PostPublications Has 2400 Items For Reference

2400 different manuals and 250 different WADGO forms make up the list of available publications received, numbered, filed and issued by the Camp Publications Office 50th street and Headquarters Avenue.

The Camp Publications Office was first opened in April, 1943, as an experiment to simplify and speed up the distribution of manuals and WADGO forms. In September, 1943 a new building was planned and built to serve the peculiar needs of the Publications office. 1st Lt. T. F. Jordan heads the department. M-Sgt. G. R. Reed, Pfc. Henry Fletcher, Pfc. Blum and T-4 Bess Smith, WAC and six civilian employees, Miss Pauline Raney, Miss Juanita Rambo, Miss Laevine Champagne, Miss Evelyn Hejl, Mrs. Henry Fletch and Robert Weardon are responsible for the expert classification and arrangement of the stocks, along with the shipping, receiving and ordering necessary to keep the manuals and forms up to date.

A complete file on manuals and

TDRTC Colonel Writes For Infantry Journal

The pages of the May issue of the Infantry Journal contain two articles by "Colonel C. H.," a frequent contributor of the Journal's pages. "Colonel C.H." is Col. Christian Hildebrand, executive officer of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood. One article is a simplification of the "worm" formula of machine gun mathematics. The second is reproduced below:

"A U. S. machine gun received at an ordnance installation for repairs had a tag attached to it bearing these words:

"This gun has killed twelve Japs. It is hoped whoever gets it next will treat it accordingly."

"Many officers and enlisted men returned from combat areas are asked to give talks to men preparing for combat on the lessons they learned in combat. Why not bring a number of weapons that have done well against our enemies back to this country and issue them to replacement training centers?"

"The interest on the part of trainees in a mortar that knocked out a Jap machine gun nest would be reflected in higher

standards of maintenance and proficiency. One can imagine the competition which could be developed to determine the units which would be honored as custodians of the weapons with a history. These weapons would convey in an inimitable fashion many combat lessons merely by their mute presence.

"There are similar reasons for having enemy weapons at RTC so that the soldier may actually see and handle them."

Soccer Games Wanted

Co. C, 549th FA Group, North Camp, is seeking opponents for its soccer team, according to Sgt. Sylvia, who promises stiff competition for all challengers.

Alaska Healthy Spot, Says T-5

Despite its many disadvantages Alaska is seemingly a healthy spot for a soldier, according to T-5 Charles S. Maxson, Co. C, 146th Bn., 90th Regt. IRTC, who spent three years in the Aleutians as a member of a medical group.

Maxson said that outside of colds men in the Far Northern outpost rarely suffered from any illness. The climate, all in all, is healthy, although practically the entire year is wintry except for a few weeks of "summer."

During the latter period the sun makes a brief appearance, but even the lack of strong sunlight doesn't discourage vegetation. "The chief growth is a smooth, green Tundra which covers the islands with a thick, soft carpet. An assortment of brightly colored flowers seem to grow everywhere regardless of light or warmth."

"It really wasn't so bad but there wasn't much to do. About the only entertainment we had was from the USO units that traveled up from the States. The rest of the time we spent listening to the radio or writing letters."

"Naturally, there were no women up there," he sighed.

Maxson, has no hankering to return to Alaska saying that things look pretty good to him right here.

Cousins Meet After 7 Years

On a recent visit to the Leon Drive Service Club cafeteria at the North Camp Hood TDRTC, Pvt. Wayne C. Cockburn of Everett, Wash., gazed intently at the red-haired cashier. "That face sure looks familiar," he told a couple of companions as he left the cafeteria.

A few days later he received a card from a girl. In it she told him that his folks had informed her folks that he was a trainee in Co. C, 138th TDGB, and that she would like to meet him.

When they met Cockburn discovered that she was the red-headed cashier and a cousin from Groton, S. D., whom he had met only three times, the last meeting being seven years ago. He found his cousin had followed her husband, Pvt. Michael Baur, when he came to TDRTC for basic training.



Kay and Raye, Hood Village's only twins, find much to interest them in the mysteries of a mirror, as mother looks on. The 15-month-old girls are the daughters of T-Sgt. and Mrs. L. T. Schwander.



Has anybody lost their pardon for manslaughter in the state of Mississippi? Capt. P. L. Wigginton, Camp Laundry Officer, has it, along with assorted items including fish hooks, false teeth, shells, wallets, watches, rings, pictures, Bibles, rosaries, knives, forks, medals, cigarette cases, notebooks, glasses, whistles, campaign ribbons, railway tickets, charms, bracelets, combs, chevrons, dogtags, diaries, sewing kits, bottle openers, pencils and about \$500 in cash folding money—which the alert censor caught in this picture.

"Everything really comes out in the wash here," Capt. Wigginton explained, and the things they lose are amazing. We try to save everything of real or sentimental value and contact the owners."

It wouldn't seem that the soldiers are short of money because each week they calmly send several hundred dollars to the washers. Keys and dogtags come in by the thousands each week.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo



Lt. Russell Clayton, platoon leader, is seen above with his men, poised for action in a realistic scene enacted in the forward observation post. The dugout was constructed in a blackout by the pioneer platoon of the 656th TD Battalion during the recent problem staged by the 22nd TD Group.

The mission was to get the observation post dug by dawn. Work was started at 8 p. m., and the job was completed at 5:20 a. m. It rained the greatest part of the night as the men silently went about their work.

In the small picture is an exterior shot of the dugout. Formerly a bald knob, the entrance is camouflaged to blend with the ground. Attempts were made to see it from the air. Failure to locate the dugout indicated the success of the enterprise.

128th Bn. Team Sets Pace With 5 Straight Wins

• The layoff created by recent rains left plenty of rusty spots in the 128th Bn. softball machine at the TDRTC, North Camp Hood, but the boys with the bats made the blow count and the season record remained unblemished at five straight wins, the latest coming 10-2, at the expense of the 141st TDTB Cooks.

The Cooks could garner but two safeties along the route, although they had the satisfaction of watching Joe Haller, 128th hurler, take a stroll after getting into hot water in the fourth inning.

me of the blows came off Haller

dusted with runs in all innings but the sixth.

The triumph moved the 128th sluggers nearer a claim on the TDRTC first half flag in a steady march which has seen the destroyer crew stop off long enough en route to scuttle the top-notch 749th FA club, 3-0, in a non-league engagement. Much credit for the record streak goes to the mound staff of Haller, Piper and Price, this trio allowing but 10 hits to date. Haller tops the stick department with a .572 average.

To Welcome Trainees

A welcoming program for new trainees of the 92nd Regt., IRTC will be held Saturday at 1330 in the 162nd Street Theater, it was announced yesterday by the Regimental Headquarters.

The program will be an official greeting and orientation for the men of the 155th Bn, 92nd Regt., who recently arrived to start their training. It will include band music, remarks by Lt. Col. Joseph E. Monhollan, Regimental Commander and Maj. Edwin G. Bath, 155th Bn Commander.

Representatives from the chaplaincy, Red Cross and Medical Corps will also be on hand to give informative talks.

General Opens Non-Com Club

The Noncommissioned Officers' club, Second Regiment, TDRTC, was officially opened Wednesday evening, 10 May, when Brigadier General A. O. Gorder, Commanding General, TDRTC, cut the ribbon which barred the door and entered to inspect the first such club in North Camp Hood. With the General were Col. Henry B. Margeson, Commanding Officer of the 2d TDRTC, Capt. Emanuel Weinberger, Club Officer, and M-Sgt. R. T. English, President of the Council.

Following a concert by the 258th Army Band under the direction of CWO Chester H. Heinzl, honorary memberships were presented to General Gorder and Colonel Margeson by M-Sgt. English. The General gave a brief speech, emphasizing the importance of the role of a noncommissioned officer, and concluded the ceremonies by severing the ribbon. He then entered, made a tour of the building, and bought the first drink over the bar from Pvt. Andrew B. Strange, Club manager. Col. Christian Hildebrand, TDRTC exec, Col. Donald Dunkle, North Camp commander, and Maj. Jackson S. Lawrence, Second Regt executive officer, were also made honorary members.

The Club grew from an ordinary GI guardhouse building under the skillful direction of Lt Henry C. Tumilty and Tec 5 William R. Williams, 129th TDTB, who handled murals and decorative effects, and Tec 4 Albert W. J. Gordon, 131st TDTB, who supervised construction of the bar and other mechanical work. Assisting them were Cpl. Donald Ray Schilling, 128th TDTB, artists, and Tec 5 Gerald B. Minett, 128th TDTB, Tec 5 Maurice Driggers, 129th TDTB, Pvts. Allen O. Haeuber, Frank Maslowsky, and Farrell Ealy, 130th TDTB.

Murals in the club depict South Pacific combat scenes. Conventionalized palm leaves line the wall, and the bar is built to suggest a jungle hut. For the WACS and other feminine guests, there is a powder room said to be one of the most attractively-decorated in Central Texas and the only one in any guardhouse in Camp Hood.

WAC To AGD School

Tec 5 Gertrude Larsen of TDRTC Hq. North Camp Wacs is being sent to AGD School.

First TD Battle Action Films Go To Museum

First action pictures of tank destroyer units in action in Africa were placed in the TDS museum during the week. Display of the battle pictures, one of them showing Lt. Col. James P. Barney, Jr., at the African front with units of the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion which he commanded, coincides with the return to Camp Hood of the veteran Tank Destroyer Officer.

Colonel Barney, one of the first to return to the post after seeing action both in Africa and Italy, is now assigned to the

Included in the museum's pictorial display are photographs of vehicles and weapons tested for use by tank destroyer units before the present destroyer was developed and accepted. This makes an interesting history of the growth and expansion of the Tank Destroyer as a fighting unit.

Other photographs include all the graduating classes of the Officer Candidate School from the time it held its first class in Gatesville.

The museum took on a new instructional aspect during the past week when 37 members of a Boy Scout troop from Hood Village made an evening visit.

The youngsters immediately surrounded the knot board given to the museum by the Pioneer Department of the Tank Destroyer School. Right there in front of them were the knots, slings, and splices that every American boy studies during his scouting days.

Next the youngsters swarmed over the captured German 88-mm antitank gun, the huge half-track personnel carrier, and a Russian artillery piece. They also took keen interest in a pontoon bridge, that actually floats in water while a model tank, and the various model military bridges constructed for instructional use by the Pioneer Department of the Tank Destroyer School.

Exact in every detail are the first group of model tanks and armored vehicles presented to the museum by the Weapons Depart-

ment of the Tank Destroyer School. One is an amphibious landing craft. These model tanks range in size four feet long down to less than a foot.

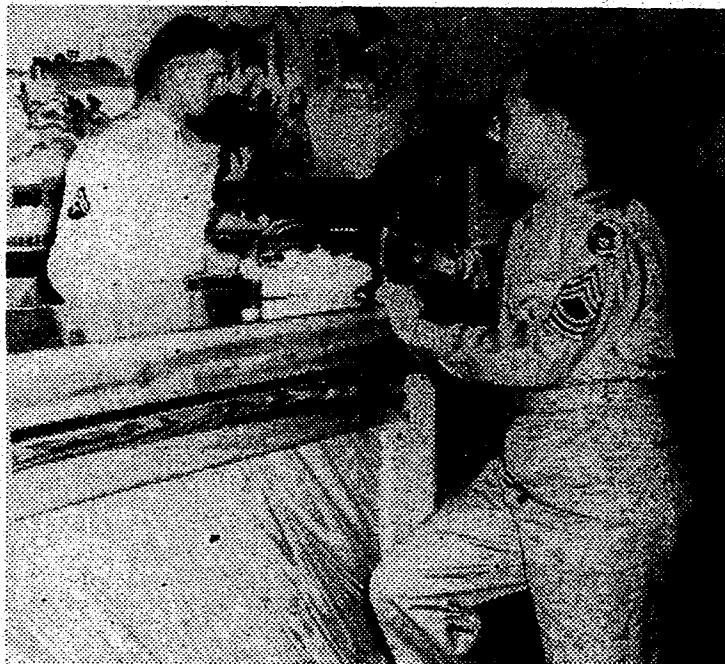
If you are in doubt about your ability to identify war planes or the flags of the Allied Nations you can test yourself any day of the week at the Museum. Scores of planes of every nation have been attractively displayed in flight positions in one section of the museum. Each plane is numbered and keyed to an identification card. The flags of the Allied nations have been reproduced on wallboard and placed about the walls of the museum. Soldiers interested in brushing up on their identification are invited to attend the museum at any time. Also of assistance are the captured German uniforms with chevrons of non-commissioned officers. German mess kits, knives, forks, and gas mask carriers.

Of interest to communications men are the captured German and Italian radio equipment for tank and reconnaissance vehicles, and an Italian field telephone captured somewhere in the Middle East.

And if you are interested in the tropics, there is the GI tropical hammock issued to men fighting in the Pacific. In fact, no matter in what field your interest lies, be it bugs, snake, flags, shells, tanks, or captured enemy clothing and equipment, you can satisfy it at the Tank Destroyer Museum, one of the most recent projects launched by the Tank Destroyer School.



WACS spring a surprise party for those of their organization who are mothers, in commemoration of Mother's Day. The mothers are (clockwise): T-5 Ivy Smith, TDRTC; Pfc Jessie Post, 1848 SU; Pfc Margaret Witzling, 1848 SU and 1st Sgt. Elizabeth Craine, 1848 SU.



The first coke to a noncom over the bar of the new Second Regt NCO Club at North Camp TDRTC is sold by Tec 5 Correll Robinson of the 129th Bn to M-Sgt. Robert T. English, club president. Brig. Gen. A. O. Gorder, TDRTC commander, officially opened the club last week. The murals, still incomplete, behind the bar are the work of Second Regt noncoms.

The Wolf

by Sansone



Words Without Music

The War Department, according to H'YWOOD VARIETY, announced a policy of "strict impartiality in the dissemination of political information" in radio and movies to GIs...FRED WARING leaves his cigaret spot, after five years...he'll be replaced by JOHNNY MERCER'S "Song Shop"...Independent theater owners in Southern Cal. claim that war pictures don't draw customers....C. GABLE will be an aerial gunnery instructor at Denver, Colo. . . . production of "One World" is said to be awaiting Wendell Wilkie's approval—he is supposed to have disapproved three previous treatments of the book.

MARK WARNOW has signed a contract, CBS press agent says, to



SALLY SWEETLAND

give a concert in Carnegie Hall at Midnight—the day that Germany surrenders . . . RICHARD DIX has been signed for two more "Whistler" pictures...BOB CROSBY'S first starring picture will be "Meet Miss Bobby Sox."

GARY COOPER has signed a contract as producer of pictures he acts in...Variety reports that the army runs the world's largest network of radio stations, some 375...After ten months in H'wood, making pictures and playing at the Palladium, HARRY JAMES and crew head for a cross country jaunt of one nighters...RED SKELTON reports for induction May 25th.

Variety reports the top radio tunes, listed alphabetically:

- Amor, Amor
- And So Little Time
- And Suddenly It's Spring
- Besame Mucho
- Do Nothing Till You Hear
- Going My Way
- Goodnight Wherever You Are
- Holiday For Strings
- How Blue The Night
- How Many Hearts Have You Broken?
- I Dream Of You
- I Love You
- I'll Get By
- I'll Be Seeing You
- I'm In Love With Someone
- Irresistible You
- It's Love, Love, Love
- Long Ago and Far Away
- Louise
- Poinciana
- Silver Wings
- Swing In On Star
- Take It Easy
- Milkman Keep Bottles Quiet
- San Fernando Valley
- Someday I'll Meet You
- Time Waits No One



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Civilian employees and army families can do the family food shopping right here at Camp Hood's Sales Commissary, 278th St. & Warehouse avenue. The shopping line here shown is typical of those making purchases of over \$50,000.00 worth of groceries and meats each month. 2nd Lt. J. W. Sheppard, Commissary Officer, has a staff of three Wacs, seven soldiers, and 13 civilians. Sales hours are 8:30 to 1, daily, excepting Sunday.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

From Little Scooter to Big Shooter gives some idea of the variety of mechanical services in the Combined Maintenance shops. "We repair everything from mess kits to the largest Tank Destroyers," explained Capt. D. Butler, maintenance officer, "and we have skilled men for almost any job." Aboard the scooter is M. F. Porch, civilian employee in plant supply and young Betsy Joyce, civilian employee messenger perches aboard the M10 Tank Destroyer.

GI Temple Show Proceeds To 36th Division

"North Hood Capers", the all soldier vaudeville show, was presented in two performances in Temple, Texas last Friday before an afternoon audience at McCloskey General Hospital and for the public at the municipal auditorium last Friday night at 8:30.

The afternoon performance of the show was designed for the patients at McCloskey and was staged for them in the Red Cross auditorium at the hospital. Many members of the on-lookers were present for the show in wheel chairs.

For the benefit of the 36th (Texas) Division Memorial Fund, the Lions Club of Temple sponsored "North Hood Capers" at the municipal auditorium. A full house of Temple citizens was on

hand for the Friday night performance of the show.

Both performances of the show featured a concert by the 258th, army band under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer C. H. Heinzel. Hot swing music that went along with the fast-stepping show was supplied by the dance orchestra, which is a part of the 258th band. The modern music makers were directed by T-Sgt Bob Kollman, widely known for the smooth tooting he does on the trumpet and trombone.

"I'm A Texan," a new song written by A Shirlin of Temple in honor of the 36th Division, was played for the first time at the afternoon performance of the show. At the evening performance it was played again and copies of the march went on sale after the show. Proceeds from the sales go to the memorial fund.

Both performances of "North Hood Capers" supplied the audiences with a full hour and a half of top-notch entertainment.

Stag party At N. Camp

Co. D, 130th Bn, TDRTC, recently held its mid-cycle stag party at the Central Rec Hall in North Camp.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the TDRTC Special service Office and the entertainers from this office included Cpl. Sidney Slezinger of the Wac Det, popular singer with the soldier audiences. Sgt. Penrose of the Field Artillery MC'd the show and Buddy Ralph, formerly with the Harry James band played several recent hits on the piano. From the ranks of the company came Sgt. Raymond Murphy with a tap routine.

It being the usual practice of the TD's to have a "dry run" before firing for record, the company looks forward to the gala party scheduled for the last week of the cycle, when they intend to go out for a record.



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT
Sunday, 9:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, n d25 & Hq.
9:30 A. M.
Chapel 53, 50th & Bn.
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn.
10:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn.
Chapel 218, Bible Study, 37th St. West.

10:15 A. M.
Bible Study, Chapel 413, School Area.
Bible Study, Chapel 321, 37th St. East.

11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 4416, 268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 3425, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 413, School Area.
Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 321, 37th St. East.
Chapel 218, 37th St. West.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq.

6:30 P. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 413, School Area.
Chapel 3425, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 321, 37th St. East.
Chapel 218, 37th St. West.

7:30 P. M.
Chapel 2833, Lutheran, 70th & Bn.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn.
Stockade, 2:00 p. m.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Episcopal.
Communion Sunday, 0800 & 1830.

COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 3406, 164th & Brig.
Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
Worship Service, 10:00 a. m.
786 Sn. Co. (Mess Hall), 9:00 a. m.
Chapel 3406, 6:30 p. m.

Weekday Services
Tuesday, Pre-Invasion Prayer Service, 1900.

In Every Chapel
Tuesday, Chapel 53, 1930.
Wednesday, Chapel 53 (Classic Mus. Hr.), 1930-2100.
Wednesday, Chapel 4416, 1830.
Thursday, Post Chapel, 1930.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
Stockade, 7:30 a. m.
37th St. Theater, 9:00 a. m.
162nd St. Theater, 9:00 a. b.
24th St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.
Hood Road Theater, 11:00 a. m.

Ascension Thursday Mass
Chapel 218, 37th St. West, 6:15 a. m.
Chapel 218, 37th St. West, 6:30 p. m.
Chapel 218, 37th St. West, 7:30 p. m.
Station Hospital, 6:30 a. m.
Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn., 5:30 p. m.
Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn., 7:30 p. m.

Morning Weekday Mass
Chapel 2808, Wed, Thurs, Sat, 8:00 a. m.

Evening Weekday Mass
Chapel 2808, Tues, Fri, 6:30 p. m.
Chapel 218, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 6:30 p. m.

Novena Services
Sunday, Chapel 2808, 6:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapels 2808, 218, 7:00 p. m.

CONFESSION
Saturday, as follows:
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 1500-1600.
Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn., 1800-2100.
Chapel 218, 1500-1700 & 1830-2100.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Chapel 321, 37th St. East, Thurs, 2000.
Sunday, 0900.

JEWISH
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Friday, 1930.
Reform followed by Orthodox service.

LATTER DAY SAINTS
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Sunday, 2000.

CHAPLAIN'S DIRECTORY		
Chaplain	Chapel	phone
A. C. Barron	(P)	2224
Douglas Crow	(P)	321
H. Hall	(P)	413
H. H. Hill	(P)	248
A. T. Heacock	(CL)	13406
A. K. Heim	(P)	4416
I. D. Hudkins	(P)	2224
H. M. Kellam	(P)	321
J. H. Levine	(P)	448
J. D. McCready	(P)	53
R. B. Meyer	(P)	218
B. E. Moul	(P)	2808
G. E. Mortensen	(P)	2833
W. M. Parker	(P)	2808
E. S. Ritch	(P)	3425
Frank Runyan	(P)	53
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V. D. Stephens	(P)	2808
C. R. Stinnette	(P)	53
Thomas H. Talbot	Post Chaplain	641
G. Van Artsdalen	(P)	2833
E. D. Wood	(P)	218

Male Call

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

Very Low-gistics





Paramount among the new starlets at Paramount Studios is Marie MacDonald, cinemalovely with cheesecake—plus.

IRTC Softball Twirler Has Two Perfect Games To Credit

When Cpl. Frank Giordano, the Hdq. Co. No. 1 IRTC softball pitching ace blanked Station Hospital in both the hit and run columns Monday night, it was the second no-hitter that he has pitched in four years by his own count.

Pinning Frankie down to facts, however, he'll come forth with the admission that he has pitched three or four other no hit, no run games, but doesn't consider them in his record because he was facing "inferior" competition.

But looking at Frankie's record the fact seems to remain that base hits are scarce as Palm trees in Alaska when he is on the mound. In 160 games Giordano has pitched two one-hitters, seven two-hitters, twenty three-hitters and has never allowed more than six hits per game in his softball career. Besides he has averaged a shade under ten strikeouts per game.

Perhaps the fact that he worked in a munitions factory before entering the army accounts for his cannon ball deliveries. Since coming to Camp Hood he has hurled in six games and won five of them piling up 75 strikeouts for an average of 12 1-2 per game, and

that's good chucking in any man's league.

His best delivery is a sizzling upsweep, mixed in with some neat curves and a straight smoke ball. The first pitch is the dazzler as far as the batters are concerned. The ball, carrying lots of steam makes an abrupt rise just as it reaches the plate and causes the hitter to level off far below the line of flight. Good control also aids Frankie considerably and he is a hard man to ruffle.

Giordano learned to pitch by watching his older brother Babe, who is a star in his own right up in Bridgeport, Conn. Frank claims his style in an exact copy of his brother's so the latter must be quite a terror in the Bridgeport Industrial League where he is now playing.

662nd TD Team Wins

Company "A" 662nd TD Bn., outplayed "C" Company's touted softball team by a score of 7 to 3. Pfc. Walter Kapron pitched for A Co., and held Co. A's batters. A Co., "A" scored five of their runs on errors. S-Sgt. William A. Szymanski pitched for "C" Company.

Giordano Gets 13 Strikeouts, "Perfect Game"

Adding another 13 strikeouts to his mounting record, Cpl. Frank Giordano, pitched a no hit, no run softball game against Station Hospital Monday night. Giordano also collected a hit and run as the Hdq. Co. No. 1, IRTC team beat the Medics 2 to 0 in a tight fracas.

The game throughout was a hurling duel between Giordano and Knowles of the Hospital squad. Knowles, with a tricky windup that put fire in his pitches set down 7 men with whiffs.

Hdq. Co. jumped off to a one-run lead in the first inning when Burbine walked and "Yankee" Stringer brought him across later with an infield hit. Giordano hit with one man out in the third and bounced in a few moments later on a hit by Wolach. The winners rapped six blows altogether. Three of these came in the fourth when the IRTC went on a bunting spree and filled the bases on successive bunts by Stringer, Lapp and DeFoyd, but were left stranded when Knowles bore down and struck out the key hitter. An attempted steal of home at the same time accounted for the final put out.

Sterling hitting and scarcity of errors were outstanding features of the game. Knowles and Brockway were the losing battery; Giordano and Waltman formed the winning combination.

TDRTC All-Star Squad Defeats 656th TD's 10-1

Sport fans at North Camp enjoyed a fast moving ball game Friday afternoon between the North Camp TDRTC All Stars and a visiting team representing the 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion of South Camp.

Racking up a total of 10 runs to their opponents single run, the All Stars proved Friday that they are a hard hitting and fast moving team. The Friday evening game was the first fair test the club has had since the season opened. Lack of shoes and other uniform equipment hampered the players earlier in the season and they had the opportunity to test themselves with complete uniforms in the game with the excellent team from the 656th for the first time.

Highlighting the performance was the one-hit pitching of Salisbury and Caputo of the All Stars and the twelve hit attack by the North Camp team. Hitting was paced by a homer slugged out of the park by Crues. The four bagger racked up two scores for the All Stars since there was one man on base.

The game went into the first inning with three runs, one base on balls, a sacrifice bunt followed by four singles for the All Stars. Hitting again picked up in the fifth with two runs, a single by French followed by the homer by Crues.

The sixth inning saw five runs, a base on balls, one error, a hit batter, three doubles, with the handy work done by French, Good and Frank.

The only run scored by the 656th was in the fourth inning when the man at bat walked. In the same inning the 656th banded one single with the runner being thrown out on an infield ball.

Musical Mess For Co. B

Men of Co. B, 17 5Bn, 96th Rgt. IRTC enjoyed a musical trimming with their noon meal last Saturday as a special reward for the impeccable condition of the Company Mess Hall.

The "music with chow" was furnished by the 214th Army Band after judges had decided that Co. B, 175 was the winner of the IRTC Best Mess plaque for the week ending May 13. The award was inaugurated two weeks ago and was previously held by Co. B, 159th Bn., 93rd Regt.

Capt. Arthur T. Stewart Jr., is Commanding Officer of Co. B.

SPORTS

Lloyd Horton, who romped to football fame last season at TDS as one of the fleetest backs on the team, left last week to attend special service school for enlisted men. Lloyd is the former Hastings College, Nebraska lad, who played football, basketball and earned his track letter, too. He returned after graduation to coach the teams at Hastings. Lloyd was a valuable, loyal cog in Captain Leslie Wood's athletic set-up at the TD School.

With a shy grin, pitcher Mel Harder, be-spectacled Cleveland hurler, accepted congratulations recently on becoming the only active American League pitcher with 200 victories.

How about a Sunday baseball game between a team composed of Camp Hood all-stars and some college hereabouts, to be played in Temple before the civilian populace with proceeds going to the 36th Division Memorial Drive now underway. We know our friend Walter Humphrey, editor of the Temple Daily Telegram, and a leading figure in raising funds for the memorial, might be very interested in such an athletic project!

Communique to IRTC: the transfer of Cpl. Bob Lucas from the TD School gives IRTC one of the best all-round athletes in camp.

S-Sgt. Buddy Baer has an offer to play Superman in the movies—but he has to get a medical discharge from the Army to take it! Baer is home on furlough, after a month in the Army hospital in Florida. He will never be able to fight again.

If the Detroit Tigers lose Rudy York to the service, they can stop worrying, because then, chances are they will remain right in the slot they occupy as this is written—in the cellar. Joe McCarthy is back at the Yankees' helm after a months sick leave . . .

Our little black book shows that the mighty vaunted TDS baseball team has lost two games to camp teams. They lost them for one reason or another, perhaps overconfidence, or perhaps the club is so certain it can take the camp teams in tow that it has been concentrating the fine caliber of play which the team really possesses, upon the "big-time" teams outside of Camp Hood. Those games are fine as attractions and splendid to win for the sake of reputation. But these teams in camp are bringing their own rooters to the games. They want to beat TDS—when TDS is at its best. And if that means Herb Karpel should get on the mound a little oftener against these other camp teams, who can blame 'em. Incidentally, don't sell John Zuber short. He has proven to be the work-horse of TDS, pitching more games than most of the other hurlers combined—and winning the best percentage of them. And that isn't all. When he's not pitching, which seems to be rarely these days, he's in the outfield!

What we mean is, a team can't get in there with the spirit that "this is just batting practice fellows, so take it easy." We are not alone, we believe, when we profess more admiration for the competitive will-to-win spirit, than for merely ability, generally saved for that "rainy day."

Pvt. Henry McLemore is now serving overseas in a war correspondents combat team, attached to an Ohio division. Sid Feder, another great sports authority now with the American Fifth Army, picked Pensive to win the Derby as far back as last fall, and placed a wager on the great horse in the future book. Just before the Derby, which was also his zero hour before going out on a combat mission, he wired pals in the States to lay it on the line on Pensive, advising that his had been in a long time, dear wife holding the precious ticket. After the race he was informed by his friends that his wife had lost the ticket—that as far as she was concerned there was no future in Pensive. P. S. Pensive won the Preakness, too.

Sad news, the passing of writer Max Brand, war correspondent, in action. Writer of many western, sports stories, and movie scripts, Brand was recognized as one of our best story tellers.

This corner had the honor of introducing Brig. General James A. Bethea, Commandant of McCloskey, to the fans at the hospital's opening baseball game Sunday. Following the general's throw to pitcher Govert of the hospital nine, the hurler stepped on the mound to face the Tank Destroyer School team, which had the honor of being the hospital's first adversary of the new season. TDS won the game, a hard-fought, hard-hitting tussle that kept the fans in a constant uproar. The score, 10 to 8. Zuber was the winning pitcher.

IRTC cadremen who play baseball are urged to contact Lt. Andrews at TDS, to join the baseball team for games played with clubs outside the camp.

Ted Williams, former major league slugger, American League batting champ when he romped the outfield for the Boston Red Sox, has received his Navy wings and is now a lieutenant. And that's thirty for this week. **RC**

Biggest University

The biggest university in the world is strictly GI college with a global campus. It's the Armed Forces Institute. In the Eighth Service Command alone more than 8,000 students have been enrolled, and they keep coming in at the rate of more than 1,000 a month.

Headquarters of the Army Institute is Madison, Wis., but as

175th Bn; 2nd Lt. Carl E. Osterhout, Mess Officer and T-4 Steve Urban, Mess Sergeant

the war has spread, branches of the school have been established in Alaska, India, England, the southwest Pacific and the Middle East.

"The armed services have taken thousands of men out of school," Major Joseph K. Johnson, executive officer of the Morale Service division of the Eighth Service Command, said Saturday, "but at the same time the Army is doing what it can to permit its men to continue their education even in the foxholes at the front."

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