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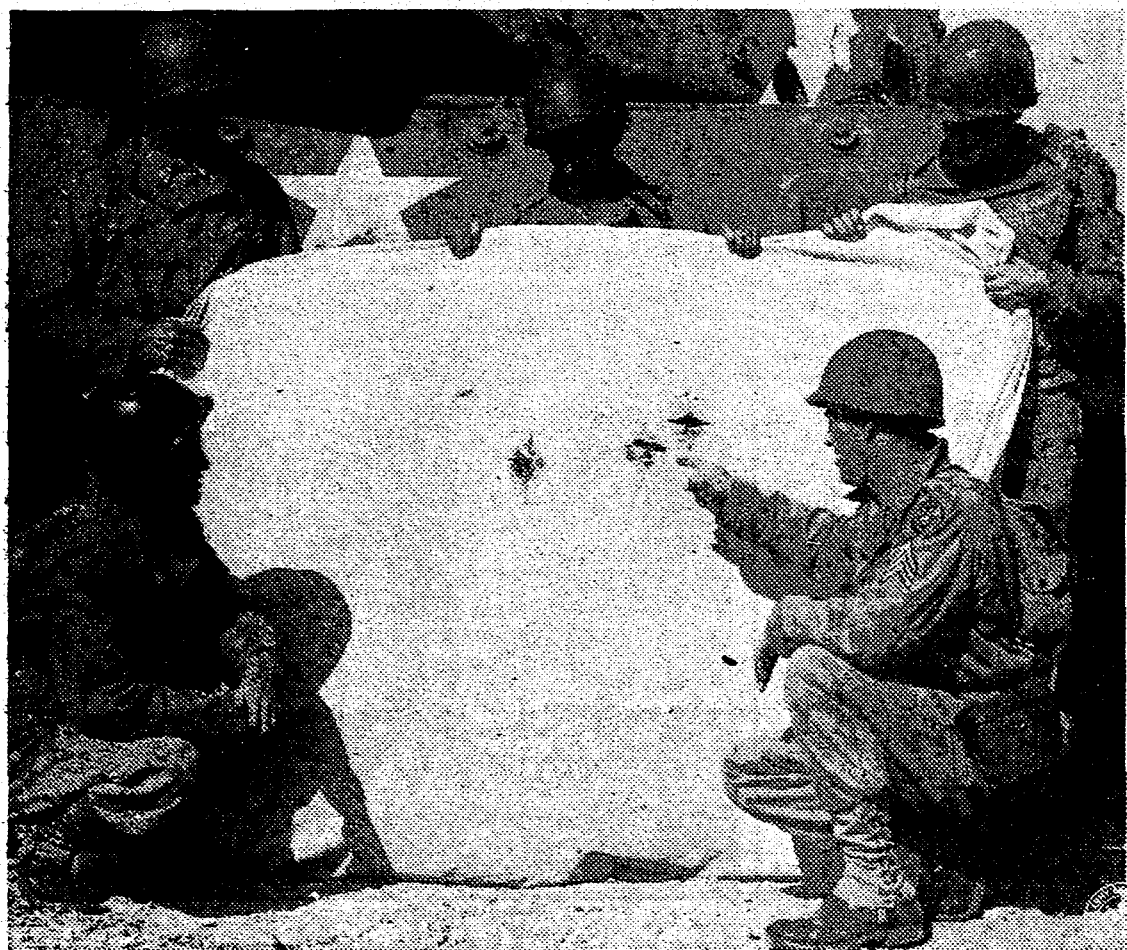
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**SOMEDAY THIS WILL BE A MARK IV**—When this M-10 crew of the First Platoon, Co. C, 663rd TD Bn., UTC fires they mean business. Admiring three bulls' eyes in the moving target are, left to right, Pfc Arthur Hoff, gunner; Sgt. Joseph Zito, gun commander (front), and rear, Pfc Harry Rosen, driver; Pvt. Clifford Stowe, assistant driver, and Pvt. Donald Little, cannoneer. Story below.

## M-10 Gun Crew Sets High Firing Score

An M-10 crew of the 1st Platoon Co. C, 663rd TD Bn, UTC, shot a remarkable target on the No. 2 Tama Gas Car Range last week when firing for their UTC proficiency test.

In this five-shot test with service ammunition on the three-inch gun the crew hit their stationary target dead center. Their first try at the moving target was a near miss, but the next three were bull's eyes. These three shots, which made a 15-inch pattern in the center of the canvas, would mean sure destruction to any tank in existence.

## MPs Only Go To Military Govt. School

Enrollment in the School of Military Government is restricted to members of the Corps of Military Police, according to word received by The Panther this week from Lt. Joseph W. Smith, secretary of the Provost Marshal General's School, Ft. Custer, Michigan.

Enlisted men, however, not now in the MP's may effect a transfer by making application through their company commander, he said.

Qualifications for attendance are that the applicant must be on military police duty with a military police organization and below the grade of Captain, possessing at least two of the following qualifications, with emphasis on "A" and "B".

A. Education: College Graduate.  
B. Language: Ability to speak, write and translate at least one foreign language.

C. Travel: Residence or travel in foreign countries.

Applications for attendance at the School of Military Government for enlisted men are made through military channels to absorb quotas allotted by the Office of the Provost Marshal General, Wash., D. C.

## Trainees In College

The first ASTP trainees from the Replacement Training Center have reported to a number of colleges for academic training after receiving basic infantry courses at North Camp.

The trainees will study mechanical, electrical and civil engineering, the basic ASTP academic course, pre-dental, pre-medical areas and languages, including French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Hungarian, Czech, Norwegian, Portuguese and Russian.

The Colleges and universities receiving the first shipments included Stanford, University of New Hampshire, Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, the Universities of Mississippi, Nebraska and Wyoming, and Princeton University.

## Camp Changes To Woolen OD's Nov. 1

Better get those woolen OD's cleaned and pressed, boys! You're going to need them soon.

All units in camp will make the change-over from the cotton sun-tan uniform to the woolen OD uniform on November 1, according to an official announcement this week.

## Chaplain Comes To 22nd Group From Harvard

Chaplain Elliot S. Hitch joined the 22nd TD group this week from the Chaplain's School at Harvard University where he has been studying for the last five weeks.

Lt. Hitch is a native Georgian, but before entering the Army was pastor of the Methodist church in Seville, Fla.

Chaplain Hitch is married and has two children. He is a former Florida Southern Football player. His hobbies include hunting and fishing in which he is considered an expert sportsman.

## Camp Talent Will Help With 'This Is The Army' Premier

Camp Hood personnel is co-operating with sponsoring committees in Waco, Temple and Killeen to make a success of their local premieres of "This Is The Army," Warner Brothers technical color film version of Irving Berlin's all-Army stage production. The proceeds of each of the premieres will go to the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

The Killeen premiere will be held tomorrow night in the Ritz Theatre; at the Arcadia Theatre in Temple next Wednesday night and at the Waco Theatre in Waco on Wednesday night, October 27. Admission prices for the premieres will range from one to five dollars.

## 'Come And Get It' Will Open Tonight For Six Appearances In Camp

New USO-Camp Show Will Play At North Camp Tonight Through Saturday And At South Camp Monday Through Wednesday

First USO show of the fall season opens tonight in North Camp, at the Central Rec Hall, 12th and Park St. The show, a fast revue paced by hot music and comedy, is called "Come and Get It".

Headlining the show is the teeterboard act of the "Three Mandels," an hilarious routine presented by three mustachioed acrobats, whose suspense-filled teeterboard routines have been topdewer stuff since their first big show, the 1922 "Greenwich Follies."

### Unusual Fiddle Act

For music there is Bee Southern, from Memphis, Tenn., known as "The South's Sweetest Fiddle Player." She opens with a sentimental solo and from that swings into sweet tunes, going into faster rhythms as she dances to her own music. One of the unusual angles of her act is that her dances are acrobatic, and she does it all in formal dress.

The comedy touch is supplied by Diane Berry, who has a trunkful of funny songs, and comedy dances to go with them. Diane has played most of the top theaters and clubs around the country, and did a stint at the New York Belmont-Plaza just before joining the USO circuit.

Sheila Rogers does singing impressions of famous stars. Though she has had only four years theatrical experience, she has covered 40 states with her act. She is pretty enough to make you want to remember her, but twists her face into fantastic contortions for her caricatures.

Sheila also acts as mistress of ceremonies for the show.

### At Both Camps

On the whole it's a fastpaced show, spiced with a variety of music and lots of laughs. It will remain in North Camp through Saturday night, and be in South Camp, at the Field House, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The show will start at 8 o'clock in North Camp, and 8:30 in South Camp.

### Goes To Cook's School

T-4 F. J. Pikel, Headquarters Co. 23rd Group, UTC, left Monday to attend cook's and bakers' school at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

## Postwar Plan Slated For Discussion

The first of a series of panel discussions on War Aims and Peace Problems will be held in the Music Room of the Leon Drive Service Club, in North Camp, Sunday at 6 p. m.

The initial topic will be "Make This The Last War," based on the book of the same name by Michael Straight, one of the editors of the New Republic Magazine.

The breakdown of the discussion will consider imperialism, international police control, reorganization of Europe (with special emphasis on distribution of resources and balancing international economies), and international government.

### Panel Group Named

Chairman of the panel group will be Pvt. Karl Siewers, Chicago Teachers College; other members will be Pvt. Chuck Klein, Cornell University; Pvt. Ralph Sher, Northeastern University; and Pvt. Raymond Watts, Antioch College.

After presentation of the topic by the panel, the meeting will be turned over to the audience for questions and discussion.

Suggested background reading for this week's discussion includes "One World" by Wendell Willkie, "Make This The Last War" by Michael Straight, "Century Of The Common Man," by Vice President Henry A. Wallace, "My India, My America" by Krishnalal Shridharain, and other books on similar topics, available at the library.

Everyone has been invited to attend the discussion.

## Commanding General, RTC, Presents WACs With Service Ribbons

In an informal ceremony last week, Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, presented the WACs on duty in the RTC with service ribbons, which indicate service prior to September 1st.

Before the presentation General Dumas and Capt. Margaret M. Phillips WAC Det. commanding office, inspected the company, which stood a formal retreat formation.

## ODD NUMBERS

T-Sgt. Louis Schwander, Classification Dept., insists that it really happened:

"A young father left Killeen for Dallas, to take a defense job. A few weeks later he wired his wife to join him."

"His young daughter, hearing the news, said her prayers that night with a variation, quoted in a local newspaper as 'Goodbye God, I'm going to Dallas.'"

"A Dallas newspaper, however, considered this the proper version, claimed the child said, 'Good, by God, I'm going to Dallas.'"

Despite our skepticism, it's a good story.

A communique from Charles A. Marlowe, Jr., Hq. Co. 17th Group, relates that 1st Sgt. Daniel F. Pagliarulo was perplexed by the large number of week end passes with destination Belton. Somebody reminded him that the Mary Hardin-Baylor College for Girls is in Belton.

Sgt. Pagliarulo, however, refuses to believe that so many men are interested in higher education.

T-Sgt. Smith, who works on the Panther, claims to know a latrine lawyer who told him confidentially that OPA (or some alphabetical combination) will soon release pipe cleaners.

Lost: Dog, Delmatian, female, four months old, black with white spots. Collar tag bears owner's address: Lt. F. J. Rispoli, Co. A, 692nd Bn.

Finding nothing early enough for his illustrative talent, Albert left on four day furlough, to East Texas to visit relatives. Before leaving he decided to have his picture taken, and he would, of course, choose a photographer who walks through walls.



rvt; Albert Wax, Hq. Co., 671st Bn., whose name started that fruitful rumor about the WACS, claims he really sweated out his furlough. The papers were all signed when suddenly caught up by a capricious wind, and he chased his furlough half over North Camp for 20 minutes.

As we say, The best lyrics of all get the Hood Panther Fall:

If he parks his little flivver  
Down beside the moonlit river  
And you feel him all a-quiver—  
Baby, He's a "Wolf."

If he says "You're gorgeous  
lookin'!"  
And your blue eyes set him  
cookin'—  
But your eyes aren't where he's  
lookin'—  
Baby, He's a "Wolf."

When he says you are an eye-  
ful,  
But his hands begin to trifle,  
And his heart pumps like a  
rifle—  
Baby, He's a "Wolf."

If by chance when you are  
kissin'  
You can feel his heart a-missin'  
And you talk, but he don't list-  
en—  
Baby, He's a "Wolf."

If his arms are strong like  
sinew  
And he stirs the gypsy in you  
So you want him close agin  
you,  
Baby, "YOU'RE the WOLF!"  
Which is a bit of stuff we  
borrowed from "Blitz," a Cana-  
dian OCS magazine which they  
in turn borrowed from Thumbs  
Up."



**A NIGHT AT CLUB 14**—Enlisted Men and officers of the Security Section, Weapons Dept., TDS, recently converted classroom 14 into "Club 14" for a party. Above, note TD insignia and decorations in foyer where the headwaiter greets T-5 Sidney Hedges, WAC Detach., North Camp, and Pvt. Ray Beacham, Co. C, Academic Regt., while a cigarette girl stands ready to wait on them. At right, top, the First TD Band plays from the stage designed for them, while, below, the crowd seems to be enjoying dancing on the waxed cement floor. Story below.

## Unusual Party Held By Security Section

Recent "Club 14" party of the Security Sec., Weapons Dept., TDS is an example of what close co-operation between enlisted men and officers can achieve to make life in the army more interesting during off-duty hours.

Classroom 14, one of the oblong buildings used for weapons classes, was converted into a veritable night club utilizing materials available on the post plus ingenuity and imagination. The interior of the building was draped with cloth and crepe paper, a stage was constructed at one end for the dance band, tables were placed around the dance floor which was waxed, and dressing rooms, check rooms and refreshment bars were constructed, complete in every detail. Camouflage netting with colored balloons was used for the ceiling. Decorations were made under supervision of T-5 August Porreca. Refreshments

were served at the tables where sheets served as table cloths and pillowcases as chair covers. Colored lights and public address system highlighted the floor show and program which featured a four pillars of freedom pageant under the direction of T-4 Warren D. Huffman. A half-hour mock radio broadcast was presented featuring the 1st TD dance band directed by T-Sgt. Barney Rook with T-5 Jack Williams and Jean Cates singing the vocals.

Late in the evening a floor show with Sgt. Sid Katz as master of ceremonies, was presented. Cpl. Sidney Hedges, WAC Detach. North Camp, sang. PFC Art Mee presented his "one man band," and Nancy Webster of Ft. Worth danced.

Committee responsible for the unusual party consisted of M-Sgt. William Thern, 1st Sgt. F. Old Brown, S-Sgt. Byron Hotaling, S-Sgt. John Slavinski, Sgt. John Colovito, Sgt. Charles Bailey, T-4 Warren D. Huffman, T-4 Willis Gentle, and Pvt. Austin Ley, which worked under direction of Lt. William Habblett.

## 672nd Bn. Finishes Long Hike

The 672nd Bn., commanded by Major F. F. Schweinler, arrived in North Camp last Thursday after a 62-mile cross country march from North Camp.

The 672nd is the third member of the 23rd Group to take the trip and the last TD battalion to undergo ITC training.

In all the battalion covered 62 miles, bivouaced three nights in the field, lost only one man on the march, and crossed the finish line with 624 officers and enlisted men.

## 51st OCS Class Goes 100 Percent For Bonds In Their Own Drive

In cooperation with the Third War Loan drive, the 51st Class, representing the 3rd company of Officer's Candidate School Regiment, TDS, is believed to be the first in this camp to be represented 100 per cent in a drive by an individual organization in Camp Hood. All subscriptions were voluntary.

In the class, which is composed of 75 candidates, every one subscribed to a bond as of this week of October 1. A response by every candidate in the third company during the latter part of September, helped put the bond "campaign" over the top.

## Pays \$1,000 For A Copy Of GI's Book

One thousand dollars for a copy of a paper bound book is a lot of money, even for a scarce collector's item.

But "Hilda Alive," written by T-5 Sammy Lillibridge of the First Tank Destroyer Band, recently sold for that astonishing sum at a bond rally in Meridian, farming community in Central Texas, during the Third War Loan Drive.

The TDC Band was playing at the rally, and Lillibridge offered a copy of his book, printed by Maj. Jones, Gatesville, Texas, publisher, as one of the premiums. The town's leading banker stepped forward and offered to buy \$1,000 bond for a copy of the story of carnival life penned by Lillibridge in his barracks.

## Headquarters Company Holds Birthday Party For Their Own Men

Headquarters Co. 23rd Group UTC gave a birthday party Oct. 6 for T-4 G. F. Stafford, T-4 Pikel and Pvt. M. C. Anderson, Beer, eats, group singing and card games were the order of the day.



## 'Habber Dabber' Night Has 'Old Corral' Theme

"Habber Dabber Night" entertainers at North Camp held to their high standards at the last weekly show Monday night.

The performance in Central Rec. Hall, entitled "The Olde Corral," joined a series of skits, songs, dances and hillbilly music. The cast also presented the show at the Eighth Street Officers' Club.

Sgt. George Hall of Hq. and Hq. Co., RTC, was master of ceremonies, and introduced, among others, WAC Cpl. Sidney Hedges as vocalist. Corporal Hedges also sang a duet with Lt. John L. Sleizinger of the RTC Special Services Office.

Two tap dancers with fast routines were Pvt. Carlton Fogle of the 291st Ordnance Bn. and Pvt. Mahoney, Co. E, 129th RAC Bn.

The hillbilly group featured the banjo work of Pvt. Ray Parks of Co. A, 138th RTC Bn., and included Cpl. Joseph Naples, leader. Pvs. James H. Kelly and Williams L. Jernell, all of Co. D, 130th Bn., and Pvs. Joey Ross and Otis Phipps of Co. C and B, respectively, 129th Bn., RTC.

Co. A, 133rd RTC Bn, supplied a colored quintet which was well received. The singers were Pvs. Edward Mason, John Ma-

son, Arthur Caple, Almo Peete and Frank J. Worthy.

In and out of "The Olde Corral" during the evening were the comedians Zeke and Meek, portrayed by Lt. Sleizinger and Sgt. Hall, with Lt. Tom Wilhoit of RTC Hq. as "Paw."

Helen Manheim of the Leon Drive Service Club was the featured vocalist for the performance at the Officers' Club.

## TDS Radio News KTEM Sunday

The Tank Destroyer School news, broadcast every Sunday morning at 10:45, relinquished its time last Sunday due to KTEM's rearranged radio schedule resulting from the World Series broadcast and was heard at 7:30 p. m.

This Sunday, Sgt. Robert Clemens returns with the TDS news broadcast at 10:45 a. m., at which time he has been heard for the past 10 months, weekly, giving a colorful narration of TDS news and personalities and the vital role taken in this war by the Tank Destroyers, in a program that has become an important feature at KTEM.

## PANTHER PARK

(Enlisted Men's Country Club at Lampasas, Texas)

Located 23 miles from Camp Hood—Bus Transportation available from Central Bus Station.

Cafeteria—Service Club—Rec. Hall—Barracks—Swimming Pool—Skating Rink—Cottages.

Dancing every Saturday night to the music of a Camp Hood Orchestra.

No reservations are necessary except for Cottages.

Panther park is operated by Camp Hood Special Services for the benefit of Enlisted men Only.



# ASTP Trainees From All Colleges Take Basic Here

The Army Specialized Training Program, with its ultimate goal of providing the Army with a group of technical specialists, has set its educational standards at a high level.

ASTP units in the Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood are typical of the type of young men who are undergoing 13 weeks of Infantry basic training preparatory to going back to school under the STAR (Specialized Training and Reassignment) part of the program at the hundreds of colleges and universities participating in the State of Texas in this sample battalion.

## Through High School

Every man in this sample battalion has had at least a high school education or its equivalent. Not all men in ASTP battalions will go on for advanced training in engineering, psychology, medicine, mathematics, science, and foreign languages, for during the 13 weeks of military training each man is kept under constant study to determine his potentialities. Men who have been wrongly assigned soon are weeded out; these men continue their military training and many have gone on to make splendid soldiers. Their only cause of failure in the ASTP may be traced in most cases, to faulty educational opportunities or to circumstances beyond their control.

Texas A&M, with seven men, and the University of Texas at Austin, with two men, represent

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has 99 men, New York University has 62, Oregon State, 53, the University of California, 35, and Cornell, 25.

Ten men come from each of the following educational institutions:

University of Wisconsin; Notre Dame; University of Illinois, and Illinois State Teachers College.

Among the many other colleges represented are: Western Reserve; Alma College of Michigan; and Oklahoma A&M, with eight men each; Hope College, Mich.; and DePaul, Ill. seven; Calvin College, Mich.; the University of Idaho; Louisiana State; Michigan University, and Washington State, six; University of Pennsylvania; University of Nevada; Loyola; Marquette, and Virginia Military Institute, five each, and smaller groups from Duke, Dartmouth, Holy Cross, Pennsylvania State, Moston College, Brigham Young University (Utah), Ohio State, University of Washington, Harvard, Fordham, and Iowa State.

## Red Cross Gives Aid On Rush Furloughs

The American Red Cross at Camp Hood is ready to help servicemen wanting emergency furloughs but it does not have the authority to grant or deny a furlough.

This was the statement today by Robert H. Watson, Red Cross field director, explaining that in some localities there has been a misunderstanding to the effect that the Red Cross was in a position to release men from the armed forces to return home on furlough.

To help cut down the time between notification of the man by his family and his departure for home on an emergency furlough, Field Director Watson suggests the following emergency furlough steps and urges they be clipped by servicemen and sent home to acquaint their families with the recommended procedure in case of emergency:

1. The family notifies the serviceman, giving him full details of the emergency. Immediately afterwards the family gives the same information to the local Red Cross chapter.
  2. The serviceman then makes his own request for a furlough to his commanding officer.
  3. The Red Cross field director is asked by the commanding officer to get additional information about the reported emergency.
  4. The Red Cross field director reports to the commanding officer what the local chapter has found regarding the situation.
- The decision regarding the need for furlough is made by the commanding officer. Field Director Watson emphasized.
- Four American Red Cross offices are being maintained 24 hours per day in Camp Hood.

## Employees, Soldiers In Personnel Office Buy Bonds

The Camp Hood Personnel Section, whose personnel is primarily civilians, were one of the many serious groups to buy extra War Bonds during the recent Third War Bond Drive. At a recent party for the section, approximately \$7500 in Bonds were purchased. Following is a list of those persons who purchased extra bonds during the drive.

### Over \$1000 Bond

T-4 Donald S. Leecraft, M-S K. K. Smith.

### \$750 Bond

Lucille N. Linn.

### \$100 Bonds

Dorothy Dupree, Josephine Edens, Violet Christian, Irene Gibson, Mary A. Head, Mildred Horn, Edith Levy, Bernice Massington.

After spending 10 years in the Army, and seeing many parts of this old U. S. A. and many other countries, Staff Sgt. Peter P. Yanchus, Rcn. Co. 664th Bn. UTC, had to come to Texas to find a suitable mate. He was married last Saturday to Lucille Newton, a native of Dallas.

Claudia Nolte, Glendene Ott, Ella Romberg, Lettie E. Smith, Jerry St. Clair, Pfc. Abe Kushner, Lt. Sachs, Capt. Turner (2), Lt. Corrick, Col. Tobachnik V. H. Peterson, Lt. Forscher, Capt. Donahue, Lt. Frisch, Lt. Morris, Lt. Thoren, Lt. Markman Mr. Horn, Lt. Prondkinski, T-5 Harold Darryle.

### \$50 Bonds

Lorraine Beerwinkle, Louise Fox, Ruth Kinney, Anna D. Norman, Ethel Thomas, T-3 Francis McQuilkin, Sgt. H. T. Hipskind, T-4 Murray Brodsky, M-S Cox, T-E Sevin, Lt. Rowe, Lt. Rotman, Capt. Butler, Lt. Turner.

### \$25 Bonds

Louise Barclay, Grover Beakley, Letrice Benedict, Orva N. Cabaniss, Shirley Christensen, Dorothy Daniel, Eda Dooley, Mary Grimes, Louise Johnston, Helen Karp, Maurice Marion, Margaret Morgan, Virginia Nelson, Helen Pirtle, Jean Ray, Alice Reyther, Inez Rice, Opal Rumm, Nona M. Willis, Mary F. Young, Sgt. John E. Flynn, Sgt. Rod J. Casovoy, Pvt. M. C. Siegel, Lt. Young, 2nd Lt. Younge.

## Army Will Look Out For You If Ill On Furlough

If you should happen to be taken ill while on a furlough, what should you do? Do you lose your furlough time if confined to a hospital? These are questions which have faced many a soldier.

Any member of a military organization who is taken ill while on furlough may be cared for at nearest Army hospital. If no Army hospital is in the vicinity, he may apply for admittance to the nearest civilian hospital. In such case, if the man's illness is in "line of duty", or if his injuries were the result of no carelessness or negligence on his part the civilian hospital bill will be paid from a special fund maintained by the Surgeon General.

In case there is any question as to whether his illness was in line of duty, or was the result of his own negligence, the commanding officer at his home unit requests that an investigating officer may be appointed at the scene of the man's hospitalization. If the illness is clearly proven to be NLD or the result of his own negligence, the man himself is liable for the hospital bill.

A man's furlough ceases automatically upon admittance to any hospital. But he assumes the uncompleted portion on release from the hospital.

## Hospital Ward Wants Radio Set

Patients in surgical ward A-6 at Station Hospital will likely swear by their radio once they obtain it.

Money to purchase a set, for which they are now looking, was obtained by contributions which were placed in a "cuss box." Whenever anyone in the ward used a word not acceptable to the rest of them, he had to make a donation.

The patients have collected \$30 in this manner with which they wish to purchase a radio for the ward.

Anyone having a radio, which they would like to sell to the men, has been requested to contact the Editor of The Panther.

## Company B, 662nd Battalion, Holds First Party Here

Company "B", 662nd Bn. held their first party since their arrival here on August 26th.

The party was in the Company Day Room, which was decorated for the occasion.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
**IN 'THUMBS' UP**—PFC Art Mee, Signal Corps Detach., on stage with T-5 Sammy Lillibridge, MC, was a headliner with some of the finest musical comedies in the country and headed his own review, before entering the Army. Now he heads the cast of the Special Service show "Thumbs Up." One of his number is done with an intricate conglomeration of gadgets which he calls the "Plumber's Nightmare." He also is a musician, playing a fiddle, an instrument of his own invention.

## Corporal In 662nd Uses Talent On Plot

By CPL. HAROLD FRENCH

Talent can often be discovered in unexpected places about Camp Hood and among these places may now be counted the terrain plot of Company A, 662nd Bn., or where the work of Cpl. Harold Brenneman has been attracting attention from company and visiting officers. Cpl. Brenneman has been given a free hand in the project by his company, and from a study of tactical problems for which the plots are to be employed he has succeeded in producing one that is both practical and attractive for the students.

Emphasis upon this phase of training in the 662nd Battalion began while the organization was summering at Shell Camp under the direction of the former BUTC, when Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, Commanding General of the TDC, commented favorably upon the battalion's work in this field and suggested that vehicular and building models be added. Cpl. Brenneman, at that time a private newly assigned to the organization, was called in to do the work.

His current plot in the Company

A day room has been so arranged that it may be altered to meet terrain requirements of any particular problem and has a large stock of accessories, tanks, tank destroyers and building and landscape models, all carved and painted by Cpl. Brenneman that may be employed at the discretion of the instructor. This work has led to his interest in tactical problems to the extent that he has worked out several of his own that have been the subject of class discussion.

Work of this nature is not new to Cpl. Brenneman. Prior to his entrance into the army through the Enlisted Reserve Corps, he was a student of Art at the Indiana State Teacher's College, Indiana, Pa. His interest in art has been life long and his past work includes a number of studies in oils, ink and charcoal, although his favorite medium is water color and his favorite subjects, portraits of men and women in whom he finds interesting and distinctive characteristics. No academician, he is seriously interested in the works of such hotly discussed modern artists as Paul Picasso and Paul Klee.

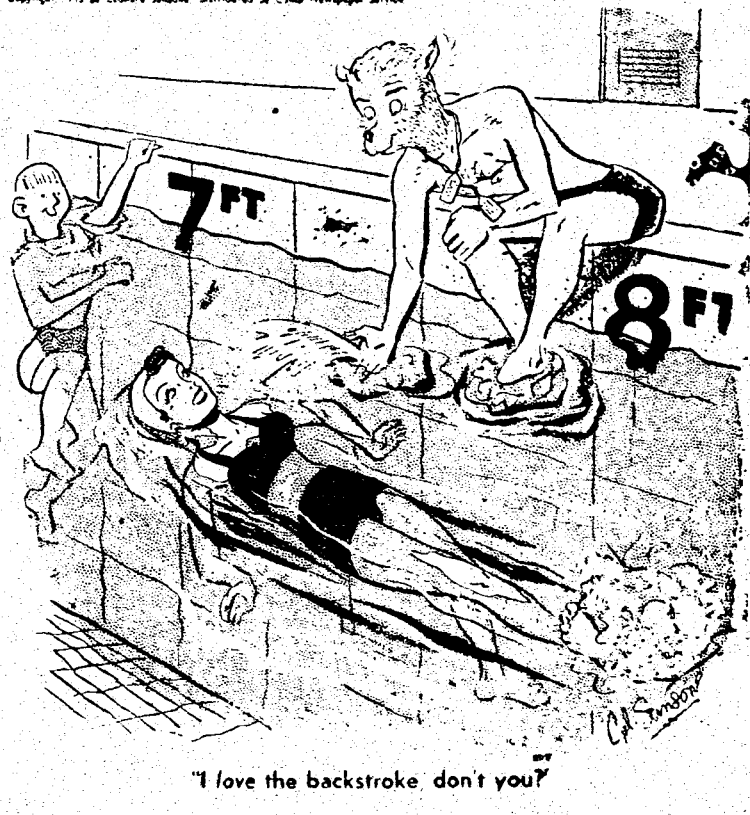
### Does Sketching

His artistic endeavors in the Army, however, have not been limited to the terrain plot. During his days of training in the RTC and the Tank Destroyer Enlisted Radio School, he developed the habit of doing charcoal sketches of the other members of the company. Started at first as a hobby, so popular were these pictures that the demand for them soon exceeded the ability of artist Brenneman to supply the portraits. Since he has joined the 662nd, as a member of the A Co. Security Section, he has continued this work and his drawings have become well-known through the battalion and his sittings are always attended by a crowd of interested spectators. He has succeeded in bringing art to the man in the ranks in a big way.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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## Don't Prolong The War

"GERMANY AND JAPAN KNOW they can't win, but they still believe that they may be able to stave off complete defeat. And they will exert every effort to hold what they can. 'The most difficult job of all lies ahead of us and it will be costly in blood and effort.'"

This was the warning given recently by the Army's highest ranking leaders.

"The fighting ahead will be hard and bloody and if we sit back and coast, either in the Army or on the production front, we will be inviting disaster," Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff said.

## Training More Valuable

Just what does that mean to us who are training here to join our fellows at the fighting fronts?

It means this: Now more than ever before, we must concentrate on training!

We know the war news is good right now. The seizure of the initiative by the United Nations has given us a great asset since it is now possible to strike the enemy when and where we choose, but this is offset to a degree by the fact that Germany and Japan are operating on interior lines and every withdrawal shortens their supply lines and enables them to economize on the military forces needed.

We have much of which to be proud; the excellent way in which we have met the enemy both in the Pacific and in Europe; the performance of our new ingenious equipment.

Our morale should be, and is, at a high peak, but we must not let it turn into over-optimism, over-confidence in what we can do to the extent that we will slacken our attempt to do it.

Certainly our training is rugged. Especially here at Camp Hood where we train to fight in a rugged branch of the service, Tank Destroyers.

## We All Work

Enlisted men and officers here alike, undergo the same processing, the same hard struggle through battle conditioning courses.

When the training period is over, both enlisted men and officers have in common the same toughening experiences which has readied them for actual combat which they will face together.

We can be proud, we can be cocky, our morale can be high, but we mustn't be over-confident of an early victory.

That overconfidence of an easy win will only prolong the end of the war.

**Editor's Note:** We have published one poem criticizing Texas and one defending it, all in good humor. Now we present these neutral rhymes to close the series on a note of harmony.

## Let's Bury The Hatchet

(In Tojo and Hitler's Neck)

I remember when I went to school  
We learned about a war  
Between the people of North and South  
But what was it fought for?

It seems as though the South insists  
That something went amiss  
And they think the North suffers from  
The fact that "Ignorance is bliss."

The Yankees, on the other hand,  
Say that General Lee  
Never knew what hit him.  
On Sherman's march to the sea.

But enough of what both sections think  
There's no more blue or gray.  
There's a bigger war than ever before  
That must be won today.

There really is no such thing  
As North or South or West—  
Just say that you're American,  
And then you know you're best.

So patch it up boys, forget the tiff,  
On the double, hurry, run!  
OK Americans, "get on the ball"  
Let's get THIS battle won!

—Pvt. Irwin B. Birnbaum  
Ration Board

## Peace It's Wonderful

We've all heard of Texas  
and how it's worth fighting for.  
In answer to your quibbling  
you, alone, can't win the war.

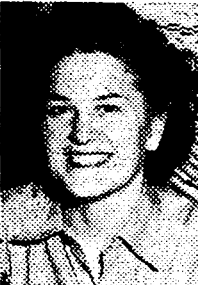
In the Solomons and every field  
men are dying every day,  
Maybe some are from Texas



On the radio, in newspapers and magazines we've been hearing a lot of talk about "a better world." The Panther's polling reporter asked:

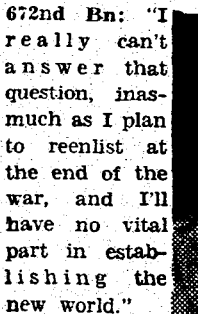
WHAT DOES THE PHRASE "A BETTER WORLD" MEAN TO YOU?

Pfc. Lorna Hodges, WAC Det.,



T.D.C.: "It means a world free from struggle and hardship, a world in which peace among all nations is assured, a world in which there will be no fear. It will be a world in which people will trust each other."

T-Sgt. Paul Williams, Hq. Co.,



672nd Bn: "I really can't answer that question, inasmuch as I plan to reenlist at the end of the war, and I'll have no vital part in establishing the new world."

Cpl. Clifton G. Charles, Co. B,



Trk. Bn. T.D.C.: "Any world with peace will be a better world. But I guess it means a world where we'll be able to continue our studies, to get a job and feel secure with our families."



See Editorial At Left

## Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

It has been reliably reported to us that the WACs working in the message center are now known as "Postal Packin' Mamas."

Inconsistent as it sounds, when the government puts a ceiling on prices it cuts down on the overhead.

We now learn of a strip-teaser who does her dance with war bonds, instead of feathers, bubbles or pigeons. There's no telling what they'll pull off next.

As the result of a rock slide, a likeness of the face of Adolf Hitler is shown in stone along the Hudson River. It's just a big bluff, too.



Editor, The Panther:

You're doing a mighty fine job and I'm especially pleased with the poem "Sad But True, by S-Sgt. Harry A. Dunshee, also your editorial, "Citation In Sand", both in your Sept. 30th issue.

You have my thanks, keep up the good work. Gratefully—

Cpl. Walter Buckbee  
Hq., 127th Bn., RTC

Editor, The Panther

Would you kindly inform me as to how I can secure one of those plastic discharge buttons for my coat lapel. I was discharged Aug. 27, this year.

Russell Anderson,  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Editor's Note:** They are now in process of manufacture by the G.M.C. They will be placed on sale to men with discharges through military stores, we believe.

## Transfer From UTC

A number of familiar faces from UTC will no longer be seen around Camp Hood. Transfers of a number of enlisted men to other branches of armed services have become effective this week.

Technical Sergeant Mac Wal-drip, Intelligence Sergeant of the 663rd. TD Bn., has been accepted by the Army Air Corps and left last week-end to begin Aviation Cadet training. Pvt. Robert Telford, 19th. Gp. Hqs. Co., has also been accepted as an Aviation Cadet.

Sgt. William Simonsen, Hq. Co. 663rd; Pfc. Frank Rotondo and Pvt. George Johnson, Co. B, 662nd, have all been accepted for the Paratroops and have gone to Fort Benning, Ga., to begin their new training.

Pfc. Edmund Pocock, Hqs. Co., 655th. Bn, formerly a resident of Canada, has been accepted for service with the Royal Canadian Air Force, and a transfer has been effected so that he may join the fliers of his native country.

## Quote Of The Week

"They (U. S. troops) all wanted to know whether they would have jobs. They took a tremendous interest in the kind of world we are going to have after the peace."—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, back from Pacific tour.

but not all, like you say.

Some are from the North and South  
and some from East and West,  
But we're all in the Army  
and doing our doggone best.

We fought a war in '76  
and again in '61'  
And let me tell you quibblers  
'twas there freedom of speech was won

Our dads' fought for this country  
in World War Number One  
We're fighting for America too  
no matter where we're from

We are all Americans  
That makes us all the best  
And if we stick together  
We know we'll lick the rest.

—Cpl Joseph Opray

## A Side Glance

Let's quit this silly chatter  
This trash that flows so free  
Let's cut this ancient bickering—  
This land's for you and me.

You didn't ask us down here—  
We didn't ask to come  
At least we're here together  
Ah, fellas—Let's be Chums.

We've heard a lot of Texas  
You've heard about us too  
We'll hear a lot more from both sides  
Before this fight is through.

I speak with strictly Northern tongue  
And yet it's Southern too  
It's hard to take such thoughtless words  
From any one of you.

We're down here from the northern states  
You're up there from the South  
Some men are in the rain and sleet  
And others in a drouth.

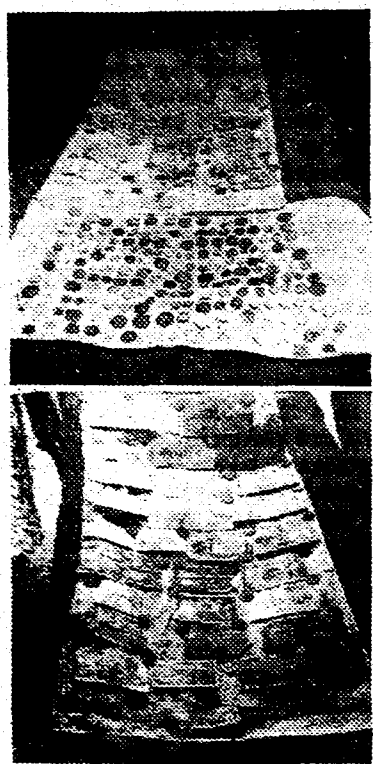
We're in this thing together Chum—  
At least we might as well—  
Be in this thing together  
And just give the Axis HELL!

—T-5 Delmar F. Fields



## Found Odd Coins On Duty Overseas

Lake most American soldiers returning from a tour of duty overseas, First Sergeant Bradford E. Dennis of Company A, 147th AST Bn., relates interesting tales of the strange customs of foreign lands and eccentricities of their populace. But to augment his stories Sergeant Dennis has brought back souvenir remembrances of his itinerary in



a unique coin and paper money collection.

### Is A New Hobby

Dennis had never had foreign coins in his hand before January of 1942, when he was shipped to the Southwest Pacific area. Today he has an aggregation of more than 200 different pieces of money representing approximately 100 foreign countries.

The sergeant, whose home town is Industry, Ill., entered the Army in 1938 and served with a Field Artillery battalion. Arriving in Melbourne, Australia, in January, 1942, after an adventurous trip in which his ship was fired at three times by Japanese torpedoes without being hit, his battery finally settled in New Caledonia where it took up an island security defense mission.

### Starts Collection

It was here that the soldier-collector started gathering the strange looking tokens that later made up his display of foreign currency. His first coins were obtained from customs agents and merchants. The variety of his exhibit is the result of his coin trading around seaports and customs offices where currency from many lands flows freely.

Among the countries represented are Bolivia, Switzerland, France, Hawaii, the Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Tunisia, Borneo, Italy, India, New Caledonia, Portugal, Indo-China, Greece, Ceylon, Spain, Mexico, Belgium, Japan, the Fiji Islands, China, Peru, and Thailand.

The most valuable sounding piece in the group is a German 500,000 Mark bill, but the Sergeant smiled when he explained it wouldn't have been enough to buy five loaves of bread in Germany for a long period after World War I.

His oldest item is a well preserved French coin with a date of 1782.

A number of his Japanese dollars were gathered personally by Dennis from what he called "good" Japanese—dead ones. Other Japanese bills are new invasion notes printed as occupation currency.

### Has Vatican Coin

An interesting coin is one redeemable only in the Vatican City. Others are an Italian coin carrying a picture of Napoleon and a bill from Tonga, a British controlled island just 17 miles square, having its own currency.

His Hawaiian dollar bills are identical to the American dollar except for the word "Hawaii" printed in small black letters on either side. The bills, incidentally,

are not redeemable in the United States, although they are often passed unnoticed.

The top kick has had various offers for parts or all of the collection, but has turned them down until he can get his coins appraised by a coin expert. He plans to continue his hobby if he can find coins that interest him.

## 23rd TD Group Chaplain Knows About War Work

Chaplain Charles R. Stinnette, the new 29-year-old chaplain for the 23rd Group UTC, comes to the Group no novice to war work.

"News Week" magazine, the past summer, had an article on "Religious Services in War Plants, Areas, etc." The 23rd Group chaplain was instigator of that movement. It has spread throughout the country. For three years before entering the Army Chaplain Stinnette was Rector of Trinity Church, Hartford, Conn. At the Colt Arms Plant there, he started the movement of holding religious services and doing field work among munition workers. The work at the Colt Arms Plant filled such a big need that every large war plant in America now has the service of a chaplain.

Chaplain Stinnette had four years military training before entering the ministry. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University. The 23rd Group Chaplain holds an Engineering degree from there and held a 1st Lieutenant's commission in the Officers Reserve. Later deciding to enter the ministry, and graduated from the Union Theological Seminary. Although a chaplain goes unarmed, even in battle areas, Chaplain Stinnette is thoroughly familiar with arms. He takes his place on the range, making creditable scores.

## He Didn't Know He'd Come That Way

"So near and yet so far" is likely to be Cpl. Torenzio De Ponte's answer these days to inquiries about his cousin from Italy.

De Ponte, message center corporal in the 16th TD Group, UTC, received word from his father in Jeanette, Pa., that the aforementioned cousin is a prisoner of war interned scarcely 400 miles from Camp Hood.

De Ponte can—and does—write to his kinsman, whom he has never seen, but it not permitted to visit him.

"My cousin always wanted to come to America," De Ponte says, "but I guess he never thought he'd make the trip under these circumstances. Oh well, e la guerra."

Which, as anyone will tell you, is just another way of saying, "C'est la guerre."

## 658th Members Have Part In 'Sahara'

There was a private cheering section at the showing of the movie "Sahara"—from the 658th Bn.—they were cheering T-5 Carmine Gualtieri, Sgt. Jack Slominsky, T-5 William Kelly, Pvt. Kirby Stewart, and Pfc. Charles Gaines, who were in the show.

"Sahara," with Humphrey Bogart, was made in Death Valley while the 658th was on maneuvers there with the 6th TD Group. The director, Zoltan Korda, asked permission to use some of the men in the picture for scenes involving the TD's, and these men

## Suggestions On Running Camp Wanted

Do you know of any way to accomplish the lessening of waste, conservation of manpower, or the saving of time in the operation of Camp Hood?

If you have any ideas along this line which help result in a saving of money for the War Department, you can expect an award, in cash, which will represent a substantial part of the annual amount your suggestion has saved the Government. The cash awards are made to civilian employees but suggestions by military personnel for the speeding of production and the saving of time and material will be appreciated and properly acknowledged.

### Civilian Gets Award

First civilian employee to receive a cash bonus for a worthwhile idea in conservation of manpower and material was Mrs. Zillah K. Schreck, of the Post Adjutant's office. Upon receiving the prize money, Mrs. Schreck patriotically personalized her conservation processes by immediately applying her award to a War Bond purchase.

Mrs. Schreck's prize-winning suggestion was mimeograph, instead of typewriting, certain lists of names which have wide distribution in the camp, thereby saving the time of typists and wear and tear on typewriter machines and ribbons.

### Boxes Are Provided

So, if you know of anything or any way to save time or material for the Government, mail or drop your ideas in proper form in the boxes placed by the War Department Suggestion Committee for that purpose in key spots in North and South Camp Hood.

You can win from \$5 to \$250, depending on what your suggestion is worth.

## Lt. Kieran, TD Veteran, Nabs Nazi Grenadiers In Sicily

Lt. John P. Kieran, Jr., one of the first members of the Weapons Departments to see combat in North Africa, bagged two Nazi grenadiers in the Sicilian campaign, it has been learned here.

Details of the capture are not available. The account itself, characteristically, did not come from Lt. Kieran, but was contained in a letter received by Capt. Robert C. Lowe, S-2 of the 16th TD Group, UTC, from Lt. Col. E. V. Sutherland, formerly of the ITC staff.

"John Kieran dropped in for a chat at the CP last evening," wrote Col. Sutherland on August 15. "He has developed quite a dangerous job for himself: forward observer for an infantry cannon company. Not too healthy, but he seems to love it."

"Imagine going into the thing with a book of Aldous Huxley in your coverall pocket! He does. So far he has captured two Panzer Grenadiers himself, single-handed, and avoided violent death by a hair."

## Chaplain Believes In Keeping Physically, Spiritually Fit

By T-4 Charles A. Marlowe, Jr. Chaplain Preston J. Marquette, 17th Group, UTC, is a quiet individual, but when he's on the athletic field he can show up anyone his own age, and many men five or 10 years younger.

During the past week, the 658th battalion took the Army Ground Force Physical Test.

The chaplain participated in all the hikes, races and exercises, the push-ups, burpees, the 300-

yd. run, pig-a-back, zig-zag and the four-mile hike. In every contest he made 100 percent.

Which just goes to show that a chaplain is not only a good counselor on religious and personal matters, but also an expert on how to keep physical fit.



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## Father, Son Reunited In RTC Where Both Took Training

"Your Dad is just across the street!"

So Private Gene L. Stotts, 18, who had just completed basic training at the Army's vast Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp Hood, Texas, was informed by a buddy that his father, Pvt. Raymond F. Stotts, 37, had arrived at this camp for training.

The father had travelled here in August from his home at 6581 Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, Ill., to have a last visit with his son prior to his own induction. The Stotts' luck in timing was amazing, for young Gene was waiting shipping orders when his father arrived here from Camp Grant, Ill., to undergo the same basic Tank Destroyer training as his son had taken.

The elder Stotts had no idea of his destination when he left Grant, and "expected to be sent thousands of miles away from Gene."

The reunion was climaxed when

Gene was transferred to TDRTC Headquarters Company here for duty as a driver. It is now possible that when Pvt. Stotts, Sr., completes training they may be transferred together. Gene "sure hopes to be held 'til then!"

There is a strong family resemblance between the two, with the senior Stotts' youthful appearance making them look like brothers. True to Army tradition, Gene has seniority over his dad, having been in the Army longer. Whether he "pulls rank" or not must remain to be seen.

## Words Without Music

Sailors at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Base in California looked, listened to Nora Martin, Eddie Cantor's new redheaded singer, and voted her "The girl I'd like to meet in every port."

Nothing was said about desert islands.

Dude Martin's "Cowboy Hit Review" (Saturday 11 p. m., Blue Network) lists the most popular yodels:

I Hanged My Head and Cried  
Honey I'm In Love With You  
Always Alone  
Buddy Boy  
Riding Herd On A Cloud  
Pins and Needles In My Heart  
Shep Fields' is the Spotlight Band tonight (Blue Network, 8:30), Russ Morgan's tomorrow night, and Abe Lyman's Saturday.

Ozzie Nelson and his orchestra will ride the Fitch Bandwagon Sunday night. Kay Kyser and his boys will be on it the following Sunday.

Count Basie is at the Apollo in New York. Les Brown at the Chermot Room in Omaha, Cab Calloway in Buffalo, Benny Goodman at the RKO in Boston.

Horace Heidt, (NBC, Tuesdays at 7:30) is back in Hollywood after a five months tour of the country.

Spike Jones and his orchestrated noise is also back in Hollywood after a cross country tour.

The new Song for the picture "Princess O'Rourke" is being mailed via bomber to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek—the name, "Honorable Moon."

Abbott and Costello will be back on the air November 4th.

Howard Barlow replaces Alfred Wallenstein on "The Voice of Firestone" (NBC, Mondays, 7:30).

The Metropolitan Opera will take the air again beginning Saturday, Nov. 27th. Milton Cross will preside.

## WAC Goes To OCS

T-3 Mary E. Savage of the WAC Detachment, TDC, North Camp, has reported for classes at the WAC Officer Candidate School at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Sergeant Savage was secretary to Brig. Gen. Harry P. Thompson, commanding general of the Individual Training Center, prior to leaving for OCS.

## Parents Of A Son

T-5 and Mrs. George Rowe are the parents of a six-pound son born at McCloskey Hospital, Temple, October 5, which they have named George Floyd Rowe, Jr. Cpl. Rowe is a member of Co. C, Academic Regt., TDS.



END OF THE DAY—Life in an army camp is mostly hard training, as these two slumbering soldiers can well testify. Privates Warren C. Evicks and William F. Kidd, RTC Trainees, lie in front of their pup tent, dog tired, as is Buster, their mascot, after a hard day's training.

## Supply Sergeant In New Hebrides

A battalion supply sergeant near the combat zones finds his work very little apart from supply sergeants in the camps throughout the continental United States. This is proof that the training and work of the Army supply sergeants in this country is as it should be. Master Sergeant John E. Gunther was an assistant to the supply sergeant, while at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. But from the moment sailing orders came, he was made a full battalion sergeant.

### Now Chief Clerk

Today, Gunther is chief clerk of the S-4 section of the TD School, and behind him are months of toil in foreign service in New Hebrides.

At Fort Bragg, Gunther was in the Field Artillery, a pack-horse and mule outfit. With the order to move out, came the directive to activate this group into a motorized unit. They had just one week to convert and ship out, as the Quartermaster took over the animals for another outfit. Gunther spent the entire period at the docks as the ship was loaded, watching and aiding in the distribution of supplies.

They steamed to the New Hebrides group of islands, 1000 miles north of Australia, controlled by the British and Free French. At the landing, 50 men made up an advance detail and went ahead, selecting a bivouac area in a coconut grove. Gunther supervised the erection of the tents and hired native labor to build grass huts for the kitchens and supply rooms, and he took over the battalion supply warehouse. Arsenals were dug over wide areas of the grove in which the ammunition was buried and the entire place was camouflaged. Guadalcanal was only 800 miles away, and just 125 miles to their north, their own island was bombed by the Japs, so they were placed on constant alerts against enemy surprise attacks.

The purpose of sending a military unit to this island was to establish a hospital base, and to protect it. The hospital was completed before the Solomons campaign, to prepare for the wounded. Today, it is a modern, efficient hospital, composed of large huts, it is operated by Navy personnel and protected by the Army.

### Picked For Duty

From volunteers, men were picked for three months outpost duty on such islands as Santa Cruz,

populated only by natives. The men were detailed in pairs, and kept daily contact with the base. Two of the men contracted black-water fever and died while on duty, being posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Gunther was kept busy issuing equipment to combat parties sent to nearby islands when alarms came in. The flow of supplies from the States was never interrupted—never late.

Morale of the men was superior. There was plenty of athletics, and movies shown by the Field Red Cross Service.

As the months passed, men from the outfit began to trickle back to the States to help form new units, and others with Malaria



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

had to be relieved. But due to quick replacements they were always at full strength.

On the island, Gunther was promoted from Tech. to Master Sergeant, and not long after, was sent back to the States and Camp Hood, where this boy from Spartanburg, South Carolina was rejoined by his wife and nine months old daughter.

### 106th Opens Season

The 106th Cavalry football team opened the Camp Hood league football chase last Saturday afternoon by nosing out the highly-outed 665th Bn. "Red Devils," 7 to 6 in a game played on the Cavalry gridiron.

Games scheduled in the league for next Saturday pit the 106th Cavalry against the Tank Destroyer School eleven, and a probable game between the UTC and 664th Bn. grid teams.

PFC Paul R. Rungan, Co. B, 801st Bn., and Miss Beulah Mae Beck, of Cleburne, Texas, were married Sept. 24th.

## Wounded Veterans Tell Interesting Stories Of Action

Lieutenant L. S. Barnhill, of the Publications Department, TD School, former Miami newspaperman, sent good story material at McCloskey Hospital in Temple from wounded combat men who arrived there from all parts of the globe. Lt. Barnhill has uncovered invaluable material from the Army standpoint. In his series of interviews he also obtained first hand information from the returned officers and men.

### Nazis Were Deceptive

Capt David C. Kelly was in an Infantry division that landed at Oran and fought the African campaign. He landed in the first wave again at Gela in the invasion of Sicily, and was wounded there. He spoke of the difficult task of identifying the enemy in battle, who may be dressed in any of several colored uniforms and speak as good English as any of our own boys. At Kasserine Pass, Nazi patrols dressed as Arabs penetrated far enough to the rear to attack an American field artillery position. The Germans used guns concealed beneath their robes. Fortunately the wide awake Yanks became instantly aware of the situation and dealt summarily with the marauders.

On other occasions, according to Captain Kelly, small German patrols approached American lines with, "Hey, Joe, I'm lost, can you tell me where the so-and-so out-

fit is?" When Americans showed themselves to reply the Germans whipped guns from beneath their clothes and opened fire.

### Half-Track Sinks Sub

Lt. Barnhill had another interview with two enlisted men who had served against the Japs at Point Cruz, where Barney Ross won nationwide attention for holding off a superior Jap force single-handedly and thereby saving his unit from severe losses during a surprise night action. These men witnessed a strange duel. (TD's should note with interest!) It was between a Jap submarine and a half-track mounting a 75-mm. gun in which the half-track sank the sub. The sub had come close off shore to shell the American positions when the half-track went into action.

In a third interview, Lt. Barnhill met Lieutenant T. L. Faucett, of Lawton, Oklahoma, who was a graduate of the OCS Class right in our own Tank Destroyer School. After landing in Casablanca in mid-January, Lt. Faucett moved out with his outfit by jeeps and personnel carriers three-quarters of the way across the top of Africa to Constantine. He served at Maknassy, in southern Tunisia where the Americans were instrumental in pinning the Germans down to the coastal area in their retreat to the "Hell's corner" of Tunisia.



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

Portugal has granted Britain naval and air antisubmarine bases in the Azores, strategic crossroads islands on all routes from the United States to England and the Mediterranean.

Portugal maintained that it was still neutral, and the Nazis indicated that they would take no action against Portugal—possibly because they don't feel in a position to challenge Portugal's 150,000 troops, and because Lisbon is valuable as an operational post for German spies, and for embarkation to South America.

### Value Of Bases

The new bases will provide a more suitable ferry route to Britain, convenient refueling depot, enable fighter planes and bombers to be flown directly across the Atlantic to Africa and then the continent.

President Roosevelt, answering remarks made in the Senate, declared that it was not feasible for Russia to enter the war against Japan at this time, because any gain from Russia fighting Japan might be greatly offset by loss of power in her smash against Germany.

The drive of the 5th Army after crossing the Volturno River in Italy was delayed by flood waters that turned the battlefield into a sea of mud. In a slightly more favorable position, the British 8th was reported to have gained some ground on the Adriatic end of the line.

### Germans Retreat

Broadcasts from Cairo and Berlin said that the Germans had retreated from positions along the Calore River, at the center of the Italian line, and from positions along the Garigliano River, about 20 miles north of Volturno.

The Germans set fire to their big base at Gomei in White Russia, and began evacuating as the Russians smashed into the suburbs of the city. Other Soviet troops at the same time extended their bridgeheads on the west bank of the Middle Dnieper River.

### Biggest Raid

British based American bombers continued to pound Germany with increasing fury. Previously, in what was described as perhaps the biggest raid of the war, American Liberators, and Flying Fortresses blasted into German industrial centers in Poland and East Prussia—shooting down 91 enemy fighters, losing 29 U. S. bombers—in the deepest penetration made so far into Germany.

### Threatens Annihilation

In Yugoslavia the Germans threatened to shoot everybody they could get their hands on, and to destroy every city and town, if the Yugoslav partisan armies did not quit fighting the Nazis.

Lt. Gen. William S. Knudson, Capt Lawrence A. Abercrombie, and J. Norman Lodge, Associated Press correspondent, all just back from the Pacific, gloomily predicted a long war with the Japs.

President Roosevelt said that approximately 130,000 tons of Jap shipping had been sunk every month for the past six months, mainly by American submarines.

### Thunderbolt Clips Japs

The Thunderbolt, latest addition to Gen. MacArthur's aerial armory, took the spotlight when four of them tackled 32 Japs fighters over Wewak, New Guinea, and downed between eight and 10.

In the Ramu Valley the Australians continued to move ahead slowly but steadily.

A British communique admitted that the garrison on the strategic island of Cos in the Dodecanese had gone down fighting a vastly superior German invasion force.

### More Butter

From Washington came the announcement that civilians would get 10 to 30 per cent more butter.

A bill is up in the House of Representatives too lower the barriers which exclude Chinese from the U. S.—allowing entrance of 105 Chinese a year.

Motorists on the west coast found their A, B, and C coupons worth only three, instead of four, gallons of gas.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce proposed a Federal retail sales tax.







## Chapel Services

PROTESTANT (NON-DENOMINATION)

9:30 A. M.  
Chapel 176-164th and Brig  
Chapel 639-62nd St.  
Chapel 902-50th St.  
Chapel 2109-37th St. East  
Hospital Red Cross Bldg.  
11:00 A. M.  
Post Chapel-32nd St.  
Chapel 115-268th St.  
Chapel 289-170th and Brig  
Chapel 639-62nd St.  
Chapel 2209-School Area  
Chapel 1156-37th St. West  
6:30 P. M.

Chapel 115-268th St.  
Chapel 639-62nd St.  
Chapel 1156-37th St. West  
Chapel 2209-School Area  
Chapel 2109-37th St. East  
Chapel 513-70th St.  
Worship Services  
10:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.  
Sunday, school-9:00 a. m.  
Musical hour, Tuesday, 6:30 p. m.

EPISCOPAL  
Chapel 902-170th and Brig., 6:30 p. m.

LUTHERAN  
Post chapel-32nd St., 6:30 p. m.  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE  
Chapel 1156, Thursday 8:00 p. m.  
Sunday, 8:45 a. m.

Enl Men's Bible Class  
Chapel 639-62nd St., 10:30 a. m.  
ROMAN CATHOLIC  
Mass, Sunday

Hospital Red Cross Bldg.-6:30 a. m.  
Chapel 2209-7:30 a. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St.-11:00 a. m.  
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West-7:00 a. m.  
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig.-8:00 a. m.  
Post Chapel, 32nd St.-9:00 a. m.  
24th St. Theater-9:30 a. m.  
Stockade-9 a. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St.-11:00 a. m.  
37th St. Theater-11:00 a. m.  
162nd St. Area, Field Mass-11:00 a. m.

Novena Service-6:30 p. m.  
Sunday Chapel 176-164th and Brig  
Tuesday Chapel 902-50th St.  
Tuesday, Chapel 176  
Friday, Chapel 2209, 7 p. m.

MORNING WEEKDAY MASS, 6:30 AM  
Chapel 176-Mon., Wed., Thur., Sat.  
Chapel 2207, Monday, Friday, Saturday.

Chapel 902, Monday, Friday, Saturday.  
Chapel 176, Tuesday, Friday.  
Chapel 902, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Chapel 2209-Friday.  
CONFESION  
Before Every Weekday Mass  
Sat., Hospital Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.

Sat., Chapel 2209-6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West, 4-6 p. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St.-4-6 and 6:30-9 p. m.

Chapel 176, 164th & Brig.-6:30 p. m.  
LATTER DAY SAINTS  
Chapel 639, 62nd St. Sunday-7:30 p. m.

Stockade-2:00 p. m.

## He Held Three Grades Within Three Days!

Here's a story of a soldier who had the rating of three different grades inside of three days:

On Saturday, he was a sergeant; Sunday, he was a private; and Monday, he was a corporal, with his walking papers ready to head for another camp.

Charles D. Trautwein, Jr., a sergeant in the service record section of the personnel office of the OCS Regt., TDS, was first reduced to the grade of private from a sergeant, then made a corporal Monday as he held the different ratings in three consecutive days.

Due to the fact that he planned to attend Gunnery School, Harlingen Army Air Field, Harlingen, Texas, for training as a gunner, it was necessary for him to pass through this procedure to meet the TO there.

## 16th Group Remodels Terrain Plot

By T-5 H. E. Whitt

In a major face-lifting operation, the 16th TD Group Headquarters, UTC, last week transplanted 16,000,000 square yards of the reservation in three days.

The delicate piece of landscape surgery was done in miniature, of course—on the 40 x 40-foot terrain plot which is claimed by its makers to be the largest in Camp Hood.

T-4 Robert Peterson and T-5 Cameron Williams led the contingent of mapmakers that swarmed over the plot and, under the direction of Capt. Stanley Armstrong, S-3, uprooted trees, leveled hills and changed the course of streams.

Both the area represented and its scale were changed. The original, embracing the so-called Battalion No. 1 area, was made to a scale of 1 to 300; the new plot, representing the tract where battalions undergo ACF tests, has a scale of 1 to 450. The area is therefore 6,000 yards square.

To facilitate the conduct of problems, the plot is crisscrossed with strings corresponding to the grid lines on the map. Vegetation is depicted by specially treated evergreens, roads by tapes, and streams by pebbles dipped in blue paint. Bleachers have been erected on the west edge of the plot to accommodate visitors.

First organization to accept the invitation of Col. Harry J. Wheaton, group commander, to use the terrain plot was the TDC Combat Intelligence School.

## Wedding Bells

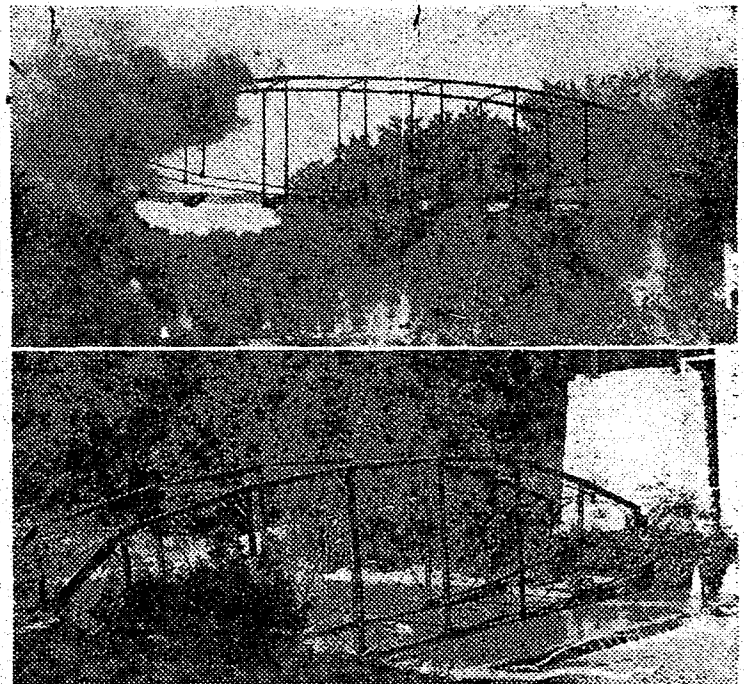
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A romance which began in St. Augustine, Florida, led to the marriage Friday, of Lt. Jeanette E. McGowan and Mr. (Boatswain's Mate First Class) Alfred H. Kargard of the United States Coast Guard at the Leon Drive Chapel at North Camp. Lieutenant McGowan is executive officer of the WAC Detach. at North Camp. The bridegroom has served in the Coast Guard two years, and was wounded in action.

The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Edwin E. Hale. Capt. Margaret M. Phillips, WAC Detachment commanding officer at North Camp, gave the bride away and another sister officer, Lt. Helen Parrish, was maid of honor. Other members of the WAC Detachment were present for the quiet ceremony. Lt. George Thomas, North Camp Hood Public Relations Officer, was best man.

Lt. Clarence E. DePreest, Hq. Co., 17th Group, UTC, and Miss Grace A. Plocek of Cameron were married at Sacred Heart Church in Galveston recently. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson.

Miss Jean Coolbaugh, Johnston, Pa., became the bride of T-Sgt. Zane Schnieder, and Miss Norma McDougall, Fargo, N. D., married Cpl. Billy Husehla last Thursday evening in the Seventh Street Methodist Church, Temple. Both grooms are from Hq. Co., 666th Bn. Attendants were T-5 Ed Shadden, Mrs. Oletta Williamson, Sergeant and Mrs. Bruce Ross.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
**LANDMARK IS BLASTED**—Men of the Pioneer Department, TDS, recently blasted Mason's crossing bridge, on the reservation to enable the use of steel.

## Ancient Landmark On Hood Reservation Is Blasted

An historic landmark on the Camp Hood reservation was erased with the demolition of the Mason's Crossing bridge over Cowhouse Creek recently.

Before Camp Hood was built, the three-span 230-foot steel structure provided egress to residents on a dozen huge farms in the back county section. Now, the fact that the road and the bridge were in the center of the firing range impact area made them no longer useable. Then, too, the Pioneer Department of the Tank Destroyer School needed steel for their classes in bridge demolition, construction, and repair, so School officials secured permission to salvage the structure.

Due to daily use of the ranges, preparations were made on Sunday. The span, a 130-foot long semi-elliptical steel truss, was 55 feet from the surface of the creek.

Without using special, time-consuming expedients, piece by piece disassembly would have been impossible so another plan was decided on.

### Blast Off Support

Explosive charges were placed so the main span would be shorn off at each end, just short of the piers, allowing the truss to fall down to the creek bed and still retain its upright position.

Interested observers who were on hand Sunday and workmen alike sought cover to protect them from flying steel fragments, as the last charge was taped and bound in place. The blasting machine handle was depressed. Fire flashed and smoke billowed from both ends of the truss to the accompaniment of an ear-drum shattering blast. As if borne upwards on the clouds of smoke, the bridge rose into the air then fell with a resounding crash to the stream bed, exactly as it had been planned.

Enlisted men of the Pioneer department, in a large measure responsible for the success of the project included Sergeants Burton Dean and Herbert Donahey and Corporals Clarence Jensen and John J. Rowe, in charge of the blasting crew and Master Sergeant Vincent J. Magellis and Staff Sergeant Burns O. Rademaker, supervising the salvage crew.

The bridge was constructed in 1889 and was one of the oldest and longest in Bell county, in which part of the Camp Hood reservation lies.

## Co. A, 658th Has Tactics

By PVT. JAMES E. WERN

After a week of successful platoon tactics, Co. "A", 658th, Bn. UTC, has entered company tactics. Lt. O'Neil in charge of operations, showed the group a surprise attack twice during one day. The first by allowing one tank to show itself firing directly in the front and then backing up. Then racing to its left it joined another destroyer, thus making two vehicles on each flank outmaneuvering the enemy and destroying them completely.

The other was to go into a woods where cover was good and then rush out onto a road covered much by rolling ground. Then coming up behind them and by flank firing scored another victory.

On Thursday evening a three hour blackout road march showed the skill which drivers use on these and future tactics. One day also, five light tanks driven by a colored tank group and a company of infantry demonstrated the maneuverability of tanks. Small bombs added reality to the event.

## Has Anyone Here Seen 'Patsy?' Major Thomas Seeks English Setter, Pal For Seven Years

Seven years ago when they met, Ronald F. Thomas was a civilian and Patsy was a small English Setter. Theirs was a friendship that carried right on into the army when Thomas became a major in an infantry outfit, and Patsy became an ex-officio member of the unit.

Now something has happened to Patsy, she's lost. In a letter, Major Thomas explained: "Shortly before I left Camp Hood I was on a field problem . . . Patsy as usual was with me. She ran off to do a little exploring . . . and while she was gone we moved. That had often happened, but she always found her way back to camp. This time she didn't return."

"Patsy is a small English Setter; mostly white with black and brown ticking. She weighs about 35 pounds, and when lost was wearing a silver chain, slip collar with a Camp Hood tag for rabies vaccination . . . more positive identification is her registration number tattooed in her ear . . . 401-H, in purple ink."



"I am convinced that he has been tied up by someone, or that she is still trying to find me."

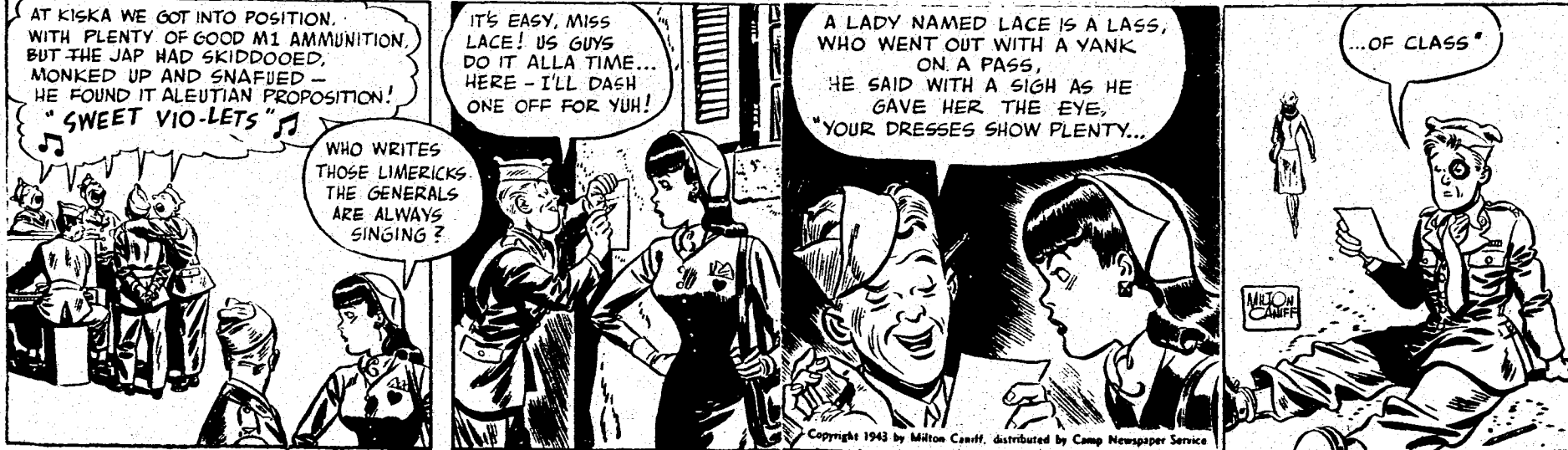
"I am willing to pay any just reward that might be asked and to defray all expenses in having her sent to me."

So Patsy is out there AWOL through no fault of hers. If you see her, will you please get in touch with the editor of the Panther?

## Male Call

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

## It's All In The Way You Look At It





**FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS HERE**—These photos are the first taken this season of football in Camp Hood. At the top, Cpl. Ernest Nero, Hq. Co., UTC, carries the ball off yardage as No. 55. Sgt. Liptah, 655th Bn. player falls to the ground. The blocker, apparently suspended in midair, is Pvt. Ralph Devaney, while No. 69, Pvt. John Bartoli of the 655th, comes up behind. Story below.

## 665th 'Red Devils' Win From UTC Panthers' 13-0

In a bitterly contested battle before nearly a thousand spectators, the 665th Bn. "Red Devils" football team outclassed the UTC "Panthers" eleven to win 13 to 0 in Camp Hood's first grid encounter of the 1943 campaign last week.

Through the first half, the teams battled to a standstill, with both forward walls holding superlative scoring telling losses on the ball carriers time after time. However, as the third quarter fought the clock for time, the tide turned and favored the "Red Devils" on almost every play. Senkulics, star scat back of the victors, ripped off numerous gains in this particular period.

### Pass For Tally

Early in the fourth stanza of the game, the 665th hit pay dirt via a long aerial, Adams to Clark, and a few minutes after the kick-off following the six-pointer, they again counted, this time on a 20-yard off-tackle jaunt by Adams. The "Red Devils" passed over the goal line for the extra point, making it 13 to 0. This meant the ball game, but the "Panthers" threatened briefly, pounding out two first downs to move within the shadows of the 665th's goal post, but time ran out before they could move into six-point territory.

### Running and Passing

The "Red Devils" attack was featured by the hard running of Senkulics, and the running and passing of Adams. For the losers it was Nero, Fiala and Kuchar, whose fine defensive play was poison throughout the game.

Adding color and music to the opening football tussel was the TD Center Band, which supported both elevens before the game and during the half-time intermission.

### Headquarters Co., 19th Group, Defeats 663rd Headquarters Co. 8-6

Headquarters Company, of the 19th TD Group, defeated Hq. Co., 663rd Bn., UTC, in an exciting football game, 8 to 6 last week. The game marked the first of a series of inter-battalion encounters scheduled by the members of the 19th Group, under the direction of Capt. Lester B. Williams, Special Service Officer, through whose interest sufficient equipment and playing fields were secured to make the contests possible.

The victories team was sparked by the hurling of Cpl. Roland D. Kain and Pvt. Luther Munch, both former sandlot performers.

## Basketball Team, 672nd, Ready To Play

The 672nd Bn. basketball team, of the 23rd TD Group, is all set to play ball against any teams desiring competition.

The club has an array of material, boasting two former professional courtmen, 1st Sgt. Dick Clukey, a forward, who played on two high school championship teams in Maine and later took up the game for money, playing five years with a fast pro quintet, and Pvt. M. S. Koontz, former all-state center for the New Castle, Indiana, high school basketball team.

Koontz, prior to entering the Army, played professional basketball with a top-flight club. In the North Central Basketball Conference, Pvt. Koontz holds the record of 30 points scored in a single game. In four years of high school play, he scored over 1300 points.

The 672nd hardwood team also has a number of other top-flight floormen, and are very anxious to sound the opening gong of basketball in Camp Hood. Teams interested in games should contact athletic officials of the 672nd Bn, 23rd TD Group, for arrangement of games.

### Camp Hood Art Club Will Hold Second Meeting Friday Night

The Camp Hood Art Club will hold its second meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock, at the 37th St. Service Club.

Anyone who is interested in sketching, painting, sculpting, or any other medium is welcome to attend the meeting.

Tomorrow's meeting will be largely devoted to organizational planning, and arrangements for procuring materials. Some material has already been promised by the camp Special Service Office.



### With PFC Keith Quick

Pvt. Lou Villante, Company C, 129th Training Battalion, North Camp Hood, rates a slice of this corner by virtue of his superb boxing ability during the past few months. Lou, a New Yorker, has been going great in all of his ring performances since Uncle Sam dressed him the khaki way. For the past three or four months, Lou's been taking on everything in sight around Camp Hood, Waco and other Lone Star points. He's even stepped up against the great Joe Muscato, fifth ranking heavyweight of the world, now stationed at the North half of Hood, and Villante's encounters with the huge Buffalo, New York, ring demon have been right up to par every time the pair have squared off. Lou has traveled to Waco a number of times with the North Camp Hood boxing team, and in every bout he took up the other end of his hand was held aloft every time. Lou's particularly good on infighting, cutting an opponents body to ribbons and then loosing a great two-fisted attack to the head that eventually melts the other guy down to the canvas. At the present time, Lou is passing his glove technique on to several other fighters at North Camp, acting as instructor to those who show promise of developing into top-flight pugilists. . . . Our pigskin prognosticating took another terrific jolt last week-end. The best we could do was 27 out of 40, for a .675 batting mark. Who ever heard of Swarthmore and Franklin-Marshall!—jerks to us. And when Notre Dame rolled over mighty Michigan, that was more "castor oil." But, as usual, we'll be shootin' again Saturday, and we're betting two good Colt revolvers that Wisconsin will press the Irish to a close count. And don't be surprised if Columbia knocks over Army," and the Longhorns to overwhelm Arkansas's Hogs, while right here in our own back yard, we'll take the 106th Cavalry over TDS, backing all this up with another pair of fast-splitting Colts, a crammed-lip of Levi Garrett and a belly full of something right out of the House of Usher . . . nuff said!

## Two TDS Fighters Make Final Amphitheater Appearance

A couple of TDS fighters, Ray Mitchell and Jimmy Dunlap, of the Student Regiment, both of whom have put on some well-received bouts here, made their final appearances on the Tank Destroyer School's amphitheater fight card Friday evening.

Mitchell, who was featured in the main attraction against Pvt. Emery Smith of the 643th Bn., was disqualified when he committed an unintentional foul and his opponent was unable to continue. Mitchell's wild haymaker, thrown just as Smith was closing in, turned into a rabbit punch and the two fighters' heads collided. Referee Stautz awarded the decision to Smith since he was unable to continue.

Dunlap, in the semi-windup,

### Station Hospital Team Wins Softball Game From Florence 11 To 8

The Station Hospital softball team defeated the Florence, Texas, softballers, 11 to 8 in a game played last week at Florence.

Pvt. Coy Noles was on the mound for the Hospital ten. Noles hurled good ball all the way and secured excellent support from T-5 John Tawney and T-Sgt. Joe Dobson, who collected two hits apiece in three appearances at the plate.

It was the final game of the season for the Station Hospital team, which ran up a total of 40 victories against 15 setbacks during their 1943 campaign.

took the nod from Mike Ramano, North Camp Hood battler. The two lads did some fast mixing and the bout went the limit, but Dunlap's longer reach and weight advantage spelled the difference.

Grant Alexander, Student Regt., bested Albert Speaker, 634th Bn., winning a three-round decision.

## Wrestling Heads Card

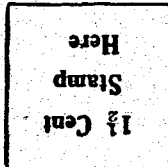
A heavyweight wrestling bout between Cpl. Dick Raines, Dallas now a close combat instructor in the RTC, and big Paul Murdock, currently recognized as Junior Heavyweight champion of the United States, will highlight tomorrow night's sports show in the TDS amphitheater.

The Raines-Murdock match promises to be one of the outstanding sports events ever presented in Camp Hood. The bout will be a best two-out-of-three falls match.

Preliminaries start at 9:15 p. m. Fans have been urged to come early if they wish a seat.

Wrestling and boxing shows are staged each Friday night at the Amphitheater, located in the east end of camp at the end of Battalion Avenue.

## Mail Your 'Panther' Home!



Camp Hood, Texas

From:

## He Doesn't Mind Double Timing At All

The 671st Bn., 23rd TD Group, UTC, boasts a man, who doesn't mind "double time" at all. He's Pvt. Francis Darrow, who holds the world's record for chasing up Mt. Washington, an eight and one-half mile jaunt.

Not content with conquering Mt. Washington, Pvt. Darrow headed west and turned the same trick again by running all the way up Colorado's Pikes Peak, breaking all existing marks for that run also. Pikes Peak measures 14,100 feet. Both of Darrow's records were set in 1936.

Pvt. Darrow hails from Boston, Mass., where he ran for the "Norfolk Men's Club." He holds the North Eastern championship record for the 10,000, meters run, a distance of over six miles.

### New Class Regular Army

The 53rd OCS Class, registered last week, is composed mainly of regular Army veterans. Of the 43 candidates, 23 hail from TD units and the remaining 20 represent the Infantry, Field Artillery, M.P. detachments, and the Air Force.