

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

LEARN TO DISEMBARK—RTC Trainees in the 5th Regiment, North Camp, learn how to disembark from a ship utilizing a landing net on the first of a series of towers to be constructed in the RTC area. Story below.

RTC Trainees Use New Landing Nets

First landing net in a series to be constructed in the RTC area, North Camp, was completed recently in the 5th Regiment area and is now being used by RTC trainees.

The net hangs from a 30-foot high tower which is an added part of the 5th Regt. obstacle course. It is also used separately by units to learn the correct method of disembarking from a ship.

The tower was built in two and a half weeks by the carpenter shop, RTC S-4 Section by T-5 William Larkin, and Privates Wayne Doty, Donald Grams and Charles F. Colvin, supervised by Lt. James W. Noel.

Civilians Near 100% In Bond Buying

Through the "Army's Pay Reservation Plan" for buying War Saving Bonds, War Department Civilian employees participating at Camp Hood are near the 100 per cent mark.

This week the camp commander, Col. C. M. Thirkield, received an official certificate signed by the Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, certifying that 96 per cent of the WD civilian employees at Camp Hood had enrolled in the Army's Pay Reservation Plan and that 10 percent of the monthly payroll is being invested in War Saving Bonds.

According to Lt. John H. Morris, Camp War Bond officer, the latest report shows 97.06 per cent of the civilians working at Camp Hood are buying War Bonds through Pay Reservation. The total amount deducted from monthly pay rolls amounted to \$43,502.25 or 10.25 per cent for the month of October.

RTC Officers All In A Fog On The Range

Officers of RTC Headquarters were in a fog as they went on the range early this week to fire the carbine.

In fact a heavy fog blanketed the whole North Camp area until the sun began to burn through about 9 o'clock. Firing went off as scheduled.

The officers were led by Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, RTC commanding general.

Parents Of A Son

Lt. and Mrs. Asa Rogers Sowell, Jr., are the parents of a son, Asa Rogers Sowell, III, born Oct. 30. Lt. Sowell is with the 649th Bn.

A 20 ft. square platform contains 3,000 ft. of lumber and a regular cargo net containing 700 feet of rope is used.

A second tower has just been completed by the same crew in seven days in the 4th Regiment area.

The rolling motion of a ship at sea is closely duplicated by the sway of the huge net when waves of trainees descend it. Troops thus learn to handle themselves with full pack, rifle and other equipment under closely simulated conditions to those which they will meet if they have to leave ship when going across.

Reaching New Ranks

From second lieutenant to captain in less than a year is the outstanding promotional record of Capt. Joseph A. Nichols, an early graduate of the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate school.

Despite the fact that the Tank Destroyer OCS was one of the last to be opened by the Army, its graduates are rapidly rising to responsible positions. Lt. Col. E. J. Howell, commanding officer, revealed this week. Capt. Nichols received his second lieutenant's commission on Oct. 23, 1942, as a graduate of the 2nd OCS class. He was promoted to a first lieutenant in April and today is commander of "C" Company, 605th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Col. Howell explained that the school is unable to check on OCS graduates who are serving overseas, but that it is probable that many of those have attained the rank of captain.

Father Of A Girl

Capt. D. S. McGowan, former commanding officer of the 9th OCS Company, now with the 658th TD Bn., became the father of a baby girl last week.

Mrs. McGowan and their daughter are now at home, 111 N. 8th St. Temple, Texas.

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TD's Praised For Helping Defeat Germans At Salerno

By CPL. NORMAN PERLSTEIN

The great role TD's played in saving the Allied beachheads in Italy is forcefully told in an Associated Press story this week in which Don Whitehead, writing from the AEF in Italy, describes how more than 100 M-10's broke up a German attempt to drive the American Fifth Army back into the sea south of Salerno in October.

Giving a lion's share of the credit for stopping the Nazi tank attack to the TD's, the writer spoke of the spirited and progressive leadership displayed by Tank Destroyer officers and non-coms fighting in Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army. It was the efficient and versatile use of TD's, attacking the enemy in many ways, that reflected the power brought to bear on the Nazis in Italy. Used in support of Infantry in the desperate stand against Nazi armor, the TD's in the Salerno fight exhibited the best of quick, accurate firing.

TD's Play Many Roles

TD battalion commanders are furnishing brilliant evidence of the many roles tank destroyers can play in combat when there are no tanks to fight. The results of their experience are constantly

used in training at Camp Hood.

In the Tank Destroyer Training Center in Africa, men are given further training in working as artillery, similar to instruction given here. Other uses taught at Hood and used in Italy are as divisional reconnaissance and support of infantry in attack.

But it was in Italy that the TD's had their big day and are

still having it in the battles up the mainland since the landings south of Salerno. Officially credited with knocking out 31 tanks, the TD's have been inflicting all sorts of other damage to Nazi troops and equipment.

The tight battle was for the beachheads, when the Germans drove down the V-shaped junction of the Sele and Calore rivers. There Tank Destroyers earned a respected reputation in combat.

Blast 22 Tanks

On the first day of the attack, TD's blasted 14 tanks in one sector of this area and later M-10's accounted for eight more tanks on the left flank.

When the attack began to develop it was seen where the enemy would strike and the M-10's were sent into position along the sides of the rivers.

"The Tank Destroyers dug in right behind the Infantry," said Lt. Col. John W. Casey, a battalion commander in that engagement who was an early officer at Camp Hood.

While big guns hammered the enemy from the beaches, the TD's fired at them from both flanks. Hitler's armored might, intent on preventing the Americans from gaining a wedge into the European mainland, rushed down the valley. The Nazis were caught in a hail of withering fire.

Battered enemy tanks, 25 of them in the first week of the attack, gave proof of the effectiveness of the TD's in the Sele-Calore pocket. It was in this engagement that the crew of an M-10 blasted a handful of Mark IV tanks, each man earning the Silver Star for Gallantry. Their story appeared in last week's Panther.

Not A Single Loss

Since the hard struggle around Salerno, there has been less battling with enemy tanks, yet the TD's there, up to the date of the AP story, hadn't lost a single M-10 as a result of enemy tank fire.

Most of the officers in Italy, many of whom trained at Hood, are typical of Tank Destroyer men—young, aggressive, willing to employ tank destroyers in any way that can be effective when not fighting tanks. This is the essence of training at Camp Hood. With support from Gen. Clark, the TD's were intergraded with divisional artillery to boost the fire power of the artillery battalion.

Lessons From Battlefield

Here at camp, training is constantly devised to take advantage of lessons learned overseas. Instructors are brought here from the combat areas, and TD doctrines are flexible, permitting greatest possible advantage to be gained from having TD men know all the ways in which he can fight. It is a maxim that Hood training keeps step with each development abroad. TD's here benefit from the planning which adjusts all phases of Tank Destroyer strategy.

Now hard work and the pioneering of the men who have been with tank destroyers is bearing fruit in combat. This and similar stories of the success TD's are having in the field are only the beginning of the road they are opening to Rome and Berlin.

Capt. Irwin To School

Captain Shull L. Irwin of Gettysburg, Va., adjutant of North Camp Hood since its activation April 15, 1943, will leave soon to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Well, One And Two Make Three

A private in the Medical Detachment, Station Hospital, is doubtful of the mathematical ability shown in the laundry.

He submitted one towel and listed one towel on his laundry slip.

One week later, he received his laundry back. The slip was changed to two towels while in his laundry were three towels.

Was MC On Radio Show

Sgt. George Hall, RTC, North Camp, Special Services entertainment non-com, was guest master of ceremonies last Saturday on the popular 8th Service Command "What's Your Name Soldier" radio program on station WFAA, broadcast from Dallas every Saturday at 6 p. m. on the Texas Quality network.

Sgt. Hall put on a show at McCloskey Hospital in Temple last week, at which time an 8th S.C. band also appeared. George believed he got his opportunity to appear on the radio show through a conversation held with the 1st Sgt of the band. At any event, he did a swell job pacing the program which was on the Texas network and short waved to men overseas.

Temple Homes Offer Holiday Meals For GI's

People of Temple will invite as many soldiers as possible into their homes for Thanksgiving dinner. Invitations will be given out at the Temple USO to those who call for them before 11 a. m. Thanksgiving day.

Temple residents have adopted this slogan: "A soldier in every home for Thanksgiving."

Junior officers, it has been announced, who would like to have dinner in a Temple home are asked to contact the camp special services officer.

Wednesday and Thursday nights, Nov. 24 and 25, will be party nights at the USO in Temple.

Col. Who Helped Set Up TDS Reported Killed In Italy

What is believed to be the first battle casualty from the ranks of the original Tank Destroyers was



reported this week when word was received at Camp Hood that Lt. Colonel Charles E. Frederick, former director of the Tank Destroyer school officer candidate department, had been reported killed.

The War department notification was forwarded to Major William B. Anderson, present OCS director, by Mrs. Frederick. It

stated that Col. Frederick had been killed in Italy on Oct. 20th. At the time he was commanding an Infantry unit.

Helped Develop School

Colonel Frederick had participated actively in the organization of the TD's and in the development of the Tank Destroyer school. Originally assigned to the 893rd TD Battalion, the first TD unit organized, he was sent to the Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center at Fort Meade, Md., when it was first opened in December, 1941.

From Fort Meade, Col. Frederick accompanied the move of the Tank Destroyer Center to Temple, Texas, early in 1942, and took an active part in the development of the permanent Tank Destroyer Center that was formally opened here in September, 1942.

Under the direction of Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, commandant of the TD school, Col. Frederick organized and established the officer candidate department which has since turned out thousands of Tank Destroyer officers. He also assisted in established the school reproduction department.

Wedding Bells

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Another TDS knot was tied with the wedding of Sgt. John M. Hancock of Company B to Miss Catherine Fraser Vierck of Chicago, Ill., the wedding having taken place at the school chapel on Oct. 23, 1943. Chaplain Kulp officiated at the ceremony. Sgt. and Mrs. Hancock spent their honeymoon in Houston, Texas. They are making their home temporarily in Temple, Texas.

Sgt. Robert Green, gun commander of Co. B, 662nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, U.T.C. and Miss Eloise White of Hood Village, Tex., were married last Friday, Nov. 5th, at the chapel, 1156 - 37th West by Chaplain David Maugans.

Miss Maxine Biles of Nolanville, Tex. was the maid of honor. Pfc. Stephen Pekarovich of Co. B, 662nd Tank Destroyer Bn. was the best man.

After the ceremony which was held at 9 o'clock the wedding party which consisted of the above and the bride's mother, Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. Harriet Hargett and Miss Savonne Hargett proceeded to the 37th Street Service club where they had a wedding breakfast.

S-Sgt. Norman Bartman, mimeograph expert of the Reproduction Department, TDS, was married to Miss Ada Vaughn, of Oenaville, Texas, Saturday, Nov. 13th, in the First Methodist church in Temple. The groom hails from Rhineland, Wis.

T-4 Beryle Harris, cook, Co. "B" 662nd TD Bn., UTC, and Miss Mary Bell Mayfield of Chillicothe, Texas, were married October 16th, at Altus, Oklahoma.

S-Sgt. Joseph T. Lekutis, clerk in the orderly room of Headquarters & Service company, O. C. S. Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lekutis, of Bronx, N. Y., became the bridegroom of Miss Fay Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kirk, of Cameron, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Solomon, minister of the Presbyterian church in Cameron. Cpl. Alfred Schaaf of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the best man, and Miss Vlasta Westmoreland, of Rosebud, was the bridesmaid. Following the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride.

Company B, 662nd Bn., Scores 95 Percent In Physical Fitness

After learning that they had topped the record with a score of 95 per cent in the Army Ground Forces Physical fitness test, members of Co. "B", 662nd TD Bn., UTC feel justified in stating that "you get out of training only what you put into it."

For the past week they devoted one hour of their own time each day after a laborious workout in the field to prepare for the test. They went at their task with a determination to beat the record and are now satisfied in knowing that they accomplished it.

When the final phase of the test which was a four mile run was completed in six seconds less than the allotted time, the men were still ready and raring to go.

Forum Will Discuss Demobilization Day

The Soldiers' Forum, which meets each week in the club room of the 37th St. Service Club, will discuss "When GI Joe Is Demobilized" at Tuesday night's meeting next week.

Civilian girls and WACs have been invited to meet with Hood soldiers to discuss their problems. Refreshments will be served.



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PANTING FOR PIN-UP'S—When the girls of the Hollywood "Pin-Up Girl" show played at Hood recently, more than one TD got a chance to gaze at the gals in the flesh backstage at the theater. A couple of GI's wanted to hammer one of the girls up on the wall, for future reference, and artist Sgt. Stan Farnham, Hq. Det. DEML, took time out to sketch one of the blondes in a restful pose, while an admiring crowd watched—the model.

Co. A, 635th Learns Art Of Thinking

Recently, Company "A", 635th TD Bn, commanded by Capt. Dale H. Page, proceeded from their motor pool in what appeared on the surface to be just another road march, but upon arrival at a pre-arranged point, the company disbursed into platoons and sections and were ordered to proceed to an assembly area within an hour. Due to certain designated roads and areas being under assimilated enemy artillery fire, devious routes had to be chosen.

In the assembly area, Lt. Col. Smith, commanding officer of the 635th TD Bn, declared vehicles and key men "knocked out." As would actually happen in combat, junior officers and men had to take command of their respective units.

As the remainder of the company proceeded to firing positions, those previously declared "out of action" were ordered to harass the advancing columns, and the job was well done. Fake radio messages were transmitted by S-Sgt. Jerry Workman from every set he encountered; half tracks attacked emplaced 3" guns from the rear; and all other methods of confusing the enemy were employed.

The moral of this story? Learn to think for yourself in case of the unforeseen happening.

Winners Listed In Opening Round Of Basketball Meet

Opening round play of the Camp Hood single elimination basketball tournament at the Field House Tuesday night showed the following results:

Student Regiment, 30, 655th Bn. 11.

Hq. Co., 635th Bn., 43, 1948th Ord., 18.

Co. A, 666th Bn., 35, Hq. Co., 658th Bn., 27

Co. C, 667th Bn., 29, 603rd Bn., 23.

635th Bn., 64, 672nd Bn., 37.

The 635th Bn. and Co. C, 667th Bn. quintets showed excellent form in their games, and both appear to be very strong teams. Taylor of the Co. C, 667th Bn. five chalked up 22 points to gain high individual honors for the opening night of play.

Dancing Is A Hobby For This Soldier

Dancing is a profession for some people, recreation for others, but it's a hobby for Pvt. Joseph Pastiore, Co. D, Academic Regt., TDS.

The 23-year-old New Jersey youth has danced for many years, first for his own amusement and that of his friends, then professionally in New York night spots. Then he moved to Hollywood where he hoped to get a break in pictures, and when the war came along he was employed as an inspector in a factory engaged in the manufacture of housing material.

He has danced in the chorus for a number of productions, but prefers solo dancing with which he now entertains his fellow soldiers at the 37th St. Service club.

While on the coast he became a friend of the actor John Garfield, from whom he receives letters regularly.

"Dancing is a hobby with me now, the Army comes first," Joe explains, but it's always been my first love and I plan to go back to it when this is over."

Will Hear Major Tidd

The speaker at the graduating exercises of the 49th TD Officer Candidate School Class, Friday will be Major Luzerne M. Tidd, assistant executive officer at TDS.

Major Tidd was formerly assigned to the Academic Regiment as executive officer. He saw overseas service in World War I, having received his early training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Selfridge Field, Michigan.

Major Tidd saw the Tank Destroyer School grow from its early days in Temple.

Finish Physical Course With Score Of 93%; Clerks Credit Exercises

Enlisted men and officers of Headquarters Co., 19th TD Group, ran the physical fitness course recently and crossed the finish line with a score of 93 percent.

New TD Song Introduced At North Camp

Tank Destroyer men at North Camp Hood have put the unofficial song of the Tank Destroyers—"Tank Destroyer Men"—at the head of their military song hit parade.

The song, written and composed by Capt. Thomas Denny, RTC adjutant, was introduced to trainees at North Camp Sunday night at the weekly community sing in the Twelfth Street Service club. Several hundred trainees found the rousing tune easy to sing and demanded three encores before the National Anthem ended the session.

Parents Of A Boy

Private and Mrs. Oscar A. McElroy, of Jacksonville, Tex., are the parents of a six-pound boy born recently. Private McElroy is

Co. B, 662 Bn. Has Party For Capt. Lynch

Putting together a 95 per cent platoon record in proficiency firing, a promotion for the CO, and the nearness of Halloween, the men of Co. B, 662nd Bn. staged a party in honor of Capt. C. W. Lynch in the company dayroom recently.

Entertainment was presented by S-Sgt. V. Moncalerie, S-Sgt. Sherwood, Sgt. Hentz, Sgt. Strage, Sgt. Hunter, Sgt. Patusek, Sgt. Casagrande, and Sgt. Hersey. Also Pvt. Hauser, Pve. Tollano, Pvt. McAfee, Pvt. Reeves, Pvt. St. Martin, Pvt. Miller, and Pvt. Davis. Others who assisted were Pvt. Henley of Co. C, Pvt. Robinson and Pvt. Bezerak of Hq. Co.

Pfc. Stephen Pekarovich was M. C.

a member of the cadre of the 3rd Company OCS Regiment.



162nd St. and 37th St.
Thurs—Guadalcanal Diary
Fri-Sat—In Old Oklahoma
Sun-Mon—Riding High
Tues—Here Comes Elmer, Once in a Lifetime
Wed-Thurs—Old Acquaintance
Fri—Gangway for Tomorrow
Hood Road & 24th St.
Thur-Fri—Whistling in Brooklyn
Mon—Here Comes Elmer, Once in a Lifetime
Tues-Wed—Guadalcanal Diary
Thur-Fri—In Old Oklahoma
72nd Street
Fri-Sat—Guadalcanal Diary
Sun-Mon—In Old Oklahoma
Tues-Wed—Riding High
Thurs—Here Comes Elmer, Once in a Lifetime
Fri-Sat—Old Acquaintance
Avenue D and 24th St.
Fri-Sat—Lassie Come Home
Sun-Mon—Northern Pursuit
Tues—Find the Blackmailer. Mr. Mugg Steps Out
Sat—Here Comes Elmer Once in a Lifetime
Sun-Mon—Guadalcanal Diary
Tues-Wed—In Old Oklahoma
Thur-Fri—Riding High
Brigade Ave.
Fri-Son of Dracula
Sat-Sun—Whistling in Brooklyn. Mr. Mugg Steps Out
Wed-Thur—Thousands Cheer
Fri—Never a Dull Moment
15th and 18th Street
Fri-Sat—The Iron Major
Sun—Never a Dull Moment
Mon—Son of Dracula
Tues-Wed—Northern Pursuit
Thur—Find the Blackmailer. Mr. Mugg Steps Out
Fri-Sat—Thousands Cheer

4th and 10th St.
Fri—Northern Pursuit
Sat—Find the Blackmailer
Sun-Mon—The Iron Major
Tues—Never a Dull Moment
Wed—Son of Dracula
Thur-Fri—Guadalcanal Diary
Service Club, 162nd Street.
Thursday, Nov. 18th, Movies, 8:00-10:30 p. m.
Friday, Nov. 19th, String Ensemble and Quintet, 8:00-10:30.
Saturday, Nov. 20th, Soldier-Glee club, 8:00-10:30. Surprise night.
Sunday, Nov. 21st, Classic hour, 3:30-4:30 p. m. and 5:30-7:30 p. m. Jive Jazz and How.
7:30-10:30 p. m., movies.
Monday, Nov. 22nd, Bingo with prizes, 8:00-10:30 p. m.—In the Makin'.
Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, Dance nite. Thanksgiving dance, 8:00-10:30 p. m.
Wednesday, Nov. 24th, Thanksgiving celebration, floor show and dancing.
Thursday, Nov. 25th, movies, Let's Be Merry in all day until 10:30 p. m. Music, dancing and song.
37th Street Club
Thursday—Weekly Social Dance
Friday—Girls Tumbling Team from Temple high school
Sat—Party night, Surprise program
Sun—3 p. m. Symphonic records; 8 p. m. Old Fashion Hymn singing directed by Chaplain Talbott; 8 p. m. movie.
Monday, Bingo with prizes, 8 p. m. Art group in club room
Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Soldier Forum. Dancing for beginners
Wed—7:30 p. m.—Beginners French class; 8:00 p. m.—Thanksgiving program
Thursday—Holiday Dinner. Football broadcast. Holiday dance, 8:45 p. m.

Jap Battle Tricks Told By New Georgia Veteran Now In Temple Hospital

Editor's Note: Here is another in the thrilling battle experience stories as told to Lt. L. R. Barnhill, TDS, by wounded veterans recovering at McCloskey Hospital in Temple. Lt. Barnhill is preparing the series especially for The Panther.

By Lt. L. R. Barnhill

The Japanese hacked to death Private Sherley W. Mason's buddy as he and 16 other injured infantrymen lay upon litters along the Munda trail on New Georgia Island in the Solomons.

"That's just one of the Japanese tricks I learned the hard way. Maybe I can help others who will be sent to the Southwest Pacific realize what war is like out there before they smash into the Japs."

An intelligence scout in the 169th Infantry, Private Mason fought through 35 days of the New Georgia campaign until he contracted chronic malaria and was evacuated to this country. He is now nearing the end of his treatment at McCloskey Army General Hospital in Temple.

Must Press The Fight

That we must time and time again take the fight to the Jap in the jungle is the studied opinion of a battalion commander who fought on New Georgia. It is for this reason that Private Mason's story of Japanese fighting takes on added interest for soldiers now in training.

"The attack upon our litter cases came early in the campaign during our fight against Japanese marines. They had flanked us and were approaching our rear down the Munda trail when they ran upon the litter cases loaded on jeeps. They slashed forward with rifles, knives, and grenades and for four hours spread destruction before being driven off by American patrols.

"Two unarmed drivers escaped by crawling under their jeeps and lying there during the action. Seven of the 17 litter cases eluded the Japs by crawling into the jungle.

Cut Off Four Days

"For four days we were cut off from our supply lines and lived on jungle rations dropped from planes and water from shell holes. Here's what you get in a jungle ration package for four men: a can of salted peanuts, a box of dry cereal, a can of powdered milk, four cans of meat or three of meat and one of cheese, six boxes of crackers, a box of raisins, rolls of candy wafers, cigarettes, and chewing gum.

"Some of the units say they were not bothered by the Japs at night. But we, during the time we fought against the Jap marines, they jumped into our foxholes, slashed at us with knives, and dropped grenades on us.

"After that we cut logs to cover our foxholes. We dug foxholes big enough for four men to sit up in and left only one corner open for the one on guard. We had strict orders not to move from our foxholes at night nor to talk above a whisper. Our outguards had orders to shoot at anything that moved. We kept our heads down.

"Another Jap stunt was to infiltrate into our outer defenses during the night and set up machine guns on platforms in trees. They would get off one burst at us as we came out of our foxholes in the morning and then scam. Despite their limited field of fire through the dense jungle growth, we suffered casualties from this type of fire. Once they picked one of our two interpreters, so the second one rushed to the rear out of gunfire.

Tried Old Stunt

"Despite our orders never to shout in the jungle and to be especially quiet at night, the Japs learned the names of our non-coms and tried to lure them into traps by yelling for them in English. We had been warned of this stunt by Guadalcanal veterans and didn't bite.

"When we took Jap positions we found them stocked with our M1 rifles, rations, cigarettes, and American grenades. Men injured in advance positions often left their weapons behind when they crawled back to our lines. The Japs got these and used them against us until we stopped this practice by sending details for-

671st Given Praise For Training

The 671st TD Bn., led by Major Allerton Cushman, spent last week on Battle Conditioning Course No. 3 and elicited praise from Maj-Ralph W. Sleator, BC course head who said: "The 671st Battalion is one of the best we have had on the course."

Officers receiving ratings of outstanding leadership were Lieutenants Osselo, Schiebor, Stone, Shambeau, Booth, Griffith, Britton and Edgington. Non-coms who showed outstanding qualities of leadership were M-Sgt. Moye, S-Sgts. Marcinkowski and Mahan, Sgts. Ruggiano and Grady, Cpls. Knop and Patterson, and Pfc. Hubbard and Mofbaur and Pvt. Salka.

635th Edges Out 656th Bn.

Using the same strategy consisting of two fast teams for the offense and a tight defense, the 656th Bn. basketballers battled the highly-touted 635th courtmen to almost a standstill last week, finally losing the hot contest 31 to 29.

At halftime the 635th quintet was on top, 26 to 12. However, as play advanced into the second half, the 656th five went out and gathered a total of 17 points, while the 635th contributed only two field goals the rest of the way, but had enough to early points to make them two markers better as the game ended, 31 to 29, 635th atop.

The game was hard-fought and fast throughout, and both teams are looking forward to their battle in the forth-coming all-camp tournament.

635th Basketball Teams Now Ready For Competition

The 635th Bn. sports a number of fast basketball teams which are ready to take on all competition. The following is a brief summary of games played so far this season by the 635th Bn. teams: 635th Bn., 31, 656th Bn. 29. Hqs. Co., 635th, 33, 603rd Bn., 27. Co. C, 635th Bn., 33, 603rd Bn., 27.

The Co. C team appears to be one of the strongest teams in the 635th circle. The club has been strengthened by the addition of S-Sgt. Rex L. Beal, formerly of Oklahoma A&M, who is an excellent floor man.

521st Ordnance Company Seeks Basketball Tilts

The 521st Ordnance eleven has extended an open invitation to any company team on the post to a game of touch football. The Ordnance line averages 175 lbs, and the backfield is fast and consists of several triple-threaters.

The team is managed by Sgt. Gene Granberg, and at the time, is untied and unbeaten. They defeated the 522nd Ord. 14 to 0, 564th, 13 to 2, and the 309th Ord., 14 to 0.

TDS Meets 166th Team Tuesday Night

The TDS football team will battle the 166th Armored Infantry eleven next Tuesday night. The game will be played at Killeen field, and will get underway about 7:30 p. m.

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by Sansone

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"Go ahead—don't be bashful!"



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AFTER 21 YEARS—Master Sergeant Valeria Henderson, commander of the Third Automotive and Tank Platoon, Provisional Ordnance Repair Company (MM) No. 1, wears six service stripes, but he's really entitled to seven. On Oct. 14, 1943, he marked his 21st year in the Army. Here he receives the Army's good conduct award and the service ribbon from Col. C. M. Thirkeld, commanding officer of Camp Hood.

Louis' Appearance Recalls His Record

By PFC. Keith Quick

Joe Louis! That name has dominated sports pages for almost a decade, and as the time draws near to the personal appearance of the heavyweight champion in this Army setup, it would be wise to unfold the Brown Bomber's unsurpassable exploits for the benefit of those in Camp Hood who do not linger so much toward sports records.

Joe Louis, in my mind, is the best fighter ever to put on a pair of boxing gloves. However, it has been argued time and again as to whether or not dusky Joe could weather the terrific onslaught of the great Jack Dempsey, when the ex-Oregon lumberjack was at his peak nearly 20 years ago. Could he have withstood the superb and cautious pace of dancing Gene Tunney? Answers to those questions will never be known, but if records mean anything at all—Joe Louis will go down in boxing history with records which can never again be excelled by a two-fisted fighting machine.

Joe Louis has had 57 battles in his ring career, in which 49 victims hit the floor for a nap. Seven were lucky to have Joe decision them, and only one of those 57 managed to make Joe bite the dust. This misfortune came on the night of June 19, 1936, in the 12th round, when Max Schmeling, a wobbly German, slapped Joe down for the count at Madison Square Garden. However, when the two squared off a second time, in June 1938, Joe wilted Max in two minutes of the opening round.

From the time Louis won the title from old Jim Braddock in June, 1937, until the day Uncle Sam welcomed him to the fold, Jan. 12, 1942, he fought a total of 21 times, more than any other heavyweight in boxing's history. In those 21 encounters, Joe flattened 19 of the guys on the other end, and erased the other two by decision. England's Tommy Farr and South America's squat Arturo Godoy managed to go the route with Joe. However, when the Bomber met Godoy a second time, he creased him in six rounds.

Joe Louis' fists have reaped him a sum that swells well beyond two million dollars, and when you consider the fact that he came out of the cotton patches of Alabama, that's a heap of dollars!

Louis is now going on his seventh year as owner of the heavyweight crown, and should he wear it until 1945, we will have outdistanced the great Jack Dempsey, who owned the high spot for

seven years during his heyway, fighting only five times during his reign.

And there you have it, a summary of boxing's most outstanding personality—Joe Louis. And the rest is up to you, the personnel of Camp Hood, so be on hand the night of December 6, when Joe climbs through the ropes down at the Field House.

Blackland Team Rates

The Blackland Army Air Field, an entry in the Waco USO basketball circuit, boasts one of the best service men's teams in this sector of the state.

The Eagles have been hard at work, that is, the part of the squad which isn't suffering from football injuries via the recent Randolph Field encounter.

The Airmen's roster boasts such stars as, Cpl. Billy Carruth, former Waco high lad, at a forward slot, S-Sgt. Don Crassweller, former university of Minnesota star, and S-Sgt. Frank Beale, ex-Kansas high school flash, dividing the other forward spot; Sgt. Ave Lewis is the pivot man, and the guard slots are filled by Pvt. Edgar Compton, ex-Hillsboro and Baylor man, Sgt. John Sipes, formerly of Purdue, and Cpl. Orlo Best, ex-Iowa State college player.

The Eagles, when they reach full strength, are expected to ride near the top of the current USO loop.

Fourth Regiment Team Continues Unbeaten

The 4th Regt., RTC., officers' softball team continued their unbeaten record last week, when they defeated the RTC Hqs. Co. team, recent winners of the North Camp Coca-Cola championship trophy, 5 to 2.

Lts. Russell Henry and Cecil W. Harmon pitched for the officers, while Pvt. Bob Miller was on the mound for the Hqs. Co. ten.

The officers won the game in the fifth frame, when they chalked up three runs to make the final count, 5 to 2.

829th Plays In Austin

The football squad of the 829th Bn. will meet Sam Houston College on the Andrews High School Field in Austin Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock.

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Soldiers Who Sing

IF YOU WANT TO SEE a good illustration of high morale drop down to the Tank Destroyer School area any morning or late evening when the men are marching to class, and listen to them sing!

At 8 o'clock in the evening, after a hard day on the range, or in the class room, when most of the camp personnel has a few hours to themselves, these boys march back to the class room for more study. As they march in cadence they sing such songs as "Praise The Lord And Pass the Ammunition," and many which have no connection with the war at all such as "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Then, of course, there are the usual parodies to a dozen tunes, parodies which only men in the Army seem able to devise.

But what thrills you is the spirit, the comradeship of these men who sing together as they march together through the Texas night, not to some recreation, but back to study, to train.

Through General Hugh T. Mayberry's interest in his men in the school, of which he is commandant, and his belief in their ability, he has created an esprit de corps, or morale, which you can almost feel when you are in the school area. There exists among men now in the school, and those thousands who have left it for service in the battlefronts and elsewhere, an "alma mater" feeling for the school and the men in it.

Whether it be their current food-saving campaign; re-sodding of the area so that grass grows between barracks and about headquarters buildings; participating in the school-wide physical education program in which hundreds of men play ball at one time on the school's vast athletic fields each evening; taking part in the Friday night fight cards in the school's amphitheater, or working together to instruct classes on the ranges and in the class rooms, you'll find the men of the school working together.

General Mayberry, and all of Camp Hood, may well be proud of the Tank Destroyer School.

It is made up of men who can work together, play together, sing together and fight together!

The Vanishing Americans (Gas and Tires)

It's really not a chaplain's job,
Although we could use one.
I'm speaking of the Ration Board.
Where oil and gas are one.

Each day the sobbing ones stream in.
Each with their tale of woe.
He has no tires, he no gas.
How can their poor car go?

Of course we try our best to please,
To help lighten their load,
But it's pretty tough to dish out stuff
When rubber has "gone down the road."

"I must go home, emergency leave,
My dog has had some pups."
Step right up there, sit in that chair,
And fill our crying cups.

Do you pool your car, what's your fathers name?
All these questions and more too,
One must answer to get his share
Of coupons to see him through.

You say you want four tires?
You've a stove to sell?
Quick call the chaplain, Sarg,
Or else I'll go A.W.O.L.

P.S. What's on your mind CHAPLAIN?

—Pvt. Irwin B. Birnbaum
Ration Board.

Baby Mice Christened In Keeping With Their Adopted Quarters

Born to Mickey and Minnie Butcey, Twins, "Itcey" and "Bitsey", at the disbanded headquarters of ITC, formerly BUTC, then Provisional Headquarters, BTC, North Camp.

"Minnie and babes doing fine", reports Sgt. Judy O'Brien, RTC WAC Detach. Sgt. Birdie Filippo has been detailed to ration the family, there being some question as to how baby mice feed.

While there is complete harmony between all sections of the RTC staff, it is rumored that every effort will be made to prevent Mickey, Minnie, Itcey and Bitcey from meeting Garibaldi, the RTC staff mouser reported in last week's Panther, either socially or in a business way.

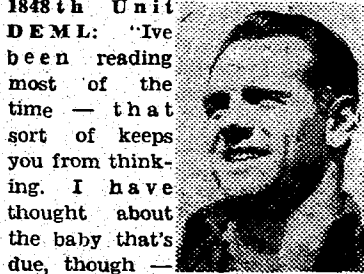
FLASH: Now it's quintuplets, "Artcey", "Selecty" and "Wacey" arrived during the lunch hour, unattended.



This week, Associate Editor Wilfred Weiss, temporarily confined in the Station Hospital, prepared the poll in his ward, asking: WHAT HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHILE YOU'VE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL?

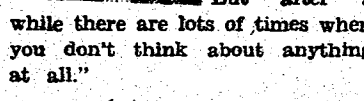
M-Sgt. Robert Atmar, 8th Ord Co., 1848th Unit

DEML: "I've been reading most of the time — that sort of keeps you from thinking. I have thought about the baby that's due, though — my wife wants it to be a boy, and so do I because it'll make her happy."



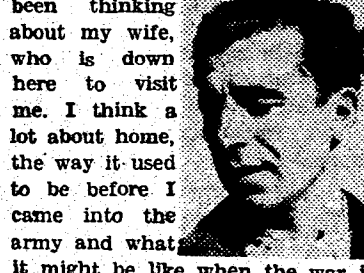
Pfc. Perry Moore, 1st Co., OCS

Regt.: "It's pretty hard to say what you're thinking about when you're in a hospital. At first you think about friends, and home, and things like that. But after a while there are lots of times when you don't think about anything at all."



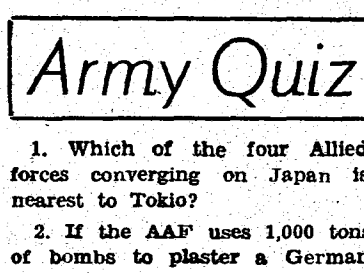
Cpl. Alfonso Tabet, 668th Bn.

"Mostly I've been thinking about my wife, who is down here to visit me. I think a lot about home, the way it used to be before I came into the army and what it might be like when the war is over and we go back."



Pvt. Bradford Hall, Recon. Co., 603rd Bn.

"When I think about it, mostly I think of home — that's Welch, W. Va. — and my wife — about the things we used to do — about friends — things like that. Lots of times you try not to think while you're in the hospital."

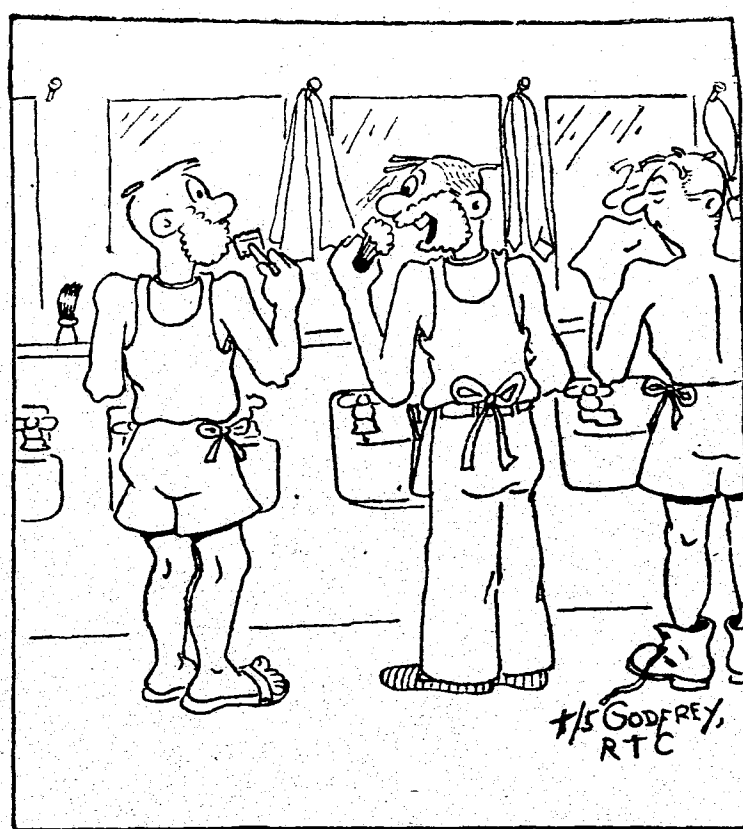


Army Quiz

1. Which of the four Allied forces converging on Japan is nearest to Tokio?
2. If the AAF uses 1,000 tons of bombs to plaster a German target in one of its daylight raids, how many tons, approximately, would the RAF likely use on a similar night mission?
3. Was the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army the first of any Army in the world.
4. The fourteenth Air Force last week chalked up the highest score of enemy planes destroyed in relation to its own losses. Where is it located?
5. Which city in the Western Hemisphere would you say was in the same latitude as northern Burma?
6. A system enables our planes in the air to distinguish between friendly and enemy ground forces. What is it?

Promoted To Major

Capt. Mortimer M. Merritt, S-2 Officer, 23rd TD Group, has been promoted to the rank of Major.



My whiskers seem to come on much easier if I soak my face overnight in warm water.

Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Panther:

I don't know if it's quite appropriate for the morale of the Hood EM to have poems sent in by officers, but if it's all right then here is one for your paper:

A Toast To America

Here's to ways and means of defending

A country that's rich and free in its spending.

A country that may in the future be

A ruler of all by land and sea.

A country whose peaceful and legal rights

Were not acquired by might and fights.

A country looked upon by all

As nation not yet, or ever, to fall.

Its liberty and freedom never wasted

And bitter defeat never tasted.

Its people are considered by near and far

A people who just and equal are.
And never let it to them be said
They didn't respect their dead.
So let us all together stand,
And drink a toast to this happy land.

Whose health and happiness will be
A lasting standard of LIBERTY!

Lt. Anthony J. Bianchi,
CO. B, 660th Bn.

Editor, The Panther:

.....We have all branches of the ground forces here. They have a rating given to the most efficient outfit in the AGF, etc. The TD's have been on top consistently. We're a model outfit, so the General tells us!

Send me The Hood Panther as all the officers would like to see it.

Operations Sgt. Marvin Glyn
Hq. 5th Regt., AGFRD No. 1
Ft. George Meade, Md.

Editor, The Panther:

My poem, "A Soldier's Dream", I understand appeared in The Panther the week of Nov. 1-7th. I would appreciate it if you would send me four or five of those papers. I happened to leave Camp Hood just the week before that issue came out.

I have always enjoyed reading the Hood Panther while I was at Camp Hood and regret that I am no longer seeing it. Thanking you for your consideration.

Cadet Willard A. Randorf,
Box 242,
Tarleton Station, Texas.

Gen. Mayberry Warns Belton Co-Eds Not To Interrupt Education

Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, commandant of the TD school, addressed the students at Mary Hardin-Baylor college in Belton, Thursday, commemorating Armistice day. . . . "These four freedoms that we are fighting for," he said, "are made up of a combination of little things that we call the American way of life." Then referring directly to the ladies present Gen. Mayberry said: "It is to be expected that a certain percentage of you young women plan eventually to join the WACS, WAES, SPARS, etc. . . . However a word of caution. It is neither desirable nor practicable for you to interrupt your education at this time to pursue these courses."

School Party Planned

A party is being contemplated by the enlisted men of the TD School Headquarters staff, to take place on Dec. 7th.

No doubt the slogan of the party will be: "Remember Pearl Harbor! - They'll Never Forget It!"

Dressing Rooms Built

Dressing rooms have been completed at the TDS amphitheater. Built upon the stage, they make a balanced permanent back drop, aided by the full sized theater screen in the center used for movies. Add the high powered sound system installed recently, and the amphitheater is second to none anywhere for modern equipment.

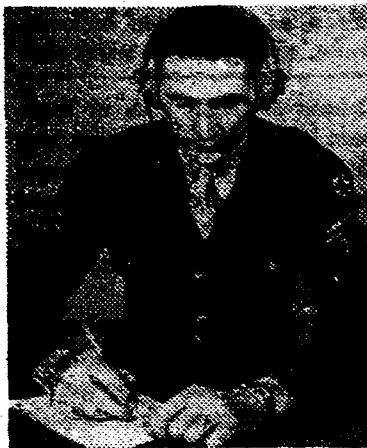
Quote Of The Week

The aim of American strategy is to bring you (American soldiers) home, but to bring you home in one piece. We are out to win, but with the minimum of losses. But probably you aren't going to get home again for quite some time. You might as well get used to that idea right now.

—John Gunther in Look.

Billy Rose Dancer Radio Man Here

He's just another good radio electrician in the Army now, but nine championship cups at home attest to T-5 John Bjelka's pre-war dancing prowess which led to his appearance at the last New York World's Fair.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

T-5 Bjelka is now with Headquarters Company, 672nd TD Battalion, UTC. His Army career to date includes basic training, radio school and trouble shooting work as radio electrician for Headquarters Company.

T-5 Bjelka's dancing came naturally to him without formal instruction. In high school, he excelled at basketball and started winning dancing contests when he was 19 at his home in Richmond, New York City. He and his partner took first prize with a congo-waltz in a Richmond contest. The next year they received a call to dance with Billy Rose's famous Aquacade at the World's Fair. Various exhibitions elsewhere followed.

Army induction was delayed for Bjelka a year and a half; not because of his non-essential dancing but because of his employment as a foreman at the Bethlehem Steel Shipyards, Staten Island. While working there, he pursued his hobby, radio, by studying to be a radio electrician at night school. The Army has given him an opportunity to work at it.

Dancing in the Service for T-5 Bjelka has been confined to casual partners at the Service club. It's no secret that he says his best partner is his best girl back home in "little old New York."

141st RTC Bn. Has Best Mess Third Time

The 141st RTC Bn., North Camp has repeated as best battalion mess hall for the week of November 8-14, while Co. B, 147th RTC Bn. has been rated as the best company mess in the 7th Regt. for the third consecutive week.

Co. C, 143rd Bn., which won the week before last, pushed forward to take the honors again this week as best in the 6th Regt., as did the Wac Det., RTC, bounce back as best TD Company mess, with Co. C, 133rd Bn. a close second.

Among the officers mess halls the 5th Regt was on top, pushed by the 2nd Regt which lost by one per cent.

It Would Only Happen Once In A Lifetime

Sgt. William Casto, Co. "A," 660th TD Bn. and Cpl. Harold D. Keener, Hq. Det. 126th ASTB, met in St. Louis, Missouri while returning to Camp Hood from furlough.

After voicing their utter disgust in missing their train, which could have gotten them into camp before their furlough expired, they found that they were from the same city, Charleston, West Virginia; that they both had been home on 15-day furloughs, starting the same day and had been on the same train from Charleston to Cincinnati, and to St. Louis. To climax the whole affair, they both had been married only eleven days! While they were home on furlough, their wedding ceremonies were performed on the same day, October 30, 1943.

Sgt. Casto married the former Miss Helena Harless of Charleston, West Va., where she is training to be a nurse in a local hospital.

Mrs. Keener is the former Miss Dorothy Jean Murphy of Weston, West Virginia.

Sends Christmas Gifts To Pals Overseas

S-Sgt. Stanley Claves, of TD School headquarters, has been busy all this week sending Xmas gifts to pals he trained with, who are now serving in far away places. To all of them, in New Guinea, and England, he started his messages with a hearty: "Greetings, you lucky guy!"

Wac's At Dallas Meeting

Sgt. Birdie M. Flippo of the WAC Det., RTC, and Sgt. Beverly M. Cletcher of the 1848th Unit, North Camp, recently attended a "War Conference" of the Delta Eta Delta Sorority in Dallas. Both WACs are members of the sorority.

Drill Teams Are Readied

Lt. Thomas V. Games, of Hq Co., 635th TD Battalion, First Sergeant Benjamin O. Coleman, Co. "A," and S-Sgt. William E. Lewis, Hq Co. are the supervisor and instructors, respectively, of the recently established drill teams of the 635th TD Bn.

Team number one, made up of picked men from each company ranging in height from 5' 7" to 5' 9" is armed with the TSMG. Sgt. Coleman in charge of this group, during the daily hour of instruction, has accomplished much. Manual of arms with the TSMG is probably the most difficult manual to do and still retain a semblance of unison. The men in this particular team are rapidly acquiring precision and dexterity in the movements necessary in handling this weapon.

Team number two, such in number only and not in ability, consists of men chosen in the same manner and ranging from 5' to 10" to 6'. Armed with the M1 rifle, instructed by S-Sgt. Lewis, formerly of the SUMC, the men look smart and well drilled when going through their paces.

Both teams hope to be ready for a public appearance in the near future.

Camp Special Service Officer Honored For Year's Service Here

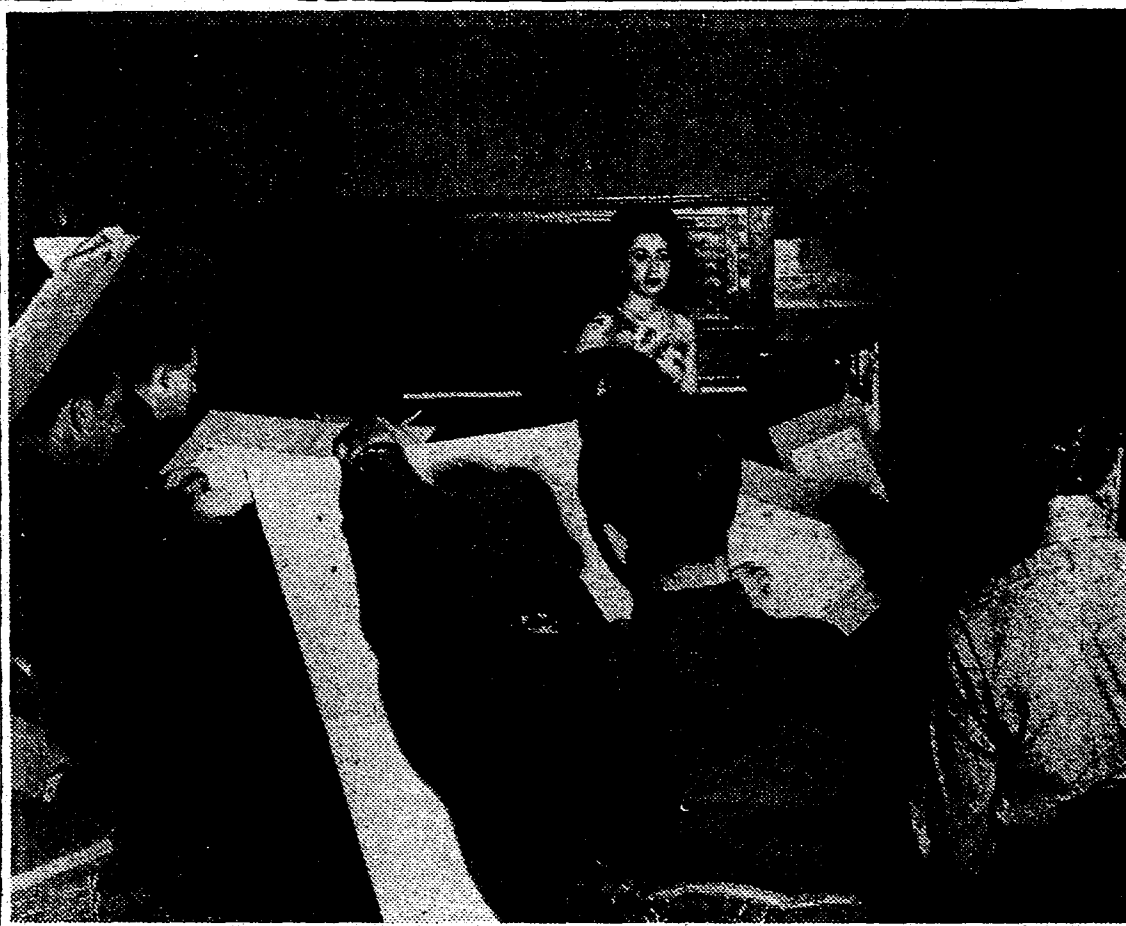
Major Chesley M. Adams, camp special service officer, was entertained this week by special services workers, in celebration of his first year in that section at Camp Hood.

He was guest of honor at a breakfast at the 37th Street service club Monday. Sunday he was similarly entertained at the 12th Street Service club at North Camp Hood.

The breakfasts were arranged by the service club hostesses and were attended by members of the section.

GI Becomes "Papa"

Pvt. Joseph Mangano, who drives for the Hq RTC Motor Pool, received word from his wife, Aurora, this week that he is the father of Francis Paul, a husky 7 lb. 12 oz. baby boy. Francis was born in tica, N. Y. which is Joe's home town.



SOLDIER-ARTISTS FORM CLUB—Soldiers with an inclination to paint, draw, or sketch have been meeting each week in the club room at the 37th St. Service Club. Here the soldier-artists are sketching from a live model, T-5 Bessie Cartigmelia, 1848th WAC Detch. Any GI's interested have been invited to meet with the group Monday nights.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Tougher To Get Your Bars But It Still Can Be Done

With reduced quotas in the Army's Officer Candidate Schools, more competition and longer courses, it's tougher now to get a commission, but there are still plenty of opportunities for those who can make the grade.

That's the latest word, based on the new regulations and the end of the rapid expansion period while the Army was being built to its present strength of officers and enlisted men.

Direct commissions to enlisted men and civilians in the U. S. is limited generally to doctors, dentists, veterinary surgeons, licensed pilots and certain needed skills. Overseas direct commission from the ranks, are on the increase; also OCS are being expanded in the various theaters of operations.

The Army Administration School has been discontinued for the present, and the Adjutant General's School will close after graduation of the 24th class on Jan. 5, 1944. Since this class is underway now, no new applications are being received and all applications now being processed will be returned.

Despite reduced quotas it is the WD policy to give everyone here and overseas the opportunity to apply.

Locations of the OCS Schools are: Air Corps, Harvard University and Miami Beach, Fla.; Signal Corps, Fort Monmouth, N. J.; Chemical Warfare Service, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.; Engineers, Ft. Belvoir, Va.; Antiaircraft, Camp Davis, N. C.; Ordnance, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Quarter-

master, Camp Lee, Va.; Finance, Duke University, N. C.; Infantry, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Judge Advocate General, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Military Police, Ft. Custer, Mich.; Armored Command, Ft. Knox, Ky.; Transportation, New Orleans, La.; Field Artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla.; Medical Administration, Camp Berkeley, Tex.; Cavalry, Ft. Riley, Kan.; Coast Artillery, Ft. Monroe, Va.; and Tank Destroyers, Camp Hood, Tex.

Where Has Our Little Dog Gone, Boys Ask

By CPL JAMES BERGERS

There are many sad faces in Co. A, 145th AST Bn, RTC, these days.

The reason? Their mascot, "Tex", a Cocker Spaniel puppy is lost. "Tex" really belongs to Lt. Walter Mrozek but the men of Co. A have officially adopted him as a "fellow cadremen." Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the missing mascot has been asked to contact Lt. Mrozek at 3205 and he'll be glad to pay a reward for any information leading to the dog's return.

You'll know "Tex" once you see him. He's only three months old but he handles his reddish brown body in a manner which sets him apart from any other cocker his age.

And if "Tex" is as anxious to return as the men are to have him, a glad reunion is in store for all concerned.

Maj. Richard Baker, S-3, 23rd Group, Promoted From Captain; Early TD

Lt. Col. Milo H. Matteson, Commander of the 23rd Tank Destroyer Group has announced the promotion of Capt. Richard H. Baker, Group S-3, to the rank of Major.

Major Baker's military experience covers a wide field. As Michigan's assistant procurement officer, Major Baker was connected with the state's Selective Service System, being chief of contracts. In 1937 he went to the field artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla., later becoming battery Commander of the 119th Field Artillery. Since its inception as a separate unit, Major Baker has been with Tank Destroyers.

Major Baker has eight months service in the Pacific Theater to his credit.

The Central Hec Hall, North Camp, is in process of being converted into a theatre niteclub with extensive decorations being accomplished to accommodate the lavish presentation planned for Thanksgiving here.

Lt. John L. Stenzinger, RTC entertainment officer, is enthusiastic about his plan to present a typical Broadway stage show. The 2nd RTC band, directed by Sgt. Bill Fischer, will be featured on stage with the entire production built around the solid crew.

Thanks to the quantity and quality of talent on hand in the RTC, the revue should be cross-sectioned with a variety of acts to add to the holiday festivities.

School Library Has Military Treatise; Other New Volumes

Among the new books at the TDS Library especial recommended this week, is "Surprise," by General Waldemar Erfurth, who is well 'up among the first flight of contemporary German writers on military topics.

Military men, both officers and those in the ranks, can do far worse than keep up with Military Services' dollar series of classics. Another "beat" has been scored with this first translation of Erfurth's excellent treatise. Although prepared before the current war, it is timely and accurate. Surprise is considered in strategy and the several phases of tactics. It is looked at both objectively and historically. Its tremendous importance is ever emphasized, as well as its relation to economy of force. Indeed, some consider it the only necessary guiding principle. And we know how the Japs came perilously close to proving that thesis.

Service Club Workers Take Horseback Rides

Pvt. Frank Meo, head of the meat department at the Leon Drive Service club, North Camp, passes on the news that the Club employees enjoy a weekly moonlight horseback ride in Gatesville.

The original group consisted of four stalwarts but, at last reports, the equestrians had mounted to 10.

Pvt. Steve Osinski, chief cook of the Leon Drive Service Club, from Schenectady, N. Y., who used to school and gait horses for Barnum and Bailey circus, is showing the group, who hail from Illinois, Texas, California and Oklahoma, the fine art of staying on.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

RECEIVE SOLDIER'S MEDALS—Sgt. Leslie C. Ingram, Cpl. Kahn T. Whitley, and Pvt. Glenn W. Bailey, all of the 655th TD Bn., UTC, receive the Soldier's Medal for heroism in removing live artillery shells from a burning tank destroyer from Major General John H. Hester. While enroute to a firing range fire was discovered in the engine compartment. They tried to extinguish the blaze, but when it continue to spread, they removed valuable property and 10 rounds of service ammunition without regard to personal safety.

His Buddies Tell Him To Blow It Out His Smokestack, And He Does

By T-5 TOM DUNDON

To look at unassuming Harry Turen, of Co. B, 670th TD Bn., one would hardly receive the impression that he was formerly an original member of America's most

musical accomplishments, Harry was a full-fledged printer and was editor of a Lyon's newspaper.

Plays Almost Anything

Harry's reputation for musical versatility is well earned. In addition to playing the saxophone and clarinet, he can get music from a tonette, mouth harp, fiddle and even a smoke stack. Another phase of his job with the Korn Kobblers was the pleasant task of smoking as many as six cigars in an evening's performance. Inasmuch as the stogies were considered company expense, Harry did his smoking gratis. He still enjoys the habit and during his off-duty hours can be found, with a blue halo of smoke around his head and his face full of cigar.

Sandwiched between his education in the subtle art of tank busting, Harry entertains his buddies with the gentler artistry of his music and his mirth-provoking antics. He's also been featured

in shows at the Field House and at several of the Service Clubs.

It's a real discovery, the boys say, to find a man you can tell to blow it out his smoke stack and receive a musical answer.



nonsensical band—The nationally famous Korn Kobblers.

On the bandstand, Harry was what a Hollywood producer would term "a scene stealer." Without any obvious attempt to draw attention to himself, Harry's poker-faced antics draw gales of laughter from any audience, and when he got his featured spot in the Korn Kobblers' "Casey Jones" number, he rated with Jimmy Durante, George Jessel and Jack Benny.

Harry is a native of Lyons, Neb. While at home, he organized his own local band, known as "Turin's

Fourth Company Wins Twice From Fifth

The Fourth Company, 52nd Class, OCS Regiment basketball team, recently chalked up two successive victories, defeating the Fifth Company, 53rd Class, 18 to 10, and walloping the Headquarters & Service company OCS, hoop team, 34 to 15, as the club showed plenty of scoring power.

Fred Peoples, former star at Ohio university, Joe Shy, well known Missouri track leader, and Fred Bouldin, who was an all-conference football ace for Missouri, played with the winners. Ivan "Zeke" Slaughter, Ray Weston, Gayle Verrelman and Homer Muller, also did some heavy scoring.

Panthers Meet 166th

The UTC "Panthers" football team will tangle with the 166th Armored Infantry eleven tonight in a game which will be played at Killeen Field. The game will get underway at 7:30 p. m.

'Nightclub' Party Held In OCS Regt.

By Cpl. Walter H. Glaser

Official "opening" of "Club 400" situated in Headquarters & Service company area, OCS Regiment, took place Saturday night when more than 200 persons attended a dance amid all the settings of a beautiful night club. The event was one of the most successful ever put on by the company.

The "club" was attractively decorated with amber and blue streamers and other color combinations, as well as red balloons, canvas bunting and colored light bulbs, giving it that night club atmosphere, while individual tables

seating six persons at each, with fancy white table clothes, a special stage and two service bars, helped make it all a complete club.

On the outside, there was a canopy leading to the entrance, which was also decorated, with an electric sign over the door bearing the inscription "Club 400", from which all the guests entered the dance hall. One of the feature attractions was a stunning cigarette girl who added a high note to the event.

Girls From Ft. Worth

More than 70 girls from Fort Worth, acted as dancing partners for members of the cadre of Headquarters & Service Company and the Officers' Candidate School Regiment companies. Several officers and their wives, cadre and their wives and lady friends, were all in attendance, with Lt. Col. Eugene J. Howell, commanding officer of the regiment, and his wife, the principal guests of the evening, and Major John W. Cameron and his wife, also from the regiment.

The First TD dance band played for the occasion, from 8:30 until 1 o'clock in the morning. Several fine acts of vaudeville were staged during the intermission period.

Committees Do Work

Credit for the excellent way in which the hall was decorated and arranged, is largely due to the efforts of T-5 Theodore J. Lamoth, a former painter, and P.F.C.

Thomas J. Bosco, both of Regiment Supply in the regiment, who did the brunt of the work to make the event possible. They worked day and night, putting in many long hours to give the hall that "night club effect."

1st Lt. Forest C. Armintrout, commanding officer of Headquarters & Service company, 2nd Lt. Lawrence T. Garner, executive officer of the company, and 2nd Lt. Jesse R. Ivy, duty officer of the company, headed the committee in charge of arranging for the dance, along with 2nd Lt. Herbert M. Matthews, regiment mess officer.

Assisting the lieutenants were 1st Sgt. Stanley O. Young, T-Sgt. Ronald W. Lambert, T-Sgt. Edward W. Brogan, T-Sgt. Kenneth L. Johnson, S-Sgt. Joseph T. Leutis, Sgt. Sidney Katz, who was also master of ceremonies, T-5 Wilfred Gentile, T-5 Lamothe and P.F.C. Bosco, all of whom helped to complete the arrangements for the dance.

During the evening, coca cola and beer were served, while later in the evening, several kinds of sandwiches, potato salad, olives, pickles, potato chips and hard boiled eggs, were served as a light lunch by a group of waiters from the company who were on the alert all evening taking care of the guests in fine fashion.



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

On the Russian front the Soviets continued to pile it on the Germans seemingly at will.

On the Italian front the Germans dug in and threw a Sunday punch that halted our advance.

At what the Associated Press called an amazing pace, the Russians overran town after town, until they were within shooting distance of Korosten, and within a few miles of bisecting the vital north-south rail line north of the city.

Pouring through the Ukraine, the Russians forces have passed the halfway mark on their march to Berlin. With practically all the important railroads captured by the Russians, the Germans have been forced to fall back on a roundabout system of single gauge tracks.

Freezing cold promises to pave a broad highway for the Russian assault on Poland, the Balkans, and Berlin. The panic retreat of the Germans indicates that they remember previous winters in Russia.

5th's Salient Withdrawn

The Nazis taking advantage of bad weather in Italy, charged into a desperate counterattack, forcing the American troops back from their forward positions. Reports indicate that this was mainly a withdrawal of the 5th Army's salient northwest of Venafrò.

The latest rumor reported by latrine lawyers in Madrid's bistros and bars is that Germany is preparing a big scale offensive in Italy for this winter.

Large formations of American heavy bombers flew 700 miles

from Britain to blast essential metal mines in Norway. At the same time the campaign to hit Hitler at the sources of his fighting power was continued by RAF aerial raids on a seaplane base near Brest in France, and alcohol plant in St. Nazaire, and shipping and communications throughout northern France.

The Germans came back for the first time in several months with a raid on southwestern England.

Pacific Preparations

Reports from the Pacific suggest that the Allies are building up for a new offensive.

Secretary of Navy Knox said that a single American Aircraft carrier had scored a one-sided victory over four groups of Japanese planes.

For half of November the Allies reported a toll of 360 Jap planes, compared with 476 for all of October. For the same period the enemy lost 15 warships and 34 other vessels.

Secretary Hull stated that the untangling of European borders will have to wait until the end of the war.

No Secret Commitments

In his first public report since the Moscow conference, Mr. Hull assured the press that there were no secret commitments in the Moscow pact, and urged that it be accepted as our non-political foreign policy.

The Associated Press reported from London that some of Spain's most influential political and military leaders had demanded the restoration of the king.

Premier Marshall Pietro Ba-

doglio, who has been trying to save the Italian King's throne, promised to "present my resignation as the head of the government and retire" when the Allies reach Rome.

Hitler's New Secret Weapon

The latest secret weapon which Hitler has been bragging about is a rocket bomb, like something out of Buck Rogers. It was quite effective the first few days it was in use, but the Allies seem to have evolved tactics to offset it.

The senate and house agreed on a bill which would place pre-war fathers at the bottom of the draft bill.

Ivestia, the official Soviet government newspaper, carried a front page tribute to Secretary Hull, for his work in bringing the Moscow conference to a successful conclusion.

President Roosevelt asked Congress to authorize funds for United States participation in the work of rehabilitating liberated European countries—an act, he said, which would materially shorten the war.

"America First" Again

Senator Reynolds—who decided not to buck competition in the next election—agreed to make a series of speeches for "America first, Inc.," which is headed by Gerald L. K. Smith, former Huey Long stooge.

The President reported to Congress that we had received \$1,174,000,000 from Britain in a reverse of lend-lease.

Errol Flynn is busy making movies.

DANCE

Civilian WD
Employees

2-Orchestras

2-Floor Shows

DEC. 18

FIELD HOUSE



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT (NON-DENOMINATIONAL)

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
Chapel 289-170th & Brig
11:00 A. M.

Post Chapel-52nd St
Chapel 115-268th St
Chapel 289-170th & Brig
Chapel 639-62nd St
Chapel 2209-School Area
Chapel 1156-37th St West
6:30 P. M.

Chapel 115-268th St
Chapel 1156-37th St West
Chapel 2209-School Area
Chapel 2109-37th St East
Chapel 289-170th & Brig
COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 513-70th St

Worship Services

10:00 a. m.-11:00 a. m.-6:30 p. m.
Sunday school-9:00 a. m.
Musical hour, Tuesday-6:30 p. m.

EPISCOPAL

Chapel 902-50th St
Sunday-6:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Chapel 1156, Thursday-8:00 p. m.
Sunday-8:45 a. m.

LUTHERAN

Post chapel-52nd St. Sunday-6:30 p. m.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Chapel 639, Sunday-7:30 p. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass, Sunday

Hospital, Red Cross Bldg-6:30 a. m.
Stockdale-6:30 a. m.

Chapel 1156, 37th St West-7:00 a. m.
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig-8:00 a. m.

Post Chapel, 52nd St-9:00 a. m.
24th St Theater-9:30 a. m.

Chapel 902, 50th St-11:00 a. m.
37th St Theater-11:00 a. m.

162nd St Theater-11:00 a. m.
Novena Services

Friday, Chapel 2209-7:00 p. m.
Sunday, Chapel 176-6:30 p. m.

Monday, Chapel 1156-6:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapel 176-6:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Chapel 902-6:30 p. m.
Morning Weekday Masses 6:30 A. M.

Chapel 176, Mon, Thur, Sat.
Chapel 902, Mon, Fri, Sat.

Chapel 1156, Tues, Thur, Sat.
Evening Weekday Masses

Chapel 176, Tues, Wed, Fri-6:30 p. m.
Chapel 902, Tues, Wed, Thur-6:30 p. m.

Chapel 1156, Monday, Wednesday-6:30 p. m.

Chapel 2209, Friday-7:00 p. m.
Confessions.

Before every Weekday Mass.
Saturdays as follows:

Hospital, Red Cross Bldg-3-4 p. m.
Chapel 902, 50th St-4-5:30 & 6:30-9 p. m.

Chapel 176, 164th & Brig-6-9 p. m.
Chapel 1156, 37th St West-4-6 & 6:30-9 p. m.

JEWS

Chapel 902-50th St
Friday, orthodox-7:30 p. m.

To be followed by a Reform Service.
STOCKDALE

(Protestant)-2:00 p. m.
SPECIAL THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Protestant, Wednesday, 6:30 P. M.
Chapel 115, 268th St

Chapel 289, 170th & Brig
Chapel 513, 70th St (Col)

Chapel 639, 62nd St
Post Chapel, 52nd St
Chapel 2109, 37th St East

7:00 P. M.
Chapel 2209, School Area

7:00 P. M.
Chapel 1156, 37th St West

Simulated Enemy Gets Strong Fire Of 671st

Guns of the 671st TD Bn. continue to boom here in South Camp in the same manner as they did at North Camp, this time at simulated enemy installations in the form of UTC targets.

Recently, Co. B alerted on Brown's Creek Range No. 2 waiting for the signal to pour steel into the Paperhanger's Panzer-wagon and Infantry forces who were advancing toward their lines. Throughout the day a continuous fire kept the enemy confined to an area about 500 yards to the front. By late afternoon the enemy force had met its match, with 26 percent of the enemy gone to Adolph's none-to-happy hunting grounds.

Under cover of darkness, Co. A moved into position along Clear Creek Range No. 1. Suddenly a flare split the blackness to reveal Nazi vehicles. Seconds later darkness again enveloped the fleeing enemy who had left 15.4 percent of their Panzerwagons behind.

Co. C began the day with determination to darken the hopes of the "enemy" force that was reported advancing along Pilot Knob 1,000 inch range. With their M-10's in defilade, the crews eagerly awaited the command to fire. The fight began and from that time on the "Hun" was on the receiving end. Cpl. Kelker and Pvt. Timms fired every round home for a perfect score, knocking out every Nazi tank that dared approach within range of their guns. When the battle ended 91.3 percent of the enemy's vehicles had been knocked out.

The next morning, advance parties of Recon. Company placed their 50 cal machine guns along Cedar Creek Range No. 2 to repulse a possible "enemy" attack from the north. Round after round was hurled at the enemy and gun

commanders were jubilant as they sensed the shots going home. When the attack was finally repulsed and they moved forward to new positions, they found 64 percent of Hitler's supermen had given their last Heil.

Throughout all phases of the battalion's work, a scrappy Headquarters Co. had given an excellent account of itself. It proved that it could supply the other companies with necessary equipment, adding to the already efficient firepower of the organization.

Victory Ideas Now Sought From Civilians

WD Civilian Employees at Camp Hood can win from \$5 to \$250 for ideas that will result in saving time, manpower, equipment or money. In addition to the regular awards, extra cash prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for the three best ideas submitted before Dec. 10. See your Section Head.

Boxing Card At Hospital

The "shut-ins" at the station hospital enjoyed a boxing and wrestling show in the auditorium, Wednesday, presented by members of the TD school athletic office.

Pfc. "Mickey" Fagan referred the fast bouts.

The Student Regiment's Mucci and Tommy Walker, 65th TD Bn. put on a wrestling exhibition. Sam Brown, Truck Bn. and Mell Hawkins of the 158th TD Bn. punched each other around more in the manner of a man event, than the exhibition they were supposed to be putting on. Peterson, 635th boxer, appeared in another exhibition.

Candidate Now Parent

A son was born to Candidate and Mrs. Bryan W. Rudder, of Jameson, Missouri, on October 15, at St. Joseph's hospital in that town. Candidate Rudder is with the 4th Company, 52nd Class, Officers' Candidate School Regiment.

Son Is Born

A son was born to Candidate Mrs. Richard F. Thaw, of Corvallis, Oregon, on November 3, at the home, 427 South 5th street. Candidate Thaw is with the 4th Company, 52nd Class, Officers' Candidate School Regiment.

Chapel 902, 50th St.
Catholic Mass
Wednesday, 6:30 p. m.
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig
Chapel 902, 50th St
Chapel 1156, 37th St West

NOTE: Watch weekly chapel bulletin on company bulletin boards for additions to schedule of Catholic masses.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

PRESENT FLAGS—Lt. Robert Barr, adjutant, North Camp representing Col. Donald R. Dunkle, executive officer, receives an American flag for each service club at North Camp from W. D. Sonntag, of the Waco Locale 1037, Voiture 40 & 8 Club. Ruth Madison, senior hostess and Mary Keyes, social hostess, represented the 12th St. Service Club, and Maggie Rose Earls and Mrs. Robert Hall accepted the flag in the name of the Leon Drive Club. Capt. D. D. Kynaston, SSO, North Camp, attended the presentation.

Five Day Rooms In 656th Bn. Are Now Completely Equipped

The 656th TD Bn. now boasts of five day rooms of top-notch quality. Each company has a pool table and the men are becoming, well not quite "pool sharks," but, are getting acquainted with the game. Besides having the pool

tables they are equipped for such games as ping pong, checkers, ectera. The men are making use of them and are saying, "It gives the Company area some of that 'home like atmosphere,' which is really appreciated by all GIs."

Quiz Answers

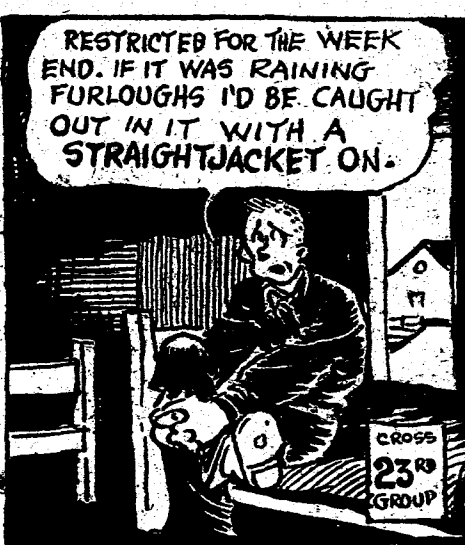
1. From Attu to Tokio, 2,005 airline miles; from Burma, 2,795; from Lae, 2,975; from Honolulu, 3,850 miles.
2. Night area bombing requires about three times as much explosives as daylight precision bombing.
3. True. The foundations of the US Signal Corps were laid by Lafayette in 1777. When the system was proved feasible it was adopted by the armies of other countries.
4. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force has its headquarters in China.
5. New Orleans.
6. Tinted Smoke.

Tank Battalions Win In Ping-Pong Tourney

In a ping-pong tournament open to personnel of the 374th Engr. Regiment's 758th, 761st and 784th Tank Battalions, 614th Bn., TD Truck Bn., 786th Sanitary Co., and the 1848th QM Det., the Tankers copped all prizes offered.

The 758th Tank Bn. won first and third prizes, with S-Sgt. Klee-man W. Lyles and T-Sgt. Joseph Bryant wielding the paddles.

Cpl. Sumter Johnson of the 761st Tank Bn. captured the runner-up spot.



Male Call Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Moral: Have Right Eye Open When You Squeeze



TDS, 106th Battle To 6-6 Tie



Pvt. Richard Williams, former all-state quarterback from North Dakota, is without a doubt the sparkplug of the TDS football team, which currently appears to be the best eleven in Camp Hood. Calling the plays, running, passing, and kicking the ball, Williams is a scoring threat every minute he's on the field. Fans here will also recall that Dick was something of a "Joe Gordon" on the Student Regt. baseball team the past season. Williams performed at second base for the Camp Hood title winners . . . Under the guidance of Lt. Fred A. Murphy, TDS, the Student Regt. basketball team is all set for the season's court grind, and they are much intent on capturing the crown, as several standbys of last year's squad are again wearing the "Studes" colors. Nolan, Eadie, Clemens, Hartman and McGuire form the nucleus of the 1943-44 Stude cagers. All are veterans of last season's aggregation . . . Sgt. W. Roman, fullback of the 665th Bn. "Red Devils" grid team, would make Moon Mullins feel pretty proud today. Mullins, former football great at Notre Dame, used to coach Sgt. Rowan while he was attending St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Illinois. Rowan is a "work horse" when it comes to football. In a recent game against the fast TDS team, he played 50 minutes of good football, despite the fact that one of his fingers was bound in a plaster cast. Reminds us of Minnesota's great Bronko Nagurski . . . Pvt. Lou Villante, Co. C, 129th Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood's outstanding middleweight pugilist, will be proud to know that he's just made "The Broadway Bugle", Dan Parker's New York Mirror double-column stretch. We're sending you a copy of the slice, Lou! . . . This corner came within two games of the perfect mark on grid picks last week. When the sun was down and all the games were done, on a card of 37, old Kay Cue had lapped up 35 winners, which meant a hitting average of .946. Nerts to SMU and Pennsylvania—they let us down! Next Saturday, it'll be Notre Dame over Iowa's Seahawks. Michigan will outlast Ohio State, Army to measure Brown, Minnesota will crush Wisconsin, and Purdue will smother Indiana. And as a closing note . . . Texas is gonna whip Homer Norton's A&M kindergarten bunch come that Thanksgiving Day game—bettin' money on it!

Cavalry Ekes Out 7-0 Victory From UTC In Night Game

In a tight game, featuring hard charging lines and vicious tackling, the 106th Cavalry football team eked out a 7 to 0 victory over an improved UTC eleven in a game played at Killeen Field Friday night.

The first half was a defensive battle most all the way, with numerous fumbles marring both teams' offensive game.

In the third quarter, the 106th began to roll and with Spiers, Golembeski and Stephens ripping off gains, they went over for a touchdown. Golembeski hitting pay dirt from the two-yard line. Stephens punched a hole in the UTC forward wall to account for the point after touchdown.

After this, UTC threatened with a sustained march in which they rolled up three first downs, but a pass interception killed their chances for a tally.

Forrest, fullback of the Panthers, sparked the UTC attack, being in on almost every play. Devaney and Berry also played fine ball for the losers.

Scaravelli, Archer, Spiers, Ste-

Wins 44-38 Game From Second Company

Last Friday night, the Third Company, 51st Class, OCS, Regiment, came through with a thrilling 44 to 38 basketball victory over the Second Company, 50th Class, OCS, Regiment, in a close and hard-fought game. It was revenge for the Third Company which lost to the Second, 14-5, in a game played earlier in the season.

Members of the Third Company team include, Candidates W. P. Barrett, D. E. Aten, E. D. Bartruff, E. D. Cobaniss, R. M. Craig, K. L. Giese, R. R. Gray, R. Jones, S. V. McQueen and J. A. Curtis.

Want Football Games

Co. A, of the 665th Bn., has organized a company football team and wishes to play any other company team on the post.

Any company team wishing to accept this challenge should contact Lt. Joe Haddy, phone 2478.

phens, Lee, Sherrod, Marianacci, McGraw and Poole stood out all the way for the Horsemen.

The capacity crowd was entertained during the game by the 106th Cavalry band.

Many Teams Enter Meet

Basketball teams entered in the single elimination tournament which opened at the Field House last Tuesday evening are as follows:

Student Regiment, 655th Bn., Fq. Co. Tng. Brigade, 635th Hq. Co., 1848th Ord., 635th Co. A, 666th Bn., 836th Ord., Hq. & Service Co., 666th Co. D, 658th Hq. Co., 49th Ord., 666th Co. C, 661st Co. A, 667th Co. C, 603rd Bn., 663rd Bn., 661st Hq. Co., ACD Co. C, 691st Co. C, 667th Co. A, 665th Bn., 662nd Bn., 658th Rec. Co., 672nd Bn., 635th Bn., 635th Co. C, 20th TD Gp. Hq. Co., Station Hospital, 668th Bn., 264th Artillery, 801st Bn., 664th Bn., OCS, 657th Bn., 667th Co. B, 166th Inf., 666th Hq. Co., 655th Co. C, 658th Co. A, 635th Co. B, 670th Medics, 661st Co. B, 90th MRU, 661st Rec. Co., ACD Co. D, 670th Bn., 656th Bn., 667th Hq. Co., and 666th Co. B.

The tournament is not a Camp championship event, as the current tourney is to be followed by a camp championship round-robin tournament at a later date.

Third Company Wins

The Third Company, 51st Class, OCS Regiment basketball team, took the measure of the Fourth Company, 52nd Class, five in a recent contest, by the score of 26 to 20. It was a close game all the way with the score changing hands quite frequently. The 3rd Company opposes the 2nd Company in this week's game.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS
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Armistice Day Fight Card Opens Season

In an Armistice day fight card, staged Thursday night at the Field House, a sizeable gathering of fight fans were treated to five good bouts which opened the winter ring campaign for Camp Hood.

To start last Thursday's card off, a couple of dusky boys from the QM Detachment threw the leather for one round.

In the second bout, Pfc. Doto, 106th Cavalry, outpointed Pfc. Warrick, 635th Bn., in a three-round go that brought great applause from the crowd.

The third bout saw Student Regiment's Jimmy Dunlap win by a wide margin over Pvt. "Chicago" Toman, 106th Cavalry mittman. Toman was a tired man when the bell ended the three-round go.

In what was called the main event, two big-sized middleweights, Pfc. Gore, 106th Cavalry, and Cpl. Smith, 635th Bn., slammed each other with everything but the ring posts for three torrid rounds. Smith was the victor by a margin as big as Notre Dame over Killeen.

To close the evening's card, Cpl. Hawkins and Pfc. Brown, gave fans a reminder of the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis bout of a few years ago, with Brown, the boy with a Fitzsimmons reach, winning a close and much-booded decision.

Basketball Opens In NC

Featuring fast play, basketball broke into the sports limelight in the RTC and AST battalions at North Camp last week, with a total of 10 games being played on Monday and Friday nights.

Similar inter-battalion and inter-regimental round-robin competition will continue for an eight-week period, when a three-bracket tournament will be held to determine a North Camp champion, followed by a challenge to the South Camp winner for a camp playoff.

Last week's games featured the goal shooting of Jenkins, 147th ASTB, who tossed in 23 points for high point honors in a game won by the 146th ASTB, 44 to 35.

Other games and results were as follows:

138th Bn., 24, 137th Bn., 18.
136th Bn., 35, 129th Bn., 30.
140th Bn., 39, 139th Bn., 37.
130th Bn., 34, 131st Bn., 7.
RTC Hqs., 41, 128th Bn., 15.

BB League Starts Play

In the basketball league consisting of the following organizations; 374th Engineer Regt., 761st and 784th Tank Battalions, 614th Bn., TD Truck Bn. and the 786th Sanitary Co., all games are to be played at the Field House on Wednesday nights commencing at 7, 8 and 9 p. m.

All teams are to furnish their own equipment, including basketballs.

The league's play opened last night, and will extend through December 15.

Any team failing to appear for other than training reasons will automatically forfeit the game.

Co. D, Academic Regt. Team Has Five Men From Last Year's Five

The Co. D, Academic Regt., basketball team is returning to the court this season with five of their regulars of last season in the lineup. VanVauen, Somers, Drell, Gotthard and Lucas are the veterans returning.

The team has made a good showing thus far, and is pointing to a successful season. The team will meet the 661st Recon. Co. five in their opening game.

Brown's continual left jab was the difference.

Pfc. Joseph Fagan, popular TDS fight official, was the "third man" in the ring, with T-5 Earl Rogoff, Hqs. Co, 19th TD group, serving as announcer. Both boys did a swell job.

Another card is being worked out for tomorrow night, Friday, and all fight lovers are urged to turn out and get behind Hood's preparatory plans for champion Joe Louis' appearance here next month.

Another boxing card will be staged at the Field House tomorrow night, Friday.

Any boxers interested in appearing on this card, which promises to be even better than last week's show, may contact Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, phone 729.

Hood Teams Split Waco League Tilts

Lt. Henry Mahley's all-North Camp Hood basketball teams, the Tigers and Panthers, split their two games in the Waco USO league basketball series last Saturday night in Waco.

The "Tigers," playing the Blackland Army Air Field quintet, lost a hard-fought contest, 35 to 27. Outstanding players for the Tigers were, Cpl. Cyganiak, Lt. R. French, Sgt. Moore and Pvt. Vincent Barr.

The second game saw the North Camp "Panthers" nose out the strong Waco Army Air Field five, 28 to 27, in what was one of the best games played thus far on the Waco court. It was not until the last thirty seconds that the Hood five went out ahead and won the game. Sgt. Stan Kronk, Pvt. David Talbert, Pvt. Bob Sergeant and Pvt. Milikan played outstanding ball all the way for the Panthers.

The Panthers will tangle with the Blackland Flyers quint and the Waco AAF five will battle the Baylor ASTP team in Baylor university's gymnasium next Saturday night.

Service men are admitted free to all USO league games.

Athletic Program Now Being Planned By New SS Officer

Lt. A. A. Fromholz is new executive and Special Services officer of Hqs. Co., RTC, North Camp.

Lt. Fromholz is making plans for a full and varied athletic program for the Hqs. cadremen. Two basketball teams have already been lined up. Practice games have been played and the teams look forward to forthcoming tournament competition.

Huge Crowd Sees Game On Killeen Grid

Camp Hood's two powerful football titans, the TDS and 106th cavalry elevens, both undefeated, met on the Killeen High School field last Tuesday evening, and after displaying four periods of just about the best football seen in these parts, emerged with the issue still in doubt, the game ending in a 6 to 6 deadlock.

Band On Hand

It was crisp, ideal football weather for what turned out to be a "classic", as the two big grid machines fought a magnificent duel, witnessed by the season's greatest crowd of partisan rooters, plus a band and a galaxy of cheer leaders. The crowd throng was kept in a constant uproar of excitement as the two teams matched brawn against brawn and speed against speed in desperate efforts for victory.

Dick Williams and John Scroggins, two TDS backfield greats, set up the lone score made by the Scholars in the first quarter. With Scroggins sprinting around his right end for good yardage, and Williams carrying on a try that enabled TDS to advance the ball all the way to the 106th one-yard line, from where Williams flat-passed to Byrnes for the touchdown.

The Cavalrymen's marker came in the second quarter as the result of long gains by Maloney and Stevens, which brought the pigskin to the TDS 5-yard line, from where McGraw carried over for six points.

It was a razzle-dazzle affair all the way, with passes, power plays and superb punting showing up well on both sides. The punting of Stevens, of the Cavalry eleven, was something to marvel at, as he consistently booted the oval between 45 and 60 yards time after time, and if anything prevented a TDS victory, it was the superb kicking of Stevens, plus the excellent running of his team-fellow, Maloney, whose line plunging and end skirts were the 106th's greatest offensive threats.

John Scroggins was a big noise for TDS, and his 50-yard sprint as the first half ended, brought the crowd to its feet.

Just before the game ended, Steels punted to the coffin corner, the ball coming to rest on the Cavalry 2-yard line. Had Maloney, of the 106th, not wriggled from a TDS tackler, it might have resulted in victory for the TD team as he was back of his goal line, in two-point territory, but managed to scurry out to about the eight yard line as the pistol put end to the game.

It is likely the two teams will meet again this season. Both are potential Camp Hood champs, and if a camp champion is to be known in football this season, it is very probable that the two big elevens will lock horns again at a later date.

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