

The Hood Panther

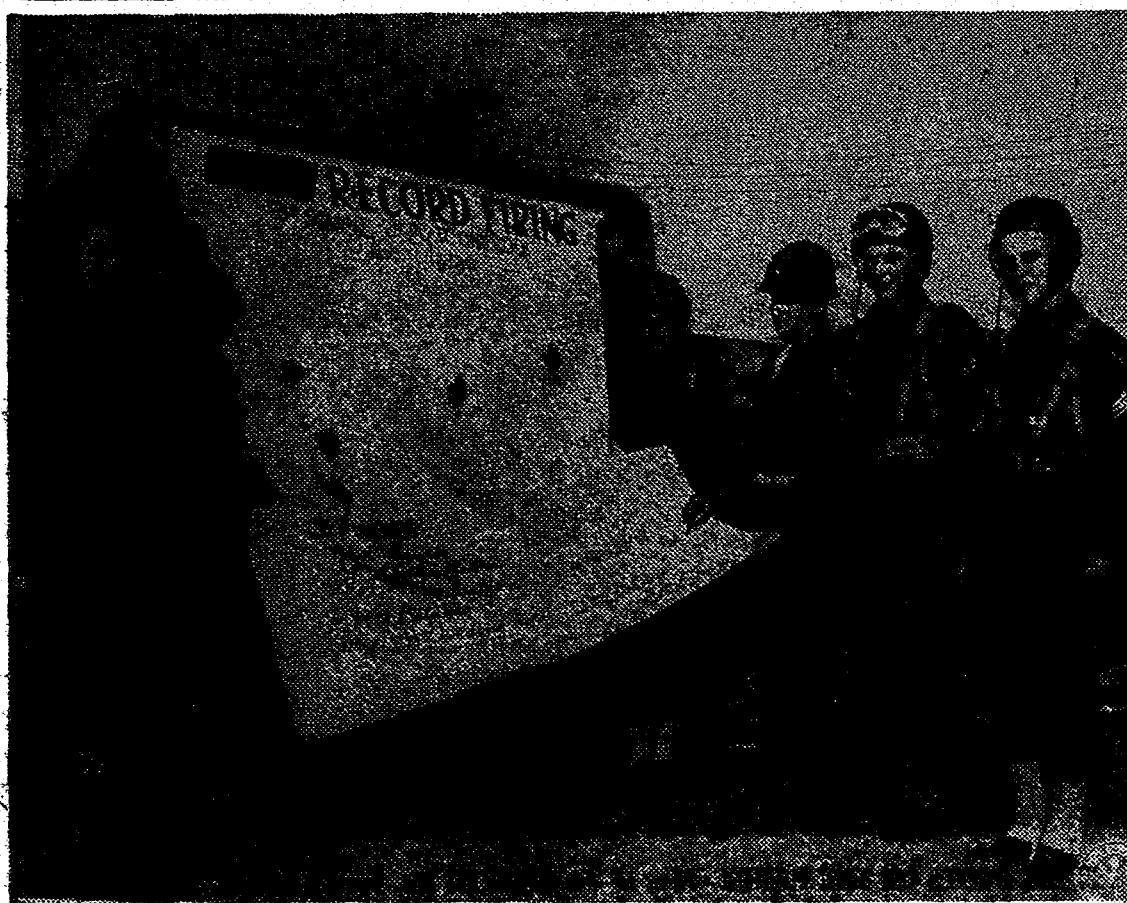
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AUTOGRAPHED TARGET FROM GENERAL—Men of the Third Squad, Second Platoon, Co. B, 670th Bn., UTC, see their target which bears five hits out of five shots, signed by Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Commanding General, TDC. Although 14 crews of the battalion scored five hits out of five shots fired on their target, General Hester agreed to sign this target because he said Sgt. Lawrence Smith, far right, was the youngest gun commander he had ever encountered. From left, Pvt. William Van Guilder, Pvt. Frank Gardion, T-5 Robert Batschelet, General Hester, Cpl. Stephen Walker and Sgt. Smith. Story at right. More pictures Page Two.

'HQASTPBTC' Newest Unit Activated

The Army Specialized Training Program Basic Training Center has been activated at North Camp Hood, effective Nov. 26th.

The ASTPBTC has taken over the headquarters and area recently vacated by the RTC.

Meanwhile the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, here, carries on the TD training of men as battle replacements. The ASTPBTC was previously administered by the RTC, but is now a separate unit. From a practical standpoint, however, several activities, such as the Railway Transportation Office and Rations Section, will serve both units temporarily.

Colonel Maurice C. Bigelow, Inf., who has been with the ASTPBTC since its inception last July, will head the ASTPBTC. Col. Christian Hildebrand, will continue as executive officer, TDRCO and Brig. General Walter A. Dumas, will command both units.

Chapel Attendance In Hood Higher Than Rest Of United States

The army held a total of 109,525 religious services in the United States during the month of September which were attended by 6,405,863 soldiers, or an average of 58.4 for each service.

At Camp Hood, Camp Chaplain Major Thomas Talbot said this week, 168 regular services were held for a total of 24,844 men, or an average of 147.8 persons for each service.

Average attendance at religious services in Camp Hood is therefore, almost three times as great as the average throughout the United States, he said.

Uniform Must Be Worn Correctly

Proper uniform regulations for men stationed here are going to be more strictly enforced in the future by military police. MP's will stop all men leaving camp who are not in the correct uniform.

All men will wear the blouse off the reservation, regardless of the type shirt worn. For the uniform worn off the reservation, the uniform "A", either service or garrison caps may be worn. Sometimes the choice of head cover is left to commanding officers. This "A" uniform may be worn at any time or place off duty.

No enlisted man will wear any article of uniform different from that issued to the organization to which he belongs.

WAC's can't wear the garrison cap off the reservation.

No black neckties will be worn at any time.

This drive to see that all military personnel are in proper uniform will be enforced at all times.

131st Wins Mess Plaque

The 131st Bn. North Camp, came to the fore to take the honors as best RTC battalion mess for the week of November 15-21, while Co. B, 133rd Bn. scored as best company mess.

The D's have it with Co. D, 142nd Bn., best in the 6th Regiment and Co. D, 149th Bn. topping the competition in the 7th Regiment.

Among the officers mess halls Headquarters led the rest.

Parents Of Daughter

A daughter, Claudine Rae, was born to Mrs. Claude E. Holman, wife of Lt. Holman, 665th Bn., October 27th.

South Seas Party Theme For WAC's

South Sea Islands will be the theme of a Thanksgiving dinner-dance to be given tonight by members of the WAC Detachment, 1848 Unit.

The detachment mess hall, where the turkey dinner will be held, and Building 111, where the dance will take place, are to have South Sea Island decorations. WACs will wear crepe paper flowers in their hair, make lets for their dates.

Between the dinner and dance, a skit caricaturing the "war guilt" trial of Hitler will be given by: Hitler, Sgt. Edna Clark; the judge, Sgt. Dorothy Middleton; the devil, Cpl. Eleanor Woodruff; St. Peter, Sgt. Elsie Tedford.

Working with Lt. Peggy Mitchell, executive officer of the detachment, on plans for the party, were Pfc. Jean Nelson and Sgt. Ada Sullivan.

Civilians Purchase \$227,062.50 In Bonds During 10 Months

During the 10 months from January, 1943, to October 30, 1943, Camp Hood civilian employees purchased a total of \$227,062.50 worth of War Savings Bonds through the Class A Pay Reservation Plan. War Bond officials announced this week.

Fourteen Gun Crews In 670th Battalion Shoot Perfect Scores

By T-5 Tom Dundon

(Photos at Left, and Page Two)

Shooting a cumulative point average of 88.89 as compared with the old record of 86.99 in battalion proficiency firing, men of the 670th TD Bn., UTC, left a wake of shredded targets on the Tama Gas Car Range No. 1 last week in firing the modern tank destroyer before Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Commanding General, TDC. Fourteen gun crews registered perfect targets, scoring five hits out of five shots per destroyer. The 670th is commanded by Col. W. H. Hale.

In retests of the two platoons below qualification, six other gun crews rang up "possibles," which, had the refiring been credited to the battalion's record, would have raised the cumulative average to 101.3.

General Hester, who has appeared at the practice firing during the early part of the week, was obviously so impressed by the gunners' deadly efficiency in the preliminaries that he returned again as an interested, and later, enthusiastic observer at the "main event."

Some Real Firing

Probably the most outstanding unit performance in the thrill-packed day was turned in by the Third Platoon of Co. C, led by Lt. Clarence W. Frankle and S-Sgt. James W. Stone. Studies in cool confidence, the crews of the platoon's four destroyers lounged in their vehicles and harmonized the song they have adopted as their theme,—significantly enough, "Pistol Packin' Mama". But when the firing began the boys were in deadly earnest. One by one the long-barreled destroyers spoke and, when the firing ceased, the scoring showed 20 hits out of 20 tries. Lt. Frankle pointed out that the platoon's performance was no fluke. On the day prior to the record firing, the platoon had fired 93 per cent in a practice run. "I knew the men could shoot," Lt. Frankle said, "but I was highly pleased with the steady cool-headedness of the gun commanders. A false order indicated that the 'surprise' target had appeared, but the commanders held their fire until the targets were actually visible. When the chips are down, as they were on the firing line, it's easy to get excited and imagine the appearance of a target. It'll be like that in combat, but my men proved to me that they are capable of remaining calm even under trying conditions."

Receives Congratulations

The performance of T-5 N. R. Brinkena was lauded by General Hester, who personally congratulated the modest, freckled gunner. Brinkena, who incidentally has spent so much time working with his gun that his buddies declared that given a mattress, he would remain with his piece 24 hours a day, credited his achievement to the gun itself.

Nor was the performance of Company B's 1st Platoon the less outstanding. For instance, Gun Commander Harold F. Hutzler's supreme confidence in his gunner, Cpl. Joseph Hatch. Before the firing had even started, Hutzler had predicted to Lt. Reginald D. Brady that Hatch would score a hit on the surprise target in one shot. Hatch not only lived unto the prediction, but also sent his four remaining shots into the moving target. Cpl. Bernard Holton, gunner on Company B's No. 4 gun, displaying superb fire distribution, smashed five rounds into his moving target in somewhere near 40 seconds, for another perfect target.

Then, there was T-5 Charles H. Jones of Co. A's 1st Platoon, who registered three hits out of three attempts on the difficult surprise targets, a big contribution to the platoon's 110.

Sgt. L. Smith, the youthful Co. B gun commander, was another recipient of commendation from General Hester. Commenting on the fact that Smith was one of the youngest gun commanders that he had ever encountered, General Hester, agreed to sign the target on which Smith and his crew had scored five hits out of five shots, a promise fulfilled the following day. When asked by the General how he liked Texas, Smith replied, "It's all right for training, sir, but we're anxious to get at those Nazi Mark IV's", a statement which reflected the unanimous desire of the entire battalion.

Two Weeks Work

The battalion's shipment of modern tank destroyers arrived only two weeks before the firing. It was also a difficult and delicate job getting acquainted with the intricacies of their destroyers, a job that required the combined talents and united efforts of almost every man in the organization.

It was two weeks of listening to the pitch of motors turning over in the chill dampness of four o'clock in the morning. Two weeks of strained eyes peering through dust-coated goggles and tugging at unfamiliar levers as the drivers strove to learn the whims of the new thoroughbreds. Two weeks of oiling each cam and gear for the mechanics. Two weeks of nursing the big machines, priming them for their big moment, of the gun crews themselves cleaning, fairly shining the guns from muzzles to breeches and beyond. They had to be ready—they were—and so were the crews.

Women Symphony Here December 9, 10

The famous Kryl Women's Symphony Orchestra will play at South Camp December 9th, and at North Camp December 10th.

The Kryl orchestra has been assembled from some of the top ranking orchestras and music schools. It is a somewhat unusual aggregation in that it is composed entirely of women, except for the

conductor, Bohumir Kryl, a colorful personality whose career started with a circus band.

Since his early start Kryl has come a long way to his present status as one of the outstanding innovators in the field of symphonic conductors. He is best known for his experiments in employing both color and contrast in his interpretations of the works of great masters.

He is also known for his work as a cornet soloist.

The orchestra has a high reputation for its fine musicianship. But what is equally enticing, to a soldier camp, the musicians are pretty enough to qualify as pinup girls.

Cecile LeBrun, first string harp soloist, would probably have no trouble making the Hollywood grade. Mary Lane Morris could pose for fashion illustration any time she gets tired of being an outstanding violinist and concert mistress. Arlene Kruse, the company's lyric soprano, is young and pretty, and even if you don't like that kind of music, you'll like her looks.

Grads Told Work Only Way To Top

Major L. M. Tidd, assistant executive officer of the Tank Destroyer School, addressed the 49th Officer Candidate School Class at its graduating exercises Friday, at which Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, Commandant, presented the certificates and commissions to the successful candidates who had completed 17 weeks of training.

Major Tidd pointed out that the average age of the class, 26, coincided exactly with the length of time he has been a commissioned officer in the United States Army, and the one thing he had observed in this span, which they would later experience and profit by was work.

"That which, in my opinion," said Major Tidd, "is necessary in order that you may carry successfully the burden of responsibility which you now assume can be summed up in a few words: Experience and Knowledge, both of which are acquired first through human contacts, coupled with, and never separated from, one all-embracing word—WORK."

133rd Holds Early Party

The 133rd battalion of the RTC is celebrating Thanksgiving night with a doubleheader basketball game and tap-dancing contest.

The competition, to be held at the 21st St. Rec. Hall, is between companies of colored battalions. The first game, between companies A and D, will start at 7 p. m., while B will engage C during the latter part of the evening.

Major H. M. Shirley, executive officer of the 133rd Bn., has announced a novel tap dancing contest, to be carried on during the halves, with the winner taking all of an approximate \$25.00 cash prize to be donated by battalion officers.

Only A Texas Jack Rabbit Would Do This

Maj. Edward H. Burch, Jr., of North Camp Hood, is explaining to fellow officers of the Tank Destroyer RTC that he got his black eye from a rabbit punch, and displays a patch of Texas jackrabbit fur to prove it.

The shiner came under "hazards of training." With other headquarters officers Major Burch was going through a field problem, and hit the ground at the first sound of enemy fire.

He found himself staring eye to eye with a tough Texas jack. The officer was quick but the jack was quick like a rabbit and its 10 pounds hurtled through the air and bounced off the major's left eye. The rabbit pulled itself together and vanished while Major Burch was recovering his helmet and his composure.

54th OCS Class Starts

The 54th OCS Class got underway last Monday. Twenty-seven different states are represented in the class, Pennsylvania leading with 14 candidates. Thirty-five candidates came from TD units, the remainder from the Infantry, Field Artillery, and Cavalry.

Serial Number, Return Address Must Be In Own Writing On Free Mail

Many members of the armed forces are failing to comply with regulations governing free mailing privileges. Two of the most frequent violations are not including the sender's Army Serial Number in the return address, and not writing the return address and the word "free" in handwriting.

Unnecessary delay can be avoided by addressing mail completely and correctly, Capt. G. F. Aldrich, Camp Adjutant, pointed out this week.

Two Are Promoted

Two promotions of commissioned officers were announced by Lt. Col. E. B. Horsfall, commanding the 801st Battalion—to Captain J. E. Bulger; to 1st Lieutenant R. W. Perry.

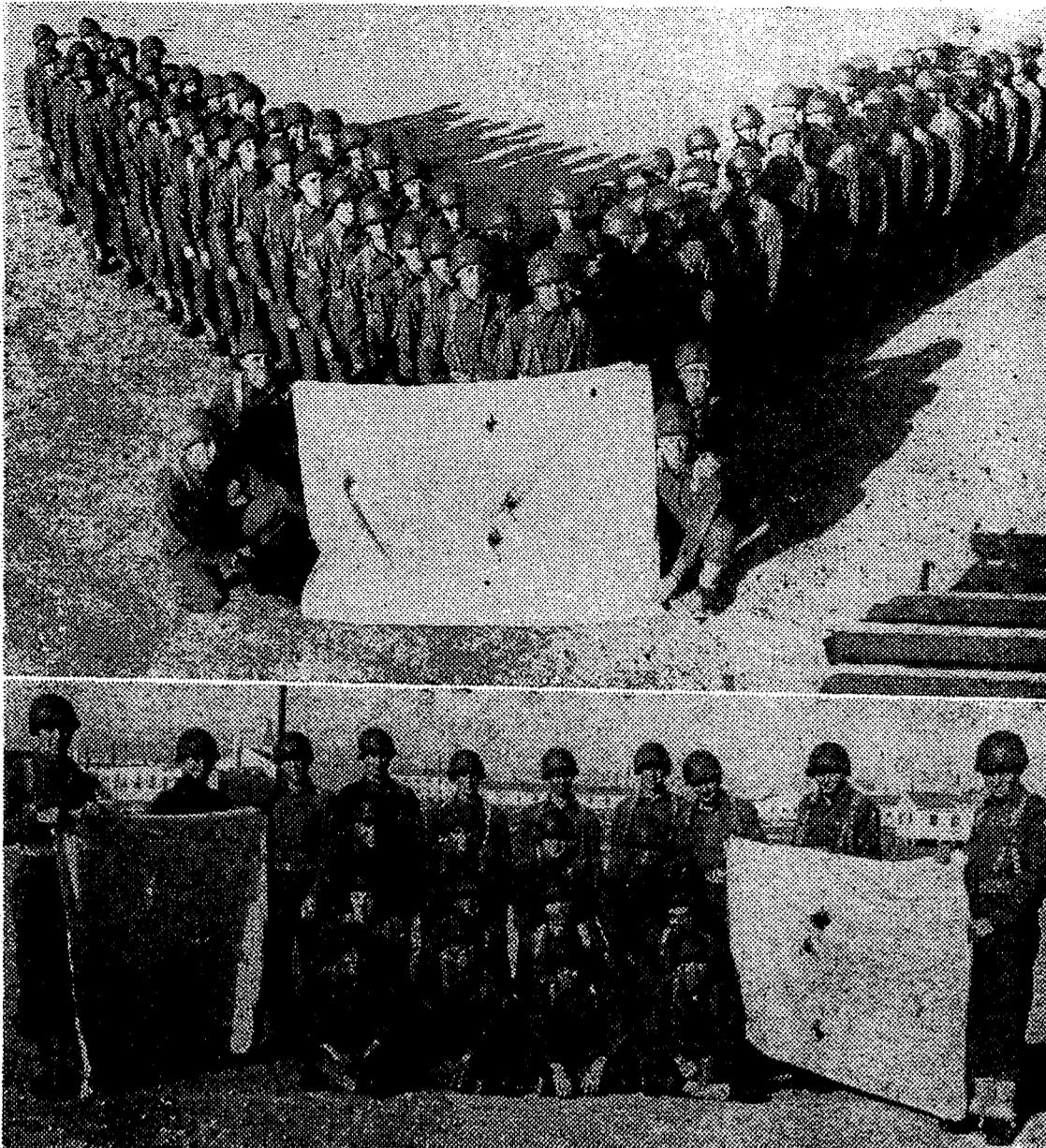
Enter OCS Class

Cpl. Warren A. Getson, of Hq. Co., and Cpl. R. J. Donnellon, of B Co., 801st Battalion have entered the 54th TD OCS class.

Daughter Is Born

Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Smith, 665th Bn., have announced the birth of a daughter, Bonita, born November 5th.

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CAMP HOOD SIGNAL CORPS PHOTO
ARE BIG SHOTS ON THE RANGE—Men of the 670th TD Bn. form a human "V" for Victory after 14 gun crews of the battalion fired perfect scores with their tank destroyers on the range here. Below, personnel of the Third Platoon, Co. C, each gun crew of which fired perfect scores: Crew 1: Lt. Frankle, platoon leader; Sgt. E. H. Baker, Cpl. P. Panayakos, T-5 D. Jollette, Pfc C. Becker, Pvt. E. Criss. Crew 2: Sgt. J. Barrie, Cpl. C. Hamm, Pvt. L. Papez, Pfc L. Barrett, Pvt. C. Sweeney. Crew 3: Sgt. R. Callahan, Cpl. N. Brinkema, Cpl. W. Smith, Pfc Harleman, Pvt. W. Campbell. Crew 4: Sgt. J. Lineberger, Cpl. C. Hemmi, T-5 R. Arsenave, T-5 J. Stevenson and Pvt. M. Hangley. (Story and picture Page One.)

Two Officers Are Promoted At Same Time

First Lieutenant Allen Brockenbrough, plans and Training Officer 672nd TD Bn., and 1st Lt. Clark W. Bullard, CO of Company E, 672nd Bn., were both promoted to the rank of Captain last week.

This was not the first time that both officers were promoted at the same time. They were both commissioned at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on the same day, and received their promotion to First Lieutenant on the same day.

First Lt. Howard M. Smelly, CO of Recon. Co., 672nd, was also promoted to Captain last week.

Training Brigade Retreat Parade Honors Gen. Hester

In honor of Maj. Gen. John D. Hester, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center, Training Brigade held a ceremonial retreat parade recently. All organizations of the Training Brigade participated, under the command of Col. Lansing McVickar, Training Brigade Commander.

Before the order to pass in review was given, General Hester, accompanied by Colonel McVickar, tramped the line of the Training Brigade organizations, who were in massed battalion formations. The line of march of the review was as follows: the massed bands, includ-



Pri.—Guadalcanal Diary
Sat.—Henry Aldrich Haunts a House
Gildersleeve on Broadway
Sun.—Mon.—Thousands Cheer
Tues.—Wed.—In Old Oklahoma
Thur.—Fri.—Old Acquaintance

SERVICE CLUBS
162nd St. Service Club
Thursday 25—Thanksgiving Program
Friday, 26—Camp Hood Revue
Saturday, 27—Soldier Talent
Sunday, 28—Movie
Wednesday, 29—Bingo
Wednesday, Dec. 1—Game Night
Thursday, 2—Movie

37th St. Service Club
Thursday, 25—Thanksgiving Dance
3:30
Friday, 26—Games, Recordings, 8 p. m.

Saturday, 27—Variety Program, 8:30
Sunday, 28—3 p. m., Open House

3:45 hymns, sing-song; 8 p. m., movie

Monday, 29—Bingo, prizes; Art Group Meeting

Tuesday, 30—8 p. m., beginners ballroom class; Discussion Group Meeting

Wednesday, 1—Beginners French Class, Sing Song

161st St. Service Club
Thursday, 25—Thanksgiving Dinner, Recordings

Friday, 26—Dance, Girls from Aus

(in 9-11:15 p. m.)

Saturday, 27—Informal Night, 8:30 p. m.

Sunday, 28—Vespers, 4:5 p. m., Chaplain Williams and Assistants

Games, 8-10 p. m.

Monday, 29—Bingo w/ prizes

Tuesday, 30—Dramatic Play; Dance, Girls from Temple, 8-10 p. m.

Wednesday, 1—Movie, 8-10 p. m.

Thursday, 2—Informal Fun, 8-10 p. m.

ing the 1st and 2nd Bands, TDC, and the 106th Cavalry Band; the massed colors; Hq. Company, Training Brigade; Hq. Company, 22nd TD Group, the 603rd, 614th and 656th TD Bns.; Hq. Det., 5th Tank Group, the 758th, 761st and 784th Tank Bns; the 106th Cavalry (Mecz) Regiment; 2nd Bn., 166th Infantry; 264th Field Artillery Bn.; and the Truck Bn., TDC.

After passing the reviewing stand, the organizations assembled in mass in the Athletic Field south of Brigade Avenue, where General Hester addressed the troops, in a message carried over the public address system installed for the occasion.

He stressed the opportunity in the brigade due to the variety of arms with which it was composed. The use of these different branches with the Tank Destroyers offered a wide field of tactical study seldom obtained. He complimented the appearance and work of the various units, and laid stress on the necessity for the intensive studies on the fundamentals of gunnery.

After the parade, senior members of the Brigade Staff, Group and Battalion commanders, assembled at the quarters of Colonel McVickar and there met General Hester, who, with his staff, was later guest of honor, at a dinner, of the Brigade Commander and officers, in Training Brigade Officers' Mess No. 1.

Chief Handy Man In Academic Regiment

Sergeant James Wilson has been chief handy-man of Company "D", Academic Regiment, TDS, since a year ago last September. He not only heads the yardbird details in the company area, but is sergeant of the guard, being the regular non-com head of the guard detailed by the Student and OCS Regiments.

He was formerly a chief carpenter in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Wounded GI's From War Front Are Cheerful; Praises Work Of TD's

By Cpl. Norman Perlstein

In one of the mess halls at McCloskey Hospital in Temple, wounded veterans of the Italian African and European campaigns just arrived on a special train from the east coast were waiting to be assigned to various sections of this largest of Army general hospitals in the country.

It was a tense, brave amazingly cheerful group of men who had reached in a short time, the place that was to be a mending and healing sanctuary. Nothing morbid; just a stream of stories and good talk. And for many of them, 36th and 45th Division soldiers, it was home. All the strains of the long trip showed in the unconcealed excitement which hung over the room as these men gave in to the thankfulness of being back in the United States.

Drawn but anxiously happy T-5 Troys M. Molloy began to forget for the minute the searing memory flashes of desert battles in Tunisia where as a member of a TD battalion he fought the German Afrika Corps last spring. Now again it was thoughts of home—Molloy lives in Ben Wheeler, Texas—and rest for this tank destroyer veteran. For TD's in Camp Hood, his lessons gained in combat and new pride in the Tank Destroyers.

Landing at Oran following the Allied invasion armies last spring, Molloy's outfit moved in to chase the Germans across Africa. In those engagements which are now familiar to TD's—the stands at El Guettar, Faïd Pass, and Gafsa—Molloy and his half-track blazed away at the Nazi Armor. "None of the Americans were afraid of the Germans. Oh, they're good fighters, but we weren't afraid of them and their reputation."

"We can come out best every time if you throw everything at the Nazis," Molloy said.

In April his outfit was still fighting when the half-track in which Molloy was riding ran into a German mine field, the explosion wounding the Tank Destroyer in the head. "About six German mines did what Booby Traps couldn't do," Molly said.

Shortly after his arrival in Africa Molloy made up his mind not to look for souvenirs. There were too many men disabled from clever German traps.

"Morale in my outfit?" Molloy asked. "Hell our spirit was swell. The other American troops had respect for us and our men knew what they could do. Our spirit was always tops."

Although Molloy never trained at Hood, he had heard about the great progress with new weapons here. His outfit trained in England before going to Africa. He left the United States in August, 1942.

The TD's were a relatively untried outfit in Africa, but T-5 Troys Molloy watched them fight the supposedly unbeatable German armor, "throwing everything at the Nazis."

Even as the men left the mess hall they were still joking and cheerfully kidding each other. Nothing was sacred about their wounds, just a great bunch of officers and men, many of whom were determined to carry a chip on the shoulder, proud guys, all of them.

OC Clothing Store Moved

The Officers Candidate and Officers' Clothing Store has been consolidated with the Main Exchange—Number 1—at 50th Street and Headquarters Avenue.

All officers' clothing may be purchased at this new location and all officer candidates who have ordered merchandise may receive it there.

Exchange Number 1 has been rearranged and the stock enlarged for the anticipated Christmas rush. In addition, a gift-wrapping department has been installed.

It is advisable to do your Christmas shopping early.



ASTP PATCH—You'll soon be seeing this new shoulder patch on the shirts of GI's assigned to the Army Special Training Program. It's expected to be ready for distribution very soon.

19th Group Nears End Of UTCTraining

May 1, 1943 the 19th TD Group was activated at North Camp Hood under the command of Lt. Col. Beverly St. G. Tucker. Eight officers and 12 EM were assigned from other units to set up the organization and to get things running before the arrival of 40 fillers from the Reception Center.

On the 15th of May the men of the 19th Group entered into an intensive training period. During the weeks following, training in marches, dismounted drill, firing, and general subjects was conducted from which everyone emerged a more educated, a more aggressive, and a more alert soldier. During this period the Group marched to the Shell Camps where the training was continued and where the men became accustomed to outdoor living in a field camp.

On August 23, the Group having completed its training under the UTC, left on a 56 mile road march which ended at new quarters in Camp Hood on the 26th of August. Back in barracks again, training under the UTC was started. This training is now nearing completion and all men are better qualified to occupy their assigned positions.

Of the original cadre, four officers and 10 EM are still on duty with the Group Present Group strength, 18 officers, 56 EM.

Conduct Medals Given Medical Men

By PFC IRVING HIRSCH

In a special ceremony the first presentation of Good Conduct Medals ever made at Station Hospital was held last Wednesday in the Red Cross auditorium, when 59 members of the Medical Detachment received the award.

Major Joe Bassett, hospital adjutant, officiated at the ceremony and offered a short talk commending the men and pointing out the value of the award. Another group will receive the award at a later date.

Those who received the ribbon were: M-Sgt. Homer F. Brackney, M-Sgt. William J. Ivy, 1st Sgt. Elvis F. Walker, T-Sgt. Victor C. Alkire, T-Sgt. Andrew R. Gooch, T-Sgt. Lee I. Langston, T-Sgt. Jerome F. Schwertner, S-Sgt. Richard Cole, S-Sgt. Roy F. Davis, S-Sgt. Fern C. Masters, S-Sgt. Arthur R. Morley, S-Sgt. Erwin R. Staehr, S-Sgt. Morris V. Woolridge, Sgt. Howatt L. Bolen, Sgt. Roy J. Chapman, Sgt. Vernon B. Guillot, Sgt. Henry T. Marshall, Sgt. Edward L. Pfahl, Sgt. Herbert P. Smith, Sgt. Edward E. Zweizacher.

T-4 Edgar E. Bowdoin, T-4 Tobe L. Jones, 1-4 Louis C. Lutzenberger, T-4 Calvin H. McDaniel, T-4 Carroll L. Pearson, T-4 Edwin J. Ridings, T-4 Raymond N. onHoldt, T-4 Herman V. Wietzke, Cpl. Glynn Lorance, M-Sgt. Reed W. Hooker, M-Sgt. Earl Jennings, 1st Sgt. Dale W. Yates, T-Sgt. Alfred E. Dobson, T-Sgt. Leonard G. Johnson, T-Sgt. Gerónimo V. Perales, S-Sgt. Andrew B. Bray, S-Sgt. Hurl M. Cowell, S-Sgt. Roy F. Davis, S-Sgt. William V. Mangrich,

S-Sgt. Albert Novasad, S-Sgt. Philip B. Steinberg, T-3 Bruce E. Garman, T-3 Benjamin Sylvia, Sgt. Gordon L. Brownfield, Sgt. Billie D. Dearing, Sgt. Ronald W. Hinz, Sgt. Frank W. Nedza, Sgt. Johnnie C. Sepulvado, Sgt. Roman F. Subar, T-4 Harold C. Bybee, T-4 Nathan S. Derden, T-4 Joe Handley, T-4 Placido L. Maldonado, T-4 Thomas J. Moore, T-4 Joseph L. Richardson, T-4 Thomas M. Stephens, T-4 Mike Wetuski, T-4 Franklin E. York and Sgt. Wayne E. Null.

Sports Are Underway

Football and basketball teams are setting a fast pace in the 19th TD Group. Several teams have been organized in both sports and have already played a number of practice games. Boxing is also in the 19th Group's sports menu, and winter recreation as a whole is going over in a big way with all men involved.

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CHECK FOR SUGGESTION—Mrs. Zillah Schreck, civil service employee in the Adjutant's office, receives a check from Lt. Ancil Harrison as her reward for submitting an acceptable suggestion in the Victory Suggestion Campaign. Lt. Harrison, executive secretary of the committee, has announced that three special cash awards, \$25, \$15, and \$10, will be awarded to civilian employees who submit practical ideas before Dec. 10. These are in addition to the regular scale of awards ranging from \$5 to \$250, will be awarded at the Civilian Employes' Party in the Field House Saturday night, Dec. 18.

TD Lt. Eluded Nazi Patrols In Africa

First Lieutenant Lawrence E. Marcus of Dallas, twice-decorated Tank Destroyer hero of the Tunisian campaign, is now back on active duty with the Tank Destroyer Board at Camp Hood after five and a half month's hospitalization resulting from wounds received in combat.

Marcus, whose Tunisian exploits as a Tank Destroyer platoon leader have had wide publicity, reported at Camp Hood late in October and is engaged in special test work with the Tank Destroyer Board.

"I only wish we had had some of this new Tank Destroyer equipment in Tunisia," he said, thinking of the improved weapons being tested at Camp Hood.

Wounded By Fragment

Proud possessor of the Croix de Guerre for action in support of the French on December 26, 1942, and of the Croix de Guerre, Order of the Brigade, earned near Fondouk on January 3 of this year, Marcus was wounded in the left arm by a bomb fragment on March 21 while firing on enemy aircraft during the famous El Guettar battle described by Captain Ralph Ingersoll in his best-seller, "The Battle is the Pay-off."

As a result of the wound, Lt. Marcus began a hospital tour that included field treatment near El Guettar, and further aid at Youkles-Bains, Tunisia; Oran, Algiers; Staten Island, New York; and a final convalescence at Longview, Texas.

Landing near Oran on December 10, 1942, Lt. Marcus' unit saw action in the most difficult phases of the Tunisian campaign. The night of January 20 was especially ticklish, according to the Tank Destroyer officer. His platoon was part of a Tank Destroyer outpost stationed at the Byzantine Ruins in the Ousseltia Valley for the purpose of stemming a heavy German break-through.

Has Close Escape

Forced to withdraw by a fierce Nazi tank and artillery attack after dark, Lt. Marcus sent his own vehicle back and remained to observe the enemy advance. He became separated from his platoon and rejoined American forces two days later after a lonely trek over a 3,300-foot mountain during which he walked "maybe 15 miles horizontally and at least two vertically." Before reaching his own lines, he was forced to eat his confidential pap-

ers, lie doggo for hours while streams of American and German fire criss-crossed over his head, and pass within 10 feet of a German radio unit, "Who," he said, "could have captured me if they hadn't been as afraid of the dark as I was."

A graduate of Woodrow Wilson School in Dallas, and of the Harvard University School of Business in 1940, Lt. Marcus had been associated with the Neiman-Marcus firm of Dallas before reporting for active duty early in 1942 from a reserve status. After a short period at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and Camp Blanding, Florida, he went overseas with the Tank Destroyers early that August.

131st Bn. Men Able To Drive

Co. C of the 131st Bn., RTC, won't lack for men to keep its vehicles going.

Forty-one new men out of 158 answering a questionnaire for trainees listed themselves as truck drivers. Seven said they were mechanics in civilian life.

One driver, Pvt. Cyril Kelly of Pineville, La., noted that he drove a gasoline truck 87,000 miles without an accident in 1939.

Farmers outnumber the truck drivers in the new complement, however. Forty-three of the men were farmers before becoming soldiers. Fourteen worked in aircraft plants as welders and fitters and eight were machinists. The new men are mostly from the central states.

761st Tank Bn. Team Wins From Truckers

The 761st Tank Bn. quintet overwhelmed a game Truck Bn. aggregation from the Training Brigade, 67 to 24, in a basketball game played last week at the field house.

James, the Tankers ace forward, led the high scoring spree with 27 points, while Lamber, of the Truckers, chalked up eight points to lead the scoring for the losers.

Two New Added

Two former members of the 801st Battalion have been added to its roster of officers—2nd Lt. C. Carr, Recon. Co., and 2nd Lt. A. J. Davis, Motor Officer.

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Thanksgiving Day

FOR MANY OF US this Thanksgiving will be the first that we have ever spent away from home. There is no use denying that we will miss the fellowship of our families on this national "home" holiday, the smell of roasting turkey in the kitchen and the too many pies, cakes, pudding and sweets.

Yet on this Thanksgiving Day, 1943, we have more to be thankful for than ever before.

In our training camps in America and the battlefronts of the world we are thankful that those American homes are still standing; that no fleets of enemy bombers have been able to sweep across our land leveling our cities, homes and factories.

We are thankful that those American homes are still standing in a spiritual, and moral sense; that our parents can still go to church on this day, or any day, to the church of their choice; that they can discuss and vote as they choose without fear of a "Gestapo" agent overhearing.

We are thankful that the newspapers which come into those homes can print anything they choose as long as it does not give aid and comfort to the enemy or reveal restricted military information.

We are thankful that those homes have not been emptied to fill concentration camps and work camps for some all-powerful dictator.

We are thankful that across the land millions of our relatives and friends can gather in stadiums and watch two highly trained football teams battle it out in a contest in which sportsmanship, fairplay and skill are the things which count.

So on this Thanksgiving Day, we who are preparing to fight, or are fighting the enemy of all these things, have great cause for giving thanks to God.

For it is we who are privileged to prove our faith in this way of life which cherishes the individual personality as the most precious unit of our civilization; a way of life in which all of us walk in freedom to think for ourselves; a way of life which is proving itself the master of regimentation and slavery.

There are few of us this day whose thoughts will not turn toward home, but we are thankful to be here, thankful to serve our nation, our homes, in this crisis, that American homes, a symbol of all we believe in and for which we now fight, may always stand.

Company Clerk Blues

They've got me typing "double-time"
And six o'clock, it's rise and shine.
Ten at night and time for bed,
And time to rest my aching head.

If a fellow needs a pair of shoes
To the Company Clerk he brings his blues.
There's affidavits that must be filed,
And Class "F" deductions keep driving me wild.

Then there's inspections, two or three,
By company, battalion, or UTC—
And the books had better be up to "snuff",
Or things are going to get mighty rough!

Everything followed according to Hoyle,
Typewriter maintenance—a wee drop of oil,
Filing by Dewey and Virtue suggests
Administration, the first and the best.

There's notifications, and applications
Or a check on yesterday's daily rations.
A fellow gets married, and all the work
Is laid in the lap of the Company clerk.

His wife has left him for another,
And he wants his insurance to go to his mother.
She said she'd take him for better or worse,
When all she wanted was the bulk of his purse.

His wife's had a child, and he just wants to know
If he can ask Uncle Sam for a little more dough.
A change of status must be completed
So his wife's finances won't be too depleted.

Or maybe he's not been paid for months
And he wants to know "Can't he get paid just this once?"
On a voucher or maybe a partial pay.
With that look in his eyes, what else can I say?

They nab me at lunch, they bother me at dinner.
I'd study for chaplain, if I wasn't such a sinner.
Today, tomorrow, it's always the same.
I wonder, "Are there clerks in the Hall of Fame?"

Now you ask me "It I've so much to do
How I can find time to write poetry, too
My alibi being, as the clock goes on ticking
I'm doing what's known as plain "Gold-bricking."

—Cpl. John J. Ryan
Hq. Co., 661st T.D. Bn.



With turkey on the plate rather than in the straw, this seemed the appropriate week to ask:

WHAT DOES THANKSGIVING MEAN TO YOU?

Pfc. Fay Curry, WAC Det. 1848

Unit: "I'm thankful for all the things we're fighting for—for freedom and liberty. I'm thankful to be living in a country where we think

it's worth fighting for religious tolerance. I'm thankful that we're winning the war, and hope that next Thanksgiving it'll be over and we'll all be home and able to give thanks for having won the war."

S-Sgt. Leslie Wright, 625th Ord.

Am. Co., 13th Ord. Bn: "Well,

it means a lot of things. I'm thankful to be living in the United States,

and that it's the kind of a country that it is. I'm thankful

that we have the resources to fight and protect it, and the traditions and ideals that make it worth living in."

Pfc. Boyd Moore, 786th Med.

and San. Co.: "Sure, I'd love

to be home with my mother

—but we've got

a job to do before any of us

can be home for Thanksgiving. Still, there's

a lot to be

thankful for—just being a citizen

of the United States is a lot to be

thankful for."

Cpl. Gilbert Bruce, Recon. Co.

672nd Bn: "It

means a hell of

a lot to me, just

as I guess it

does to everybody. I'm

thankful that we

have in this

country the

things we're

fighting for,

and that we're able to fight and

protect them."

Army Quiz

1. Can a non-com with a temporary grade, such as buck sergeant, keep that grade in the army after the war?

2. What is the only basic new weapon developed since the World war?

3. What happens to a soldier's share of a company fund if he is transferred to a new outfit?

4. Will Lt. Johnny Kimbrough, Texas A & M's jarrin' All-American football star of past seasons, be playing for any service team?

5. Have any civilians been awarded military decorations in this war?

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Belton USO Observes First Anniversary With Special Program

The Belton USO will observe its first anniversary with a special birthday program of activities Sunday, Nov. 28. Program marking the anniversary will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and Camp Hood soldiers have especially been invited to attend.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Sgt. Sid Katz, Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt., struck this pose for the Panther cameraman this week. Most of us will look the same, come noon today.

Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Panther:

I'd like to have the Camp Hood Panther sent to me every time it comes out. If there's any charge I'll pay it gladly.

Pvt. Joe Bykowski,
Co. A, 819th TD Bn.
APO 185, % Postmaster
Camp Ibis, California.

Editor, The Panther:

Having read the enclosed poem by Mrs. Margaret M. Gates, Waco, who has two boys in the Army, I wrote her asking permission to offer you her poem which I submit herewith.

Young W. Lee,
Work Order Clerk,
North Camp Hood

Your grandfather may have worn grey,
And many whose ancestor wore the blue,
But blue or grey, you're the same today.

Our country is betting on you!

Khaki clad boys on foreign soil,
White and blue of the Navy's crew
Mariner in grey, who led the way,
Our world is betting on you!

High or low, as your rank may be,
We know you will carry through,
On land or sea, we all guarantee,
And surely are betting on you.

Betting, without fear of our stake
Knowing you'll give killers their due.

Fighters and conquerors! Wide awake!

Your fathers are betting on you!

Editor, The Panther:

Since your story in The Panther I have received several letters from people who have seen my dog "Patsy" in the vicinity of Camp Hood.

However none of them have been able to give me any definite information, and I think a substantial reward might be more productive.

"Would you publish the notice that I will give a War Bond to any person giving me information that leads to the return of the dog?"

Patsy's absence has made my young daughters very unhappy as she has been a member of our family for the past six years and we have become quite attached to her.

She has been seen near Table Rock Camp No. 1; House Camp No. 3, on the Copperas Cove Road, and elsewhere in this vicinity where she was originally lost.

Please try again and thank you very much for your trouble.

Major R. F. Thomas,
18th Co., 1st S. T. R.
Pt. Benning, Ga.

Editor, The Panther:

Thanks very much for the copy of The Panther which I like very much. The more I see of other Army newspapers, the more I'm convinced of its excellence. It really is a fine sheet.

I'm nearing the end of my ASTP course at Indiana University. Do you have any information as to the probable assignment of graduates of the ASTP

language program; more specifically, what happens to men in the Russian language group. I thought perhaps with the large AST bunch at North Camp there would be some information on this subject.

We understand there are directives saying we'll go with combat units. But in what capacity? If this information is available and can be released I would appreciate it.

A few more notes to give you a broader picture of ASTP. We live in fine fraternity houses with leather furniture. There are no inspections but operate under the cadet system. The study program is at a terrific pace and that sort of balances the living conditions which are ideal.

The scholastic schedule doesn't leave much time for fooling around but there are lots of features of college life that are new to me. And then, too, in an Army camp you can't date a co-ed for a coke between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning if you're free at that hour . . .

Cadet Edward Engel,
Co. B, 1551 S. U.

Ind. University,
Bloomington, Ind.

Editor's Note: The writer was formerly with the KTO here.

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

This is Thanksgiving, the day America realizes that a bird in the hand is worth two in the butchers.

We can remember the dinner at home. Mother used to serve us everything from soup to nuts. We didn't realize then how good it was, just taking it as a matter of course.

My brothers and I used to see who could eat the most turkey. I was small and ended up "Comin' In On A Wing and A Prayer."

I was never a very fast eater. Often it ended in a neck and neck race between my brothers, with me bringing up the rear.

Sometimes one of us would steal the wishbone from the platter before dinner, but we'd confess and make a clean least of it.

Now With 660th Bn.

Recently transferred to the 660th TD Bn. from TDRTC, are: Second Lt. Walter D. Schema, Alexander Rhind, Jr., Harry O. McKnight, Earl H. Pester, Fred B. Winkler, Donald K. Hovey, Jack W. Wheeler, Walter J. Marz, William A. Miller, Tom A. Marchese, Joseph S. Lebovitz and Rufus S. Rowland.

Sergeant Now Father

The stork stopped long enough to leave a daughter at the home of Sgt. W. A. Johnson, 665th Bn. The little girl's name is Careece.

1848th QM Men Given Good Conduct Award By Camp Commander

Having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and behavior such as to deserve recognition as required by AR 600-68, 28 members of the 1848th Unit QM Detachment, were awarded Good Conduct Medals Nov. 13.

Presentation of the medals was made by Col. C. M. Thirkeld, Camp Commander, at ceremonies participated in by Lt. Col. F. C. Peters, Camp Quartermaster; Col.

J. A. Murphy, Supply and Service Officer; and Major Leslie Franklin, Battalion Commander.

Recipients of the Good Conduct Medals were Sgt. Edgar Chapelle, Cpl. Floyd Alexander, T-5 John D. Alamen, PFC. Frank Howard, Pvt. Willine Boone, T-4 Henry L. Mack, T-5 L. Cockrell, PFC. Seth L. Green, Pvt. Charles Ellis, Pvt. Johnnie Watkins, Staff Sgt. LeRonzo Mahry, Staff Sgt. Floyd Tate, Sgt. Ernest Davis, Sgt. Jessie Wiley, Cpl. Willie Brown, T-5 Luther Fletcher, T-5 Roosevelt Pool, PFC. James R. Weatherby, Pvt. Oscar Jones, Staff Sgt. Sam S. Strauss, Staff Sgt. Clarence Van Dyke, Sgt. Anthony Mouton, T-4 Andrew Washington, Cpl. Warren E. Clark, T-5 Walter L. Hines, PFC. Charlie Blackman, Pvt. Cleveland Cole and Pvt. Wesley Jordan.

Now in command of 1st. Lt. Victor Bennett, with Sgt. Anthony Mouton as first sergeant, the 1848th Unit QM Detachment, colored, was activated at Copperas Cove, Texas, on June 27, 1942. The original group had 115 enlisted men and two officers and the strength has been as high as 400 men. When the unit arrived here, Camp Hood was in its initial stages of building and the unit immediately assumed the task of unloading materials and equipment and then took over the feeding and other housekeeping details. The personnel of this unit received daily training in Army tactics in addition to performing other duties such as may be assigned to the motor pool, laundry, rail transportation, clothing and equipage repairs, warehouses, civilian messes and the post office.

Camp Hood's average for all leave, including sickness, amounted to 3.77 per cent, compared with a general absentee average of 7.34 per cent. Of the camps included in the survey, only Camp Maxey with 3.75 per cent bettered Camp Hood's average.

Only 10 of the unit's original roster are still with it, the others having been assigned to forces in all parts of the world. They are T-4 Andrew Washington, T-5 Luther Fletcher, Sgt. Jesse Wiley, T-5 Leycester Cockrell, PFC. Seth L. Green, Staff Sgt. Sam Strauss, Staff Sgt. Floyd Tate, T-5 Walter Hines, T-4 Henry L. Mack and 1st. Sgt. Anthony Mouton.

The grass is dug in the field in sod squares and planted in shallow trenches. The sod is then thoroughly saturated with water and in a few days the roots get a firm grip and settle down to growing again. This winter native shrubs will be planted around the principal North Camp buildings.

VFW Post Organized For World War II Veterans in Gatesville

A Veteran of Foreign Wars Post was organized in Gatesville Nov. 16. It will be known as the Francis Rutherford Post No. 2556.

This Post was named in honor of the first Gatesville boy who gave his life in World War No. 2. He was a Radio Operator on a bomber patrolling the Northern waters, being killed in a crash in Newfoundland, shortly after Pearl Harbor.

After organization of the Post the following officers were elected and installed for the remainder of this term, which expires in April, 1944: Paul B. Monroe, Commander; T-Sgt. Anton Dvorak, Sr. Vice Commander; T-Sgt. Gilbert Bussey, Jr. Vice Commander; S-Sgt. Stephan Orvehovich, Judge Advocate; S-Sgt. Frank Drane, Chaplain; Sgt. Michael Dunkin, Surgeon; S-Sgt. Joseph Sirois, Trustee; Sgt. James Wilson, Trustee; T-Sgt. Ralph Moyer, Trustee; Sgt. Andrew Ziska, Quartermaster.

A meeting will be held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Army Travel Bureau Building, Gatesville.

Promoted To Major

Promotion of Capt. Mortimer M. Merritt, 23rd TD Group, to the rank of Major, was announced last week.

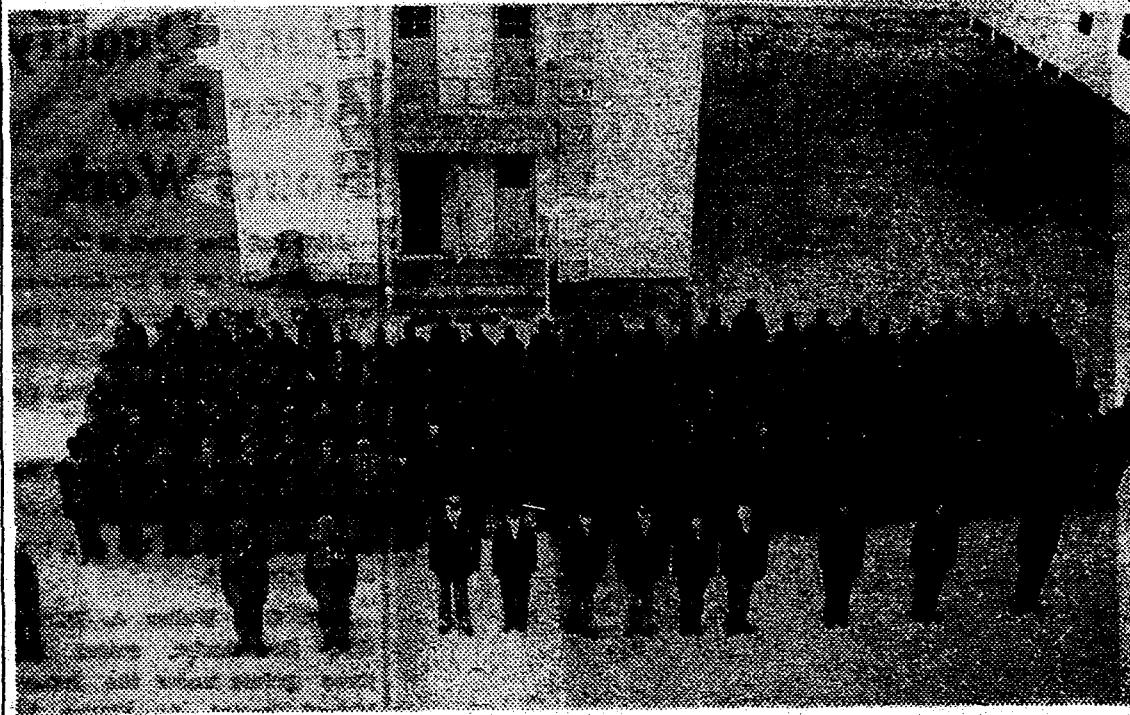
A graduate of the New Mexico Military Institute, Major Merritt held a commission in the Officers Reserve until he entered active duty in 1940. In June 1943, Major Merritt came to the 23rd Group as head of the S-2. Prior to that he was with the Reconnaissance Squadron of the first Cavalry Division.

Unusual War Book Is Now Available In TD School Library

An unusual book now at the TDS Library is, "I Seek My Prey in the Water," by Squadron Leader Tom Dudley-Gordon, actually the combined names of two co-authors.

Britain's Coastal Command is responsible for the convoying of all shipping going to or leaving Great Britain. The authors of this factual account were on the scene when the Bismarck was caught in the Atlantic—when the Lutze was torpedoed—and when the Coastal Command watched over the ships bringing back the Army from Dunkirk.

It is a day-by-day tale of the lives of the men who face peril every day in their determination to smash the U-boat.



QM DETACHMENT GETS AWARDS—Members of the 1848th Quartermaster Detachment were presented with Good Conduct Medals by Col. C. M. Thirkeld, Camp Commander, last week. Story at left.

Absenteeism Among Civilian Employes Low

Absenteeism among Camp Hood civilian employes is among the lowest in the Eighth Service Command, according to a survey made in 25 installations covering the first eight months of 1943.

Camp Hood's average for all leave, including sickness, amounted to 3.77 per cent, compared with a general absentee average of 7.34 per cent. Of the camps included in the survey, only Camp Maxey with 3.75 per cent bettered Camp Hood's average.

Approximately 2,600 civilians are now employed here, according to Lt. Col. A. Tabachnik, camp personnel officer.

Army Movies Shown To Interested GI's

Following a dental inspection one night recently, enlisted men of the TD School Headquarters staff, on their own time viewed three Army films shown by M-Sgt. Loren Tanguay, and Sgt. Jesse Brimmer, after they had ascertained the men's desire to see them. Featured, was "Next of Kin," an absorbing English film about espionage.

The second showing of new Army films to which officers were also invited, was held last Thursday, and it is indicated that these free-lance film shows will continue as long as the films come in.

Enlisted Men In 1848th Unit, North Camp, Given Awards

Colonel Donald R. Dunkle, executive officer of North Camp Hood, presented 45 enlisted members of Headquarters Detachment, DEML, 1848 Unit at North Camp, with the Good Conduct Ribbon at ceremonies held in the detachment area November 18.

First Lieutenant Homer O. Hoffman, detachment commander, conducted the formal ceremonies.

Receiving the ribbons were Master Sergeant William E. Garland, Jr. Postal Section;

Technical Sergeants Clay C. Bailey, Special Services; William N. Barry, personnel sergeant major; George Dysinger, Detachment first sergeant; Eldrice C. Jones, Billeting Office; and Ralph Strohach, Intelligence.

Staff Sergeants: L. F. Byers, R. M. Graham; Ralph Irving, Message Center; Victor H. Mettler, Special Services Athletic Section; A. L. Stephens; M. J. Wiser, Civilian Mess; Morris Ronis, AER; and Vernon W. Riddle, detachment supply sergeant;

Sergeants: Albert J. Husch, Postal Section; Robert J. Lago, Transportation Advisory Committee; John W. Magennis, Public Relations Office; Lawrence Marino, detachment duty sergeant; Carl W. Reimer, detachment clerk; Kenneth Singer, Special Services Library Section; and W. A. Sosnowski.

Technicians Fourth Grade: J. H. Jordan; Alwin E. Wile, Billeting.

Corporals: J. E. Foust; R. J. Poindexter; R. E. Williams; Robert A. Garden, Custodian Officer; and C. M. Powell.

Technician Fifth Grade A. P. Ward.

Privates First Class: E. J. Alten; R. J. Berine; C. R. Chandler; A. T. Frey; J. E. Lay; P. W. Plaskowsky; D. F. Roettger; C. Smith; E. F. Smith; R. Tenopir; M. L. Wickers, and M. Young.

Members of attached units:

S-Sgt. Thomas Nancarrow and T-5 Morris Hackman, Photographers, Signal Corps; T-4 M. H. Garrett, Film Library, Signal Corps; and T-5 Charles Rose, Engineers.

Armadillo Now Served In Halfshell?

Mess Sgt. John M. Agee of Eq. Co. 660th TD Bn., was much surprised and somewhat perplexed to find a dressed Armadillo in his kitchen one day last week. Accompanying the reptile was S-Sgt. Austin Bolyard, the huntsman, with a plea to have it cooked for dinner.

To the enlightenment of those who had courage enough to venture a taste of this rarity, a new gastronomical delicacy was discovered. The Armadillo, tender and with a flavor resembling that of chicken, was eaten to the last scrap.

The Armadillo was one of the numerous animals that recently found its way into the Battalion Motor Park. It was the first, however, that graced the tables of a mess-hall.

Three New Officers Added To Recon. Co.

Reconnaissance Company, 665th TD Bn., has added three new officers to their company, Lt. Russell W. Kouba, Lt. John G. Zapf, and Lt. Thomas S. Jamieson.

Lt. Kouba and Lt. Zapf, because of their interest in reconnaissance, were transferred from Company B.

Lt. Jamieson was assigned from Company A, 135th Training Bn., North Camp Hood.



War Savings Bond Reward Offered For Return Of Irish Setter Dog

Here is a chance to earn a War Savings Bond and do a good turn.

In the October 14th edition of The Panther, editors published a photograph and description of an Irish Setter named "Patsy" which belongs to Major Ronald F. Thomas, formerly stationed here.

He had written The Panther explaining that he was moved from Camp while "Patsy" was out "doing a little exploring", and that she now is lost.

Since that time he has received numerous letters reporting her in the vicinity of Table Rock Camp No. 1, House Camp No. 3, on the Copperas Cove Road, and elsewhere in that vicinity. She still has not been definitely located.

The Major writes: "Patsy's absence has made my young daughters very unhappy as she has been a member of our family for the past six years and we have become quite attached to her."

Now he has offered to give a War Savings Bond to any person giving him information that leads to the return of the pet.

"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.

Anyone seeing her has been requested to contact Major R. F. Thomas, 18th Co., 1st STR, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Furlough Timed Right

S-Sgt. Charles Schlesser, Co. B, 801st TD Bn., UTC, had a most timely furlough recently. While visiting his home in Albany, N. Y., Mrs. Schlesser gave birth to a seven pound, 15 ounce daughter.



THEY'RE JUST MARRIED—M-Sgt. Eloise M. Cox, 1848th WAC Unit, and Cpl. Jack J. Pletzke, 489th MPEG Co., were married by Camp Chaplain Major Thomas Talbot Friday night in the Post Chapel. Cpl. Mary Jane Sloppy was maid of honor; Sgt. Dolph E. May was best man. The bride's mother, Mrs. James B. Cox, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert B. Cox, Portland, Oregon, were present. After the wedding a reception was held in the Day Room of the 1848th WAC Unit.

Christmas Wrapping Available

There is a supply of wrapping paper and string in the lobby of the main post office, to be used for wrapping packages. Parcel post labels are available, free, on request at the information window—these are not necessary on parcels that are tied, but must be used if the package is sealed and is to be sent parcel post.

No package can be sent overseas unless the sender has a written request from the serviceman or woman to whom it is sent.

The post office has repeated its warning that all parcels should be securely wrapped, and if the contents is fragile, use plenty of cardboard and crumpled newspaper, or similar shock absorbing material. Also, it's never too early to mail but it may be too late.

Words Without Music

There's plenty and rich fare on the radio today, with a string of programs specially aimed at servicemen.

Jack Benny and Bob Hope will head a show called "Soldiers in Greasepaint"—(NBC, 10:15 a.m.) The show will spotlight topflight radio and screen stars who have made overseas tours entertaining servicemen in combat theaters. Many of the stars will be picked up from such faraway points as Honolulu.

CBS is offering a two hour show with Robert Young as master of ceremonies, abetted by a stageful of CBS stars. MBS also has a special show planned. (Neither of these two has designated a time; but it will be in the newspapers.)

Dick Powell and Matty Malneck will hop the Bandwagon Sunday night—(NBC, 5:30 p.m.)

Count Basie continues at the Lincoln in New York . . . Les Brown dittos at the Palladium, Hollywood . . . Cab Calloway opens this week at the Broadway in Springfield, Mass. . . Benny Goodman goes on and on at the New Yorker . . . Frankie Masters repeats at the Los Angeles Orpheum.

Bing Crosby will be back flinging firehouse patois in the Music Hall December 2nd — (NBC, 7:30 p.m.) Archie of Duffy's Tavern will be his guest.

Jane Hutton will be guest singer

Pioneers In 672nd Break Record Time

Pioneer Platoon, 672nd TD Bn. 23rd Group, led by Lt. Charles Kaigler and S-Sgt. Walter Vickery, recently broke all records at stream crossing ever set at Camp Hood. In a display of team work, the men put across three jeeps in record time of seven minutes, 40 seconds, breaking the previous record set just a few weeks ago.

If teamwork was ever displayed, it certainly was at Cowhouse Creek. After action started, the men drew a "Snafu" in view of the fact that one man slipped and sprained his ankle. Sgt. Vickery had a broken hand and a jeep got hung upon the pay-off side. Did the men get downhearted? No, they really cut loose, braved the cold water and freed the hung-up jeep, setting a new record.

Early this same day, the platoon crossed at a different place in four minutes, 25 seconds. Lt. Kaigler had no alibis but stated that "a record broken is a record set."

Bottle Shortage May Stop Supply

If you like a good cold bottle of beer you will pay heed to this little article.

Because of the fact that we are at war, manufacturers of beer bottles have diverted their facilities to the manufacture of items more essential to the war effort.

In other words, beer can be manufactured but cannot be delivered without bottles.

on Bob Crosby's Sunday night program—(NBC, 8:30 p.m.)

The "Santa Ana Swingwing," a group of eight musicians from the country's leading bands, now in the army, will be featured on the CBS Thanksgiving Day program.

Jimmy Cash, the musical note on Gracie Allen's show, will make his first movie appearance, in "Cross Your Fingers."

Mortimer Snerd, Charlie McCarthy's dead oak pal, celebrates his eighth birthday this week.

Soldiers overseas will be the first to hear new records by Capt. Glenn Miller and his Army Air Forces Band. The records were made by the Special Services Division of the army, and include special arrangements of Blues in the Night, Jersey Bounce, St. Louis Blues, and a bagful of jive tunes.

Many Qualify After Few Hours Work

After just four hours of instruction, 82 officers of Headquarters, TDRTC, North Camp, fired the carbine for record. None of the officers had previously fired the carbine yet 78 qualified.

Lt. William T. Bowman, of the S-3 section, topped the list as expert with a high of 196 of a possible perfect 200.

Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, RTC Commander, scored 183, three points under the second highest shooter, Lt. Walter M. Bartlett, also expert, with 186.

Also qualified as expert were Capt. Reynolds L. Emerson, 185, Lts. B. C. Taylor and Wayne L. Drake, 184, Capt. Edwin R. Cooley, 182, WO (JG) Herbert W. Simmons, 180, Lt. Col. Floyd M. Call, 178, Lt. Col. Benjamin G. Berry, 177, Capt. Russell S. Van Duzer, 177, Major Edwin M. Eads, 176, Lt. Robert W. Foust, 176 and Lt. Orville O. McManus, 175.

Thirty-five of the officers qualified as sharpshooters, while 28 made marksmen.

Tommy Gun Stopped Tank In Sicily Battle

One Tommy gun and a lieutenant with guts stopped an enemy tank, according to a release from the War department.

The lieutenant was a 24 year old former grocery clerk David C. Waybur, a 1st lieutenant in the cavalry. Lt. Waybur was awarded the Medal of Honor for the job.

Leading a volunteer patrol into enemy territory in Sicily, Lt. Waybur and his men were seeking an isolated Ranger unit. When the patrol became trapped between a blownout bridge and four Italian light tanks, Lt. Waybur ordered the men, armed with one .30 and two .50 caliber machine guns, to engage the enemy.

When their ammunition was gone and three of the men hit, Lt. Waybur, himself seriously wounded, stood out in the bright moonlight with his .45 Thompson submarine gun and, standing in direct line of fire of the leading tank, killed two members of its crew at 30 yards.

The tank crashed over a bridge.

In the patrol were Sgt. Irvin M. Lile, Wood River, Neb.; Cpl. Dwight M. Farmer, Pleasant, Ark.; Pfc. Nolin E. Williams, Hannibal, Mo.; Pfc. Kenneth R. Lutz, Winnebago, Ill.; Pfc. Earl Ball, Eu-

reka Springs, Ark. Lile, Ball and Lutz have been awarded the Silver Star.

Holiday Party Planned By Two Service Clubs

Plans for a gala Christmas festival are being made by the hostesses of the 161st and 7and street Service Clubs and Lt. Robert R. Woodruff, special service officer.

The feature will be a dance the evening of December 17th at the T-O Building. Invitations to the dance have been sent to girls at Samuel Huston and Tillotson Colleges in Austin and Paul Quince College at Waco. Also included in the invitations are GSO girls from Temple.

There will be a floor show during intermission, by Chico Robinson and his "Cloud of Wonders."

Refreshment provision will be under the direction of Mrs. G. L. Campbell, hostess of No. 4 cafeteria.

Music will be by the Camp Hood All Star Band.

Assisting hostesses will be Miss L. E. Bright, and Mrs. T. Davis.



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

News at press time Thanksgiving week makes one of the most important headlines of the war—in one of the heaviest raids of the war, Allied airmen pounded Berlin with everything in the bag.

Reports indicated that the Nazi capital was a heap of smoking rubble. Reports from Berlin quoted residents as saying that the city would never recover, and reminded correspondents of the German promise early in the war to smash London.

Londoners smiled grimly, as officials ranked this raid as five times greater than anything the Germans were able to inflict upon London during the Nazi attempt to terrorize the British capital from the air in 1940.

Late last week the Russians announced the evacuation of western Ukraine highway and rail junction of Zhitomir, which they had won from the Germans the previous Saturday. The action followed a Nazi offensive, and according to broadcasts from both Moscow and Berlin, was only of local significance.

In other sectors the Russians appeared to be holding their own or pushing the Nazis back. The Russians took Rechitsa, astride the Gomel-Warsaw railway, just west of the Nazi held Gomel.

The Nazis threw all available mechanized units against the Russian bulge in Kiev, making at least three bloody tank assaults in that vital sector. But the Russians brought up several fleets of their own tanks, and threw the Nazis back, carpeting the battlefield, according to an Associated Press report, with German dead.

On a farther flank the Russians smashed deeper into the Dnieper bend region.

British Lose Leros
The loss of the strategic island of Leros by the British to the Nazis is one of the worst breaks of the war. It mars the growing record of victories, but even more important, may hinder the action of Turkey in joining the Allies.

In the Balkans Gen. Rommel

continued to pour fresh Nazi troops into the fight against Yugoslav guerrillas. Drug Tito, leader of the Partisans, declared that the Germans were being thwarted everywhere.

Laval Renounced

Marshal Petain renounced Laval as his successor, when the Nazi stooge followed orders from Berlin and refused to allow the old Marshal to publish a new constitution which gave the captured French a slight measure of democracy.

The Free French National Committee followed the recommendation of its commissioner, Gen. Georges Catroux, and released the Premier of Lebanon, in a first step toward composing the differences with the Lebanese.

Employing a form of nonviolent resistance the Belgians and Norwegians continued to snipe at the Nazi occupation. Using the underground, and various psychological tricks, the people are wearing down the nerves of the Nazis.

Protest Mosley Release

A wave of outraged protest swept across England when it was announced that Sir Oswald Mosley, Hitler's British quisling, was released from jail. Newspapers, labor organizations, social groups, and just citizens in general demonstrated their anger against the action taken by Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, and demanded that Mosley be tried immediately for his treachery.

Clark Lee, reporting for International News Service in Italy, declared that Europe's "soft underbelly" is no longer soft—Hitler has thrown huge numbers of his German troops into this theater in an effort to push the Allies back.

Italian Line Tougher

The Nazis exhibit undoubted signs of a determination to hold their line at the Garigliano River. Though the Nazis have been pushed back, and the fight has generally been in favor of the Allies, it has been a hard, costly fight. The Nazis have lost many men and much material; but so have we.

A reinforcing contingent of Can-

sians has been awarded the Silver Star.

Sir Bernard L. Montgomery. The first result of this was the capture of two more towns near the center of the Italian front, which brought the 8th Army within two miles of the Nazis main defense line along the upper Sangro River.

Pacific Action Faster
In the Pacific theater the Allies continued to step up their offensive operations. U. S. Marines and soldiers invaded Makin and Tarawa Atolls in the Gilbert Islands. The invasion was covered by powerful units of the Pacific fleet.

Australian troops are gradually increasing pressure against the enemy at Sattelberg in New Guinea, while 350 miles northeast another enemy convoy was attacked off Rabual, with at least one 10,000 ton cargo vessel hit and left afire.

Throughout the Pacific area Allied forces continued to take important points and score hits on enemy shipping.

Reporters repatriated from Japan prison camps said that the Filipinos continue to defy all the Jap efforts and that they resist the invader with increasing violence.

Radio Tokyo told the Jap nation that Emperor Hirohito was so solicitous when he heard that one of his war councillors was ill that "The Emperor and Empress were pleased to grant grape juice to Vice Admiral Shiozawa, upon hearing of his critical condition."

Lasting Peace Offered
In Washington Secretary Hull told a joint meeting of Congress that the Moscow Pact represents the foundation of a postwar security system that should insure lasting peace.

The Senate killed a plan which would have allowed men and women in the armed forces to vote in next year's election.

Representative Philbin (D-Mass.) declared that civilians would be able to get more shore next year.

Senator W. Warren Barbour (R-N.J.) died at his home of a coronary thrombosis.

**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.

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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.

Nevens 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.

Wednesday, Chapel 902—6:30 p. m.

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—4:530 & 6:30 p. m.

Chapel 176, 164th & Brig—6:30 p. m.

Chapel 1156, 37th St West—4:30 & 6:30 p. m.

JEWISH

Chapel 902—50th St

Friday, orthodox—7:30 p. m.

To be followed by a Reform Service.

STOCKADE (Protestant)—2:00 p. m.

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

Quiz Answers

1. No, because all grades are temporary, men will revert back to whatever grade they held in the regular army.

2. According to Engineers it is the earth-mover, adapted to military needs.

3. If the soldier's share is ten dollars or more the money may be transferred to the company fund of the man's new outfit.

4. Lt. Kimbrough has been transferred to the Kirtland army Air field in New Mexico and may play on the team there.

5. Yes, recently Michael Ghigno, an International News Service Correspondent in Sicily, was awarded the Silver Star for heroic conduct in action with the Allied armies invading the Island.

New USO Variety Revue Comes Here Dec. 7-13

The new Victory Unit presented by the USO-Camp Shows, "Thanks Loads," will be shown at North camp December 7th, 8th, and 9th; at South camp December 10th, 11th, and 13th.

The show is a blend of music and comedy, built in revue fashion around popular songs and pretty girls.

The feature of the show is the magic of Hardeen & Co.—Hardeen being the brother of the late fabulous Houdini. Like his brother, Hardeen is an escape artist, defying handcuffs, packing cases, straight jackets and various types of locks. In addition the company has a repertoire of entertaining the-hand-is-quicker-than-the-eye tricks.

Professor Brilliant is the show's comedy antic. His slap-stick routine has been getting bellylaughs all over the country.

Also doing a comedy caper are Faye & Mason, who work in and out of Hardeen's act, in addition to doing their own turn. Their act runs through the whole show, with Miss Mason doing the mistress of ceremonies chore.

For music there is pretty Alice Tyrrell, who's worth seeing beside hearing.

Milton Sherman is the show's musical director and pianist.

The show at North Camp will begin at 8 p. m. at the 12th street Rec Hall, at Park and 12th streets.

For the South Camp edition the show will start at 8:30 p. m. at the Field House.

Enlisted Men May Use Soldier Deposit System

Attention of Commanding Officers and Personnel Officers of all organizations is invited to AR 35-2600, Soldiers' Deposits.

Enlisted men may deposit savings with any Disbursing Officer through his Unit Commander in sums of not less than \$5.00, the same to remain so deposited until repayment, either partial with the approval of his Regimental or Battalion Commander after proper consideration, or in full upon discharge, retirement, or transfer to inactive status.

For any sums of not less than \$5.00 deposited for a period of six months or longer, the enlisted man, upon repayment, will be paid interest at the rate of 4% per annum on the amount repaid to the date of repayment.

The advantages, as set forth in this regulation, should be made available to all enlisted personnel through the Unit Commander.

Former Entertainer Gets Bars In OCS Graduation Here

One of the men graduating from the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School Friday, receiving his second lieutenant's commission along with the other members of the 49th Class, was erstwhile candidate and now Lieutenant Robert Wolfe, formerly considered a "big timer" in the entertainment field. In addition to appearances on the legitimate stage, and as a song and dance man on Loew's Circuit, he produced several successful musical comedies.

Wedding Bells
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Sgt. John M. Hancock, Co. B, 801st TD Bn., UTC, was married to Miss Catherine Fraser Vierck of Chicago, Ill., recently in the TD School chapel. Chaplain Kulp officiated at the ceremony.

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T-Sgt. Ira J. O'Connor and Miss Allen Goodwin were recently married by Chaplain David E. Mau-gans, chaplain of the 19th TD group.

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Wedding bells have been ringing almost constantly in the 655th battalion, as the following men and officers signed on for the tandem yoke:

Pfc. Robert L. Cassell, Jr., to Miss Betty Boyson, at the St. Peters Episcopal Church, Beverly, Mass.

Lt. John A. Clymer to Miss Beatrix Pecinka of Elmhurst, New York.

Lt. Herman Bernheimer to Miss Maurice Marion, formerly of the Post Personnel Office. They were married in Belton.

Lt. Henry O. Martinson to Miss Anna Louise Martin, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at Dallas.

Lt. Wm. S. White to Miss Lorraine Fullingin at Cleburne.

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Miss Dorothy Huey of Philadelphia, and Sergeant Myron Beans, of the 37mm Group, Weapons Dept., Tank Destroyer School, were married at the 27th Street Chapel Friday.

Sergeant Beans, a former bank clerk, hails from Hatboro, Pennsylvania, and the couple were childhood sweethearts.

The 37mm Group was well represented at the ceremony, by those men who were temporarily off duty.

614th Bn. Team Wins From 784th 37-33

The 614th Bn. basketeers nosed out the fighting 784th Tank Bn. cagers, 37 to 33 in a hotly contested game played last week.

For the 614th Bn. five, it was Johnson, with 15 points, who carried off high-point laurels for the night. Lewis, of the 784th Tankers, led his team's scoring with 14 markers.

One Intercamp Bus

Only one official bus is now in service between Camp Hood and North Camp Hood. This bus leaves South Camp on the regular schedule previously published, making two round trips daily.

**FAYE and MASON****Pre-Holiday Party Held In 135th Bn.**

By Pvt. David J. Kerr

The impatient cadre men of the 135th RTC Bn., anticipated Thanksgiving with a party at their mess hall Monday night. To the gayly decorated chowhouse they invited their wives and girl friends.

The party started with a buffet supper, served over steam racks which had been converted into combination bar-food tables. Chief dispenser with Lt. Harry S. Burnette, battalion mess officer, assisted by Mess Sergeant Robert Palffy and Sgt. Lloyd A. Angst.

Sgt. Bill Fischer and his "Fine Five" from the 2nd RTC Band supplied music for dancing. Pvt. Duncan Brown did the master of ceremonies job, calling the turn on entertainment by WAC Cpl. Sidney Hedges, who sang, Spanish songs on the guitar by Pfc. Robert L. Wagner, and a jitterbug contest which was won by Sgt. Herbert Driver and WAC Cpl. Mary Murphy.

Lt. Col. Edgar E. DeMuth, battalion CO, pulled the first number

from the GI dishpan for the award of several guest prizes.

The mess hall was camouflaged with autumn colors and Thanksgiving decorations, under the direction of Lt. Robert A. Matheson.

TDS Sergeant Must Have Pound Of Flesh

Sergeant Alan Rose of the Student Regiment Athletic Office, TDS, has a rub-down table now upon which he works out on the TDS athletes who come up with sore muscles.

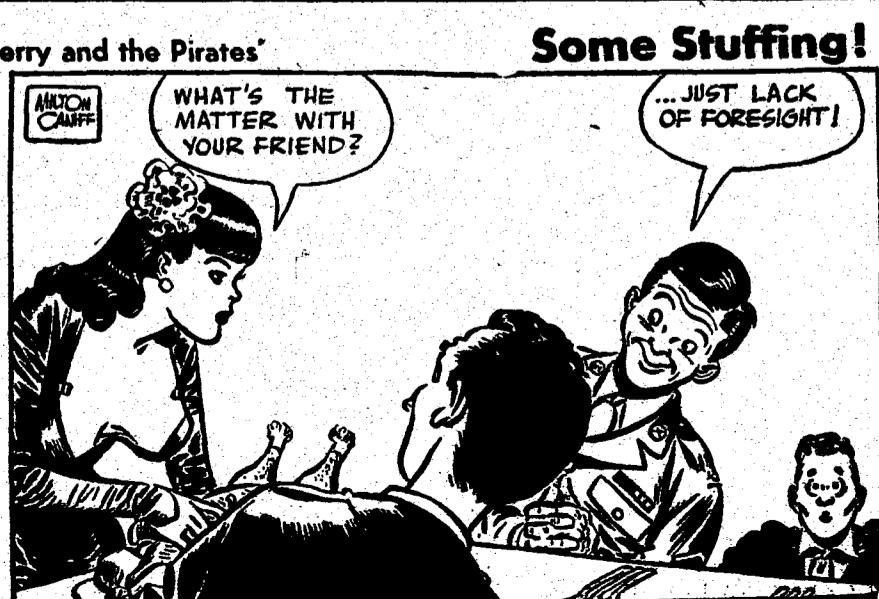
They claim he takes his job very seriously. He gets at the soreness with all the gentleness of a three inch projectile, attacking the midriff. When he gets that glint in his eye, claim the men, they usually protest weakly in advance that they feel cured already. But it does them no good, they say. Rose has just got to have that pound of flesh!

Rosie's Future Subject Of 37th St. Service Club Discussion Group

"The future of Rosie The Riveter" will be discussed at a meeting of the 37th St. Service Club Discussion Group in the club room Tuesday night.

The group will talk of jobs for the soldiers after the war and of what will become of women who hold jobs which men held, or could hold.

Enlisted men, WACs and civilian girl workers in camp have all been invited to join in the discussion meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Some Stuffing!**Male Call**

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The 1st TDC Band will do the musical score for the forthcoming Joe Louis appearance. And that should be a tip that there's going to be a packed house come the night of Dec. 6. Incidentally, Joe's fight party will consist of Sgt. George Nicholson, long-time sparring partner of the champion; Sgt. Jackie Wilson, Cpl. Ray "Sugar" Robinson and Jimmy Edgar. Last night Joe and his troupe stopped over for a show at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, where he exhibited before thousands of air corps men. The Brown Bomber's swing through the Lone Star is being watched with great enthusiasm at every post, and this corner is bettin' money that Camp Hood won't let the champ down! . . . Pvt. Lloyd Horton, who played a lot of football at Hastings, Nebraska, was captain of his team in his final year, and assistant coach after graduating, plays right halfback for the TDS eleven, where he has displayed some of the finest broken field running seen this season, chalking up many long gains for the Scholars . . . The 94th General Hospital at Temple sponsored a recent golf tourney at the Temple Country club, in which some pretty good soldier golf talent showed up. Top honors went to M-Sgt. Dick Pierce, who fired an 80. S-Sgt. Roger O'Neal was close behind with an 81, chopping the low gross prize. T-Sgt. Sam Kovac, with an 82, and Cpl. Eugene Meder with an 84 were runners-up . . . And Speaking of golf—it's Lt. Patty Berg now. The former woman's golf champ from Minneapolis, Minn., was recently commissioned a second looie in the marine corps at graduation exercises at Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina. Friend Patty's new duties will find her connected with the Marine Procurement Office in Philadelphia, Pa. . . . As usual, here's the dope on Kay Cue's grid picks of last week. On a card of 32 games, we reaped 29 winners and took the slab once, twice, three times and solid as the result of choosing SMU, Missouri and St. Mary's Navy. However, 906 isn't bad with the willow. Today it'll be Penn over Cornell, Tulsa over Arkansas, and as we told you a week ago, Texas' Longhorns will ruin Homer Norton's undefeated Aggies. Saturday, we like the Navy over Army, Notre Dame to coast over Great Lakes, TCU will beat SMU, Iowa's Seahawks should stop Minnesota, and Oklahoma will take Nebraska.

Infantry Ties UTC

In a contest marred by numerous penalties, the UTC "Panthers" football team was held to a 6-6 tie by a game and fighting eleven from the 166th Infantry in a game played last week under the lights at Killeen Field.

The Panthers scored in the first quarter, only to have the play called back because of a penalty. However, late in the second period, they opened up again and via a sustained march, moved the ball from their own 30 yard stripe to pay dirt, scoring on a pass from Berry to Spice. Kuchar's try for the extra point was wide of the cross-bar.

Early in the third period, the Panthers scored on a 60-yard sprint by Tompke, but the play was again erased via a penalty. Following this setback, the 166th went to work and tied the score on a pass. UTC blocked the try for extra point.

In the final period, UTC drove via land and air to the Infantrymen's 3-yard line, but failed to get the ball over from there as the game ended.

656th Basketball Team Rolls Over 801st Squad

Led by the high scoring of Cpl. Orling, the 656th Bn. basketball team rolled over the 801st Bn. cagers, 47 to 20, in a game played last week.

Orling scored 21 of the victory's 47 points and played only half of the game.

Although the game was only a practice affair, the 656th is looking forward to its participation in the camp tournament with great interest.

90th MRU Team Downs Co. B, 661st Quintet

The "Fighting 90th", basketeers of the 90th Machine Records Unit, defeated the Co. B, 661st quintet, 37 to 18 in a game played last week in current camp single elimination tournament being held at the field house.

The starting lineup for the MRU five was composed of T-4 Muenchau, S-Sgt. Tindall, T-4 Ramm, T-5 Shields and T-4 Sat-kamp. Shields and Ramm led the scoring with 15 and eight points, respectively.

UTC Officers Win 28-17

In a fast game played at the field house last week, the UTC officers' basketeers turned back a highly-touted Training Brigade five, 28 to 17, before a large crowd of basketball enthusiasts.

As the first period closed, UTC was on the long end of a 7 to 1 count, but as the second half got underway the Training Brigade quintet hit the loop with great consistency and forged ahead, 13 to 11. At this point, Lt. Nicolay, UTC forward and former Illinois University star, went on a scoring spree, and UTC chalked up five field goals. During the last quarter both teams tossed in two baskets to make the final count, 28 to 17.

Lt. Nicolay, of the victors, garnered 11 points to lead the night's scoring.

The UTC officers five is looking for further competition. Teams interested in games with the club should contact Major O. S. Dresher, phone 2402.

656th Bn. Basketball Team Beats 603rd Bn.

The 656th Bn. basketball quintet continued its winning way by ousting the 603rd Bn. cagers, 49 to 11 in a game played last week.

Displaying a strong offense and defense, the 656th Bn. first team left the floor at the end of the first half, with the score standing 27 to 1.

The game, featured by the sharp-shooting of Pvt. Javillard, Cpl. Orling and PFC. Bruckles, was not a part of the current camp elimination tourney.

656th Basketball Team Wins Opener

Behind the superb goal-tossing of Cpl. Orling, the 656th Bn. basketball team copped their opening game in the current single elimination camp tourney at the field house last week, when they defeated the 667th Bn. cagers, 36 to 12.

Orling poured in 23 points all by himself, and along with a strong defense it was never in doubt as to how the outcome would be.

TDS Football Squad Defeats 166th Infantry Team 34-0

The TDS football team, undefeated in three starts, with only a tie to mar its perfect record, came back to the gridiron war Tuesday night in Killeen, and blitzed the 166th Armored Infantry to the tune of 34 to 0.

It should be noted that the 166th came into this game a new green team, that had only played one game. They showed plenty of

grit in the TDS tussle, and also showed that they will undoubtedly shape up into a pretty good ball club before this pigskin season is finished.

Score in Each Period

The TDS grididers scored in every period, and every man on the Scholars' squad appeared in the lineup. On defense TDS smothered 166th's attempted pow-

er plays through the line, throwing its opponent back time after time. 166th's fumbles in the backfield aided in these ground losses. And speaking of fumbles, TDS does pretty well in that department itself. Luckily it was not a close game, for if it had been, the three fumbles made here might have proved costly. But that was the only fault to be found with the TD School outfit. Potts, at center was a vital factor in the line, opening big holes for his ball carriers. The TDS line missed the iron man play of Goldstein, who left the school this week for another assignment, after starring at right guard in the first three tilts. His understudies have a big job ahead to fill his shoes. In that department Robotti, filling in for Goldstein performed well in the 166th game.

Backfield Makes Gains

The entire TDS backfield tore off long gains through the line and around end. Bell, Steele, Scroggins, Wheeler, Horton, Jensen, together amassed more than 100 yards—the length of a grid. Williams repeatedly tore off huge yardage from quarterback sneak plays. All in all it was a spectacular game, and the big throng stayed to the final whistle.

Next Tuesday night the TDS squad will meet the UTC Panthers on the Killeen field. The game will start at 7:45.

16 Basketball Teams In Quarter-Finals

Following last Tuesday night's games, 16 fast-stepping basketball teams have now fought their way into what will be the quarter-finals of the current camp single elimination basketball tournament which is being staged at the field house.

Games of last Monday night saw the Student Regt. five turn back the 19th TD Group, 57 to 17. Hq. Co., 635th Bn. erased the Co. A, 635th Bn. quintet, 34 to 19; 666th Bn. Recon Co. forfeited to the Hq. & Service, Acad. Regt. team; Co. A, 666th Bn., won over the 49th Ord., 20 to 11; Co. C, 666th Bn., defeated the 663rd Bn. via a forfeit; Academic Regt.'s Co. C team shelled the Co. A, 667th Bn. five, 40 to 24, and the 666th Bn. Hq. Co. eagles went past the 665th Bn. Co. C courtmen, 38 to 29.

Into Quarter Finals

Last Tuesday night's games featured six teams winning their way into the quarter-finals, when the 635th Bn. five whipped the 635th Bn. Co team, 54 to 21; 801st Bn. lost to the 664th Bn. eagles, 46 to 12; 635th Bn. Co. B won over the 666th Hq. Co. quintet, 60 to 14; 90th MRU took the Acad. Regt. Co. B team, 34 to 5; Academic Regt.'s Co. D five laced the 670th Bn. quint, 39 to 27, and the 666th Bn. team erased the 666th Co. B five, 45 to 24.

According to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, who set up the current tourney, the quarter-finals and semi-final games will be run off next week, when about four nights, if possible, will be devoted to play at the field house in an effort to complete all the rounds, with the exception of the two finalist—these two teams to meet for the championship on Tuesday night following the Joe Louis event here next month, Dec. 6.

All-Camp Tourney Next

At the conclusion of the cur-

Hospital Five Yields To 20th Gp. Hoopsters

In the camp single elimination basketball tournament being held at the field house, the 20th TD Group quintet ousted the Station Hospital five last Friday night, 32 to 22.

High scorers were Shrubar, for the Hospitalmen, with 11 points, and Bellas, with 14 points, led the way for the 20th TD Group.

635th Basketball Team Defeats 762nd 64-37

The 635th Bn. basketball team defeated the 762nd Bn. eagles in a fast and high-scoring game played last week at the field house. It was the first game for both teams in the current single elimination tournament, and when the final tallies had been counted, the 635th five were on the long end, 64 to 37.

Sgt. Robert Van Buskirk was high point man with 16 points. Cpl. Ray Martin and Pvt. Bob Shepherd scored 12 points each as runners-up.

657th Bn. Football On

The 657th Bn. got its football season underway last week with three hotly contested games. Companies "B" and "C" were both the victors over Co. A's eleven, while Hq. Co. went down in defeat to the Medics aggregation, 12 to 0.

rent tourney, teams will then get set for the all-camp round-robin basketball tournament, which is scheduled to get underway about December 27.

Boxing Show Planned Here Friday Night

Last week's boxing card having been postponed, a brand new show has been lined up for tomorrow night, Friday, at the Field House, according to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer.

Lineup for Friday night's card was announced as follows:

(Feature Bout)

Peralta, 670 Bn., 180 vs Clang, 635th Bn.

Brown, Trk. Bn., TDC, 160 vs Taylor, Stud. Regt., 160.

Metroyer, TDC Trk Bn., 135 vs Prescott, QM, 135.

Hilton, 635th Bn., 155 vs Gross, 106th Cav., 155.

Dunlap, Stud. Regt., 138 vs Edgar, 106th Cav., 140.

Lesjack, 635th Bn., 135 vs Doty, 106th Cav., 135.

Stubbs, 635th Bn., 140 vs Burke, Stud. Regt., 140.

Alexander, Stud. Regt., 138 vs Smelcher, 635th Bn., 160.

Tomorrow night's card will get underway at 8 p. m. There is no admission charge, and fight fans are urged to turn out and get a look at some of Camp Hood's ring talent, which will see action in preliminary bouts preceding the Joe Louis event here next month.

672nd Court Men Will Book Any Camp Team

Sporting new green and white uniforms, the 672nd Bn. basketeers are now ready to take on all opposition. The team is coached by Lt. William Wisdom, who has had wide experience as a coach and professional player.

The 672nd quintet will travel to Waco this week to participate in a fast tournament. Lt. Wisdom stated that the team has a number of open dates and will gladly book games with any teams in camp. Teams desiring games with the 672nd five should contact Lt. Wisdom at 672nd Bn. headquarters.

The DEML Headquarters Detachment has organized a basketball team, with Sgt. Andrew Steele as coach.

A meeting was held last week in which the following men were elected to assist Coach Steele in operating the team: M-Sgt. Thomas E. Cook was chosen as president; Sgt. Jack Shivers, vice-president, and PFC. Otto Armistead will serve as equipment caretaker.

The team has already entered stiff practice sessions and will play their first game within the next few weeks.

Headquarters Company, 635th Bn., Wins Start Of Elimination Tourney

The Hq. Co., 635th Bn. eagles won their opening game in the current camp single elimination basketball tourney last week, defeating the 1849th Ord. quintet, 43 to 18.

The game was fast all the way, as both teams used subs often. The Hq. Co. five used every man on their squad and the Ordnance outfit tried several combinations in their effort to corral the Hq. Co. team's free-scoring style.

Cpl. Melvin Jenson, with 17 points, was high point man for the night. PFC. Carl Klang and Cpl. Gene Spiker, also of the winners, played superb ball all the way, Klang scoring 12 points and Spiker 8.

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