



A TOUGH GI—Dogs are properly enlisted GI's in the Military Police. They're used to backup two-legged MP's on important patrols. Here Sgt. Ted Balyeu starts to checkup on something suspicious sensed by his patrol mate. (Complete story Page 2)

New Georgia Action By 43rd Division Told By War Dept.

Part of the history of operations in which we broke the Jap hold on the New Georgia Islands, the campaign of the untied 43rd Division, then commanded by Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general, TDC, was told for the first time by the War Dept. recently.

General Hester was in command of the combined ground forces in the initial phases of this operation in the South Pacific last summer which resulted in the capture of the strategic Munda airfield. The men who helped take this airfield, who battled up throughout the jungles of New Georgia, were the combat teams of the 43rd Division, men from New England. This was their big test in the war.

First Landing
Companies of the Division's infantry together with Marines made the first landings on the enemy-held island. It was all part of the plan to wipe out Jap bases in this area.

While naval guns and big artillery pounded the Jap positions, the 43rd worked its way inland. First enemy resistance was met

Heads RTC WAC Unit

Lt. Jeanette M. Kargaard has been appointed commanding officer of the WAC Det. TDC RTC. She was formerly executive officer of the detachment, and succeeds Capt. Margaret M. Phillips, who has been assigned to a new station.

Lt. Kargaard, in civilian life a psychologist practicing in Pittsburgh, was married last October at North Cap, to Coast Guard 1st Class Alfred H. Kargaard, whom she met while training at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Visit Mexico On Your Pass

Enlisted men and officers may go to Mexico while on furlough or pass provided the soldier or officer complies with certain conditions.

Officers must have it stated in their leave papers that they are taking so many days leave for the specific purpose of visiting Mexico.

Enlisted personnel must have it stated in either their furlough papers or on their pass that they are going to visit Mexico for a specific time. If the time spent in Mexico is longer than 24 hours, note of this will be taken and entered on the soldier's papers at the border customs station.

about three-quarters of a mile from the Munda airstrip.

It was in the battles for the airfield that flame-throwers were used to route out a stubborn enemy. Every Jap fought a bitter retreat right onto the field. Reports of the intensity of this fighting were brought back by wounded veterans who reached McCloskey Hospital in Temple not long ago. All during this long fight the 43rd, commanded by General Hester stayed on one flank of the advancing American forces. These same men, with various relief support from the 37th (Ohio) and the 25th Divisions, fought yard by yard to the middle of the Munda airfields.

Planes Land
Within two days of the capture of the surrounded field by the combined American forces, our planes were landing on the Munda field.

Besides the praises which had been heaped on the New England outfit by the War Dept. and the veterans at McCloskey, there are men in battalions at Hood who remember their training days in this country with the 43rd, when General Hester was in command. These men were pulled out of the division as cadre, and are now with the 672nd TD Bn. here.

The following named Enlisted Men 672nd Bn., were former members of the 43rd division while stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.
Headquarters Company: 1st Sgt. Joseph H. Rehberg, T-Sgt. Vincent C. Gardner, Jr., T-Sgt. Joseph W. Humphreys, T-Sgt. David Kaplan, S-Sgt. Philip DeH Wilcox.
Sgt. Frank Fiore, Tec. 4 Jophet H. Adams, Jr., Tec. 4 Donald H. Sawyer.

Rcn. Company: 1st Sgt. Raymond N. Russell, S-Sgt. Theodore H. Hague, S-Sgt. Freeman P. Tate, S-Sgt. Andrew C. Varanai, Sgt. George W. Crouch, Sgt. John A. Schmidt.

Company "A." 1st Sgt. Paul A. Yankovich, S-Sgt. Walter Buckingham, S-Sgt. George F. Moncrief, S-Sgt. Harold A. Wolf, Sgt. Harold R. Gardner, Tec. 4 Elbert E. Park.

Company "B." 1st Sgt. Henry J. Kelly, Pvt. Phillip R. Peluso, Jr., S-Sgt. James F. Bongo, Sgt. Stanley W. Gallant, S-Sgt. Pete T. Riso, Tec. 4 Jacob L. Nichols, Tec. 5 Troy B. Harrell.

Company "C." 1st Sgt. Quintal, Donal J., S-Sgt. Raymond J. La Croix, S-Sgt. James R. McCabe, Sgt. Richard T. Cluckey, Tec. 4 Donald C. Dow, Tec. 4 James E. Swimm, Tec. 5 Henry J. Kamionowski.

Maj. Thomas D. Driscoll, TD School was at one time with the Division, and Lt. Stanley Woodruff, aide to Gen. Hester, was with the division in the South Pacific before coming to Hood.

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Visiting GI's Learn To Make Use Of Expedients At Theatrical Meet

GI's convening at Camp Hood Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the Eighth Service Command theatrical conference found that putting on a show in the Army is easy when they use their imagination and the materials in any mess hall, paint shop or hospital.

They learned how to use adhesive tape and the bristles on a paint brush to make eyelashes or a mustache. They saw improved stage settings of trees made of branches and crepe paper flowers, or rolled newspapers.

This morning the conference was to be wound up with an exhibition of the firing of all TD weapons, arranged by the Tank Destroyer School.

Show Within A Show

In the three-day fast-moving study course, which actually was a show within itself, the enlisted men, Wacs and officers were instructed in every phase of a soldier show by professional actors, directors, dancers, musicians, from the Army, the screen and radio.

Hedy Lamarr in the opening session Monday appeared, spoke briefly, brought cheers from the crowd.

She said: "When I was asked of course I would love to. But I dance too well. What do you want me to do? And they said all they want is that you come there. Well, here I am, and if that is really what you want—then my visit here hasn't been in vain."

Miss Lamarr talked with the soldiers, autographed programs throughout the day. She declared the conference was "not only a

good thing, but necessary for soldier morale."

She was entertained at a luncheon attended by General John H. Hester, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center; Camp Commander Col. G. M. Thirkeld; Lt. Col. William H. Burns of the Special Services division of the Eighth Service Command, and others.

Famous Make-Up Man

Perc Westmore, famous Hollywood make-up artist, in a space of minutes made up a Wac as a man, using a beard of syrup and tobacco; turned a soldier into a woman, with a wig of curled wood shavings, an evening dress made of a sheet.

Discharged from the Army a

year ago, he related his experience when he was ordered by his commanding officer to make up the members of a USO show without a make-up case.

Then, he said, under orders he learned how to improvise, how to use flour, castor oil, zinc oxide, corn starch in place of the standard make-up equipment.

Capt. Forrest McAllister, head of the music division at the Special Services School at Washington and Lee, Va., showed the soldiers how music may be used in a show, taught 500 how to play the tonette, in five minutes.

Others here were Barry Trivers, Stew Wilson, Danny Dare, Starlet Jeff Donnell, Ray Bolger and Norman Corwin.

Physical Condition Important Overseas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is another in the series of stories from the battle-fronts as told to Lt. L. R. Barnhill, TDS, by wounded veterans in McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, published in an effort to aid the men in training here for battle.

By LT. L. R. BARNHILL

First bit of advice men returning from the fighting fronts want to pass on to soldiers now in training is, "Get yourself in peak physical condition before you go overseas."

This is straight goods from wounded veterans at McCloskey Army General Hospital in Temple, men who know from first hand experience.

"The No. 1 prerequisite of a good soldier is physical stamina that will carry him over the rough spots," says S-Sgt. Kern Jones of the 45th Division, who fought through the Sicilian and Italian campaigns until he was knocked out of action by a German artillery shell fragment.

"You'll Be Sorry"

"You've got to be in good shape to march all night and fight all the next day. In Sicily we did better than that, we fought and marched for a 48-hour stretch without any sleep. You can't do that unless you've got yourself in good physical condition. If you 'gold brick' through your training, you'll be sorry."

From the jungles of New Georgia, on the opposite side of the world, come similar stories of front line hardships that demand an ability to take it.

"We were cut off from our supplies for four days during the drive on the Munda airport on New Georgia," recounts Pvt. Charles Campana. "Our food—we had C rations—ran out on the second day. The only water we had was what we scooped from muddy shell holes. They dropped supplies to us from planes, but many of the bundles were lost in the thick jungle growth. You can't come out of actions like that in the world's most unhealthy climate unless you are in good physical condition when you start the campaign."

Pvt. Earl Crowder was one of eight rangers ordered to go ashore and knock out searchlight installations at Licata in Sicily a few hours before the main landing forces arrived. Four of the men were dropped overboard from amphibious jeeps about 200 yards off shore east of the town. The other four were dropped the same distance from shore west of the town.

Had To Swim

"We had to swim in through the

surf loaded down with an '03 rifle, a belt of ammunition, and three hand grenades carried in a canvas cover.

"That 200 yards seemed like miles. For a while I didn't think I was going to make it, but just when it seemed I couldn't go any farther a breaker picked me up and flung me to the beach. I just lay there and spewed out salt water and fought to catch my breath. I never would have made it if I hadn't been in peak condition after our rigorous training in Africa."

Capt. Lenert C. Gosch tells how fighting men in his company got ashore safely at Salerno even after their landing craft had grounded on an uncharted reef several hundred yards from shore.

"The men jumped into waist-deep water among waves that were going completely over their heads, shoved that barge back off the reef, climbed aboard and came on it to join the rest of us. There were no weaklings in our outfit."

Marine combat reporters tell how the men assaulting Tarawa had to fight their way ashore in the face of heavy machine gun fire after their barges were grounded on submerged reefs 500 and 800 yards from land.

Similar stories can be told from every battle front. They all emphasize the same point, "You've got to get in good physical shape while in training if you are going to do credit to your outfit when it goes into action."

GI Voting Panel Topic

A panel discussion, sponsored by the Austin Chapter of the Texas Committee To Abolish Poll Tax, will present information on the Green-Lucas Soldier Vote Bill at the Driskill Hotel Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

All phases of the problem of soldier voting will be discussed by the panel, which includes, Mrs. Homer P. Rainey, wife of the president of the University of Texas; Judge Grover Sellers, attorney-general of the state of Texas; Mr. Everett L. Looney, Austin attorney; Father Francis E. Weber, Catholic priest; and Mr. A. P. Whitehead, Chemical Worker's Union.

Interested persons have been invited to attend

Leather Boot May Replace GI Leggings

WASHINGTON—A new ten-inch leather combat boot, which is expected eventually to replace the shoe-and-legging combination worn by Army Ground Forces and the paratrooper boot worn by parachute troops, has been developed by the Quartermaster Corps, the War Department has announced.

The new foot gear has withstood months of testing on maneuvers in the U. S. and in combat in North Africa and the Southwest Pacific. Equipped with a wide, two-buckle cuff, the leather in the lower part of the boot has the flesh side turned outward, leaving the smooth grain side next to the wearer's foot, thus affording greater comfort.

Leather in the cuff, which is backed with sturdy canvas, is of lighter weight in the interests of conservation. The lower part of the boot is laced in the conventional manner. The cuff buckles above the ankles, permitting trousers to be tucked in quickly and easily. The sole and heel of the boot are made of synthetic rubber.

Tests proved the new combat boot to be cooler in warm weather than the sole-and-legging combination, and less easily snagged by underbrush.

Have Three Operators

The Wac Detachment, RTC, North Camp, boasts of three licensed projector operators who show movies in the company day room. Routine G.I. and other films are viewed by the Wac personnel,

Service To The Men Objective Of MP Training Program

By Pvt. Wilfred Weiss
Photos At Right

There's only one place on the Post—or in the world these days, probably—where a man can get a pair of pants or a blouse cleaned and pressed in two hours. That's the Camp Hood MP detachment—and it doesn't cost the men anything.

This service is one of the things that make the camp detachment one of the most unusual in the country. There probably isn't another camp that offers the service, nor another camp that maintains a barbershop in the MP area for MP exclusive use, or a dayroom set up so completely

that the men can find satisfactory entertainment and relaxation without leaving the area.

This is part of program put into effect by the camp commander to give meaning to the War Department's and the Army Service Forces' modern use of MP, and the change in their approach to duty this war from the last time the Germans started trouble.

Not having been present at the last war we can't say what the attitude of the MP was; but from the stories we hear, and the traditional animosity of soldiers toward MP, they were not quite the friendliest GIs.

Not Agin' 'Em

Today the MP are making, and have been making, a determined attempt to change the attitude, to have soldiers understand that the MP are with them and not "again' 'em."

From the beginning of a modern MP's training the fact that his primary purpose is to help soldiers is repeatedly emphasized—even in their motto: "Service To The Troops."

The MP are under definite order not to interfere with soldier activity until they see an infraction of the regulations. And as much as their work is corrective, it is also their duty to go to the aid of a soldier when ever he needs it.

When Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward was commanding TDC he told the Panther: "I have always felt that the MP represented a soldier on duty who would help me if I were in difficulty."

As Lt. Marvin A. Chambers, executive officer of the camp MP detachment explained, "Our job is to help the soldier. We never use force if it can possibly be avoided. Even when a soldier is violating regulations we prefer to reason with him—and we always prefer to send him back to his post rather than arrest him, if it is possible."

Avoid Public Display

"However, we can't stand in public arguing with the men—that creates a bad impression for the public, and we are always careful to avoid gathering a crowd. Occasionally we may seem brusque; but that's because we've learned from experience that it is better for all concerned to avoid public display. Even when it is necessary to take a man to the station we prefer to send him back to camp as soon as he's reasonable."

"We work on a good theory, that with proper MP training and education of the troops, we can all work together without friction—and we most often can, except when the unpredictable human element refuses to go along with the theory."

"An MP or a soldier in bad humor can upset it all. That's why we have the cleaning plant, the barber shop, one of the most completely equipped dayrooms—we do everything possible to keep morale high among our men, we purposely build a strong esprit de corps, to offset the rigid discipline we must maintain, and so that it will less likely be the "MP human element" that'll slip and cause unpleasantness."

It's A Tough Job

It's doubtful if any organization in the army puts more into building morale among its members than the MP do; and you can see why. They're liable to longer duty hours than most soldiers, have less time off. Their discipline is

Aims Talked In 667th Bn. Orientation

Weekly one-hour lectures are presented in the 667th Bn. consisting of informal discussions about current war developments and the war aims of the allied nations "To create and maintain in every officer and enlisted man a feeling of individual responsibility for participation in the war and to strengthen his efficiency through the creation of an understanding as to why we fight."

A dramatic skit was put on Thursday, Jan. 6 by the battalion orientation officer entitled "The Battle of Italy." The psychology of warfare was shown by two American soldiers commenting on conflicting news broadcasts by an American commentator and by a German propaganda agent.

The following men put on the skit:

American Commentator, Cpl. Ralph Adams, Co. C.;
German Propaganda Agent, Cpl. Herbert J. Black, Co. C.;
American Soldier (Hank), Cpl. Wilbert J. Poppe, Co. C.;
American Soldier (GI Joe), Pvt. Louis A. Fabrizio, Co. C.

Scenery and Property was handled by S-Sgt. James Collins, Jr. Hq. Co.

Hank finally convinced GI Joe that the battle of Italy is no push-over but that instead lots of hard fighting and high casualties lie ahead.

Biggest laugh was obtained when GI Joe told the Axis propaganda agent, "Aw, blow it outta ya barracks bag."

In the open forum conducted at the end of the skit many questions were asked and answered, such as, "What is the Terrain in Italy? Where is Mussolini now? How large is Italy? What form of Government does Italy have now?"

The detail left behind to police the theater was given free tickets to the evening movie.

Company C, 663, Celebrates Eve

By Sgt. Edward Goldberger

New Year's Eve was celebrated by members of Co. C., 663rd TD Bn., with a company party under direction of the company commander, Lt. Bankhead Davies and Mess Sergeant Willey B. Frasier.

Lt. Stephen S. Skibinski of Buffalo, N. Y., and Lt. Robert H. Breitigan, Lancaster, Pa., have both joined the company.

The company has welcomed home Lt. Nick Brady who has completed a two-month course in Chemical Warfare at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and has been named Battalion Gas Officer.

Following men in the company were recently promoted:

T-5 William J. Linnemann to T-4; T-5 Sanford P. Berkovitz to T-4; Pfc. Robert E. DeMeester to Cpl.; Pfc. George M. Howard to Pfc.; Stanley Smoracki to T-5.

Parents Of Daughter

Lt. Charles W. Durkin, 649th TD Bn., and Mrs. Durkin, have announced the arrival of Elyse Durva, born Dec. 22.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo.

THE SUN NEVER SETS ON MP—Aside from long hours, there's certainly variety in the MP's duty. Pvt. John E. Gossler keeps crowding GIs in line, making sure that first in line get on the bus first. Pvt. J. Mangum checks credentials of a civilian car entering camp. Sitting around the dayroom while off duty, Pfc. Wade Garrette, Pvt. Robert L. Barker, Cpl. Joseph Lorentz, Sgt. Charles Robinson, Pvt. Jones W. Lutz, Pfc. Charles J. Franchina. Directing the radio patrol, Provost Marshal Maj. Lester King. Pfc. Robert E. Smith checks in cleaning from Pvt. Paul A. Danielson and other MP. And WAC MP—S-Sgt. Ruth Hubert and S-Sgt. Lucy Derlam check the credentials of a civilian applying for a camp car sticker.

Pet Puppy Must Have Read Plea In The Panther

"Trueheart" must be an ardent reader of The Panther.

Last week we carried a plea from the boys of the Reproduction Dept., TDS, for the return of "Trueheart," their pet puppy.

Next morning after the paper's distribution he was found in front of the stockroom entrance, calmly waiting for somebody to open the door!

severe, they must comport themselves on and off duty in a way that will not cast the least shadow on the dignity of the corps; they must lean over backward, realizing that there is a natural antagonism toward them. They know that among them there are a few inclined to abuse their authority; and the majority must make up for minority.

Their training is continuous, it includes everything all GIs go through in basic and afterwards, plus special battle and other MP training.

Gen. Ward in his remarks pointed out that at the battle front the MP are largely responsible for keeping things organized—traffic movement, locating lost outfits for lost members, directing ammunition trains and rations, and casualties to aid stations among many unpredictable duties.

In camp their position is similar. They probably get less time off, less passes and furloughs than any other soldier, they work night as often as day. Not even Dorothy Dix would advise us to resolve to love all MPs, but there is their side of the story; they can help a GI, and it's a lot easier to cooperate than antagonize.

655 Variety Show Will Be Presented In Rec Hall Tonight

"Stars And Gripes", an original variety stage show, will be presented by the 655th TD Bn. tonight at the 64th St. Recreation Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

The show will include musical and comedy numbers and several special acts.

Camp personnel has been invited to attend.

Father Of A Boy

Pvt. Bruce E. Snyder, Hq. Co., 661st TD Bn., is the father of a seven and one-half pound son born Jan. 6.

Men From Many States Found In Co. B, 666th

Enlisted men of Co. B, 666th TD Bn., represent a cross-section of the United States.

A recent survey showed that the men represented 28 of our 48 states, and other areas including Czechoslovakia, Mexico and Brooklyn.

This will recall a statement made by our President when he recently said "A united people, in a United States, fighting for a united cause."



162nd St. And 37th St. Theaters
Thurs.—What A Woman.
Fri.—The Woman Of The Town.
Sat.—The Lodger.
Sun.—Mon.—Ala Baba And The Forty Thieves.
Tues.—Swing Fever.
Wed.—Thurs.—Song Of Russia.
Hood Rd. And 24th St. Theaters
Thurs.—Fri.—Cry Havoc.
Sat.—Swing Fever.
Sun.—Mon.—What A Woman.
Tues.—The Woman Of The Town.
Wed.—The Lodger.
Thurs.—Ala Baba And The Forty Thieves.
Brigade Ave. Theater
Thurs.—Fri.—Gung Ho.
Sat.—Sun.—Cry Havoc.
Mon.—Swing Fever.
Tues.—Wed.—What A Woman.
Thurs.—The Woman Of The Town.
72nd St. Theater
Thurs.—Crime Doctor's Strangest Case And The Sultan's Daughter.
Fri.—Sat.—What A Woman.
Sun.—The Woman Of The Town.
Mon.—The Lodger.
Tues.—Wed.—Ala Baba And The Forty Thieves.
Thurs.—Swing Fever.
Ave. "D" And 34th St. Theater

Thurs.—Higher And Higher.
Fri.—Sat.—Not Time For Love.
Sun.—Mon.—Around The World.
Tues.—The Cross Of Lorraine.
Wed.—Thurs.—Cry Havoc.
18th And 15th St. Theaters
Thurs.—Swing Fever.
Fri.—Sat.—Higher And Higher.
Sun.—Mon.—Gung Ho.
Tues.—Wed.—Around The World.
Thurs.—The Cross Of Lorraine.
10th And 4th St. Theater
Thurs.—Fri.—Around The World.
Sat.—The Cross Of Lorraine.
Sun.—Mon.—Higher And Higher.
Tues.—Wed.—Gung Ho.
Thurs.—What A Woman.
37th St. Service Club
Thursday, Social Dance with girls from Cameron, Temple, Belton. Fox-trot dance contest. Winners of last week asked to be present.
Friday, tap dance class, 7:30; recordings.
Saturday, Amateur impromptu show.
Sunday, Classic recordings, religious songs. Movie, 7:30 p. m.
Monday, Bingo with prizes.
Tuesday, Recordings, ballroom dance instruction.
Wednesday, Song night.

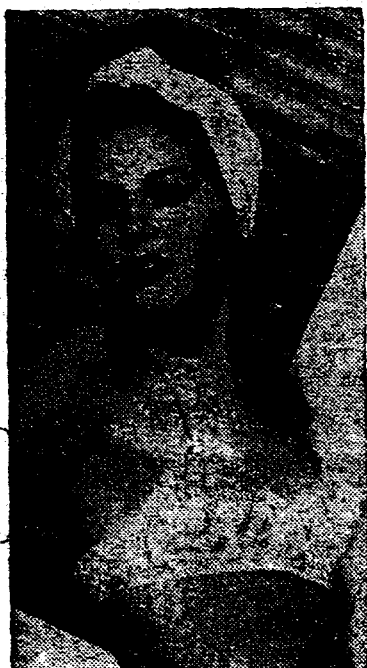
Words Without Music

Carole Lombard, killed in an airplane crash while on bond selling tour, will have a Liberty Ship named for her. . . . Lena Horne cited by M'msle Magazine for "high achievement among young women in 1943."

Vera Vague claims the modern office boy admits he's going to the ball game—to see his grandmother play shortstop.

Peter Van Steeden says Golden Weddings are usually happy celebrations because by that time people are out of debt.

Tonight's Spotlight Band, Frankie Masters . . . none tomorrow night . . . Jan Savitt Saturday night.



AN IMPRESSION — The press agent for Universal Studio calls Ramsay Ames "the body beautiful," and we're too polite to argue with him. He says she made quite an "impression" in "Ali Baba And The Forty Thieves"—we can't imagine how she'd do otherwise, any place, any time.

Harry James reported getting \$7,000 at H'wood Palladium, the top salary every paid there.

For the fifth time in seven years, Benny Goodman has been voted "King of Swing" in that division of DOWNBEAT'S annual poll. . . . nearly doubled last year's, when he bowed to Duke Ellington.

Tommy Dorsey again tops the sweet band group . . . Charlie Spivak up from third to second place. . . . Roy Eldridge took the small combo section.

King of Corn title went to Spike Jones in a win over Guy Lombardo. . . . Frank Sinatra was voted best male vocalist; Jo Stafford best female vocalist. Complete balloting on all soloists are tallied in the January 1 issue of DOWNBEAT.

Teddy Powell, who goes into the College Inn of the Sherman in Chicago on March 24 has been classified 4-F as has Hal McIntyre. . . . Jan Garber has taken his new-styled swing band into the Blue Room of the Hotel Lincoln for an eight-week stay. . . . Karl George, top-flight Negro trumpet player formerly with Lionel Hampton, has joined Stan Kenton's band. He is the first Negro to regularly play a commercial radio show with a white band on the West Coast.

Freddie Slack is in the Navy now. . . . Tony Pastor's band goes into the Roosevelt Hotel, Wash., D. C. today. . . . Frankie Carle's new Band will open at the Hotel Pennsylvania, N. Y. . . . Joe Reichman is in the Biltmore Bowl, L. A., on an indefinite ticket. . . . Henry King stays on at the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco.

Charlie Spivak is currently at the Hotel Pennsylvania, N. Y., and will play at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, next June. . . . Jack Jenney, slip horn solo star, is now in the Navy. . . . Cab Calloway at the Sherman. . . . Duke Ellington at the Stevens in Chicago.

CAMP MCQUAIDE, Cal. (CNS)—Colonel Roy S. Gibson voluntarily washed and dried all the dishes, even the pots and pans, when the new service club opened here.

Col. Earl W. Bacon Heads Unit Training Center Of The TDC

Col. Earl W. Bacon, FA, assumed command of the Unit Training Center, Tank Destroyer Center, last week, as successor to Col. Thomas W. Heavey, Cav., who departed from Camp Hood under sealed orders. Colonel Heavey had commanded the Unit Training Center since May 5, 1943, and prior to that time had commanded the Training Brigade, served as an observer in England and North Africa, and commanded the Second Tank Destroyer Training Group, UTC's department of weapons and motors instruction.

Colonel Bacon also preceded his elevation to the post of Commanding Officer of Unit Training Center with a tour of duty in command of the Tank Destroyer Training Group, which he had headed since last April. His direction of this vital phase of tank destroyer training was marked by such an increase in 3" and 76 mm. marksmanship ability on the part of battalions in training that the UTC Firing Proficiency Test was twice revised, once to make it more difficult and, later to raise the passing grade substantially.

Followed Field Artillery

Colonel Bacon has "followed the red guidon" as a field artilleryman for 31 years; he enlisted from Missouri in 1912 and served for three years in the Philippines, on Corregidor and at Ft. Stotsenberg and McKinley. Then he spent a year on the Mexican border, and a year in Mexico with General Pershing in 1916.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the 5th Field Artillery in 1917, he went to France with the 1st Division, AEF, and was cited twice during World War I, receiving the Silver Star for the first citation, an Oak Leaf Cluster for the second. He returned to the United States in September, 1918, as an instructor for the National Army, and helped to organize a 155 mm. howitzer regiment of the 14th Division at Camp Custer, Michigan. With the Armistice, he was transferred to the Troop Movement Office in Hoboken, N. J., and, now a Captain, served there for nine months in the operations incidental to the return of American troops from Europe.

Separated from the service in August, 1919, he re-enlisted in the Field Artillery and served until 1923 at Camp Taylor, Ky., Ft. Dix, N. J., and Ft. Bragg, N. C. Then he was assigned to the 7th Corps Area as a Sergeant Instructor for National Guard units, and spent the next 17 years training regiments in Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Kansas.

He Gets Commission

In 1940 he received his discharge as a Technical Sergeant to accept a commission as a Captain in the Missouri National Guard, and entered Federal service as Adjutant of the 128th Field Artillery. He went with this unit to Ft. Jackson, S. C., and was promoted to Major in April, 1941.

In maneuvers in South Carolina in 1941 armored contingents repeatedly ran wild until the then Major Bacon devised his "Plan A", a forerunner of present-day tank destroyer tactics. The number four gun of each battery was directed to select a direct fire position well forward of its normal position, and its prime mover was camouflaged as completely as possible without sacrifice of mobility. The next time the tanks threatened, all Major Bacon had to do was pick up his field telephone and say "Tank Attack . . . Plan A . . . Action!" Six 76 mm. guns, one from each of six batteries, lumbered out to command six previously chosen field of fire—and the tanks got wiped out.

Made Tactical Officer

As a result of the success of this plan, Colonel Bacon was made tactical officer of First Army's "Tank Attackers No. 1," a reinforced brigade which also included the 893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, first TD unit in the Army of the United States. Commanding officer of this battalion was Lt. Col. Richard G. Tindall, who later became Brigadier General Tindall, first commander of Unit Training Center. In the meantime, Major Bacon was assigned to Headquarters First Army, at Ft. Jay, Governor's Island, New York, as Assistant Artillery Officer, and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in April, 1942.

He rejoined General Tindall in November, 1942, when he came to Camp Hood as assistant executive officer of Unit Training Center, and in April 1943, succeeded Lt. Col. Casey as Commanding Officer of the Second TD Training Group. He was promoted to his full colonelcy in May, 1943.

Promotions Announced

The following promotions were announced recently in the 660th Bn.:

To be Staff Sergeant: Rcn. Co., Clinton C. Russell, Otis H. Abrams, and Erwin R. Werner; Co. C: Bernard O. Kennedy.

To be Sergeant: HQ Co.: Lloyd J. Lemoine; Rcn. Co.: Wayne E. Duke, James C. Hogg; Co. C: James R. McAlister, Albert DeCola, and Daniel G. Smith.

To be T-4: Rcn. Co.: Thomas J. Monteith.

To be Corporal: Rcn. Co.: Carl H. Josten; Co. A: John J. Deibel; Co. B: John Gladys, Joseph C. Hertvick, Ervan E. Janousek; Co. C: Carl A. Toy Jr.

To be T-5: HQ Co.: Francis A. Adernato, Peter C. Gomez, Delbert N. Marcus, Jr., Ralph J. Schrader; Robert L. Talley, Robert E. Dexter, Boris B. Kemper; Rcn. Co.: Julius C. Lambert, Raymond J. Smith, Maurice W. Downey; Co. A: Edgar W. Houseman, Homer J. Mowrey, Horace E. Hixon; Co. B: Harry D. Childers, Guy S. Smith; Co. C: Merle A. Ashbrook, Anthony Banas; Med. Det.: Robert M. Kellar.

Travelers' Meet Tuesday Evening

"The Travelers" will meet Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p. m. in Building No. 777 located on Battalion Avenue between 53rd and 55th street. All enlisted men and Warrant Officers who are Master Masons have been invited to attend.

The Wolf

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"If you'll tell me just what you're looking for perhaps I can help!"



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
NEW COMMANDING OFFICER—Colonel T. J. Heavey, left, former commanding officer of the Unit Training Center, welcomes Colonel E. W. Bacon as his successor. Story at left.

He Rated High In The Army With Low Number

There is at least one man in the Army who doesn't have the slightest trouble remembering his Army Serial Number, and who doesn't have to take up half an envelope when writing his return address.

That man is General John J. Pershing, who is the holder of ASN O-1—no more, no less. Two little digits.

Furlough Time Will Be Passed Doing Chores

Perhaps the hardest period of work Cpl. Audis Boatler, Student Regiment, TDS, will experience will come during his furlough which is due in a few weeks.

He'll be working his farm at Groesbeck, Texas.

Boatler is married, and Groesbeck, just 30 miles from Waco, is his home. He owns a farm jointly with his father-in-law. Before the war, Corporal Boatler taught school in Groesbeck. Since the war, feeling himself mighty lucky to be stationed at a camp so close to home, every week-end that he's on pass, Boatler can be found on the farm intent on cattle and hog raising. Actually, the corporal is looking forward to his furlough, when he can really go to work to help supply the war need for livestock.

Pyle Book Available

"Here Is Your War," by Ernie Pyle is now available at the TD School Library.

Pyle needs no introduction to millions of newspaper readers who turn to his column before doing more than scan the headlines. Reams could be written to review "Here Is Your War," but they would be inadequate beside the following quotation from the book itself—it's own best commentary:

"I haven't written anything about the big picture because I don't know anything about it. I only know what we see from our worm's-eye view, and our segment of this picture consists only of tired and dirty soldiers; of long darkened convoys in the middle of the night; of shocked, silent men wandering down the hill from battle, of 'A' rations, and cactus patches, blown bridges and dead mules; and of laughter too and anger and wine; and of graves and graves and graves."

Will Rogers, Jr., Now A Congressman Camp Hood Visitor

Congressman Will Rogers, Jr., formerly a Second Lieutenant stationed at Camp Hood, was a guest of Major General John H. Hester, and other Camp Hood officers, Tuesday afternoon.

Earlier in the day he visited Capt. Faron G. Moss, Public Relations Officer, McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, and greeted a train load of wounded men from the Southwest Pacific.

Congressman Rogers gave up his commission when the ruling went into effect that no Army personnel could be legislators.

Assistant Camp Surgeon Promoted

Lt. Col. Harry D. Clark, Executive, North Camp Station Hospital and assistant camp surgeon, was promoted to the rank of Colonel this week.

Colonel Clark has been a reserve officer for 20 years. He entered active duty in Sept., 1941, and has been in Camp Hood since Oct., 1942.

Promotions Awarded Recon. Company Men

Besides starting the New Year with a clean chart and a goal to higher standards, Rcn Co. 665th TD Bn., made the following promotions:

T-4 Harold F. Beal, T-4 Ellsworth J. Brue, T-4 Alfred Saslow, Cpl. Adrian S. Cloninger, Cpl. Gerald K. Gibson, T-5 James P. Clark, T-5 Clair A. Glenn, T-5 John R. Harst, T-5 Eilert H. Heiken, T-5 Warren F. Parker, T-5 Roger R. Retterer.

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Being in a sociological mood this week, the Panther's inquisitive reporter asked four soldiers (without colusion):

DO YOU THINK WOMEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO PROPOSE LEAP YEAR THAN ANY OTHER YEAR?

Sgt. Edward F. Dennehy, MP Det.

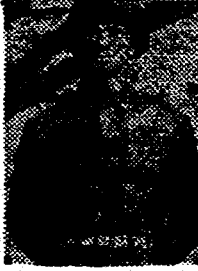


(Not Married)
—“I think they will. Why, I even really hope they will. Yes, I'm pretty fast, but I suspect I'll pull up lame this year. No, no objection to women proposing—I think they're entitled to that much equality with men.”

Pfc. John R. Driza, Sign. Photo Lab. (Not Married)

—“Do they or will they? No I don't think so, but I don't see why they shouldn't. I don't think I could run away from a pretty girl who was trying to propose to me—I get a charleyhorse very easily.”

Sgt. John D. Miley, Acad. Regt.



(Status Unknown)—“I don't know. I suspect it all depends on the woman. Some are just naturally aggressive, and some are just lonely. I think a woman has a right to propose to a man, if she is old enough to know what she's doing. I don't know how old that would be.”

T-Sgt. Jack A. Woodward, Rat-

tion board — (Married) “No. They're liable to propose any year. I'd have to say my wife didn't propose to me, wouldn't I? No, I don't think there's anything wrong with a woman proposing to a man. They vote and wear pants, don't they?”

Army Quiz

1. If captured, are you required by International Law to give the enemy any information?
2. How long has the British Royal Air Force been set up as a separate organization?
3. What does the Army slang term “shutters” designate?
4. What are the names of the Five seas, all part of the Mediterranean, which have been in press dispatches recently?
5. Where should the Good Conduct Medal be worn, to the right or left of service medals?
6. Why is Fort Knox, Kentucky, known as “tankers” headquarters?

Answers Page Seven

Now A Lieutenant

John C. Dullea, former Sergeant Major of the 661st TD Bn., graduated as a Second Lieutenant from the Transportation Corps, OCS at Camp Harahan, La., on December 29.



—Cartoon by Sgt. Stanley Farnham

Bullets And Ballots For Democracy

Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Panther:

Is it not possible that too many of us are placing ourselves in a similar situation to the man who murdered his parents, and flung himself upon the mercy of the court, claiming he was an orphan?

While we dedicate ourselves to the proposition that the war is very much worth our fighting and our dying, at the same time we are often guilty of ignoring the definite goals towards which we are striving. Then we go a step further, and superficially examine news on the homefront, and condemn this act as “treason” and that act as “wishful thinking”; this person as a “slacker” and that person as a “profiteer.”

The welding of ourselves into a mighty weapon of military might, and deadly precision is a fait accompli, an accomplished fact, much to our enemies' sorrow. We, the little units of ego, within this juggernaut, must be our own spiritual chiefs of staff; everyone of us must transform himself into the symbol of a fighting democracy encased in one suit of khaki.

When given the right by Congress to vote, let us express our choices as to whom shall lead us in determining the course of freedom during these crucial days. Sure, Mom and Dad, Sis, and Mary are home—let them vote for us, just as we used to let them select our ties! Our present Congress has stirred up more provocative discussion than in many, many years. Is the fact that we are engaged in driving a T-70, or scuttling out from behind a bazooka, to be our excuse for blindness? Why don't we realize that we are not mercenaries employed by Uncle Sam to crush Fascism and advance Liberty? Each one of us has a two-fold job—not only to fight until every muscle in our body is tired beyond all aching, but also to fight on the homefront against any sign of undemocratic advances that may negate our military victories.

In the cold days at Valley Forge . . . just as cold and wet and hellish as any today in Italy or the Aleutians, men shivered and starved and planned brilliant campaigns on the battlefield. BUT at the same time, plans for this mighty Democracy, outlines for the days of victory which they knew were coming, occupied many a night spent in sub-zero weather. As we march on to victory in '44, let us resolve that we shall not ignore, neither shall we condemn political disputes, strikes, rationing, suffrage or legislative mixups, until we have sat down in the shadows of our tank destroyers and sensibly and thoroughly examined all these things which are as much a part of us as our GI equipment, for in truth, they are all items on our Form 32 of Democracy, they have been

issued by the Eternal Quartermaster, let us use this issue of Democracy's TBA, for when it is worn out, we can always, as long as Old Glory shall wave, salvage our freedom of expression, of action and of selection for brand-new re-issue!

S-Sgt. Alfred M. Auerbach
Co. G, Student Regt.

Editor, The Panther:

There is no doubt that Camp Hood is steadily becoming one of the more popular camps of the country. Its personnel officers are endeavoring to make it as appealing to the soldiers and his friends as possible, while he is stationed here.

There is, however, something which in my opinion has been sadly neglected. Why has there never been any provisions made for non-commissioned officers clubs? There is no doubt that those clubs are of great beneficial aid to the non-coms, providing a place where he can go to relax. Saturday evenings could be pleasantly spent in camp at the club where an orchestra would play for the men and their wives or sweethearts.

A splendid example of such a club may be found at McCloskey General Hospital where the writer and a few of his friends were guests for a New Year's Eve party. The club was decorated in the holiday trimmings, music was provided by a small band, and a free turkey buffet luncheon was served at midnight. A very enjoyable evening was had by everyone in an atmosphere not unlike one of a well-planned night club, but without the high tariffs usually associated with one.

Let's start the ball rolling with suggestions and comments to the right people.

S-Sgt. R. P. Davis,
Rcn. Co., 664 TD Bn.

Editor: The Panther

I have been wondering if it would be possible for me to obtain five or six copies of the very excellent write-up concerning my husband's background of experience? . . .

We enjoy reading the Panther very much indeed and feel that you and your staff deserve every praise for publishing such a splendid paper.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Mrs. Christian Hilderbrand
Gatesville, Texas.

Back With News

Master Sergeant Raymond Kline just returned from an emergency furlough with the news that he and his wife Celeste Kline, are the parents of a girl. They named her Bonnie Jean. Both mother and daughter are doing fine at their home in Baltimore, Md.

Citizens Or Residents?

MANY OF US HAVE never really been citizens of the United States. There is nothing new in the indictment that too many of us have never cared how the country was run, just so long as there were comic strips in the papers and comedians on the radio to entertain us—we rarely concerned ourselves with the state of the nation until things got so bad that they hit us personally, individually.

Voting was too much trouble, and “aw, what difference does it make?”

It took the shock of a “Hitler type election” to wake us to the fact that votes do mean something, that free votes do make a difference.

Voting in a free country is a responsibility, as much as defending your country is—and a man who doesn't vote is not a citizen of the U. S.—he's merely living there.

It takes ballots, considered votes, as much as it does bullets to defend a free country and make a democracy.

Fighting With Purpose

If we fight without voting, we'll have fought without purpose. We talk about the things we're fighting for—peace, freedom, security—but the Nazis talk about them too, and they don't mean a thing except words unless they are voted into reality.

The Nazi tyrants feel it's safe to let their slaves talk about such things, since without the rights of determination, votes, they're not dangerous to the tyrants. Just talking doesn't effect a thing. But we can make them living, active conditions of living because we can vote and thus be very dangerous to tyrants.

Never An Excuse

There is never a valid excuse for not voting.

Those who claim they're not informed enough to vote because they don't have time in the Army to keep up with current affairs are shirking, blatantly “goldbricking.” There are newspapers, magazines, radios everywhere; this paper carries a weekly digest of the news; every outfit has its orientation course—it doesn't take much time or effort to keep up.

The preservation of democracy requires active votes as much as it does dry powder.

Clipping Clipjoints

WE SUSPECT THAT the men in Italy are cussing the country for a lot of things that could also happen in Illinois, Wyoming, Georgia or any other state in America. Without committing ourselves on other questions, we know that many men are blaming Texas for a lot of things that are not peculiar to Texas.

One of the men in camp sent us a clipping from his home town paper—the clipping was a letter to the editor, complaining about being gouged by Texas store keepers.

We know that there is a type of merchant who considers soldiers fair game in all seasons, who has a specially sharpened set of hooks for any man or woman in uniform—but we know from having been clipped, and from talking to others, that that kind of parasite exists in every state in the country.

Texas may own the most ubiquitous standard in the world, but its chislers are the same specie you'll find in any other state.

There Is Protection

In a way that should be so obvious that it wouldn't warrant being discussed. But there is a way that servicemen can protect themselves, and most do not seem to know about it.

Any time you are clipped in a store, restaurant, hotel—any place where a two-legged aphid short-changes or overcharges you—the place can be put “off limits.”

If you think you've been given a rough deal, just report it to the provost marshal, directly or through your company commander.

Any businessman is entitled to a fair profit, and we believe that most stores are fair, but when a merchant has one price for his local customers, and another for soldiers, or when he practises tricks that brand him as a clipjoint, it is time to turn the clippers on him and clip his wings and pocketbook.

Turning him in is not a matter of “informing,” but the duty of every soldier, to protect himself and other soldiers.

Former ASTP Teacher Has Wings, Boots

Cpl. Roy A. Rover, former ASTP instructor of the 126th TDRTC, Bn, North Camp, has won the right to wear the world-famous Wings and Boots of the United States Army Volunteer Paratrooper, according to word received here.

He made his fifth and qualifying jump, a night tactical leap identical to actual combat work in Sicily, which completed his four weeks of jump training.

Booths Offer Comfort In Texas “Sunshine”

Recent installation of two bright-red guard booths in the Motor Park of the 666th TD Bn has proven to be a great blessing for the men who have had to stand guard at each gate of the motor park in inclement weather. These guards may be seen now standing in their glass-enclosed booths cheerfully smiling at the quirks of the Texas weather.

Student Regiment Clerk, Already Been To Combat

Corporal Loren J. Paulsen, a clerk in Student Regimental Headquarters, has already been overseas in this war.

Following his training at Camp Bowie, Corporal Paulsen went over with a Los Angeles regiment. He arrived at Casablanca as the invasion ended, so his outfit was used in mop-up operations. Paulsen says the most annoying thing about the job was the fact that they had to duck every time they heard a plane. Stray Stukas flew over often dropping bombs, and being the kind of bundles from heaven the boys didn't exactly relish, they soon learned the sound of the Stukas before the planes got near, and were buried face

deep in old Mother Earth. Paulsen says, by the time the Jerries flew over.

After several weeks at Casablanca, Paulsen's outfit left at last for Algiers and combat. And fate pointed to Paulsen on this trip and said: "not yet, young man!" Enroute to Algiers, while riding in a jeep on a very dark night, the vehicle suddenly landed in a shell hole, and Paulsen emerged with a fractured back. He was returned to Casablanca and the evacuation hospital there, and a month later came back to the States. He has only been in Camp Hood two months. Corporal Paulsen is impatient for that ailment to heal. He's determined to get back into action as soon as he can, and he's promised himself that he'll be walking on his toes very carefully until he actually gets into combat!

Paulsen had won second prize as a vocal soloist in a South Dakota State musical contest, and it was this fine showing that prompted him to go to Los Angeles for a try at a professional singing career, when the Army called him to service.

New Officers Added To 665th Battalion

Recon. Co. 665th TD Bn, has gained two officers from TDORP, TDRTC, North Camp Hood. Lt. Clayton L. Haughawout and Lt. Daniel A. Lee. Lt. Haughawout is new attached to Cavalry School, Ft. Riley, Kansas. Lt. Lee was made company motor Officer.



"LET'S SEE NOW"—Lois Watkins, civilian employee at the Signal Corps Photo Lab, can't decide which of these two soldiers is Sam and which is Andrew Valenti, 19-year-old Privates First Class of Recon. Co., 663rd TD Bn. Story below.

These Are The Commanders

EDITOR'S NOTE: We suggest you clip this out and put it where you can refer to it readily. Here is an up-to-date list of American and Allied commanders in the various war zones and United States Defense Areas. It is current as of this date. You can easily add changes and additions when and as they are made.

Combined Chiefs of Staff, Washington:

For the United States—Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff; Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander in Chief of the Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. H. H. Arnold, Commanding General Army Air Forces, and Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to the President.

For Great Britain: Field Marshal Sir John Dill, Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Lieut. Gen. G. N. MacReady, and Air Marshal Sir William L. Welsh.

Allied Commanders for European-African Theater—Western:
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Deputy Supreme Commander.

Air Marshal Trafford L. Leigh-Mallory, Commander in Chief, Tactical Air Force for British Theater.

Lieut. Gen. Carl Spaatz, Commander U. S. Strategic Air Force.
Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, Commander British Ground Forces.

(American ground forces commander to be announced.)

Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Commander U. S. 8th Air Force.
Sir Bertram Ramsay, Naval Commander in Chief.

Mediterranean:

Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Commander in Chief.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Allied Commander in Italy.

Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Deputy Commander in Chief and Commander of American Forces.

Lieut. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Allied Air Commander.

Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark, Commander of Fifth Army.

Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Commander of Seventh Army.

Lieut. Gen. Walter B. Smith, Chief of Staff.

Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon, Commander of the U. S. 12th Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Nathan Twining, Commander of U. S. 15th Air Force.

Lt. Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, Commander British Eighth Army.

Middle East:

Gen. Sir Bernard Paget, Commander in Chief.

Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, Commander 9th Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly, Persian Gulf Service Command.

Caribbean Area:

Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett, Commanding General.

Maj. Gen. H. R. Harmon, Commander 6th Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Glen E. Edgerton, Governor of Panama Canal Zone.

Maj. Gen. William E. Shedd, Commander Antilles Department.

Newfoundland:

Maj. Gen. John B. Brooks, Commanding General.

Bermuda:

Brig. Gen. Alden G. Strong, Commanding Officer U. S. Army Air Forces and Base Commander.

Southeast Asia:

Lord Louis Mountbatten, Commander in Chief.

Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, Commander U. S. Armies in Burma, India and China.

Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Deputy Chief of Staff.

Maj. Gen. George C. Stratemeyer, Commander of Theater Air Forces.

Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, Commander 14th Air Force (China).

Brig. Gen. Howard Davidson, Commander of 10th Air Force (India).

Southwest Pacific:

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Commander in Chief.

Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, Commander of Allied Forces.

Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, Commander Allied Air Forces.

Maj. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, Commander 5th Air Force.

Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger, Commander U. S. Sixth Army.

Maj. Gen. Richard A. Sutherland, Chief of Staff.

South Pacific:

Admiral William F. Halsey, Commander in Chief.

Lieut. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, Commanding General of Army Forces.

Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, Commander of Ground Forces.

Central Pacific:

Lieut. Gen. R. C. Richardson, Commanding General.

Maj. Gen. Willis C. Hale, Commander 7th Air Force.

Alaska:

Lieut. Gen. Simon Buckner, Commanding General.

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Whittaker, Deputy Commander.

Maj. Gen. Davenport Johnson, Commander of 11th Air Force.

Col. E. D. Post, Chief of Staff.

United States:

Lieut. Gen. George Gruent, Commanding General Eastern Defense Command.

Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, Commander of Third Army and Southern Defense.

Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, Commander of Western Defense.

Lieut. Gen. William Hood Simpson, Commander Fourth Army.

United States Navy:

Admiral King, Commander in Chief and Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet.

Admiral William F. Halsey, Commander South Pacific Area.

Vice-Admiral Frank J. Fletcher, Commander North Pacific and Northwestern Sea Frontier.

Vice-Admiral Thomas C. Kincaid, Commander Naval Forces, Southwest Pacific.

Vice-Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, Commander Central Pacific Force.

Vice-Admiral John H. Towers, Commanding Air Force, Pacific Fleet.

Vice-Admiral Aubrey W. Fitch, Commander Air Force, South Pacific.

Vice-Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Commander Submarines, Pacific.

Vice-Admiral William L. Cal-

Tank Destroyer Twins Were So Alike They Had To Wear Numbers To Help Out Their Teachers

So alike that during their school days they had to wear numbers so their teachers could tell them apart, Sam and Andrew Valenti, 19-year-old Privates First Class, Recon. Co., 663rd TD Bn, have but one difference: one is left-handed, one right-handed.

A memorandum from the War Department insures that the twins will be kept together in the Army as they have always been in civilian life in Union County, New Jersey. There, when one of them went to the store for a loaf of bread the other went along. Before entering the Army, into which, coincidentally they were both drafted at the same time, they both worked in the same defense plant side by side.

Andrew recalls with a grin the time a new girl moved next door and he met her and made arrangements to take her out. While he was getting dressed for

the evening, Sam decided to take a walk, which took him by the girls house. Seeing Sam she thought he was Andrew, of course, and ran down the walk to join him. When Andrew found them later in the evening she did not know yet that she had the wrong man.

The twins claim they never quarrel, however, even over women, and they both took her out on the next date.

Both the boys entered the Army in February, 1942, and have spent the entire time since in Camp Hood.

RTC Head Will Speak

Colonel Christian Hildebrand, commanding officer of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood, will address the 52nd Class of the Tank Destroyer Candidate School, in graduating exercises to be held at the 24th Street Theater Friday. Formerly executive officer, Colonel Hildebrand recently succeeded Brigadier General Walter A. Dumas as commanding officer of the RTC.

Colonel Now Heads Company In 657th Bn.

Information has just been received at Headquarters 657th TD Bn. that 1st Lt. Daniel P. MacDonald commanding Co. A, has been appointed a colonel.

Under ordinary circumstances, this would be extremely embarrassing to the battalion commander, who is a Major. To avoid any unpleasantness, therefore, Lt. MacDonald, as he is still called, has graciously consented to continue in his present capacity as company commander until relieved by orders, which means the "duration and six."

You see, Lt. MacDonald has been appointed a Kentucky Colonel, blue ribbon, gold seal and all, by Gov. Simeon Willis, first Republican to hold that office in more than a coon's age.

Gets New Officers

Company B, 666th TD Bn, recently acquired two new officers from Recon. Co. when Lt. R. R. Male replaced Lt. H. McKinley, who was assigned to Recon. Company, and Lt. V. J. Gillen replaced Lt. F. L. Yotter who was assigned as ass't. S-3.



King

MacArthur

Eisenhower

Marshall

Arnold



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

VISITS AT OPEN HOUSE—Major General John H. Hester, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center, chats with a North Camp soldier during open-house festivities there recently. Colonel C. M. Thirkeld, Camp Commander, stands immediately behind him. At right, is Mrs. Grace Weaver, club hostess. Story at right.

Three Women, Soldier Get Jail Terms

Three women and a former soldier received prison sentences aggregating six years for unlawfully obtaining family allowance payments, Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, USA, Director of the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits, an activity of the Army Service Forces, has announced. The convictions were handed down by Federal court judges in Boston, Massachusetts, Miami, Florida, and Los Angeles, California.

"Those who unpatriotically defraud the Government by illegally receiving a family allowance will be quickly apprehended and prosecuted," General Gilbert said.

The three cases were unearthed by the ODB Field Investigations Branch, the Director revealed. The ODB maintains FIB offices in nine key cities from coast to coast.

Get Three Years

A three year sentence was given Mrs. Pauline Stagner of Los Angeles for illegally receiving a family allowance for herself and her son. Claiming that her husband, Jack Stagner, had been lost in the Pacific, Mrs. Stagner went through the marriage ceremony with Douglas Culver, a soldier. She then received a family allowance based on the service of Culver. Investigation revealed the facts of the case and she was quickly brought to justice.

In Boston, Mass., Federal Judge Arthur D. Healy sentenced Cecil Vernon Cox, a former Army private, and Miss Alice Witherell to serve a year and a day. They represented themselves as legally married while Cox was still the husband of another woman.

Mrs. Mildred Turner who posed as the wife of two soldiers for the purpose of receiving family allowance payments from the ODB was sentenced at Miami, Florida, by Federal Judge John W. Holland to serve a year and a day.

Law Provides Penalty

He warned that penalties of imprisonment and a fine up to five thousand dollars, or both, are provided under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942, as amended.

New Commander

Lt. Bankhead T. Davies of Arlington, Va., has been named Commanding Officer of Co. C, 663rd TD Bn., succeeding Capt. Robert Sullivan who left to join the TD School.

These Are Good General Orders To Remember While On Furlough

Staff Sergeant Morris Ronis, of the Army Emergency Relief office at Headquarters, North Camp Hood, came across the following item in the "Civilian Soldier," civilian-military publication of the Third Service Command, and found them so interesting he sent them to the Panther.

We were fortunate in seeing the film called "Sucker Bait" and as a timely reminder, the following "General Orders Safeguarding Military Information" is quoted below:

- "1. To take charge of my speech and all Army information contained therein.
- "2. To 'walk' my post with a stiff upper lip conducting all outside conversation in NON-military vein.
- "3. To report all violations of these orders by soldiers other than myself.
- "4. To repeat to NO ONE all rumors of troop movements, strength, types, and location.
- "5. To quit talking shop immediately on leaving this post.
- "6. To receive, digest, and FORGET all rumors from 'know-it-alls,' big shots, and any other source.
- "7. To talk to no one about troop movements or any other army activities.
- "8. To give the alarm in case anyone I know is releasing information that would prove of value to the enemy.
- "9. To call my superior officer in any case of a suspicious nature.
- "10. To salute all questions of well-meaning civilians with respect, courtesy, and a firm but polite evasion.

TDS Writer Has Articles Published In Two Magazines

Lieut. L. R. Barnhill, Publications Department, TD School, feature writer, has articles in the current issues of two outstanding military publications, the Infantry Journal and Cavalry Journal.

His articles are the results of interviews with officers who recently returned from the combat zones.

Similar articles featuring interviews with enlisted men are published each week by The Panther.

New Comer To World

Lt. James A. McKay was presented with a baby boy last week weighing eight and one-half pounds. Officers of the 666th TD Bn., of which Lt. McKay is adjutant, presented him with a gift for the youngster.

"11. To be especially watchful when writing letters, while engaged in conversation with outsiders and to remember at all times that any information, no matter how unimportant it seems, is of value to the enemy."

This is published by permission of the editors of SMI Bulletin and the order was drawn by Captain Edward J. Urban, Intelligence Training Unit at the University of Pennsylvania.

Enlisted Men Attend Open House Affair

Picture At Left

Enlisted men of North Camp Hood were guests January 2 at an "Open House" party between 3:00 and 6:00 p. m. in all three service clubs. The mass open house was arranged by the hostesses of the clubs and the special service office.

Honored guests for the festivities were Major General John H. Hester, Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center, and his wife; Colonel and Mrs. Charles M. Thirkeld, and Colonel Donald R. Dunkle. The high-ranking officers visited all of the clubs, at each of which General Hester made a short speech congratulating the camp on its clubs and hostesses and felicitating the enlisted men on their "fine spirit of cooperation."

Evinced special interest in the servicemen, the general made a point of singling out individuals or small groups and engaging them in conversation during the course of his tour.

Artist May Have Referred To Man Well-Known Here

Of special interest to men at the TD School were the pen and ink sketches in a recent issue of Life Magazine.

One in particular depicts an area in Italy over which the Americans fought while pushing the Nazis back. The artist dates this picture "October 9th" and in his caption explained that he had been lying prone overlooking this scene, beside Colonel Frederick, who was later killed.

Lt. Colonel Charles E. Frederick, one of the early organizers of the Tank Destroyer School here, was killed in Italy on October 20th. It is presumed that he is the

Army Helps Him Find His Career With Radio Sets

The Army has given S-Sgt. Glenn Cumming of TD School, a future, presented him with a career, and Cumming constantly expresses himself as being mighty grateful to the service.

Glenn came to the Army from a farm in Illinois. His aptitude and intelligence, made him one of the selected few, after his basic training, to be sent to Fort Monmouth to learn all there is to know about radio. He picked the course up fast.

From Monmouth he was sent to Camp Hood to work in the radio repair section of the Communications Department, TDS. His practical work, the vast experience he has piled up right here at the TD School, has governed his future for him. On returning to Illinois, Glenn plans to open a radio shop. He'll sell 'em, build 'em, and repair 'em.

That's what the Army taught Glenn Cumming.

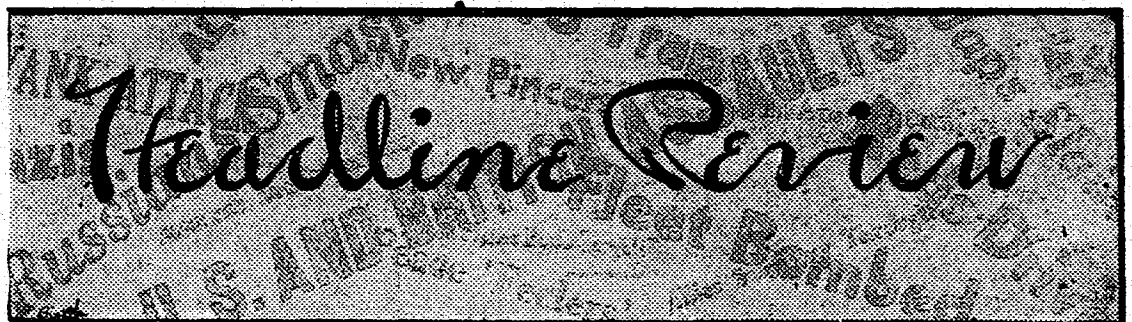
He Might Not Have Stomach For That Meat

Bob Burns, the "Arkansas Traveler" whose Bazooka won a namesake in the powerful tank destroying rocket gun developed by the Allies, now comes up with a new secret weapon to be used against the Japs. Recently Bob presented a lion cub to the 19th Navy Torpedo Squadron as a mascot.

"But what'll we do with the lion when he grows up?" asked one of the pilots, foreseeing a long Pacific war.

"Drop him by parachute behind the Jap lines," suggested Bob. "and let him eat his way home."

Colonel Frederick referred to by the artist.



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

Amid the storm of rumors and false information which beset the war-worried readers of the U. S. this week, these facts, at least were apparent:

The Red Army had pushed the Germans 35 miles west of the 1939 Polish border and driven them out of the rail center of Sarny.

Cassino, important bastion on the Nazi defense line across Italy, appeared likely to fall any hour before the onslaught of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army.

The entire Balkan area has now been brought within range of the big American bombers of the 15th U. S. Air Force because of the new bases in southern Italy.

American naval units came to the aid of American troops spreading out from Sador on the northeast coast of New Guinea this week, while PT boats cut off Jap reinforcements coming in by barges, sinking 11 of them, which carry anywhere from 30 to 300 men.

In England, General Dwight Eisenhower and his aides were working on plans for the wholesale invasion of the continent from another side.

So around the world, Allied soldiers pushed ahead for the inevitable victory of this year, or the next, or the next.

Nazis In Danger

The plight of German forces clinging to a stretch of the Dnieper River in the Smela region a short distance below Kiev, became grave as spearheads of Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army swept south to cut one of the last two escape railways left to the

Nazis. The Red Army was reported from Moscow to have already trapped and killed more than 8,000 Germans, remnants of five Nazi divisions which previously had been routed and refused to surrender.

In Italy, Allied tanks were on the Cassino plain, only a few miles south of the city, and the ground at least was frozen solidly enough for use of armor effectively. American troops occupied heights to the northeast from which they could see into Cassino streets. Advance British units were southwest of the city, so that it was half-encircled. With Cassino's fall, the drive on Rome should speed up appreciably, though Allied spokesmen have warned repeatedly that there will be hard fighting the last 70 miles.

New Bombing Range

Flying Fortresses made their fifth heavy attack on rail yards at Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, yesterday, from the new bases in Italy. Bucharest, capital of Rumania, and the Ploesti oil fields are now within easy reach of our bombers.

The Stars and Stripes, published for several hundred thousand American soldiers in the North African area, declared in an editorial that soldiers polled by the army newspaper are overwhelmingly in favor of participating in U. S. elections this year, and called upon Congress to enact a uniform balloting law.

The editorial quoted the majority of soldiers as feeling that a congressman's remark that they

were more concerned with the fate of the Varga girl than with voting was "in bad taste", and that the vote issue was "too fundamental to be made the subject of a wisecrack."

All Tangled Up

In Texas, Gov. Coke R. Stevenson said a special session of the legislature to alter soldier voting requirements was impractical in so far as new legislation would facilitate the mechanics of voting.

Members of the armed forces serving in National Guard and reserve units, including those who entered through induction, may vote if they pay a poll tax not later than Jan. 31 and apply to county clerks for ballots not less than three days before either state or primary or the general election this year, in Texas.

Texas voting laws were almost as simple for the servicemen as those of other states.

President Roosevelt called for legislation allowing the drafting of men and women for war work which he said would give our enemies "demoralizing assurance that we mean business—that we, 130 million Americans, are on the march to Rome, Berlin and Tokyo."

The Republicans will choose their 1944 presidential candidate in Chicago the week beginning June 26.

The House Military Affairs Committee approved legislation providing for mustering out pay of \$300 for men and women who serve more than 60 days in this war and whose income is not more than \$2,400 a year.



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT
Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig.
Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 902, 50th & Hq.
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 2209, School Area.
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
6:30 P. M.
Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
Chapel 2209, School Area.
Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
EPISCOPAL
8:00 a. m., Chapel 1156, 37th St.
6:30 p. m., Chapel 902, 50th St.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Chapel 1156, Thursday, 8:00 p. m.
Sunday, 9:00 a. m.
LUTHERAN
Post Chapel, 52nd St., Sunday, 6:30 p. m.
COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 513, 70th & Bn.
Worship Services
10:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 6:30 p. m.
Sunday school, 9:00 a. m.
STOCKADE, 2:00 P. M.
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mass, Sunday
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
Stockade, 6:30 a. m.
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 8:00 a. m.
Chapel 115, 268th & Service Dr., 8:00 a. m.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq., 9:00 a. m.
24th St. Theater, 9:30 a. m.
Chapel 902, 50th & Hq., 11:00 a. m.
37th St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.
162nd St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.
NOVENA SERVICES
Sunday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.
Monday, Chapel 1156, 6:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapel 902, 6:00 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.
MOBING WEEKDAY MASSES
Chapel 1156, Sat., Tues., 6:30 a. m.
Chapel 902, Saturday, 6:30 a. m.
Chapel 176, Mon., Wed., Thur., 8:00 a. m.
EVENING WEEKDAY MASSES
Chapel 902, Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 6:00 p. m.
Chapel 176, Fri., Tues., 6:30 p. m.
Chapel 1156, Thurs., Fri., Mon., 6:30 p. m.
Chapel 902, Friday, 12:20 p. m.
CONFESSION
Saturday as follows:
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.
Chapel 902, 50th & Hq., 4-5:30 & 6:30-9 p. m.
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West, 4-6 & 6:30-9 p. m.
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 6-9 p. m.
JEWISH
Chapel 902, 50th & Hq., Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Orthodox, followed by reform Service.
LATTER DAY SAINTS
Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn., Sunday, 7:30 p. m.
SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—A
new WAC unit, composed entirely of Chinese girls from the Chinatown area here, has been formed.

Track, Field Events Planned For TDS Sports Schedules

Capt. Leslie Wood, TDS Athletic Officer, announced early this week that track and field events will soon become one of the major sports at the School.

Track and Field meets, extremely popular no matter where they are staged, are not generally exploited in the Army because of the rigorous training schedule which must be adhered to by the athletes, and which do not always synchronize with all-important Army routine.

Always Draws Interest

From the standpoint of spectator-interest, track is one of the greatest of all sports, and it should have its place in the Army just

as other sports, for it is perhaps the greatest of all other conditioning events. On a baseball team, there are eight other men to assist the individual; 10 in football and four in basketball—but in track, an individual is on his own, no one to deliver but himself—and if he doesn't come through, naturally, he's a loser.

Plans are being studied to construct a quarter-mile cinder track near the 24th Street Theater athletic field, according to Capt. Wood. Cinders are expected to be obtained from a railroad yard in the camp's vicinity.

If and when the new sports venture materializes, it will give the many TDS men who are now in daily physical training, particularly former high school and collegiate track athletes of the School, a chance to work out in their favorite events—anything from the 100-yd. dash to the one-mile relay and any other events which might come under the track and field calendar. By giving the men this allotted daily period, they should round into top-flight shape within a short time.

Have The Personnel

Among the enlisted personnel at TDS today, there is provided the nucleus for one of the finest track teams in the Army, with Sgt. Lloyd Troseth, present Western Canadian title-holder, in the 100 and 220; Cpl. John Scroggins, sensational 100, 220, broad jump and pole vault man; Lloyd Horton, track-great from Hastings College, Nebraska; and Donald Boeghold, former Cornell speedster, who was one of the most promising distance runners in the nation when he entered the service. Boeghold once defeated Indiana's great Campbell Kane.

Promulgation of track and field meets as a major sport, will mark another step forward for the Tank Destroyer School, since they already own two other major sports titles—those in baseball and football.

649th Basketball Five Wins 24th TD Group Tourney

The 649th TD Bn. basketball team, composed of Cpl. Clyde Henry, Pvt. William Grant, Cpl. Joseph Nichols, Pvt. Herman Hunt, Cpl. Joseph Kelly and Sgt. Fred Hamilton, rounded out the recent holiday tournament sponsored by the 24th TD Group by defeating the 659th TD Bn. cagers, 37 to 35 in a closely fought game at North Camp.

The winners came from behind in the final 30 seconds to gain the victory, after having trailed the losers throughout the entire game.

Ends In Deadlock

The 666th TD Bn. basketball team, after winning their opening cage tilt in the current round-robin tournament via a forfeit from the 670th Bn. quintet, filled in the time by playing their officers' team. After a hard-fought contest, paced by Cpl. O'Brien's high scoring and the excellent ball handling of Pvt. Haden, the game ended in a deadlock, 22 to 22.



—By Leon Schlesinger

'Bugs Bunny' Becomes Insignia For Reconnaissance Co., 667th By Permission Of His Creator

"What's Cookin' Doc?" might well be the slogan of Reconnaissance Co., 667th TD Bn.

This expression of "Bugs Bunny," famed crazy rabbit of the Leon Schlesinger animated movie

cartoon, should accompany his likeness, which is now insignia for the company.

Pvt. Ronald I. Rank of the company recently wrote to Leon Schlesinger Productions in Hollywood requesting a "Bugs Bunny" insignia for his Tank Destroyer Company.

Mr. Schlesinger sent him a drawing of the carrot-eating rabbit knocking out a Nazi tank, with permission given for use of the insignia except for any commercial purpose.

Mr. Schlesinger closed his letter: "With best wishes to the entire personnel, and hoping that 'Bugs' will bring good luck to all of you."

N. Camp Team Will Play Games Outside Camp

The Panthers, North Camp Hood's top-flight basketball team, will engage several outstanding service teams in this sector, according to an announcement this week from North Camp athletic officials.

Saturday, January 15, the Panthers will journey to Camp Bowie, where they will match shots with the "Black Cats," a crack quintet of the 13th Division. The game will take place in the Central Rec. Bldg. in Camp Bowie.

Come Feb. 2, at the Ave. "D" Rec. Bldg., in North Camp, the Camp Swift all-stars will battle the Panthers, and on February 19, the Panthers will journey to Swift to return the game.

Additional outstanding players are needed for the North Camp team, because of the turnover in camp personnel. Any players interested in playing on the Panther quintet should report to Lt. Henry Mahley, coach of the Panthers, at the Ave. "D" Rec. Bldg., on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, where the team works out and plays.

657th Wins First Game In Tourney

After winning four practice games against the 662nd TD Bn., 661st TD Bn., 667th TD Bn. and Student Regiment quintets, the 657th TD Bn. cagers defeated the 660th TD Bn. quintet, 34 to 22, in its opening game of the current round-robin tournament. Pfc. Harry T. Barfell, with nine points, was high scorer.

Last Friday night, the 657th cagers shalked up their sixth straight win by defeating the 663rd TD Bn. five, 61 to 52.

Panthers Win From Academic Regt. Team 54 To 27

In a game played at North Camp, the high-scoring North Camp Panthers basketball team took the measure of Co. D, Academic Regiment quintet, 54 to 27.

The first half found the Panthers on top, 18 to 13, and as the third period got underway, they hit their stride and were never threatened thereafter.

Cpl. Lloyd Horton led the Academic scoring, with 13 points. For the Panthers, it was Lt. John Thompson, last year's captain of the Nebraska team; Lt. Jim Marteney of Oklahoma and Lt. Bol Branson, who led the scoring.

Quiz Answers

1. Yes. You are required to give your name, rank and serial number, but nothing else.
2. It was set up during the last war, in 1918.
3. Sleeping pills.
4. Ligurian, Tyrrhenian, Ionian, Aegean and Adriatic.
5. AR 600-40 provides that it should be worn to the left of the service medals.
6. Fort Knox is the birthplace of the United States Armored Division. It is the headquarters of the Armored Command and also the site of the Armored School and Replacement Training Center.

Entry Blank For Camp Hood Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament January 24-28, 1944

Open to all who are Amateurs. No fee of any kind. Those who box in Camp Hood Central Texas District Tournament will be given free admission to see State Tournament at Fort Worth.

Name
Organization
Age Weight
Home City and State
Boxing Experience

Fill in, clip out and hand or mail this entry blank to your Special Services Officer or Commanding Officer on or before January 21st.

Male Call

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

Things Are Not Always As They Seem



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Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

A LITTLE FAST ACTION—Camp Hood's annual round-robin basketball tournament, featuring 32 fast quintets, opened play last week at the field house, with eight teams seeing action in the first round. Top scene shows the Student Regiment and 310th Ord. "A" quintets hustling for the ball in the tournament opener. Studes won, 45 to 17. Lower left catches two stalwarts of the 603rd TD Bn. and 264th FA Bn. teams in a mid-air jump for the ball. 603rd cagers were victors in a 24 to 23 thriller. Lower right shows split-second action in the night's third game between the 656th TD Bn. and UTC quintets—656th the winner, 43 to 23.

Fast Basketball Featured In Round-Robin Tournament

Points were not rationed Monday night at the field house as Camp Hood's round-robin basketball tournament moved into its third round, with eight teams of groups 1 and 2 setting a fast pace in the night's four games.

The tournament's third round opener saw the Student Regiment quintet get their second victory of the campaign, a 35 to 19 triumph over the 603rd TD Bn. cagers. Brown and Dollar, with 8 and 10 pts., respectively, led the Scholar's scoring.

The night's most thrilling encounter saw the 166th Infantry quintet nose out the 264th FA Bn. five, 27 to 24, in the final two minutes of the game. The game was close all the way, standing 8 to 7 at halftime, the infantrymen atop. Capt. Leslie Wood, TDS athletic officer, was the referee.

In Monday night's other two games, the 106th Cavalry "F" Troop quintet, recent winners of the Training Brigade circuit title romped to a 39 to 31 win over the 657th TD Bn. basketballers. Wurtz was the top scorer for the cavalrymen, with 10 pts., while Bartel looped 10 points for the losers. In the other game, the 310th Ord. "A" team took a lopsided, 34 to 7

victory from the 19th TD Group cagers.

In last Thursday night's second round, which saw teams from groups 3 and 4 in action for the first time, there were several thrilling games. One in particular was the game between the 664th TD Bn. quintet and the 663rd TD Bn. cagers, a game that featured two overtime periods to reach a verdict. At the game's regular end, the score stood 26-26, and at the end of the first extra period, it was still at a 30-30 deadlock. However, the second overtime period saw the 664th quintet toss the precious goal that meant victory and the game came to a halt with the 664th on top, 32 to 30, in what may well be called the most exciting game of the tournament thus far.

Other results saw the Academic Regt. team take a 29 to 28 thriller from the 106th Cal. "B" Troop quintet. The 662nd TD Bn. defeated the Hq. Tng. Brigade cagers, 24 to 10; 672nd TD Bn. won over the Co. C, 667th TD Bn., 40 to 26; 310th Ord. "B" took the measure of the 90th MRU, 29 to 22; 22nd TD Group erased the Post Ord. team, 20 to 15; 658th TD Bn. defeated the 668th

TD Bn., 28 to 6, and the game between the 665th TD Bn. and 801st TD Bn. cagers was called off.

Tonight's games, which will be the tournament's fourth round of play, will see teams from Groups 3 and 4 swing into action for the second time.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS			
Group I	W	L	Pct
Student Regt.	2	0	1.000
661st TD Bn.	1	0	1.000
310th Ord. "A"	1	1	.500
603rd TD Bn.	1	1	.500
19th TD Gp.	0	1	.000
655th TD Bn.	0	0	.000
26th TD Gp.	0	0	.000
26th FA Bn.	0	2	.000
Group II	W	L	Pct
106th Cav. "F" Troop	1	0	1.000
665th TD Bn.	1	0	1.000
668th TD Bn.	1	0	1.000
632nd TD Bn.	1	1	.500
166th Infantry	1	1	.500
670th TD Bn.	0	1	.000
669th TD Bn.	0	1	.000
Hq. UTO	0	1	.000
OCS Regt.	0	0	.000
Group III	W	L	Pct
Academic Regt.	1	0	1.000
662nd TD Bn.	1	0	1.000
672nd TD Bn.	1	0	1.000
664th TD Bn.	1	0	1.000
106th Cav. "B"	0	1	.000
663rd TD Bn.	0	1	.000
Co. C, 667th TD Bn.	0	1	.000
Hq. Tng. Brig.	0	1	.000
Group IV	W	L	Pct
310th Ord. "B"	1	0	1.000
22nd TD Gp.	1	0	1.000
658th TD Bn.	1	0	1.000
90th MRU	0	1	.000
668th TD Bn.	0	1	.000
Post Ord.	0	1	.000
665th TD Bn.	0	0	.000
801st TD Bn.	0	0	.000



With PFC Keith Quick

Lt. George Stautz, of the TDS Tactics Dept., has been selected to wear the title of "third man" for the coming District Golden Gloves boxing tournament at the Field House, which opens January 24. Lt. Stautz, well-known throughout the State as a boxing official, served as referee during the Joe Louis appearance here early last month, and has worked all cards on the TDS amphitheater fight menu during the past year. Prior to his Army officiating, Lt. Stautz served 10 years as a boxing instructor and official in Austin. During his schooling at New York University he fought on the varsity mitt team, and in 1927 and '28 he owned the lightweight championship of the Illinois YMCA district at Bloomington, Illinois. His fairness, careful watch and treatment of fighters is unsurpassable. No better choice could have been made for the forthcoming Gloves event. . . . Now that Camp Hood is becoming somewhat populated with the fair sex, the WACs—why not let's have a WAC basketball team. Nothing would go to create a greater drawing card and publicity wave for this Army installation than to turn out a sextet which might compete with teams like the Dallas Hornets, or the Little Rock, Arkansas, Motor Coaches court lassies. It is the belief of this corner that such a team can be formed, and with selection of a top-flight coach to round the team into competitive shape, games can be arranged whereby numerous high school and business organizations teams might come to Camp Hood for games with the "Destroyettes." If a WAC team is formed here, this corner will see that ample competition is brought in. So what? ya say, WACs—are you interested? . . . Although it's far too early to say just who'll win the current round-robin basketball tourney, we'd like to have cage fans keep the following teams in mind. You can expect to see a lot of the 672nd TD Bn. quintet, for they have one of the strongest aggregations in camp. Late reports reveal that they recently turned back the highly-touted Blackland Army Air Field cagers which happens to be one of the best cage teams in the southwest. Much can be expected from the 655th TD Bn., Co. C, 667th TD Bn., Student Regiment, Academic Regt. and 664th TD Bn. teams, too. The 656th Bn. cagers exhibited some excellent play in their opening round victory against the UTC quintet the other night. From this corner's view, it appeared that the 656th five had gotten in more practice and better condition than any other quintet on the opening night's card. . . . Lt. John R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, who is director of the current round-robin event, says the tournament's finish will see a double-elimination playoff, it being between the first four teams, the winner of each group division. The double-elimination playoff would mean that a team will have to lose two games in order to be definitely eliminated. A playoff of this type would be along the same line of the annual Houston Post semi-pro baseball event, staged every summer in the Bayou city.

North Camp Panthers Win From McCloskey In Waco USO Tourney

The North Camp Hood Panthers basketball team sailed to another victory last Saturday night in the Waco USO circuit, when they defeated the McCloskey Hospital quintet, 37 to 35, in a hard-fought contest.

The fighting McCloskey five were only five points back at half-time, and with only two minutes left in the game in the final period, they brought the crowd to their feet when they pulled up within two points of the Panthers. However, they failed to do any further scoring and the game's end saw the Panthers still two points atop.

Lts. Bob Branson and Jim Marteney, with 13 and 10 points, respectively, were top scorers for the winners.

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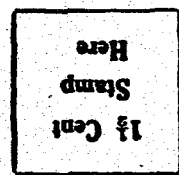
TDS May Run Courses Just For Sport

A race against time over the TDS obstacle course is the latest athletic interest of Capt. Leslie Wood, TDS athletic officer.

Such a race, says Capt. Wood, would be one of great enthusiasm, due to the fact that every able bodied officer and enlisted man has often run the course, and in his own mind has formed the idea of what is the best possible time the course can be made. All previous time estimates range anywhere from three minutes to 15 minutes, and the actual running of the course against time for a record should draw a wide throng of spectators.

BELGRADE, Neb. (CNS)—Mrs. Adelia Ward called the plumber when the drain pipe clogged. The plumber removed 60 garter and bull snakes from the pipe.

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