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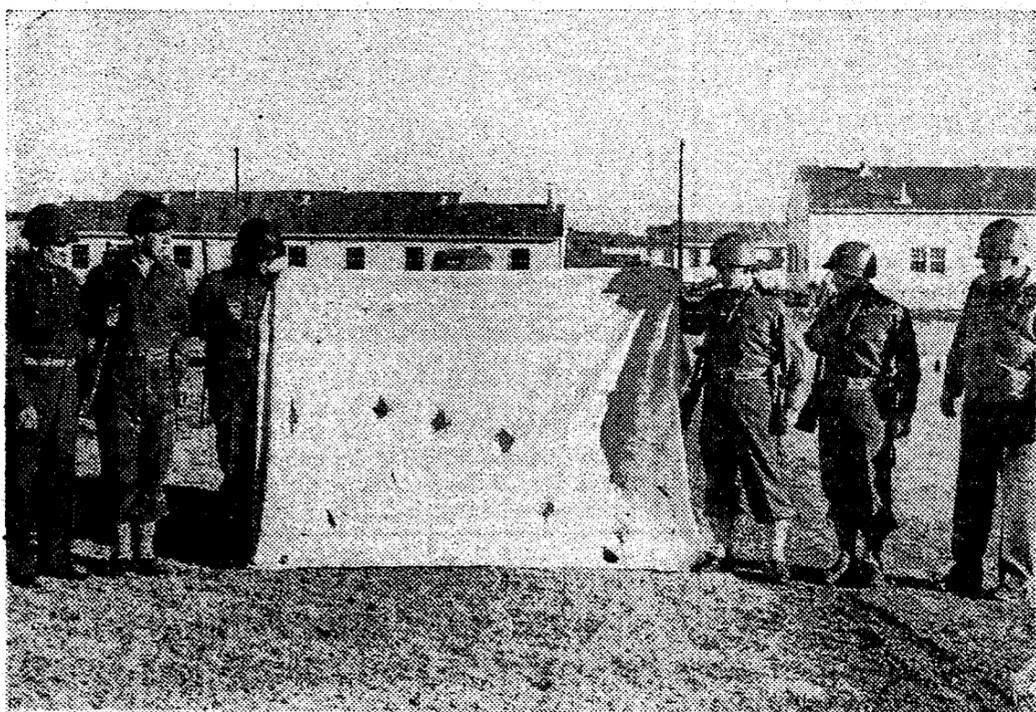
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ON TARGET—One of the crack gun crews from Co. A, 656th TD Bn. which helped set the all-time all camp firing mark for TD's in a proficiency firing test Jan. 20 which was witnessed by Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general TDC. The 656th's mark is the highest made with any of the big TD guns. Left to right, Maj. Gen. Hester, Sgt. Myron Huffman, Cpl. Fred Smith, Cpl. Leonard Mendrek, Sgt. Nicholas Robillotto, and Capt. David V. Cleary. (Story right).

Hood Inspected By Gen. McNair And AGF Staff

Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, and a party of 14 officers from AGF headquarters, Washington, visited Camp Hood Monday for an inspection of the camp and training activities and left Tuesday.

Their program included a detailed inspection tour of RTC.

The party travelled by plane and included Brig. Gen. Lentz, G-3, Brig. Gen. L. Donovan, and Major Gen. Hazlett, commanding general of the School and Replacement Command at Birmingham.

Another high army officer who visited Camp Hood Tuesday was Brig. Gen. Frank Lowe of the war department, Washington. He was met here by Dr. E. G. Bolton, acting president of Texas A. and M. college, who accompanied him to College Station for a visit of the college and army training activities there.

441st PWP's Host To WAC

Because of the success of their first party for the WACs when they were at Ft. Custer, Mich., the men in the 441st MP Prisoner of War Processing Company are having a special party for WACs tonight at 8 o'clock in their area in the North Camp.

Attention is invited to all GI Janes that with their experience in WAC party giving, the 441st can promise lots of entertainment, dancing and refreshments.

Cpl. Joe McDow, Pvt. John Muramoto, and Pvt. Salvatore Duffy, as entertainment committee, have arranged for a complete evening's activity. Cpl. McDow will be at the piano, with Cpl. Frank Campbell and Pvt. Albert Koenig acting as masters of ceremonies.

Contacts with the WACs were made and are being made by Cpl. Martin Zschoke. It is hoped as many WACs as possible will attend.

Star Filled Comedy Show, "What's Cookin," Now Here

Spreading a heavy pack of fast comedy dancing, "What's Cookin'", USO-Camp Show, will present a variety of acts at the central rec hall, North Camp Jan. 27, 28 and 29 and at the Hood Road Theater in South Camp Feb. 1 and 2. There will be a show at the 62nd St. theater Jan. 31. All shows will start at 8 p. m.

Harlem entertainers in the revue are all clever comedians, mixing fast hep talk with just as fast tap routines.

Garner of Garner and Wilson is master of ceremonies for the show, besides mixing with his fleet-footed partner in dance medleys and patter. Both have played the big theater circuits in the United States and Canada, Wilson having danced for the men in the last war when he was in the Army overseas.

Back From Tour

Al and Billie Richard work as a dance team showing all the steps from taps to boogie-woogie. They just finished a vaudeville tour of New England. Al Richard made a name as a dance creator, being credited with originating "truckin'", the "Suzie-Q" and some of the boogie-dooie styles of dancing while staging the shows at the famous Cotton Club in New York. He also staged the "Blackbirds" for six years, touring this country and Europe.

Al's partner Billie, does a "drum symphony" echoing with her feet the taps of the veteran Al.

John Hopkins, the sepia Edgar Bergen, features a little session with his man "Friday."

When the "Streets of Paris" finished at the New York World's Fair and went on Broadway, one of the singing stars was rhythm songstress Margie Hall, who will be here with "What's Cookin'". Margie has appeared at many night spots all over the country and while in California, made a movie short.

Fast Dancer

Danny Alexander has been billed as the "fastest dancer on the American stage." He got spot-light notice when he appeared with Edith Alexander as part of Duke Ellington's show band.

Rhythm background for some of the acts in the show is supplied by drummer Herbie Cowens, who has toured with leading bands and recently featured with his

own all-star unit. Herbie does a tap specialty act that won him attention at New Yorks Hickory House, Kally's Stables, and Cafe Society, Downtown. Cowens has made several movie shorts.

Sammy Stewart is pianist.

There is no admission charge to the shows.

Carbine Mark Made By Men Of Co. B 666th Bn.

Firing the .30 cal. carbine for the first time, Co. B, 666th TD Bn. hung up an average of 80 per cent with all but two men qualifying.

The company fired from the Gatesville range in North Camp during bad weather.

"Put Not Your Trust In Words—End Quote

Temptation to go literary sometimes has a disastrous backfire as one bright GI discovered in a series of communications with his Co.

A soldier of Co. "A" 663rd TD Bn. on furlough wired his Commanding Officer and thinking it an emergency said, "Who so ever findeth a wife findeth a good thing. Proverbs 18-22. Therefore request is made for five days furlough extension. My confidence in you tells me you'll agree." The CO wired back the following reply. "Parting is such sweet sorrow.—Romeo and Juliet, Act II Scene 2. Extension denied. My confidence in you assures me you'll be back on time."

All Camp Firing Records Smashed By 656th TD Bn. In AGF Proficiency Test

Shattering the best previous records of all other battalions, the 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion last week won its place as the hardest-shooting, straightest-shooting unit in Camp Hood history. Its average of actual hits on the AGF Platoon Proficiency Firing Test was 86.11%—150 out of a possible 180.

Twenty gun crews in the battalion fired perfect scores—five hits out of five shots.

One platoon fired a "possible"—20 for 20—and no platoon fired less than 80%.

And in doing so, they neatly topped the best existing marks for TD firing: the 671's record of 150 hits out of 180 for self-propelled destroyers with power traverse; the 635's record of 145 hits for towed destroyers, the 640's record of 141 hits for M10s.

87 battalions have had this firing at Hood.

The 656th, commanded by Lt. Col. John C. Meador, is equipped with the M-10 A1.

Companies In Close Race

First to fire for the battalion was Company C, commanded by Capt. Richard W. Tuggle. Lt. Julio J. Cafone and S-Sgt. Joseph Pineau got the ball rolling with a platoon score of 80%. Lt. John F. McEwen and S-Sgt. Stanley Miller jumped to 90%. Lt. Arthur Lynch and Sgt. Michael Beckins followed with 20%—for a company average of 33.33%.

Here was a chance to tie the record of the 671—if the other two companies could do as well.

Company B, commanded by Capt. Herman J. Badenhoop, answered the challenge the next morning with a rousing 90%. Lt. Jack MacStarrow and S-Sgt. Obie D. Chance were first up, with a platoon score of 85%. Lt. Arthur L. Mohlman and S-Sgt. William G. Sherburne rolled up a second 85%. Then Lt. Raymond G. Eibel and S-Sgt. James W. Cooper moved their gun crews into position and proceeded systematically to riddle the targets for an historical 100%.

General Hester Witness

Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Commanding General of TDC, was one of the most interested observers as Company A, commanded by Capt. David V. Cleary, settled down to the job of clinching the battalion record. Lt. Wesley D. Tollett and S-Sgt. Joseph Siouffi got off to a good 85% with their platoon. Lt. Edwin F. Bolestridge and S-Sgt. Daniel A. P. Ferry went up another notch for 90%. Lt. William B. Higgins and S-Sgt. Harry Megara finally wrapped up the record with 80%—for a company average of 85%, and a battalion average of 86.11%.

Six gunners and gun commanders in Company A made possibles: Sgt. Robillotto and Cpl. Mendrek, Sgt. Huffman and Cpl. Fred Smith, Sgt. Heffernan and Cpl. Fretwell, Sgt. Denton and Cpl. Taylor, Sgt. Kasunic and Cpl. Gunn, Sgt. Mathes and Cpl. Mansman.

Seven gunners and gun commanders in Company B made possibles: Sgt. Gumina and Cpl. Roethlisberger, Sgt. Fortney and Cpl. Conti, Sgt. Henderson and Cpl. Rosenlieb, Sgt. Moorehead and Cpl. Lehman, Sgt. John Anderson and Cpl. Arbogast, Sgt. Christie and Cpl. Frost, Cpl. Hamilton and Cpl. Harp.

Seven gunners and gun commanders in Company C made possibles: Sgt. Schmitz and Cpl. Thoma, T-5 Van Emburgh and T-5 Barsotti, Sgt. Jarosak and Cpl. Erickson, Cpl. Sevedja and T-5 Braun, Cpl. Gordon and Cpl. Hollowell, Sgt. Batdorf and Cpl. Kabat, Sgt. Lyden and Cpl. Sargent.

Teamwork Highlight

With a new firing record tucked away, Col. Meador pointed with special pride to the excellent teamwork that was so apparent during the preparation for the test and the test itself. Companies vied for the honor of boosting the battalion average. Platoons worked vigorously to put their own company on top. Individual gun crews got squarely behind their gunners and gun commanders—alert assistant gunners, loaders and drivers made it possible for gunners to fire faster and more smoothly, and to have uninterrupted communication between the platoon leader and his destroyers. Security sections nominated their best gunners to open on the first target in each platoon run. Together they put their battalion across.

UTC Bond Drive Shows Many New Allotments

While the 664th TD Bn. leads UTC outfits in most respects in the Fourth War Loan Drive, the 614th TD Bn. lead all the battalions in the UTC in number and amount of class B allotments before the start of the drive.

Two other battalions, the 667th and the 665th, also rank high in signing up new bond buyers during this campaign, according to Maj. Charles F. Wright, UTC bond officer.

24th TD Gp. Hp. Makes Qualifying Marks On Range; Six Are Expert

Six out of 22 officers and men of the Hq. and Hq. Co., 24th TD Gp., qualified as experts when the entire company went on the range to fire for the record. Seven made sharpshooter and nine marksmen in the shooting.

Capt. Herbert C. Olesen, asst. S-3, made the highest score, 193, with T-5 Wallace M. Moody and Pfc. George O. Opsahl shooting 182 and 190 respectively.

661st TD Ties Gp.-One Lead

The 661st TD Bn. basketball team won its third straight game last week and went into a tie with the Stud Regt. quintet for the initial slot in Group 1 of the current round-robin basketball tournament.

Besides local contests, the 661st cagers journeyed to Waco last Wednesday and although they were defeated by a strong Waco quintet, they picked up some valuable experience that should be a real asset to them in their march toward camp honors in the round-robin chase.

The team also played the Lampasas high school five and the Blackland Army Flying School quintet last week.

Commands NC WAC Det

Lt. Josephine L. Maple of Sullivan, Indiana, has been appointed the new commanding officer of the WAC Detachment, 1846th Unit, Eighth Service Command, on duty at North Camp. Lt. Maple relieves Lt. Barbara Price, who will continue as assistant special services officer at North Camp.

The new commanding officer was an instructor in English and physical education in Rushville, Ind., prior to enlisting in the Women's Auxiliary Army corps. Lt. Maple came to Camp Hood in September to serve as executive officer for the WAC Detachment, 1848 UESC, a position she held until last week.

Small World Dept —Or When Greek Meets Home Food

The dayroom at Company "D," Acad. Regt. is a "cross-roads of the world."

It was in the dayroom of Co. D that Sgt. Nick Grustis and Cpl. Jimmy Moniodis have been passing each other by with nothing more than a bare nod of greeting, for almost a year. Each had his own work, his own circle of friends. But that was before last Tuesday evening when Grustis brought in a large cardboard carton and set it down on the ping-pong table in the dayroom. Food from home!

Grustis opened the carton, exposing home baked bread, jars of olives, green and black, and slabs of cheese. Moniodis noticed a jar of white liquid.

"Holy smokes," he yelled at Grustis, "Are you a Greek?"

"Sure," replied Nick. "I knew it!" exclaimed Jimmy Moniodis excitedly. "So am I. The minute I saw that jar of milk it was a cinch to figure you out as a Greek!"

He thereupon explained to the other boys as he held the jar aloft that the milk was used as a protective covering for the specially prepared cheese inside the jar, one of the edibles that is considered a real delicacy in Greek homes.

Travelers, Masonic Club For EM, To Meet

Camp Hood Chapter No. 2 Order of the Travelers had their second meeting in Bldg. 777 Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Order of The Travelers is an independent organization composed of enlisted men of the Armed forces who are Master Masons.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., Feb. 1, 1944, in Bldg. No. 777 which is located on Battalion Ave. between 53rd and 55th St. Camp Hood, Texas.

Becomes Father

2nd Lt. James C. Meek, Co. C, 660th T. D. Bn. is celebrating the birth of a daughter on Jan. 15, 1944.

OCS Regt. Has Night Club Party In Own Mess Hall

The enlisted men of Headquarters & Service Company of the Officer's Candidate School Regiment, as well as the members of the cadre of the various O.C.S. companies and the officers of the Regiment, had a banner night at a dance conducted in "Club 400" last Wednesday night.

For the second time in three months, a section of the Regimental mess hall was turned into a beautiful night club setting for the dance.

Hall Decorated

The hall was attractively decorated with bunting, streamers, balloons and crepe paper, with several lighting effects adding much to the night club effect. A canopy entrance was arranged, with a sign "Club 400" hung over the doorway, similar to the arrangement that was carried out for the last dance conducted by the company.

Acting as escorts for the enlisted men were the post's civilian girls, who were invited through the company, while several men brought their wives and sweethearts.

Attractive tables were arranged, with three couples seated at a table, adding much to that night club effect, while the band played from a stage arranged at the far end of the hall, which was flanked on both sides by miniature bars.

Much of the credit for the way in which the "club" was decorated is due T-5 Theodore Lomoth, who through his own arrangement, put a great deal of time and effort into the decorative scheme, which received noteworthy remarks from many of those at the party.

Assisting T-5 Lomoth in decorating the hall was PFC Thomas Bosco, and Privates Alfred Mears, Horace Campbell, Clyde Hackney and William Tavares, all of whom put in a great deal of time.

M-Sgt. Vincent G. Sickora was chairman of the dance, and he was assisted by 1st Sgt. Stanley Young, T-Sgt. Edward Brogan, T-Sgt. Ronald Lambert, T-5 Wilfred Gentile and T-5 Richard Langdon, who had charge of arranging the various details, the program and issuing invitations.

The committee was headed by 1st Lt. Forest C. Armintrout, commanding officer of the Headquarters & Service Company, 1st Lt. Herbert M. Matthews and 1st Lt. Lawrence Garner, who were in charge of the dance committee.

Cagers In 761st Trk. Bn. Undefeated In Tng. Brig.

The 761st Trk. Bn. basketball team emerged from the Training Brigade "A" cage loop without a defeat all season. Playing heads up ball all the way, the aggregation boasted many talented basketballers, which included the following:

T-Sgt. Henry Flowers, Sgt. Charles W. Fields, Sgt. Herman Gordon, Sgt. Claude T. Paxton, Cpl. Wilbur Slaughter, Cpl. Prescott McNeal, Cpl. Leroy Johnson, Pfc. Frank Alexander, Pvt. Anthony Smith, Pvt. Robert Cooper, Pvt. Henry Wiley, Pvt. Stephen Reid, Pvt. Leslie G. James, Pvt. William A. Jones, and Pvt. Leonard Schultz.

T-Sgt. Herman L. Waterford manages the team, and Lt. Robert W. Monaghan is the battalion's special services officer.

North Camp Cafeteria Offers Special Sunday Night Buffet Parties

The Twelfth Street Service Club cafeteria at North Camp has instituted a series of buffet suppers and special parties for north camp battalions, under the direction of Miss Merrell Blansit.

Under the plan the cafeteria accepts reservations from various groups and the staff decorates the tables with flowers and candles for the occasions.

The officers were seated at a special table, with Maj. William B. Anderson, who assumed command of the Officer Candidate School Regiment during the temporary absence of Maj. John W. Cameron last week, heading the list of invited guests.

Dancing was from 8 until 12 o'clock, while during the evening refreshments were served. A buffet lunch, cafeteria style, was also a highlight of the event.

Swimming Star Covered Camp-Temple Mileage

How would you like to swim the distance from Camp Hood to Temple? Pvt. Maurice Jacobs of the 23rd TD Group did it, the occasion being the "William Wrigley marathon swim" from Catalina Island to the California coast.

Out of a field of 75, "Beefy" Jacobs finished seventh. "Beefy" Jacobs has enough trophies to decorate the New York Aquarium.

As a kid, Jacobs was afraid of water. His older brother, another top-flight swimmer and a holder of a number of records himself, finally got Maurice into a pool at the age of eleven. "Beefy" took to it like the proverbial duck, entering meets thereafter all over the country and winning his share of them.

In 1932, Jacobs was asked to tryout for the Olympic team, where he could have undoubtedly given a creditable account for himself, but he turned professional.

Since being in the army Jacobs says that he hasn't had a chance to do any swimming, but will when the war is over.

786th Med. Sn. Co. Clips 3890th Truck In One-Sided Game

With Pfc. John Boyd acting as captain, the "Minute Men" of the 786th Med. Sn. Co., scored a 67 to 15 victory over the 3890th Bn. basketball team last week in a game played at the 168th St. Rec. Hall.

Pfc. George Lindsey was the big noise for the winners, netting 23 points. The mainstay of the losers was McCullough, who chalked up 16 points.

Any organization desiring games with the 786th quintet should contact Lt. Schoehard at headquarters, 786th Med. Sn. Co., in south camp.

663rd TD Basketball Gets Off To Fast Start

The 663rd TD Bn. opened its battalion basketball schedule last week under the supervision of Lt. Allocco, of Co. B. In the first three games on the schedule, Co. B and Recon. Co. teams seemed to be tops. In a free-scoring game Co. B defeated Co. C, while Recon. Co. won a close one from the Co. A team.

Hood Village Starts Own Weekly Newsheet

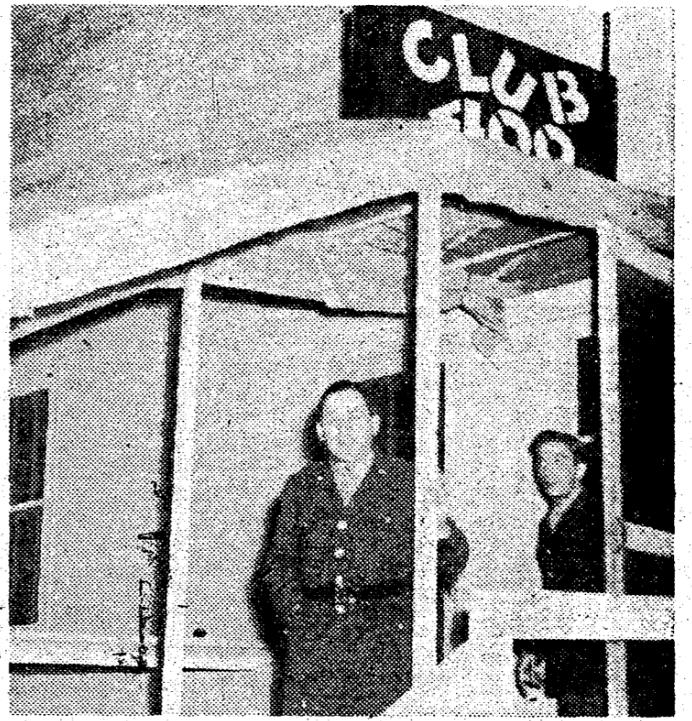
Men and their families living in Hood Village have a new means of keeping in touch with one another with the publishing of a mimeographed weekly newspaper.

The paper, edited by M-Sgt. T. E. Cook and Ila M. Jeter, will aim at informing these living in the village of the civic and recreational activities.

Legion Has Coryell Meet

On January 13, a joint meeting of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars was held at the Coryell County courthouse.

Mr. B. W. Lee, who was a visitor at the January meeting spoke of the work of the two posts.



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NIGHT CLUB PARTY—Not being in the heart of a city didn't stop the men in the Hq. and Serv. Co., OCS Regt. TDS, from providing all the effects for the recent party in the regt. mess hall which was decorated for the purpose. The doorway, shown above, was one of the features of the party, where officers and enlisted men were entertained. (Story left).

Riding The Range Was An Early Habit For TDS Man; Fought With Sheepmen In Pioneering The West

A real - life Westerner whose true experiences on the range seem just as fictional as the works by the great Western writers is Pvt. Jose B. Griego, known at the TD School as the "Chief," age 31, now in the Hq. Ser. Co. Stud. Regt. For years Griego roamed the ranges of Colorado and New Mexico. He was able to ride about the same time he could walk.

In 1928 Griego found a partner and went into the cattle business at Red Cliff, Colorado, raising and selling live stock. He experienced many fights with the sheep men, in disputes over the question of grazing land.

Thrown By Bronc

In 1938 he received a serious injury as the result of a broncobusting experience. The horse threw him so violently against a corral gate, Jose spent the next six months in the hospital recuperating.

The typical Colorado ranch is so big, says Jose that you can get lost on it if you are a tenderfoot, and sometimes even its owner gets lost. In fact, Griego admitted that he had been lost on his own ranch a time or two. A dude ranch might have a golf course in one corner, and over there they might take care of the baby colts, and in another area they might isolate a stallion with distemper. But a real Western ranch may include ten miles of flat land, a river, several creeks,

and a half of a mountain range. Sometimes it is bigger than a big county. Jose points out that one of the biggest ranches of all is in Texas—the King Ranch. It's so large that between its north and south boundaries there is a month's difference in climate.

Roundup Big Event

He worked eighteen hours a day as a ranch hand and no less as an owner. Five ranches cooperated on the roundups. Ten horses were allowed per man. To Jose the roundups always make any man who rides achieve a magnificence, a superiority to his fellow human beings. It was the ranchers who came into Colorado, just as they came into Texas—on horseback, and made a hospitable country out of the most inhospitable country one could imagine. They defied cactus, thorns, reptiles, loneliness, savage indians, and isolation. Footmen couldn't have done that.

Jose Griego's greatest thrill was designing his own cattle brand, to join the hosts of cattle kings, a select society indeed! Griego points out that Colorado alone had twelve thousand cattle brands registered as early as 1885.

Parents Of Girl

Lt. and Mrs. Morris Perl are the parents of a daughter, Mary Isabel, born Dec. 20th, in Baltimore, Md. Lt. Perl is with the 664 TD Bn.



Hood Road & 24th St. Theaters
Thurs.-Fri.—The Fighting Seabees.
Sat.—Klondike Kate & Calling Dr. Death.
Sun.-Mon.—Desert Song.
Tues.-Wed.—Lifeboat.
Thurs.—A Guy Named Joe.
162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters
Fri.-Sat.—Lifeboat.
Sun.-Mon.—A Guy Named Joe.
Tues.—Klondike Kate & Calling Dr. Death.
Wed.-Thurs.—Madam Curie.
72nd St. Theater
Fri.-Sat.—The Desert Song.
Sun.-Mon.—Lifeboat.
Tues.-Wed.—A Guy Named Joe.
Thurs.—Klondike Kate & Calling Dr. Death.

Brigade Ave. Theater
Thurs.-Fri.—The Miracle of Morgan's Creek.
Sat.-Sun.—The Fighting Seabees.
Mon.—Klondike Kate & Calling Dr. Death.
Tues.-Wed.—Desert Song.
Thurs.—Lifeboat.
Ave. "D" Theater
Fri.—The Woman of the Town.
Sat.—The Lodger.
Sun.-Mon.—The Song of Russia.
Tues.—Career Girl & Rokies in Burma.
Wed.-Thurs.—The Fighting Seabees

18th & 15th St. Theaters
Fri.-Sat.—All Babs and the Forty Thieves.
Sun.-Mon.—The Miracle of Morgan's Creek.
Tues.-Wed.—The Song of Russia.
Thurs.—Career Girl & Rokies in Burma.
16th & 4th St. Theaters
Thurs.-Fri.—Song of Russia.
Sat.—Career Girl & Rokies in Burma.
Sun.-Mon.—All Babs and the Forty Thieves.
Tues.—Wed.—The Miracle of Morgan's Creek.
Thurs.—The Desert Song.
37th St. Service Club
Thursday: Dance night with girls from Cameron, Belton, Lampasas.
Friday: Tap dancing class, 7:30; ballroom, 8:30; swing records.
Saturday: Show night.
Sunday: Swing recordings, games, Radio Show, 8 p. m. Movies, 8:40.
Monday: Bingo with prizes.
Tuesday: Dance class with music.
Wednesday: Show, special program.
162nd St. Club
Thursday—Powell and Dingus Variety show.
Fri.—Music and Songs.
Sat.—Soldier's Glee Club.
Sun.—Chaplain's Hall and Fitch, song recital, 5:00 P. M.; Movies, 8:00 P. M.
Tues.—Dance Night.
Wed.—Band Concert.

Bond Dance To Cap 664th TD Bn. Drive

Combining the total efforts of all men in the outfit, and with their big bond rally dance yet to come, the 664th TD Bn. succeeded in getting a big start on signing up the men 100 per cent during this Fourth War Loan Drive.

Before the drive started last week, the battalion had just over one-third of the men buying bonds. In the first three days the concentrated selling campaign brought the sales record to where eight out of every ten men in the outfit is buying war bonds. 505 out of a total strength of 629.

Latest UTC reports show that the 664th is leading all other outfits in this unit in the number of new bond allotments and increases in allotments. It also leads in new cash purchases.

The battalion is making sure that everyone gets a chance to buy bonds, and they sold a \$500.00 bond to Mrs. Myrtle Johnston, librarian, at the 162nd St. service club Tuesday.

Four companies, except for men on furlough are already one hundred per cent subscribers to the drive.

Latest figures place the battalion average for this bond drive at 88 per cent buying bonds.

Presents Skit

T-4 Norman Segal, Hq. Co., started the drive with the presentation of a dramatic skit showing the men the advantages of buying bonds. Together with his helpers, he presented the skit throughout the battalion. Different Bond buying plans were explained following the skit.

Soon after the opening of the drive, a \$500.00 bond was bought by S-Sgt. John W. Locke. Others purchases in the same amount have followed.

Although most of the men who haven't been sold are on furlough, plans for the big bond rally dance Feb. 4 at the Temple USO indicate this climax to the campaign will help the battalion in winding up its drive.

With music by one of the Army bands here and more than enough girls from the Camp WAC det., the GSO in Temple, camp civilian girls, and the hospital nurses club in Temple, all of whom will be honored guests, the feature of the party will be a six-act floor show, cold buffet supper and jitterbug contest.

S-Sgt. Sid Katz, Hq. and Serv. Co., OCS Regt. TDS, will m.c. the big stage show.

Bond For Ticket

Admission for the dance will require the men from the battalion to show possession of at least a \$25 dollar War Bond.

Two \$25 bonds will be given away as prizes along with other prizes for the jitterbug contests, Lt. Dan Dunham, bond officer in charge of the dance announced. The whole affair will be supervised by the Temple USO and sponsored by the battalion.

Talent for the floor show has



BACK THE ATTACK—When the 664th TD Bn. started its drive to have the entire battalion buying bonds one hundred per cent in this Fourth War Loan Drive, S-Sgt. John W. Locke, Med. Det., gave the campaign a good start by buying the first \$500.00 bond. Left to right, Lt. Dan S. Dunham, bond officer receiving a check from Sgt. Locke while Maj. W. R. Carr, battalion commander looks on. (Story left).

801st TD Bn Led By NCO's

The 801st TD Bn. took part in a 20th Gp. parade last Friday, in which control of the parade was given to the non-commissioned officers.

The non-coms brought the Battalion past the reviewing officers, Lt. Col. E. B. Horsfall, battalion CO turned the 801st over to the Non-Coms with M-Sgt. Abraham Weintraub acting as Bn. Commander. His staff consisted of M-Sgt. Robert S. Hoffman, T-Sgt. Henry Kindt, T-Sgt. Robert J. Lehan, T-Sgt. Franklin L. Stein, T-Sgt. Michael P. Curran, and S-Sgt. John A. Kearny.

Headquarters Company was led by 1st Sgt. Benjamin Rigaud, Co. A by 1st Sgt. Harold Welch, Co. B. 1st Sgt. Leslie Hoffman, and Co. C. by 1st Sgt. Angelo Aposato.

Records Given To Camp Hood By Arturo Toscanini

Camp Hood received an 18-album Master Record Library this week from Arturo Toscanini. This gift was presented at the invitation of Armed Forces Master Records, Inc., of New York City.

The collection ranges from Cesar Franck's "Symphony in D Minor" to Tschickowsky's "Nutcracker Suite" played in dance tempo by Freddy Martin.

Represented in the album are members of the Metropolitan Opera Company, Chicago and San Francisco Opera Companies, and Teatro Colon of Buenos Aires. The Victor Symphony Orchestra plays, under the baton of Giuseppe Bamboschek.

Among the popular instrumentalists and vocalists are the Dixieland Jazz Group, Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street, Lena Horne, Dick Liebert and Joe Reichman.

The records are available at the service clubs.

War Strategy Told In TDS Library Book

"Makers of Modern Strategy," edited by Edward Mead Earle, is an addition to the military volumes at the TDS Library.

This book is an outgrowth of the famous seminar on military affairs which began several years before the outbreak of the war, and was conducted at the Institute for Advanced Study by Mr. Earle.

The important figures influencing military strategy, from Machiavelli to Hitler, are ably analyzed by authorities on the men and their eras. The material packed in this book could be obtained only by the careful and thorough reading of a voluminous library—an act requiring more time than any military man has today. It is here carefully selected and presented by men eminently equipped to sift the material and preserve that which is essential.

Now Warrant Officer

A former Chicago accountant, Staff Sergeant Irving Drell, fiscal clerk at the TD School received an appointment as Warrant Officer last Wednesday. Mr. Drell had his basic training at Fort McClellan, and has been with the School since September of 1942.

Mystery Of The Missing Stripes Greater Than That Of The Jacket

What happened to Sgt. Joe Chivojka's field jacket early this week is a mystery that has baffled the most avid followers of Perry Mason and Nero Wolfe.

Sgt. Chivojka lost his jacket on the TD School athletic field during physical training. He reported his loss to First Sergeant Roasa, Company "D," Academic Regiment.

The following day he was called at TD School Headquarters and told to report to the orderly room—that his field jacket was there. Chivojka reported. Sure enough his jacket was there. It had his name inside the collar, his gloves, cigarettes, and small coins were in the pockets. One thing was missing. The chevrons had been cleanly taken from the sleeves.

been furnished by the camp special service officer.

Every man in the 664th can watch the big thermometer on the front of the Bn. Hq. When the battalion has rounded up the last few men and made their record, Hirohito's face on top will be a burning red.

Question: by whom, why?—when sergeant's chevrons are issued in the supply room.

With everything intact in the pockets, and the jacket minus only the chevrons, a theory advanced by Joe's friends was that a dog had playfully chewed the things off the sleeves. But Chivojka says they were cut off much too smoothly to be the work of a dog. Well, maybe the dog knows his mystery stories too, and made a smooth job of it just to divert suspicion!

Kipling Knew The Sons Of The Sinking Sun

Sgt. "Cotton" Lindsey of the graded test section at TD School Headquarters, recently read Rudyard Kipling's "From Sea to Sea." He noted what the famed writer said of the Rising Sons even away back in 1899.

"If the changes and chances of military service ever send you against the Japanese troops, be tender with their cavalry. They mean no harm. Put some fuses down for the horses to step on, and send a fatigue party out to pick up the remnants. But if you meet Japanese infantry, led by a continental officer, commence firing early and often and at the longest ranges compatible with getting at them. They are bad little men who know too much."

Plans For Non-Com's Club Made In 664th Bn

Non-coms of the 664 TD Bn. met Thurs. evening to form plans for a battalion non-com's club. A committee was appointed, with 1st Sgt. Kelly as chairman, to investigate facilities available and make a report at the next meeting. The committee will nominate candidates for offices, locate a place to be used as a clubroom, and make recommendation as to dues.

The club should fill a long need in the battalion. Organization Membership will be limited to sergeants.

672nd Five Scores Again

The 672nd TD Bn. basketball team overwhelmed the Temple Wildcats last Friday night, 52 to 19 in a game played at Temple. It was the 12th win out of 14 games for the green and white uniformed Hood aggregation.

Other opponents on their agenda so far have been the Burnett High School team, Lampasas high school, ASTP, 667th TD Bn., 663rd Td Bn., 666th TD Bn., 264th FA Bn., Tng. Brigade, 90th MRU and the 662nd TD Bn. Their only two games lost were to the 635th TD Bn. and ASTP quintets.

Members of the 672nd team, coached by Lt. William E. Wiscom, commanding officer of Co. A., are Pfc. Harold S. Wright, Cpl. Paul J. Schramm, Sgt. Richard T. Cluckey, Cpl. Horace A. Saylor, Pvt. Marshall S. Koontz, Pfc. Norbert J. Kulpinski, Pfc. Leo Michaelis, Cpl. Jack C. Skinner, Pvt. Laurence J. Rogutich, Pfc. George A. Cianci, Sgt. John W. Mauritzen, Sgt. Quentin T. Jensen and Pfc. Joe Ruzich.

Forms For Off Duty Classes Must Be Turned In By Sat. Morning

As announced in last week's Panther, many new classes are being organized for off-duty study, by the camp Special Service Office. There is no cost for the courses or the textbooks.

Mimeographed questionnaires "What Would You Like To Learn?", have been distributed to all companies and detachments, to be filled out and returned by all men and WACs who are interested. Be sure to get one of these forms from your orderly room, fill it out and return to your orderly room Saturday morning.

Safety To Be Stressed

February has been designated as Accident Prevention Month in the Eighth Service Command by order of Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan, commanding.

Officers in camp will attempt to make a record of no lost time accidents. All sources of previous accidents will be checked and meetings will be held to push the success of the safety campaign.

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"Do whatever you like for the next hour, orderly."

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"No, Madam, we didn't lose nothin', we're looking for little japs."

Informed Soldiers

There is one big difference between the thinking of Allied soldiers in this war and in the last one—the facts which American men and soldiers of some of our other allies have been given to show them the things for which they are fighting.

With every advantage gained from this policy of complete orientation by the Army, there is a definite responsibility on the part of GI's to see that this information becomes a part of their equipment.

We Have A Part

Our Army has been trying to make the American soldier the best informed in the world. That we have made progress in this respect is a certainty. Yet, polls by Army papers overseas and articles by American correspondents at the fronts have questioned whether we actually know—and more important—whether we are interested in news of the world, the domestic news, and information about our Allies.

We believe that every American soldier has a potential interest in this war. Potential because if there is no effort on his part to make use of his information, he might just as well be hugging the mud with only the distant slogans of the last war for guidance.

Value Is Proved

Most military leaders have agreed that orientation in its complete sense, makes a soldier more valuable. The Nazis and the Japs either tell their men lies or keep them in ignorance. We are fighting for enlightenment, against a mental blackout.

Because the American Army is a people's army, recruited from all the kinds of people in America, it reflects the sincere interest of most of its soldiers in knowing more about war aims and the strength and weakness of himself and the enemy.

Knowing The Facts

No matter how well organized the Army's information program, it can be a flop if the men don't take an equal share in the course. It's more than just paying attention to lectures and demonstrations. It's the GI's way of showing that we understand our job and know what we expect to win. The biggest threat to tyrant is knowledge.

Army orientation leaders will furnish all legitimate news; yet only when interest brings out all the facts can we get a true picture. Orientation can be harmful, if it takes on one-sided shades of indoctrination. Orientation can help us win, if we use it to learn and exchange ideas. That's our right and responsibility.

A Desert Day

The warm wind sings through the cactus,
The song of the western land,
As the first rays of the rising sun
Spread out across the sand.

The purple hills in the distance
Bathe their feet in a golden stream;
The shadows move like mysterious ghosts,
While the heat waves shimmer and gleam.

The hot wind sighs through the cactus,
The dirge of the western land,
As the merciless rays of the mid-day sun
Beat down upon the sand.

Far out on the rim of the desert,
Where the purple hills once stood,
A great brown giant lies sleeping
In the breathless solitude.

The cool wind chants through the cactus,
The creed of the western land,
As the last rays of the setting sun
Recede across the sand.

The brown hills put on a purple robe
And wear a golden crown.
Then night in sweet benediction,
Spreads her velvety blanket down.

Pfc Samuel D. Champaign
Co. A., 655th TD Bn.

Editors' Mail

Editor, The Panther:

Just back from furlough, I read the editorial on "An Informed Army." It's a fine piece of work and I wanted to write and tell you I think it's swell!

It's worthy of reprint in other publications—and I hope it does

receive publicity. Just a note of appreciation from a fellow soldier.
PFC. ARNOLD KOTZ,
Hq. Stud. Regt.

Quote Of The Week

"If a little knowledge is dangerous, where is the man who has so much as to be out of danger?"—Thomas Huxley.

One of the ways in which Congress may help servicemen after they go back to civilian life is by giving some sum to the men and women as mustering out pay. Our question is:

DO YOU THINK MUSTERING OUT MONEY WOULD BRING THE SAME RESULTS TO SERVICEMEN THAT THE BONUS BROUGHT AFTER THE LAST WAR?

M-Sgt. Robert T. Hewitt, TD



Board: "I haven't formed a definite opinion yet . . . because I don't think we've heard the last of all this business. But it seems to me that if they would spend the same money they might give a soldier outright, in helping the men get a job, it would be worth twice as much to the soldiers. . . . Yes, helping him find a job would be more valuable than the money itself."

Pfc. Thomas W. Browning, Co.

C. 667th TD Bn.: "It would be real handy . . . giving us some money when we get out . . . but only if they give us the money monthly . . . in small monthly payments. If soldiers got a lot of money all at once it would all go for whiskey and women and then he'd be no better off. That would be dangerous . . . and wouldn't do any good."



Pfc. Orson Webster, Med. Det., 664th TD Bn.: "I think the men should get a lump sum of money, when they get out of the service. This time there are plans being made that profit by the experiences gained in the last war . . . we'll be better prepared to handle things this time. Most of the troubles with money after the last war came from not having much to go on . . . But this time we'll know how and the money will be useful to a soldier when he gets into civilian life."

Cpl. Charles Kaiser, Co. C,

66th TD Bn.: "A sum of money will help a lot . . . it will give the men getting out a chance, give them a start in getting back into the swing of things as a civilian . . . And the men will make good use of any money they would get . . . I know if they decide to give any mustering out pay, I'll make damn good use of it . . . Just getting started is where it will help most."

Chaplain Promoted

Chaplain Edwin E. Hale of the Replacement Training Center at North Camp, has pinned on captain's bars. The chaplain, who has served at the Leon Drive Chapel at North Camp since the camp was opened last spring, was promoted from first lieutenant.

Home Thoughts

Though duty may call, and I may roam,
My thoughts will ever wander home.

For each star at night, is like a beacon so bright,
Guiding me safely back over the foam.

Taps at night, echoing over the sky
Seen to instill peace all over the world.

While I lie on my bed, with a dreamy eye,
My soul to God unfurled.

Oh, dearest one, cry not for me,
But think of the laughs and joys of the past.

Think only of the moment of victory,
When into the sea these devils we cast.

Dream only of the joy we two will share,
Live but for the moment, for every moment I'll care.

Cpl. Robert Garden,
Post Headquarters,
North Camp

High Inspection Mark
For 668th TD Bn. Vehicles

An IG inspection of motor vehicles of the 668th TD Battalion, described as one of the most satisfactory ever performed at Camp Hood, was made Monday. Barracks and other buildings in the battalion area were found in good order during an inspection made last week.

Lt. Col. Vivian D. Smith is commanding officer of the battalion.

Attending Course

T-4 Bessie Dandiker, of the 1848th WAC Detachment, North Camp Hood, communications unit, is attending a special course at South Camp where she is studying to become a film projectionist. Sergeant Dandiker will be assigned to the training film laboratory at North Camp upon successful completion of the course.

Notes On A Passing Editor

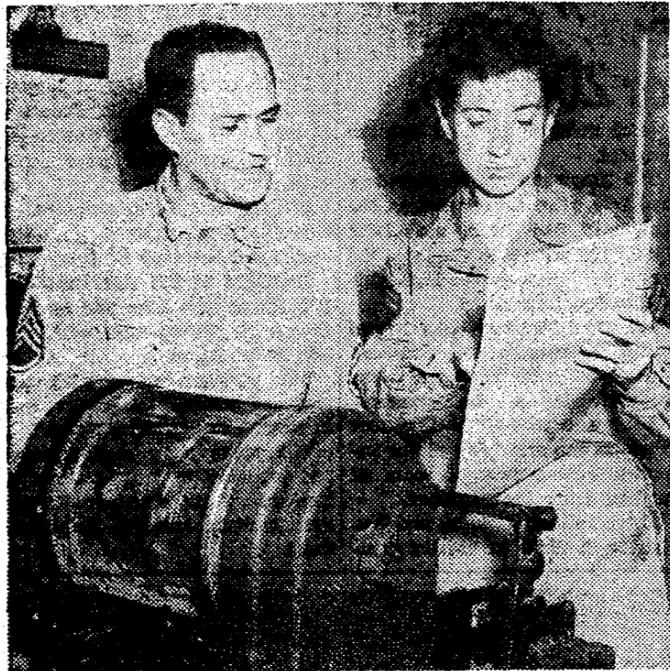


T-Sgt. Ivan Smith

There wasn't any paper when he started . . . just an idea . . . and getting out the early editions of the Panther was more than playing nursemaid . . . the baby was never entirely weaned . . . it's been hectic, maddening, dull, nervy, hopeful, productive with T-Sgt. Ivan Smith as Editor . . . because there's nothing this side of sanity to rate with editing an Army paper. . . . He somehow battled its peculiar problems and the Panther came out, regularly. . . . So we won't say

how glad we are to have a chance to try to live up to his wonderful etc. . . . We who are left will continue to sweat it out, sans love, sans honor, sans everything. We'll give you the best paper we can. Besides, why print applesauce when a guy leaves, about how much you miss him and more . . . Fine job Smith . . . we've told him already . . . now, luck and an interesting assignment for you—

The Panther Staff.



MIMEOGRAPHER OPERATOR, ASSISTANT— S-Sgt. Max Aduchefsky, RTC Reproduction Dept., North Camp, runs the mimeograph machine and checks stencils with his assistant, T-5 Dorothy Arnold, WAC Detch., RTC. (Story below.)

When the TD RTC was first activated October a year ago, a mimeograph man was needed to run off various orders, memorandums and directions. None were available and a volunteer was requested. Former band leader and baseball player, S-Sgt. Max Aduchefsky, Hq. Co., RTC, made the attempt and was apparently successful, as he's still handling the job.

Max did, and is doing, a terrific job, and what's more important, he's doing it cheerfully and on time. No matter how "snowed" he gets, the "5 feet 4 lad" always manages to deliver.

For the first five months Sgt. Aduchefsky, using only one machine and working alone, used

more than 50 tons of paper. Now the department boasts of three mimeograph machines and three WAC assistants with W. O. Gerald Brown in charge.

The cooperation of the Reproduction and Publication Dept. has enabled the RTC Public Relations Office to publish and distribute a daily news release six days a week for the past five months on time without fail.

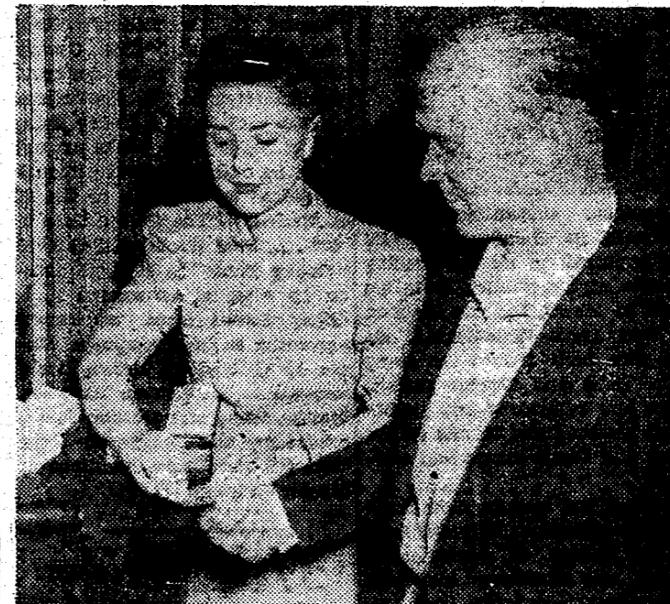
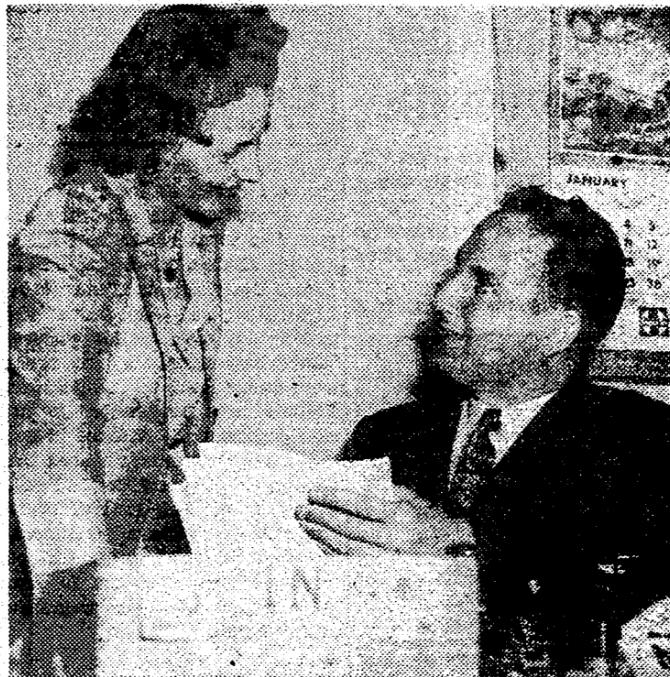
Max, from 89 N. Front, Kingston, N. Y., is a colorful character. Before entering the service he played a trumpet, touring all New York State and vicinity. The little sergeant was also shortstop with the famous Detroit Clowns, a professional baseball team, who made up as clowns, trouped the East, playing various local teams.

New Revue For 162nd Serv. Club

"Camp Hood Revue of '44" will be presented at the 162nd St. Service Club, Jan. 27th, 8 to 10:30 p. m.

The review will consist of skits, novelty numbers, singing and dancing. There will be two songs by Camp composers, "Three minutes Limit on the Telephone," by Pvt. O. K. Dingus and "Can You Imagine?" by Pvt. Del Santiniaz.

Pvt. Dingus will be remembered for his "Hobble Inn" presented in the Red Cross at the Station Hospital and Pvt. Clifford Powell, co-producer, presented the Powell players in the 162nd St. club.



CLEARING HOUSE—Every one of the men and women who come to work in any of the camp's civil service jobs are interviewed and hired through the camp civil service board, headed by Mr. M. F. Richter, shown in the top photo discussing an application for civil service work. Photo below, a prospective employee is fingerprinted as a part of the thorough case history kept of each person hired through the board. (Story below)

Lauds TDs Arms Course

Visual aids used in small arms instruction in the TD school weapons department were highly praised last week by two visiting faculty members of the quartermaster school at Camp Lee, Va.

Capt. J. C. Perry and Lt. J. D. Newton, both instructors in small arms at Camp Lee, recently completed a week's study of instructional methods at the TD school, particularly in the weapons department.

"We found the visual aids very good here," the officers commented. "Your weapons department has developed excellent visual aids for all weapons used by the Tank Destroyers. We've aids for only a few of the weapons, but we are taking some of the weapons department's plans back with us and hope to use them to increase the number of aids in our department."

Courses in all small arms, including the .50 caliber machine gun, and the rocket launcher and 37-mm. towed gun are offered at the quartermaster school for officers, officer candidates, and enlisted men. One hundred hours are devoted to weapons instruction at the Camp Lee school.

Capt. Perry, a graduate of the famed army ranger school in Hawaii, teaches a course in combat swimming. It includes swimming 100 yards with combat pack, jumping into water from graduated heights ranging up to 40 feet, proper methods of floating and treading water, and use of inflated clothing as life-saving equipment.

Army Raises Amount Of War Bond Allotments; New Drive Under Way

Effective April 1, no enlisted man can make a Class B allotment for War Bonds for less than \$6.25 a month by order of The Adjutant General.

No new Class B allotment for less than \$6.25 will be accepted, and all allotments for less amount already in effect will be cancelled automatically as soon as payments for full bonds are completed.

A new and vigorous program to sign up all personnel affected by this directive for increased allotment amounts is under way here.

"Reveille Revue" To Be Presented At 37th Club

"Reveille Revue," a radio show directed and produced by Pvt. Joseph Passiatore, Co. D, Acad. Regt., TDS, will be presented in the 37th St. Service Club Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Cast for the show includes Pvt. Howard Greenwald, announcer and butler; Sgt. Joseph Graham, master of ceremonies; Pvt. Manne Green, the Man; Cpl. Jack Williams, soloist; Pvt. Frank Dasit, Drizzlemug; Cpl. Bessie Cartemaglia, Panther girl and hostess.

Music will be furnished by the 133rd Army Band.

Variety In Chow With New "U" Ration, Veteran Tells

By Lt. L. R. Barnhill

Men in mechanized units fighting in Italy feel that the army has hit the jackpot with its new U ration—sometimes called the 5-in-1 ration.

That's the word brought direct from the Italian fighting front by T-4 Max Toombs, a tank driver who saw extended action with the 36th division. He's now at McClellan hospital in Temple recovering from combat injuries.

The new U ration is issued men in tank and tank destroyer units in Italy. It comes in packages containing five rations, enough food for one day for the 5-man crew of a tank or tank destroyer. As far as Sgt. Toombs is concerned the new ration is miles ahead of the K ration and holds a slight edge over the veteran C ration.

"We could doctor up the C ration by adding sliced onions and fresh tomatoes, but there's nothing we could do to the K ration, except eat it as it came."

Different Choices

The U ration comes in several different combinations. A typical package for a tank or tank destroyer crew would include the following:

For breakfast—bacon, pre-cooked cereal, soluble coffee, a spread—a combination of butter and cheese—canned cream, sugar, canned fruit juices, and crackers.

For dinner—canned spaghetti and meat balls, or a combination of rice and meat, dried apricots, rice pudding, tea balls, powdered lemon or grape juice, and fruit bars.

For supper—Vienna sausages, crackers, powdered fruit juices and hard candy.

In addition to these foods the package contains cardboard containers of salt and pepper, chewing gum, cigarettes and five individual packages of toilet paper.

Many Uses

"You never catch a man at the front," said Sgt. Toombs, "without his package of toilet paper in his hip pocket. One good use we found for it was mess kit cleaning.

Wipe out your mess kit well with toilet paper and it won't rust."

Each vehicle in tank and tank destroyer units has a small gas stove for cooking purposes. The men did their cooking before sunset in the evening and after sunrise in the morning so that the light of their stoves didn't give away their positions.

"I have to hand it to our service units," remarked Sgt. Toombs. "They kept the supplies up with us. Every night they would pull in with water, oil, gasoline, and rations, just about the time we had fallen to sleep. After we had received our supplies for the day it was time to stand guard and another night was shot."

Plenty of Water

Sgt. Toombs said they always had plenty of water for cooking in his company. Each tank carried three 5-gallon cans and water in them was replenished almost daily.

"The best tip I can give fellows now in training about eating while in combat, is to keep their mess kits clean. They told that to us in training and we soon learned they weren't kidding. Just remember that toilet paper is a good thing to dry your mess equipment with after you have washed it thoroughly in boiling water. We got plenty of soap over there in our outfit, so there was no excuse for not keeping mess kits clean."

No AER Loans Permitted For Regular Furloughs

Effective immediately Army Emergency Relief Funds are not available for furlough loans except in case of extreme emergency such as sickness or death in soldier's family or some other condition of equal importance to individual soldier and then only when such condition is established to satisfaction of Commanding Officer concerned and when American Red Cross or Private funds are not available for purpose.

Civil Service Board Here Filling Specialized Needs

The work of the thousands of men and women hired through the U. S. Civil Service Board in camp has made possible the complete serving of the soldiers here with clothing, food, equipment, and shelter. Every possible job classification is represented in the Camp Hood Civil Service board office, where every civilian man and woman who works in camp is processed before being hired.

Headed by Mr. M. F. Richter, the camp Civil Service board has complete charge of aiding the army personnel in providing all sorts of service to the GI's here. More and more qualified civilians are being used in camp offices as soldiers and WAC's take over the military jobs and the actual fighting.

Keeping in mind the hundreds of functions which are performed in cities the size of Camp Hood, and realizing that the camp is self-sufficient to a high degree, the task of the civil service board in hiring all kinds of specialists appears in its true light. It's a big job, so big that there have been four complete turn-overs in civilian personnel in the camp's history.

Peak Last Summer

At one time last July, the peak number of civilian employees in camp was more than 4,000.

Great care is used in examining the qualifications and records of all civilians hired to work in camp. Naturally, there is an added caution involved because of the restricted nature of much of the equipment here.

Men or women applying for a job here are first interviewed to find out just what type of work they can do. Forms are filled out depending on the degree of skill and the classification of the applicant's type of job.

Complete Check Given

With tight requirements on manpower, all potential civilian employees here are checked to make certain that they haven't left essential industrial.

Complete personality pictures are obtained of each applicant, and after thorough interviewing and checking of records, an entry is made in the office's files listing the job-seeker's history and other important data.

When a call is placed for civilian help, applicants are again interviewed and assigned to work for the War Dept. The files in the civil service office are a key to the success of the work of Mr. Richter and his staff—complete, efficient and performing a useful service in serving the Army.

ENTERTAINMENT

If you have had experience in the entertainment field or the desire to participate in such activities, we can use you.

All persons, white and colored, with experience as actors, comedians, dancers, etc., stage hands, etc., please contact the Special Service Office, Military and Civilian, WACs especially.

All correspondence will be answered if addressed to:

ENTERTAINMENT
SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICE,
CAMP HOOD, TEXAS

RTC Soldier Ex Showman

Pvt. Jimmy Lackore, Co. A, 135th TDTB, RTC, North Camp, entertained the Waco, Texas, Junior Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon in the Raleigh Hotel at Waco on Jan. 20th.

Lackore, 27 years of age, is a



professional entertainer, known nationally as Jimmy Leeds. He has appeared in all the leading theaters of the country, from his home in Miami, Fla., as far west as Fort Lewis, Washington. He has also been starred in many night clubs and theater restaurants, and voluntarily has contributed his time and talents to 284 Army and Naval camps and canteens.

Lackore has been in show business for more than 12 years, as a comic, master of ceremonies, dancer, and musician; his last professional appearance was at the Rox Theater in New York City, just prior to his induction into the Army two months ago.

Private Lackore also did a comedy routine in the station hospital at North Camp on the evening of the 20th, when he appeared in the regular weekly entertainment program.

Appearing on the same program, which was produced by Lt. Thomas Willhoit of the RTC special services office, were Cpl. Jack Fisher, accordionist and boogie woogie piano player; Lt. Roy Ross, tap dancer who appeared on Broadway in the New York musical hit, DuBarry Was A Lady, and the 135th Army Band, formerly known as the First RTC Band.

Smith's Have Joined Army, Names All Show

Co. B, 666th TD Bn. believes in being strictly "G.I." in everything, including the names of some of the men of the Company, to date this Company boasts of the following:

Capt. O. D. Smith, Commanding
T-5 G. I. Smith
Pvt. H. E. Smith
Pvt. T. B. Smith
If the Company can get another

Penned Up Post WACs To Present Quarantine Show For Own "Guests"

In quarantine for measles this week, the WAC Detachment, 1848 Unit, will present a musical comedy show called "Quarantine," Saturday night, put on entirely by members of the detachment. Audience will be the WACs and their guests, the WAC Detachment, TDC, which is also quarantined.

Plot of the show is built around a girl whose romance was interrupted at a crucial point—by a quarantine. Scenes are laid in a WAC area and barracks, with a dance review taking place in "Darkest Africa."

The show was written by Sgt. Margaret Ghio and Sgt. Elsie Tedford. In charge of properties is Cpl. Audrey Irwin; costumes, Pfc.

Words Without Music

When Joan Davis tries to get a job as a riveter on the swing shift she encounters an efficiency expert who turns out to be Edward Everett Horton, guest star of the "Joan Davis Program," tomorrow night, NBC. . . . Jack Oakie, now making his 80th motion picture, "The Merry Monahans," has never worn screen make-up. . . . Susanna Foster's new housekeeper is an elderly woman she attended in her new capacity of nurse's aide at the Los Angeles General Hospital. . . . Velma, trombonist in Phil Spitalny's "Hour of Charm" orchestra, has the additional assignment of writing all arrangements for the brass section and the program's weekly hymns.

-jap

Quentin Reynolds, narrator on "Report To The Nation" (CBS) has a new book, "The Curtain Rises," coming up in the spring. . . . Commentator H. V. Kaltenborn, (NBC) back from a 20-day flying trip of 20,000 miles thinks the war won't be over until 1946 although he picked up a slogan of the U. S. Marines—"The Golden Gate in '48" . . . Fred Waring played 1,040 "Victory Tunes" in 1943, all chosen by votes of servicemen. . . . Ginny Simms takes servicemen appearing on her program to dinner at Hollywood's Brown Derby restaurant. . . . William Hargrave, bass baritone, and Geanne Parke, coloratura, will sing on the "Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air" Sunday.

137th Ready For Finals

The North Camp Basketball tournament reached its final stages last week, with the 137th RTC Bn. showing a fine art of ball handling in working their way into the championship run of the lower bracket.

The winners are now awaiting the outcome of the game between the 493rd MP Co., 842nd Ord. Co. and the 138th RTC Bn. quintests, who are determining the victor of the upper bracket.

The 139th RTC Bn. and Hq. Co., RTC, quintests are matched in the consolation finals.

Leading the tournament's individual scoring calendar to date is Pvt. Gene Pace, of the 137th RTC Bn. team, who has a total of 42 points in three games played.

Carbine Course Firing Finished By Co. A, 666

Company A, 666th Tank Destroyer Battalion, recently completed transition firing, on the Brookhaven Carbine course with a score of 88%.

Every man in the Company qualified, and over half of the men made a perfect score.

Smith with the initials A. P. it will be complete.

Juliet McClure; make-up, Pvt. Laura Bossler; programs, Sgt. Beth Smith; scripts, Pfc. Roberta Ivanhoe; music, Pvt. Sarah Schultz; scenery, Sgt. Tedford.

Characters in the play are: Cpl. Eleanor Woodruff, Sgt. Tedford, Sgt. Doris Nash, Cpl. Adele Holmes, Pfc. Martha Loughridge, Pfc. Margaret Parker, Pvt. Phyllis Fogle, Sgt. Alberta Rutkowski and Sgt. Edree Snowden.

Dancers: Cpl. Louise Yocom, Cpl. Rose Prosen, Pvt. Avonne Markwart, Pfc. Shirley Ladda. Singers: Pvt. Pat Miller, Pvt. Marjorie Hammond, Cpl. Tressa Lee, Pvt. Evelyn Hartless.

Members of the verse speaking choir: Sgt. Mildred Busch, Pfc. Nora Wiles, Pvt. Markwart, Pvt. Hartless, Pfc. Parker.

"Stars And Gripes," 655th Show, Staged For 20th Gp.

Acclaimed a success by officers and enlisted men, the 655th TD Bn. turned to the stage last Thursday evening and presented their first stage show, "Stars and Gripes" for the 20th Gp. lieutenant Col.

Lt. Col. George R. Poole, battalion commander, expressed the approval of the audience when he suggested that more shows be given in the future.

Musical flavor for the presentation was given in the form of boogie-woogie and hillbilly music, solos, and community sing numbers. Comedy acts and several

special numbers rounded out the program.

T-5 Raymond Greif played a dual role when he entered as the "original" Sad Sack, and later played the part of a Captain. His antics were some of the highlights of the two hour show.

Pvt. Fred Kuritsky, who helped direct the production, combined with T-5 Greif to present the comedy skits. A doctor scene, which was a take-off on that first "shots in the arm" day at the induction center, brought roars of laughter from the audience.

Three guitars, a violin, and Sgt. Marriley R. Britt as vocalist com-

bined to present hillbilly music that rivaled any Texas hillbilly band.

For those who preferred boogie-woogie, Pvt. Russell R. Pederson at the piano and Pfc. Warren A. Goff at the drums gave forth with some hot jive.

Pfc. Samuel D. Champaign, a chalk artist, pictured on the blackboard the woes of Army life.

Highlight of the show was the Bob Burns type tales told by Pvt. Arthur E. Taylor—and with the Bob Burns drawl.

The program closed with the audience joining the entire cast in singing the "Victory Polka."

The stage show was directed and produced by 2nd Lt. Jesse F. Tucker, with assistance from Pvt. Kuritsky and Pvt. Robert L. Raitt.



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

In an amphibious operation, the Allies landed on the west coast of Italy about 20 miles south of Rome. The maneuver, with practically no opposition, outflanked the Nazi's important "Gustav" and "Adolph Hitler" defense lines far to the south.

Pouring in reinforcements, the Allies pressed steadily toward Rome. Beyond this brief statement, the Allies offered no more information, though the Germans claimed that additional landings had been made along the coast.

At the same time the Allies' 5th Army continued its offensive on the main line and the 8th Army on the Adriatic end of the line allowed the Nazis no rest.

Goebbels Embarrassed

The new operation should leave Herr Goebbels rather embarrassed—only a few days ago he bragged, "We can no longer be taken by surprise. We are prepared against invasion anywhere and at all times."

German reaction came from a CBS correspondent, John Daly, who said that he Germans had bombed three hospital ships, which were "lighted up like Christmas trees."

There was no letup in the Allied campaign to soften the French coast—our British based bombers and fighters continued to pound military installations with monotonous rhythm.

Nazis Shift Bases

A dispatch from Stockholm suggested that German bomber squadrons had been transferred from the Russian front to improved bases in northern France, and were the force which carried the attack to Britain last Friday night, the heaviest the British have had in a year.

Sour Notes

Hitler's paper boasted that that was the beginning of "The new tune the German air force is going to play over England." With almost a week passed since the initial attack, it looks as if his "musicians" tire easily.

In the first six days of the Russian offensive to tear the Nazis loose from their line blocking Leningrad, 40,000 German soldiers were killed, the Associated Press reported.

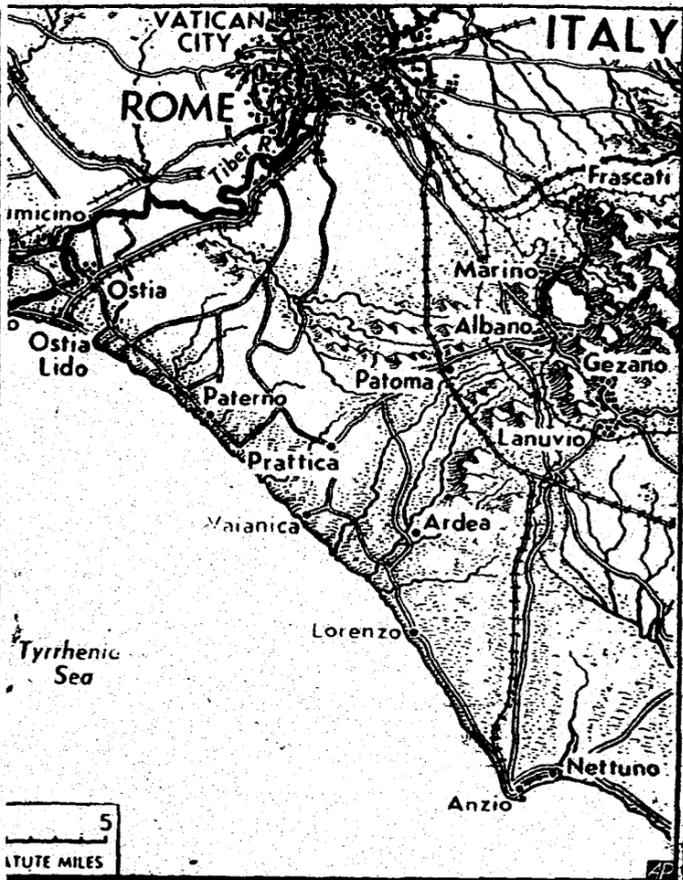
Two important rail junctions south of Leningrad, Puskin and Pavlovsk, were taken by the Russians.

The Nazis rushed up reinforcements from Estonia and Latvia; but if the Russians can continue their pace, the new troops may also be trapped.

In the south, in the Ukraine, the Germans tried to counterattack Gen. Vatutin's northern wing which menaces the Rumanian frontier.

Japs Turn Tail

The Japs are finding that it takes more than monkeytricks to win battles. They took off for the



rear in panic when Australian troops attacked their Faria river line in New Guinea. In the Madang area the Aussies forced the Japs into further retreat.

Tojo told the Japanese diet that Japan prefers a long war, and that the Allies are "in a fit of impatience."

Profitable Bombing

January has been a profitable month for Allied planes hunting Jap merchantmen. Exact totals are rather indefinite, but all classes of Jap merchant shipping have suffered heavily.

Gen. MacArthur was 64 years old, the normal army retirement age; but there was no indication that he would be retired. His birthday, Jan. 26th, is the same day as Australia Day—it was the Commonwealth's 156th birthday.

Ambassador Recalled

The United States has decided not to recognize the new Bolivian government, and recalled our ambassador. Almost simultaneously the British government announced that it would not recognize the Bolivian government. There were indications that recognition might be extended if the attitude of the Bolivian government changed.

Late Wednesday afternoon the Associated Press sent out a story that Argentina had ceased diplomatic relations with the Axis. The official reason for the break was the discovery that the Axis was maintaining a huge spy ring in Argentina; but between the lines interpretation credited an implied threat of economic measures by the Allies with being much of the impetus behind the

break. The final break came after weeks of rumor and counter-rumor. There had been predictions of the break, which were denied by various officials up to a few hours before the official announcement.

Home Front

The OPA is investigating what it termed "the worst black market deal" of the war—the theft of 20 million gallons worth of gas coupons which were supposedly sent to a shredding mill.

The AFL refused to have John L. Lewis and his miners back in the Federation on any condition except the exact status of his union when it left the AFL.

The senate is still wrangling the soldier vote bill. Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) accused the secretaries of War and Navy of favoring the bill for political reasons, while other congressmen and commentators accused Taft and his anti-vote bill colleagues of making a political volleyball of the soldier-sailor franchise.

The Democratic National Committee chose young Robert F. Hannegan as its chairman, and named Chicago its 1944 convention city.

House Speaker Rayburn and WPC Chairman McNutt outlined plans for putting veterans to work after the war.

The House passed a bill to give \$300 mustering out pay to all servicemen.

In Tulsa a divorced wife complained that her ex-husband had sent his usual \$10 alimony payment—1,000 pennies—in a bucket of molasses.



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.
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 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.
 24th 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.

MORNING 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.

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.

Work, Army Chores —Diary Of A WAC

By Cpl. Georgia Robinson
 I'm a Tank Destroyer WAC, and I am proud to be a member of the United States Army. I am just an American girl who felt that she could not do enough on the civilian front, so I joined the army. We came from all over the United States to answer our nation's call for help—all willing to give up the comforts of civilian life and help bring the war closer to an end.

After finishing my basic training in Fort Des Moines, Iowa, 20 members of my basic company, were marched to the staging area. Everyone could tell that we were leaving and they yelled at us, giving us good wishes and wondering where we were going.

"Where we were going" was the favorite and most discussed subject for the next few days in staging area. All that we knew was that we were the 164th WAC Post Headquarters Co. of some unknown place, and that we were a clerical company, formed of clerks, typists, and stenographers. Our acting first sergeant was young and "cute", but we soon found out that when she yelled "at ease," she meant "AT EASE."

Since the company hadn't received their last month's pay, the average WAAC had around 30 cents to spend. We were afraid it was for a postage stamp to spend that small amount unless write home for money.

Go To Texas

Finally we were told one night that we were leaving early the next morning for Camp Hood, Texas. Since I am a Texan, I

was probably the happiest one to hear the news. Then, the girls began to inquire about Texas, and I started to convince them that Texas was "heaven on earth."

It was fun traveling on the train, but the next morning we had to stand reveille as usual. Then we were assigned small details to clean the cays. We had sick call as usual, and I guess they would have drilled us if they had enough room.

Army trucks, 2 1-2-ton, were waiting to take us to Camp, and I shall never forget my first sight of Camp Hood. To myself and the others, it seemed larger than San Francisco, Seattle, or New York.

When our jobs were assigned to us I was assigned as a stenographer to the S-4 Section.

Our CO told us what was expected of us in Camp Hood, and she gave us a few temporary rules. Then, we were free for the first evening in over two weeks.

Job Was Interesting

My job was interesting, but I thought that I would never learn everything. Since I came straight from basic, most of the army terms were new to me. The first day I didn't know a first indorsement from a basic letter, channels meant nothing, in fact, I was a very confused and worried WAAC. I could type and take dictation, but I couldn't write the letters up in correct military forms. The T-Sgt. that I worked under was very helpful. He used to help me all he could.

So we settled down to regular army life. Once or twice a week we would drill and since the WAAC were so new to the soldiers, we would always have a crowd watching us. Thus, we tried to do our best drilling. We also had Saturday inspection the same way that we did in Fort Des Moines. We had trouble, however, trying to keep clean. It was then that I learned to iron my shirts on the floor and wash my clothes in a small wash basin. But with all these small troubles, we just laughed and said "This is the Army, Miss Jones." It wasn't until months later that we had laundry service.

Go To North Camp

Then TDRTC moved to North Camp Hood. Since we were still living in South Camp, we had to ride to North Camp to work in 2 1-2 ton trucks every morning. Riding in those trucks was an experience that we will never forget. We had reveille at 5 o'clock in the morning. We would drill for a half hour in the darkness of the night; go to mess, and then clean our barracks. After loading in the trucks, we would sing most of the way to North Camp.

What an experience!
 At noon, we would mess with the men, and it was always amusing to see how much food the cooks would give us. (I still insist that the average WAC doesn't eat as much as the average soldier.) It was around 6 o'clock when we arrived back at our barracks, and there our first sergeant would be waiting for us to "fall out" and "fall in."



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
ACHES AND PAINS OF A THREE DAY PASS—“Aw, gee, Sahge, I been workin' hard. I been cleaning pots, and latrines, and barracks—I been cleanin' everything. Just a little of three day pass, Sahge, and I'll come back and honest I'll clean like everythin. Whatcha say, Sahge?” (This pitiful scene, so poignantly typical—the second in series—is posed with suspicious realism by S-Sgt Sid Katz and 1st Sgt. Stanley Young, Hq. & Serv. Co., OCS Regt.)

Special Service Came Through In No. Africa, Even If Nazi "Sally" Provided The Laughs

1st Sgt. Austin Bagley happily met an old pal this week and at the same time was bitterly reminded of his sad experience in being left behind when his old outfit moved overseas.

A few days ago he was told that Tech. Sergeant William P. Bond had come back from overseas duty. Bond had been in Bagley's old outfit when it went across. He had just returned as a casualty

and is now at McCloskey hospital.

Tech. Sgt. Bond is receiving treatment at McCloskey hospital for a leg fracture suffered in a jeep accident in Italy. Sgt. Bond had some stories of rare interest to tell interviewers on his arrival here. "Overseas," he said, "we were not only provided with recreational facilities by our own special service units, but by the Germans too, believe it or not. In fact they teamed up very well. Our special service unit provided the radio and the Germans provided the programs.

"Our favorite program while in Africa came from the enemy controlled radio station in Naples. It was a recorded program featuring popular records. You know, American jive tunes and all that. Well, there were intervals between the playing of these records when short news broadcasts by "Sally" came straight at us. Yes sir, we got a kick out of the way this "Sally," without the slightest trace of an accent, loaded her newscasts with propaganda about how we were losing the war, and advising us to go home before it was too late. I'm sure I can speak for the gang when I say that "Sally" provided us with the best laughs all the time we spent in North Africa."

During their training in Africa Bond's outfit was issued recreational kits for each company. These kits included a phonograph, radio, records, baseball, football, volleyball and ping pong equipment; and cards. They took these sets with them to Italy, but didn't have the chance to use them. Sgt. Bond was trained at Camp Bowie and was in one of the first Tank Destroyer units to be sent overseas.

Party In Co. C, 666th Bn. For Company Commander

As a farewell for their CO, Capt. James R. Miller, who has been transferred, Co. C, 666th TD Bn. gave its fourth beer party in their mess hall recently. Capt. Miller had been in command of the company since just after its activation.

Gets Promotion

M-Sgt. Charles H. Hinze, Sergeant Major of the 666th Tank Destroyer Battalion, has recently been appointed Warrant Officer, Junior Grade.

Mr. Hinze has been with the 666th Tank Destroyer Battalion since shortly after its activation on 15 May 1943 at North Camp Hood, Texas.

New 661st Bn. Fathers

Two enlisted men of C Co., 661 T.D. Bn. became the proud fathers of baby girls last week. Pvt. Clarence Kubec and Sgt. Robert Henderson.

129th TD Wins Award

The 129th TD Bn. topped mess hall ratings at North Camp last week, scoring 98.6 per cent.

NC HoopMen Spill Medics

Lt. Henry Mahley's fast-stepping North Camp Hood "Panthers" basketball team turned back the McCloskey Hospital cagers, 47 to 27, in a game played last Saturday evening in Temple.

The score at halftime stood 18 to 12, the Panthers atop, and as play went on in the second half, the Mahley men hit their stride and poured in point after point to run completely away from the Hospital quintent.

Lt. Sager, with 12 points, was the top scorer for the Panthers, followed by Lts. Jim Marteney and Charles Craig, the latter a former all-southern conference basketball player from Clemson university, with nine points apiece.

Lt. Mahley, coach of the Panthers, announced that his team would meet the strong Waco Army Air Field quintet this weekend, Saturday, in a game that will be played at the Waco high school gymnasium at 8:30 p. m. The game is expected to determine the title-holder of the Waco USO cage loop, in which the Panthers have been shoving aside some of the best teams in central Texas.

Easy Win For 21st

The non-coms basketball team, Hq. Co., 21st TD Group, ran rough-shod over a picked team from the same unit, 62 to 14.

Quiz Answers

- To clean up.
- The infantry, which is traditionally known as "The Queen of Battles."
- Gen. Sir Harold Alexander.
- Pigeons.
- No. While, according to an old Army custom, many officers both in the United States and overseas do salute an enlisted man wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor, there is nothing in Army Regulations which makes this obligatory.
- The masculine outlook is certain to be broadened.

Writes Regt. History

Sgt. Alfred Robertson, clerk at Academic Regiment Headquarters former journalism student at the University of Texas, has been assigned to write up a history of the Academic Regiment since its origin.

Male Call

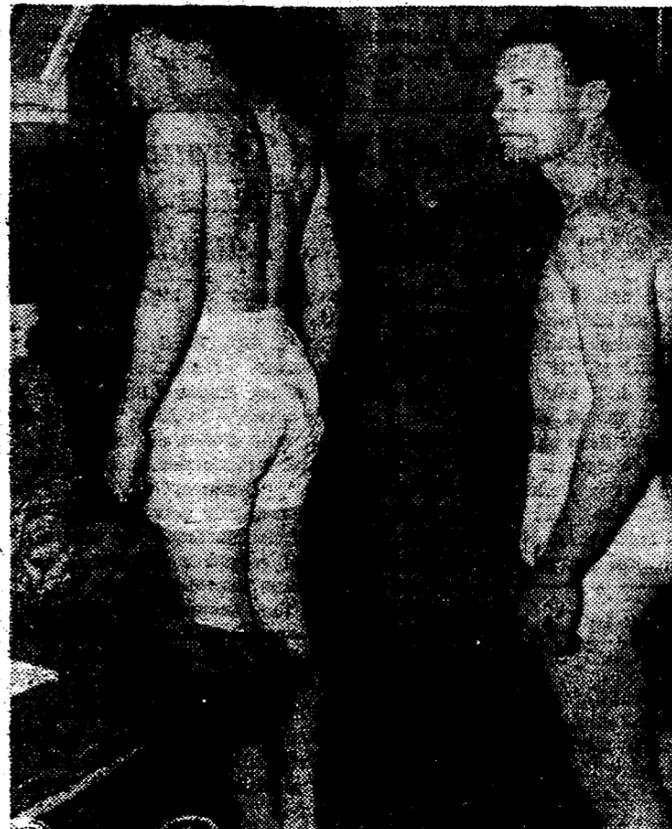


by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Quarantine





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IT'S GOLDEN GLOVES TIME!—Lower photo shows Sgt. John T. Brown, Co. A, 665th TD Bn., classy welterweight, and Sgt. Robert Thompson, (on scales), also of Co. A, 665th, weighing in, with Lt. J. R. Varnell, Pst Athletic Officer and the tournament's director, in the background. Upper scene gives view of the long stream of boxers registering for the weighing in ceremonies, held at the field house last Friday night, with M-Sgt. Frank Kopa, welterweight of the 656th TD Bn., being written in by 2nd Lt. Stanley Dombroski, 603rd TD Bn., and 2nd Lt. Percy Breeden, Hq. Tng. Brigade.

Ringmen Set Fast Pace In Golden Glove Tilts

By Pfc. Keith Quick

Despite poor weather the Camp Hood Central Texas District Golden Gloves boxing tournament got off to a flying start last Monday night at the field house with 600 fans on hand.

Monday's bouts saw nine fighters make their initial step toward a shot at the State Golden Gloves affair, which opens in Ft. Worth the mid-part of next month. The opening clash on the district card saw George Bartoli, 665th TD Bn. slugger, win a popular decision from Floyd Caoutte, 801st TD Bn., in a bout that featured several knockdowns. Both men slugged each other to the floor a half dozen times, but Bartoli was much the stronger at the final gong and was given the nod. It was a middleweight go.

The second fight of the evening went to Primo Gonzales, classy middleweight of the 657th TD Bn., who beat his opponent, Ted Brewer, 664th TD Bn., in the first round via a technical knockout. Lt. George Stautz, the tournament's referee, made a wise move in stopping the fight, as Brewer failed to land a blow and was reeling from corner to corner.

At an intermission, Capt. John H. Morris, Post War Bond Officer, introduced Pvt. Bruce Bennett, veteran of the Pearl Harbor and Guadalcanal fronts, now recuperating at McCloskey Hospital, who recounted his experiences and urged all soldiers to get behind the current Fourth War Loan Drive.

Wins On TKO

After the intermission, the third bout got under way and it saw 18-year old Jerome Becker, a civilian entry from Oenaville, Texas, take the measure of Anthony Komaranski, 657th TD Bn. in a bout that saw Komaranski disqualified for slapping with an open glove. The foul came in the third round, after Komaranski had been warned several times by referee Stautz. It was a middleweight battle.

The fourth fight went to John H. Hoffman, 670th TD Bn., who erased Ray Mariucci, Student Regt. battler, by decision in a three-round lightweight melee.

John T. Brown, Georgia-born 665th TD Bn. welterweight, scored a technical knockout over Stanley Betten, 655th TD Bn. mittman in

NC-Camp Swift Fives Matched

The first out-of-camp servicemen's basketball team will invade North Camp Hood Wednesday night when the Camp Swift All-Stars come up for a game with Lt. Henry Mahley's North Hood Panthers. The game will be played at the Avenue "D" Rec. Hall, near the Ave. "D" theater at North Camp.

The Camp Swift team boasts a full lineup of ex-college and pro basketball players, who formerly played with such teams as Northwestern, Purdue and Illinois.

Feb. 19, the Panthers will journey to Camp Swift to return the Wednesday night game.

the first round of a welterweight battle. It was Betten's first time to ever enter a ring, and he showed up exceptionally well, despite the lucky punch landed by Brown.

Frank Incorvia, 657th TD Bn. welterweight, won a decision over James Duncan, of the 670th TD Bn., in the night's sixth go. It was a slugfest all the way.

Veteran Amateur

Robert Thompson, 665th TD Bn., and Frank Kopa, 656th TD Bn., welter went at it thick and fast in their three-round go, with Kopa getting the decision. Kopa is a former Golden Glover from New York, having reached the semifinals in the New York event a couple of years ago.

Max Kezick, 667th TD Bn., beat Grant Alexander, of the Stud. Regt., after having been on the floor for a count of nine early in the bout. It was a middleweight clash, and its third round saw Kezick get the edge and the judges' decision.

The night's final fight, a light-heavy melee, saw big Marvin Kyle, hard-swatter from Muleshoe, Texas, and the 264th FA Bn., slap down Frank Alvarez, 660th TD Bn. battler, in the first round. The long-armed Kyle was on his opponent from the opening gong, belting him with rights and lefts that resembled those thrown by Joe Louis here last month.

Tonight's card will mark the semi-finals of the glove event, with final bouts to be run off tomorrow night, Friday, at the field house. Fans are urged to come out and witness the winners, since they will be the boys to represent Camp Hood in the Fort Worth State event next month. Be there tonight and Friday night—and let's all give the winners a rousing sendoff!

The tournament's referee is Lt. George Stautz, TDS; Capt. Wilson T. Betts, UTC, is timekeeper, and Lts. William Black, 166th Infantry and P. J. Piasno, of Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, are serving as judges. Sgt. Robert Clemens, TDS, announced the fights.



With PFC Keith Quick

There's at least two basketballers playing in the current round-robin cage tournament that are practically already "in" on the all-tournament team which this corner plans to pick at the conclusion of the annual event . . . Their names — Saylor and Kuchenmeister. Pfc. Horace Saylor, roving center of the classy 672nd TD Bn. quintet, is without a doubt one of the best basketball players ever to perform on Hood's hardwood. Saylor is one guy who really has a liking for work on the court. He never seems to tire, no matter how many games his club might choose to play in a single night. Last week we watched him through a regularly scheduled game, and when it was done—he jumped right into a practice game and went all the way in it. No player was ever more dangerous under the goal than this fellow Saylor, and there's no limit to his stamina. And we're certainly looking at him for the pivot spot on our all-tourney team. The next fellow in line for an all-tournament team slot is Cpl. Charles Kuchenmeister, gangling goal-tosser of the 660th TD Bn. cagers. In a recent game, he rolled in 20 points and didn't play the entire distance. A smooth-working courtman, Kuchenmeister would be the ideal grab for some college coach after the war. We're keeping a close eye on the play of these two boys. Saylor and Kuchenmeister—and don't be surprised if the curtain finds them on the all-tournament and perhaps the 1944 All-camp cage team . . . This corner highly endorses the idea of having a track and field team, which was introduced several weeks ago by Capt. Leslie Wood, TDS Athletic Officer. In view of a proposed track and field venture for this Army setup, it would be well to keep in mind that there are numerous stars here in camp and to send them to compete in the coming Border Olympics at Laredo, Texas, March 10 would be a great boost for Camp Hood. It will be the 12th annual run of the Laredo event, and as usual, a military division, college and high school teams will be represented. If Capt. Wood succeeds in this new interest, he will have added much to the athletic highlights of Camp Hood. Here's hoping the cinder track will be constructed and the camp may know another major sport, just as it has in basketball, baseball, football and boxing . . . Lt. George Stautz, TDS, Tactics Dept., referee of the current Golden Gloves event, will be in charge of the winning eight-man fight team going from here to the State tournament at Fort Worth next month. Lt. Stautz will be assisted by Pfc. Jimmy Fagan, who will go along as the team's trainer. Both men know their boxing from A to Z, and we know the eight-man squad will be in there giving their best in the Fort Worth ring. Lt. Stautz carried several teams to the State event prior to his Army career, when he was boxing instructor in Austin, Texas, for more than a decade.

Camp Court Tourney To Start Again

Due to the Golden Gloves boxing tournament this week, play was suspended in the current round-robin basketball tournament. The tournament's fourth round will open again next week, with teams from groups 1 and 2 swinging into action.

Last Thursday night's game saw teams from groups 3 and 4 conclude the tourney's third round of play, with the following results.

The 667th TD Bn. won on forfeit from the 166th Cavalry "B" quintet; Hq. Tng. Brigade and 664th TD Bn. postponed their game; Academic Regt. lost a 33 to 26 decision to the 663rd TD Bn. five; 672 TD Bn. walloped the 662nd TD Bn., 35 to 15; 90th MRU took the forfeit route to win over the 668th TD Bn.; Post Ord. and 665th TD Bn. called their game off; 310th Ord. "B"

Kemper Is Tops Among Paddlemen Of 660th TD

T-5 Boris B. Kemper, of Hq. Co., has been crowned ping-pong champion of the 660th TD Bn. for the month of January.

The 660th runs a monthly tournament in which numerous entries compete. T-5 Kemper won the January crown by outscoring Alex Athanasopoulos, who had captured top in Co. B, of the 660th.

Representing the battalion's other companies in the tourney were: Pts. Merritt Ednie, Recon. Co.; Cpl. Orlando Salonia, Co. A; Pvt. William Aiken, Jr., Med. Det. Co. C. did not file an entry.

team ran off and left Co. D, Academic Regt., 51 to 24; and the game between the 22nd TD Gp. and 658th TD Bn. quintet was another forfeit affair, with the decision going to the 22nd TD Gp. cagers.

A complete calendar and standings of the 32 teams will appear in next week's Panther, since time and space this week was devoted to the Golden Gloves meet.

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