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Seven Gloves Winners Will Represent Camp At Ft. Worth Tournament

By Pfc. Keith Quick

Sporting a colorful lineup of 40 entries, the Camp Hood-Temple Central Texas District Golden Gloves boxing tournament came to a rousing close last Friday night at the field house. A jammed house of above 1,000 screaming-for-the-kill fans turned out to witness the final events of the week's fight run.

Seven classy fighters mowed down all opposition to gain their right to represent Camp Hood in the State golden gloves event at Fort Worth this month.

William De Fontes, 603rd TD Bn., was unopposed in the bantamweight class and will make the Fort Worth trip as a representative of that weight division, 118 pounds.

Gangling Claude Norris, 670th TD Bn., featherweight, who decided Dominic Rondo, 655th TD Bn. battler, in the night's finals will carry the featherweight colors to cowtown.

Wins On Forfeit

Fred De Reis, 564th Ord. Bn., who was scheduled to meet Ernest Kirby, 264th FA Bn., in the finals of the lightweight event, automatically won the State event trip, since Kirby was unable to appear as the result of being in the hospital. Kirby had won his way to the finals by beating Louis Kuthy, 657th TD Bn., in the semi-finals Thursday night.

In the welterweight class, John T. Brown, 665th TD Bn., grabbed the Fort Worth jaunt by scoring a technical knockout over 1st Sgt. Frank Kopa, classy 656th TD Bn. welter. Kopa was unable to answer the bell for the third and final round due to a bad cut over his eye.

The middleweight division will be in command of all-American Max Kezick, of the 667th TD Bn., who erased Primo Gonzales, 657th TD Bn., via a three-round decision which was widely booed by the huge crowd. Kezick gained the judges' decision by landing the most effective blows.

John D. Hoffman, 670th TD Bn., stepped fast and furious to dispose of the lone civilian entry, Jerome Becker, of Oenaville, Texas, in the night's light-heavyweight match. Hoffman floored Becker several times in the first two stanzas, and in the third round, referee Stautz stepped in to raise Hoffman's hand in victory. It was a technical knockout in one minute and 52 seconds of the final round. Hoffman will carry the lighthweight colors to Ft. Worth.

The final event of the golden gloves district event saw big Eddie Zednik, of the 655th TD Bn., score a technical knockout over Carroll Clark, heavyweight slugger from North Camp. Zednik pounded Clark with terrific body punches and in the third round, Clark was a tired and beaten man. Referee Stautz halted the match and awarded the melee to Zednik by technical kayo. Zednik will wear the heavyweight colors for Camp Hood at the Fort Worth event, which opens February 16 and runs through Feb. 21.

Five bouts were on the Tuesday evening, January 25, card. The opener saw Louis Kuthy, flashy lightweight from the 657th TD Bn., go full steam for three rounds to decision Patsy Chimera, of the 655th TD Bn.

Menallie Boudsinas, 138th Bn., RTC, outlasted Walter Biel, of the Stud. Regt., to gain a three-round decision in another light-weight go.

Fred De Reis, of Patterson, New (Continued On Page 8)

658th Plugs Bond Sales

Setting as their goal a subscription of \$6,000, the men in the 658th TD Bn. are trying to get 12 per cent of the battalion payroll allotted for bonds during the Fourth War Loan Drive. This will be more than the usual ten per cent asked for War Bonds.

Although the 658th hasn't yet met their goal they are determined to go over the top, according to Lt. B. Miller, war bond officer.

To keep the men informed of progress during this drive, a poster has been erected by the battalion, the poster showing a three-inch shell being fired by an M-10 toward a caricature of Adolf Hitler—in a stooping position.

Minute Men appointed in Co. C were Sgts. Henry Weidner, Delbert Harris, William Grunwald, Joseph Hosmanek, Robert Sobieski, Clyde Hartenstine, Edward Biretta, George Stokes, Harold Grey and Cpls. Michael Andreshank and Richard Etherington.

Free Movie Tickets Available For Bond Buyers At Post Office

A total of \$250 in tickets for the Ritz and Texas theaters in Killeen are at the camp post office, to be given Camp Hood soldiers with the purchase of war bonds. Ace Clary, manager of the theaters, has announced.

Good until March 15, the tickets are for any movie showing. One ticket will be given with each bond, of any denomination, purchased.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

CLASS A SHOWDOWN—In its first annual IG inspection the 668th TD Bn. beat the handicaps of mud and snow to set out a display of vehicles and equipment that earned the praise of the inspectors and the Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Vivian D. Smith. Photos show the orderly arrangement of vehicles and tools for the inspection. The men exploited their knowledge of the right way to do things and despite the weather, came through on top. Notice of the display was sent to Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general TDC, who commented on the evidence of efficiency in preparation for the IG.

Class Hears Col. Howell At Exercise

It was in the nature of a reunion for Lt. Col. E. J. Howell, S-1 officer of the TD RTC at North Camp, to address the graduates of the 53rd TD OCS class in exercises at the 24th Street theater Friday morning.

Col. Howell pointed out that in the many months he served as commanding officer of the OCS Regiment, he became aware of the many problems concerning the preparation of candidates to accept the responsibility of commissioned officers.

Col. F. de L. Comfort presented certificates and commissions to the graduates.

Sgt. Pulls M-10 Out Of Stream, Water Over Head

S-Sgt. J. T. Benton Co. C, 658th TD Bn. was relief driving an M-10 back from the firing range last Fri. Leading the convoy, the vehicle came to what appeared to be a small stream.

Following his officer's direction, to go straight ahead Sgt. Benton proceeded to cross the water but instead of going across he started down. Farther and farther down went the destroyer until Cpl. David Samples, leaning over the turret watching proceedings, was able to see only the tops of the helmets of the two in front. With water over his head and more pouring in, Sgt. Benton with held breath managed to shift into first gear and get out.

Service Unit In Camp Is Streamlined

All manpower in Army Service force units at North and South Camp Hood is being consolidated by putting the different service detachments into one unit, centering all administrative work for station complement men in the unit headquarters. The Enlisted Detachment, 1848th Service Unit will be under the command of Capt. Victor H. Bennett.

This streamlining of service units will result in greater simplicity and efficiency of operation with less personnel.

The new unit, Enlisted Detachment, 1848th Service Unit, will include all Station Complement men and WACs except for the Medical enlisted men, who will be in a separate section.

Section Under NCOs

Actually, removing company administration duties and personnel from the former individual orderly rooms will not represent much of a physical change for enlisted men in the different units. Each of the South Camp's seven separate sections (formerly detachments) will be supervised by a section chief, and a NCO in charge.

All rations and supplies will be drawn from the unit supply room and headquarters.

The large service unit will have a Provisional Ordnance Co. attached for rations, quarters, and administration.

New WAC Title

The change, incidentally, gives the Post WAC another official designation, WAC Section, 1848th Service Unit. The section title will be used to identify all the other components of the 1848th Service Unit.

Enlisted personnel, Detachment Commanders, and officers who up to now have staffed the detachments will be shifted to new assignments, some moving up to the unit headquarters.

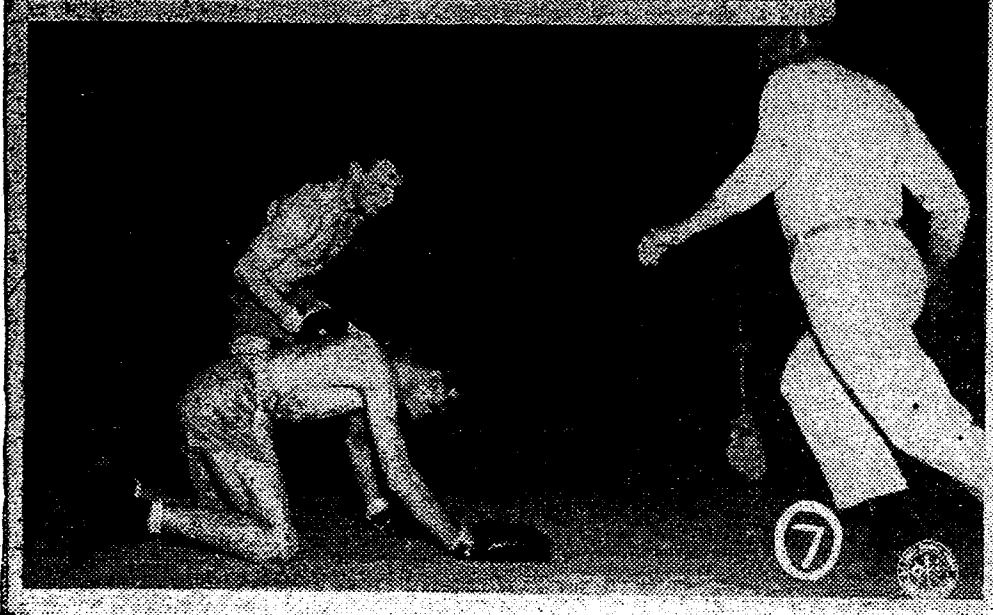
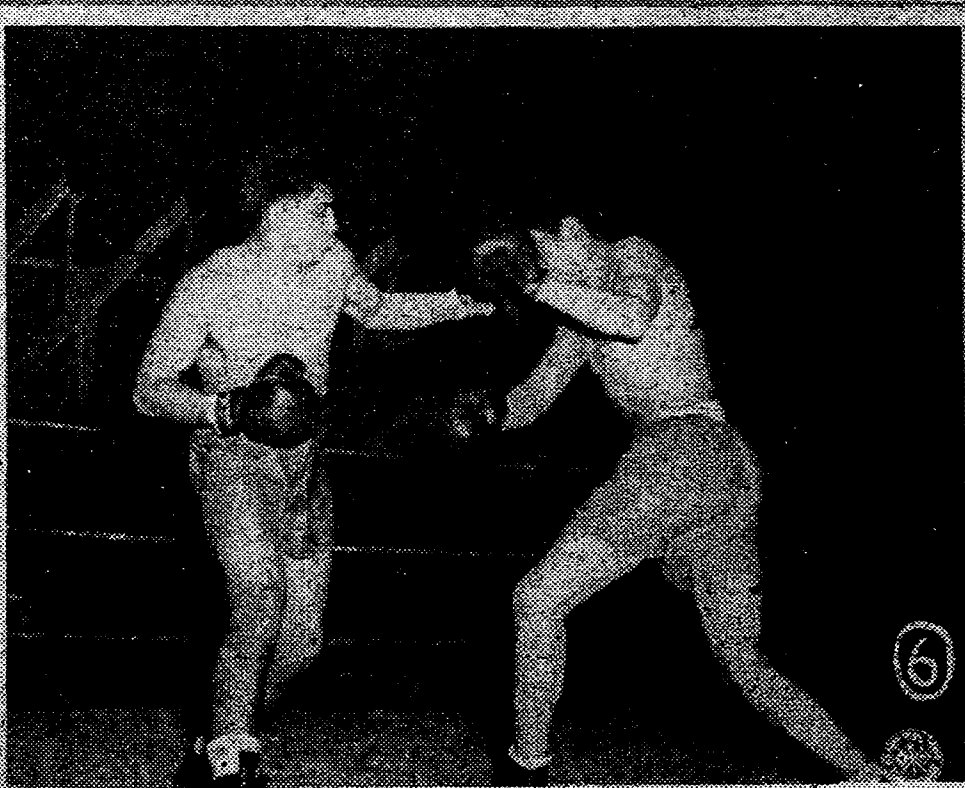
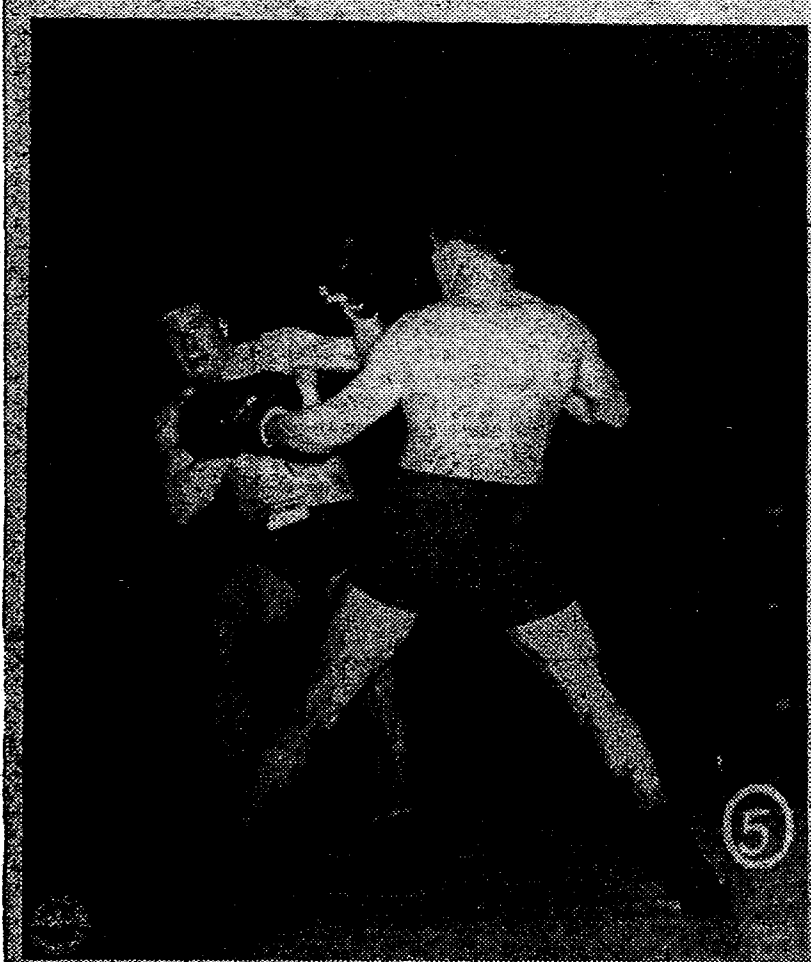
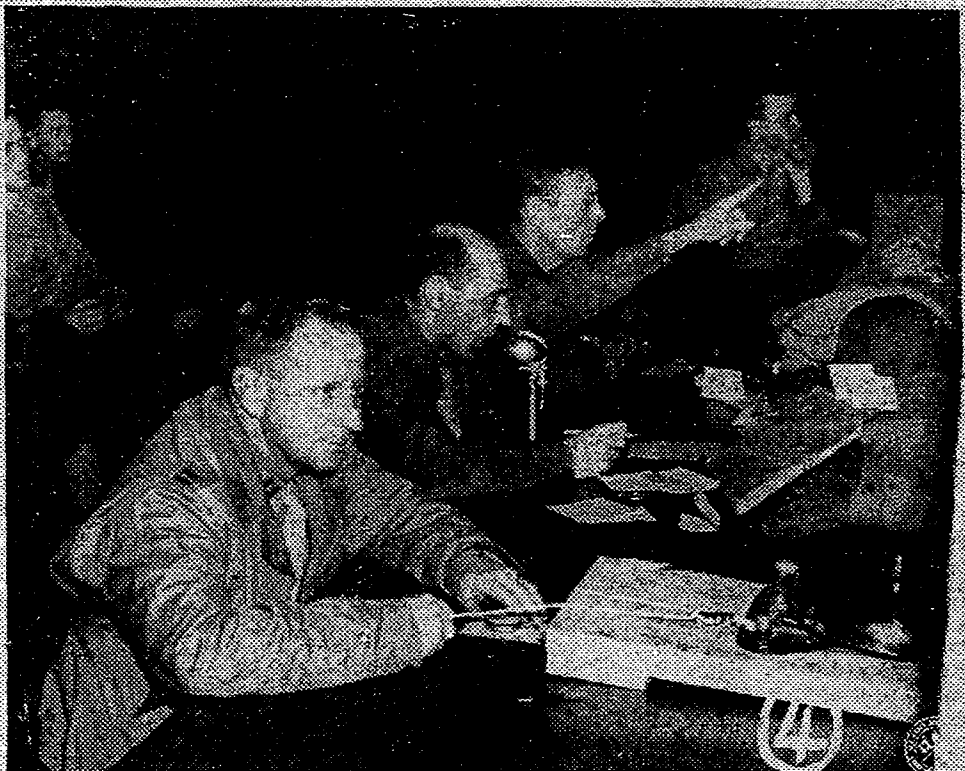
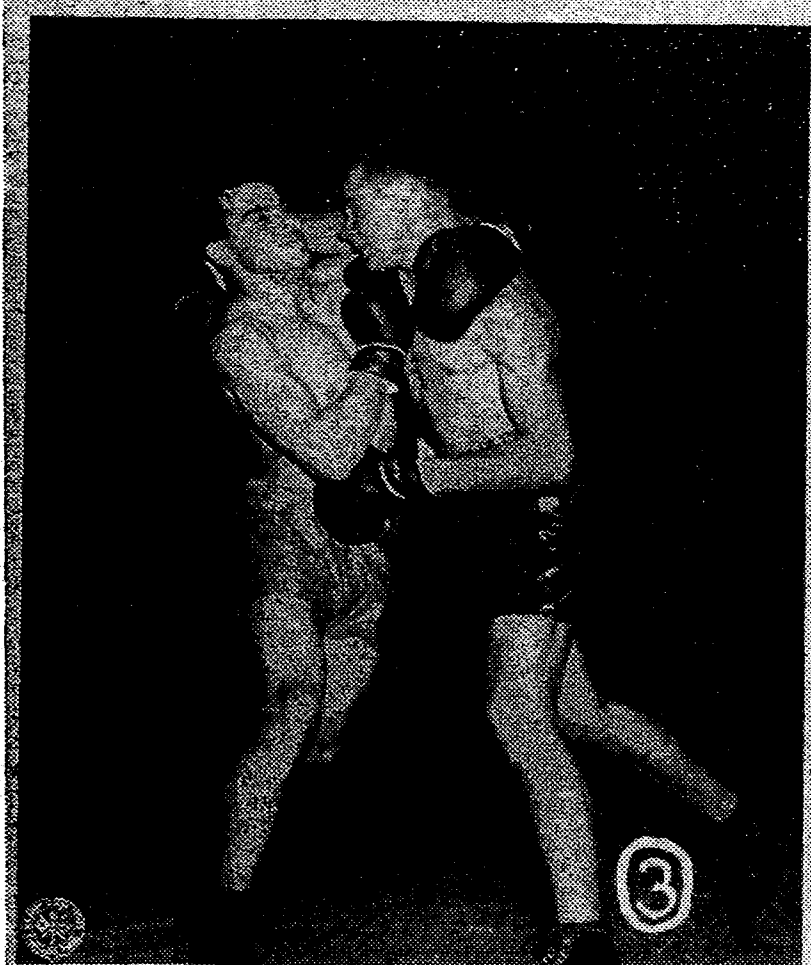
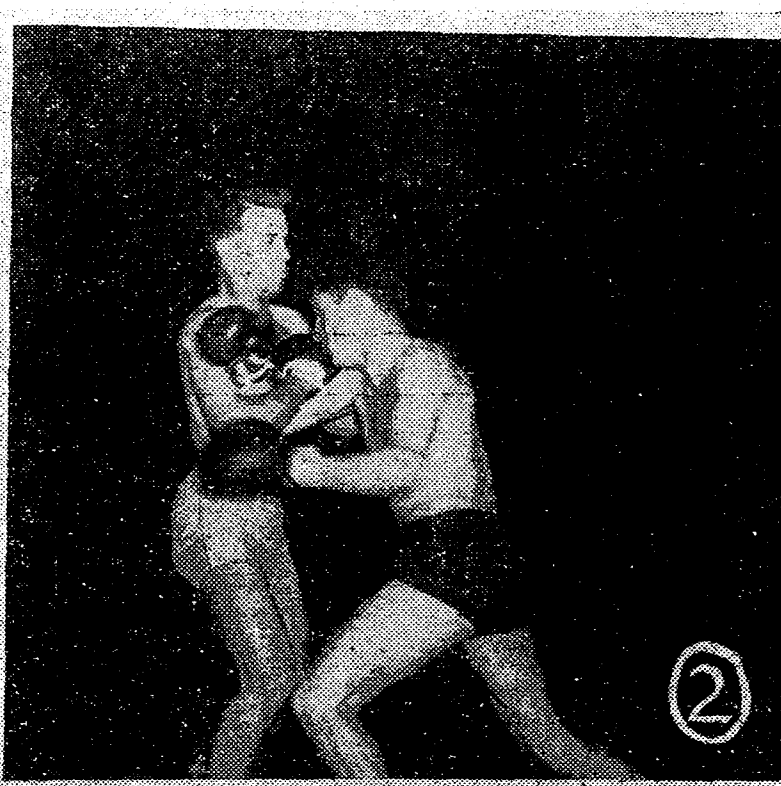
Lt. William B. Koons will be executive officer, Lt. Prentiss W. Ramsey, supply officer, Lt. John L. Johnson, Mess officer, and Capt. Elizabeth Hoffman, commanding WAC Section.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

INVEST IN FREEDOM—They didn't look old enough to be veterans, but the men from McCloskey Hospital who visited camp during the Golden Gloves Tournament had all been through major battles and had been wounded. Left, Pvt. Bruce Bennet, served on Guadalcanal and Pearl Harbor—he received a serious head injury when a shell burst within a few feet of his head. Center, Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, CG TDC, talking to Pfc. Gerald L. Hearnberger who served in the New Georgia campaign with Gen. Hester's division—he lost his left leg when a shell fragment

hit his knee. Cpl. Alfred N. Breton was at Pearl Harbor, and lost his left leg while leading a platoon against a Jap machine gun nest—six bullets in the knee. Right, Pfc. Tom Starr served in Tunisia—lost his left leg when a shell struck his jeep at Fafsa in the final drive. Cpl. Breton pretty well summed up for all of the veterans when he urged the men to buy bonds because "you need the investment; the government needs the money. While we're here, buying bonds is our part to help the fellows over there do their part."



GOLDEN GLOVE ACTION—Hundreds of fight lovers turned out for last week's Golden Gloves boxing program at the field house. No. 1 shows a portion of the throng that gathered for the Friday night finals, with Major Gen. John H. Hester, TDC commanding general, an interested spectator. No. 2 Frank Incorvia, 657th TD Bn., throws a hard right at James Duncan, 670th TD Bn., in the opening night's welterweight clash. No. 3 shows the Anthony Komaransky-Jerome Becker middleweight bout, with the fighters in a dead clinch. Becker won when Komaransky was disqualified. No. 4 gives view of tournament officials, Capt. Wilson T. Betts, UTC, timekeeper, Sgt. Robert Clemens, TDS, announcer and master of ceremonies, and Cpl. George Dillon, TDS. No. 5 Lighthheavyweight John D. Hoffman, 670th TD Bn., has Ray Mariucci, Student Regt, in a bad way in the lighthheavyweight scrap on the event's opening night. No. 6—All-American Max Kezick, 667th TD Bn., plants a stiff left to the face of Primo Gonzales, 657th TD Bn., in a fast middleweight battle of the finals, with Kezick the winner by close decision. No. 7—John T. Brown, classy middleweight of the 665th TD Bn., floors 1st Sgt. Frank Kopa, 656th TD Bn., with referee Lt. George Stautz preparing to start his count. Brown won via technical knockout.

UTC Orientation Has Full Meaning For TD's; Stress Given To Actual Facts

Battle results have proved the superior qualities of Americans as soldiers. Because the best soldiers in the best Army are informed soldiers, UTC places major emphasis on the Army program of orientation—seeing that men who are perfectly trained have been given facts about the fighting, their allies and enemy, and shown that out of war we can make a better peace.

Orientation in the army means more than just giving out news bulletins. Good orientation provides true facts which give every soldier confidence. It's a hard thing to teach, it's a hard program to push successfully—and it's so important that WD Orientation courses are a major concern of the Army.

Front pages of newspapers have charged that despite all our efforts, GI's haven't a clear picture of war aims and goals. But with the UTC-WD program, every man is given the complete story of our fight against the Axis.

Combat Spirit

Developing combat spirit through the presentation of honest facts about the enemy, about his atrocities in Europe and Asia, is one of the primary objectives of all orientation courses in the Army. Pictures and maps, specially prepared booklets and reports, all aim toward showing GI's just what kind of a danger there is in Nazi and Jap doctrines. Naturally, material for orientation is carefully selected, but only to get the most powerful effect in driving home certain truths. Some of the special films show dramatically the kind of enemy we will meet.

The other aims of orientation are more closely related, and depend on one another for showing an objective picture. The point is made by learning the strength of our allies, the strength of the enemy, the economic and political organizations in Allied countries and by encouraging pride in one's outfit.

Leaders Informed

Responsibility for the success of this big program lies in the manner in which material is presented and in the efficiency of orientation leaders. UTC insists on first orienting the officers responsible for the program. Directives are plain and straight to the point. Officers are reminded of the importance of a good program, of the criticism which has been leveled at the program in the past, and of the desire that TD's get a sound basis for aiding them in training and fighting. "The maintenance of morale is a command responsibility."

No matter how much material is used or how well it is presented, the orientation program can be worthless if the men don't profit by the material. Proper mood and atmosphere is a necessary condition of sound learning. All attempts are being made to keep UTC sessions from appearing like school lessons. The trend is toward the informal discussion group, with enough give and take so that each man feels important in the prosecution of the war.

Battalion Has Course

In the following out this Army-wide program, one of the UTC battalions, the 667th TD Bn., Co. C, had a lecture on the "Battle of Russia." But the idea, according to Capt. G. Kreher, orientation officer, was to make it more than current events. All of the men in Co. C studied history and interpret news accordingly. Five planks in this particular orientation program supported ideas essential to knowing the whole truth.

Knowing "Why We Fight" meant demonstrating the global conspiracy of the Axis. All the complicated causes of this war are defined and one result is apparent: The Axis intended to enslave the world. We fight fascism. We fight slavery. We fight for our kind of justice.

This war is so big that we need friends. That's why we must "Know Our Allies." The Nazis will try to divide but the Allies must recognize this sort of propaganda.

Building "Pride in The Outfit"

depends on showing the men that each small part taken by a soldier adds up to total victory.

When the true nature of the enemy is revealed, it isn't hard to convince a soldier that this enemy is a threat to our way of living. We must meet and beat the enemy. All our post war plans depend first on military success.

New History Approach

As a clinching proposal, this 667th company was given a chance to appreciate the history and traditions of the United States. This isn't just simple history, but an attempt to give each man

Letter, The Infantry Journal, December 1943:

"To think ideology is the bunk . . . would be . . . to ignore Cromwell's men, the armies of the young French Republic . . . the Ten Thousand of Garibaldi . . . the Fighting French, Greeks, Poles, and others . . . Does (America) no longer hate despots and despotisms. Are we merely fighting an uninspiring war of defense accidentally thrust upon us? . . . Current events programs . . . are not morale . . . You do not get to the hearts and minds of men by playing either the professor or the commentator . . . This is not a question of selling a bill of goods . . . This is a question of the ultimate aims and most urgent concerns of the human race . . ."

a realization of the ideals and principles which have made democratic living an American heritage.

This program was just one of the many phases of battalion orientation. Naturally, because in combat, units may be switched about, UTC has stressed the independence of each unit's program, coordinated with the higher headquarters. By decentralizing like this, each outfit can use its own ideas in getting across useful information.

Morale and orientation have values which can't be measured in any test of proficiency. The only test is the satisfaction that GI's have a keener, more critical sense of the war we're fighting.

Maps, books, papers, guides, lectures, teachers—all of these are used by UTC in giving mili-



KNOW YOUR ALLIES—As part of a lecture on Russia and its war effort, which was given recently, men in Co. C, 667th TD Bn. were shown points of interest on world maps. Left to right, Sgt. Robert Mathis, Cpl. Ralph Adams, Lt. Harold Clark, Sgt. Thomas Galle, Sgt. Charles Ritter, and S-Sgt. Alfred Anderson. (Story left)

664th Medics Hit Peak In Bond Sales

The medical detachment of the 664th TD Bn. was the first unit to go over the top with one hundred percent sales in the War Bond campaign. The last man to buy a bond in the detachment was in school on detached service. He sent his check to the battalion by mail.

The big War Bond Thermometer in front of the Battalion headquarters now registers 88.5, and Hirohito's face, which tops the board, is getting red. With each additional point the mercury rises from now on, the color rises on his face.

The battalion has a number of men on furlough at the present time that the bond officers have not been able to contact. When these return, Lt. Don Dunham, battalion bond officer, predicts the battalion will go over the top.

Last Thursday night a delegation of men from the Battalion visited the WAC Sect., 1848SU and the TDC WAC Det. and invited the WACs to attend their battalion dance, to be held at the USO hall in Temple on Feb. 4th.

tary personnel a definite part in a fight which will effect our lives. And the most powerful weapon in our hands is the simple truth. This is the kernel of Army orientation.

It Could Be Called A Tour Of Duty, Maybe

The case of "the chicken coming home to roost" certainly applies to 1st Sgt. Dietrich. When the Hq. and Serv. Co. of the Stud. Regt. TDS was first organized in 1942, Kramer was 1st Sgt. of the outfit. Several months later he was transferred to the Student Officers Battalion.

Thereafter, Sgt. Kramer was assigned to another company in the Stud. Regt., then another—and this week he completed a cycle in the Stud. Regt., being assigned as first sergeant of the Hq. and Serv. Co.—right where he started back in 1942.

EM Promoted In 672nd Bn.

New ratings were given out in the 672nd Bn. recently, with the following men being promoted:

Hqs. Co.: Sgt. Shelton Powell to First Sgt. Co. "B": Sgt. Paul Treanor to Staff Sgt. Cpl. James L. Coulter to Sgt. Cpl. Robert Baracca to Sgt. Cpl. George W. Staub to Sgt. T-5 Frank E. Allison Jr. to T-4, Pvt. Valentine W. Janoske to Corporal.

Co. "A": Cpl. Aubin N. Cumbie to Sgt. Cpl. Orval D. Anderson to T-4, T-5 Robert F. Wyatt to T-4, T-5 Delmar E. Folden to T-4, PFC James N. Cassell to Corporal; Co. "C": Cpl. Bertram G. Nicholls to Sgt. T-5 John Q. Fitch to T-4, PFC Anthony J. Farinaro to Corporal.



DOUBLETAKE—On the left when he was Joe Riccio, night club entertainer. On the right, GI, T-5 Joseph M. Riccio, Hq. Co., 667th TD Bn. In civilian days Riccio sang old time cowboy songs, yodeled, and played the guitar. He used to dream when he was a kid of coming to Texas, he says. See what happened to him. (Story below)

When T-5 Joseph M. Riccio, 667th TD Bn., Hq. Co., was a boy in Brooklyn, N. Y., he must have mystified his family and friends by insisting that the wail of a prairie cowboy was more music to his ears than the roar of a subway bass. Joe didn't worry too much about a receptive audience because his brother and sister both were western music lovers.

Working in a Western Union Office, he got plenty of practice with the same song—singing congratulatory telegrams. But Western Union soon found it's own music was just a side track for the cowboy of the city. Joe began entertaining and the company watched him go to his first amateur program.

Amateur Start

Joe won a lot of amateur programs, finally appearing on one of Maj. Bowes' shows and being picked for a traveling unit. He toured parts of the country with

the unit, doing the kind of singing he liked best.

The Army hasn't stopped T-5 Riccio from helping entertain soldiers. In Dallas he appeared on the radio program, "What's Your Name, Soldier?" and he was with the Red Skelton show at the field house in camp. Joe still plays for battalion shows and other groups in camp. He's pretty busy as a driver now but manages to put in evenings singing for the men.

Likes Texas

It's a long way from Brooklyn to Texas but Joe sort of likes it here, seeing the kind of a place he's been singing about for so long.

Sure, after the war he's going to go back to vaudeville work, singing with a first hand appreciation, the songs of the Texas range; because even though his home in Brooklyn was next to Ebbetts Field, Joe didn't get to see the Dodgers . . . too busy singing and yodeling.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"That's basic English he's teaching them, I'm 4-F!"

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Heroes In Our War

No one can honestly arrange a table showing the relative worth of war heroes. This is such a complete war that there are all kinds of heroes in all degrees of importance. Only the sum of all their contributions adds up to our total victory.

Certain techniques were identified with the last war which have in this one become outmoded. We have yet to see large scale trench warfare. We still have individual air battles, but most of our air fighting involves large formations of machines and men. This is also true of land fighting.

We don't have as much of the old fashioned idea of war—like knights battling on horses—because modern war in its most successful operation, depends on cooperation and teamwork. All major land sea and air operations are planned to bring into effect the most possible firepower on a given target. Mass air raids, huge landing operations, and coordinated ground assaults employ all arms and services.

Some Unnoticed

This concept of war has seemingly stressed teamwork so much that sometimes individual participation appears lost in the gigantic offensives. But for this possible loss in individual notice and attention, we have achieved a powerful crushing military machine that wins battles because each man in the team plays a vital part.

That's where the mention of heroes becomes involved. In spite of this cooperation which demands that individuals fight within the framework of the team, we have thousands of men who have won respect for heroic personal action. We have given all our praise and thanks to those that have been singled out.

Each Has A Role

But in a war depending so much on large actions, many valiant deeds have been unnoticed. Being a hero, in the popular sense, is frequently a matter of chance. Each man in every branch of the service who has done his given part is as much a hero as those that receive public attention. We haven't got time for setting up a hierarchy of heroes.

This same policy has universal application. War workers, soldiers in training, farmers who raise the food, women in service and war work—all have a responsibility and a claim to the name hero. Every person must feel the satisfaction that comes from knowing that a tough job is being well done. Naturally, all can't be picked for special mention. That's the kind of war we're fighting. All kinds of people all over the world suffer and sacrifice. They are also heroes.

All Sacrifice Hurts

Part of the styles of war has been the attempt that some people make to set standards of heroism and gallantry. Men and women who with sincere modesty have done their part are given special ratings in this scale. You can't set a price on sacrifice. It all hurts somehow.

At times it seems difficult to realize that everyone is playing a part in the war. It's hard to keep level on this. And it's easy to go off the deep end. That's why all those "ratings" assigned to heroes are worthless and unfair. You can't measure a man's contribution to victory. The quicker all of us give the whole team just credit, the more our individual roles will assume their true importance.

Even in the services themselves there have been times when groups of men with different assignments have been rated on the heroes' scale. Perhaps there is one just answer to this whole question. Sgt. Barney Ross made it after he came back from Guadalcanal, a Marine hero. With earnest reverence, Barney Ross said, "The only heroes are those who didn't come back."

Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Panther:

The reason that this GI failed in his securing of that wedding furlough lies in the fact that he did not go strong enough.

When one makes an all out attack he should use all forces at his command. He left out his heavy artillery.

He should have quoted Deuteronomy 24:5, that would have brought his victory. (Maybe).

Cordially yours,

T. O. Perrin

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, Texas.

EDITORS NOTE: Bible takes no sides, provides strength for any cause. On marrying, Deut., 24:5; "When a man hath taken a new

wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business; but he shall be free at home one year and shall cheer up his wife he hath taken."

Editor, The Panther:

The Panther in general is the best-edited and newsy camp newspaper that I have ever seen and I have seen quite a few of them. At our previous station in the states I thought about the camp paper but when I saw it decided that I couldn't learn anything working on it so gave it up as a bad job. Your articles are very timely, especially the training and stories of men coming back from the front. There were several things in there that I didn't know



Since Leap Year is a girl's year, it seemed only fair that we find out what they thought of it and what they're doing about it; and we asked four WACs:

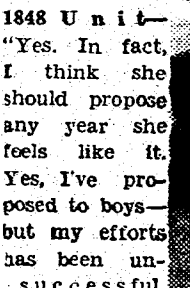
DO YOU THINK GIRLS OUGHT TO PROPOSE DURING LEAP YEAR? HAVE YOU? WOULD YOU?

T-5 Margie Murphy, WAC Sect.



1848 Unit—
"No. Because it's not a girl's place to propose. I've never proposed to a boy. I wouldn't under any circumstances. No, I couldn't be tempted to. No, not even if he were bashful. I'm sure I wouldn't—at least I'm pretty sure I wouldn't."

T-5 Charlotte Smith, WAC Sect.



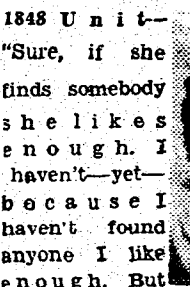
1848 Unit—
"Yes. In fact, I think she should propose any year she feels like it. Yes, I've proposed to boys—but my efforts has been unsuccessful. Sure, I might try again. I don't see any reason why proposing should be exclusively a male prerogative."

T-5 Bessie Cartimiglia, WAC Sect., 1848 Unit



—Yes, I think she should if she wants to. I've proposed three times—that's enough for one man. Now I'll wait for him to get around to it. I think it's fun proposing, and I don't see why girls shouldn't."

T-4 Ruth Herdman, WAC Sect., 1848 Unit



"Sure, if she finds somebody she likes enough. I haven't yet—because I haven't found anyone I like enough. But when I do find somebody I like enough, if he were bashful, I certainly wouldn't hesitate to propose to him."

(Editor's Note: Our polling reporter is notoriously naïve about women, so we can not say if the WACs who answered were on the level or kidding him.)

Pioneer Platoon Builds Bridge In Record Time

In January 17 the Pioneer platoon of Rcn. Co., 658th TD Bn. began construction of a timber bridge on the banks of Clear Creek in the CWS Tng. area.

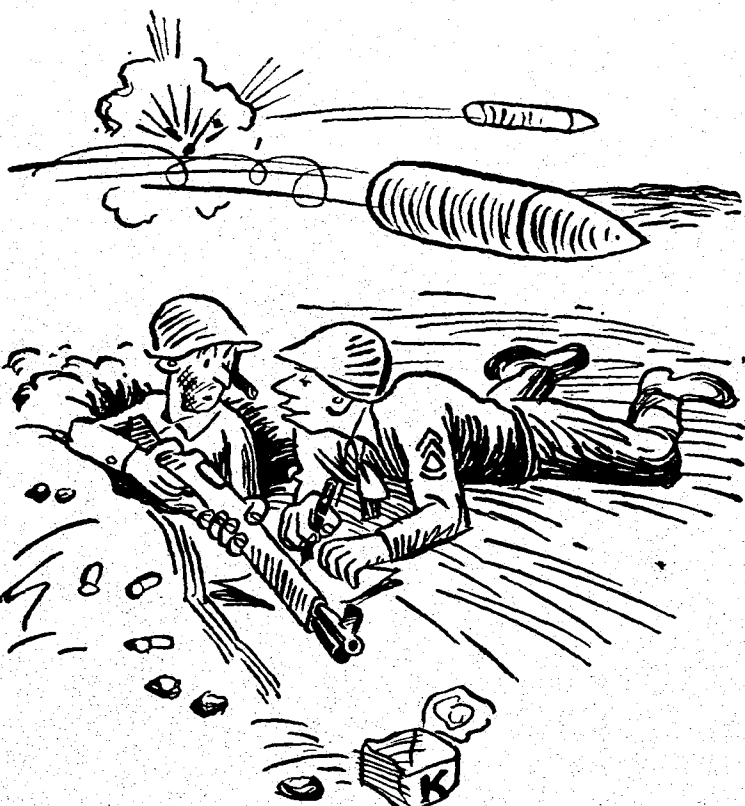
The platoon under the leadership of S-Sgt. Warren R. Lewis, labored steadily through mud, rain and snow to build a 87 foot bridge sturdy enough to carry a jeep or a motorcycle.

Although the platoon was less than half strength the work was done almost the time an entire platoon would have taken.

and usually we get the latest dope and training films here.

All in all, the Panther is tops and rates four stars.

Sgt. B. Henry, North Africa.



By Sgt. Stanley Farnham

"How many weeks of basic did you have?"

Note On TD Forces

The Tank Destroyer Force was created to meet the challenge of German Armored units which had so recently over-run the weapons and tactics of defense at the start of this war. T.D.'s have met these armored units on the battlefield and already have altered the tactics of the enemy. In the future T.D.'s promise to exert an important influence on the whole course of the war.

From reports of the battlefields of Africa, of Sicily, and of Italy German mechanized units were stopped and were destroyed. Success in battle against the combined might of the enemy is the ultimate goal of every army and every branch or force in that army. In maneuvers, the final test of a unit before actual combat, T.D.'s have shown up in an excellent light, not only in their tactics but also in that very vital respect—discipline. As far as actual combat is concerned, we can and are holding our heads high with pride in the tremendous success of our brothers in arms overseas.

The "esprit de corps" of T.D. enlisted personnel is high. Headquarters have been flooded with requests from personnel in other branches to transfer to Tank Destroyer units. Officers who have been sent to other branches have written requesting information as to how to go about getting back with T.D. units. Letters have poured in commending T.D. personnel on their appearance and courtesy while executing their duties and while on leave.

We are good, and we know it. It is not necessary for us to create

any "esprit de corps"—we have it. It is necessary, however, for unit commanders to maintain this "esprit" by demanding perfection in such qualities as discipline and courtesy. Pride in one's unit is measured by the morale as shown by this discipline and courtesy.

The wearing of the distinguished insignia is an evidence of pride in one's organization. Tank Destroyer men—wear the correct piping on your garrison caps, wear the shoulder patch and the lapel ornaments! Officers—wear the Tank Destroyer collar insignia.

Wedding Bells

First Sgt. Paul A. Yankowich, Co. B, 672nd TD Bn. was married last Saturday to the former Miss Ruby Tucker of Waco.

PFC Sidney R. Siegel, Hq. Co., 672nd TD Bn., married Miss Marjorie Purdhomme of Opelousas, La., during a furlough there.

Sergeant major Paul R. Williams, 672nd TD Bn., was married Christmas to the former Miss Ruth Gough of Ft. Worth. They are now living in Temple.

Co. B, 660th TD Bn. had three marriages recently. with PFC Johnny L. Dywier tying the knot Jan. 15, S-Sgt. Robert Tynes Jan. 6, and Lt. R. Rasmussen Dec. 14.

Second Lt. William A. Miller, Hq. Co., 660th TD Bn., was married Friday night to Miss Billie Reid of Nacadoches, Texas. The ceremony was performed in the Post Chapel by Chaplain Alrik A. Bloomquist of 20th Group.

Mrs. Miller is employed at the post headquarters telephone exchange.

PFC. Joseph Piela, Rcn. Co., 667th TD Bn., married the former Miss Beatrice Luehke of Chicago, Ill., when he was home on furlough recently.

S-Sgt. Herbert R. Abbott, Co. B, 666th TD Bn., was married in Pine City, Minn., on his furlough recently.

Service Command Office Receive Promotions

Promotions were announced this week for the following ASF officers of 1848th Service Command unit:

To be 1st Lieuts.: Leslie V. Nicewarner, Robert A. Barr, Chas. P. Atchison.

To be Captains: Robert C. Griffin, Henry P. Grounds, William R. Lace, Cecil G. Livingston.

To be Major: Horace G. Becker.

Army Quiz

1. There are 20,000 WACs serving at United States air fields and bases. How many different jobs are they employed in?
2. How many acres of land have been utilized for airfields used by the RAF and the United States Air Forces in Great Britain?
3. Who is the Public Relations Officer in Bougainville?
4. How much fuel do transport planes flying fuel into China burn?
5. In what motion picture does Air Marshal Goering promise the German people all over again that Allies will never bomb Germany?
6. How many war bonds did Kate Smith sell last fall?

(Answers Page Seven)

129th Bn., RTC WACs Win Mess Hall Awards

Best Mess hall award in the RTC for this week went to the men in the 129th RTC Bn. The top Officer's Mess was the Hq. Officer's mess, and the WAC Co., RTC won the rating among mess halls in TD Companies.

EM Trains Pigeons For 670th TD Bn.

By T-5 Tom Dundon
670th TD Bn.

According to Pfc. Louis A. Lucie, Hq. Co., 670th TD Bn., a pigeon circling in the sky is not merely something to view with an apprehensive eye, as a menace to a new hat. To him it's an opportunity to transform the cooing, soft-eyed object into a sleek, streamlined courier, carrying messages that will spell doom for Nazi tanks.

In addition to his duties as message center clerk, Lucie, a pigeoneer sans portfolio, has provided his battalion with an additional means of communication and, through the adaptation of his civilian hobby to military purposes, has given the 670th the distinction of being the only TD battalion on the post with its own flock of flying messengers.

A specially constructed mobile loft, mounted on a trailer in the 670th's motor pool, acts as barracks, messhall, and basic training center for Lucie's pigeon platoon. There were, at the last census, 19 recognized members of the squadron, plus one interloper, who is AWOL from Maj. Baughn's flock at the Training Brigade. Thirteen of the 670th's flock a gift from Maj. Baughn, were transferred from the Training Brigade, to serve, it is presumed, as cadre for the six recruits that Lucie drafted from the Bronx, N. Y., without benefit of greetings from the President or concern to their friends and neighbors. Like most recruits, the six Bronxites were bewildered by the severe aspect of their army quarters when they first arrived, but since then they have adapted themselves and now are as unconcerned by their surroundings as the GI veterans from the Training Brigade.

Cover Great Distance

In trial flights, the 670th birds have ranged as far as 50 miles. Pfc. Lucie is fully confident that the flock, even in their present state of training, can cover an area of 100 miles, at speeds ranging from 35 to over 40 miles per hour.

The pigeon, as a military messenger, is almost as old as organized warfare. It is known that pigeons were employed by the Spartans and accompanied Caesar in his campaigns. More recently, pigeons were used by field artillery units, on both sides, during the first World War. Modern radio equipment has, for the most part, replaced the pigeon in modern warfare. However, when radio silence is imposed for either mechanical or tactical reasons,

pigeons are very often the ideal means of communication.

Individual Birds

Each of his pigeons has, according to Lucie, very definite individual characteristics. For instance, there's "Frankie"; she's the jealous type. Just prior to a recent battalion problem, Frankie was allowed to see "Johnnie", her hitherto faithful mate, cuddling with "Cleopatra", a cute bit of fluff, but a hussy, if there ever was one. Frankie broke all her previous speed records in returning to the loft that night, with a message in a capsule around her leg and her tail feathers twitching in high annoyance. No one really knows what Frankie said to Johnnie when she returned.

Then, there's "Chowhound", always first to meet Lucie when he opens the loft at feeding time, and "Goldbrick", who has to be forced to take his daily exercise flight. Lucie's favorite is "Capsule Packin' Mamma", a titian-feathered daughter of famous racing parents, whose army achievements have justified her heritage and Lucie's pride.

Old Pigeonier

No novice as a pigeonier, Lucie has been breeding and raising homing pigeons since he was a youngster. At the National Pigeon Show, a pre-war annual at New York's Madison Square Garden, his fancy pigeon entries were consistent blue ribbon winners.

Life, among the 670th's flock, is generally serene and in absolute accord with strict military discipline. However, Lucie reluctantly admits, every now and then you-know-what raises its ugly head and some hen raises a ruckus and attempts to chase a rival out into the cold winter air. "It's the females", Lucie says, "they just don't understand the army."

GI Paints EM Oil Portraits

Pvt. Joe McKibben of the Publications Department TDS, is a former portrait painter.

A graduate of the famed High Museum of Art at Atlanta, McKibben later embarked on a full time career of portrait painting in Atlanta, and was thus occupied when war broke out.

Today, he is still doing portrait work nightly, on his own time, as word has spread among the men in camp of the fine oil portraits he has done here.



GI'S FOR GREASY—He's the mascot of the destroyer section of the weapons Dept., TDS, and "Greasy" is cared for by T-5 Ervin Iczkowski. The boys had a pair of simulated GI shorts made for the dog and now they're making sure that he watches his diet.



BIRD IN THE HAND—Pfc. Louis A. Lucia, unofficial pigeonier in Hq. Co., 670th TD Bn. releases one of the birds, left, and lower right, Lucia holds a bird in the battalion's own loft. Top left, Lucia explains to T-5 Richard P. Boushie, Hq. Co., the proper method of attaching a capsule to a bird's leg and also the correct way to hold a pigeon. The battalion uses the birds to carry messages in the field. (Story left.)

Mississippi River Has Lure For The Sergeant From Missouri; Life Near Water Is Post War Ambition

By Sgt. Robert Clemens

Tech. Sgt. Newton W. Lewis of the Reproduction Department, TDS, can tell you of the many moods of the Mississippi river; a soldier who never left its banks far enough (if he could help it!) for the great river to be completely out of sight.

Lewis was in the printing business for twenty years in St. Louis where he was born and raised. He was in charge of a night crew at one of the city's largest printing firms when he entered the service.

Being devoted to the printing business, his talents paid him the dividends he had always sought; that was some manner in which he could get intimately closer with the Mississippi River.

Read About River

As a lad, Sgt. Lewis avidly read all he could find on the subject. To him the Mississippi had tales to tell that he felt nobody else could understand. He knew that the river had a message for everybody who ever got close to it, but he felt that his message from "Ole Man River" was something special—just for him.

His home, which he built jointly with his dad, overlooks the river.

The "Admiral," one of the largest boats out of St. Louis, oftentimes passed so close that, from the house, Lewis could see the features of passengers on the dance floor which covered an entire deck of the boat.

Not long after he became an apprentice printer Sgt. Lewis owned his first motor boat and cut himself a bigger slice of the river than he'd ever had in his life before. At the same time he acquired the lust for speed, and for this outlet he entered the dirt track racing circuit. He was doing fairly well at this when the most overpowering urge of his life impelled him to forsake racing and buy a 20-foot boat powered with an aeroplane engine—and the Mississippi had won a final victory. Newton Lewis was back in the fold. On the heels of the boat Lewis also secured his own resort cottage on the Merrimac River which runs into the Mississippi.

This was his haven or heaven, as the case may be, until the war. From his cottage he would often

slip into the Mississippi whenever the mood prompted him, and he explored the great river, fulfilling every boyhood dream he had ever had on the subject!

Sgt. Newton Lewis is in charge of the lithograph section at the Reproduction Department, still in the printing business.

His ambition? That shouldn't be hard to guess. And you're right, To help end the war; to go back to St. Louis, his cottage on the Merrimac, his boat—and so, to return to the Mississippi River.

Mess Sgt. Starts With Hamburger.

The first five-cent hamburger stand started in the Memphis area of Tenn., was conceived, owned, and operated by Fred Bennett in Huntington, a small town. That was before the chain stands made their advent on that part of the state.

Following his induction, Bennett was sent to Temple during the period before Camp Hood was activated. There he operated the mess for the DEML and the MP's.

When the camp was ready, he was assigned to the Acad. Regt. mess hall, where today he is a S-Sgt. assistant mess sergeant, still dishing out hamburgers—for free.

UTC Men Get Conduct Bar

Awards of good conduct medals to enlisted men in UTC recently included the following men:

Hq. Co. UTC
Sgt. Robert W. Berry
Sgt. Walter I. Mason
Sgt. John B. Watson
Tec. 5 Neal C. Lerson
Pfc. Curtis V. Corn
Pfc. Melvin W. Laffer
Pfc. Donald M. Marvin, Jr.
Pfc. John Seiczek
Pvt. Stanley J. Janczak
Pvt. Johnnie W. Savage
Pvt. Walter R. Techow
Sgt. Charles C. Kuchar
Sgt. William E. Phelps
Tec. 4 Ralph W. Waterman
Pfc. Robert L. Brown
Pfc. Russell K. Klein
Pfc. Leon J. Felton
Pfc. Wendell I. Reed
Pvt. Fred Garrison
Pvt. Sam E. McCaskill
Pvt. Frank Sobiecki
Hq. Co. 107th N
Sgt. John Derek
Pfc. Harold W. Dague
Pfc. Roy L. Rice
Pvt. Isadore Greenberg
Tec. 5 Louis J. Stackler
Pfc. Oval B. Haverly
Pvt. Stanley C. Aubertor
Hq. Co. 107th N
Cpl. James N. Dahhr
Pfc. Gunner A. Bonidick
Pfc. Salvatore Pabozzi
Pfc. Virgil H. McDowell
Pvt. Richard F. Balier
Pvt. William J. Coszens
Pvt. Hyman Wasserstein
Tec. 5 William Guido
Pfc. Mike Cholka
Pfc. Charles S. Kallisher
Pvt. Harry C. Adams
Pvt. Harold M. Cohen
vt. Lewis A. Lewis, Jr.

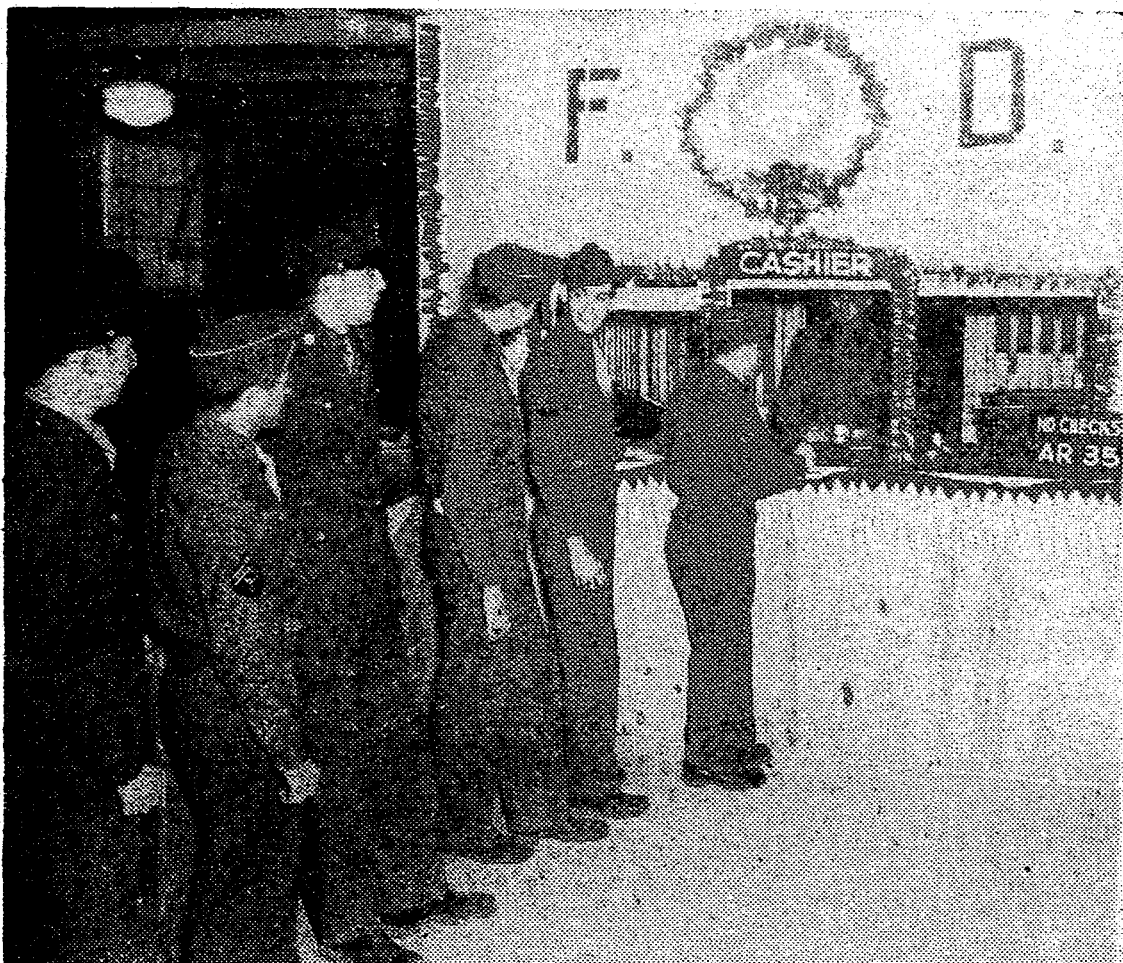
Sgt. Davis Father

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Robert A. Davis are the parents of a 10 pound 2 1-2 ounce baby boy, born January 5, in New Orleans. S-Sgt. Davis is in the Camp Personnel Office.



37th St. and 162nd St. Theaters
Fri.—The Racket Man.
Sat.—The Rains Came.
Sun.—Standing Room Only.
Tues.—Career Girl and Rookies In Burma.
Wed.—Thurs.—Jane Eyre.
Hood Road and 24th St. Theater
Thurs.—Fri.—A Guy Named Joe.
Sat.—Career Girl and Rookies In Burma.
Sun.—Madam Curie.
Tues.—The Racket Man.
Wed.—The Rains Came.
Thurs.—Fri.—Standing Room Only.
Brigade Ave. Theater
Thurs.—Fri.—Lifeboat.
Sat.—Sun.—A Guy Named Joe.
Mon.—Career Girl and Rookies In Burma.
Tues.—Wed.—Madam Curie.
72nd St. Theater
Thurs.—The Racket Man.
Fri.—Sat.—Madam Curie.

Sun.—The Racket Man.
Mon.—The Rains Came.
Tues.—Wed.—Standing Room Only.
Thurs.—Career Girl and Rookies In Burma.
Ave. "D" Theater
Fri.—Sat.—The Miracle Of Morgan's Creek.
Sun.—Mon.—Desert Song.
Tues.—The Spider Woman and Casanova In Burlesque.
Wed.—Thurs.—A Guy Named Joe.
15th and 15th St. Theaters
Fri.—Sat.—The Fighting Seabees.
Sun.—Mon.—Lifeboat.
Thurs.—Wed.—Desert Song.
Thurs.—The Spider Woman and Casanova In Burlesque.
10th and 4th St. Theaters
Thurs.—Fri.—Desert Song.
Sat.—The Spider Woman and Casanova In Burlesque.
Sun.—Mon.—The Fighting Seabees.
Tues.—Wed.—Lifeboat.
Thurs.—Madam Curie.



HAPPY DAY—Just for the chance to get that close to it, these GIs posed for a picture at the pay window—Left to right: Pfc. Morris Abrashkin, Tec 5 Joseph Keller, Pvt. Robert L. Dhalstrom, Pvt. Elton Davis, Tec 5 Frank Nocella, and Pvt. Herman Goldman line up in front of the Pay Window in the Finance Office at North Camp Hood as Tec 4 Robert Pitman prepares to settle their difficulties. (Story below.)

When a GI steps up to the pay table, salutes and receives his pay, that's the end of the transaction so far as he is concerned. But there is a great deal of involved technical work which has had to be done to enable a soldier to pick up his pay for the month.

"Short Snorter" Dollar Found Among Cafeteria Bills In North Camp

On Jan. 28, 1944 someone visited the Twelfth Street Service Club at North Camp and inadvertently spent a well-traveled "short snorter" bill. It bears the date 12-23-43, and is signed by Sally Dean, Odessa, Texas. A name, barely decipherable as (possibly) Leland L. Dick, and a string of foreign names, ending with "Hawaii, Midway, Solomons", appear on this dollar bill. There are several other identifying features.

The bill was found in the day's receipts from the Twelfth Street Service Club by Private Taylor McLaurin, cashier for the Special Services Office at North Camp.

TD Officer's Mother, Major In WACs, Dies

On January 27, 1944, the 658th TD Bn. learned of the tragic death of Maj. Lillian Reilly, mother of 2nd Lt. John A. Reilly of Rcn. Co. Major Reilly was commanding officer of the WACs at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. She was one of the first women in the WACs to attain the rank of Major.

A Baby Is Born

T-5 and Mrs. Samuel A. Lillibridge announce the birth of a baby boy born recently at the McCloskey Hospital in Temple. T-5 Lillibridge is with the 133rd Army Band.

Training Program

An intense physical program is now under way in the 668th TD Bn., designed to put every man in the battalion in top physical condition. The program is scheduled for 12 weeks.

Lieutenant Dad

A daughter was born in Temple Jan. 12 to Lt. and Mrs. Edward A. Kwiecinski. Lt. Kwiecinski is with the 672nd Bn. Co. B.

It's A Baby Boy

Sgt. and Mrs. Bruce Shirley have a new baby boy, Billy Joe. Sgt. Shirley is with Hq. Co., RTC.

At North Camp Capt. Leslie L. Lentz, assisted by 2nd Lt. R. J. French supervises 30 enlisted men as they compute and brief the payrolls for every organization on duty at North Camp. This includes the supplemental payrolls for men who have missed signing the regular payrolls. Furlough ration money, which was formerly paid separately, now is added to the regular payroll.

Not Simple Job

Computation of these payrolls is not as simple a procedure as it sounds. A wide knowledge of a maze of Army Regulations, which are constantly changing, and which govern the pay of enlisted men is required. Members of the finance department who prepare these payrolls must know what remarks, supporting papers and certificates are necessary in each individual entry. When the payrolls have been audited and paid they are submitted to Lt. Col. Paul Jones, Fiscal Director of Camp Hood, to whom the North Camp office is accountable.

A "change list" designating the number of bills of each denomination and the silver currency necessary to pay off each man correctly, must be compiled for each organizational payroll and this, too, is done by the enlisted men.

When a troop movement is ordered and a kitchen car is not available on the train, the enlisted men are paid a cash ration allowance. This requires a careful check of orders, number of days of travel, etc. These cash ration allowances are paid to each man individually at the finance office.

Emergencies may catch enlisted men financially unprepared. In such cases the soldiers, with the approval of their organizational commander, may draw partial pay, an "advance" on their pay for the current month, through the finance office.

Soldiers' deposits ordinarily are handled through the Finance Office. Such deposits, made initially in the amount of \$5.00 or more, draw interest at the rate of four per cent per annum. The finance officers are particularly anxious for enlisted men at North Camp Hood to become acquainted with the soldiers' deposits system.

While all allotments made by enlisted men take effect immediately upon notification to the finance office from the military personnel office, even though such notification may not be supported by an official form—which can be delivered later—the finance office cannot discontinue such allotments until notification of discontinuance has been formally presented.

New Battle Book At TDS Library

An unusual volume has been added to the bookshelves of the TDS Library this week. "To All Hands," by Lieut. John Mason Brown, former drama critic.

Detailed by Admiral Kirk to act as announcer and commentator over the ship's loudspeaker system during the Sicilian invasion, Lt. Brown described the battle to the large proportion of the crew that could not see what was going on.

Men below decks, whose duties required concentration on gun sights or charts or radio dials, were kept informed of the action. Admiral Kirk, who believed every man aboard had a right to know as much as was not dangerous to security.

The book is essentially a transcript of Lt. Brown's programs, illustrated with many pictures and sketches.

Study Classes Formed New; Applications Are Still Available In Units

With the first forms that have been turned in to orderly rooms for enrolling in free-time study courses, the camp special service office has started classes in several subjects.

Classes in shorthand will be held in the 657th Bn. school building at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday and at the 37th St. Service Club at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday. The Military Correspondence class will meet in the 37th St. Club Monday at 7:30 P. M., elementary Spanish at the 162nd St. Service Club Monday and Thursday at 7:00 p. m., beginning French at the 37th St. Service Club Friday night at 7:30, and a Portuguese class at the 162nd St. Service Club at 8 p. m. Thursday.

Application blanks may still be obtained in orderly rooms and turned in there.

Rifle, Carbine Marks, Made By Co. B, 660 Bn.

The scores for Carbine and Rifle Firing of Company 'B', 660th TD Bn. were a set of almost perfect marks.

Firing of the Carbine on the Familiarization Course and Record firing showed the final percentage for qualification for the EM was 97 percent and the Officers 100 percent. On the Transition Firing the EM fired 100 percent and the Officers 100 percent. The transition firing of the Rifle resulted in the EM firing 100 percent and the Officers the same.

To win a bet Lt. Upton, the company commander picked up the Carbine and fired with one hand, thru the entire Transition Course, with a perfect score.

Army's Mail Service Activated Right After War Was Declared; Deliveries Are Still Rushed

Fast and efficient mail service to the Army is as important a mobile factor as the supplying of good food. This is particularly true under conditions of global warfare, when whole Armies may be stationed thousands of miles from home—and the mails provide the only common link between the soldier in the field and his family, relatives, and friends.

During the first few months of World War I the Army Postal Service was largely operated by civilians. Later it was superseded by the Postal Express Service as a unit of the Army. In World War II, however, the Army mail service, staffed entirely with Military personnel, has been operated from the outset as a vital and an important branch of the War Department.

The task of mail service to the Armed Forces is enormous. Surface and Air mail, V-Mail, money orders, and parcel post service are provided from Alaska, and Iceland in the North, to Australia and New Zealand in the South, around the far reaches of the equator from the middle of the Pacific to the interior of India and shores of Africa.

Service Begins Early

Many perplexing facts are present in providing efficient and adequate mail service. The first of these relates to the activation of the Army Postal Service. It is the one service of the Army which comes into existence automatically only upon a declaration of war, conversely, it passes out of existence with the cessation of hostilities and the signing of the Peace Treaty.

The regularity and dispatch with which the United States mail moves through civil postal channels in peace time makes it difficult to realize that the same expeditious and comprehensive mail service can not be expected in time of war. Upon the declaration of war an efficient plan was immediately instituted in the Army to organize and administer the receipt, prompt dispatch, and delivery of mail.

A few of the difficulties encountered in the Army war services are adjustment to local and changing conditions—depending on the theater of operations—transportation, establishment of transfer points, and loss of mails through enemy action.

Some Lost At Sea

The intensity of warfare on the high seas has resulted in far greater percentage of mail being

lost through enemy action during the present war than was the case in 1917 and 1918. This latter figure is one which is too often overlooked by military and civilian personnel when mail is lost. It is a factor over which the Army Postal Service and the War Department has no control.

Naturally, under adverse conditions of operations, complaints are received and inevitably will continue to be received for the duration of the war. The Army Postal Service, however, has maintained a superior standard of Service to the Armed Forces. It is providing the most efficient and comprehensive service ever had by any other Army. From the highest ranking officer to the company mail clerk in the field, the well-being and cheerfulness of the soldier are the driving impulse in performing the duties of the Army Postal Service.

New Limit On Furloughs For Men In The ASF

The total number of days furlough allowed members of the Army Service Forces will be 15 in any given fiscal year. There will be no travel time. The only exception to this policy will be a proven emergency.

Any man in the ASF who has had a furlough since July 1, 1943 will not be eligible for another furlough until July 1, 1944.

There has been no change in Army Ground Forces furlough policy.

First Battalion Dance At Temple Is Successful For Men Of The 668th

Music, girls and laughter, filled an evening recently for the enlisted men of the 668th TD Bn. when they journeyed to Temple for their first battalion dance at the Temple USO club.

Girls from both the Temple and Belton USO clubs were guests. Music was provided by the 133 Army Band. Arrangements for the dance were made by Lt. Hill, Special Service Officer of the battalion, who has promised more of the same.

Correct Scores For 656th's Fire Record

Several of the figures in last week's story about 656th setting a firing record were incorrect. The correct figures are 155 out of a possible 180 for the average actual hits in the AGF Platoon Proficiency Firing Test; it was the 660th that previously scored 141 hits for M10s; Lt. Arthur Lynch and Sgt. Michael Beckins, Co. C, 656th, scored 80 per cent, for a company average of 83.8 per cent.

Headline Review

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

With what Eugene Burns, Associated Press Correspondent, called the greatest battlefleet in world history, our forces in the Pacific have begun to attack the Marshall Islands.

The final verdict in the Pacific may well be indicated by the outcome of this battle. There is no retreat for either side; both sides must stand and slug it out.

The size of the operation is beyond anything ever attempted. Ships from every sector of the Pacific have converged on the Marshalls; marines, sailors, seabees, and soldiers are in it. Adm. Nimitz has committed himself unequivocally, he has prepared the fleet to turn back anything the Japs throw against us.

Prisoners Tortured

This operation came close upon an official disclosure from Washington that the Japs had horribly tortured prisoners they took at Bataan and Corrigidor. The Japs blandly stated that our accusation was a cover-up for bad treatment we gave Jap prisoners.

President Roosevelt declared that the United States was determined to track down the perpetrators of such atrocities as beheading American aviators and burying prisoners alive.



SPECIAL—The men of the 649th TD Bn. have a special pinup girl—Hazel Scott. The agile player of torrid piano blues answered their announcement that they had chosen her as the girl they "would like to fight to win for" with the graciously inscribed picture above.



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, 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday, 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., Thurs., 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.
JEWS
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.



ACHES AND PAINS OF A THREE DAY PASS—"Oh boy, gee whiz, *****, I got it. A pass. All I gotta do is make my bed, and clean all my equipment, and scrub the barracks and latrines, and windows, and if I pass inspection, and the sahge can wipe the floor with his handkerchief and not get it dirty, I get a pass. Oh boy, a pass for six hours. (The second in a heart-twisting series. Posed by S-Sgt. Sid Katz, OCS Regt.)

36th Div. Man Watched M-10 Blast Five Tanks

By Lt. E. R. Barnhill

An outstanding feat of tank destroyer gunnery in the mountains of Italy in which an M10 crew knocked out five German tanks with as many rounds is related by PFC. Raymond D. Horton of the 36th division, who observed barely 100 yards from the destroyer.

PFC Horton is now at McCloskey Army General hospital, receiving treatment for a shell fragment wound suffered as he was watching the M10 rip apart the enemy armor. He describes the engagement in this manner:

"We were moving north above Altaville on September 14, five days after the initial landings at Salerno. I was a messenger in company headquarters. On this day I was moving up front on foot with my captain when he picked up enemy tanks approaching a valley to our front. He sent me to the rear to order our heavy mortars up in position.

Had Armored Help

"Up until this time we had been fighting without tank or tank destroyer support, but as I went to the rear I could see many armored vehicles coming up the road from Salerno. These were the first of our tanks and tank destroyers that I had seen since our landings.

"When I came back to the crest where my captain was keeping the tanks under observation, I saw a tank destroyer move in about 100 yards to the right of me. It was so well hidden in trees and shrubs that I could barely see it, even from that close distance. It was the only one up there on the ridge, at least the only one I could see.

"Off to my left I could see the enemy tanks entering the valley. I watched them as I deepened my prone shelter. It looked like there

was going to be plenty of action around there and I wanted a place to duck into.

Made Good Target

"The tanks came down a gentle slope into the valley. They were traveling almost parallel to the ridge on which we were located. I could see five of them now. They were moving slowly. They must have been about 40 yards apart. The valley was clear. No trees blocked my view or that of the destroyer crew on my right. The tanks stirred up a little dust on the gravel road, but it was not enough to mar our vision.

"By the time the last of the five tanks had entered the valley, the leading tank must have been within 300 yards of us. I know all of them looked awfully close, too close for comfort. I was on my hands and knees in the hole I had dug so I could get a better view of the valley and the tanks.

"After the fifth tank was over the saddle at the end of the valley, and it looked as if there wouldn't be any more, the destroyer opened fire. One of the tanks immediately burst into flames. Nobody came out of it. In quick succession the destroyer fired four more shots. Each time another tank was enveloped in flames until all five were burning. I didn't see anybody escape from the tanks.

Nazi Shells Close

"I was still up there on my hands and knees when an 88 shell—so they told me—exploded about 30 yards in front of me. One fragment hit me halfway between the neck and shoulder, plowed down through my chest and broke four ribs. I don't know much of what happened after that, but it was a great show while it lasted. That tank destroy-

"Surprise Broadcast" For 37th St. Club

Last Sunday night the 37th St. Service Club presented a "surprise radio broadcast," featuring Pvt. Joe Passiatore, Commc. Dept., TD School.

Scripts issued at the recent Special Service theatrical conference were used.

er crew really smashed that tank attack before it got started.

"If I had been down in my prone shelter I would not have been injured, but I couldn't have seen the fight from down there, and anyway, the Germans had not been shelling that area. In fact I don't know of another shot being fired after I was hit. My captain, who was sitting beside a tree a little way from me, wasn't hurt by the shell burst."

Horton was not sure of the identification of the tanks, but apparently, from his description, they were German light tanks on a reconnaissance mission.

Hut, Two Replaces The Sauve Cadence Of Ballet

The cadence of the ballet has given over to the cadence of the military drill field for Michel Panaieff, rated by critics as one of the best contemporary dancers.

The Russian-born dancer has begun basic training at he TD RTC. A few weeks ago Panaieff earned \$500 weekly making movies, and was training to star in the San Francisco ballet.

"I missed the good times most soldiers have during the few weeks after induction before they report to their station because I was dancing each day so the ballet could keep rehearsing," Panaieff said ruefully.

He is rather anxious to try driving a 30-ton M-10 TD over the landscape instead of pirouetting a glittering ballerina across a stage.

It's more than worth it, he figures, being in the Army will speed up the process of becoming an American citizen.

He refused an opportunity to tour South America in order to be on hand when his first citizenship papers were issued, which was expedited by former ambassador to Russia Joseph Davies, whom Panaieff met while he was playing in the film "Mission to Moscow."

The toughness of Army training does not impress him because for the last decade he has put in sev-

eral strenuous hours daily of practice.

First Camp Hood Gray Ladies Class Is Graduated At N. Camp

In graduation exercises at North Camp Wednesday, 41 women from three counties, Coryell, Lampasas and Bell, became Gray Ladies. It was the first such ceremony to be held at Camp Hood.

The Gray Ladies, now qualified to assist in the care of injured soldiers, were accepted as a corps by Col. F. L. Cole, Camp Surgeon. Col. Harry D. Clarke, executive officer of the North Camp station hospital, made the address of welcome.

Quiz Answers

1. 200 different jobs.
2. More than 250,000 acres.
3. Capt. Reginald S. Jackson, who is with the 37th Army division.
4. They burn almost as much going and coming as they carry in.
5. Columbia's "None Shall Escape."
6. More than 39 million dollars worth, and she's out to surpass that total in the current Fourth War Loan drive.

ENTERTAINMENT

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

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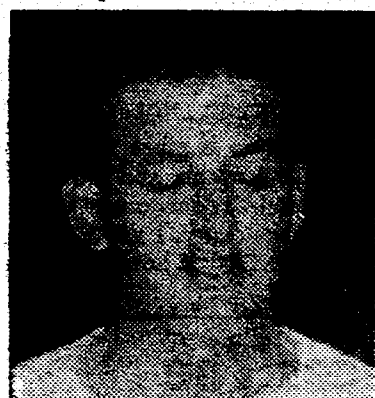
Peepsight





With Pfc. Keith Quick

Meet the Referee—Handsome Lt. George Stautz, of the Tank Destroyer School, who worked the entire distance in last week's district golden gloves tournament. Referee Stautz worked a total of 26 bouts during the four-night glove campaign. To a lot of people the job might have seemed rather easy, but it wasn't at all—it was real labor. Each night Lt. Stautz came from the ring at the conclusion of the evening's card he was dripping with perspiration. No man could have worked harder and more cautiously than this "third man." He was in on every blow, watching the fighters with cat-like eye, and his decisions in halting several of the bouts to avoid obvious brutality were very satisfactory. Lt. Stautz will now begin priming the winning seven-man team for the trip to the State Golden Gloves tourney at Fort Worth, which opens this month, February 16, with finals to be run off the night of February 21. Lt. Stautz, along with Pfc. Jimmy Fagan, trainer, will be in full charge of the seven-man fight team at the State tournament.



Highlights of the Fights . . . Hats off—to Sgt. Robert Clemens, announcer and microphone master for the entire tourney. Swell job, Robert, the crowd loved it. On several occasions, the jovial emcee had to pause and let the roar of the fight-mad audience subside

in order that he might put across the moment's announcement or introduce the next battle's contestants. He planted a world of enthusiasm among each night's crowd with his colorful flow of introductions . . . Thanks go to Major Edwin Davis, of TDS, for a magnificent on-the-second job of operating the gong and timepiece . . . Also same goes to Capt. Wilson T. Betts, UTC, who worked in this capacity at opening night's ceremonies of the gloves event . . . And to judges, Lt. William Black, 166th Infantry, Lt. F. J. Piasno, of Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, who helped judge the opening night's glove program, and Lt. P. O. Gandell, of Camp Bowie, who worked the last three nights; go our best congratulations for a most pleasing stream of decisions . . . Well done, too, was the directorship of the tournament, handled by Lt. John R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, who made all arrangements for the event and matches the fighters in their various weight divisions . . . All in all, it was a grand event, the biggest sporting event ever attempted by this Army installation. It worked with clock-like precision; Lt. Varnell, with the assistance of the many battalion officers whose fighters were gunning for top laurels, ran the week's program on a scale that was quickening and right to the moment. Each boxer was dressed and all set for his chance in the ring at the conclusion of the bout he was to follow. There was no lull or killing of time throughout the whole week's program. A great success, indeed . . . There was lots of enthusiasm during the night's finals of the glove tilts, especially among the Co. A, 670th TD Bn., boys, who brought along their company flag and put forth a continual uproar for their man John D. Hoffman, who won the lightweight honors. The boys really dished it out for Hoffman and in return, the stocky buddy erased the sensational civilian entry, Jerome Becker, via technical kayo in the third stanza.

672nd Bn. Basketball Team Wins From 660th And Lampasas School

The 672nd TD Bn. basketball team added two more victories to their winning streak by defeating the Lampasas high school cagers, 55 to 24, in a game played at Lampasas, and trounced the 660th TD Bn. quintet, 40 to 24, in a game at the field house which featured their play in the current camp round-robin tournament.

The fast-stepping 672nd now has a record of 16 wins against two defeats thus far this season.

Any Temple or Lampasas team desiring a game with the 672nd quintet should contact Lt. Wisdom, the team's coach, at 672nd Bn. headquarters.

McCloskey Team Wins From 660th Bn. Five On Temple High Floor

In a game played on the Temple high school court, the McCloskey Hospital basketball team eked out a 20 to 17 victory over the 660th TD Bn. cagers.

A slow first half was the difference, with the McCloskey team out in front 12 to 6. However, the 660th staged a desperate rally in the latter half and outscored their opponents, 11 to 8, but it fell short of catching up.

Outstanding for the losers were S-Sgt. Everett Boldt, Cpl. John Rathbun, Pvt. Raymond Fire-shaker and Charles Kuchenmeister.

College Stars On Hoop Squad Formed By EMs In Rcn. Co. 671st Bn.

Recon. Co., 671st TD Bn.'s newly formed basketball team boasts such stars as Sgt. Austin "Scotty" McIntyre, Cpl. Elwin Ault, former Mercury Mines star from Utah, T-5 Bob Hutching, former all-stater from Nevada, T-5 Tom Grant, of Fordham Prep School, PFC Joe Fagan, from the University of Missouri, Pvt. Tom Kussmoul, who used to do his stuff for the University of Miami quintet, and 1st Sgt. Andy Palguta, former ace of the John Carroll University cagers.

The classy quintet has beaten the best teams the 671st Bn. can offer, trouncing the Hq. Co. team, 56 to 37 and ousting the Co. C five, 73 to 2.

The team would like to engage such teams as the 655th TD Bn., 656th TD Bn., 657th TD Bn. and 670th TD Bn. quintets. Arrangements for games can be made through the Recon. Co., 671st TD Bn., orderly room—phone 2319.

Clementi Top Scorer

The game between A and B companies, of the 663rd TD Bn., played last week, saw the Co. A quintet come from behind to win, 42 to 33, after trailing 8 to 14 at halftime.

Sgt. Tony Clementi, of the Co. A team, scored 21 points to lead his team to victory, while S-Sgt. Mike Michaelunis led the Co. B cagers with 16 points.

Camp Hoop Play Enters Fourth Heat

Making way for last week's golden glove boxing jubilee, the camp round-robin basketball tournament renewed its pace this week with teams from groups 1 and 2 holding the limelight last Tuesday night. Results of Tuesday night's games were not in time for the current edition of the Panther, but will be recorded next week, along with tonight's games which will see teams from groups 3 and 4 in action concluding the tournament's fourth round of play.

Four teams, the 19th TD Group, 106th Cav. "B", Hq. Co. Tng. Brigade and 801st TD Bn., have dropped out of tournament play. Three of the empty slots have been filled by new entries, which include Co. D, Academic Regt., who replaces the 801st TD Bn. in group 4, Co. A, 667th TD Bn. takes over the slot held by the Hq. Co. Tng. Brigade quintet, and the 308th Ord. Co. cagers moved in to fill the vacancy left by the 106th Cav. "B" team in groups 3 and 4, respectively.

All teams having to make up postponed games should contact Lt. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer and tournament director, phone 729, and have arrangements made for the delayed games. Lt. Varnell will inform teams as to which courts will be available for play.

Eight teams in the four loops still remain undefeated at this standing, which includes all games played up to last Tuesday night's contests, results of which did not reach the Panther in time for appearance in the won and lost calendar.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS				
Group I	W.	L.	Pct.	
Student Regt.	3	0	1.000	
361st TD Bn.	3	0	1.000	
166th Inf.	2	1	.667	
310th Ord. "A"	1	2	.333	
303rd TD Bn.	1	2	.333	
264th FA Bn.	1	2	.333	
20th TD Gp.	0	2	.000	
Group II	W.	L.	Pct.	
356 TD Bn.	3	0	1.000	
106th Cav. "F" Troop	2	0	1.000	
357th TD Bn.	2	1	.667	
360th TD Bn.	2	1	.667	
366th TD Bn.	1	2	.333	
370th TD Bn.	1	2	.333	
OCS Regt.	0	2	.000	
Hq. UTC	0	3	.000	
Group III	W.	L.	Pct.	
372nd TD Bn.	3	0	1.000	
364th TD Bn.	3	0	1.000	
Academic Regt.	2	1	.667	
863rd TD Bn.	1	1	.500	
562nd TD Bn.	1	2	.333	
667th TD Bn.	1	2	.333	
368th Ord. Co.	0	0	.000	
Co. A, 667th TD Bn.	0	0	.000	
Group IV	W.	L.	Pct.	
310th Ord. "B"	3	0	1.000	
665th TD Bn.	2	0	1.000	
90th MRU	2	1	.667	
22nd TD Bn.	2	1	.667	
Post Ord.	1	1	.500	
658th TD Bn.	1	2	.333	
668th TD Bn.	0	3	.000	
Co. D, Academic Regt.	0	0	.000	

Officers Needed To Officiate In Basketball Tourney At Fieldhouse

All officers who do not have a battalion or company basketball team entered in the current round-robin basketball tournament and would like to assist in officiating tournament games should contact Capt. Leslie Wood, of the Tank Destroyer School, phone 886. The tournament is in great need of officials, and those that are in position to call some of the games will be deeply appreciated. Many of the games have in the past been stalled momentarily due to a shortage of referees.

Studes Elect Karpel Captain For 1944

As his first major act at TDS Lt. Carl Andrews, new athletic officer, called a baseball meeting last Monday evening, when the Studes selected the captain to guide this year's club in its bid to win the Camp Hood championship for the second straight season. Cpl. Herb Karpel was elected to captain the 1944 baseball squad. Karpel is by far the best moundsman ever to show in Camp Hood.

Lt. Andrews and Karpel are now mapping plans to start spring training.

Hood Boxers Cornered All Golden Glove Team Spots

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Jersey, and the 564th Ord. Bn., scored a technical kayo over Elmer C. Davis, 657th TD Bn., in one minute and 34 seconds of the third round of the night's third lightweight melee.

Kopa Victor

First Sgt. Frank Kopa, 656th TD Bn., a fellow with wide experience, took the measure of Frank Incornia, 657th TD Bn., battler in a fast welterweight clash.

Edward Zednik, 655th TD Bn., and Kenenth Mitzner, of TD RTC, a pair of husky heavyweights, opened up with both fists flying and after one minute and 32 seconds had elapsed, Zednik unleashed a terrific right that caught Mitzner on the chin and he reeled wildly about so much that referee Stautz stepped in to prevent further damage.

Last Thursday night's fight card saw the Gloves event advance to the semi-finals, with seven crowd-pleasing bouts being reeled off. The opening event saw a new man, Ernest Kirby, of the 264th Bn. step up and eliminate a veteran of the tourney, Louis Kuthy, 657th TD Bn. mixer. It was a light-weight match. Kirby winning by decision.

Wins Popular Decision

Fred De Resi, the fighting lightweight from the 654th Ord. Co., continued his tournament pace by gaining a popular decision over Menallis Boudsinas, welter from the 138th Bn., RTC, in a contest that went the distance, with Boudsinas being dropped for two counts of nine in the third and final round.

John T. Brown, popular 665th TD Bn. slugger, made short work of George Muzik, of the 20th TD Group, when he let go with a showering barrage of rights and lefts right after the opening gong and in 46 seconds he watched Muzik take a nap. It was the quickest knockout in the history of the central Texas event. It was a welterweight scrap.

Max Kezick, fast-stepping middleweight of the 667th TD Bn., waded into Donald C. Green, middle representative of the 668th TD Bn., and in one minute and four seconds of the initial stanza, it was "lights out" for Green. Referee Stautz halted the one-sided go, the verdict being a technical knockout for Kezick.

Primo Gonzales, chubby 657th TD Bn. middleweight, clipped George Bartoli, 665th TD Bn. middle, on the button some three or four times and after 49 seconds of the round, referee Stautz waved him back and decided Bartoli had enough. It was a technical knockout for the bronze-skinned Gonzales.

Night's Top Fight

The night's best fight saw Jerome Becker, the sensational 18-year old youth and lone civilian entry in the district affair, gain a loudly applauded decision over big Marvin Kyle, long-armed middle from the 264th FA Bn. Kyle had about six inches reach on the youthful Becker and outweighed him about 12 pounds, but all this, and rights and lefts, too, couldn't make the classy youth give in. He kept boring in, slamming his over-

grown opponent with all the steam his two mitts could produce. Both boys were very tired at the end, but Becker was much the stronger and when referee George Stautz raised the hand of the Oenaville, Texas, boy, there wasn't a frown in the house, and let loose a terrific roar of approval as the youth climbed from the ring. He had won the crowd completely.

Concluding the semi-final card, John D. Hoffman, a squatly lightweight from the 667th TD Bn., and Charles Hysell, lightweight from the 264th FA Bn. pounded each other with everything but the ring posts in a match that had the fans screaming all the way until the final third round, when Hoffman connected with a solid right that dropped Hysell flat on his face. He got up at the count of nine, but referee Stautz waved him to his corner and awarded the bout to Hoffman via a technical knockout. It came after one minute and 20 seconds of the final round.

Officials for the entire district event were: Lt. George Stautz, TDS, who served as referee; Capt. Wilson T. Betts, UTC, timekeeper; Lt. William Black, 166th Infantry, Lt. F. J. Piasno, of Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and Lt. P. O. Gandell, of Camp Bowie, served as judges; Major Edwin Davis, TDS, timekeeper, and Sgt. Robert Clemens, of TDS, handled the microphone duties throughout the week. Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, directed the tournament.

NC Panthers Whip Waco Team In USO Circuit

Lt. Henry Mahley's North Camp Hood "Panthers" continue to set a terrific pace in basketball, despite the fact that several of the team's most valuable stars have left for points unknown.

In a game played last Saturday evening in Waco, the Mahley men defeated the highly-touted Waco Army Air Field quintet, 26 to 20. The game was the most exciting ever played in the Waco USO league. In the first few minutes of play, the airmen jumped into a 6 to 0 lead, but the Panthers called time out to suspend the onslaught. Score at halftime was 16 to 14.

The second half saw the two teams battling all even, with Lt. Jim Martinez, Pvt. Elton Davis and Lt. Bob Sager keeping the Panthers right up there. With five minutes remaining in the game, Lts. Raymond French and Jack Mulhern hit the hoop to clinch the game. The Panthers froze the ball during the last few minutes of the game and the Waco cagers never had a chance.

Leading scorers for the Panthers were Pvt. Elton Davis, 7 points, Lt. Bob Sager, 6 points, and Sgt. Tom Warwick, who tossed in 6 points.

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