



Camp Hood's Progress Rapid

Camp's Paper Is Welcomed By General

"I am very proud of this, the first issue of a camp paper for Camp Hood," Major General A. D. Bruce, Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center said this week.

"This new paper will do much to add to the pride which every enlisted man here should have in the Tank Destroyer program, and its publication is an important step in further development of this center which has been remarkable during the past few months.

"One year ago, December 1, our center was started at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. A small staff of officers and civilian workers was quickly assembled and work was started. The camp site near Killeen was approved. In the latter part of January we started the move to Temple. A headquarters was set up, the Tank Destroyer School was organized, the Tank Destroyer Board was completed, and the Advanced Unit Training Center was established.

"We did not wait for construction of the camp to be completed before we swung into action. A school for the orientation of officers in tank destroyer tactics was conducted at Gatesville, mainly through the cooperation of the people of that city who received the students into their homes. The Advanced Unit Training Center was made a going organization in June, and supplied through the town of Copperas Cove. Meanwhile a Training Brigade was organized in the open spaces of the reservation. Construction proceeded rapidly with the assistance of the people of Killeen who housed the construction workers. Lampasas, Waco, Belton, Marlin, Taylor, Cameron, and numerous other towns contributed to the recreation and welfare of this growing organization. An Officer Candidate School was started in July. In October a Replacement Training Center was activated, and during September and October we tripled the number of group headquarters. In November Tank Destroyer Brigades were organized, and the Basic Unit Training Center was activated.

"Today we have a General Staff, a Tank Destroyer Board, a Tank Destroyer School, a Replacement Training Center, a Basic Unit Training Center, an Advanced Unit Training Center, and a Training Brigade.

"We have one cantonment near Killeen about completed; another camp near Gatesville has been approved and construction authorized, and the total acreage of Camp Hood will approximate 158,000 acres. We have our own shoulder patch, and we expect to receive our own insignia shortly. Let me say here we are not a separate, aloof agency. We have demonstrated that all arms and services of the Army—Cavalry, Infantry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Signal Corps, etc.—can be welded into an efficient task force.

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Tank Destroyer Commander

Major General A. D. Bruce, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, cites the progress of the camp on the anniversary of creation of the TD force and publication of the "Hood Panther." See story at left.

Hollywood Starlets Here For Opening Tonight

Barracks will empty rapidly tonight when Hollywood starlets Anne Gwynne and Martha O'Driscoll arrive for personal appearances at the official opening of Camp Hood theaters. The girls will also meet personnel at both Service Clubs and at an informal reception at the 50th Street Officers Club.

Both starlets are here from in "You're Telling Me" with Hugh Herbert and "Men of Texas" with Robert Stack. She appeared with Constance Bennett and Brod Crawford in "Sin Town."

Starlet Martha O'Driscoll was the charm you enjoyed with John Hubbard in the musicale, "Youth on Parade." She was also seen with Richard Carlson and Ruth Terry in "My Heart Belongs to Daddy."

Glamor is on the march at Camp Hood tonight where the visiting starlets will keep engagements as follows:

5-6:00 PM Informal reception at 50th St. Officers Club.
6-6:30 Appear at 162nd St. Theater.

6:30-7:30 Supper with enlisted men's committee at 162nd St. club in cafeteria.
7:50 Appear Hood Road theater.
8:30 Appear 37th St. theater.

9:15 Informal reception 162nd St. Service club.
10:00 Dance at 37th St. Service Club.

The band will play 10 minutes in front of each theater just before appearance of the starlets. Sgt. George C. Thomas, Communications Dept. TDS, will act as master of ceremonies.

The Maresca family of Jersey City, New Jersey, represented in Camp Hood by Tech. 5th Gr. John J. Maresca, OCS Regt., TD School, is an "All-Army" family. In addition to John, six of the 13 Maresca brothers are now in the Army. Four are stationed overseas and two in the United States. Two younger brothers are to enter the Army after Christmas.

In addition to this remarkable record, three older brothers fought in the last war in which one lost his life. Age range of the Maresca brothers is from 49 to 22. Parents of the All-Army, All-American Marescas are still living and are proud of their sons' record in Uncle Sam's service.

Camp Paper Marks First Anniversary Of Creation Of Tank Destroyer Force

But 10 days after the first anniversary of the inauguration of the tank destroyer program, and 9 months after actual construction started on huge Camp Hood, is the occasion upon which this, the first issue, of "The Hood Panther" comes to you.

It was on Dec. 1, 1941, that by War Department directive, the Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center, as it was first known, was created at Fort George Meade, Maryland. In command then was Colonel (now General) A. D. Bruce, who had been a member of the Planning Branch at the time of the Tank Destroyers conception, and who was destined to head its program.

Construction Will Double Camp's Capacity

Fifty carloads of material arrived at the site of the new northern cantonment of Camp Hood, four miles south of Gatesville, this week, as plans for start of the gigantic new project, which will double the capacity of the Tank Destroyer Center, were speeded.

The War Department in Washington announced it had authorized construction of "military installation in Coryell County, Texas, to cost in excess of \$5,000,000."

The new camp will double the capacity of Camp Hood and increase the Camp Area to 160,000 acres making it the largest camp in the country. It will be a continuation of the Hood reservation and will house the Basic Unit Training Center, the Replacement Training Center and 1848 UESC Training is expected to get underway there early in January.

The Basic Unit Training Center, which will assume the training of all newly-formed tank destroyer battalions, has been activated as of Nov. 28.

Colonel Harry F. Thompson, formerly commanding officer of the training brigade at Camp Hood, assumed command of the new organization.

After 13 weeks of basic training the battalion will be transferred to the Advanced Unit Training Center under Brig. Gen. Richard G. Tindall, for their advanced training.

Hunt For Honest Man Not Long—Nor Difficult

Pvt. Paul Fair of the Second Band, thinks that if Demosthenes were alive today he'd throw his lantern into the scrap pile and take a job in a defense factory.

Finding an honest man was not at all difficult for Pvt. Fair. Two weeks ago he lost his blouse in Temple, and in the pocket was his billfold containing \$23.00.

A Camp Hood soldier found the blouse and returned it with money intact.

New Theories Developed

The mission of the Center was to organize a combined school, planning board and unit training center, to develop tactical doctrine and training methods. In plain words, to develop a special task force, based on a new aggressive action theory as opposed to passive resistance, a philosophy epitomized in the name Tank "Destroyer."

In January, 1942, a site for the rapidly developing center was chosen in Central Texas near Killeen where the modern training center now stands.

Construction of the cantonment began late in April. The center mushroomed. Officers reported in droves to the school, to the Advanced Unit Training Center, to the Board Headquarters of the Center was moved from Fort Meade to Temple, Texas. All available office space in the town was utilized. The acute housing problem, the lack, and hurried improvisation of training facilities, the organization of the various instructional departments, all presented difficulties.

Conditions Were Rugged

There was no thought of waiting for the completion of the cantonment to inaugurate the Center as a training area. Time was vital. Battalions were brought in to the Unit Training Center and lived in the field, in tents, under theater of operations conditions, drawing equipment and food from rail and truck heads, purifying creek water.

During the latter part of August, troops began to occupy the cantonment area at Camp Hood, named in honor of the fighting General of the South, John Bell Hood, whose Texas Brigade gained immortality in the Civil War.

In the Center, every known method of tank destruction is taught, from the massed fire of the mobile, self-propelled heavy weapons, to the ambushing of tanks, guerilla-fashion, by

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Big Name Band, All-Girl Revue Coming

Ray Herbeck's Orchestra Here Wednesday Night

Coming to Camp Hood on Dec. 16, at Hood Road Theatre as a pre-Christmas presentation of USO-camp shows will be Ray Herbeck's orchestra and All-Girl Revue. There will be two shows—at 6:45 and 9 p. m. A special performance will be held at 2:30 at the station hospital.

Spotlight in this streamlined musical revue will be Ray Herbeck and his orchestra with their well-known "Music With Romance"—a brand of rhythm appealing to the exponents of both sweet and swing.

Featured with the band will be Benny Stabler, youthful trumpeter, Yvonne, blonde vocalist, and Hal Munbar, ace baritone.

Operating a group of six almost life-size dolls will be Catherine Westfield, a one-person puppeteer. Fashioned after celebrities these puppets ape the mannerisms and eccentricities of their counterparts.

Also in the show will be Key Taylor, talented young tap dancer and recent feature of the Broadway hit, "Too Many Girls." Miss Taylor has also appeared on tour in Washington's Shoreham, Chicago's Chez Paree and Miami Beach's Biltmore.

Lynn Russell and Marion Farrar, a blonde and redhead team, will do comedy song satires. Their routine includes satires on famous people, news items, and lovers. In Ray Herbeck's orchestra and All-Girl Revue, they will sing numbers written especially for them by Eddie Davis, Eddie Cantor's song writer. Before starting this tour, the girls tried out successfully a part of this material over station WOR in New York.

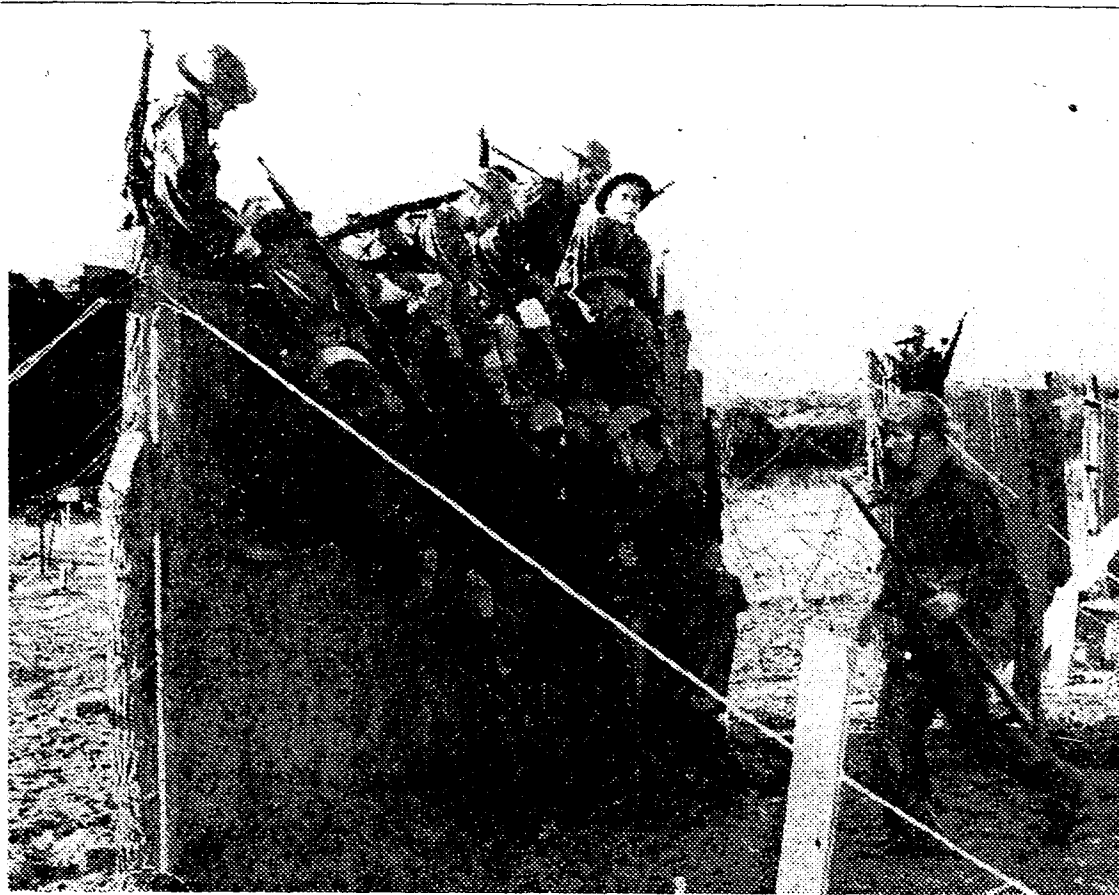
This show is free to the personnel of Camp Hood. No tickets are required.

Nine Men Serve In Camp Hood CWS

Chemical Warfare Service, an important phase of the Services of Supply, is represented at Camp Hood by a detachment of eight enlisted men under command of Major Harry Sloane.

Primary duty of this organization is to supply the post with Chemical Warfare supplies and equipment. As a rule, time does not permit the group to comply with the frequent requests for demonstrations.

Starting with a complement of four men, C. W. S. has expanded in pace with the rapid growth of the camp and is now planning further increase in personnel. Roster of the outfit now shows the following names: S. Sgt. Mack Miller, Sgt. Basil C. Craig, Cpl. Donald V. Coselman, Pfc. William T. Russell, Pvt. Jerome Grafman, Christine K. Latt, Vincent Jara, and Bernard P. Winchel.



Over the Top Part of Conditioning Program

If it will take "Blood, sweat and tears," to win this war these Camp Hood soldiers are doing their part, in sweat at least. Here they scale an eight-foot wall, part of the Tank Hunting Course obstacle course. Note the wet clothing of some of the men acquired in a water hazard through which they have just passed. Barbed wire on either side of the wall discourages taking the "easy way."

Trained Police Dogs Used Here For Guard Duty

As in other army camps throughout the country, Camp Hood is using trained police dogs as special aids to the military police in guarding camp property.

Police dogs used at the camp's water wells have proven very effective and have released manpower for duties elsewhere.

Eighth OCS Class Graduates From TD

The eighth officer candidate class of the Tank Destroyer School graduated Friday with 158 candidates receiving commissions as second lieutenants from Brig. Gen. Hugh T. Mayberry, school commandant.

The graduation address was by Col. A. O. Gorder, commanding officer of the Training Brigade, Tank Destroyer Center.

Thirty-Three States Represented In OCS

The 19th Officer Candidate Class of the Tank Destroyer School started Nov. 30 with men enrolled from 33 different states and 44 organizations. California and Pennsylvania led the states with 20 each, while New York was third with 17. Fourteen are Texans.



Bugler's Life Not Easy One

Save for the early hours, a bugler's life in the army seems—to the outsider—to be a cinch. However, there are 41 different regulations calls the bugler (or trumpeter, as he's officially termed) must have in his repertoire, although less than a score of these are sounded daily at the average military reservation.

There's the "first call," of course, that soldiers know best—the warning to prepare for reveille, retreat, parade or review. As listed by "Army Life," there's also the welcome "mess call," "drill call" warning soldiers to be prepared to turn out for drill, and "church call," when church services are about to be held.

Among the other distinctive calls are:

"Pay Day March," indicating that troops will be paid that day; "boat call," when a boat is about to dock at or depart from the post; "issue call," announcing that supplies such as company rations from the commissary will be distributed; and "overcoat call," when the formation to follow will be in overcoats.

Usually each company, battery or troop has at least one bugler. At some posts, however, a glockenspiel has been drafted for the job. A glockenspiel consists of soft chimes which sound the call when struck with a mallet.

Only One Active

Only one full general was active when the U. S. entered World War II, General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff.

Tank Hunting Course Famous For Training

Although only a very small part of the training program of the Advanced Unit Training Center, the tank-hunting course has become famed throughout the country . . . and even outside.

This course, which is directed by Lt. Col. Gordon T. Kimbrell, a West Point man and football star, who went through the famed British commando school, has attracted visitors from almost every branch of the army.

Many national magazines and metropolitan newspapers have sent special correspondents down to see its tough obstacle course, its infiltration course where men in training crawl through the weeds with live machinegun ammunition singing overhead, its Nazi village where the men of the tank destroyers learn all the secrets of village fighting, its home-made explosives, its battle-firing training where all men are taught to fire 45's and tommyguns fast and accurately from the hip (in darkness as well as light), its special methods of stalking enemy tanks.

The tank-hunting course actually consumes only five days out of a battalion's period at the Advanced Unit Training Center.

Were Those Ghost-Boys? Camp Hood Replaced Cemetery

One of the most interesting cemeteries in Texas had to be moved to a new location when Camp Hood was built.

It was the famed Sugar Loaf cemetery, at the base of Sugar Loaf mountain in the heart of the camp's range area.

Among the Texas pioneers buried where were John and Jane Riggs, and the inscription on their tombstone says, "Murdered by Comanche Indians."

The most interesting is that of Sarah Scroggins, whose monument carried these words: "Gone to meet her 18 children and three husbands."

Drum And Bugle Corps Formed In OCS Regiment

Under leadership of C. O. Captain John F. Wessels, Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt., TD School, has formed a drum and bugle corps.

The American Legion of Temple donated them a complete supply of musical instruments. Following one day's practice the group was invited to play before General H. T. Mayberry, commandant, TDS, during the Wednesday night review of Officer Candidates.

Cpl. James V. Sinclair, former instructor of a drum and bugle corps at Fort Bragg, is training the group, assisted by Pvt. Wilfred Gentile.

Hood Campsite Is Picturesque

Camp Hood's large military reservation, sprawled over the hills and valleys of Central Texas, is one of the most picturesque in the United States.

It includes a variety of terrain with many hills, steep slopes open territory, and many small streams.

It is some of the most beautiful country in Texas and was a favorite haunt of Indian tribes a century ago. Numerous Indian campsites and watering places are located within the confines of the reservation.

Red Cross Plan Own Building For Camp Hood

The Red Cross will start work soon on the erection of a special building in the center of the Camp Hood reservation.

The building, which is being financed and staffed by the National Red Cross, will house all the activities of the organization for its work among the troops stationed at the camp.

The Red Cross already has a permanent staff stationed on the post.

Formal Firing Practice Gives Way To Use Of Natural Terrain

Formalizing firing practices have gone by the boards at the Advanced Unit Training Center where the Second Training Group, has charge of training in firing all calibers of guns.

Use of natural advantages of the terrain is emphasized throughout in the construction of the ranges, and every possible difficult situation is simulated in teaching the men in the tank destroyer battalions to fire accurately from moving vehicles and moving targets.

Will Play Tomorrow Night

Captained by Sgt. John Orlando and coached by Pvt. Robert M. Miller, a gridiron squad from Company "C" of the 802nd TD Bn will take the field against an eleven representing Gatesville tomorrow night.

Wartime Prayer

Authorities and members of the Liberty Church, Denver, believe in making their prayers timely. They have amended the Lord's Prayer to include, just before the "Amen," the sentence, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

Theater Schedules

Hood Road and 37th St. Theaters

Thursday, Dec. 10: You Were Never Lovelier.
Friday, Dec. 11: Flying Fortress
Saturday, Dec. 12: Dr. Renault's Secret Behind the Eighth Ball.
Sunday, Mon., Dec. 13-14: Road to Morocco, March of Time No. 4.
Tuesday, Dec. 15: Ice Capades Review.
Wed.-Thur., Dec. 16-17: Thunderbirds.
Friday, Dec. 18: American Empire.

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Thursday, Dec. 17: Ice Capades Review.
Friday, Sat., Dec. 18-19: Thunderbirds.

Visitors Leave Camp By Gate No. 1 In New Ruling

All visitors now enter and leave camp through Gate No. 1 main entrance at underpass on Highway 190, according to an announcement from camp headquarters this week.

They will be given hand passes as before. The latest hour at night at which visitors may enter the camp is 10 p. m. Visitors must leave camp not later than 11:30 p. m., the announcement said.

Officers and enlisted men with TD stickers will be passed through any gate. All cars will come to a stop at the traffic control points. Officers will be passed upon identification of insignia or the "O" on their stickers. Enlisted men will be checked for passes. Wives of officers and enlisted men driving cars with TD stickers, unaccompanied by their husbands, must show their passes.

Temporary hand passes will be issued to officers, enlisted men, and civilians working on the Post who have arrived after December 3, good for five days, to allow them to secure necessary insurance papers and have their cars properly registered. Those given temporary hand passes must enter and leave at Gate No. 1.

To facilitate prompt identification at night, drivers of cars have been asked to dim their lights and turn on their dome lights during the inspection by Military Police.

Warrant Officer Rates Salute

Warrant Officers, both junior and senior grade, now rate the salute customarily given to commissioned officers by enlisted men, a change in regulations has provided.

It was the second important change in the Warrant Officers' status adopted by the Army in recent months. Last summer the Army ruled that they would wear bars similar to those of second lieutenants, but with brown enameled surfaces instead of gold plate.

The Warrant Officer is neither a commissioned officer nor an enlisted man, but ranks midway between the two and is considered by the Army to be an "officer."

Camp Progress Shown By Paper

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the individual soldier armed with Molotov cocktails and sticky grenades.

The TD Battalion, smallest tactical unit to be employed on an independent mission, is composed to include, organically, elements of the various branches necessary to make it self-sufficient. Usually held as a mobile reserve in support of divisions, corps, and armies, TD units must be able to move rapidly to meet any armored force threat acting over a wide zone.

Action Is Stressed

Destroyers combat the tanks fire power with greater fire power—a high velocity, flat trajectory 75mm or 3" gun. They combat the tanks mobility and independence of operation with greater mobility. Armor is reduced to achieve this maneuverability and TD units depend on their ability to fire four or five rounds from one position, dash to an alternate position, and re-open fire before the enemy's guns begin to register. The cougar, or panther, chosen as an official symbol, epitomizes TD action.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

Two of the Cadre of Co. D, 127th Tng Bn., RTC, are busy sewing on new chevrons. Congratulations are in order for Sgt. Russell Manchester and Tech 5th Gr. Gerard Rieg.

RTC's Training Schedule Passes Six Week Point

The first increment of Camp Hood's new, and only, Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, is rapidly rolling along, with six weeks of a diversified basic schedule accomplished.

Increment plans were greatly hampered, from the start, due to lack of equipment. Lectures were given in garage sheds, in day-rooms void of tables or chairs, blackboards were at a premium and some texts were late in forthcoming. Col. W. A. Dumas, Lt. Col. C. Hildebrand, and Major A. C. Black, despite handicaps, carried out the schedule as planned.

At Present the Replacement Training Center consists of Headquarters Co. and three battalions, the 126th 127th, and 128th.

The 126th Bn., which includes Companies A, B, C, and D is made up, mainly, of drivers and chauffeurs.

The 127th Bn. includes tactical and administrative specialists. Co. A, a reconnaissance Co., composed of motor mechanics, motor cyclists and scouts. Co. B is Communications-Intelligence and Operations. Co. C is Communications and includes motor mechanics, armorers and artificiers. Co. D personnel includes motor mechanics, supplymen and clerks.

Companies A, B, C and D of the 128th battalion, are weapons outfits covering virtually all arms from the U.S.M. Pistol to the 75 M.M.

374th Choir Broadcasts

Broadcasts by the Glee Club of the 374th Engr. Bn. Camp Hood, may be heard over station KTEM, Temple, every Saturday afternoon from 5:30 to 6:00.

Sponsored by Chaplain Lorenzo Q. Brown and under the direction of Pvt. 1 Cl. Franklyn W. Tilford, these programs originate in the Municipal Auditorium at Temple where they are preceded by a half-hour variety program starting at 5 o'clock. Tap dances and musical numbers comprise the first half of the presentation. The full program is open to attendance by the public.

Mercy Not Appreciated

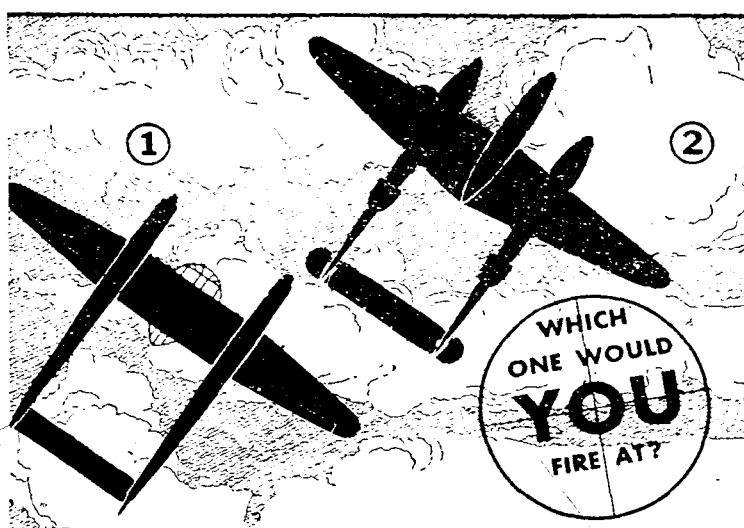
ASTORIA, Ore.—Bert Coulson accidentally ran over a deer with his car. It looked at him pleadingly. He decided its leg was broken, so he ran over it again trying to kill it. When he got out of his car the deer attacked. He defended himself with a crowbar. The deer scrambled into the woods.

Coming And Going

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—Gordon A. Scott got more than he expected when he wrote to Oakland for his birth certificate. He received not only his birth certificate but also a certified copy of his death certificate.

Big League Players In

Two more big league baseball players—both from the Chicago White Sox—have joined the Army. Sammy West is at Ft. Sill, Okla.; outfielder Myril Hoag enlisted in the Army Air Forces at Mather Field, Cal.



FIRE AT NUMBER 1! It's the Nazi Focke-Wulf Fw. 189, a high wing twin engine monoplane. Points of recognition are: outer sections of wing tapered to rounded tips; the twin engines are set forward of the transparent nose; the cabin extends behind the trailing edge of the wings; both edges of the tailplane are untapered; and the tailplane is set between the thin twin tail booms.

NOT AT NUMBER 2! It's our famous Lockheed P-38, a twin engine, single place fighter. Wings of the P-38 are tapered to narrow rounded tips. The cockpit projects ahead of the engines but does not extend behind the trailing edge of the wings. The tailplane, set between the twin tail booms, has rounded tips and the edges are not tapered. Note the bulges on the booms.

TD Trainee Remembers Pearl Harbor On Dec. 7

"I was at a party at Waikiki when it happened. It all seemed unbelievable—impossible!"

Thus spoke Pvt. James D. Warwick, Co. A, 127th Bn., Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, on the first anniversary of the treacherous Jap attack on Pearl Harbor this week.

"I was a construction worker under government contract," amazing story and ordered us back to the job immediately. We filled sandbags, helped put out fires, and aided sailors in placing anti-aircraft guns on the roofs of buildings."

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Some of the methods of instruction given here are being used throughout the Army. At this time we are deeply honored by having a class composed of General Officers and General Staff officers of each division, corps, and army of the Army Ground Forces to discuss our doctrine and to see our methods of instruction.

"I wish to emphasize one of our main accomplishments, and that is the spirit of the Tank Destroyers. We have had numerous visitors at this Camp, including distinguished officers from England, from the War Department General Staff, from the staff of the Army Ground Forces, from corps and divisions, and from many civic organizations. Practically every one has made a special point to speak about your enthusiastic, aggressive spirit. I believe that has been the biggest accomplishment of all, and certainly it is something of which to be proud. With that spirit I know that you shall carry out our motto against the enemy, which is to: 'Seek, Strike, Destroy!'"

605th Starts BB Tournament Plans

Touch Football has held the spot-light in the 605th T. D. Battalion for the past few weeks. On Thanksgiving day, Company "C" trounced Recon. 32-12.

Football is now giving ground to basketball in this outfit and all companies are forming teams to participate in a battalion round robin tourney.

Always well represented in boxing, the 605th is now selecting talent to carry battalion colors in this sport.

Masthead Panther Design Of Colonel

The black, snarling panther shown leaping across the top of this paper on Page One, is the work of Lt. Col. Harry C. Larter, Commanding Officer of the Eighth Tank Destroyer Group.

Lt. Col. Larter is now engaged in painting a mural for the walls of the 50th Street Officers' Club.

Special Program Held For OCS Regiment Holiday

Enlisted men in the OCS Regiment, TD School, participated in a varied program Thanksgiving Day, planned by Capt. Ronald Thomas, Athletic Director of the OCS Regt., and Cpl. Sid Katz, his assistant. A similar program is planned for the regiment at Christmas time.

Inter-Denominational Thanksgiving services were held at the 37th St. Theater by Major William C. Benson, Post Chaplain, from 9:15-10:20 a. m.

From 10-10:20 the Regiment marched to the athletic field where a touch football game was held until 11:20, followed by dinner.

From 2-4 p. m. a field meet was held on the athletic field, with music by the band.

Free sports films were shown from 8-10 p. m. in the recreation building.

438 Pounds Of Freight Received By RTC Private

A total of 438 pounds of freight was recently delivered to Pvt. Loren Mast, Co. D, 127th Bn., RTC.

Upon opening the crates Pvt. Mast found his complete set of musical instruments, including an 88-inch Marimba weighing 200 pounds, a complete set of drums and a number of musical arrangements.

Band's Members Back In Camp

Staff Sgt. Harold Morris, Tech 5th Grade L. Richards, Tech 5th Grade J. Schwendt, and Privts. Bienvenue, Nespeca, Boswell and Frankhave, have returned to the band from furloughs.

Tech. 5th Grade Richards spent a "mailman's holiday" playing with numerous bands in and near Rochester, N. Y.

Officers, Nurses Will Be Entertained

The Temple USO Club has designated Wednesday, Dec. 16, as Army Officers and Army Nurses Night. An invitation has been extended to all officers and wives and all Army Nurses of Camp Hood to attend the open house from 8 to 8:30 p. m. Music and dancing will be provided and refreshments will be served.

Enlisted Men Attend USO Party In Temple

Approximately 100 men from Co. D, 127th Tng. Bn., RTC, were entertained at a party in the Temple USO recently.

Two special buses transported the men directly from their barracks to the USO. Dancing, bowling and swimming were all on the program.

Pianist From Big Name Band Now Is With TDC

Enrique Yurbino, former pianist with a number of big name bands including Xavier Cugat and Eddie LeBaron, is a Private in Co. B, 127th Bn., RTC.

Pvt. Yurbino is 27 years of age and came to the United States from Santiago, Cuba. He is a graduate of Havana University, where he majored in Spanish Literature. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree.

Becomes A Father

Sgt. Donald L. Cochran, Co. B, 127th Bn., RTC, is the father of a boy, Donald Ray, born Dec. 1.

Officers Change Assignments

Captain Robert V. Ely, formerly 827th TD Bn. S-3 has been assigned to Reconnaissance Co. as Company Commander, relieving 1st Lt. James E. Bing.

Other changes in the 827th Bn. saw 1st Lt. Russell H. Rothweiler relieved as Battalion Motor Officer and assigned to Company C as Company Commander relieving 1st Lt. George E. Cook. Captain Ira B. Richards, Jr., Bn. Operations Officer has been transferred to Headquarters, 2nd Tng. Brig.

Captain Lief E. Olson has returned to the Battalion as Bn. Operations Officer.

Will Accept Challenge

Notice has been served by Lt. Walkowiak, R & W officer of the 809th TD Bn., that his quintet will accept all challenges of would-be baseball champs. The court team of the 809th will be led by Sgt. Oyer, former semi-pro, and Sgt. Shefflin, former player and referee of Newark, N. J.

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End Of The Beginning

Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill recently termed the smashing Allied offensive in North Africa, "not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning."

We think we understood what he meant, that although the offensive was significant and portended victory to come, there was still much work to be done before that end could be realized.

Issue Marks Birthday

This is the first issue of a paper published for the entire military personnel of Camp Hood. It comes from the presses but a few days after the first birthday of the Tank Destroyer Center. Its advent on the scene marks the "end of the beginning" of a major Army striking force, the establishment of its home and the organization of its training program.

The history of the hectic period which is now culminating in the "streamlined" Camp Hood as we know it today, is related graphically on Page One of this issue. There is little which we wish to add to that story here, except to point out that it is a story of American enterprise, ingenuity and ambition which is a strong answer indeed to the Axis claim of Democratic "softness."

More Work Remains

But even as we have much to do in the battlefield before the victory is ours, there remains much here to be done.

To help do some of these things is the purpose of "The Hood Panther."

As the new voice of Camp Hood we shall do our utmost to serve the enlisted men and officers who make up its personnel. We shall strive to keep them informed of events to come in their military community that they may participate in them. We shall strive to serve as medium of useful information for the soldier and his officers.

And along with our more serious purposes we shall try to entertain and amuse you with interesting items concerning your buddies, and yourself. We don't want to lose our sense of humor and we're sure you don't either.

Task Not Simple

To do all of this will not be easy. Such a program can only materialize with the cooperation of every enlisted man and officer in the camp.

Without cooperation of the men in each organization, our reporters will have nothing to report, and we will have nothing to print.

Therefore, it is easy to see that this, the official camp newspaper of Camp Hood, will be just as good and no better than the personnel of the camp wish it to be.

But we are not alarmed. We know that you will all willingly cooperate in establishing what may well become one of the nation's best camp papers, worthy of representing one of America's outstanding army camps.

This Soldier Obeyed If She Had Been First Sergeant And Near-Sighted, She Got Unusual Results Might've Seen Him

Perhaps you shouldn't take a Sergeant too literally.

First Sgt. R. M. Shollenburg, Co. D, 128th Bn., RTC, was recently stopped by Pvt. L. L. Thurston of Virginia.

Said Pvt. Thurston: "Sergeant, what shall I do? The wind keeps swinging the barracks door open and shut."

"Nail it up," replied the Sergeant sarcastically.

Later in the day the door stopped swinging.

Someone had nailed it shut!

"Cousin Emery is in Camp Hood. Look him up."

This message was contained in a letter received some time ago by Ann Borland, employee of Headquarters, OCS Regt., TD School.

Since Camp Hood was a military wonderland to Ann, she had little success in finding "Cousin Emery" anywhere in the Camp's 160,000 acres.

Finally, when she had all but given up, Cousin Emery found her. He is T/Sgt. Emery Gifford of OCS Regimental Supply.

The buildings in which they each work are but 25 feet apart.

Looking Under The Hood

Two major generals and 16 brigadier generals "went to school" here for five days this week. . . . We presume they studied a "general" course. . . . Seriously, they didn't, however, but attended a special class in tank destroyer methods, doctrine and tactics. . . . Quite a compliment to Camp Hood's training methods that the command of the Army Ground Forces would send the commanders of army corps, armies and divisions here to get "hep" to the TD's latest developments.

Headquarters & Service Co., OCS Regt., TD School, has a Sergeant Sergeant, and that's no double talk. . . . That's his name. . . . They also have a Stone-smith who's a cook. . . . We don't think it makes his biscuits any harder, however. . . . That's not the end of the odd name combinations to be found in that organization. . . . They also have an A. Sharp. . . . far be it from us to suggest that he's a gentleman of note. . . . If he ever wins his bars, however, arrangements should be made to get him on the staff in the interests of harmony!

Gripping is one thing which goes on unstinted in any army, and is a good safety valve, psychologists say. . . . At any rate it leads to some pretty good humor now and then. . . . Take the Private here who recently wrote his family as follows:

"Yes, all the theaters here at camp show first run films. If you don't run first you don't get to see them. When I was first transferred down here the theater was showing, 'You Can't Escape Forever.' I got the idea."

"Shortly afterward they started showing 'Springtime in the Rockies.' There was such a long line that by the time I got inside, they'd changed the title to 'Autumn in the Rockies.' Which just goes to prove that movies are popular here in season and out."

"Once in a while, it rains down in Texas. When it does the good earth changes to gum-like clay which sticks to the bottoms of your shoes. I'm only five feet eight inches in height but I've come back from the drill field after a rain, six feet two inches tall. I guess that's what they mean by being 'raised in rank.' At least I was well-heeled for the first time since I've been in the Army."

Now If They Were Twins, Experiences Could Be The Same

Second Lieutenants Egbert W. Sexton, Jr. and Vernon E. Lucas believe that they have something more in common than most young men in Uncle Sam's Army.

Both of Tonkawa, Oklahoma, they were inducted on the same day, placed in the same outfit for training, came to TD OCS at the same time and were both commissioned at the same time.

Oh, yes, the two young lieutenants are the same age.

Buglers Get Lessons

First and Second Bands have taken over the schooling of buglers. Warrant Officer J. B. Renn is serving as instructor, assisted by Pvt. 1st Class R. Derr, Sammy Lillibridge and Steffin.



"Sir, I'd like to put in for OCS."

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Hitler is said to have the plans for world conquest in his head. That's what we'd call the situation in a nutshell.

Perhaps the reason the Japs have so much cheek is that they've been saving face all these years.

The new mechanized U. S. Army of World War II has done well to modernize its uniforms. Nowadays two or three battles would be lost while a recruit rolled up his leggings.

The outstanding heroes of each war have songs written about them. Those who don't we presume, are unsung heroes.

The Army has ordered registration of all horses on the west coast between the ages of three to ten years of age for possible use in the service. Now we know what a draft horse is.

One of the first things a fellow learns in the Army is that a big shot is a fellow of large calibre who doesn't go off half-cocked.

Army Quiz

1. What badges are given for marksmanship and gunnery?
2. If on furlough and without money, how can a soldier get transportation back to his station?
3. If wounded in combat but able to walk, what is a soldier's duty?
4. Does the government pay allowances to dependents of enlisted men if the soldier is captured by the enemy?
5. Do Red Cross officials in uniform rate a salute?

(See Answers Page 7)

Tank Destroyer School Officers Change Tasks

Capt. Jackson Tarver, former Assistant Secretary of the Tank Destroyer School has been assigned to the General Subjects Committee, Tactics Department.

Capt. M. K. Miller, former Assistant S-4 of TDS, and Lt. Herman A. Netter, formerly of the Student Regiment, have been assigned to the Armored Force Committee.

At Ease

with
Pvt. Theodore Shanbaum

"Hello, may I come in and introduce myself? I'm the fellow whose job it is to keep all you guys, and your gals, posted on the social and recreational opportunities open to men stationed at Camp Hood."

This being our initial number I'm going to give you a brief picture of the available places to spend your leisure time. Our Service Clubs, centrally located about the camp, have programs going every evening—music, dancing, movies, games, and libraries. Theaters, with the latest feature pictures are located close by.

Don't forget the special shows coming to Camp Hood sponsored by Special Services. Camp Theater shows booked two to three times a week in every section of Hood are open to all and are free.

Then don't forget the sporting events which are being formulated. For participation see Lt. Varnell, our new Athletic Director, Special Service Office.

I will soon have all the available "info" regarding social and recreational activities going on in all surrounding localities, USO and Religious groups in neighboring cities and towns have week-end programs of such a variety that I'm sure you will find them your liking. P. S. "The food is usually on the house."

Service Club dances are held Tuesday night at the 162nd St. Club, and on Thursday night at the 37th St. Branch, and Wednesday and Saturday nights at the 72nd St. Club.

Say, before I forget, what unusual talent do you possess? Private Krukin, our program director, has his hooks out, so before he catches up with you, Phone 729.

Did you see the House of Magic, which had its Camp showing last week? It really was the last word, with all the mechanical dope it had to offer we should be able to invent a hot seat for Adolph and send it to him by remote control.

Chaplain Benson, Post Chaplain
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RTC Trainee Joins After 22 Years Service

Started First Hitch In Army October 12, 1920

By Pvt. J. L. Joss,
Co D, 127th Tng. Bn., RTC.

October 12th must have been a great day for Christopher Columbus, who, according to historians, discovered America on that date. To Pvt. Mathew Kenney Co. D, 127th Tng Bn, RTC, it is also an important occasion.

Upon October 12, 1942, Pvt. Kenney enlisted in the Army. It was the 22nd anniversary of his first enlistment.

Pvt. Kenney first enlisted in the Army on October 12, 1920, and served his country in various capacities for 15 years.

Enlists At 14

He was but 14 years of age when he walked into a recruiting station in Philadelphia. He was large for his age and passed for the minimum age. He spent his first enlistment at Camp Dix, New Jersey, where he was assigned to the Signal Corps. Following his basic training, he became instructor in telephony, and during his first enlistment spent some time on a roving assignment as telephone cable splicer.

Pvt. Kenney liked the Army well enough to re-enlist for a second hitch, this time joining the Field Artillery. He served three years with the 13th FA at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and says that all the travel folders say about Hawaii is "strictly understatement."

Becomes Civilian

Following his second enlistment, he decided to return to civilian status for a time, and spent a year and a half employed as foreman in a chemical plant near Death Valley, Calif.

Civilian life soon became too drab for the adventuresome Kenney, so he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Here he rose to serve as Company Clerk, handling assignments for all recruits going through Parris Island, S. C. During this enlistment he also served as Post Exchange steward, and in 1929 was made acting Sergeant Major of the Naval Prison at Parris Island, S. C. Later he served as chief clerk at Post Headquarters, Marine Barracks, Hampton Roads, Va.

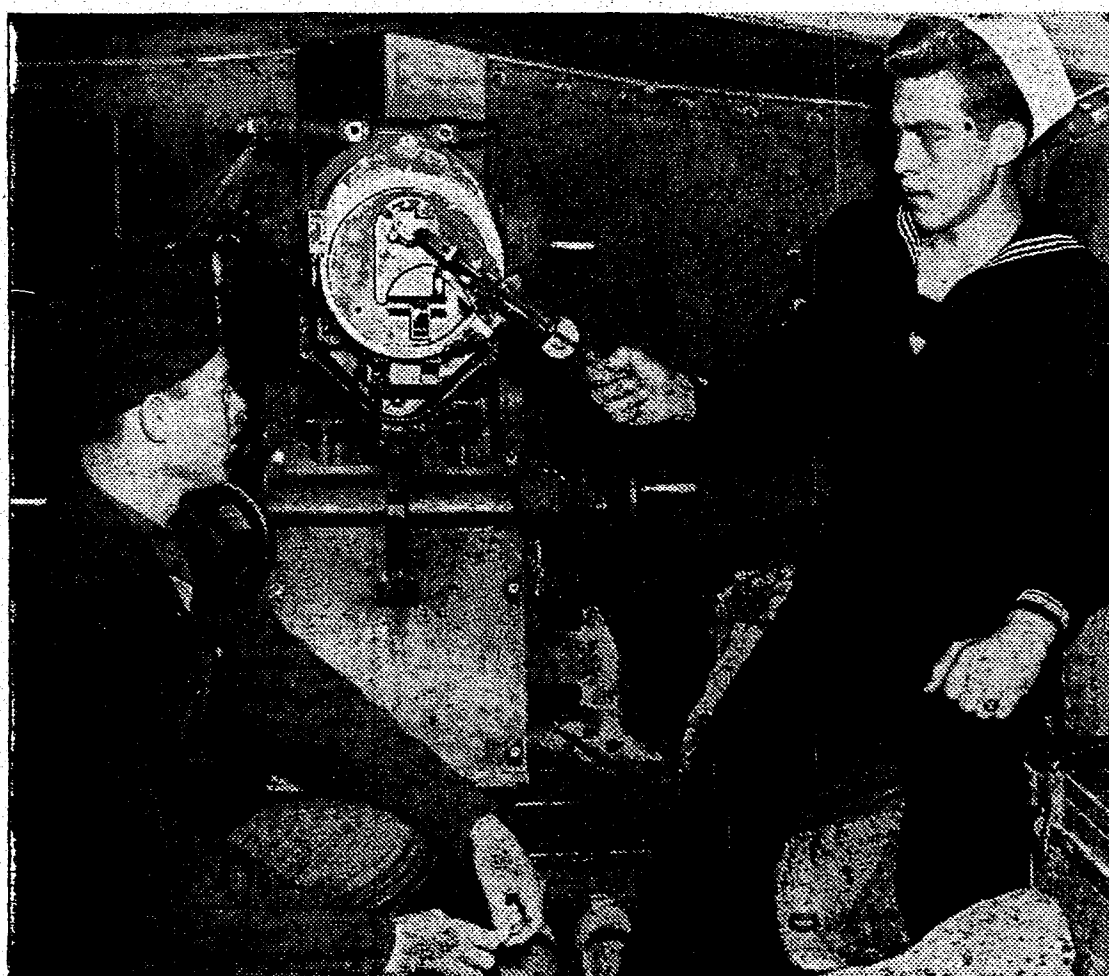
Incident Related

Pvt. Kenney related an incident which occurred in 1933 while he was acting First Sergeant of the USS Nitro, a boat carrying high explosives only, as perhaps the most exciting during his service career. One night while carrying a cargo of especially dangerous explosives, a storm blew up off the coast of San Pedro, Calif. The boat shifted and with it part of the cargo. For eight hours the entire crew "sweat it out" wondering if their precious cargo might blow them all into eternity. Finally the storm subsided and the load was righted with no serious damage.

Other posts at which Pvt. Kenney was stationed were the Cavite Navy Yard, Philippine Islands and Fourth Regt., Marine Corps Expeditionary Force in China. It was at this last post he handled all imports of duty free merchandise for U. S. Servicemen. In 1936 and 1937 he was on detached duty at the Depot of Supplies, U. S. Marine Corps, San Francisco.

Back In Again

In 1937 Kenney became assistant to the Labor Relations Director in charge of personnel of the American Potash & Chemical Co., Trona, Calif. He held this position until Oct. 12, 1942, when he enlisted in the U. S. Army again.



Now, This Is The Way The Navy Does It

Gunnery Mate, 3rd Cl. Wallace L. Asker, 19, shows his brother, Pvt. Bernarr F. Asker, Co. A, 126th TD Bn., RTC, how the Navy fires using a TD unit to demonstrate, during a furlough spent in camp last week. Both the boys are from Oregon City, Oregon. See story below.

Young Brothers Compare Experiences With Guns

Two of Uncle Sam's service men, not only brothers-in-arms, but brothers in reality, got together here this week.

They were Pvt. Bernarr F. Asker, Co. A, 126th TD Bn., RTC, of the U. S. Army, Camp Hood, Texas, and Wallace L. Asker, Gunner's Mate, Third Class, of the U. S. Navy.

Brother Wallace, but 19 years of age, came to Camp Hood while on furlough to visit his older brother who is 21 years of age. Both of the boys are from Oregon City, Oregon, where they lived until entering the service.

Wallace enlisted in the Navy following the attack on Pearl Harbor a year ago, and after his preliminary training attended gunnery school at San Diego, Calif.

He saw action during the battle of Midway where he was aboard a destroyer. He later transferred to a destroyer tender which was torpedoed.

His brother Bernarr, is undergoing his basic training in the TD RTC here.

Promotions Are Listed In 774th TD Battalion

Recent promotions in the 774th TD Bn., AUTC, include the following: Medical Detachment: Private 1st Class Survetus W. Erwin, of Binger, Arkansas, promoted to Technician 5th Grade.

Headquarters Company: Staff Sergeant Harold S. Loewel, 357-87th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Sergeant Roland A. Routhier, 94 Laurel St., Manchester, N. H., and Sergeant Robert E. Brown, Route 1, Riverdale, Ga., promoted to Technical Sergeant; Corporal Thomas P. Mahan, 185 Laurel St., Manchester, N. H., to Sergeant; Private Michael P. Endler, St. Boniface, Penn., to Corporal; Private 1st Class Edward P. Troy, 8 Summer Street, Westfield, Mass., and Private John Georgiadis, 393 East 5th St., South Boston, Mass., to Technician, 5th Grade.

Company "B": Staff Sergeant Dewey D. Ryer, of Chamblee, Ga., promoted to First Sergeant; Technician 4th Grade Ralph B. Thomas, 1110 Lemon St., Palatka, Fla. to Staff Sergeant.

Company "C": Sergeant Bryan F. Bedell, of Chamblee, Ga., promoted to Staff Sergeant; Private 1st Class Louis Iannacone, 166 Cove St., East Boston, Mass., to Technician 5th Grade.

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lain is in the process of organizing a choir so if your voice is what he is looking for we would appreciate hearing from you.

Last Wednesday, December 2, the USO presented a show with lots and lots of "those pretty things." There were two complete shows and the theatre was filled to capacity. They are free to all, but the policy is, first come, first served. The next show will be held on Wednesday December 16, 1942, with RAY HERBECKS ORCHESTRA AND ALL GIRL REVUE. (Right from Broadway and \$4.40).

The Belton USO Club had its grand opening, and from what information I have received, it is considered the finest in these parts. It is under the supervision of John I. Beauduy. Programs are in constant operation so remember, the welcome mat is out, drop in when you're in town.

When visiting Austin service men will find a welcoming committee awaiting them in the Driskill Hotel, and at this place you men will find an interesting evening waiting for you.

Waco extends a highly entertaining program for service men at the USO Center in the Shrine Building at 7th and Washington, so before going to any place of fun in town, stop in and see what they have to offer. They are planning a big Christmas dance for the 23rd of December with "lots of beautiful girls."

Remember 14 days until Christmas and will I have places for you all to go!

Program Planned For Hood Men At Temple USO

Enlisted men at Camp Hood will be honored with a special program Saturday night, January 9, in the newly-renovated Temple USO.

The entire week of January 5-9 will be set aside for formal dedication programs. Tuesday night will be civilian open house, Wednesday night, Army officers and Army nurses have been invited, and Friday night has been set aside for McCloskey hospital enlisted men.

Colonel C. M. Thirkeld, Post Commanding Officer, will speak at the Thursday night program. Lt. Col. S. J. Houghton, Jr., Post Executive Officer, Major W. H. Badgett, Post Adjutant, and Capt. Guy P. Aldrich, Post Public Relations Officer, will be present Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Formal dedication of the USO follows a long series of improvements, none of which has interrupted service to the soldiers. The building originally opened May 1.

Phonograph At TDC School Gift Of High School

Enlisted men in the Tank Destroyer School area have expressed thanks to the students of Temple High School and to Mrs. D. K. Wendland, Temple club member.

Mrs. Wendland recently started a drive in the Temple High School and received enough funds to obtain two \$125 automatic phonographs for Camp Hood Service Clubs, one of which was placed in Club No. 2 in the TDS area.

Bond Sales Are Larger In 605th TD Battalion

Sale of War Savings Bonds in the 605th Tank Destroyer Battalion are fast approaching the 100 per cent point, Major D. F. Buchwald, battalion commander, said this week.

Sgt. Major In School

Sgt. Bill Walter, Sgt. Major of the 605th TD Bn., has transferred from that organization to the OCS Regt., where he is attending Officer Candidate School.

Service Club Libraries Offer Reading Variety

Open every day in the year to enlisted men and civilian employees living on the post, Service Club Libraries offer a wide field of educational and recreational reading. In comfortable surroundings personnel of the Camp may use these facilities for reading books, magazines and newspapers or for browsing among the many interesting and unusual books. For letter writing, everything is furnished. The libraries are headquarters for information on Army Institute Correspondence Courses.

Library hours are from 11:00 a. m. to 10:30 p. m.

In addition to general reference, fiction, biography, literature and general non-fiction books, the libraries include a wide selection of technical books on subjects such as radio, aviation, engineering and mathematics. New books are being added to the collection every day. A few of the new books placed recently on the shelves include: Days of Our Years, Van Fassen; Young Ames, Edmonds; Mela Kampf, Hitler; Berlin Diary, Shirer; The Sun is my Undoing, Green; The Last Time I Saw Paris, Paul; My Life and Hard Times, Thumber; We Were Young and Gay, Skinner; Lou Gehrig, Hubler; Invasion in the Snow, Langdon Davis; Mr. Churchill, Gudalla; Round by Round, Dempsey; Trail Town, Haycox; They Tell No Tales, Coles; Smoking Guns, Brand; Gun-fighter Breed, Nye; Europe in the Spring, Boothe; The Army Wife, Shea; Drums Along the Mohawk, Edmonds.

All books, with the exception of technical and reserve copies, are issued for seven days with a renewal privilege. Borrower's privileges may be obtained by signing Borrowers' Register giving name, serial number and organization. All books taken from the library must be signed for.

Sixty two magazines and 22 newspapers are available for use in the reading rooms. Stationery is provided free and air mail stamps may be purchased at the desk.

That Charming Hostess Will Have A Uniform

Army librarians and hostesses on duty at Camp Hood and anywhere in the Continental United States, soon will be wearing a regulation uniform, the War Department announces.

The Services of Supply, which supervises the Army Hostesses and Librarian Service, has authorized manufacture of these uniforms.

Appearance of the new uniforms at Camp Hood Service clubs will follow issue at a date not yet determined.

The uniform is of a light blue material and has distinctive insignia to be worn on the left coat sleeve and chapeau. The uniform is a coat suit, with gored skirt and slightly fitted jacket, and a long overcoat made from fleece-faced overcoating. The insignia is fan shaped and composed of nine colors—maroon, orange, red, green, white, dark blue, yellow, buff and crimson—radiating from an open center. Each color represents a different branch of the Army and massed in the insignia, signifies that the hostesses and librarians work for all branches.

Company B, 827th Bn, Wins Drill Contest

Company B, 827th TD Bn., won the intra-battalion drill contest held Sunday, Nov. 29.

Second place awards were given Co. A.

Program Planned By 774th Friday Night

Variety Program Features Artists In AUTC Unit

Friday night, December 11 the curtain will rise on another display of talent by the 774th TD Bn., the first since its recent arrival at Camp Hood.

Shows by this outfit at other posts have met with success and from previews and rehearsals, there is every indication that this revue will equal or top past performances.

Sergeant Thomas P. Mahan, of Manchester, N. H., as usual will be the M. C. and other old standbys will include Staff Sergeant Louis J. Allen of Manchester, N. H., and Staff Sergeant Elmore G. Hawthorne of Roxbury, Mass. Allen's nimble feet have picked out many a difficult routine on some of America's best stages, and Hawthorne's pleasant voice is well remembered by Battalion members.

Atlanta, Ga. is well represented in an amusing skit by Master Sergeant Roy C. Head, Jr. and Staff Sergeant Woodrow S. Bohler, who with Hawthorne and First Sergeant Eugene A. Poirier of Manchester, N. H., have engineered a short bit that should have particular significance to the 774th men who participated in the Tennessee maneuvers.

Not to be outdone by the old timers in the Battalion, the more recent newcomers have contributed heavily to the program. Several sketches have been included featuring Private Frank M. Martorella and Private Ralph C. Mattotta, both of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Private Albert L. Friedman of Pittsburgh, Penn., and Daniel Greenberg of Long Island City, N. Y.

Brooklyn also plays an important part in the musical portion of the production, offering Private Sam Arotzky, a really good lyric tenor, in several light classical numbers; Privates Nathan Kappel and Melvin Herman, two men with considerable musical background; Kappel having played in such well known orchestras as Tony Pastor's and Will Osborne's, and Herman having been with Van Alexander, Mitchell Ayers, and Joe Marsala.

Other musicians who will be called upon include: Private Warren F. Heckinger, of Glen Dale, N. Y., exponent of the harmonica, Private Matthew C. Koch, of Brooklyn, on the piano, and Private Anthony F. Bua, of Brooklyn, trumpeter. The 774th Chorus will also take part in the entertainment.

The main feature of the evening will be the introduction of a march, "A Toast to the Men of the AD Bn.", words by Sergeant Thomas P. Mahan, and music by Privates Kappel and Herman, a spirited piece of music which is hoped will be widely known in the very future.

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The Long and Short Of It

Trainee Harold Litow, Co B, 127th Bn, undergoing basic training at the TD RTC, turns the table on cadremen Pvt. I. C. Edward L. Barnes from Stanwood, Iowa. Both are 21 years of age, but here their similarity ceases. Pvt. Litow whose home is in Philadelphia, Pa., is 4 feet 11 1/2 in. short and Pvt. I. C. Barnes is 6 feet, 2 1/2 in. tall, weighs 245 lb.

\$75,000 In War Bonds Sold In Camp During November

"The Sale of War Bonds at Camp Hood reached a total of \$75,000 for the month of November," according to Lt. Col. Hal C. Horton, War Bond Officer for Camp Hood. Percentage of military and civilian personnel participating in the "Pay Reservation Plan" has shown a substantial increase each month since the program was initiated at Camp Hood last April.

Here are 5 easy steps to Bond Buying:

1. Each unit on the post, field or station within the Eighth Service Command has a war bond officer; see him.

2. Sign the War Department Form No. 29-5 that he gives you; this is the Army's way of Bond buying.

3. Fill in the dotted lines; questions are simplified, but if you are not sure, read the instructions on the back of the form or ask your War Bond Officer; he's there to help you.

4. Name anyone you wish as a co-owner, or beneficiary but not as both; co-owner means that person has the right to cash in your bond, same as you do; beneficiary means the designated person receives the bond only in the event of your death, as a legacy.

5. Proudly sign your name as subscriber; now you're a partner of Uncle Sam; you've shown your faith in your country and your foresight in your own future security. In other words, you've bought a share in your country.

(Your War Bond Officer will do the rest: he'll send two copies of the form to Washington, one to your finance officer, and give you the fourth as a receipt. It's up to the clerk to do the work; he'll reserve the amount you've designated from your pay each month. That certain amount won't be going into cigarettes, slot machines, cokes, beers or feeding the kitty; it's going into your investment for security.)

Battalion Commander Commends His Soldiers

The Battalion Commander, 827th TD Bn., commended all officers and enlisted men of the organization last week for their loyalty and interest toward their work and duties during the past few months at Camp Hood.

Training Films Shown To DEML

Two training films are shown each week to enlisted men of the DEML.

Following the regular showing of the films last week, members of the organization presented a stage show, utilizing talent of members of the organization.

You Know What 'DEML' Means? Here's Answer

Sergeant H. B. Slesse, "Panther" correspondent for the DEML section of Camp Hood, is anxious that all men in camp know what the letters used as a title for his organization stand for.

"There are undoubtedly some fellows who don't know what the letters mean," he said. "Before I start writing stories for this section I'd like to have everyone in camp know what the organization is."

For those of you who haven't heard, or can't recall at the moment, DEML stands for Detached Enlisted Men's List and is part of the Service Command Unit, called in some camps the "Station Compliment."

Duties Changed

Technical Sergeant Junior Bean, Hq. Co. 827th TD Bn. has been assigned to Battalion Headquarters to fill a vacancy as Intelligence Sergeant.

Service Clubs To Present Varied Programs Weekly

Variety has marked the numerous activities of both Camp Hood Service Clubs during the past week. In programs ranging from Bingo to Beethoven, the 37th Street and 162nd Street Clubs have entertained camp personnel with dancing, games, instruction, contests and dramatic presentations.

The 37th Street Club celebrated Saturday night with a small but terrific "Hellzapin" show followed by a weiner roast. The program included sing-song and tall-tales contests for a two dollar prize.

Sunday was a full day at 37th Street with movies and the Symphonic Hour as highlights. Monday's Bingo party honored Miss Madison and on Tuesday the University of Texas dramatic

group presented "Heaven Can Wait."

At 162nd Street, last Monday was devoted to Bingo and "Dare Mable" letter box contest.

On Tuesday morning the ladies of this club offered sewing and mending. The evening was given over to social dancing and vocal solos. Progressive games, informal dancing and a bridge tournament comprised the Wednesday program.

For the coming week the two clubs offer equally varied schedules:

Service Club, 162nd Street
Tonight, 8:30-11:00 p. m.
Square Dancing. "Callers Contest"

Soldiers' Exhibition Team of Square Dancers and Teams of nearby towns. Grape Vine Twist Specialists.

Friday, 8:30-11:00 P. M.—Games you like to play. Ivory Ticklers piano contests. Songs and parodies. Ad Lib program.

Saturday, 8:00-11:00 — Weiner Roast with some pickles. Camp Hood Revue. Prize for Camp Fire story. Everybody's Talent nite.

Sunday: Early afternoon: What's cooking? 3:30-4:30, Symphonic Hour, and piano Selections of Latin American tangos and tropical glamor. 4:30-5:30, Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Christmas program. Drama, Music, Song. 6:00-7:30, Hotstuff, Jaz and Hillbilly. 7:30-8:30, Sing Song. 8:30-9:30, Travelogue and Wild Life movies. 37th Street.

Tonight: Dance Nite with girls on Post and from Cameron as guests.

Friday: Party night.
Saturday: Variety show followed by Spanish steak dinner in cafeteria (\$1 per person.)

Col. Thirkeld Lauds New Paper

"It is the purpose of 'The Hood Panther' to inform the personnel of this camp of the training and recreational program which is conducted here for them, and should add much to the morale of this camp," Colonel C. M. Thirkeld, Post Commanding Officer said in commenting on the first issue of the new camp paper.

"The aim of this publication is to help the enlisted men of this organization, and is edited for him. I am sure that the paper will prove a successful venture for all concerned."

'Smorgasbord' Planned Sunday

A "Smorgasbord will be held Sunday afternoon from 4 to 7 p. m. at both officers clubs. Music will be furnished at the 50th Street Club by the TDC Orchestra with entertainment during intermission by the 374th Eng. Glee Club. Music by recordings will be furnished at the 26th St. Club.

753rd TD Bn. Enters Team In Post League Will Accept Challenges

After winning two out of four practice games, the 753rd TD Bn. (M) has entered its team in the Post Basketball League.

Pvt. Wilbur L. Nelderhut, Denver, Colorado, has been elected captain and Pvt. Francis S. Orr, Cedar Falls, Iowa, has been selected to coach the quintet. Pvt. Nelderhut is a former high school basketball captain and also studied at the University of Denver before his induction into the service.

'Army Hour' Will Originate Here

Camp Hood and its famous Tank Destroyer training program will be in the nation's radio spotlight Sunday when the "Army Hour", a program of the War Department, is presented from Camp Hood, through the National Broadcasting Co.

The show will be on the air from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m. and will describe part of the rigorous training program and maneuvers which make up TD training.

Huge Civilian Housing Project Planned For Hood

1,091 Units Will Be Constructed For Civilian Employees

Construction of a huge civilian housing project for Camp Hood providing for 1,091 units and 2,267 bedrooms was announced recently.

The project will be built south of the present cantonment site across the new Lampasas road on the ridge overlooking the cantonment warehouse area, and will include a complete city, with a three-acre recreation area, a community building, and a schoolhouse. The National Housing Agency is building the project for use by civilian employees of the camp.

The construction plans call for 705 units of hollow tile eight inches thick with interior walls four inches thick. Floors will be concrete. Buildings will be laid out in two oval-shaped centers, with the recreation area in between.

A third center will consist of 386 trailer units.

Some of the home units will be two bedroom apartments and some three. All will be furnished and utilities service will be provided by the Camp Hood utilities.

The apartments will be rented to civilian employees and the entire settlement, when completed, will be run as a community in itself. It will be under the jurisdiction of the Camp Hood Post Commander.

It was pointed out by the post commander that when his post organization is completed, it will have four civilian employees to every three military.

WAAC Company Assigned Here

One company of WAAC's has been assigned to Camp Hood and will be moved in as soon as facilities are available, probably early in 1943.

The strength of a WAAC company is three officers and 228 auxiliaries who are all specialists such as clerks, librarians, dietitians, theater and service club staff members, hostess aides, receptionists, switchboard supervisors, cooks, housekeepers, etc.

Later a second company of WAAC's will be assigned to Northern Camp.

72nd Street Club Program Given

Rapid growth of attendance at the 72nd Street Service Club attests the popularity of entertainment offered nightly by that unit.

Wednesday and Saturday night dances feature a varied schedule of daily programs which include games, contests, music and vocals.

A special Sunday afternoon musical attraction includes vocal solos and quartets as well as glee club ensembles.

Quiz Answers

1. You can qualify for one or all of these badges: Expert, Sharpshooter and Marksman. A bar attached to the bottom of the badge shows the weapon in which you qualify, with an additional bar for each additional qualification.
2. By reporting to the commanding officer of the nearest post. Transportation will be furnished but the cost will be taken from your next pay.
3. Report to your commander, turn over your ammunition and leave the battlefield alone.
4. Yes.
5. No. They are civilians.



Yes, 'Miss America', It's Beans!

Jo Carroll Dennison, "Miss America", of Tyler, Texas, takes a heaping mess kit full of G. I. chow from Cook Ray K. Elliott of the 899th TD Tng. Bn. during her recent visit to Camp Hood. Enlisted men will readily recognize the food flowing into the mess kit—Army beans.



Will Receive Colors

Lt. Col. Joseph G. Felber, commanding the 753rd T Bn. who will receive colors for his organization Saturday. Lt. Col. Felber is shown in front of an M 3 Tank. See story below.

753rd Tank Battalion Will Receive Colors

At "Escort of the Color" ceremonies Tank Group Commander Col. C. C. Higgins will present Battalion Colors to Lt. Col. J. G. Felber, C. O. of the 753rd Tank Bn. Saturday at 1:30 p.m. on the battalion parade ground.

History of the 753rd shows that the organization was constituted by the War Department on Dec. 16, 1940 as the 73rd Tank Bn. (Medium). On May 8, 1940 the 73rd was redesignated as the 753rd T Bn, and was activated on June 1, 1941 at Ft. Benning, Ga., under command of Lt. Col Robert B. Ennis.

Major (now Lt. Col.) Joseph G. Felber assumed command of the organization on March 1, 1942 and on April 14, the battalion arrived in Texas and established a camp on the Camp Hood Reservation, 16 miles south of Gatesville.

Ring In Her Ears

The story is now told of the moron who called up his girl friend—also a moron—at midnight.

"Gee, Honey," he said, "you weren't asleep were you?" "Yes I was," she yawned, "but that's all right. I had to get up to answer the telephone anyway."

Two Per Man

Soldiers overseas will receive an average of two Christmas parcels each, the War Department says. October was designated as the month during which packages should be mailed overseas and during that period, an average of more than two per man was handled.

USO's Near Hood Do Big Job For Soldiers

The USO is doing a big job in looking after the needs of the men in the Camp Hood territory.

USO clubs are located at Temple (one for white soldiers and one for negro), Belton, Killen, Gatesville, Copperas Cove and Lampasas.

The largest of these is the club at Temple, formerly the YMCA, which includes a tile swimming pool, bowling alley, badminton courts and other facilities not normally found in USO clubs over the country.

Camp Hood Has Three Generals

Camp Hood now boasts three generals, all of whom were on the original staff assigned to the Tank Destroyer Center when it was first created a year ago.

They are Major General A. D. Bruce, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, Brig. Gen. Richard G. Tindall, commanding officer of the Advanced Unit Training Center, and Brig. Gen. Hugh T. Mayberry, commandant of the Tank Destroyer School.

Guilty Conscience

WAAC: "What do you soldiers talk about?"

Private: "The same things you girls do."

WAAC: "Why, you evil-minded things!"

Large Volume Of Mail

Since V-Mail was inaugurated last June, more than 3 million letters have been handled without the loss of one.

Could Be The Youngest

At Williams Field, Ariz., Bernard A. Callahan is a 20-year-old technical sergeant major in the Aviation Cadet Detachment.

INFORMAL DANCES

Informal dances will be held at both officers' clubs from 8:00 to 10:30 on Thursday evening beginning December 17th. Music will be furnished by recordings.

Induction Of Men 38 Years Of Age And Over Halted

The War Department announced this week effective at once and until further notice the acceptance for induction for the Army of men who are 38 years of age and over is suspended. It may be necessary to waive this suspension from time to time in order for the Army to obtain skilled men not otherwise available, but if this becomes necessary every effort will be made to secure the required men from other, than essential war industries or occupations.

At the same time it was announced that certain enlisted men now in the Army who by reason of age, (38 years of age and over), are unable to satisfactorily perform military service but who are qualified to assist the national war effort, may be honorably discharged from the Army in accordance with the following provisions:

a. The soldier has voluntarily requested discharge in writing to his immediate commanding officer.

b. The soldier is handicapped by advanced age, 38 years and over, to such an extent that his usefulness to the Army is secondary to that of industry.

c. The soldier has presented satisfactory evidence that he will be employed in an essential war industry, including agriculture, if he is discharged from the Army.

Each application for discharge under the above conditions will be considered on its individual merits and no soldier will be discharged unless a suitable trained replacement is present and available.

The War Department stressed the fact that the provisions for discharge of men 38 years of age and over are subject to revision or revocation at any time and that acceptance of an application for discharge under the above cited conditions will not be considered as a promise to release any individual. Acceptance of an application means merely that the soldier's request will receive consideration.

Sweet Situation

Army men on leave or furlough will be allowed one-half pound of sugar per week, according to the Office of Price Administration. Under the new ruling a soldier must present his furlough papers to the local rationing board in order to get his quota while home.

He Took A Little Nip

Pvt Seth Hoffman, Camp Wolters, awoke during the night after a bad dream of bayonets, knives and Jap soldiers, to find himself lying on his newly acquired teeth.

Look For Yourself

Treat all weapons as though they were loaded until you have inspected them yourself to see whether or not they are empty.

Why A Red Stripe

The red stripe on the Marine uniform (dress) stands for the blood shed by the Corps in the Mexican War.

Christmas
Edition
Watch



For the Christmas edition of The "Hood Panther," Out Dec. 24.

It will be chock full of holiday news and features. If you don't receive your copy, phone 729.

Camp-Wide Basketball Tourney Planned

League Formed With 32 Teams From Camp Units

Finals Planned On Dec. 31 Will Name Camp Champions

A camp-wide basketball tournament involving 32 teams representing various units of Camp Hood, will start play Monday night, December 14, in the Sports Arena, Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, announced this week following formation of the league.

Games will be played three nights each week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, in the arena. Six games will be played each night during the week. The tournament will continue for three weeks, with colored troops conducting a separate tournament.

Finals Are Planned

Finals, during which the championship basketball teams for Camp Hood will be determined, will be held December 31. Following this, post athletic officials hope to match the camp championship team with the championship team of some other camp.

Teams entered, and the units which they represent, are, AUTC, 34 teams; TDC, five teams; RTC, three teams; Tr. Bns., eight teams; Service Command, one team, and Station Hospital, one team.

Start at 7:30 P. M.

All games are scheduled to start in the arena at 7:30 p.m. and athletic officials have urged that men of the various units turn out to support their teams.

Two games will be played on the arena court at one time. Bleacher seats will be provided for spectators. Admission to the contests is free.

League Opens In 744th Bn.

With basketball heading the list, sports in the 744th Tank Battalion surged into the limelight this week, when preparations started for the coming post league play.

Under the direction of Lt. J. H. Aylor, special service officer, tankers crawled out of their cast iron buggies for a whirl at the hardwood. Swapping coveralls for short trunks and undershirts, approximately 25 men reported for practice.

Still fishing blindly for the ablest performers, Lt. Aylor, Saturday, had sorted out a preferred few as likely starters.

In forward positions he had Sgt. J. Jowers of Headquarters company, Sgt. Marshall Smith of C company and Corp. Dock M. Hicks of B. Company. At the center post, huge P. B. Gore, a private of Headquarters company was the favored one.

Guard positions were being held by Lopez of Headquarters Company and Becknell of Service.

While the basketball situation was being probed, other sports found their share of attention. Boxing preparations were started.

Lt. Aylor had begun a talent search for likely battlers. Goal of the search is a team to represent the battalion in post competition. Facing the problem of no known talent on hand, the lieutenant has the task of filling the trunks and mitts that represent his sole claim to a boxing team to date.

Extensive plans are under way for competition within the battalion, company teams meeting in regularly scheduled events. Included will be leagues for basketball talent, boxers, ping pong experts, volleyball starlets and soccer stars.

On The Sports Schedule

FRIDAY: Boxing. Three Round Bouts, Sports Arena, 7:30 p. m.

MONDAY: (Dec. 14) Basketball Tournament, Sports Arena, 7:30 p. m.

TUESDAY: Basketball Tournament, Sports Arena, 7:30 p. m.

THURSDAY: Basketball Tournament, Sports Arena, 7:30 p. m.

FRIDAY: Boxing, three-round bouts, 7:30 p. m.

MONDAY: (Dec. 21) Basketball Tournament, Sports Arena, 7:30 p. m.

TUESDAY: Basketball Tournament, Sports Arena, 7:30 p. m.

Ninth Company OCS Wins Field Meet On Holiday

The Ninth Company, OCS Regiment, TD School, won the Thanksgiving Day field meet held in that Regiment with a total of 19 points. Eighth Co. was second with nine points, in the event in which 12 companies participated.

Candidate George Mitchell starred for the winners, taking the 100 yard dash easily and annexing the 440 yard as well.

The OCS presented four full teams on its football squad in the game against the Student Regt., but lost to the visitors 6-0. Eleven men, with only one substitution for the Student Regt. played the entire game.

A pass to the goal line by Pvt. Kermath Ward paved the way to the lone tally. Privts. Appell, Ward, Nolan and Nicolletti starred for the Student Regiment.

RTC's Athletic Program Varied

A varied athletic activity program including touch football, volley ball, soccer, wheelbarrow races, tug-of-war and shuttle relay races is held each Friday afternoon in the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, Capt. Howard Van Dyke, officer in charge, has announced.

Round robin, inter-company contests are held in each of the events. At the end of the training period, champions will be declared in each battalion in each of the sports. Winners will be determined on a percentage basis.

Representatives Of Units Form Post Athletic Council

Formation of an Athletic Council to assist Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, was announced this week. Lt. Varnell said that all athletic programs for the various units in camp would be conducted through that units representative on the council.

Plans were discussed at the first meeting of the council this week for an increased camp-wide program of varied athletic activities.

Members of the council and the organizations they represent are as follows: Lt. Wilson T. Betts, AUTC; Capt. David Gorman, TDS; Lt. William W. Wells, Training Brig.; Capt. S. Howard Van Dyke, RTC; Lt. John C. Paulus, Station Hospital; Lt. Homer O. Hoffman, Station Command.

Boxing Matches Held On Fridays In Sports Arena

First of a series of three-round boxing matches to be held each Friday night at 7:30 in the Sports Arena was presented Nov. 27. A second was held Dec. 4.

Interest in the series is growing and a shipment of new gloves, punching bags and other equipment is expected to draw a large number of contestants. Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer said this week.

Enlisted men interested in participating have been urged to contact the officer in charge of athletics in their organization.

Anyone wishing to attend may do so. Admission is free.

Company Title Is Claimed By Platoon Team

Football team of the Second Platoon, Seventh Co., OCS, claims the company championship following a 7-0 defeat of the Third Platoon recently, on Regimental Field.

Candidate Blankenship hurled the touchdown pass to Candidate Peterson, and Candidate Kikes converted the extra point.

Third Platoon members blamed their defeat on the warm weather, however, and have challenged the victors to a rematch anywhere north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

BASKETBALL TEAM

The 827th TD Battalion basketball team, colored, announced through its manager First Sgt. Joe Oliver, Co. A, that it is anxious to schedule games with other units in camp.

The team, which claims the title of one of the toughest in Camp Hood, is paced by Staff Sgt. Frank Early, Co. A, and Forrest Lynch, Reconnaissance Co.

Officer Finds Men Of AUTC Sports-Minded

AUTC, with its various TD group headquarters and battalions in training, will be counted among the front rank of sports-minded organizations in Camp Hood, according to 1st Lt. Wilson T. Betts, AUTC Recreation Officer, who has been holding a series of conferences with the battalion recreation officers in which the athletic program has been considered from every angle.

Different units throughout AUTC have started training their prospects for the boxing tournament, and some first-class entries will soon be in the ring at the Field House. Some of the battalions are planning to have battalion bouts, with elimination bouts between companies to select the battalion champion.

Basketball courts are going up in the area, and teams are working out in preparation for the basketball tournament. Horseshoe courts are making their appearance over the area, and in some of the company buildings the sound of punching bags can be heard. Two AUTC battalions have been concentrating on football until recently, and have played some games, in the camp and with teams away from Camp Hood.

With the recent issue of additional athletic equipment, and requisitions going in for still more, interest is on the increase and the coming weeks will see much activity in sports throughout the AUTC area.

Student Regt. Officers Form Bowling League

Officers of the Student Regiment, TD School, have formed a bowling league. Col. George S. Beatty is serving as president, Major W. L. Kuehne, treasurer, and Lt. H. A. Propster, secretary.

Opening night competition was stimulated by the presentation of a pair of "pink" trousers to the man with the highest game on each team.

SPORTS SLANTS

Pvt. Alan Rose, assistant athletic director of the Student Regiment, TDS, has turned out a basketball squad which has opened the season with three victories and no defeats, and seems headed for the TDS championship. Members of the squad are Privates Eadie (Capt.), Carreon, Ward, Pinello, Nolan, Bluejacket, Hartman, McGuire, and Gracyk. Monday night, Nov. 30, they defeated the 659th Bn. 50-20.

Pvt. Edward L. Uhren, who came to Camp Hood from Illinois, has taken to the obstacle course like a duck to water. Pvt. Uhren, a member of Co. B, 127th Bn. RTC, has covered the difficult course in 17 seconds flat.

Dante Dalleterze, who starred at guard on the Pitt Panthers football team, and was voted the best lineman ever to play for Jeannette, Pa.) High School, was recently commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the OCS, TD School.

None of the following have ever played football for Notre Dame, but if their names appeared in the line-up of the "Fighting Irish" no one would be surprised: Privates Walter Czaplicki, Anthony M. Ciavarella, John W. Kauzlarich, J. Czaplicki, Anthony M. Ciavarella, John W. Kauzlarich, all of Co. B, 127th Bn. RTC.

Lt. W. C. Hetherington, in charge of athletics in the 128th TD Tng. Bn., has organized a schedule of football and softball games between companies of the battalion which are proving popular with the men. He recently issued a call for football players and hopes to organize a battalion team for twilight games.

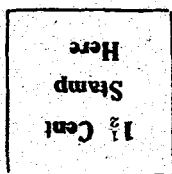
Lt. H. A. Propster, Co. H. Student Regiment, TD School, a former New York state bowling champion, is now secretary of an officers bowling league formed in the Student Regiment.

One of the strongest service football teams on the Pacific Coast is the March Field, Calif., eleven. The Flyers lineup presents an impressive array of former college stars including Jim Nelson, ex-Alabama All-American triple threat back; Floyd Phillips and Dick Palmer, former guards of USC and Stanford respectively; and Jim Austin, ex-St. Mary's gridden.

Betsy Grant, mighty mite of the tennis courts, is now a private in the Air Forces ground crew and is stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex.

Fidel LaBarba, former fly-weight champ, is now a private, acting as boxing instructor at March Field, Calif.

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