



Merry Christmas!



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Camp Pauses to Observe First Christmas

"Junior Miss" Scheduled For Three Days Here Starting New Policy

The comedy bomb-shell, "Junior Miss", one of the first Broadway shows to be presented to service men by USO-Camp Shows, will smash hit its way into Hood Road theater on Wednesday, Jan. 30, for a three-day stand.

Recognizing the growth of Camp Hood, USO Camp Shows will henceforth increase the showing of its features at this post from one to three days. The new policy starts with the presentation of "Junior Miss."

Adapted by Jerome Crodorov and Joseph Fields from Sally Benson's stories in the New Yorker, the play is still racking New York with laughter. It is a play filled with warm-hearted, hilarious fun about Judy and Lois Graves, teen-age girls, who prance through three acts with their friends in devastating antics which leave their parents prostrate with worry and their audiences limp with laughter.

Broadway Hit

"Junior Miss" was one of the first legitimate shows to be selected for the USO-CAMP SHOWS circuit. One of the most successful hit shows of the year on Broadway, it has already earned the sobriquet of "the nation's comedy hit," and the USO-CAMP SHOWS production is expected to prove equally popular with service men.

A cast right out of the top drawer has been selected to enact the play. Lucille Fetherston, well known radio and stage ingenue, will portray the role of Judy, the "Junior Miss" of the play, and Helen Eastman, of the stage and screen, will play the part of Judy's sister, Lois.

Fraye Gilbert, one of the Broadway theatre's prominent leading women, and Allan Hale, who played recently with Ethel Barrymore, will appear as the distraught parents of "Junior Miss" and her sister. From the British screen comes Strela Leeds to furnish one half of the romantic interest, complemented by Kevin O'Shea, the other half, who received his dramatic training from Mme. Maria Ouspenskay.

Strang Cast

Joan Jackson, a Georgia miss, will enact the role of Fluffy Adams, the chum of Judy and Lois, while Virginia Dyer, recently seen in supporting casts of C. Aubrey Smith and Conrad Nagel, will play Hilda, the Graves superior maid of all work.

Others in the cast are William David, veteran actor, who has appeared in many Broadway hits, Charles Wiley, Jim Naismith, Lance Clark, Richard Astor, Richard Dyson, David Atlee, Zachary Charles and Frank Jacoby.

The production was supervised by Nancy Stern and staged by Irving Schneider. Robert Downing is the stage manager and Pat Agnew, general understudy, while Frederick Fox designed the set.

"Junior Miss" is presented by USO-CAMP SHOWS through the courtesy of Producer Max Gordon and the authors, who have waived their royalties for the camp tour.

Texas Senator Lauds Training Seen At Hood

Both "amazement and satisfaction" were expressed by U. S. Senator Connally of Texas who was a guest of honor at Camp Hood last Thursday afternoon.

The senator, who was accompanied by Mrs. Connally, was taken through some of the principal training areas of the camp. He expressed both surprise and approval at the "training being carried on at Camp Hood under General Bruce."

The senator and Mrs. Connally joined the large group of generals and staff officers at camp last week for a special observers course, in witnessing demonstrations of tank hunting, battle firing, village fighting, infiltration tactics under machine gun fire, the use of grenades and explosives and the training grind of the camp's stiff obstacle course.

Prior to his visit over the reservation, Senator Connally was guest of General Bruce at an informal luncheon at the officers club while Mrs. Connally was the guest of a group of officers wives including Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Charles S. Miller, Mrs. Clifford C. Gregg and Mrs. Crawford Booth.



Commander of AUTC

Brigadier General Richard G. Tindall, Commanding General of the Advanced Unit Training Center, directs the advanced training of the TD Battalions at Camp Hood.

High Ranking Officers Attend Observers Course

Headed by four major generals and 23 brigadier generals, a group of 73 general and staff officers of the Army Ground forces visited Camp Hood last week for the second five-day "Tank Destroyer Observers Course."

The officers were shown the full scope of Tank Destroyer training and tactics including action by the S. P. 75's, infiltration demonstrations and all phases of the famous tank hunting course.

A Message To The Armed Forces

The White House
Washington, D. C.

Christmas, 1942

To the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:

Happily, the Star of Christmas again shines brightly in a world black with war and hate. Never has mankind yearned more for what that Star signifies—for peace and honor to men of good will. The way we must travel is yet long.

As you go hopefully forward into the New Year you can be sustained by the thought that you have the most precious gift which is in the power of your countrymen to bestow—their affection and deep gratitude. To this I can only add my very warmest personal greetings to every one of you.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Many Events For Men On Post Planned

With claws sheathed but on the alert, the TD Panther will relax tonight to join the nation and the world in observing the anniversary of the birth of Christ. About the post, all organizations and agencies have united to bring yuletide happiness and blessing to this giant military family, and "A Very Merry Christmas" will be camp-wide password tomorrow. All post personnel will be relieved of duty except those performing essential military service.

Many Chapel Services

Evening services will be held in all ten camp chapels tonight with Christmas masses and worship scheduled for tomorrow morning.

From Post Headquarters to PX and from mess hall to motor pool, holly wreaths and tinsel proclaim the holiday spirit while Christmas tree lights twinkle encouragement to an Army fighting for peace.

Activity of the battalions will center around their mess halls, day rooms and recreation buildings all of which are decorated for the occasion. Through company messes Uncle Sam will give one of the biggest Christmas dinners in history. The menu calls for turkey and all the trimmings.

Service Clubs Sparkle

Away from barracks, soldiers of the camp will find both entertainment and yuletide hospitality at all of the service clubs. Complying with War Department orders the clubs have confined lighting and other decoration to their interiors which are bedecked elaborately.

Each club has its own Christmas tree and gala program of gifts, refreshments and entertainment. Club cafeterias will offer a special turkey dinner to those who want a repeat performance of their own mess.

War Department theaters are listing feature film attractions to complete the day.

Fiscal Agency Bank To Open

The opening date of the "Camp Hood Fiscal Agency" has been tentatively set for Monday, Dec. 28.

The new agency will render banking service to Camp Hood. Military and civilian personnel can use this service to cash checks and make deposits.

All banking facilities will be rendered by this new agency. The new agency will be located in the rear of the Camp Finance office located on Headquarters and 52nd St.



Pass the Turkey Please! Here's a scene that will be re-enacted through-out Camp Hood tomorrow when the bugler calls tankbusters to that Christmas dinner. Picture shows the decorated mess hall and personnel of Company C, 127th Bn. TDC, and was posed specially to bring you this prevue of pleasant things to come.



PROTESTANT
(Non-denominational)

CHRISTMAS EVE—7 P. M.
Services in all chapels.
CHRISTMAS DAY—9:15 A. M.
Post chapel, 52nd at Hq. Ave.
37th St. theater—OCS.
162nd St. theater—Training brigade.
Hood Road theater—RTC.
Hospital—10:30 A. M.
Stockade—2:00 P. M.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Confession
Thursday, Dec. 24.
Chapel 1156, 37th at Hq. Ave., 6:30 P. M.
Chapel 902, 50th at Hq. Ave., 6:30 P. M.
Mass
Thursday, Dec. 24
Hood Road theater, 12:00 mid-night.
162nd St. theater, 12:00 mid-night.
Christmas Day
Chapel 289, brigade near 168th, 9:30 A. M.
Chapel 2209, Bn. in TD school area, 9:30 A. M.
162nd St. theater, 11:00 A. M.
Hood Road theater, 11:00 A. M.

Cameron To Entertain Hundred Tankbusters

In behalf of his organization, 1st Lt. Wilson T. Betts, AUTC Recreation Officer, has accepted an invitation for one hundred men to enjoy the Christmas holiday as guests of Cameron, nearby Texas town.
Special busses will take the soldiers to Cameron this afternoon and return them to Camp Hood tomorrow night. On Christmas day St. Nick will make his appearance and a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be served to the visiting service men. Girls, dates, parties and refreshments will bring Christmas cheer to the hundred tankbusters from AUTC battalions

Hospital Plans Yule Program

Starting with a gala Christmas tree party tonight in the recreation building, programs have been arranged at the Station Hospital for each evening of the yule season. Chaplain services will be held on Christmas morning.

Vespers And Contest At Copperas Cove USO

Vesper services are held every Sunday afternoon at the Copperas Cove USO Salvation Army Club from 4:30 to 6:30 P. M.
A quiz contest follows the services with a three-minute phone call to anywhere in the United States offered as a prize. All servicemen, their wives and friends are invited.

Presents For All At Temple USO

On Christmas day the colored USO in Temple will have a free gift on its Christmas tree for every enlisted man.
Free parcel wrapping and checking service is also offered by this USO unit.

Tea Dance Saturday For Officers' Youngsters

A tea dance for the sons and daughters of Army officers will be held on Saturday, Dec. 26 at the 50th St. Officers Club. There will be dancing from 5 to 7 P. M. Girls of 15 and boys of 16 through college age are eligible to attend.

Santa To Visit Belton Tonight

Santa Claus will visit the Belton USO club during a Christmas tree party tonight at 9.
Besides the distribution of presents, the club is offering a full evening of entertainment. All service men and their wives are welcome.

Knowledge Is Power

LEXINGTON, Ky.—At least one U. S. soldier on a foreign front is doing all right financially. Relatives here received a letter from Sgt. Harold Monaghan which said: "I have been teaching the natives to play poker. Enclosed find \$200.

Christmas in Camp

TONIGHT

All Post Chapels: Christmas Eve Services
162nd St. Service Club: Christmas Tree Party
37th St. Service Club: Christmas Eve Dance.
72nd St. Service Club: Christmas Program.
RB Bldg. 111: DEML Variety Show.

CHRISTMAS DAY

All Post Chapels: Christmas Mass and worship.
All Service Clubs: Special Christmas Dinner
162nd St. Service Club: Open House.
37th St. Service Club: Christmas Tree Party-Show.
72nd St. Service Club: Everybody's Talent Nite.

Killeen Juniors Say It With Decorations

Youngsters of the primary grades in Killeen public schools have been working for weeks to make Christmas brighter for the soldiers at Camp Hood.

The result is a huge quantity of colorful hand-fashioned ornaments which will sparkle their greeting tomorrow morning from the tree at the 162nd St. Service Club.
To sweeten Killeen's 'Merry Christmas' to service men, the school's Home Economics Dept. has added many dozens of home made cookies.

Then there are gifts, but that's a secret . . . until tomorrow.

College Houses Army Families

Through the cooperation of the students and Dr. Gordon G. Singleton, president of Mary Hardin-Baylor college at Belton, 200 rooms in the college dormitories have been made available through Dec. 31 for housing service men's families.

A nominal charge to cover heat, light, power and janitor service will be made for these rooms during the college vacation period.

Rooms must be vacated on or before Dec. 31 so that they may be cleaned and made ready for the returning students.

OCS Schedules Xmas Events

The OCS regiment has planned a schedule of Christmas events for the recreation and amusement of its personnel.

Thursday there will be an Inter-Denominational Christmas service and singing, a Variety show staged by Hq. & Service Co., a mock court martial held by the 12th Co., a speciality show given by the 5th Co., and at 10 p. m. Christmas carol singers will visit all the companies. Christmas day, there will be an inter-company field meet at the Athletic field at 2 p. m. and free movies at 8 p. m.

RTC To Present Christmas Revue

A special Christmas package in the form of RTC's "Comedy Caravan" will be officially unwrapped at 8 tomorrow night at the 37th St. Service club.

Filled with songs and comedy, this variety show scored a hit in recent prevue for RTC. Tomorrow night Lt. Slezinger will present the revue to the camp at large.

Officer Clubs Plan Dances

Sponsored by the Camp Hood Bachelors, a formal New Year's Eve dance will be held at the 26th St. Officers Club. Music will be furnished by the Tank Destroyer Center Band. All officers and their guests are invited.
Informal dances are scheduled at both officers clubs tonight with music furnished by recordings.

Christmas Eve Has Its Own Military Significance Also

Tonight is something more than Christmas Eve to members of Uncle Sam's forces.
It was 166 years ago tonight that George Washington left a few troops in camp to put on a show of holiday revelry, while with the greater part of his force he crossed the Delaware to rout the befuddled enemy at Trenton.



General Wood Praises Work Of Engineers

Brigadier General John E. Wood honored the officers of the 374th Engr. B. with an address on Thursday evening, Dec. 17. Gen. Wood is now second in command of the 92nd division.

He has just returned from Africa where he was commanding officer of a task force composed mostly of colored engineer troops. His account of the performance of these troops was inspirational. Confronted with rains, jungle and a constant enemy threat, these troops accomplished a seemingly impossible engineering job.

General Wood is here studying TD methods.

Who's This Guy 'Roger'? Radio Messenger Asks

Code words used by Army radio operators are sometimes a little baffling, even to their buddies.

A messenger for Staff Sgt. Edward Temme, 802nd TD Bn., recently came rushing up with a report.

"Who sent that message?" queried Sgt. Temme.

"I don't know," said the puzzled messenger, "but everyone on the radio calls him 'Roger'."

Hood Soldier Needs Directory For Service Kin

"It's mighty hard to keep track of them all!"

Such is the statement of Tech 4th Gr. Burselon M. Fitzharris, Classification section, TDRTC, who lists five brothers in the army and a sixth in defense industry.

According to latest word "Fitz" has received, his brothers are scattered thusly: Jack W., 34, who on completion of a five month course with the Armored Division, Ft. Knox, Ky., is eligible for appointment as 1st lieutenant; Pvt. James R., 31, taking basic infantry training at Ft. McClellan, Ala.; Cpl. E. J., 27, field artillery, Camp Bowie, Tex.; Cpl. Williams, 25, on infantry maneuvers somewhere in Arkansas; S/Sgt. Francis, 23, ground air forces, Scott Field, Ill., and young Patrick, 21, who is a defense worker at Milwaukee, Wis.

Back home in Escanaba, Mich., the townspeople can well point with pride to the fighting Fitzharrises.

Training March Toughens 899th

The 899th T. D. Bn. has taken many long marches during the past two and one-half years, but none were as gruelling as the 26-mile foot march taken last week. This one was even tougher than the 2,300-mile motor march taken in 1941.

When Lt. Col. Maxwell A. Tischer, Commanding Officer, gave the order to fall in, everyone was present, from the adjutant to the newest basic.

With combat packs, the battalion trekked from the cantonment area out Elijah Road, up Georgetown Road to Manning Mountain Road, then over to Graham Gap Road and back to barracks.

Lt. Col. Tischer was greatly impressed with the condition of his unit. Similar marches will be taken in the future, he said, in preparation for the Army Ground Forces' proficiency tests.



Starlets Twinkle Martha O'Driscoll (left) and Anne Gwynne brighten the dinner and the lives of a committee of enlisted men chosen to entertain the visiting starlets (and vice versa) at the service club cafeteria.

Army Invites Personnel To Submit Suggestions

Officers and enlisted men of Camp Hood are invited to don their thinking caps and register ideas relative to new techniques, weapons, military doctrine and organization. Suggestions from Army personnel on such matters, which have always been welcomed, are to be especially encouraged by all commanders, the War Department announced recently.

Victory Recipe Includes Men Of All States

Soldiers taking basic training at the army's new and only Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, Camp Hood, are from all walks of life and every state in the Union.

Illinois leads with a representation of over 300 men while New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania each account for more than 200 soldiers. Over 100 trainees hail from each of the following states: California, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin. All other states are represented.

The diversity of men in training at TDRTC inspired a mess sergeant to offer this recipe on How to Make a Good Soldier.

Ingredients

Actor, teacher, lawyer, policeman, painter, plumber, boxer, musician, ski jumper, clerk, escaped German prisoner, farmer, track star, accountant, deep-sea diver, radio announcer.

Recipe

Take one or more of each, add numerous other average Americans, mix them well, shake them up a bit, freeze them a trifle, season them with adjectives and then beat them around for about 13 weeks.

Result

A riot of recruits becomes a raft of ready men who may claim the distinction of being first soldiers trained at the Replacement Training Center of the Tank Destroyers whose emblem depicts a panther devouring a tank and whose motto is: Seek, Strike Destroy.

Stork Busy At Company B

Capt. Vincent C. Guerin, commanding Co. B, 605th TD Bn., is the father of a girl born Dec. 7.

Cpl. John Workman of the same company was presented with a boy baby on the same day.

Repair Depot Opened By Q. M.

The Quartermaster Reclamation shop is now in operation. The shop is located in Bldg. 24 in the Quartermaster warehouse area.

Work undertaken on clothing and textiles will include four general categories: 1. Repair for return to stock; 2. Repair for return to wearer of those articles which repair beyond the facilities available to wearer; 3. Alterations to outer clothing to provide proper fit, whenever authorized by Post Quartermaster; 4. Alterations made at time of initial issue when necessary.

Hood Civilian War Bond Champ

Roy L. Ware is Camp Hood's leading civilian War Bond buyer.

Employed by the post engineer as a water works operator, Mr. Ware is a regular purchaser of War bonds through the "Pay Reservation Plan" and recently purchased \$7,500 in bonds bringing his total of bonds purchased to \$30,000.

Besides seeing that Camp Hood's water supply is always ample, he believes investing his money in War Bonds is the best way to fight the Axis on "the home front."

776th TD Bn. Demonstrates Tactics For Class

On December 1st and 2nd the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion executed a tactical problem demonstrating the tactics of a tank destroyer battalion in combat for a group of field officers attending school at Camp Hood.

Problems consisted of a black-out march from a bivouac near the intersection of Boundary and Graham Gap Roads to intercept an Armored Force represented by the 753rd Tank Battalion, advancing through the gap at Copperas Cove in a drive toward Gatesville.

Most of the action took place in an area east of the Georgetown Road north of the Copperas Cove Road, the "tankers" ultimately being "repulsed with heavy losses," unable to cope with the fire and movement of the "Tank Busters."

Q. M. Outfit Duties Many

Important in the rapid growth of Camp Hood and vital to its operation is the service contributed by the Quartermaster Detachment receivers, stores and Command.

Charged with the responsibility of meeting the post needs in clothing, food, personal equipment and office furniture, the Q. M. Detachment receivers, stores and issues these items. For the accomplishment of this work the detachment selects personnel with clerical, repair and other specialized experience.

After its inception at Temple on April 7, the organization later established a railroad at Copperas Cove and completed the move to Camp Hood on Aug. 20.

The Q. M. Detachment of the 1848th Unit is commanded by Lt. William B. Stegmann with R. W. Baxter as his 1st sergeant.

To Candidate School

First Sgt. Woodward Reconnaissance Co., 802nd TD Bn., Sgt. Orlando, Co. C, and Cpl. Richard Schmidt, Co. A, have passed an examining board for permission to attend officer candidate school and are expecting to be enrolled soon.

Northern Camp Construction To Start Soon

Bids on the new Northern Camp, located four miles south of Gatesville, are due to be let Dec. 29th.

Actual construction is due to begin by the first of the year on this huge building expansion program under which the size of Camp Hood will be doubled.

Wells for the camp water supply already are underway, grading the site and road work has begun and material has already been unloaded at the camp site.

Service Command Announces Promotions

Four promotions affecting Camp Hood officers have been announced by the 1848th Unit, 8th Service Command. They are: Major Homer G. Olmsted to Lieutenant Colonel; Chaplain Thomas H. Talbot, 1st Lieutenant to Captain; 2nd Lieutenant Ed. P. Avery and Wm. A. Barr to 1st Lieutenants.

Lt. Col. Olmsted is Post Engineer. Lt. Avery is Ass't. Signal Property Officer and Lt. Barr is Ass't. Q. M. Sales Officer.

Automotive Class Derby Winners Receive Awards

At the recent graduation of the enlisted men's automotive class, certificates were awarded to Tech. 5th Gr. Angelo J. Burro of the 605th TD Bn. and Pvt. Lester Oie of the 809th TD Bn., winners of the cross country and obstacle derby. Second place went to a team composed of Tech. 5th Gr. A. R. Lutka and Pvt. 1 Cl. C. Martone of the 692nd TD Bn. while Tech. 5 Gr. Russell Juhl of the 691st TD Bn. and Pvt. 1 Cl. Howard Hoover of the 631st TD Bn. grabbed third honors.

Time of the winners was one hour and 34 minutes, and 20 points off for performance.

The derby covers all phases of the automotive course such as field time a Jeep, use of the skid and the "A" frame, changing tracks, trouble shooting a G.M.O. 6x6 and difficult cross country and obstacle driving. This event will be held in connection with all future automotive classes.

70th Ordnance Adopts Motto

The 70th Ordnance battalion has adopted as its motto, "The difficult we do immediately, the impossible may take longer."

Recently activated together with the 617th Ordnance Company (AMM), the battalion is commanded by 1st Lt. Henry H. Shurgart of Washington, D. C.

RTC Adjutant Clemson Grad

Capt. Pierce D. Bishop, who became adjutant of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center on Dec. 15, came to this post from Ft. McClellan, Ala., where he had served in a similar capacity with the 2nd Regiment.

Commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant ORC upon his graduation from Clemson College in 1929, Capt. Bishop has been a teacher and director of athletics as well as a cotton and tobacco planter. He was called to active duty on Jan. 27, 1942.

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Legion Greeting

Members of the Armed Forces:

Soldiers and sailors of America, wherever you may be this holiday season, fighting to keep Christmas alive, The American Legion sends you warmest greetings.

We Legionnaires, 1,135,000 strong, are mighty proud of you. We feel a special closeness to you because you fellows are finishing the job we started. We know what you are up against. Yours is now the mighty task of putting an end forever to the crucifixion of freedom-loving men and women everywhere. You are bearing the cross today, as we bore it yesterday, not only against the immediate evil in this world, but also for the ultimate good. We pray that out of your gallantry and out of your heroism may grow that better world of tomorrow for which we too bled and sacrificed but which eluded our efforts.

As our Christmas gift we pledge you that your needs, present and future, will always come first with us. That means arms to fight with now, and jobs to live by later!

Merry Christmas! God bless you! Carry on!

ROANE WARING,
 National Comander
 The American Legion

The War Today

RUSSIAN FRONT

A military disaster confronts the German army on the eastern fringes of the Russian Ukraine where dispatches say the freezing Germans are becoming disorganized as they reel back under the hammer blows of the Red army. In twin drives the Red army is knifing south towards Rostov and west towards Kharkov. The Reds have already cut the important Moscow-Rostov railroad at a number of points. The Germans concede that they have been driven back to new positions in the middle Don front. Savage fighting continues within Stalingrad. Directly west of Moscow the Russians say they are trying to wipe out German troops encircled in the Velikie Luki area.

THE MEDITERRANEAN

The Axis is paying heavily in its attempt to reinforce its North African armies. Allied air and sea forces have sunk six and possibly 10 enemy ships crossing the Mediterranean in a series of ferocious attacks by light naval craft, submarines and air planes based on Malta. The British Admiralty reports that Malta has received new, large reinforcements and war materials from a convoy that met no serious Axis resistance.

In Tunisia, the tempo of land action is increasing. French troops are reported less than 30 miles from the east coast of Tunisia. They report the taking of prisoners, armored vehicles and guns. The Allied Command appears to be preparing for two big offensives—one against Northeastern Tunisia and its cities of Bizerte and Tunis; and another into the south to form a junction with the British Eighth Army of Gen. Montgomery, whose advanced units are speeding along the Libyan coast behind the retreating Axis armies.

THE FAR EAST

Allied power is hitting the Japs on widely separated Far Eastern fronts—including the first blow against Japanese-held Sumatra. Concentrated on the Jap naval and fueling base of Sabang, the attack was reavy with explosions roaring from the dock and gasoline tank area. All British planes, presumably carrier based, returned. British air power is continuing attack on Jap holdings in western Burma, strafing Akyab, goal of a British army moving down the Bengal Sea coast. At last report that army was 45 miles from the city and still moving forward.

The Americans and Australians in New Guinea are throwing a pincers around the Jap air field at Buna. The Australians have advanced a mile southward toward the other important Jap position at Sanananda. Allied troops are mopping up in the Gona area, 15 miles north of Buna.

CAMP HOOD

C—Compelled to learn the ways of Modern war,
 A—A peaceful people, roused to righteous rage,
 M—Made here a School, where men of College Age
 P—Pursue such studies as no School before.

H—Has ever taught. They get a needed store
 O—Of battle knowledge for their time to wage
 O—Offensive action on the real war's stage
 D—Destroying beasts of prey who prowl once more.

U—Unusual school, of class-rooms miles in length;
 S—School Teachers here instruct by radio.

A—A mountain side for blackboard; Texas sky
 R—Roofs this Academy with ceiling high,
 M—Majestic as Ideals Free People know,
 Y—Young Men well trained again show Freedom's Strength.

—Pvt. John C. Hopley
 Q.M. Detachment, 1840th Unit

Looking Under The Hood

This may be a surprise to some civilians, it certainly isn't to us in the Army . . . In a recent survey of two combat divisions of ground troops a number of interesting figures were uncovered as to their drinking habits . . . 57 out of 100 men drank nothing at all (alcoholic), 34 drank beer only while nine consumed some hard liquor. A similar survey of two air force units disclosed that 58 out of 100 drank soft drinks only, 31 beer and 11 hard liquor . . . Those totals are not as "staggering" as some would have us believe.

As yet we haven't been permitted to witness the functioning of anti-aircraft during a raid and were a little surprised to learn that while AA gunners attempt, of course, to shoot the enemy out of the sky, the chief result of their fire is to keep the planes so high they can't drop their bombs with accuracy . . . Only five percent of the planes downed during the great air raids on London were accounted for by the ground gunners . . . fighter planes shot down 95 percent . . . Still one wouldn't be effective without the other.

First edition of the "Hood Panther", published Dec. 10, carried a story on Page One concerning Tech. 5th Gr. John J. Maresca, Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt., TD School, and his six brothers, all of whom are in the Army . . . Cpl. Maresca informs us that newsreels of his sister and parents at home in Jersey City, N. J., were recently filmed and may be showing before too long in Camp Hood theaters. Nothing like being first with the news.

A note to you in Camp Hood who are tired of caring for your gas mask: Reliable American observers in China cite 1000 cases in which the Japanese have attacked the Chinese with mustard and lewisite gas during the last five years of their war . . . In the battle of Ichang, October, 1941, one-third of a division were listed as casualties.

Enlisted men in the TD, RTC march to something more than the traditional "Hep, two, three, four" . . . In addition they shout "Seek, Strike, Destroy," in cadence . . . Did you know that when Anne Gwynne, Hollywood starlet was here to open the Hood theaters, she was also celebrating her birthday?

Army Quiz

1. Name the four chief classes of bombs.
 2. What does the hexagon in the Chemical Warfare service insignia symbolize?
 3. What countries have presented medals to General MacArthur?
 4. When an enlisted man consults an Army doctor, is the relationship that of officer and man or doctor and patient?
 5. What is the origination of the term "shave-tail" as applied to Second Lieutenants?
- (See answers page seven)



At Ease
 with
 Pvt. Theodore Shanbaum

Quip Lashes
 by I. A. S.

"Hello, again" and did you enjoy yourselves?

There is no excuse for any bunk huggers with all the fine entertainment at Camp Hood.

If you were on the ball during the past fortnight, you saw lovely Anne Gwynne and Martha O'Driscoll—direct from Hollywood. And if you missed Ray Herbeck's Orchestra and All-Girl Revue, you should draw Sunday K. P. Then, Special Services has inaugurated free movies which will show three nights a week in the Recreation buildings. Watch your daily bulletin for these good programs.

For an evening's entertainment with real live camp talent, watch for the Special Services Revues directed by Pvt. I. C. Kruken.

Augmented by Roy Pierce, Joe Graham and the 899th T. D. Bn. orchestra, the 374th Enf. Glee Club scored a recent hit at the Recreation bldg. at 32nd and Battalion Avenue—and promise more of the same.

One of the entertainment finds of this or any other season is Pvt. I. C. Charles Green, one of the 1848th Unit DEML boys. On or off the stage, Pvt. Green will amuse you, but he is probably best as M. C. of his own orchestra. With the help of the popular and ubiquitous Pvt. Roy Pierce, Green emceed a good variety show last week in Recreation bldg. 111. The program featured a mother and sister act by the visiting relatives of Pvt. John Buyndorp of Kalamazoo, Mich. Another Pvt. Green presentation is scheduled for tonight.

Here's the Christmas recreation menu:

All the Service clubs have plans for big Christmas shows. On Christmas eve the 37th St. club will hold a big dance with lots of girls from Cameron. The club is beautifully decorated and the Yuletide spirit is overflowing. On Christmas Day, a special hour and a half show will be presented under the auspices of TD RTC.

The 162nd St. club held its dance last Tuesday. The women of Gatesville helped to sponsor their affair with girls from Temple, Killeen and Gatesville furnishing the heart-throbs. This club plans a mammoth "Lighting of the Yule Logs" party for Christmas Day and will hold open house.

Over at the 72nd St. club a big Christmas party is ready for the boys with gifts and refreshments for the asking. So come and enjoy yourself.

Every USO Club in Belton, Temple, Killeen, Gatesville, Austin and Waco have Christmas

When a soldier is in the Parachute Corps his future literally depends upon his getting an opening.

Atlas manufacturers have given up waiting for boundaries in Europe to settle down and will proceed with publication at once. A map makers we presume, has to draw the line someplace.

Harmony between nations is hard to achieve unless they can work out accord.

When a Hollywood beauty reaches the stage of success in which she is asked to pose for still pictures, she's sitting pretty.

We've often wondered if a "dog's life" isn't the same as living from pillar to post.



Major General A. D. Bruce,
 Commanding General,
 Tank Destroyer Center,
 Camp Hood, Texas
 Dear General Bruce:

The first issue of The Hood Panther has just come off the press and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the competent and workmanlike job that your staff did on getting it out.

I think the Special Service Office is to be commended on the publication, and I know that Private Ivan Smith, the editor, did a splendid job.

I hope the paper continues its pattern of excellence and reflects credit on the Tank Destroyer Center. I am writing Colonel Thirkield my congratulations and telling him I think the paper is good enough to warrant weekly appearance.

I trust the Hood Panther pleases you and your associates as much as it does me, as a newspaperman and Camp Hood fan.

Cordially Yours,

WALTER R. HUMPHREY
 Editor, Temple Daily Telegram

and New Year affairs planned for service men and all soldiers from Camp Hood are invited. So where ever you are, or go, enjoy yourself and remember that your behavior is either a credit or a debit to us all.

Entire Camp Views New Capra War Film

Money Troubles Solved For Men By Hood 'A.E.R.'

Army Emergency Relief is in full operation at Camp Hood. This is a new organization in the Army. It is prepared to grant emergency loans to military personnel in suitable amounts to those in need of quick relief. Grants are in some cases made and goods and merchandise in other cases furnished needy military personnel. There is not any red tape and very little delay. As one soldier remarked, "it is simple, quick and with no interest to pay."

Army Emergency Relief is under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Hal C. Horton, with offices in the new Finance Building just south of the present Finance Building on Headquarters Avenue. It is decentralized down to each Headquarters section and Battalion headquarters with an Army Emergency Relief Officer in each of these headquarters. Military personnel are advised to contact this local Army Emergency Relief Officer in their headquarters and secure advice in case they are in distress or in need of funds.

Loans are made primarily where casualties and sudden change of station require instant relief. It is limited to military personnel regardless of rank. However, Army Emergency Relief will function when emergencies and distress plague the members of the service at any time.

Co. B, 644th Bn. Fires For Group Of TDC Officers

At the proficiency test held by A.U.T.C. for battalions, Company "B," representing the 644th TD Bn., had the honor of performing before a group of high ranking officials, including Major General A. D. Bruce and Brigadier General Richard G. Tindall.

In this test, No. 1, 30 cal. ammunition was fired from Tank Destroyers with sub-caliber mounts at moving tanks with gratifying results.

In the second phase of the performance in which the test was made, the company made a score of 83.9. Superior exhibitions were given by Pvt. Stanley J. Latka, Tech 5th Gr. John J. Kretowicz and Tech. 5th Gr. Anthony Digrolamo who got three hits in 59 seconds, three hits in 64 seconds and three hits in 67 seconds, respectively.

The third platoon, composed of Pfc Latka, T/5 Joseph A. De Rosa, T/5 Howard T. Baldwin T/5 Joseph J. Makowsky, was ahead with a record of 72.8, considered as excellent.

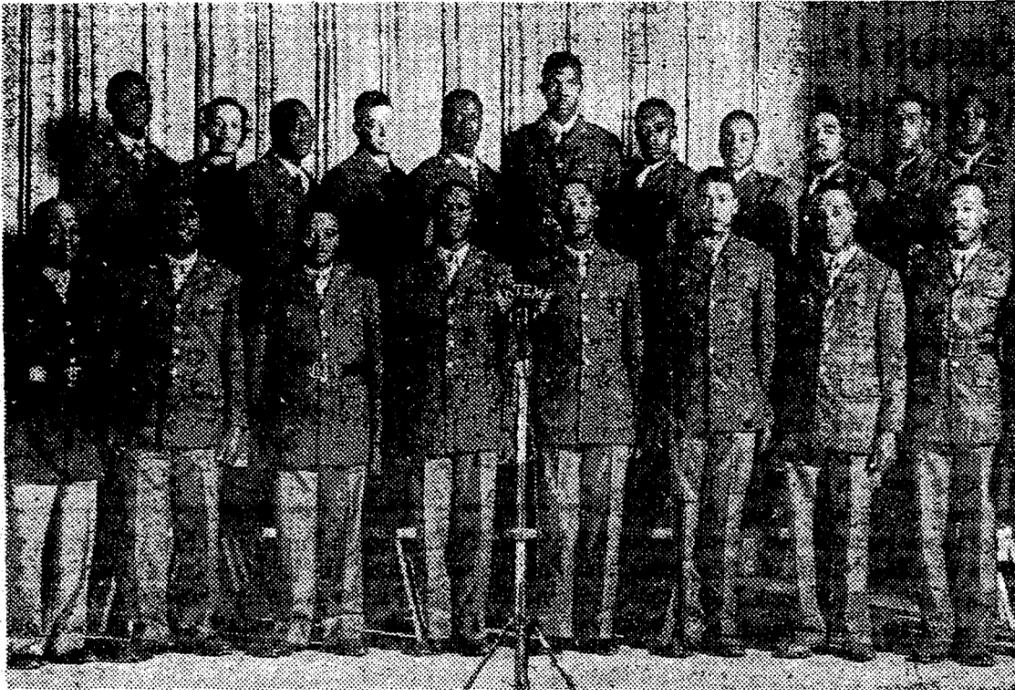
Boy Meets Girl Gets Lipstick Print

During the recent visit of Anna Gwynne and Martha O'Driscoll both TDC hands played for the starlets. Pvt. Sentinry claims to have emerged from the ceremonies with a clarinet reed bearing Martha O'Driscoll's lipstick print. Any offers?

Major Brown Heads Operations Office

Effective on the recent departure of Col. J. V. Cole, Major William R. Brown succeeded him as Chief Operations Officer TDS.

A prominent Temple attorney for the past 16 years, and a veteran of World War I, Major Brown has been identified with the TDS Operations office as an executive officer since his arrival at Camp Hood.



These Engineers Sing As Well As Build.

The Glee Club of the 374th Engr. Bn. is heard regularly in Saturday afternoon broadcasts from 5:30 to 6 o'clock over radio station KTEM, Temple. Preceding their broadcast a program is presented, starting at 4:30 in the Municipal Auditorium, which is free to the public. The chorus was organized by Chaplain L. Q. Brown and is directed by Cpl. Franklin W. Tilford.

OCS Regt. Parade Honors Legion Post Of Temple

A special parade, conducted by the Officer Candidate School Regiment, Tank Destroyer School, was held Tuesday, December 8, honoring American Legion Post No. 133 of Temple. This post recently loaned the regiment the instruments for a drum and bugle corps to be used for regional parades. Among the members of the post who attended the parade and the dinner which followed were D. Wilson Boliver, Post Commander, Bert H. Camp, vice-Commander Earl T. Fate, Adjutant, W. W. Wendland, A. B. Richbook, Charles Caughlin, E. J. North, C. W. Hennington, E. M. Brown, Hiram V. Davidson, J. B. Coleman, Munger Martin, Gordon Stevens, E. A. Buehring, H. P. Swan, D. H. Buchanan, and Major William R. Brown.

Following the parade the Legion members and Major General Andrew D. Bruce, Commanding General; Brigadier General Hugh T. Mayberry, Commandant, TDS; Col Charles S. Miller, Chief of Staff, TDC; Major William R. Brown, Operations Officer; Captain Vernon I. Cross, Executive Officer, OCS, Regiment; and Captain Thomas D. Greenley, Jr., Adjutant, OCS Regiment, were the guests of Colonel Mark A. Dwyne, Jr., Commanding Officer of Officer Candidate School Regiment, at dinner which was served at the Officers' club.

Hood Water Operators Certified By Board

Camp Hood is well represented with licensed water works operators, in fact 100%. According to Lt. Col. H. G. Olmstead, Post Engineer, Camp Hood is the only camp in the State of Texas that can claim this distinction.

Six operators recently completed courses of study and received certificates from the State Board of Health. The operators who received licenses recently are: Ira J. Adams, George Bartow, Ernest Bridges, W. L. Scoggins, Norton Harrison and Roy L. Ware. The two water plants are operated by nine water works operators all of which are licensed by the State Board of Health.

Modern 'Sky Pilot'

Chaplain Graham Eubanks traveled 30,000 miles a year to preach to thousands of soldiers stationed in isolated camps throughout the country.

Hood Postal Employees Work For Quick Delivery

Each piece of mail in the huge volume arriving at Camp Hood daily is delivered promptly. That's important to every man in this camp.

Such efficiency is achieved through the close co-operation of some 70 military and civilian specialists under the direction of Capt. W. H. Culbertson, Camp Postal Officer. Assisting Capt. Culbertson, is Lt. H. R. Grounds.

Men In 776th Bn. From 44 States

A survey conducted recently by Battalion Headquarters, Personnel Section, of the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion revealed that the battalion is composed of officers and men representing 44 states of the union, the District of Columbia, the Philippine Islands, Ireland, Norway, and Sweden.

The only states not represented are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Delaware.

This, doubtless, is a record of some sort. At any rate, the 776th has challenged any battalion on the post to top it.

Real Cut In Expense

Service men in uniform get free haircuts at Tony Chericole's barber shop in New York City. "I barely make a living," Tony explains, "and I can't afford to buy bonds. This is the only way I can help win the war."

Toll Favors Us

At the end of four weeks of the North African campaign, the Allies reported that they had destroyed 199 Axis planes at the cost of 61. Of these the U. S. Air Force claimed 49 at the loss of 21 craft.

Hood Private Kills 175-Pound, 10-Point Deer On Furlough

We don't know whether his rifle marksmanship training helped him any or not, but this Camp Hood Private secured his own Christmas present with his rifle while home on furlough recently.

Pvt. Ava R. McGee, Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt., TD School, killed a 10 point, 175 pound buck deer while visiting at his home in Boyne Falls, Michigan.

Pvt. McGee said he was really lucky since there were but two days of the deer hunting season left when he got home.

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'Prelude To War' Shows Reason For Conflict

Maj. Frank Capra's first Army movie, "Prelude to War," was seen by the entire military personnel of Camp Hood at numerous showings scheduled over a six-day period ending last night. Released by the Special Service Division, Services of Supply, this dramatization is the first of a series of films designated to acquaint service men with the background, history and current progress of the war, and pertinent information on both our allies and our enemies.

No Military Secrets
According to the War Department, "Prelude to War" will not be shown to the civilian public. This is not because of secret military information. The film does not contain any. It is a 50-minute presentation made up of newsreel and documentary clips, animated maps and specially re-enacted scenes which fill in a running history of the world since the appearance of fascism.

First, the movie flashes back to 1931 when Japan moved into Manchuria as the first step in its long planned program of world aggression. This, says "Prelude to War" was the start of the present war.

Shows Master Plot
Then the film goes on to show how Japan's expanding scheme of aggression was joined with that of Mussolini and Hitler and how each separate encroachment was part of a master design.

To explain the significance of this design, "Prelude to War" examines the slave world and the free—theirs and ours. From the dark fascist world comes a picture of mass degradation to provoke a free man's horror.

The film carries emotional conviction and succeeds in translating world events into their true meaning to the individual.

Army Policy Is Best Buy

The cheapest, most complete insurance in the world is now being made available to the armed forces of the United States, through the efforts of the government.

As no selling expense or overhead is involved, monthly premiums are kept down to a minimum. Advantages not offered in commercial policies are included so that soldiers can provide completely for the security of their families.

Insurance is available to officers and enlisted men in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Monthly premiums on a \$1,000 policy run from 64 cents for an 18 year old policy holder to 85 cents for a 40 year old policyholder. Service men should not delay making insurance applications until they reach staging areas preparatory to going overseas. Investigate the advantages offered by the National Service Life insurance program, by seeing your organization representative.

Leads Battalion In Sub-Caliber Ack Ack Firing

Pvt. 1 Cl. Edwin Haase, Co. "C," 899th T. D. Bn., last week scored 68 hits out of a possible 110 to lead his battalion in .22 caliber anti-aircraft firing on the 500 inch range.

Second place went to Pvt. 1 Cl. Fred Ehn, Co. "B," 899th, who registered 66 hits. According to AUTC instructors, a score of 33 hits, or thirty percent, is considered good shooting.

Problem Unique

Camp Hood's postal problems are unique because of the independent battalion set-up in the area. At the average camp, mail can be sorted to eight or nine Divisions or Regiments who accomplish their own breakdown via the chain of command. Here the breakdown to some hundred organizations is handled in the Camp Post Office.

Established at Temple on April 11 under Lt. Geo. J. Grant and one private, Camp Hood Post Office came under the direction of Capt. Culbertson on June 22 and was moved subsequently to its present site on the Post. For financial administration the Camp P. O. is under Postmaster E. D. Masle of Killeen through Gene Hallmark, Superintendent of this Branch. For operational purposes, however, Camp Hood Post Office is an independent unit dispatching mail directly to the carriers.

Service Board

Outgoing mail is shipped by truck from Camp Hood to the four mail trains each day from Killeen, and two more trucks are sent direct to catch the 16 mail trains which leave Temple daily. Incoming mail is brought to Camp Hood from these same trains.

Experienced postal men estimate that Christmas will bring an average of five insured packages for every individual on the Post. The Post Office staff is already working overtime on a voluntary basis to bring Camp Hood A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Was Within His Rights

If an Army chaplain of "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" sentiment actually did fire a gun at his country's enemies, he was within his rights under international law, according to Dr. Charles Hyde, Columbia University authority on international law.

New Years Parties At Service Clubs

Three Guest Houses Here Available For Relatives Of Camp Hood Personnel

Easy, soldier, on what you write home about the trials and tribulations of barracks life. Wives and families of enlisted men at Camp Hood are getting their own "look-see" through the facilities of the three Guest Houses now in operation on the post. Operated by the Camp Special Services office, Guest Houses

Lampasas Donates Park As Soldier Play Center

Hancock Park, located at Lampasas, Texas will soon become a recreational spot every Camp Hood soldier will want to visit some week-end.

The city of Lampasas has donated to the government the use of Hancock Park and its facilities. The park covers 150 acres, and includes, a swimming pool, bath house, dance hall, concession building, assembly building and 12 tourist cottages. The Lampasas River winds its way through the park.

Twelve CCC buildings will be moved to the park which will accommodate approximately 300 men. Included in this group of CCC buildings will be a standard Mess Hall. Sanitary facilities and water will be furnished by the city of Lampasas.

The project will be under supervision of the Special Services Office and the Post Engineer.

Locater File Will Help Find Men Stationed Here

Want to locate a friend from your home town who has come to Camp Hood... or a pal from your outfit who has been transferred? Just dial 551, the phone number of Postal Directory Service, and the information will be yours in a matter of seconds. It's as simple as that.

Under the direction of Capt. W. H. Culbertson, Camp Postal Officer, and supervised by chief clerk, Mrs. Adelyn Dominy, the Locater files contain an up-to-the-minute card on each individual of the military or civilian personnel at this Post. From these cards P.D.S. can give you a soldier's organization, serial number and location before you can repeat your first General Order. All you need to know is the name.

While designed primarily to expedite the delivery of mails and used daily for this purpose, Postal Directory Service is also queried extensively by long distance operators, Express agents and individuals to effect quick contacts in this huge Camp. This service is available 24 hours a day.

are located adjacent the Service clubs whose cafeterias serve as mess halls for the visitors. The buildings are about the size of two-story barracks and of similar construction. Interiors are divided into separate sleeping rooms fitted with two standard Army cots and other suitable G. I. furnishings. A bit of softening refinement appears in their attractive window drapes, fashioned from a type of monk cloth.

In this setting a soldier's wife, mother, father or his aunt Matilda may visit service relatives and at the same time experience camp atmosphere and living conditions. The charge for this hospitality is only fifty cents per day per person. The visit is limited to two nights which may include three days.

Comfortable lobbies are provided for visiting and soldier's with guests in residence are permitted. The Guest houses are off-limits to all others. All military personnel must clear the building by 10:30 p. m.

In planning such visits for relatives, servicemen should make reservations in advance. On arrival at Camp, visitors will be issued temporary passes to be replaced later by receipt from Guest house.

New Postal Units Set Up In Camp

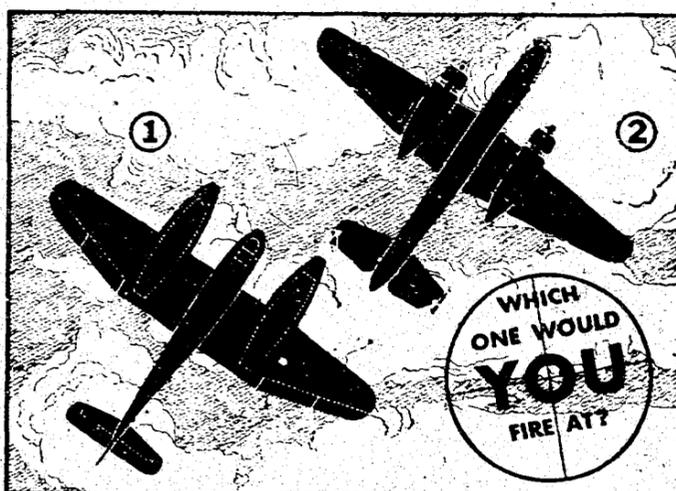
The Camp Hood Post Office has established a new postal unit in building No. 2208.1 at 26th and Battalion Ave., just west of the Student Regiment in the School area. There is also a postal unit in building RB-111 at 268th and Supply Drive, just north of Provisional Battalion Hq.

Personnel in the vicinity of the School has been urged to use the postal unit in building No. 2208.1 and all Quartermaster, DEML Military Police and other organizations in Area 1 have been asked to transact their postal business in the unit at 268th and Supply Drive.

Congestion at the main makes it impossible to render satisfactory service at that office to all members of this station.

Gentler Sex

Pt. Worth, Tex.—Louise Lackland decided to learn Jui Jitsu from Glen Wilcox, a professional instructor. After only a few lessons Miss Lackland tossed Mr. Wilcox on his ear.



FIRE AT NO. 1! It's the German Focke-Wulf Fw. 187, a twin engine, low-wing two seat fighter. The leading edges of the wings are untapered and the trailing edges are swept forward on the outer sections to rounded tips. The engine nacelles extend ahead of the nose. The leading edges of the tailplane are tapered and the tips are rounded.

NOT AT NO. 2! It's the North American B-25, a mid-wing twin engine medium bomber. The nose of the B-25 is very long and extends ahead of the engines. The engine nacelles project slightly behind the trailing edge of the wings. Both edges of the wings taper to rounded tips. The ship has double fins and rudders.

Soldiers Now Look At World Through Rose Colored Glasses

Army men are not in a habit of looking at the world through "rose colored glasses," but they look at it through them now and almost every other kind too.

Goggles with five sets of interchangeable lenses, which provide protection against dust and glare, are being used by aviators, anti-aircraft gun crews, tank drivers, tank operators and soldiers of other details where clear vision day or night is essential, the War Department has announced.

Designed By Quartermaster Services of Supply, the goggles are close fitting and the

soldier can insert the type of lenses he needs in a few seconds. The lenses provided are clear, green, amber, light red and dark red. The frames are reclaimed rubber and an artificial rubber of long-wearing qualities. They fit close to the face and are so flexible they can be carried in the pocket without danger of breakage.

The clear lens is for protection only and does not affect the vision or the mechanism of the eye. The amber light, designed to pierce haze, is especially useful to fliers seeking to pick out military objectives. The green lens is polarized and valuable to aerial observers when going into bright sunlight or the beam of a searchlight.

Used The Dark

The light red lens is used as a "dark adapter." By donning it a soldier's eyes become immediately adjusted when he goes from a light to a dark area. The dark red lens is of particular benefit to gunners firing tracer bullets. It aids the eye in following the bullets.

Officer Uniform Allowance Upped

President Roosevelt's signature has enacted into law a Congressional bill raising the uniform allowance for newly commissioned officers from \$150 to \$250.

The allowances, paid to officers up to and including the rank of Captain, are extended to everyone on duty April 3, 1939 or thereafter. War Department officials told Washington newspaper correspondents they interpreted this to mean that officers who have already drawn the \$150 allowance will receive an additional \$100.

First Sgt's Daughter Gets First Recording

First Sgt. D. T. Ratliff is the father of a daughter born Saturday morning, Dec. 12. To the very young Miss Anna Louise Ratliff goes the first birth certificate from the new Coryell County Memorial Hospital, Gatesville, Texas.

DEML Supplies Specialty Men

Wide in scope are the camp assignments performed by men from the 1848th Unit, DEML Section, 8th Service Command (or simply DEML to you).

To Post Headquarters this organization furnishes a complete staff of specialists which would solve the problems of many civilian personnel directors. Starting with accountants and auditors, the roster includes lawyers, investigators, artists, and experts in the field of athletics, entertainment and public relations.

On the firing line, Tank Busters are served by another contingent from DEML, the Range Station. This group services targets and other paraphernalia used in-range firing.

Poor Connection Suspends Service

A draft board in the Bronx called up German-born William Patrick Hitler for induction. On a questionnaire which must be filled out by all aliens, Hitler indicated he had two relatives who had served in other armies: "I. Thomas J. Dowling, Royal Air Force, 1923-6. 2. Adolf Hitler, German corporal, 1914-18." The U. S. Army rejected William Patrick Hitler.

Given Assignments

Second Lts. William P. Bye, Clifton J. Byrd and Charles E. Coats have been assigned to the 644th TD Bn.

VERY SPECIAL DELIVERY

Miami, Fla. (CNS)—Joseph Gagen, letter carrier, paid a fine for indecent exposure. He explained he had fallen from his bicycle into an ants' nest. He removed his clothing so he could shake the ants from his pants, then went on delivering his mail. He did not explain why he had not redressed himself before continuing his work.

Open House To Give 1943 Gay Start

Gay Open House for enlisted men, their families and their friends, will feature the programs of all service clubs on New Year day. The parties are scheduled from 2 to 5 P. M. and are planned to get 1943 off to a happy flying start with special entertainment, refreshments and service club hospitality in over-size doses.

During the evening each club will offer its individual variety schedule of music, games and other amusement.

Special New Years day menus are planned by the service club cafeterias whose motto: "Where the Mess Sergeants like to eat"—marches on into 1943.

OCS Graduates Twin Brothers

Officers Candidate School, TDS, claims a "first" for the Army in a set of twin brothers who graduated simultaneously on Dec. 4 from OCS to receive their gold bars as second lieutenants.

Gerald and Harold Hoffer of Nappanee, Indiana, have been stationed together since their induction, Nov. 13, 1941, and have advanced at the same pace. They will return to Camp Hood at the end of their furloughs to be stationed in the Replacement Training Center... together.

MP's Can Meet Any Extremity

Pvt. 1 Cl. Charles J. Franchina and Pvt. Jesse R. King, M. P. guards at Gate No. 2 during the midnight to 8 A. M. shift, are a well-matched pair that should be able to handle any and all situations that might arise at their place of business.

Pvt. 1 Cl. Franchina, of Waltham, Mass., is 5' 3" tall; Pvt. King, of Blue Ridge, Texas, is 6'6" tall. Between them, they can check anything from an Austin bantam to a 10-ton truck without undue straining.

Promotions Listed By 605th TD Bn.

Sgt. George A. Stone, formerly 1st Sgt. of Headquarters company, 605th TD Bn., has assumed the duties of battalion sergeant major. Sgt. Ollie Lawther has become 1st Sgt. of Hq. Co.

In the same battalion, Privs. Arthur Carlin, Earnest Smith and Vincent Bosco have been promoted to Tech. 5th Gr.

Reporters

A. U. T. C. REPORTERS
M. Sgt. George B. Hackett, Pvt. John J. Fontaine, Lt. Daniel A. Jenkins, Lt. Robert A. Hale, Sgt. Ray E. Hinton, S. Sgt. Marvin H. Shauken, S. Sgt. Robert H. Dunbar, Capt. Robert L. Shapiro, T. Sgt. Harold S. Lowell, Pvt. Edward D. Cohn, T. Sgt. Joseph B. Hamilton, Pvt. William E. Cardinale, T. Sgt. Cecil McKiddy, S. Sgt. Thomas B. Tate, Cpl. Edward K. Carr, Pvt. James M. Smith, S. Sgt. Robert L. George, Cpl. James T. Hennessy, Cpl. Edward K. Carr, Sgt. Theodore F. Barkerding, Tech. 4th Gr. Irwin Bruskin.

TD SCHOOL REPORTERS
Cpl. David Begelman, Pvt. Robert Clemens, Cpl. William G. Wells.
1848TH CASU REPORTERS
Sgt. Homer B. Slesse, Pvt. I. Cl. Conrad L. Cloetta, Jr., Pvt. I. Cl. Sammy Lillibridge.

TRAINING BRIGADE REPORTERS
Sgt. Monroe W. Watkins, Sgt. George D. Folkes, Sgt. Lawrence W. Jernigan, T. Sgt. Joseph L. Fox, Pvt. Perry H. Wilson, Pvt. I. Cl. Gaylord Dowd, T. Sgt. Henry Wiener, T. Sgt. Martin A. David, Pvt. Bernard Cohen, 2nd Lt. Willard L. Thompson, Pvt. Kenneth E. Sheehan, T. Sgt. Milford J. Seeman, Pvt. I. Cl. Samuel A. Lillibridge, Pvt. Donald S. Ross.

ETC REPORTERS
Pvt. Joe Espitalier, Pvt. C. E. Barbre, Pvt. W. J. Milligan, Cpl. Paul J. French, Pvt. Harold E. Alex, Pvt. Jerome L. Joss, Pvt. Julius DeSantis, Pvt. John W. Lacovro, Sgt. Robert N. Walker.

Theater Schedules

Hood Road and 37th St. Theaters

- Thursday, Dec. 24: The Black Swan.
- Friday, Dec. 25: Pittsburgh.
- Saturday, Dec. 26: Double feature—Underground Agent and It Comes up Love.
- Sunday, Mon., Dec. 27-28: Once Upon a Honeymoon.
- Tuesday, Dec. 29: Street of Chance.
- Wed.-Thurs., Dec. 30-31: White Cargo.
- Friday, Jan. 1: Life Begins at 8:30.

162nd St. Theater

- Thursday, Dec. 24: A Night to Remember.
- Fri.-Sat., Dec. 25-26: The Black Swan.
- Sunday, Dec. 27: Pittsburgh.
- Monday, Dec. 28: Double feature—Underground Agent and It Comes up Love.
- Tues.-Wed. Dec. 29-30: Once Upon a Honeymoon.
- Thursday, Dec. 31: Street of Chance.
- Friday, Jan. 1: White Cargo.

Army Hour Broadcast From Camp Hood Given Battle Atmosphere

Americans sitting at home by their radios Sunday, Dec. 13, heard the zing of machine gun bullets, the bomb of dynamite "booby traps" and the sharp crack of rifle fire mingled with the wild cries of attacking troops.

It wasn't a broadcast of an actual battle from one of the fighting fronts, but a description of part of the training course at Camp Hood which conditions "Tank Destroyers" for battle.

Describing the action from the Tank Hunting Course was Lt. Burgess Meredith, until the war a motion picture actor.

At the start of the Army Hour program which presented the program over the National Broadcasting company network, Lt. Burgess introduced Major General A. D. Bruce who told of the natural advantages of climate and terrain at Camp Hood which permitted year-around training, and praised the spirit of today's army which he said would "surprise the enemy with superior equipment and new battle methods."

Lt. Meredith described the action as men laden with full field equipment raced through the obstacle course, then introduced Major Ralph Slater who described the combat firing position taught the individual during training here.

Capt. Ned Davis told the radio audience of the famed TD "Molotov Cocktail" bomb and the "sticky bomb" used to destroy tanks in close combat.

A realistic description of street to street fighting in the "Nazi Village" followed by range firing of the tank destroying S. P. 75's closed the broadcast.



Direct From Hood
Lt. Burgess Meredith describing T.D. maneuvers on Army Hour broadcast, Dec. 13.

New Civilian Center Named "Hood Village"

Hood Village is the name chosen for the big civilian housing project now going up on the Lampasas road overlooking the camp warehouse area.

Work on the 385 units comprising the trailer center is underway and due for completion by Jan. 10. The entire project providing for 1,091 units and 2,267 bedrooms is scheduled for occupancy by March 1.

These apartments will be rented to civilian employes, and there is a possibility that units may be rented to military personnel. Hood Village, when completed, will be a community in itself under the jurisdiction of the Camp Hood Post Commander.

Wedding Day Named By Hq. Employee

Miss Mary Nell Turner will become the bride of Sgt. Joe Cwyk, 2nd Training group, AUTC, at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3, in the Post chapel at 52nd and Headquarters Ave.

Miss Turner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Turner of Hewitt, Tex., and has been employed since February in the personnel section of Adjutant General's office, Hq. TDC.

Sgt. Cwyk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cwyk of Carnegie, Pa., and has been in the army for four years.



To Congress

Lt. Will Rogers, Jr., of the 899th TO Battalion who leaves the Army on Jan. 6 to take his seat in Congress. See story at right.

Busses Available For Week-End Trips

First Lt. Wilson T. Betts, AUTC Recreation Officer, has announced that he has special busses available every week-end for recreational trips anywhere within a reasonable distance from Camp Hood.

AUTC battalion recreation officers who wish to send out such parties, can contact Lt. Betts at AUTC headquarters.

TD Lieutenant To Leave Army For Congress

Lt. Will Rogers, Jr., 899th TD Bn., son of the late Will Rogers, humorist and philosopher, will take his seat in Congress Jan. 6 at which time he will go on the Army's inactive list. Lt. Rogers was recently elected to Congress from California.

Traveling via Ft. Lewis, Washington, Lt. Rogers arrived in Texas early last summer and joined his organization at its tent encampment near Copperas Cove. Since that date he has served with the 899th T. D. Bn., sharing the field training experience of his outfit.

When asked for his reaction to his tour of duty, Lt. Rogers stated that the experience has helped him to take his place in a wartime Congress. It is his opinion that the work being done at the tank Destroyer Center is the type of thing which only an American Army could accomplish.

In a recent speech at Waco, Texas, Lt. Rogers expressed admiration for the remarkable speed with which the whole TD program was initiated and the advanced training accomplished. He endorsed the War Bond campaign as an important method of gaining public support and funds for the work being done at Camp Hood and elsewhere.

Lt. Rogers has asked to be given inactive duty in order to keep his assignment to his unit.

USO Plans Huge Camp Show Program

The costliest theatrical venture in history—4 million dollars' worth of theater is under way for soldiers.

Between now and May 7, 41 performers will visit every post, camp, fort, base and station on the continent. Its really the biggest show on earth. Performances will be given only on military reservations.

U. S. O. Camp Shows, Inc., put the program together, the United States War and Navy Departments approved it and the acting is in the hands of professionals.

Wedding Bells

Pvt. I. Cl. John C. Catapana, Jr., Hq. Company, 644th TD Bn. was married to Miss Eleanor Susina on Nov. 29. The ceremony took place in Our Lady of Libera church at West New York, N. J.

Tech. 5th Gr. Charles A. Fritts of the 893rd TD Bn. and Miss Catherine Fritz were married in Bell county, Texas, on Dec. 8.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Wanda Lewis of Quanah, Texas, to Tech. 5th Gr. Frank A. Giallorenzo of Co. "B," 644th TD Bn. The wedding is planned for Christmas day.

Cpl. James C. Pinnix, 893rd TD Bn., and Miss Katherine Harless were married recently at Marlin, Texas.

Tech. 5th Gr. Xavier J. Fronczkowski of Co. "B," 644th T. D. Bn. was married to Miss Dorothy Suchocki of Paterson, N. J. on Nov. 17. The ceremony was held at St. Stephen's church in Paterson.

Pvt. Walter Hitzgrade, Co. C, 802nd TD Bn., was married to Miss Rae Tomlinson of Gatesville, Saturday, December 5, at 4 p.m. The ceremony was held in the home of the bride's parents.

Petite Panther Patrols P. O.

Observing daily each tenet of TD's famous motto "Seek, Strike & Destroy," is "Midnight" feline mascot of the Camp Post Office and S. P. mouse-trap extraordinary.

Jet black—in the best TD Panther tradition—"Midnight" enjoys natural camouflage for surprise attack and other nocturnal maneuvers.

When questioned regarding her tactics, "Midnight" was silent—or almost silent—but it was learned from the w.k. usually reliable sources that lightning attack is S.O.P.

Records High Score

In Pvt. Billy Ascue, Headquarters company claims the best 30 cal. machine gunner in the 802nd TD Bn. and possibly the best in anybody's battalion. The little Virginian punched out a score of 124 out of a possible 128.

Quiz Answers

1. Demolition, fragmentation, incendiary and chemical.
2. The hexagon is a benzene ring. The other devices are crossed retorts.
3. The United States, France, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Mexico and Ecuador.
4. Naturally, as far as military regulations are concerned, the relationship is that of officer and man. However, the Medical Corps prefers to think of it as doctor and patient.
5. Here's one version, though not official: It appears that when men were commissioned from the ranks they still had some perfectly good shirts which were exactly like the officers' except they lacked shoulder straps. In order to save those shirts it became the custom to snip strips from the tail of the shirt to be sewed on the shoulders—thus the term "shave tail".

British Fliers Face Bare Facts

LONDON—The Royal Air Force had the report recently of one of its pilots that he made a forced landing in a nudist camp.

The pilot and his observer, whose report stressed the landing as strictly emergency, stepped out of the plane to be surrounded by nudists.

"Oh, it's quite all right," a welcoming feminine voice assured them. "Won't you stay for lunch?" They did, and the camp matron, a Mrs. Burgess, said the flyers were entirely at ease and "quite broadminded about the whole thing."

Beat That Chill

When sleeping in the field without a cot, spread your raincoat over your improvised bed. This will prevent the ground dampness from chilling your body.

Killeen Club Revamped Offers New Features

The USO Club at Killeen has completed building renovations and is now offering a complete program of USO features to service men and their families. A snack bar, personal services and recreational entertainment have been added to the previous activities of the club.

Hargrove Autograph To Hood Sergeant

S-Sgt. Lloyd C. Miller, Co. B, 127th RTC, received this week an autographed copy of the now famous book, "See Here, Private Hargrove."

Sgt. Miller was a buddy of the author back at Ft. Bragg, N. C., where they both took basis training and where the locale of the story is set. Sgt. Miller is referred to in the story as "Grinny."

Don't stay that "extra day" or fail to catch the right train anymore when you're on furlough or pass.

Effective December 1, the table of maximum punishments relative to the offense of absence without leave was suspended and such offense committed after that date are punished as the court martial may direct, within the limits of the court martial to which such offense is referred.

All of which means simply that an unauthorized absence of even one day might be punished by a summary court martial with a sentence of one month's confinement and forfeiture of two-thirds of your pay for one month. The same absence, if referred to a special court martial, might be punishable by six months confinement at hard labor and a forfeiture of two-thirds of your pay for the same period. The same absence, under aggravating circumstances, might be punishable by dishonorable discharge and a period of confinement for a specified number of years up to life imprisonment.

Which, in a soldier's language, means "get in on time!"

Lends Aid Collects Ire

Since soldiers are trained to fight, it is natural that they should occasionally disagree with each other, but Pvt. Odas Dunn of Hq. Co., 899th T.D. Bn. feels that he has a legitimate grievance.

Recently Pvt. Dunn happened upon the scene where St. Sgt. Sylvester Edwards of his organization was "differing" with two other men. Dunn, in a spirit of brotherly helpfulness, came to the aid of Edwards. However, the M.P.'s, seeking to preserve harmony and concord among the members of the armed forces, put in their appearance. When the dust had settled, it was Pvt. Dunn who was held by the M.P.'s. The charge: assaulting Sgt. Edwards! Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.



"I'm afraid I'm going to have to gig you, private. Your hair's too long."

Basket Tourney Reaches Semi-Finals

SPORTS SLANTS

The fast stepping basketball team of Co. "D", Academic Regt. TDS, boosts a colorful line-up with such names as Sgt. Howard LeComte of Loyola Academy of Chicago; Sgt. Floyd Roasoff of Missouri Pros; Sgt. Hugh Salisbury who played Freshman at Purdue; Cpl. Kurt Grimm of Milwaukee; Cpl. Terry of Holy Cross; Pvt. I. Cl. Keith Van Buren from the University of Wisconsin who also played pro with Green Bay, and Pvt. Bill Marsh of North Carolina who starred in high school and semi-pro.

Company "B", 893rd TD Bn. claims the honor of the first athletic trophy awarded at Camp Hood. The company topped the 893rd softball league in play last August.

Cpl. Eugene R. Maranca carries the hopes of the 617th Ordnance Co. (AM) which has flung a challenge to all camp lightweights on his behalf. Maranca weighs in at 135 pounds and has appeared in 20 Golden Gloves bouts in addition to wide professional and amateur experience.

Pvt. Basil James, who once piloted such turf greats as Alsb and Whirlaway, is now riding saw-horses in the Utility Shop of the Grand Central Induction Center, New York City.

Lt. Marion C. Pugh, former Texas Aggie All-American and New York Giant football star is now assigned to Co. "A" of the 893rd TD Bn. Lt. Pugh was also on the West Coast squad of service stars.

Lou Gehrig's memory will be honored in the naming of a Liberty ship representing New York State in the nation's victory fleet. The name was selected by Albany high school students from a list of 600.

Throwing leather for the 374th Engr. Bn., will be a boxing team under the supervision of Lt. John J. Van Valkenburgh and composed of: Sgt. Rufus Sims, Sgt. Thomas F. Williams, Pvt. Webster Hale, Cpl. William Stovall, Pvt. Felix A. Bowers, Pvt. Charles Douglas, Pvt. Clarence Guyton and Sgt. Reuben Hall.

Notre Dame's football captain in 1938, Alec Shellogg, is a student in the Non-Coms Physical Training School of the Air Forces Technical Training Command, Miami Beach, Florida.

Jim Ring, whose lightning time of 1:53.8 for the "880" while running for the freshman team at Notre Dame last year, established him as one of the fastest men in collegiate circles, is now stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., and says that "Someday I'm going back to Notre Dame and flatten those records that they've been holding on the books for me."

Action And Interest Feature Fight Card

An enthusiastic near-capacity crowd overflowed the seats of the Camp Hood Field House last Friday night to cheer its favorites in the best boxing show of the season.

In the final bout which proved to be the feature of the card, Pvt. I. Cl. Arthur Fairfield, 180, of the 893rd T D Bn. Packed with fast action, this three-rounder brought the crowd to its feet repeatedly and wound up the evening on an up-beat.

Basketball Team Of 776th TD Bn. Shapes Rapidly

Coached by 1st Lt. Sheldon Thompson, the 776th "Vandal" basketball team is rapidly whipping into shape preparatory to a tough post schedule.

In two pre-season games, the Vandals eked out victories over the Goppers, Cove Lutherans and the 753rd "Tankers" 13-12 and 31-12 respectively; the latter game running into two overtime periods; Pvt. James Minah from the Medical Detachment finally put the game on ice by netting a free throw with a minute to play.

Vandals Of 776th Close Football

With one game with the 802nd remaining on its schedule, the "Vandals" of the 776th TD Bn. are "closing station" on a relatively successful football season.

Lacking experience, due to a scarcity of competition on the post, and forced to play outside teams who hopelessly outclassed them, the team, nevertheless showed the old "Tank Busters" fighting spirit, and behind the sparkplugging of team captain, M-Sgt. Donald Kolbo and the fast charging of fullback, T-V. Jess Avila looked good where outclassed and unbeatable when the odds were even. In the line Sgt. Robert Jones, end, Corp. Russell Nyvall, tackle, Sgt. Coward, guard, and Pvt. John Boyd, center, were outstanding; and Pvt. Oliver Stevens, quarterback, Pvt. Nick Masica, halfback, and Sgt. Harold Moll, looked good in the backfield. Coached by 1st Lt. Edward Kafka, Minnesota '38 and 2nd Lt. Donald Jones, Ripon college '37, and managed by Pvt. Luther Wartham, the boys piled up the following record:

- Vandals 13 625 T. D. Bn. 0
- Vandals 7 St. Edwards College, Austin 0
- Vandals 0, Southwestern U., Georgetown 79.
- Vandals 0, Schriener, inst. Kerrville 92.
- Vandals 0, Randolph Field Ramblers 27.

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The secondary feature from a thrill standpoint was contributed by two husky colored boys from the 374th Engineers. Pvt. Webster Hale piled up enough points in the first two rounds to take the bout from Pvt. Clarence Guyton. The loser came to life in the colorful third round but could not overtake the winner.

In other matches, Pvt. Richard Cook of the 127th Bn. RTC, won over Pvt. H. J. Dambra of the 893rd TD Bn in the 130-lb. class. At 140-pounds, Pvt. C. Carper of 126th Bn. RTC, won over Pvt. Bill Burk of the 127th Bn. RTC.

Pvt. Bob Lee of the 127th Bn. RTC, won a technical knockout over Pvt. Sam Pohlman of the 617th Odr. Co. in the 156-160 lb. class, while Pvt. Ed Kozenski, 147, of the 806th TD Bn. took a TKO over Pvt. Charles Martin of the 128th Bn. RTC.

In the 180-190 lb. class, Pvt. Rufus Sims took the decision from Pvt. Chas. Douglas. Both boys represented the 374th Engineers.

The bouts were refereed by Lts. Myers and John Mishousky of the 629th TD Bn. Lts. Marion C. Pugh and Dole W. Dye of the 893rd TD Bn. served as judges. First Lt. Wilson Betts of AUTC acted as timekeeper.

Officer Rejoins Outfit

Capt. Clayton W. Bergnes is back with the 802nd TD Bn. after completing six weeks of school in Camp Hood and has assumed his new duties as Intelligence Officer on the battalion staff.

Dive Record Established

A new speed record for air-planes in a power dive, 725 miles per hour, was set by two young Army fliers when they plunged their P-47 fighter planes earthward from an altitude of 35,000 feet over an East Coast air base Nov. 15, the Republic Aviation Corp., makers of the P-47, have announced.

Talent Wanted

Talent is needed to take part in Special Services camp shows. If you can act, sing, dance or do other types of entertaining, please call the Special Services Office — phone 729.

On The Sports Schedule

MONDAY: Dec. 28) Basketball Tournament. SEMI-FINALS. Sports Arena, 7 P. M.

TUESDAY: Basketball Tournament. FINALS. Sports Arena, 7 P. M.

Note: For additional events watch the Sports Bulletin, issued every Tuesday.

Golden Gloves Meet In Temple On Jan. 29, 30

The annual Central Texas district Golden Gloves tournament, with winners eligible to compete in the state meet at Fort Worth, will be held in Temple Jan. 29 and 30.

All amateur boxers in the army may enter. No entry fee will be charged.

Boxers from Camp Hood, both Waco army flying fields, Allen Academy, A&M college and Baylor university plus the usual entries from high schools of this section will compete in the Temple tournament.

It will be sponsored by the Temple Telegram and entries may be directed to Walter R. Humphrey, tournament director, or G. B. Dolan, Golden Gloves editor.

Our Tanks Lead

American tanks have so far outstripped those of the Axis powers the enemy can never catch up, Major Gen. Levin Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, declared recently. He said his department was having no trouble now meeting schedules.

Heavenly Planes

The U. S. has some secret new planes that are "enough to make the angels gasp," the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was told by Major Nathaniel F. Silsbee of the Army Air Forces in a recent talk.

Breach of Etiquette

One rides to the hounds in Britain by invitation only, so three American soldiers who toiled their jeep into the midst of a stag hunt recently, received what is known in military circles as "Disciplinary action."

Bandsman Gets Bars

Second Lt. Harry B. Tanner, who received his bars on Dec. 12, is the fourth man from the First Band TDC to receive his commission.

Contests Keen As Teams Near Play-Off

By virtue of victories last night two TD quintets qualified for the semi-final round of Camp Hood's first elimination basketball tournament. Two other quarter-final contests were postponed because of military engagements and will be played before next Monday night when the semi-finals are scheduled for 7 o'clock in the Field House. The tournament finals will be runoff at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

GOTTIEB STARS

First to qualify for Monday's competition was the court squad representing the 774th TD Bn. which came from behind to nose out the 753rd TD Bn., 37 to 34. Gottlieb, forward, scored 22 points for the winners with his team-mate Barklow adding another 8. Neiderhut, center for the 753rd, caged 14 points to take high scoring honors for the losers.

The 774th TD Bn. had reached the quarter-finals by reason of earlier wins over the 127th Bn. RTC, 58-29, and the 776th TD Bn. by default.

In a second close quarter-final match, the 629th TD Bn. topped the 605th TD Bn. with a 32-29 total. Fast team-work spelled victory for the 629th in this tussle with Schaich and Sigelman leading scorers. Smith at forward performed well for the losers and contributed 11 markers.

DEFEATED 802nd

On Monday evening the 629th cagers defeated the 802nd TD Bn., 40-16 in a second round match. Both teams had drawn byes in the first round.

Officials who have served through-out the tournament include: 2nd Lt. J. P. Stensen, 126th Bn. RTC; Pvt. A. J. Wojick, 128th Bn. RTC. Sgt. Leo L. Griffith, 128th Bn. RTC; Pvt. I. Cl. G. Drummond, 809th TD Bn.; Sgt. Shefflond, 809th TD Bn. and Sgt. C. E. Myers, 811th TD Bn.

Football Team Wants Games

Football continues to dominate the sports interest of the 802nd T. D. Bn., where Company "C" has produced an undefeated eleven. This aggregation trounced Company "B" of the same battalion, 13-0, under the lights at Gatesville stadium on Dec. 12.

Company "C" wants to schedule further games and would be interesting in hearing from grid teams in Camp Hood or neighboring posts and communities.

OCS Football Tournament Well Underway

The Officers Candidate School Regiment Football tournament is now well under way with a full schedule of games each Sunday. The brand of ball played, and the spirit and enthusiasm displayed by the players rivals that of any college contest. The 11th and 3rd companies are in the league lead at this time with two victories and no defeats.

Money Order Rates Reduced For Army

Camp Hood servicemen and civilians who send them money orders are receiving a 50 per cent reduction in domestic telegraph rates for orders up to \$25, the Federal Communications Commission has announced.

A flat rate of 50 cents for orders of \$10 or less prevails, with 65 cents charged for orders up to \$25. For larger amounts regular rates are collected.

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