



Two Colonels Named To General Rank

Col. Herbert L. Earnest, And Col. A. O. Gorder, Named Brig. Generals

Col. Herbert L. Earnest, commanding officer of the 1st TD Brigade, and Col. A. O. Gorder, commanding officer of the TD Training Brigade were named Brigadier Generals this week.

This brings to a total of five, officers of the General rank now stationed at Camp Hood. The others are Major General A. D. Bruce, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center; Brig. Gen. Richard G. Tindall, Commanding General, Advanced Unit Training Center; and Brig. Gen. Hugh T. Mayberry, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer School.

Here A Year

Brig. Gen. Earnest came to the Tank Destroyer Center shortly after headquarters was established at Temple, one year ago. His first assignment was commanding officer of the second training group, AUTC. He was later made executive officer of the TDC. On the activation of the 1st TD Brigade, Gen. Earnest took over its command.

General Gorder arrived at the TDC in March of last year and served as Supply Officer for the Center and became G-4 when a general staff was authorized last fall. In December, General Gorder was assigned to command the TD Training Brigade.

Was With Cavalry

General Earnest was with the Third Cavalry in World War I and served in France. He has had two other foreign tours of duty since, one to study at the French cavalry school and one to visit France with the Gold Star Mothers.

He served on the general staff in Washington from 1939 to 1942 when he was assigned to the TDC.

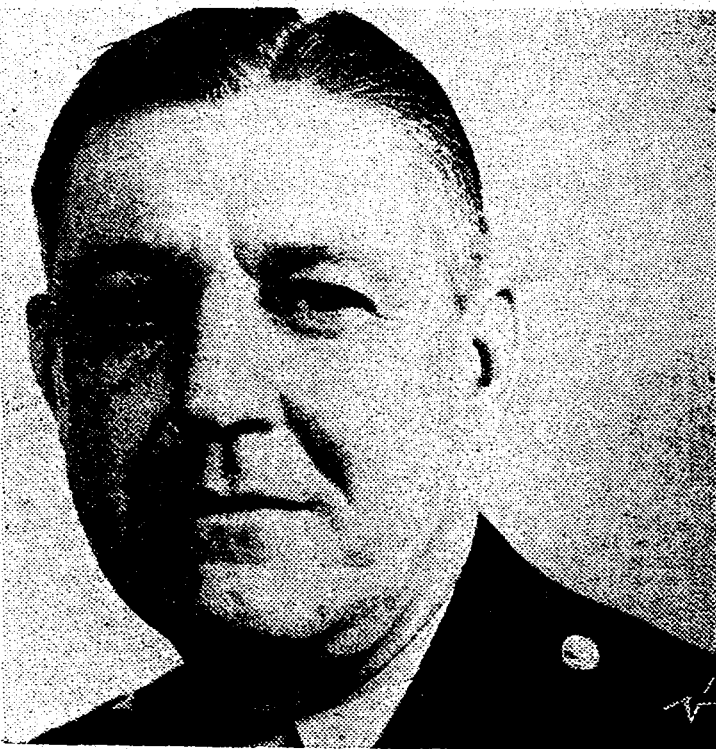
In Since 1916

General Gorder has been in the service since 1916, and served with the 12th Division during World War I. He served in foreign service in Alaska and Panama, and in 1935 was detailed as an instructor at Texas A. & M. College. Preceding his assignment to the TDC, was with the 153rd Infantry of Arkansas. When the regiment was called into federal service, at the request of the Adjutant General of the State of Arkansas, was made executive officer of the regiment.

Important! Are You A 'Retread'?

An unofficial organization of officers who served in the last war, then severed all connections with the Army and have returned to the service, is now being organized at Camp Hood.

Officers who fall in that category have been requested to contact Major J. W. Rollins, Secretary TD School, phone 603, Capt. Oscar S. Drescher, phone 513, AUTC, or Capt. Ouerbacker, phone 2374, G-2, TDC IMMEDIATELY.



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Become Brigadier-Generals

Col. Herbert L. Earnest, top, and Col. A. O. Gorder, were named Brigadier Generals by the United States Senate this week, bringing to five the number of officers of the General rank stationed at Camp Hood. See story at left.

Broadcast Will Honor Camp Hood

Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians will sing and play songs selected by the men at Camp Hood on their broadcast tonight, "Chesterfield Time," 6 p. m., CWT, over the National Broadcasting Company network.

Voting on ballots provided at both Service Clubs this week, enlisted men selected the following songs as favorites out of possibilities suggested by Fred Waring: "Every Night About This Time," "When You're a Long Long Way From Home," and "Touch of Texas."

The entire broadcast will honor servicemen stationed at the Tank Destroyers' home.

Appointed New Post Executive

Major William S. Halcomb, who has been Camp Hood's Provost Marshal, has been elevated to Post Executive. He succeeds Lt. Col. S. J. Houghton, Jr., who has been ordered to a new post.

Lt. Colonel Kenneth S. White has been named provost marshal.

Camp Hood Comic Strips Added Feature

Two original comic strips, drawn by Camp Hood cartoonists, are added in this edition to the exclusive features to be found in The Panther.

"Hood" Lums is drawn by Pvt. John Cross, Hq. Co., Academic Regt. Pvt. Cross is from Nashville, Tenn., where he drew a cartoon feature, "Cross Sections" for the Nashville Tennessean. His comic strip, "How To Sell Insurance," is a regular feature of a National Life Insurance Co. publication.

The second strip, as yet unnamed, is the work of Sgt. Erwin Schweig, Hq. Co., TD RTC, whose drawing is familiar to Panther readers. Many of his cartoons have served to illustrate editorials. He was a theatrical sign painter and cartoonist in civil life.

Both features are carried on Page Seven.

Becomes Father

Pvt. Robert F. Casey, 137th Bn. RTC, is the father of a son, Robert F. Casey II, born recently in Cedartown, Georgia.

Tank Destroyers Talk Of African Drive, Colonel Says

Says Allies Have Difficult Task Ahead To Dislodge Axis Forces On North African Tip

"Tank Destroyers in Africa have proved their usefulness and are the talk of the new campaign there," Col. Thomas J. Heavey, executive officer of the Second Tank Destroyer Brigade, just returned from a 30,000 mile tour as an observer in England and North Africa, declared this week.

Col. Heavey doesn't think the Allies are going to have an easy time in Africa, however. "It is very evident that the German forces in Tunisia are well-trained and well-equipped, and that they have a very high morale. They are battle-seasoned, skilled troops," he said.

Supply Is Key

Solving the problem of supply is the key to the battle in this theater of war, Col. Heavey believes. The task of General Eisenhower's command is complicated by poor roads, inadequate railroad facilities and immense distances.

Colonel Heavey found high praise from officers everywhere in North Africa for the self-propelled 75 millimeter tank destroyer, the familiar halftrack.

Prove Effective

One tank destroyer was credited with knocking out five German Mark IV tanks with seven rounds, with five successive shots. In the same fight another destroyer knocked out two tanks with three rounds, officers said. The tank destroyer company involved stopped an attack on an American position with light losses.

In another instance, TD's were used for the capture of a mountain pass defended by German infantry and anti-tank guns. The destroyers actually were used as attacking tanks. The company got its objective, but had to return because the infantry couldn't come up fast enough.

Yanks In Good Shape

"The American troops I saw over there are different from the tanned troops they were during maneuvers in this country. They have no tan, seem pale, but they are in top condition, contented and happy, and the chow is good," Colonel Heavey reported.

Navy Base Uses Mirror Poster Plan

Adoption of the Hood Panther's anti-loose talk "mirror-poster" plan by the U. S. Navy's famed North Island base at San Diego, Cal. highlighted this week's further use of the idea on a nationwide scale.

Notices Picture

Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Jimmie Leonard, former newspaper cameraman now stationed at the island, saw a copy of The Panther in which the plan was publicized, and brought it to the attention of Captain E. L. Gunther, Commandant of North Island.

Captain Gunther arranged to have the slogan placed around every mirror on North Island.

Commends Thinking

In commenting on the plan Capt. Gunther said "You should be commended highly for your efforts to safeguard the lives of our fighting men, and above all, for thinking above and beyond your duties."

Meanwhile, at Camp Hood itself, Colonel Walter A. Dumas, Commanding Officer of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, ordered the slogan placed around one mirror in every washroom in the RTC where it will serve to impress the newly-inducted soldier with the fact that his own loose talk may result in his destruction before he reaches the battlefield.

Picture Printed

Army Times, national weekly newspaper of the army, featured a three-column picture illustrating the plan with the comment, "this is more to the point," in their edition of January 30th.

Out on the Pacific coast, word was received from Camp Stoneman, Cal., a port of embarkation, that they had adopted the idea and streamers bearing the slogan were printed and placed over every mirror in the giant military camp at Pittsburg.

Bowie Adopts It

Here closer to home in Texas, officials at Camp Bowie ordered the signs placed around mirrors throughout the camp.

Changes Duties

Capt. J. M. Suardi, 605th TD Bn., has returned from school and assumed the duties of battalion adjutant. Lt. Smalley has been appointed assistant S-3 to Capt. V. C. Guerin.

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Famed Chorus Will Sing Here

Don Cossacks Slate Three Hood Concerts

Traditional Russian Songs, Dances
Featured At Appearance Of Group;
Famous On Stage, Screen And Radio

The General Platoff Don Cossack Chorus, one of the most famous groups of singers in the world, will be presented at the Hood Road theater for three nights starting tomorrow at 6:45 and 8:00 by USO-Camp Shows, and will undoubtedly sing their way into the hearts of the men at Camp Hood in just the same way they have done in all the important cities of the world. Performances will be offered on Saturday and Monday at the same hour.

Symphony In Field House Draws Many

Proving that "longhair" musicians can get a "G.I." members of the Houston Symphony in their concert at the Field House Tuesday night finished their concert by "letting down their hair" and playing an arrangement of "Deep In The Heart of Texas," and "Pop Goes The Weasel," in response to encores requested by an enthusiastic soldier audience.

Preceding the informal finale, members of the symphony, conducted by Ernst Hoffman presented a program which included "March Militaire," Schubert; Tschalkowsky's Fifth Symphony; the William Tell Overture; Strauss' "Blue Danube Waltz," and a rousing "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The organization, which packed the Field House, has offered to return for another concert later in the Spring.

17th Class Receives Bars

A total of 127 Officer Candidates became lieutenants in ceremonies which marked the graduation of the 17th OCS Class, last Thursday in the 24th Street Theatre. Colonel Guy S. Meloy, Jr., Executive Officer of TDS, presented the certificates and commissions and Lt. Colonel George M. Dean of the Tactics Department, gave an address to the graduates.

Major Glidden Commands 128th

Major Gordon G. Glidden has assumed command of the 128th Training Battalion RTC. Major Glidden recently completed the three month officers' tactical course at TDS.

Capt. Phillip J. Vander Zwiep, former battalion commander, has been assigned to RTC headquarters.

Father Of Boy

Eugene E. Smith, Jr., son of Lt. Eugene E. Smith, Co. B, 773 TD Bn., is the latest addition to the Tank Destroyer Force. Eugene Jr., weight nine pounds, was born February 4th at Greenville, Mississippi.

Gets New Bars

Something new has been added in the 129th TDTB, 2nd Regt. TDRTC. That something is the gleam of newly awarded 1st Lt. bars to former 2nd Lts. John D. Jacobs, Robert S. Franz, Robert E. Kaske and Edward A. Burke.

Reputation Famous

The reputation of this band of 27 Russians, who are sometimes picturesquely known as "the twenty-seven singing horsemen of the Steppes," has preceded them wherever they have traveled, a fame which is due not only to their brilliant phonograph recordings and sound films, but to their remarkable stage successes.

These perfectly matched solo voices cover the range from high soprano to the lowest bass, singing vivid homespun ballads, opera choruses and soldier songs, with a gladness and grandeur that is characteristic of their race.

Variety on Program

Under the direction of Nicholas Kortukoff the chorus has built up a repertoire of songs, including old Cossack melodies, legends of folklore, battle songs and beautiful lullabies. The musical sense of those twenty-seven singers is so keen and the precision of their choir singing so clever, that they can produce the most delicate tone colors with as much ease as they offer their battle song effects.

In addition to their brilliant singing, the Platoff Chorus will give a display of Cossack dancing that will add to their astonishing artistic performance.

Dance Thrilling

An outstanding feature of the entertainment is the knife dancer, who performs the spirited movements of the Caucasian Cossacks, carrying twelve knives in his mouth and hands, on his chin, his lips and his shoulders. This is an art that few dancers can learn. It is a family accomplishment, handed down from father to son in Caucasia, from one generation to another. Another attractive feature of the performance is the marvelous whirlwind dancing of the singers.

Every large city in the world has heard this celebrated chorus, which has given more than 4,000 concerts in 15 years of musical travels, and has thrilled audiences from Londonderry to Capetown and from Singapore to San Francisco.

Name Historical

In adopting for their own the name of the famous Cossack chief of a century ago, General Platoff, the members do homage to their national hero. The word Don was added as a distinguishing feature, recalling the River Don that runs through the district these Cossacks call home. All the members of the chorus were trained by Kortukoff, the brilliant young conductor, who has directed their destinies since the foundation of the chorus in Prague in 1926, under the patronage of the then president of Czechoslovakian Republic, Dr. Thomas Masaryk, and Edward Benes, then Foreign Minister.

As usual with all USO-Camp Shows presentations admission to the performances of the General Platoff Don Cossack Chorus is free.

Son Is Born

Capt. Gail Mitchell Potter, 4th Regt. RTC, is father of a boy, Drake Halstead Potter, born February 8.



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He's 'Out Of This World'

Strictly hep and "getting his kicks" is Pvt. S. G. Young, drummer of the 1848th Q. M. dance band. Pvt. Young is from Dallas, Texas. He's been beating them out for dancers for five years and was with Claude Trenier's band in Detroit, Mich., before joining the service June 7, 1942.

Master Sergeant Makes Life More Interesting

When a certain North German Lloyd liner sailed from Bremen for New York in 1922 the first link was forged in a chain of circumstances which make your life at Camp Hood more pleasant and interesting. On that ship was Carl P. Jegel, recently appointed master sergeant at Headquarters Detachment, DEML, and ranking non-commissioned officer of the Special Service staff under Capt. Chesley M. Adams.

Serves Men

Sgt. Jegel sees to it that your friends at the guest houses are comfortable, that the service club cafeterias offer the kind of food you want for that extra snack and a thousand and one other Special Service details to make your Army life happy.

The sergeant, a native of Zurich, Switzerland, located at Buffalo, N. Y., back in 1922 and it was from that city that he joined the Army on Nov. 7, 1925. Since that date he has held all grades except private first class which he skipped.

In For 17 Years

The 17 years of Sgt. Jegel's service include a ten year tour at Hawaii with the 8th Field Artillery. He recalls vividly honors tendered General Douglas MacArthur when the latter touched the islands en route to his assignment in the Philippines, and the monster review given for President Roosevelt on this memorable 10,000-mile cruise aboard the cruiser Houston. Massed guildons greeted

That He Had A Daughter Was News

It was even news to Lt. Woodrow Zimmerman, RTC, when The Panther announced last week that he was the father of a girl.

The announcement should have read that he was the father of a son, Reginald Victor, born December 28 at the McCloskey Hospital in Temple.



the chief executive at the pier, and Sgt. Jegel was chosen to carry the emblem of Battery C, 8th F. A.

Here At Start

Sgt. Jegel came to Temple last May and was assigned to DEML when Camp Hood was still in the embryo. Under Lt. Wm. L. Jameson he drew the first desk (a mess table) and proceeded to establish the unit, which moved to this site last August.

The sergeant is married and makes his home in Temple. He has one daughter, three and one-half years old.

1848th DEML Unit Presents Own Shows

The 1848th Casual Detachment DEML has been getting its share of good entertainment from shows produced among their own circle.

Last week, with the 1848th QM band and Cpl. Green serving as master of ceremonies, the boys put on a show which featured the following talent: Mrs. Hazel Solist, who sang several popular numbers; Pvt. Maurice Leavitt, rendering "When Irish Eyes are Smiling;" Cpl. Cerruti, accordionist; Cpl. Dubnicky, violinist and Pvt. Jari, singer of Latin-American melodies.

RTC Officers Advanced

Recent promotion of Lt. Col. William H. O'Brien from Major has been announced at the TD Replacement Training Center.

In July, 1942, Col. O'Brien became a Major and came to the TD RTC in August as one of the original planning board for the RTC.

Col. and Mrs. O'Brien, whose home is in Illinois, are residing in Gatesville with their two sons, Lawrence and Robert.

Another promotion announced in the RTC this week is that of Major Robert A. Swanson from Captain.

Major Swanson has been at the RTC since October.

Forums Held In 140th Bn.

To help its trainees keep up with the fast-moving world war situation, Co. A, 140th TDTB, RTC, has started a series of two periods per week for open forum. During these sessions one of the company officers reviews the happenings of the past few days.

The idea is to help the men correlate the swift changing world picture with their training here. It is felt that too few men can connect their training and the part it will play in actual combat. To illustrate the point, this company, which is learning the specialties of supply, was instructed in the importance of this factor to the victorious Allied march across North Africa.

There have been current event groups before, but it is the belief of this organization that it is offering the first study of the tie-up between the ever changing map and the future problems of the trainee.

Hood Soldiers Gets Furlough To Visit Son

Pvt. Vernon A. Mobley, Student Regt., was granted a furlough last week-end for a good reason. He recently learned that his son, a member of a bombardment group, had just returned from active duty overseas and was in this country for a temporary stay.

Father and son hadn't seen each other for more than a year.

He Gets His Wish

Sergeant Milton Freedman, chief clerk in the TDS Book Store, became impatient for a crack at the enemy. He wanted to get into a line outfit to prepare for action, and, for the benefit of those who have missed Sgt. Freedman in the store the past couple days—his dream come true! He is now serving with an organization in the field.

Attends School

Lt. Colonel Charles E. Frederick, Director of the OCS Department, has left to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Captain William Boone Anderson, Acting-Director, assumes the post of Director.

Have New Tasks

Lt. Benjamin Hunter, 827th TD Bn., has returned from school and assumed duties of acting Communication Officer. Lt. Daytolo was relieved of this duty and is now assistant Operations Officer.

Son Is Born

Pfc. Wendell L. Wonderly, 137th Trn. Bn., TD RTC is the father of a son, Wendell Jr., born recently in Seattle, Washington.

What's Cooking?

Thursday, February 18
Square Dance Callers Contest 162nd St. Service Club

Friday, February 19
Date Night, Jam Session, Post Girls Invited 37th St. Service Club
Camp Hood Review 162nd St. Service Club
Russian Cossacks, 6:45, 8:00 P. M. Hood Road Theatre

Saturday, February 20
Program from Mary Hardin-Baylor
College 37th St. Service Club
Russian Cossacks, 6:45, 8:00 p. m. Hood Road Theatre
Everybody's Talent Show 162nd St. Service Club

Sunday, February 21
Open House, 2:30 p. m., Choral Group
from Temple 37th St. Service Club
Symphonic Hour, 4:00 p. m.;
Movies, 7:00 p. m. 37th St. Service Club
Symphonic Hour, 3:30 - 4:30 p. m.;
Movie, Songs, 7:30 p. m. 162nd St. Service Club

Monday, February 22
Washington's Birthday Bingo Party, Prizes,
Cherry Pies 37th Service Club
Bingo Games, Prizes 162nd St. Service Club
Russian Cossacks, 6:45 p. m. Hood Road Theatre
Basketball Games, 7-10 p. m. Field House

Tuesday, February 23
Novelty Quiz Show, Cash Prizes 37th St. Service Club
Social Dance, Solos 162nd St. Service Club
Basketball Games, 7-10 p. m. Field House

Wednesday, February 24
Song Night, New and Old Songs 37th St. Service Club
Talent Tryout, Music, Games 162nd St. Service Club

Thursday, February 25
Dance Night, Big Cake Walk, Girls from Gatesville,
Lampasas and Cameron 37th St. Service Club

Friday, February 26
Date Night, Orchestra 37th St. Service Club
Opening of Boxing Tournament, 7:00 p. m. Field House

Saturday, February 27
Variety Show from Waco 37th St. Service Club

He Overcame Difficulties To Win In His Profession

Private George Patrick Kelley of the 817th TD. Bn., now at Camp Bowie, is an example of American spirit and courage.

Pvt. Kelley won the National Pocket Billiard Championship in 1933. He has successfully defended the title four times since. His highest run in exhibition was an amazing 256. He has made runs of more than 200 points at least 50 times.

All of which is a fine record. It is even more significant when you consider the handicaps he overcame to achieve it.

Achieves Much

Pvt. Kelley, now the 37-year-old father of two sons, was born with a paralyzed leg, and was unable to walk until six years of age. Through constant exercise he overcame this handicap to rise to the top in his chosen field.

His father was Pennsylvania state champion five times. Under his tutelage he was able to make runs of 30 or 40 at the age of eight. This he gradually improved by betting on himself, indicating some of the confidence which he developed in overcoming his physical difficulty.

Takes Second

Pvt. Kelley won second place in the world tournament in 1931 by ousting Erwin Rudolph for a

purse of \$5,600. At one point during the contest, which Pvt. Kelley terms the "toughest and most exciting I ever played," he trailed his opponent 73 to 0, but tightened up and rang up several safeties and ran out the remaining points to win 125 to 73.

Pvt. Kelley says his favorite shot is one which he has labeled "the machine gun" because the cue ball strikes successive balls at a terrific spin to create a sound similar to that of a machine gun.

Has Ambition

His favorite ambition today, however, is a little out of the sports field, although he couches it in that terminology: "I'd like to put the Axis behind a whole rack of 8 balls."

Army Life Nothing New For This Man

Pvt. Herman Lipman, Co. A, 137th TDTB, is an old hand at Army life having spent eighteen months in France as a radio operator in the Signal Corps in World War I.

Lipman was also with the Veterans Conservation Corps attached to the 26th Infantry for two years at Plattsburg, N. Y. He enlisted for the present fracas in January.

In the February Issue of the Field Artillery Journal, an illuminating article is featured entitled "Employment of Tank Destroyer Units," written by Colonel Guy Meloy, Jr. and Major Joseph Still, Jr. Executive Officer and Tactics Department Officer, respectively, at TDS.

This article points out that Tank Destroyer tactics originated about 500 years ago, when ancient knights in armor—the tanks of medieval times—overran all opposition until the English introduced a high velocity, rapid firing, armor piercing weapon, the famous English Long Bow.

The means of propulsion for the knight was his horse, and once immobilized, that is, thrown from his horse, the knight was just a clumsy and unwieldy push-over. In one great battle, the armored masters were crushed, never to rise again until the advent of the modern tank.

And against this modern version of armored might—again the means to nullify their threat has been conceived in Tank Destroyers!

Best Man And Groom Marry Into Relation

It may have been a gloomy day last Tuesday, but not in the eyes of the men in the Communications Department, who were sending their newly promoted Master Sergeant Cecil Bartruff, of Salem, Oregon, into the arms of matrimony. Sgt. Bartruff underwent the vows with Miss Waltha Louise Whitmire, of Temple, Tex. Sgt. Edward Carpenter was best man. And here's the happy ending! This marriage has made it possible for the best man—Sgt. Carpenter, to become Sgt. Bartruff's uncle, for another ceremony is soon to be held, when this relationship will actually come into being!

Cooking Competition On In Two Companies

A general cooking competition is raging between Companies A and B in the 137th TDBT. The chief men on the firing line are Pvt. Donald Marcus of Company A and T/5 Michael Flevel of Company B.



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Sing For Your Supper

Members of the "Lampasas Songbirds," featured in the Camp Hood Scandals, showing each Wednesday night in Bn. Rec. Halls at Hood, take time out for a little food at the Hq. Detch., DEML mess hall. Left to right around the table, are Laverne Everett, Anna Jo Hunter, Marjorie Roquett, Melba McClean, and Mary Lou Gilmore. Officers dining with the Songbirds are Lt. R. J. Warner, end of table, and Lt. Wm. L. Jameson, foreground.

Hood Officers Write Article For Journal

You Better Brush Up On Your Needlework Men

How's your needlework? Able to stitch on a dozen or so buttons without puncturing your trigger finger or your disposition?

Well, better get yourself a needle and practice up—or get a gal chum willing and able to do a bit of minor sewing. Your Uncle Sam has a little chore for you.

Button Change

To make available as much metal as possible for war produc-

tion, brass buttons and insignia on overcoats and blouses of enlisted men in the United States Army will be replaced as expeditiously as possible by molded plastic. The change is expected to result in the saving of 365,000 pounds of metal in 1943.

And here's where tankbusters enter the picture. The changeover on overcoats and blouses already issued will be accomplished by soldiers themselves. Armed with needles and thread and instructions given by the Quartermaster Corps, enlisted men of Camp Hood and all other camps will snip the brass buttons off, sew on the plastic, and turn in the brass.

Plastic Will Be Used

The new plastic buttons already are being issued to Army overcoats and blouse manufacturers for use on further deliveries.

The new plastic buttons are non-tarnishable and will not reflect light. The latter is important from the standpoint of camouflage. They are made of a non-strategic plastic material, olive drab in color. Their design is an exact reproduction of the brass button.

Exact date of the changeover has not been announced.

New Rulings Given On 38-Year-Olds

With the announcement last week of a relaxation of requirements for the discharge of enlisted men over 38 years of age, the War Department also warned that such discharges must be so regulated as to prevent the disruption of trained organizations. This means that large numbers of trained men cannot be released at one time.

However, the procedure for discharge was simplified giving the commanding officer more discretion and the rule that a trained replacement must be available was dropped.

If the applicant meets other requirements he will be discharged unless such action will seriously affect the efficiency of the organization to which he is assigned.

Winners Named In Pie Contest

The last Pie Contest held by the 37th Street service club returned the following winners: 1st place, Pvt. William H. Crowson, Co. A, 138th Bn. RTC; 2. Cpl. Lytell Rogan, Co. C, 140th Bn. RTC; 3. Pvt. Hermahes, Co. A, 129th Bn. RTC; 4. Cpl. Hartgrove, Co. B, 128th Bn. RTC; 5. Pvt. Joseph Davis, Co. B, 139th Bn. RTC; 6. Sgt. Joe Nutt, Co. B 141st Bn. RTC.

Works As Acting First Sergeant

Sergeant William Guthrie of the Student Regiment, is acting First Sergeant of Headquarters and Service Company, while Sergeant Norton Rubin is away on furlough. Platoon Sergeant, instructor of Close Combat for the entire Student Regiment, now this job—however, there is assurance that he still has the time to eat and sleep.

The Swift Don't Always Win The Race, Do They?

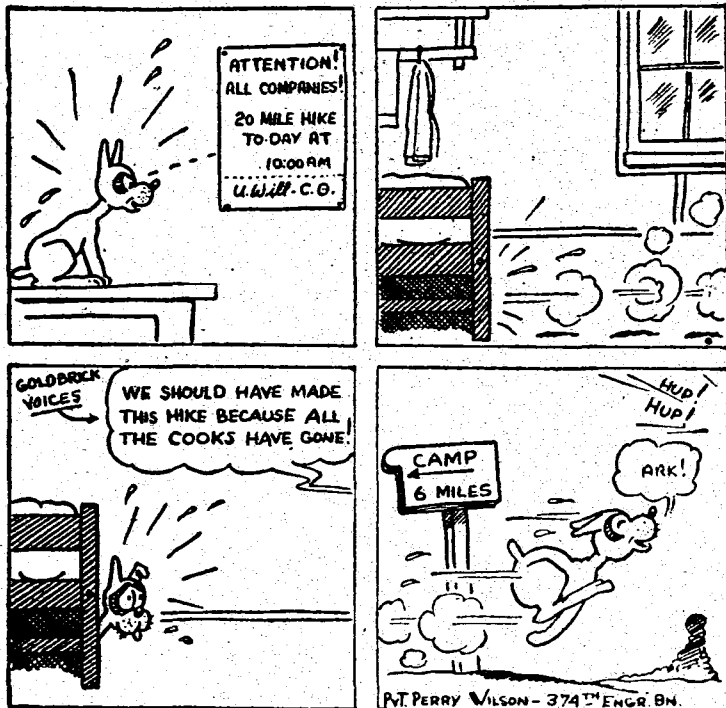
When fleetness of foot became a controversial subject in the Headquarters and Service Company, OCS, and a race developed, Sergeant Haebig took a commanding lead and looked all over the winner. Other contestants were simply fighting it out for place and show.

Then, across the path of the apparent winners, a major strolled. Without batting an eyelash, Haebig slowed down to quick-time for the regulation six paces "before and after."

His competitors? Well, they didn't see the maple leaves and hot-footed their way past the major and the sergeant to victory—and the pot.

Win Service Club Waltz Competition

Pfc. A. J. Wojick and his partner, Miss Loreen Nelson of Cameron, took top honors in the Valentine Waltz contest held last week at the 37th Street service club. Twenty-five couples participated.



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He is a Private First Class in the Tank Destroyer RTC. It is the noon hour and his fellows are trooping noisily into the mess hall.

In the midst of the clatter of china and silverware, the light banter of his fellows the big, husky soldier lowers his head. His lips are moving noiselessly. He is silently giving thanks for the food provided him.

It was a simple, impressive sight, one which we shall not forget.

Learning To Do With

Conservation of food in the Army is a touchy subject.

There are those who will misinterpret the effort to cut down waste as one to deny soldiers enough to eat.

That will be deliberate falsification.

Army authorities want you to have plenty of healthful food.

The folks back home want you to have a sufficient amount to eat.

Waste Not Popular

But neither Army authorities, who must purchase food and arrange for its preparation, nor the folks at home, who are rationed that we may have enough, want to think of us wallowing in waste foods merely because we are inefficient in handling that which has been allotted us.

A definite campaign to encourage "waste consciousness" among mess sergeants and the men they feed is now planned by the War Department.

Suggestions Made

We are not sufficiently informed on mess management to offer any suggestions as to the saving of food in preparation and presentation, but we have had a good deal of experience on the receiving end and would like to offer these suggestions to our fellow soldiers:

1. Never take more food on your plate than you need to eat.
2. Eat all the food you take on your plate.
3. Do not think just because you are one among millions that the food you waste doesn't count. If the millions all waste a little it adds up to a lot.
4. You are not saving food merely because you have been asked to. Food is a weapon. You are helping to win the war when you do not waste it.

Land Of Plenty

We are extremely fortunate to live in a nation in which food is abundant, so abundant, in fact, that we are inclined to underestimate its value.

We are inclined to believe that we soldiers might have a clearer realization of the value of food if we were to do without it entirely for a short period.

Might Do Without

Perhaps it would be an effective idea to have a "foodless Friday" each week, to teach us the value of food.

At any rate, there is nothing to prevent us from contributing our part in the conservation of the one product which none of us can do without.

You May Purchase Shoes With Sugar Coupon Or Form

Service men of Camp Hood are entitled to purchase shoes under the new rationing plan if they have sugar ration coupon No. 17.

If this coupon is not available, certificate OPA Form R-306 must be filled out and signed by an officer not yet designated.

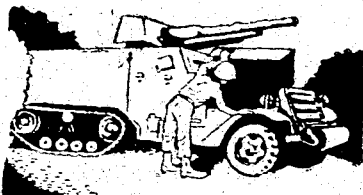
If you have wondered about the formula that Pvt. Oscar Herrick, Hq. Detachment, DEML, uses with the gals, here it is:

"Candy is dandy
But honor is quicker."

Army Quiz

1. Can an alien waiting for his final citizenship papers rise above the grade of private?
2. Is a technical sergeant eligible to receive a monthly family allowance under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942?
3. Does the U. S. pay captured enemy officers?
4. Who are the "Armoreders?"
5. What was the foreign service pay of a private in World War I?
6. What does the insignia consisting of a gold eagle, a Tommy gun and an anchor on a royal blue

Looking UNDER THE HOOD



The next time we pick a model it's going to be one who is not so handsome.

Ever since The Panther's anti-loose talk picture—"If You Talk Too Much This Man May Die"—appeared in a number of the nation's leading dailies, Pvt. Marshall DeMuyne, who posed for the photo, has been getting fan mail.

Not that he objects to receiving letters from interested and eligible young ladies.

But it's irritating to be unable to answer them.

You see, the War Department frowns on corresponding with strangers, even interesting young ladies.

At the last tabulation, the picture had appeared in hundreds of the nation's leading newspapers, reminding a lot of people to "keep their mouth shut."

And, apparently, reminding a lot of young ladies that the Army has some pretty handsome Privates!

No Connection

A typographical error awarded the bronze Order of "Sgt." George to the RTC's Executive Officer Col. C. Hilderbrand in the last issue of The Panther.

The Colonel has held the medal since 1919, awarded for valor, but it's title is "Order of Saint George."

Only a proof-reader could see any connection between a "Saint" and a "Sgt."

Things Have Changed

If you don't think the Army's changed a lot in the last few years you should talk to Col. C. Hilderbrand, Executive Officer, TD RTC.

When he enlisted in January, 1915, rates of pay were as follows:

Private, \$15 per month; PFC., \$18; Cpl., \$21; Sgt., \$30; 1st Sgt., \$45; Regimental Sgt. Major and Regimental Supply Sgt., \$60. The grades of Staff Sgt., Technical Sgt. and Master Sgt. had not been created.

Col. Hilderbrand relates that at one time, while he was a Corporal, he drew only two coins on pay day—a \$20 gold piece and a "cartwheel."

It's A Mystery

Pvt. Johnnie Krupa, Co. C, Academic Regiment, TDS, is worried.

Recently he received a letter from a young lady, ending with the phrase, "love until eternity," in which she constantly referred to the letter which he had written her. Evidently it was a wow.

All of this is well and good, except that Pvt. Krupa never wrote her, doesn't know who she is.

Five of his barracks mates suspected of conspiracy, have undergone heavy cross-examination at the hand of Pvt. Krupa, but he has gotten exactly nowhere. They are so adept at the "old army game" of passing the buck, that he suspects first one, than the other.

Even his best friends won't tell him.

He had no adventurous experience to brag about. He was a member of Camp Hood's Detachment Enlisted Men's List, a limited service man, but he was anxious to impress his girl friend.

"What is this DEML you belong to?" she queried.

"Didn't you know," he said proudly, "That's the Demolition Squad."

"Too Much Too Often"



See Editorial At Left

SOUND OFF

Editor

The Hood Panther:

This concerns the few high-pressure barbers found in one or two of the Post Exchanges at Camp Hood who have cultivated the habit of trying to work off on the unwary soldier victim, some of their never-ending supply of hair tonics and preparations.

Usually the barber's interest in the haircut wanes when he is informed that his lotions are not desired with their accompanying high prices.

The serviceman's troubles and trials are myriad, but there are some that the Chaplain can't encompass even though he tried.

Sincerely,

Pvt. SMITH, TD RTC.

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Shoes were ordered rationed last week. These ARE times which try men's souls.

There's a lot of rationing going on in Germany, too. Hitler is trying to rationalize his people into staying instep by vamping them with tongue-wagging, but they'll soon have their eyes opened to the soul-less heel.

In Russia, Hitler isn't able to profit through his battles. Naturally, he keeps running into the Reds.

He is getting kicked out of Russia and we don't imagine he's getting a boot out of taking the lacing.

That's Why We Fight

With scarcely a man
They defended Bataan,
Though they asked for a million men more.
Then the hordes of Japan
Pressed forward again,
At the start of this treacherous war.

Then we flocked to the flag,
That star-spangled rag
Which flew from Corregidor's dome.
To defend our ideals
From the conqueror's wheels
And safeguard the right to our home.

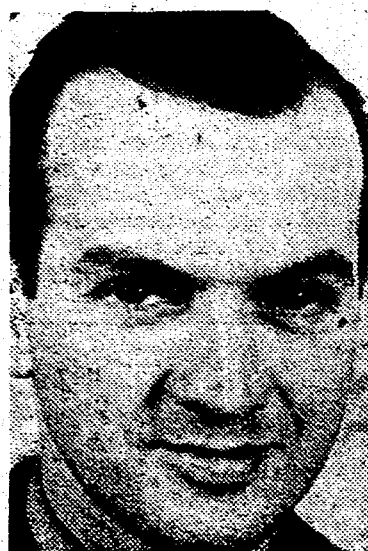
To shackle the Hun,
With his tank and his gun,
And uphold our right to be free.
To drive from the map
The insidious Jap
And give to the world true liberty.

So that's why we fight
For a cause which is right
And for freedom we'll fight all the more.
That the men of Bataan
May lie in free earth again
And that tyranny end with the war.

Then the powers of hate
Will remember too late
That right triumphs at last
And they'll see as they die
Only free banners fly,
And know their oppression is past.

Pvt. H. A. L'abbec
Co. C, 131st TDTB

Setting For Battle



Middle East Background Portrayed In Series By Pvt. Edwin Taggart

While Hitler and Mussolini were deceiving the rest of the world at Munich in 1939, Edwin L. Taggart was traveling through the Middle East.

Traveling on a Carnegie Fellowship from the Metropolitan Museum, Taggart met members of the Old Turkish-Royal Family, in their palace at Gizereh, German travelers in iron and oil, King Farouk, discoverer of Tukankhamen's tomb, British officers lately returned from Arab revolts where Italian and German arms were used by the natives, residents of Haifa and the "Much Promised Land."

Now Pvt. Edwin L. Taggart, Tank Destroyer Board, Camp Hood, Texas, realizes that he, and perhaps you, may travel to the Middle East before the war's end.

This week he writes the first of a series of exclusive articles for The Panther which take you on a tour of the Middle East.

If You Need Money See Army Emergency Relief Officer

Do you need money? If your financial status at a low ebb? The Army Emergency Relief bids you welcome and stands ready to help you solve your problems.

Show Real Need

If you or your dependents are financially pressed, need medical care, food, fuel or clothing, Army Emergency Relief will lend you a helping hand if your cause is sound and of good character. The organization functions as a supplement of our great American

Red Cross, in fact, the AER and the Red Cross are the only two agencies serving Army personnel and their dependents during the emergency.

Officers apply directly to the local AER office. Enlisted men may apply through letter to their company commander, stating their needs, which in turn will be acted on by officials of the AER.

Up To \$125

Loans may be obtained, depending on the applicant's circumstances, up to \$125.

Camp Hood's AER office is under the direction of Major Leldon T. Goode, Post AER Officer, assisted by Pfc. Oscar E. Beard. Office is in the Fiscal Bank Building between and to the rear of Post Headquarters and the Finance office.

Streamlined Papers Urged

Tankbusters who have struggled with numb fingers filling out certain voluminous reports required by "motor maintenance" will welcome a recent order from the Army Ground Forces. Training of troops will be freed of hampering paper work and reduced to its practical essentials under an order issued by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General.

The spirit of the order is clear in General McNair's criticism of overemphasis on paper work. "In certain observed instances," he stated, "motor maintenance stresses elaborate records—some kept by drivers and mechanics at the expense of work on vehicles. These methods generally smack of shop and garrison rather than the field. Vehicles are maintained properly by tools, elbow grease, and dirty hands, not by pencils and forms."

It May Be Good But Doesn't Taste It To Him

Camp Hood water is evidently distasteful to M-Sgt. Richard E. Uffalussy, Sgt. Major, 702nd TD Bn.

His wife in Wilmington, N. C., sends him his drinking water regularly.

Is Accepted

Sergeant Joe Tracy of the OCS Department has received word from the Air Corps that he has been accepted as a Flying Cadet.

Major's Son Gets Bars At TD OCS

Major Joel I. McGregor, Sr., Commanding Officer of the Academic Regiment, is a justly proud father. Last Thursday morning he was present at the 24th Street Theatre, when his son, Joel I. Jr., was presented with his commission as a second lieutenant, graduating with the men of the 17th OCS Class in the Tank Destroyer School.

Lieutenant McGregor had three years at Texas A&M, then served one year with the Department of Justice in Washington. Coming home on leave last August, he resigned his job and enlisted. He entered the service at Camp Wolters, was sent to Fort Sam Houston and from there entered OCS in Camp Hood. He is 22.

This does not close the book on the McGregor family in the war effort, however. Two other sons, Frank, 19, and Charles 18, both studying Law at Baylor University, have received their notices from the Air Corps Reserve, and will report to the Army to train as pilots.

Goes To OCS

Sergeant Martin Snyder, who has provided the Academic Regiment with much entertainment during the past months, via free motion pictures, live musical revues, and the installation of games, victrolas, magazines and writing tables in the Recreation Hall, is now Candidate Snyder of Officers Candidate School at TDS.

Finds Middle East Land Of Mystery, Rolling War Drums

By Pvt. Edwin L. Taggart

The Middle East, when I was there, was in a turmoil, of which I rather expect to see more—soon maybe. Although it's an improbable sort of world of which you can believe anything you hear, what interested me at the time was the sound of distant drums—the stage being set for today's events.

While I was on the ship going over, Herr Schicklegruber, and his portly little stooge from Italy, had decided to have a conference in Munich, attended by a gentleman with a black umbrella. Miscellaneous other people attended, but as is usually the case where either of the other pair is present, the rest were purely unnecessary.

Soldiers Are Young

On the Italian liner, the food became steadily less interesting as the servants became more and more blatantly disinterested, while Il Duce, according to them, saved the world.

Docking in Naples to be interned there for a few days while HE cleared up loose ends, I saw the wharves crowded with colorful regiments of soldiers and it wasn't until you got closer that you realized that kindergarten had been let out and all the military was juvenile.

Love Uniforms

The Italians love uniforms and when they indulge they do a job of it—capas glittering swords and swirling feathers—you think how nice they'd be on the stage or in the opera—poor chaps. In a half hours walk in Naples, I counted exactly 26 different and all very elegant uniforms. As for the Italians being something apart from Il Duce, however, I wonder. I saw riots spring up in no time against the French Consulate and in the Galería Humberto they cheered the German band playing there, and I saw an entirely different group hung with diamonds politely enthuse over a German string orchestra in one of the gaudy Neapolitan palaces.

In Greece you at first forgot such things for it was still summer and the little squares of Athens were crowded nightly, with happy people who never seemed to go to bed. Nightingales sang in the park around the high columns of Caesar's temple and on the moonlight Acropolis the owls of Athens hooted.

Cigarettes Costly

Because American cigarettes cost you 40 cents you smoked one of the 25 different types of Papastratos cigarettes, a monopoly. No. 1 knocked you cold and number 25 was what used to be called "a nice lady-like cigarette." I got along on about number 8 to 11.

You developed a taste for Uszo and tried to acquire a tongue for the resinated wine which tasted like the varnish it was first cousin to.

Greeks Are Swell

You found all the Greeks swell people. The rich in their palaces showed you their treasures with the same simplicity and pleasure that the poor in their hovels gave you their goat milk and cheese. You felt all the time that as you entered their world, they were anxious to come into yours.

And everywhere there were Germans.

(To Be Continued)

World's Shortest Highway?



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

"Believe it or not," what may be the world's shortest highway lies just outside Camp Hood's main gate.

Known as War Highway No. 1, it is only 819 feet in length.

It consists of two curves, lying in a "Y" shape (see insert above) connecting the highway leading into Camp Hood's main gate with

Highway 190, and runs in three different directions.

The highway is not a part of the camp and was constructed by the Texas Highway Department through funds provided by the state and reimbursed by the federal government.

Costs of the "Y" were approxi-

mately half those of the usual structure of that type. The steel span for the underpass beneath the Santa Fe rail lines was obtained from the railways salvage pile.

If there is a shorter official highway in the world than "War Highway No. 1," Camp Hood officials would like to know it.

Theater Schedules

Hood Road and 162nd St. Theaters

Thursday, Feb. 18: Young and Willing.
Friday, Feb. 19: Silver Skates.
Saturday, Feb. 20: Double feature—My Heart Belongs to Daddy and You Can't Beat the Law.
Sund-Mon. Feb. 21-22: They Got Me Covered.
Tuesday, Feb. 23: To the Shores of Tripoli.
Wed-Thurs. Feb. 24-25: Three Hearts for Julia.
Friday, Feb. 26: Chetniks.

37th St. and 24th St. Theaters

Thursday, Feb. 18: My Gal Sal (Revival).
Fri-Sat. Feb. 19-20: Young and Willing.
Sunday, Feb. 21: Silver Skates.
Monday, Feb. 22: Double feature: My Heart Belongs to Daddy and You Can't Beat the Law.
Tues.-Wed. Feb. 23-24: They Got Me Covered.
Thursday, Feb. 25: To the Shores of Tripoli.
Friday, Feb. 26: Three Hearts for Julia.

Lampasas Recreation Camp Will Be Available Soon

Ready soon for the recreation of 300 men. A standard mess hall is included. Sanitary facilities and water will be furnished by the city of Lampasas, for government use.

The park covers 150 acres and includes a swimming pool, bath house, dance hall, concession building and 12 tourist cottages. The Lampasas river winds through the park.

Twelve CCC buildings are being moved to the site and will

accompany the Special Service Officer and the Post Engineer.

When ready the camp will be able to accommodate a complete battalion of men at one time, and facilities will be available for smaller groups and single soldiers on pass.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Trusts His Uncle

Cpl. Isaac Brauerman, Hq. Detachment, DEML, recently invested \$10,000 in government bonds. In civil life he was a diamond manufacturer. See story at right.

Applications Now Accepted For Housing In New Trailer Units

Applications for tenancy in trailer units of Hood village, new civilian housing project, are being accepted by the Post Billeting Officer for occupancy about March 1.

In the selection of tenants priority will be given to applicants in the following order:

1. Essential civilian war workers employed at the reservation, the continuance of whose employment will be endangered by lack of adequate housing. Essential war workers include those

Conditions In Britain Told

Several comments in a V-letter from somewhere in England written to Pvt. Robert B. Hickey, Co. A, 137th TDBT, from his cousin, Lt. Col. Jack Hickey, Med. Corps., indicate the class of facilities our boys are getting over there.

"We are settled in a very fine hospital which compares favorably with our best ones at home. We were given a grand reception by the British people. They have invited us to their homes and really are glad to have us here. When one sees the evidence of what these people have been through, one realizes that British courage is the real thing."

persons who should be available at the post for emergency duty at all hours, and such others as the post commander may determine.

2. (a) Civilian war workers employed at the reservation or post.

(b) Commissioned officers not above the grade of captain and warrant officers.

(c) Enlisted men of the first grades.

3. Commissioned officers above the grade of captain, and enlisted men below the first three grades.

The trailer units are of two types, standard for family of two or three, and expandable for families of four to six. The standard trailers will rent for \$6.50 per week and the expandable units for \$7.50 per week which rental includes lights and water but does not include heating and cooking fuel, nor linens and kitchen utensils.

Background For Fiction

Setting For O. Henry Novel Still Standing In Austin

By PVT. J. A. BOWMAN
Hq. Co., ETC

"Whenever you visit Austin, you should by all means go to see the general land office." These are not my words, but the words of William Sydney Porter, who wrote under the pen name of O. Henry. They are the introductory words to his story titled "Bexar Script No. 2692."

Worked In Austin

O. Henry came to Austin in 1884. He worked as a bookkeeper, was employed in the land office from 1887 to 1891, was a teller in the First National bank, and a writer for the "Houston Post." It was in Austin that O. Henry was indicted for embezzling from the bank. It was there that he first successfully wrote short stories. He continued this notable literary activity while in the Ohio penitentiary.

The general land office building

to which O. Henry referred is still standing. It is on a rise of ground just east of the Capitol building, and is used as a public museum. On the grounds is a stone commemorating his employment there.

Building Was Setting

The story "Bexar Script No. 2692" has its setting in this building. It is a story of land pirating which culminated in a murder within it. An old stairway, which O. Henry describes, and which plays an important part in the story, is pointed out to visitors.

The building is interesting in itself. O. Henry says in the story that when you see it "You see a Medieval Castle. . . and German it is in every line of its architecture. The plan was drawn by an old draftsman from the 'Vaterland' and it is said he reproduced the design of a certain castle near his birthplace with remarkable fidelity."

Hood Corporal Invests \$10,000 In War Bonds; Trusts Uncle Sam

"I'm alone in this country, and the best person to trust is Uncle Sam." Such was the thought that ran through the mind of Cpl. Isaac Brauerman, company clerk of Hq. Detachment, DEML, as he signed a check for \$10,000 worth of Government bonds. Yup, soldier, those zeros all belong there—the amount was ten grand.

And, lest the soldiery of the Headquarters Detachment get alarmed over the possible condition of the company books, we hasten to add that Cpl. Brauerman in civilian life was a diamond manufacturer. As anyone out of diapers knows, the diamond trade is a dog-gone lucrative business. Maybe you'd like to know more about it.

New York Now Home

With the invasion of the low countries the diamond capitol of the world moved from Antwerp and Amsterdam to New York City. The good burghers in the gem trade simply wrapped up their business and scrambled. You can do things like that with diamonds.

But many of the boys who cut the stones and do other things to make them suitable for your girl's solitaire missed the boat. Hence the shortage of labor in the Manhattan mart and the average weekly salary of \$160 to diamond workers. Some make as much as \$500 per week.

Headed Business

Our own Cpl. Brauerman was the head of such a business. As manager and foreman he supervised the work and training of some 40 workers between the ages of 18 and 25, most of whom are now in the Army. And that's where the \$10,000 came from that Brauerman loaned to your Government with one stroke of the pen.

Traditional Work

Born in Boston, the corporal followed family tradition by entering the diamond trade. This profession took him to Antwerp where he was located when things began to pop back in 1939. In fact, he managed to get out of Belgium on the last boat leaving direct for New York. Passage on this ship was limited to American citizens.

On the trip across, Brauerman reports sighting many floating mines especially in the English Channel area. And he reminds you

that mines respect no nationality. Masts of sunken ships were also visible. However, the ship made the crossing unscathed despite one visit by German planes which circled the vessel and departed.

Cpl. Brauerman entered the

service on April 21, 1942 at Ft. Dix, N. J. He received his basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and came to Temple last July when the organization of Camp Hood was being conducted from that headquarters.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Marry In RTC

Pvt. Florian S. Palczynski, RTC, and Emilie Piasecki (Mrs. Palczynski) smile over a huge, red, pasteboard heart in the 37th St. Service Club following their marriage. See story below.

Couple Married In RTC Used To "Hate Each Other"

"We've known one another since we were kids;—and we used to hate one another!"

These words spoken by Pvt. Palczynski, Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, and

affirmed by his bride, the former Miss Emilie Piasecki of Chicago were definitely contradicted by their very apparent mutual admiration now.

Pvt. Palczynski went on to explain how he and Emilie's brother, Norman, were boyhood chums and that he didn't "get along" with Emilie at all. Then about two years ago the romance started.

He arrived at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center in October. Letters were exchanged, they missed one another, neither dated, Emilie took a train and so they were wed in the Replacement Training Center Chapel by Chaplain Klocke;—one of the first couples to be married in the Replacement Training Center.

Hood Aliens May File For Citizenship Now

Soldiers of Camp Hood who wish to file for naturalization may do so with the chief clerk of the U. S. district court of the Western District of Texas who will be here today, tomorrow and Saturday for that purpose. Preliminary examinations will be held in the court room at Post Headquarters on a staggered schedule of six hearings per hour. Instructions covering such schedule have been issued to organization commanders.

Witnesses for the applicants must be commissioned officers or non-commissioned officers of the grade of corporal or above. About 98 soldiers of the camp are expected to file petitions. Those accepted will go to Waco on Feb. 24 to take the Oath of Allegiance.

Spaghetti Dinner Honors Newly-Wed In 807th Medics

Word comes from the 807th Med. Detachment that quite a number of the boys are making their furloughs count these days. For example, Pfc. A. T. Jozwik who has just recently returned, came back a married man. Rounds of congratulations from all the boys and a big Spaghetti Dinner were his treat by the Officers and Enlisted men of the 807th MD. Det.

Pfc. Joe Morone was master of the menu, and according to Capt. Nicholas F. Scielzo, Battalion Surgeon and 1st Lt. Morris Kochansky the meal was fit for a Com-mando.

S-Sgt. A. J. Phillip served as master of ceremony during the gala evening.

He Makes Them Then Learns To Fire Them

Pvt. Wasl Sosenko of the Weapons Department was surprised to find himself working with the 75 Millimeter Guns on the TD's, but was not surprised to find himself working effectively, as he had once worked in a certain plant on the mighty "Steam-hammers," which forge the 75's into the rugged pieces of artillery that they are.

Pvt. Sosenko, who is 45, worked in this particular plant for many years before his induction into the army. He never dreamed that he would ever again have anything to do with the 75's once they had left his "Steam-hammers."

He is leaving on furlough soon and intends to stop in at the plant in Pennsylvania, where he expects to inform his former co-workers—just what the 75's can do to tanks!

To Administration School

Private Burton Leveque, of San Antonio, left the Classification Department at TDS Headquarters last Saturday, for the Administration Officers Candidate School at Grinnell College, Iowa.

New Dance Band In 801st TD Bn.

One of Camp Hood's newest dance bands is the 801st TD Bn. orchestra recently organized under the direction of Cpl. Louis Rafey, former band leader of Newark, N. J.

The group, now playing about the camp for various affairs, is composed of four saxophone men, four brass men and four rhythm men.

All members of the band carry on their regular military duties in addition to their music, and manage practice sessions during off-duty hours.

Dancers at the 37th St. Service Club Friday night were enthusiastic in their applause for the new organization.

Crop Furloughs Not Granted Yet

Tankbusters of Camp Hood will not be yanked off their half-tracks to harvest the crops under the present policy of the War Department.

Despite agitation from some quarters to relieve the farm labor shortage by granting soldiers furloughs to go home and attend to harvest chores, Gen. J. A. Ulio, adjutant general, insists that no such action will be taken unless there is an actual food emergency caused by the exhaustion of present food stocks and elimination of all sources of farm labor.

Colors Given 744th Tank Bn In Ceremony

General A. O. Gorder, Commanding Officer of the Training Brigade, in a colorful ceremony Saturday, February 6th at the 744th parade ground, presented Battalion colors to Lt. Col. Richard J. Hunt, Commanding Officer of the 744th Tank Bn.

Amid spirited military tunes played by the 744th TD Bn. Band the battalions marched onto the parade ground in mass formation.

Taking part in the ceremonies were: Sgt.-Major Luther B. Ellis, of the Training Brigade, who carried the Flag, Sgt.-Major Walter W. Hoyden, who is Sgt.-Major of the 744th, and Tech-Sgt. Barney Rook, leader of the 30-piece band.

In his presentation of the colors Col. Gorder said, "In receiving these colors—remember to carry them always with great integrity."

The 744th TD Bn. was activated April 27, 1942 at Camp Bowie under leadership of Major Richard J. Hunt, now Lt. Colonel Hunt and Commanding Officer of the 774th.

Hood Pistol Club Formed

With approval of Major Gen. A. D. Bruce, commanding General of the TD Center, a pistol club to be known as the "Camp Hood Pistol Club" has been formed here. The club is open to military personnel, but limited to those who have qualified as experts over the official Army light arms course.

Officers elected were: Major Ralph W. Sleator, President, AUTC, Sergeant-Major James Garsuch, Vice-president, AUTC, Major John C. Flooker, TD Board, Secretary-Treasurer and Major Joel E. White, Range Officer, AUTC.

"The Pistol Club" plan to hold practice sessions as military duties permit and expect to arrange competitive matches in the near future.

Those interested have been urged to contact Sgt.-Major Garsuch, phone 803.

Becomes Lt. Colonel

Major D. F. Buchwald, commanding officer of the 605th TD Bn., has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Colonel Howell Assumes Command OCS Regiment, Relieving Colonel Devine

Lieutenant Colonel E. J. Howell assumed command of the Officer Candidate School Regiment this week, relieving Colonel Mark A. Devine, Jr., who was assigned to duty at another post.

Colonel Devine has been commanding officer of the OCS Regiment since its activation at Camp Hood.

Was Secretary

Colonel Howell came to Camp Hood a year ago from the Special Services Branch of the War Department in Washington. He has been serving as Secretary of the Tank Destroyer School.

He is a graduate of Texas A&M College. Following a year and a half's work as chemical engineer with an oil company he joined the John Tarleton Agricultural College faculty at Stephenville, to teach chemistry. For six years he served as registrar and Commandant. In 1930 he transferred to Texas A&M where he was registrar until June, 1941, when

he reported to the War Department in Washington for active duty.

Was First President

He served as the first president of the Reserve Officers chapters at John Tarleton and Texas A&M. He became president of the Texas department of the Reserve Officers Association and later president of the Reserve Officers Association of the 8th Corps Area. He is past president of the Association of Texas Colleges and

national president of registrars, resigning in 1941 to go on active duty.

Planned Department

Colonel Howell made a trip to Ft. Benning, Ga., to see the reproduction plant in operation there in planning the present department in the TD School.

He resides in Temple with his wife and two children, a daughter 11 years of age, and a son nine years of age.

From Captain To Private Odd Story

A captain in the National Guard of West Virginia in 1938, a private in Co. B, 128th Training Bn., RTC, in 1943 is the saga of Pvt. Albert W. Holmes, of Beckley, W. Va.

However, Pvt. Holmes is not at all discouraged for he started as a private in the National Guard of West Virginia in 1922 and was appointed a captain July 1, 1930. He served in that capacity until August 31, 1938, when he resigned his commission.

While a member of the national guard he attended two U. S. service schools. He completed a three months course in 1923 at Camp Vail, N. J., which is now Ft. Monmouth, home of the Signal Corps. In 1931, Pvt. Holmes spent three months in the infantry school at Ft. Benning, Ga.

He enlisted as a V.O.C. November 20, 1942, at Huntington, W. Va., and arrived at Camp Hood from Ft. Thomas, Ky., December 14, 1942.

Hood Cooks Bake Valentine Cakes For Club Party

Dozens of Valentine cakes, baked by Camp Hood cooks, featured the Sunday party at the 162nd St. Service Club.

The cakes, all decorated in Valentine colors and designs, were on display Saturday afternoon and night, and were served with punch Sunday at the party and program presented by Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

Sergeant In 773rd Battalion Boasts Rare 'Glamour Suit'

You may have heard about the colored soldier who was intercepted in Detroit, by the Military Police, wearing a khaki zoot suit, but have you heard about the "glamour suit" in Co. B, 773rd TD Bn. It belongs to Sgt. Adelbert Dow, who would like someone to explain why his denims act like a chameleon every time they are washed. This change of color was noticeable after the very first washing; since then they have become even more reactionary, until now they resemble a G. I. Jacob's Coat.

The upper part, excluding the sleeves which are dark green, is a pastel shade of yellow. This color gradually changes into a yellow green somewhere in the vast expanse of material that covers the Sgt's long legs; the belt dissects the waist like an exotic speckled snake that is usually found in tropical jungles. Up until now the colors have been distinct but comparably subdued. However, due to the suit's eccentric behavior in the past, Sgt. Dow is hesitant about exposing it to water. Company B awaits the outcome of the next exposure like baseball enthusiasts await the outcome of the of the World Series, and if we should awaken some morning and see a long legged rainbow walking down the street, we won't be frightened because we know it will be Sgt. Dow in his "glamour suit."

Lt. Hansen Wed In Buckholts

Lieutenant Halvard T. Hansen, TD RTC, was married to Lela Anna Fuchs of Buckholts, Texas, in the Hope Lutheran Church there recently.

Lt. Hansen, from 611 East 24th St. Tacoma, Wash., was a Corporal in the 148th FA National Guard, coming into active service in Sept. 1940. He attended the TD OCS and was commissioned in November.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Hansen will reside at 114 W. Calhoun, Temple.

Will Make Talks More Realistic

Captain R. E. Reilly, 605th TD Bn., is planning to make his lectures on Japanese tactics interesting and realistic as possible. Japanese flags and insignias used in life-size cutouts of Jap soldiers in color will be used to demonstrate his talks.

Happy Coincidence

Sgt. Lawrence W. Menges, Hq. Det., 129th TDRTC, is now a firm believer in happy coincidences. A baby boy and sergeant's stripes arrived at approximately the same time.

Order Allows 15 Percent On Furlough

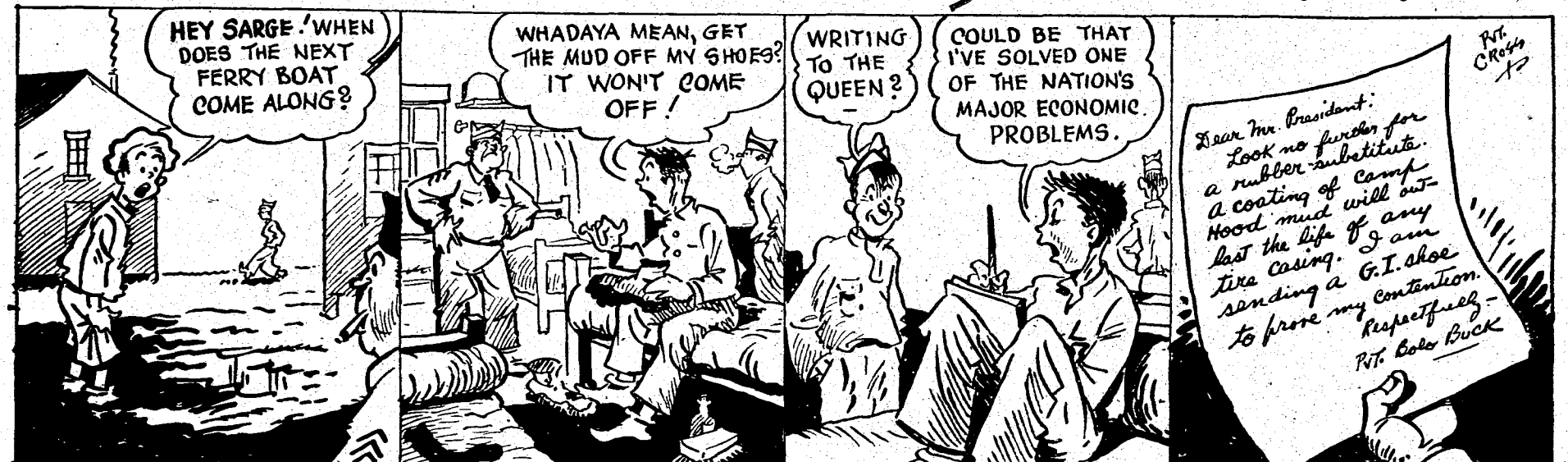
Camp Hood organizations will be governed by a War Department order restricting the number of enlisted men on furlough from any command to 15 percent. Exception is made for unusual circumstances such as following large-scale maneuvers or specialized training or the period prior to a permanent change of stations.

The War Department also said that except in cases of great urgency, furloughs should not be granted enlisted men when undergoing basic training, in attendance at specialists' or officer candidate schools, when participating in maneuvers conducted by commanders of corps or higher units, or undergoing target practice or similar special training.

Quiz Answers

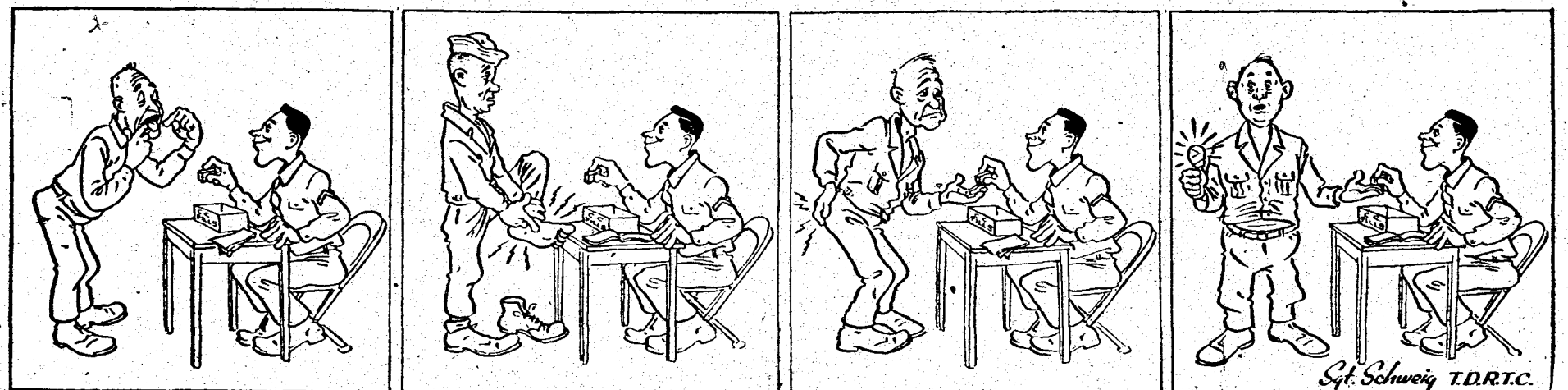
1. Yes. He can be promoted up to the grade of master sergeant if he is qualified. After receiving final citizenship papers he is eligible for OCS.
2. No. Only enlisted men of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades are eligible.
3. Yes. The U. S. follows the rule laid out in the Hague convention of 1929 which allows captured officers \$25 per month.
4. "Armored" is the nickname for the steel-clad legions who strike the enemy in tanks and other mechanized weapons.
5. Base overseas pay for a private in World War I was \$36.
6. The Army's newest combat force—the Engineer Amphibian Command.

'HOOD' LUMS



By Pvt. John Cross

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By Sgt. Schweig



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Camp Hood's Boxing Stars

Pfc. Bernard Brown, middleweight, Hq. Co., 605th TD Bn., left, and Sgt. Stanley Stockins, welterweight, Recon. Co., 809th TD Bn., who represented Camp Hood for state titles in the Golden Gloves tournament at Ft. Worth last week.

Ten Teams Undeclared In Basketball Tourney

The round-robin basketball tournament, now in the second round of play, boasts of ten undefeated teams among the Six Groups battling it out for championship honors to be held about March 1st.

Standings of the teams are as follows:
(Games Through Feb. 15th.)

Group No. I	Won	Lost	Pct.	Group III	Won	Lost	Pct.
127th TD ETC BN.	4	0	1.000	Stud. Regt. No. 1	3	0	1.000
128th TD ETC BN.	2	0	1.000	113th Cavalry	2	1	.667
129th TD ETC BN.	2	2	.500	805th TD BN.	1	2	.333
130th TD ETC BN.	2	2	.500	O. C. S. Regt.	1	2	.333
131st TD ETC BN.	1	3	.250	744th TD BN.	0	2	.000
132nd TD ETC BN.	0	3	.000	5th TD Gp. (withdrawn) 0	2	2	.000

Group II	Won	Lost	Pct.	Group IV	Won	Lost	Pct.
135th TD ETC BN.	3	0	1.000	809th TD BN.	3	0	1.000
136th TD ETC BN.	3	1	.750	654th Engineers	2	0	1.000
141st TD ETC BN.	2	1	.667	Station Hospital	2	1	.667
140th TD ETC BN.	2	2	.500	13th Ordnance	2	2	.500
137th TD ETC BN.	1	3	.250	Hq. TRN. BN.	0	2	.000
139th TD ETC BN.	0	3	.000	Academic Regt. No. 2	0	2	.000

Group V	Won	Lost	Pct.	Group VI	Won	Lost	Pct.
643rd TD BN.	2	0	1.000	535th TD BN.	2	0	1.000
774th TD BN.	1	0	1.000	507th TD BN.	1	0	1.000
Hq. AUTC	1	1	.500	Stud. Regt. No. 2	1	1	.500
134th TD ETC BN.	0	0	.000	603rd TD BN.	1	1	.500
Academic Regt. No. 1	0	1	.000	801st TD BN.	0	1	.000
135th TD BN.	0	1	.000	MP Detachment	0	1	.000

Student Regt. Basketball Five Defeats OCS

Tuesday night (Feb. 9th), in the Camp Round-Robin basketball tourney, the OCS stars met the Student Regt. No. 1 team in a game that ended with the same surprising result as did the OCS and 771st TD Bn. game—only in reverse this time—for the Student Regt. lads upset the dope and won going away by a score of 31 to 22.

During the latter part of January the OCS outfit, in an overtime period, upset the 771st TD Battalion, who had just donned the crown as camp champions. Naturally, a victory over the camp champs meant that they, by rights, should wear the championship . . . But in stepped the "Studies," who were out in front at the gong Tuesday night, and were never headed.

Lt. Murrell Miller, assisted by Cpl. Alan Rose coached the Student Regiment.

Glove Tossers Ready For Meet

Camp Hood's forthcoming boxing tournament seems to be about all set for the opening gong. Elimination sessions have been staged by the various Battalions entered and each Battalion has established itself a definite team which will show their pugilistic art when the bell tolls for the journey's opening night sometime the latter part of the month, according to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, who is in charge of the tournament.

Hood Boxers Lose Out In Golden Gloves

Sgt. Stanley Stockins, hard-hitting welterweight of the 809th TD Recon. Co., participant in the Golden Gloves boxing event at Ft. Worth last week, dropped a close, much-booded decision to long-armed H. H. McKnight of the Grand Prairie naval station. Stockins, in the first two rounds, found it somewhat difficult to solve or get inside McKnight's long reach. However, in the third and final round he hammered his opponent steadily, winning the round by wide margin. The judges' decision was based on the points of the first two rounds, therefore, Stockins was shy of enough to account for a draw in the bout and the decision went to the naval lad.

Pvt. Bernard Brown, 605th TD Bn. Hq. Co., fast-stepping middleweight, fell the victim of one James Mayfield of the Waco army flying school. Mayfield was awarded a TKO in the third and final round after Brown went down three times.

113th Cavalry Team Seeks Practice Games

Lt. J. B. Coulter, athletic director of the 113th Cavalry basketball team, has announced that his team would like to schedule practice games with other organizations in camp during the week with the exception of Tuesday nights, when the 113th is in the local round-robin tournament.

Teams interested in games with the 113th have been requested to call Lt. Coulter at 678.

827th Basketball Team Wants Games

The 827th TD Bn. basketball team would like to schedule a number of games with top-flight quintets in camp. The team, coached by First Sergeant Joe Oliver is undefeated in all contests played thus far. Any teams interested are advised to get in touch with Lt. Richard Lilley, Special Services Officer, or Coach Oliver.

Copperas Cove USO Basketball Court Available For Use

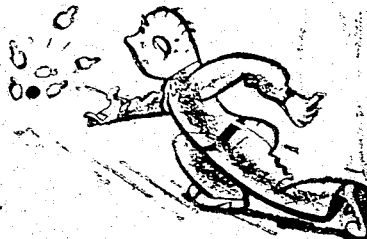
The Copperas Cove USO has a basketball court open to Camp Hood teams for practice or play on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Arrangements can be made by contacting H. S. Burgen, director.

The club also offers other recreational features including a Saturday night bingo game with a free phone call home as prize.

Win 10 Straight

The 5th OCS Company, now newly-crowned graduates, ran up a string of ten wins against no defeats in the recent Touch Football League. Only one touchdown was chalked up against them in their season's play.

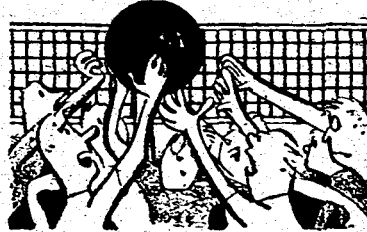
On The Ball



With Pvt. Keith Quick

Champion Chowhound

"It's all in fun," say the boys down at the Hq. & Service Company, OCS Regt. The boys have had something of a debate as to who is the biggest chowhound in the company. After holding a prolonged conference a decision was finally reached, and who do you guess fell the victim! . . . None other than lanky Joe Kolodziej, the lad that has stepped into Camp Hood's limelight by his brilliant basketball play . . . Yep, the boys say that lanky Joe can really put the Army chow away. Maybe it just takes an extra lot for lanky Joe to put forth the action he does on the maple-court. He leads the scoring in all the OCS Regiment's games.



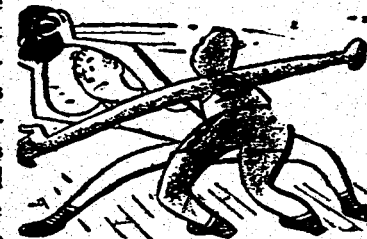
This Would Be Something

Cpl. Billy Conn, the lad who came so close to dethroning heavyweight champion Joe Louis, is doing a bang-up job at Camp Lee, Virginia. Billy is the Camp's newly acquired boxing promoter and instructor, coming to Camp Lee from the New Cumberland, Pennsylvania Reception Center several weeks ago . . . Cpl. Conn is planning in the near future to have his boys at Lee pitted against the boys of Sgt. Joe Louis, who is boxing instructor at Fort Riley, Kansas . . . Should be a real battle, a battle of a challenger's team against that of a champion's team.



He's A Real Big Shot

Pvt. Leo Gottlieb, ace goal tosser of the 774th TD BN, leading basketball scorer in the round-robin tourney underway in Camp, caught our eye as the best and most accurate shot Hood fans have had the pleasure of watching. Pvt. Gottlieb is a natural when it comes to hitting the mesh from all angles of the court. We watched him for a long while the other night and even went so far as to count his shots . . . out of seventeen tosses, and these were from different angles on the court, he hit the loop a total of fifteen times. That's really something to write home about, fellows . . . Even Hank Luisetti, greatest basketballer of all-time, would tell you that . . .



Rank Of Full Colonel Given

Lt. Col. James A. Murphy, post Supply and Service Officer, was appointed to the rank of full Colonel Saturday.

Colonel Murphy was appointed supply and service officer in August, 1942.

Class Represents 34 States, 52 Units

The 28th OCS Class with 101 men enrolled, was processed last week. It represented 34 states and 52 military units. Fifty-two of the men are from Tank Destroyer Battalions.

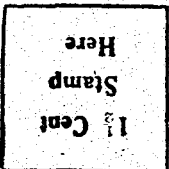
774th TD Bn. Defeats Allen Academy

In a game paced by their ace goal-tosser, Pvt. Leo Gottlieb, the 774th TD Bn. defeated Coach Leslie Robinson's Allen Academy quintet Thursday night by a score of 50 to 38. The game was played in Camp Hood's Field House.

Shooting from every angle known on the maple-court, Pvt. Gottlieb rang up an individual total of 29 points to capture top scoring laurels for the evening.

For the Allen Academy quintet, White, elongated center, stood out with a total of 14 points.

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