



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER—Lt. Col. F. M. Flanagan, Commanding Officer Fifth Regt. RTC, shows his daughter, Third Officer Elizabeth L. Flanagan, Commanding Officer, 164th WAAC Post Hq. Co., the interior of an M-10 Tank Destroyer His daughter arrived last week with the new contingent of WAACS to join him at Camp Hood. Shortly after the photo was taken, a third Flanagan, son of the Colonel, Pvt. Arthur V., was assigned to Co. A, 134th Bn., RTC, for his basic training. See story below.

Camp Hood Now Home To Flanagan Family Serving Uncle Sam

Camp Hood is home to the "Fighting Flanagans." Lt. Col. F. M. Flanagan, Commanding Officer of the Fifth Regiment, Replacement Training Center, now has a son and a daughter also on duty at Camp Hood.

Third Officer Elizabeth L. Flanagan, Commanding Officer of the newly-arrived 164th WAAC Post Headquarters Co., his daughter, and Pvt. Arthur V. Flanagan, in training in Co. A, 134th Bn., RTC, his son, have joined him here at camp.

Symphony Program Planned

Major William C. Benson, Post Chaplain, has announced that a Symphony Hour Program will be held at the Post Chapel, Headquarters Avenue and 52nd Street, tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

The program:
W. A. Mozart—Symphony No. 35 in D. (Haffner).
C. W. Gluck—Dance of the Blessed Spirits from Orpheus.
L. V. Beethoven—Concerto No. 5 in E-flat, Op. 74, 'Emperor' for Piano and Orchestra.
R. Wagner—Scenes from Tristan and Isolde.

The program, a recorded one, is open to everyone, and according to Chaplain Benson, will be repeated from time to time if the program merits enough requests.

Becomes W. O.

Tech Sergeant Francis Racca, of the Operations Office, TDS, became a Warrant Officer last week, and continued in the Operations Office. Mr. Racca comes from Providence, R. I., and he received his Army basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He was formerly an income tax collector for the Department of Internal Revenue.

Third Officer Flanagan attended Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the family home town, and later took post graduate work at the University of Illinois, receiving an M.A. degree in June, 1942. She was sworn into the WAAC in July, 1942, attended OCS in September and then trained WAACS at Ft. Des Moines, Ia.

Colonel Flanagan was a professor of Military Science and Tactics at Coe College, Iowa, prior to his arrival at the RTC in January.

Pvt. Arthur Flanagan is 18, spent one year at Coe College before entering the Army.

One other member of the Flanagan family is in the service, Lt. Frances J., who is with the Signal Corps at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

'See You In The Funnies,' Is A Reality

Turn now to Sgt. Erwin Schweigs cartoon strip on Page Seven and see how many faces you can recognize from his typical representation of a Service Club dance.

If you find yourself, don't be surprised!

Hood Gives Red Cross \$17,851.13

Camp Hood's contribution to the Red Cross War Fund jumped to \$17,851.13 this week with late additions. Field Executive Robert H. Watson announced yesterday.

The Replacement Training Center tallied highest with a total of \$5,423.47, Watson said. Next was the Training Brigade with \$4,578.84. The Tank Destroyer School gave \$3,085.21; the Advanced Unit Training Center, 338.20, and the TD Board, \$113.25. Enlisted men contributed the largest amount, \$11,152.91. Officers followed with \$5,163.47. Civilian workers on the post gave \$1,534.75.

This raises Camp Hood's total well above most camps and stations throughout the country, Watson said.

Quarantine Ends In RTC

The month-long measles quarantine imposed upon the Replacement Training Center was lifted Tuesday morning.

During the quarantine period, a temporary service club was set up by the Special Service Office. The 37th St. Theater and three post exchanges in the area were set aside for exclusive use by the restricted trainees.

Now Staff Sergeant

Sergeant Donald Patterson has transferred from the Graded Test Room to the Files and Records Department TDS, and has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. He is a former Herkimer, New York, school teacher.

Bob Hope Broadcast From Camp Tuesday Night Features Stars

Bob Hope and his entire troupe, move their radio show to Camp Hood Tuesday night, April 20, for a nation-wide broadcast.

Every one of the famous cast you've heard for years—Francis Langford, Jerry Colonna and Skinny Ennis and his orchestra, will appear in person before camp personnel.

Detailed plans for the radio show are now being worked out and will be announced in the daily bulletin and on posters on company bulletin boards within a few days. Officials are working out a location for the broadcast which will accommodate the largest number of persons possible.

This will be Hope's first visit to Camp Hood.

Shuttle Train Planned To Ease Congestion; Bus Depot Ready Soon

Two developments were nearing reality this week which will ease transportation in and out of camp, officials announced yesterday.

The camp bus depot, near the Field House is nearing completion, and the Santa Fe railway will run shuttle trains directly from Camp Hood to Temple, two round trips during the week, and three on Saturday and Sunday.

In the future, shuttle busses will circulate through camp, passing stops every 15 minutes. They will unload passengers at the central depot where tickets may be purchased to outlying towns. Soldiers will board busses through 10 sheds, at the end of each will be an outgoing bus. Returning busses will unload at the depot and shuttle busses may be taken back through camp. Extra buses and a repair shop will be maintained at the depot.

The new Santa Fe shuttle trains will leave camp from four loading points along the tracks passing the camp, where tickets may be purchased. These points as well

as starting date on the new service, will be announced in the daily bulletin when ready.

The schedule, which follows, will go into effect as soon as possible.

Weeks Days	
Monday and Friday	
Leave Temple	6:15 AM
Arrive Camp Hood	7:35 AM
Leave Temple	4:00 PM
Arrive Camp Hood	7:35 AM
Leave Camp Hood	5:30 PM
Arrive Temple	6:30 PM
Leave Temple	11:30 PM
Arrive Camp Hood	5:00 PM
Leave Camp Hood	1:00 AM
Arrive Temple	2:00 AM
Saturday and Sunday	
Leave Temple	6:15 AM
Arrive Camp Hood	7:35 AM
Leave Temple	11:30 AM
Arrive Camp Hood	12:30 PM
Leave Camp Hood	1:00 PM
Arrive Temple	2:00 PM
Leave Temple	4:00 PM
Arrive Camp Hood	5:00 PM
Leave Camp Hood	5:30 PM
Arrive Temple	6:30 PM
Leave Temple	11:30 PM
Arrive Camp Hood	12:30 AM
Leave Camp Hood	1:00 AM
Arrive Temple	2:00 AM

More Realistic Methods Added To Hood Training

A new wrinkle in mentally and physically conditioning men for battle has been added at Camp Hood.

Now it's anti-aircraft gunners firing at balloons over the heads of anti-aircraft gunners firing at miniature airplanes. The battle-effect is geared to the real thing going on in Africa, and the gunner who qualifies under this roaring confusion won't have far to go when he gets into the thick of things over there. The program has been worked out, approved and is now a part of the regular training schedule.

Worked Out In TDS

The idea was worked out in the weapons department of the Tank Destroyer School under the di-

rection of Gen. Hugh T. Mayberry, and is in line with the advanced and realistic training being given Tank Busters.

Only a few months ago, the training of soldiers advancing under live machine gun firing was inaugurated and proven successful at Camp Hood. Now this training has been installed at all the larger camps in the nation.

Seeks Battle Conditions

Toughening men as nearly as possible to real battle conditions is just as necessary as developing new equipment and tactics for the destruction of tanks, is the belief of Major General A. D. Bruce who has been whipping together at Camp Hood the first real answer to stopping tanks.

Now First Lieutenants

The following officers of the 127th battalion, RTC, were promoted from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant: Harry Haab, Frederick Hobdell, Robert Leitzell, Thomas F. Rogers, Joseph Schitler.

Was Undertaker

Staff Sergeant Norman Miller, head of the Public Address Section, TDS, was an undertaker in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He attended State Teachers College two years in Eau Claire, prior to his induction into the Army.

IF YOU TALK TOO MUCH



THIS MAN MAY DIE

Panther's 'Mirror-Poster Plan' Used By Army, Navy, Air Corps

Use of the slogan, "If You Talk Too Much This Man May Die," with a mirror, anti-loose talk plan of Hood Panther editors, has spread across the nation and to all branches of service. This month, three national magazines, Look, American and Minican Photography, published the photo illustrating the plan and a letter explaining it. See letters at right.

Editor, The Hood Panther:

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.

We are arranging to use the mirror-poster throughout the North Island Naval Base, North Island Naval Base, San Diego, California

E. L. GUNTHER,
Admiral
Commandant.

Editor, The Panther:

Many thanks for sending us the photograph and story on your anti-loose talk campaign. We think it's a honey of an idea and are using it in our clip sheet. Frankly, it's one of the best stunts we've run up against.

S-Sgt. Walter L. Farley,
Editor, Camp Newspaper
Service.

Editor, The Hood Panther:

Just read your article in the Look Magazine, and thought it very good. I feel as you do that the slogan, "If You Talk Too Much This Man May Die", should be placed in all Army camps.

I'd like to know how The Hood Panther originates, and would you be so kind as to send me a copy? I'd appreciate it greatly.

Anabelle Gable,
Bronx, New York

Editor, The Hood Panther:

Have a little news you should be interested in, and proud of. Mather Field is taking up your "If You Talk Too Much This Man May Die" slogan and every squadron now has it over the mirrors.

You can now add the Air Corps to your list! Army Air Forces, Advanced Flying School, Mather Field, California.

PFC A. B. Cambridge.

Editor, The Hood Panther:

I read your interesting warning in the April 6th issue of Look Magazine and I believe that your message was very timely. I hope that your anti-loose talk campaign will be successful.

I concur with your statement that there is too much loose talk going on concerning vital movements of our various services, and it cannot be too forcibly impressed upon our service men to refrain from revealing any information harmful to our best interests.

I would also suggest that your motto should be displayed on ships, shore stations, bases defense plants and government offices. There should only be one purpose in mind "All out For Victory!"

With lots of luck and best wishes I am sincerely,

Bertha Strassman,
Bayone, New Jersey.

Editor, The Panther:

I think your use of the slogan, "If You Talk Too Much This Man May Die," is a novel one and potentially most effective. I am referring it to our production division for their consideration. It is my personal wish that some national use may be made of your idea.

If you have any more excellent ideas, I shall appreciate hearing about them.

Washington, D. C.
Elinor Dodds,
Information Assistant
U. S. Information Center
Office of War Information

Editor, The Panther:

I think you have a very excellent idea in your mirror poster plan. In fact we are going to adopt the same principle here. I think you have done an excellent job.

Headquarters, Office of the Commanding General,
Camp Grant, Illinois.

A. E. MEALIFF,
Major, MAC
Public Relations Officer.

Editor, The Hood Panther:

I saw the piece about your anti-loose talk "mirror-poster" in the Look Magazine for April 6. It was very good. I hope none of our boys have to suffer for anything like that. I think our boys are too smart to be loose mouthed enough to suffer from it.

Laura Gentry, Detroit, Mich.

Editor, The Hood Panther:

I read your article in Look Magazine and think that is a very nice idea of yours, and it's one that we cannot forget. I could see that picture everytime I closed my eyes.

Miss Lois Bosi
Danford, Illinois.

Editor, The Hood Panther:

Thank you for writing this office and attaching the page from the Camp Hood Panther showing the "Mirror-Poster" plan.

The idea of substituting a mirror for the picture of a soldier in the poster, and thus bringing home to each man who sees it the necessity of keeping his mouth well-buttoned, was indeed a very good one. Whoever thought of it is certainly entitled to well-deserved praise.

Office of the Commanding

General

Eighth Service Command

Headquarters

Santa Fe Building

ROY A. McMILLAN,

Major, Specialist

Asst to Chief,

Public Relations Branch.

Editor, The Panther:

Your letter, together with the remarkable picture and copy of the Hood Panther received.

We appreciate this data and realize the tremendous value of the slogan and certainly will adopt it for use at this port and the staging area.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness of advising me in the premises.

Los Angeles Port of Embarkation,
Wilmington, California.

WILLIAM A. AIRO

Colonel, T. C.

Port Commander.

Back From 'Overthere' They Appreciate Service

"Fellows overseas appreciate the way the Army Service Force is 'delivering the goods,' especially medical equipment," said two Camp Hood soldiers, Pvt. Frank Knapp, recently returned from Ireland, and PFC Herman Ivry, who came back from Hawaii a couple of months ago, now employed in the post office.

Says Ireland Quaint

Stationed in Northern Ireland with an Armored Division, Pvt. Knapp's general impression of the country and of Belfast was that everything was "quaint." "But the people are helpful to the men and the country interesting to see," he added. Pvt. Knapp noted how much the men enjoyed the Hollywood "Command Performance" broadcasts, special programs featuring screen stars and only heard overseas. The men also read the "Stars and Stripes," service paper, more generally than other newspapers. Blackouts are serious business, but a soldier can still get along. Knapp would like to travel the ocean again; in the other direction.

Classification Officer Promoted

Lieutenant C. L. Nunn, Assistant Classification Officer TDS, has been promoted to First Lieutenant. A product of York, Pennsylvania, Lt. Nunn enlisted in the Infantry at Fort Meade, Md., after graduating from high school in 1936. He was transferred to the Air Corps at Langley Field, Virginia as a first sergeant, then attended OCS at Fort Benning, Ga., receiving his commission in 1942. Immediately thereafter, he was assigned to TDS and early this year attended the Adjutant General's School. Lt. Nunn is married and Mrs. Nunn recently took up residence at Georgetown, Texas.

Gets Silver Bars

First Lieutenants John R. Bates, Fred C. Day, Daniel J. Bilitz and Charles D. Durce, Jr., 141st TD Bn., were promoted from Second Lieutenants April 2.

Gives Current Event Lectures

Lt. Wayne Eubank of the Tactics Department presents current events to the personnel of TDS.

He majored in Public Speaking and Sociology at three major institutions, getting his BA degree at West Texas State Teachers College, his Masters at Northwestern and his Ph D, at Louisiana State University.

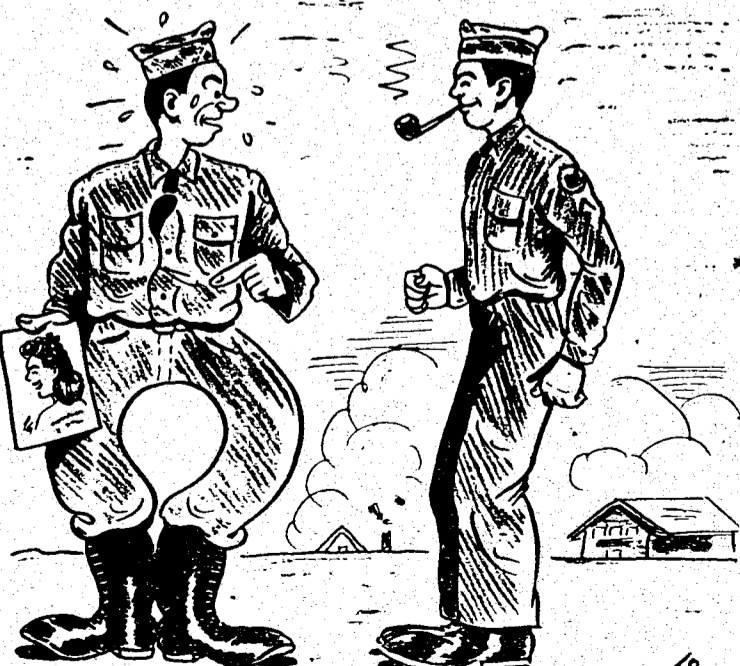
In 1938, Lt. Eubank toured Europe, studying social and political conditions of the independent nations and visited some of Europe's outstanding universities. He volunteered when the war broke out, and last July came to Camp Hood, and OCS, receiving his commission in the Tank Destroyers.

Evidence Of Attack

PFC Ivry was with an aircraft warning unit in the Hawaiian Islands, reaching Pearl Harbor four months after the Jap attack. He saw evidence of burned hangers and buildings, but everywhere repairs were under way. The first tents he slept in still had bullet holes from Jap strafing Dec. 7. When he was in the Islands, Hawaii was under martial law and units were constantly on the alert. "The Japs could never get near there again, Ivry said. Pineapples are everywhere—but there's a stiff fine for picking them. He said the men on the islands are in fine spirits itching for real action.

Both men know what it means to get mail from home. Now they have a chance to help in that work at Camp Hood.

PRIVATE STUFF by ROBERT CUFFEN



"Smart gal. She even guessed I belong to the Cavalry!"

Camp Hood Trainee Tells Exclusive Story Of Nazi Tortures And Cruelties

If there are any among us who still wonder what we are fighting against, this story, written by a former Austrian citizen now in training in the TD RTC that he may do his part to smash the Axis, should help clarify it for them.

Pvt. Grant was a medical student, working in a German hospital when Hitler rose to power.

His remarkable story of Nazi cruelty and torture for all who opposed the Third Reich is presented exclusively in two installments in The Panther, the first of which follows.

By PVT. HENRY GRANT, TD RTC

When history wrote the saddest page in German history I happened to be a medical student at the University of Leipzig. There were not many students left who dared to fight the increasing Nazi terror, even at the University itself. The Nazis used very mean and dirty tricks to get rid of all the students who did not approve of Hitler's theories. Many students were beaten from their classrooms and were promised an awful fate if they did not change their political opinions, and dared to return. Long friendships went to pieces in those days, brother hated brother and children their parents, all for the sake of the Hitler poison, which penetrated every family.

Helped With First Aid

I happened to be one of those students who helped in organizing first aid stations for the Nazi street victims. As only a few medical students and doctors had the courage to stick it out with the Nazis, we got in touch with the Red Cross organizations of the Social Democratic Trade Unions. We managed to do fairly well and were able to save many lives, giving first aid, blood transfusions, and, in heavier cases, transport facilities into hospitals. Aside from my work there, I organized, on the urgent requests of all decent citizens of our town "N," where I lived, about 10,000 inhabitants, the Reichsbanner, a semi-military organization, which lacked guns and weapons, but had plenty of courage, and we had the satisfaction of threshing our Nazis to pieces, armed only with sticks, knuckles and lead-filled hoses, and we managed to keep some order there.

I learned from my pre-Hitler friends that my name was one of the first on the black list of the Nazis, with the many names of thousands of other Anti-Nazis. In spite of the dark political situation we did not give up hope, because we could not believe that an entire population could fall under terror alone. We made a great mistake being so optimistic.

Hitler Takes Power

It happened. A nightmare became reality and Hitler became chancellor of the Third Reich. We all were stunned. The Storm troopers marched, and this time they had the law on their side, and Hitler gave the permission to kill. The beating on anti-Nazis, the burning of books, the Reichstags brand, the thousands of political prisoners taken under often the most absurd pretenses, openly-permitted legalized looting, concentration camps and other Nazi cultural products sent a wave of pain, resentment and grief through many German hearts. Too late, the mob ruled. The decent Germany was gone.

I was still working at the Chirurgical Poly Klinik in "L." Many of my friends advised me to leave Germany. I do not know why I did not follow them. One reason was I could not give up the fight until the last moment, other reasons were my girl, my wife of today, and my parents, who lived in Berlin and had nobody left to look after them. My father, with Hitler's regime lost his job, as director of the Komsiche Opera and other theaters. My brothers, who were very active too against the Nazis, fled to Holland, France and the Orient. After my father's death, my mother managed to flee to England.

The Abuse Begins

One day a few nurses ran into the operation room where Professor X just performed a stomach carcinom operation, and told us weepingly that Nazi Storm troopers had entered the Clinic and had it surrounded. Soon they came and took us away. Probably the patient died in the midst of the operation as the professor was one of the first ones taken.

The Nazis painted dirty abuses on our white medical uniforms, and we were paraded through town. We stopped at other hospitals and our ranks increased from street to street. We met many other parties as sad as ours. We were kicked and beaten with the butts of their rifles, and the mob spat upon us and made this march as miserable as possible for us. The women used bad and filthy language, their umbrellas and other handy objects and added to our misery by their brutal actions. The Fishwomen during the French revolution could have learned from their German sisters.

Not all of us finally reached the notorious barracks of the Storm Troopers. They were situated at the edge of the town, near a forest, probably so that nobody could hear the cries of the tortured. When we entered the big yard we had to run the gauntlet, of nightsticks, lead filled rubber hoses, heavy belt buckles and other weapons which were let loose upon our heads and backs. Seven hours passed since they took us along. We were worn out, bleeding and without any hope to come out alive again.

For seven more hours we were put against a wall, nose and the points of our feet touching the wall. We had to stand at attention. Behind us were the drunk, filled with beer and other alcoholic drinks, Nazi soldiers, who followed all the evil impulses of sadism. They gave us the most impossible commands, for instance, as how to sit on our heads, or to stop breathing for two minutes and plenty other things. They boxed our ears if we shifted our weight from one leg to the other, kicked us in



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

"OH, YOU KID!"—Setting something of a record for Camp Hood produced, directed and written productions, RTC's Gay Nineties Revue, "Oh, You Kid"! has been packing them in. Top on stage in a production number, from left, are Mrs. Opal Ruth Rumm; Lt. John L. Slesinger, who directed and produced the show; Pvt. Julian Gawiser, Dorothy Greene, Pvt. Richard Golab, and Helen Pirtle. All girls in the show were civilian employees on the post. At right, the Four Shaving Mugs—S-Sgt. Robert Pierce, Pvt. Lawrence C. Shepard and Pvt. Donald L. Favhrow—help Jean Cates sell a song. Insert shows Pvt. James A. Kanza, left, and S-Sgt. Robert Pierce in a Baby Snooks scene. All scenery for the show was designed by Sgt. Erwin Schweig. Music was arranged by PFC. Enrique Yurbino. Costumes were obtained from Hollywood by Pvt. Marcus Newman, Special Service Office.



Judge Advocate General OCS Now Offered G. I.'s

The Officer Candidate School of the Judge Advocate General, with a maximum quarterly capacity of 150 students, has been constituted under the direction of the Judge Advocate General.

Applications will be processed and selected in a manner similar to that prescribed for the Adjutant General in AR 625-5, November 26, 1942, "Officer Candidates." The Judge Advocate General will have final authority to accept or reject applications accepted by the examining boards.

The appointments of graduates of this school will conform to the current provisions of AR 625-5, provided that the Judge Advocate General is authorized to recommend graduates to the Secretary

of War's Personnel Board for immediate promotion to the grade of first lieutenant in numbers not to exceed 50 percent of each class. Promotion will be based on the graduate's record in school, his professional ability, and his experience.

Promotions Given In OCS Regiment

OCS Regiment promotions last week included, Lt. Howard Bradbury, Jr., Commanding Officer of the 2nd Company to Captain; to first Lieutenants: (2nd Lts.) John Quinn, Jr., Maurice Hill, Robert Ross, Hadley E. Ray, and Harold Chapman.

the scrotum, the bellies, shot their pistols into the wall so close to our ears, that many of us lost our sense of hearing.

Punishment Unbelievable

I saw men, who got their kidneys smashed, their noses and teeth broken, and their manhood so badly violated, that you could not believe all those things, if you would not have seen it done with your own eyes. Those, who lost their consciousness, were treated with ice cold water and beaten to life again. The game started again and again. Everyone of those Storm Troopers wanted to be more brutal than the other and show his love for Hitler and the party by beating defenseless men and women. Many were brought away dying, and we never saw them again. Somewhere a mother or bride received a sealed coffin with the ashes of her beloved.

After the first taste of Nazi culture those who were still standing were brought into the dungeons in the cellar. It was cold and wet, and water dropped from the mouldy walls. The nights which followed were terrible. I will never forget the cries of those tortured and whipped Nazi victims, and I will never forget the courage of those brutally treated men and women, Germany's best. I had a few times third degree and I really do not know how I came out alive. There were fellows there who were beaten up worse than I, whom I never thought to meet again, and whom I later met in Italy, Switzerland, Austria and France again, even in America. It was hell.

(To Be Concluded)

Library Books Widely Read

To give Camp Hood readers some idea of just how many books are being read each month, Catherine Settle, librarian at the 37th St. Service Club Library has compiled the following circulation figures involving books of non-fiction and fiction.

Month	Non-Fiction	Fiction
October, 1942	321	499
November, 1942	557	720
December, 1942	604	721
January, 1943	802	1003
February, 1943	1026	1148

These figures refer to books which are actually signed for and taken from the library. It does not include the number of books taken from the shelves for reading at night by library patrons. Miss Settle said that an average of 40 to 60 books are taken from the shelves each night and read by literature lovers.

Having The Measles Was Not Enough

This is a case of adding insult to injury.

Two weeks ago the Headquarters Detachment, DEMI, was placed under quarantine for the measles, which meant that members of the unit had to take turns walking guard to enforce the "stay out" order.

A day after he was released from the hospital, Pvt. A. Saperstein, the measles victim who brought on the quarantine, saw his name on the company bulletin board.

He had been picked as a member of the guard to enforce his own quarantine!

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Surveying The Panther

WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE, a survey of all battalions in the Replacement Training Center was made last week to determine whether or not the men in the various units liked to read The Hood Panther, and whether or not it was doing the job for which it was designed.

We are happy to report that nearly 100 percent of the men questioned said they thought it was interesting and highly informative. A large percentage said they mailed copies home regularly.

There were a number of suggestions made for improvement, for which we are also grateful.

Want It Weekly

Nearly everyone requested that the paper be published weekly instead of every other week as it is now. For them, and the rest of you who are interested, we report that soon we will be publishing an edition for you each week.

Men in nearly every unit expressed a desire to have more copies made available to them. A plan for wider distribution of the paper is now under consideration. In the meanwhile, extra copies of every issue may be obtained, in limited number, at The Panther office, Special Service Service Office, opposite Post Headquarters.

Many suggested that more space be allotted to news from each unit. Our answer to them is that more space, just twice as much, will be available when we are able to publish an issue each week instead of every other week.

Many Are Interested

A graphic example of the interest in The Panther is the table of cross-section votes taken by the 134th Training Battalion. Of 52 soldiers questioned at random, votes were as follows:

Do You Read The Hood Panther?	Yes, 51	No, 1
Do You Consider It Worthwhile	Yes, 52	No, 0
Have You Sent a Copy Home?	Yes, 42	No, 10
Do You Want It Weekly?	Yes, 49	No, 3

With a Post Publication, it is not always possible for the editor to do exactly the things which his readers would like to have him do. There are rules and regulations, you know, even in the editing business.

Is Your Newspaper

But this is an enlisted man's newspaper, paid for by enlisted men's funds. You have the privilege of criticizing in any way you feel just, our shortcomings.

Write us, or see us personally, and we'll do everything we can to make The Hood Panther the kind of camp newspaper you want.

No Apologies Necessary

I think that I shall never see
A job as sloppy as K. P.

K. P. where greasy arms are pressed
With pots and pans against the chest.
K. P. Where stands the chef all day
Barking orders at his prey.

K. P.'s who may in evening wear
A spot of gravy in their hair.

K. P. Where all the yardbirds hop
To nonchalantly wield a mop

Poems are made by fools like me
And so's the list for darned K. P.

Hq. Detch., DEML

By Cpl. Raymond McAshon

National Director, American Red Cross, Visits Camp Hood

General Wesselius, Director of the Military and Naval Welfare Services, American National Red Cross, St. Louis, Missouri, visited Camp Hood on Sunday and Monday. This was his initial visit.

Wesselius conferred with Colonel C. M. Thirkield, Post Commander, in making arrangements for the establishment of a Red Cross Office for North Camp, which will be opened when the camp is ready for occupancy. Present plans call for a staff of social and recreation workers at the new Station Hospital, as well as opening of an office for the able-bodied.

Tank Battalion Plans Contest To Name Queen

Men of the 747th Tank Bn. will entertain the 164th WAAC Co., plus detachment, at a dance in their honor Friday night in the all-purpose recreation hall.

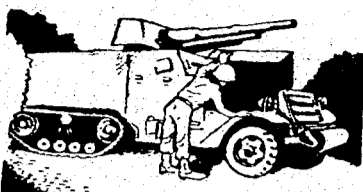
The Tankers will be the first organization on the post to honor the newly-arrived WAAC Company at such an affair.

The 113th Cavalry dance band will furnish the music.

Day Room Opened

A new day room for the officer candidates TDS, exclusively, opened this week. A radio, ping pong tables and writing desks are now at their disposal.

Looking UNDER THE HOOD



Far be it from us to write a "gossip" column, but we are in receipt of a note signed by "The Photo Lab Boys" which we present here without further comment:

"Ray Johnson, head photographer here, has taken up field assignments lately. The only thing, is that they always involve the WAACS. We wonder if....?"

"Note: He is a civilian, but give up a break on this item, please."

We did.

Fair Exchange

While reading through our exchanges from other camp newspapers we found this little rhyme in the Post Ord, Calif., Panorama:

"Sally's back from Hollywood,
Escaping all its perils.
Sally's reputation's good—
No hits, no runs, no errors!"

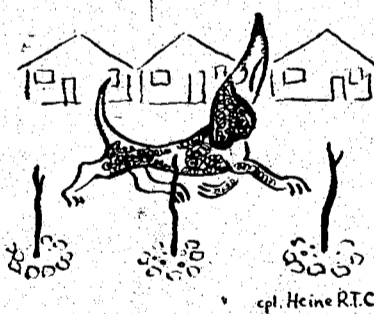
A Mad Search

In this case the man didn't bite the dog, just the opposite, but it was really news. Pvt. Terentio Scarpino, Pittsburgh, was surprised this week to learn that he was the object of a search that extended throughout the nation. Pvt. Scarpino, home on furlough from an air base at La Junta, Colo., had been in Pittsburgh all the while police and military authorities searched frantically for him in the belief that he faced an agonizing death from rabies unless he were given immediate treatment. However, although the dog nipped at his leg, the skin was not broken, only his trousers were ripped.

Every camp in the nation, including Hood, was contacted in the search for the soldier whom bystanders saw bitten by the dog, not then known to have rabies, earlier in the week.

Can't See The Forest

Camp Hood's "Forest Primeval", its thousands of shrub and tree sprouts just starting to grow, has inspired much G. I. humor. One of the best examples of this (see cut)



is this drawing by Cpl. Kurt M. Heine, Hq., 135th Bn, RTC.

Athletic Equipment Requisitions Must Be In By June 1

Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, has announced that from now on all requisitions for athletic equipment made by Company athletic officials must be in the hands of their battalion athletic head by not later than June 1st, and in turn, the battalion athletic official must forward any requisition to the Post Athletic Officer not later than June 5th. All requisitions must be made at dates prior to the quarter that the requisition is to cover. The next big requisition period to be feared will be for the quarter of July, August and September.

However, following the regular requisition will be the supplemental requisition, which will be on or by the 10th of each month of the quarter. Those who did not get their requisition in in time for the main requisition may turn in their request on the supplementary roll.



A Committee of the Nation's Leading Industrialists Seek A Tip On Mass Production.

Mrs. Constance Di Domenico
Philadelphia, Penn.

Cpl. Ivan Smith
Editor, The Panther

Dear Mr. Smith: My son, Pvt. Herbert Forer, Co. E 130th Bn., TD RTC, sent me a copy of your April 1 edition of The Panther, and I will say that I was certainly surprised to see such a marvelous publication. He has been in Camp Hood for more than two months and this is the first issue he sent me. I told him I wanted him to continue sending me every issue as now I am very much enlightened about all his camp surroundings and goings on.

I read the entire publication word for word and was rather disappointed in one thing. I did not see a single mention anywhere about Co. E, 130th TD Bn. Will you please tell me, are they the forgotten unit?

I only hope he gets out of quarantine so he can enjoy all the marvelous recreations they have at Camp Hood as he has been in all the time he has been in camp.

Congratulations to you on a wonderful publication.

A. M. Forer,
333 1-2 N. Gardner, St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Correspondents of Co. E, 130th Bn., will have to answer this query. However, as in another instance, we feel that the reader was a little unfair to the Bn. in judging everything by one edition.

Army Quiz

1. What is the insignia of the German Tank Corps?
2. Who is entitled to wear the National Defense Service ribbon?
3. How many pounds of beans are included in the ton of food served to each United States soldier a year?
4. Who originated the custom of standing when "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played?
5. Does the United States pay captured enemy officers?
6. What is the name of the world's largest battleship?

Answers Page Seven

ALL ENLISTED MEN, officers, WAACS and civilian employes from Ft. Worth, Texas, have been asked to contact Ida Mae Heffington, principal hostess, 37th St. Service Club, regarding formation of a "Ft. Worth Club."

A party for "Ft. Worthers" is planned Monday night, April 19.

To The Editor:

In the last issue of The Panther was a particularly repulsive little paragraphlet in the form of a letter in which the sender stated she wondered why there was no mention of the 137th Bn. RTC. Maybe the little woman cannot read everything that is in the paper, BUT—We of Co. C 137th are disgusted with the unfavorable publicity which we received as a result of the Editors postscript to the letter stating that we should "Get On the Ball."

Sincerely,
Sgt. S. W. Smith,
Sgt. A. R. Hudachko,
Company Correspondants.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We regret that the correspondents are perturbed. Our footnote said, "The Panther will be glad to publish news from the 137th whenever they get 'on the ball' and forward some through channels." We didn't say that they had never sent us any. We merely said we'd be glad to publish it when they did. We were, we are, and we do!

Editor, The Panther:

In a copy of Army Times I saw an article telling of your anti-loose talk plan, and the picture of your "If You Talk Too Much, This Man May Die" poster.

I am on duty in Alaska and carrying on my hobby of collecting newspaper mastheads. This article gave me the name of your paper, and would you send me a masthead for my collection

I have them from all parts of the world and now the total is over the 300 mark.

AP0 939 Cpl. Stanley Glover
Seattle, Wash

Editor, The Panther:

My son is stationed at Camp Hood and has sent home the Hood Panther. I found it very interesting and I am sure the boys find it chuck-full of news also. I wish you lots of success with the paper.

Middle-East Color Described In Last Chapter In Series

This is the final chapter in the series of stories written exclusively for The Panther by Pvt. Edwin Taggart, TD Board, Camp Hood, in which he has described the Middle East as he saw it during his visit there in 1939.

The editor of The Panther has presented this splendid series in the hope that some of the problems he met and the color he saw and described will be of use to Panther readers in the event they are sent there during the course of the war.

The Editor is extremely grateful to Pvt. Taggart for his glowing, graphic account.

You'll eat oranges from the hills where Christ walked, and you'll see walls that were built by the Crusaders under St. Louis and fought over by the armies of Napoleon and Allenby. You'll walk up the same steps that Rames the Great did and see where Cleopatra entertained Anthony with slumming parties, among other things. You'll see Nubians and Ethiopians in queer get-ups, and perhaps Ouled Nails, who are products of a tribe traditionally devoted to producing ladies of "the oldest profession," but you won't be much tempted by their allure—there's too much of it, and of them!

Port Said Colorful

There was Port Said, where the East filters into the Western world and De Lesseps points the way across the sandy wastes in the narrow, muddy stream that is the Suez Canal. Black stevedores coaling a white, deluxe English steamer and chanting a primitive African song as they worked; brown urchins running about calling the latest editions of the papers of five world capitals in the same breath and pitch that they yell addresses of certain "houses of entertainment." In the harbor I watched a rowboat owner beat his helper until blood streamed, simply because the lad had fouled a rope.

Music that is strange at first to your ears, will finally seem to enter the picture and please you as the only thing suitable. You'll hear odd pipeings from little villages as the master amuses himself on a rattan platform at the doorway, and you'll hear in the local fairs the shrill whistling as an Indian charms a sleepy corba.

You'll go to the Musky in Cairo, and others like it in other cities, and smell exotic perfumes and see the street of the Little Red Shoe Makers and most likely, like everyone else, buy some fake antiques and carved ivory from the Sudan. In Algiers and Morocco you'll see other streets of shops and veiled ladies, all of whom seem to have eyes like Red Riding Hood's Granny. In Algiers you'll find the haunts of Charles Boyer in the Kasbah where food and all else flows down the center of the streets, and raw meat hangs in the whole animal at the shop doors, dripping its contribution to the gutters. And over all of it will be the odor of musk and Attar of Roses. In the cafes of the Middle East you'll see sheiks from the desert in full regalia, at tables with Europeans whom they knew when they were at school in Paris.

What About The Curse?

In Egypt you'll remember the Curse of Tut and wonder what it's all about. But rest safely. Many of the people involved in the uncovering of his tomb have passed away, it is true, but that tomb was found 25 years ago and investigated then largely by people at least in their middle years of life. The opening was postponed for instance because Lord Carnarvon was ill and had to leave his sick bed to attend. The fact that he died later was of course, looked on as inevitably the result of a 3,000-year-old grudge. I lived in Egypt with a man who was third to enter the tomb, handled every object in it and went on to open many more tombs of the ancient Egyptians. I lunched with Howard Carter, the actual discoverer of the tomb, who was hale and hearty even then after all those years of the curse, despite the fact that he alone of all the archaeologists in Egypt invariably drank the local water straight from the village well—a habit which certainly gave the "curse" plenty of opportunity to catch up with him if it wished.

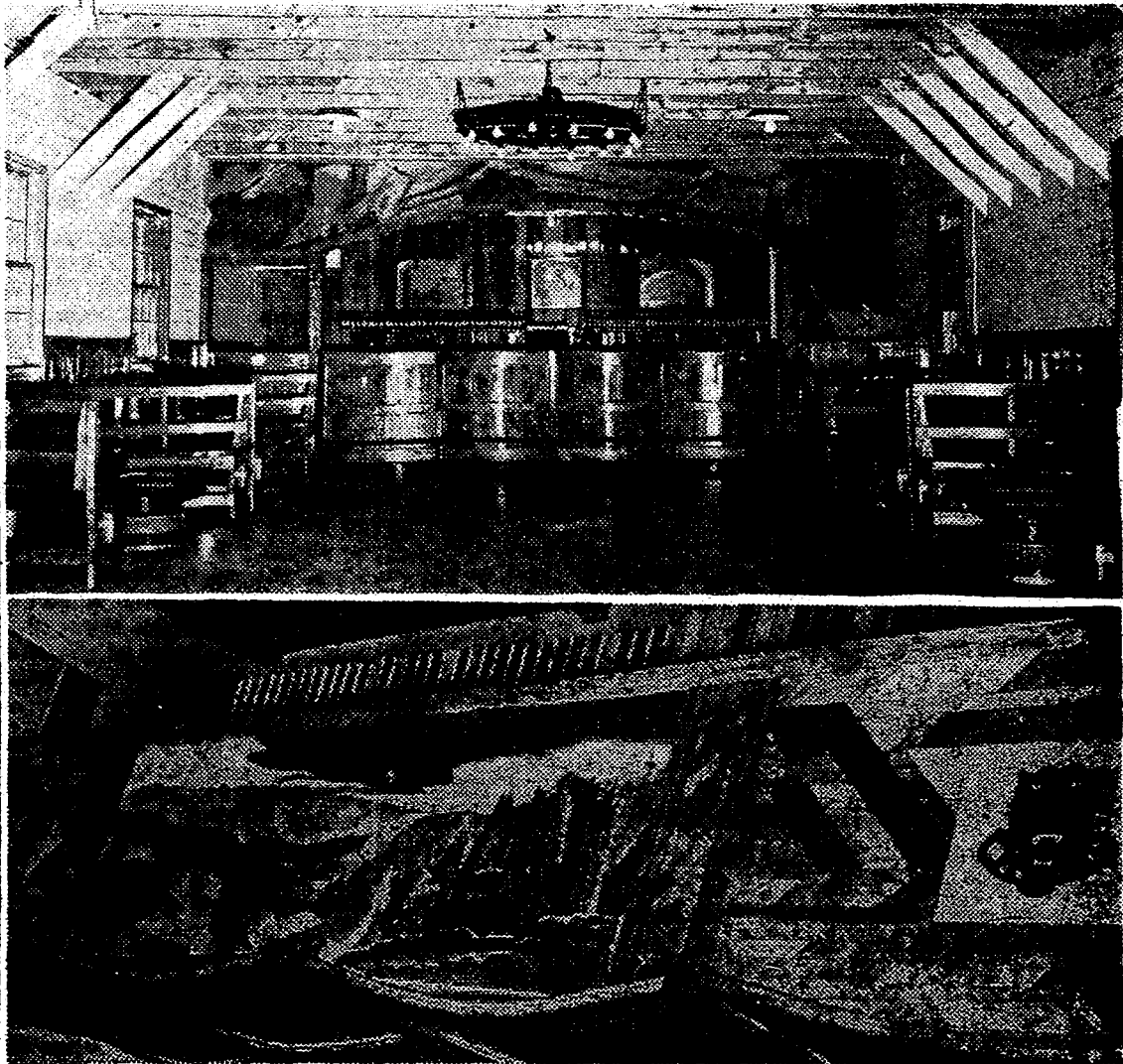
Romance In Little Things

The romance of the Middle East is not such tales as that, but it is the little things you see every day in the streets; the sun sets and the haunting music at night and the moon shining on the pyramids and the mixture of centuries of unchanging custom with the habits and conveniences of today.

In a tiny village in Upper Egypt, mud-walled and squalid and apparently untouched by the Western world, I heard coming out of the village sheikh's house, the unmistakable sound of a radio playing American jazz. I saw movies in odd cities there where Clark Gable seemed to be speaking French and around the borders of the screen ran the captions in Arabic, English and Greek, so that you became cross-eyed trying to read as many languages as you could.

Remember too, that we are funny to them sometimes. About two miles from the Great Pyramid and therefore, but three miles from the terminus of the Cairo-Pyramid street car line and a short walk from the luxuries of the Mena House hotel, I saw on the sandy skyline a row of large tents. I asked the desert guard at the pyramids whose they were and why and I shall never forget the curl of his lips as he said: "Oh, those are some Americans who think they are living in the desert!"

The End



RECREATION HALL IN OCS UNUSUAL—The work of the enlisted men of Headquarters & Service Co., OCS Regt. under the direction of Captain John F. Wessels, is this unusual "Rec hall" in the OCS Regiment. Note the wagon wheel light fixture, inverted barrels for tables, curved benches. PFC. Glenn Davis and Cpl. Harvey Steiner, designed the mural over the bar, aided by PFCs. Collier, Whatley, Pozwick and Davie. Top of service counter, below, is made of inlaid vari-colored, varnished woods cut by Cpl. Saul Diamond. Electricians were PFCs. Brugler and Colbert. Remainder of the work was done by PFC. Woltzen, PFCs. Almorez, Stowe, Parker and Cpl. Lane.

Select Your Pin-Up-Girl For The TD's

A move to pick a "TD Pin-Up Girl" was started this week in Co. C, 137th Bn., RTC.

The company already has its favorite selected, according to reporters, and would like to see some lucky actress's photo part of the decorative scheme of every company day room.

They have suggested that the men of Camp Hood voted through their companies for their favorite "TD Pin-Up Girl," reporting all results to The Panther, which would publish the winning beauty's photograph.

Easter Sunday Services Set

Easter Sunday, April 25th, the day which Christianity pauses to honor the resurrection of their Saviour, will be observed by Camp Hood personnel in services planned by Major General A. D. Bruce and arranged by Post Chaplain Major William C. Benson.

General Bruce has expressed the wish that all men observe the event by attending services if possible.

Chaplain Benson has announced the schedule of Protestant and Catholic services for Sunday, April 25th, as follows:

Protestant (Non-Denominational) Station Hospital Red Cross

Building 8:30 a. m.

Stockade 8:30 a. m.

School Area-Theater No. 4,

24th St. & Bn. 9:30 a. m.

Replacement Training Center—

Field House 9:30 a. m.

AUTC & TR BRIG—Theatre

162nd St. 9:30 a. m.

Bivouac Area

626-635-819 Bns 10:00 a. m.

809-812-820 BNS &

8th TD 10:00 a. m.

611-816-744-3450 ORD 11:00 a. m.

821-825-643 BNS 11:00 a. m.

Roman Catholic

Station Hospital Red Cross

Building 6:30 a. m.

Replacement Training Center:

Field House 8:00 a. m.

AUTC & TR BRIG: 162nd

St. Theatre 8:00 a. m.

AUTC & TR BRIG: 162nd

St. Theatre 11:00 a. m.

School Area: Theater No. 4—

24th St. & BN 11:00 a. m.

Farewell Party

Held In Killeen

The Victory Cafe in Killeen was the scene of a farewell party for Pvt. Harry Heaffner, from the boys of the Reproduction Department, Thursday evening, April 8th. Victory was the theme of the party and red, white and blue was everywhere in evidence. After the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner," and a speech by Harry, a chicken dinner was enjoyed by everyone.

Pvt. Heaffner, past 38, is leaving the Army to take a job with the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company in Baltimore, Maryland.

Commanding Officer, Third Regiment, RTC, Promoted To Colonel

Col. Joseph J. Fraser, commanding officer of the 3rd Regiment at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, was promoted from Lt. Col. April 5. Col. Fraser graduated from Creighton university, Omaha, Neb. in 1917, was in the Army reserve and joined the regular army, July, 1920.

Athletic Council Outlines Spring And Summer Program

At a meeting of the Camp Athletic Council, held Monday afternoon, various sports were discussed in regard to the coming sports campaign for spring and summer activity.

The meeting, dealt with both white and colored units in camp and the following sports were outlined at the conference, according to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, who presided at the gathering: volley ball, softball, badminton and horseshoe pitching.

Unit Leaders Named

The four big units in camp to be involved in the sports campaign and their leaders are as follows: A. U. T. C., under the direction of Captain W. T. Betts, who will serve as athletic head of the various battalions; TD School will have as their athletic chief, Major L. G. Gorman; the Training Brigade will be under the supervision of Lt. W. W. Wells and the Station Comp. or 1848th SU will be governed by Lt. H. O. Hoffman.

All sports to be represented by the various companies of their battalion will be operated on a company basis, and the team victorious by way of inter-battalion play will be the representative of that battalion to participate in the final series of play between the four large units in camp.

Each battalion athletic officer is

responsible for the arrangement of schedules and inter-company play in their battalions.

Will Name Champs

A final battalion champion to represent each of the four involved units, AUTC, TD School, Training Brigade and the 1848th SU, must be determined by June 20, after which a final four-way series will get underway to determine and recognize a camp champion. All baseball teams in camp must have determined a representative by September 1st, at which time the two finalists will engage in a three game series to unroll a camp champion in baseball. This pertains to both white and colored teams in camp.

605th Battalion Presents Show For Hospital

The 605th TD Bn. has arranged a battalion called "Laff It Off," which will be presented at the Station Hospital Auditorium, tomorrow night. Talent for the show was auditioned by Lt. Richard Hepburn, Post Special Services theatrical advisor, and is being directed by Cpl. P. Brownstein, Hq. Co., 605th.

Two of the best bands on the post will accompany the battalion show in their evening at the Hospital Auditorium next Friday.



SISTERS OF SONG—Floy and Martha Read, formerly stars of 'Hellzapoppin' and 'It Happened On Ice,' are now delighting soldier and sailor audiences with their harmonies and rhythms in the USO-Camp, All-Star show, 'Show Time At The Roxy,' which plays here April 22, 23, and 24. See story at right.

Through His Hands Pass The Prettiest Cabbage In The World

How would you like to sign nearly 20,000 checks each month?

This job, which practically insures "writer's cramp" is the task of Lt. Col. Henry D. Cragon, Camp Finance officer.

Payment of all enlisted men—a payroll of nearly \$2,000,000 between four and 5,000 officers, civilian workers and all commercial accounts for the camp, is the task of the finance office.

Building Is Changed

To cope with this increased business, and to provide faster,

more efficient service, the finance office at 50th St. and Headquarters Avenue, is undergoing a remodeling which will provide 200 more square feet of floor space for desks and make available two cashier windows and a larger space just inside the front door for personnel using the office. The side entrance to the building has been eliminated and all business is transacted through the main entrance.

A staff of 110 limited service men and civilian workers, headed by seven officers, now man the huge office. A branch office, to make all cash payments at North Camp, will be opened the latter part of the month under Major F. F. Nolde.

In addition to Major Nolde, officers assisting Col. Cragon are Capt. James M. Seeger, Jr.; Captain Leslie Lentz, Lt. Carl B. Fink, Lt. David A. Silver, and Lt. Douglas D. Culpepper.

Master Sgt. Edward Keaslesky is chief clerk.

Classes In Session

Col. Cragon, who came to Camp Hood from Camp Polk, La., in February, has instituted a series of classes on payment of troops and payroll procedure to acquaint new employees with the proper Army methods.

"We are now using civilian workers and limited service men almost exclusively to do the work, and many of them have never handled payroll work before. To make the best use of the help available, we are training them in day and night classes," Col. Cragon said.

The Camp Hood Finance office is one of the largest in the Eighth Service command.

Clothing Handled By Remodeled Exchange No. 1

Camp Exchange No. 1, 50th street and Post Headquarters avenue, is now open for business. A complete line of officer's clothing, and articles of enlisted men's clothing as authorized by Army regulations, is carried.

The Exchange has been remodeled and fitted anew with modern show cases, which make it stand out along the lines of a general department store.

Tobaccos, candies, toilet articles, magazines and a line of military books are included in the stock.

No beer or cold drinks are handled by the newly designed Exchange.

Hal LeRoy To Dance In Field House With USO 'Show Time At The Roxy'

Featuring Hal LeRoy, one of America's greatest dancers, **SHOW TIME AT THE ROXY**, USO-Camp Show, will appear in the Field House April 22, 23 and 24. The show is free to all Army personnel.

LeRoy appeared on Broadway with the late Ted Healy in "The Gang's All Here," and then was engaged for the Ziegfeld Follies, in which he created a sensation by stopping the show on opening night although surrounded by stars such as Harry Richman, Helen Morgan, Ruth Etting and Mitzl Mayfair. Later he appeared in "Strike Me Pink," with Jim-

my Durante and Lupe Velez, "Too Many Girls," "Thumbs Up" and "Count Me In."

Was In Movies

He made a number of dancing shorts for Warner Brothers and played in the film "Thunderbar" with Al Jolson and the picturization of "Too Many Girls."

Included in the cast of **SHOW TIME AT THE ROXY** are The Three Reddingtons, two women and one man in a comedy trampoline act which is said to be uproariously funny as well as brilliantly executed, and has played leading theaters such as New York's Music Hall, Roxy and similar first-run houses throughout the country.

Bedt Lynn plays the electric guitar, which he invented. He recently was featured at the famous Hurricane Restaurant in New

York and has played leading theaters and supper clubs across the country.

Sisters Are Featured

Floy and Martha Read, song stylists, are featured on the show. They have played leading theater circuits, recently closing a four-week run at the Roxy.

Charles Kempner & Co do an "Army Mess" comedy routine. Kemper was starred last season in George White's Scandals and has played comic leads in many Shubert shows, has played leading theaters in the country and has been starred on many network shows, including the headline comedian spot with Tommy Riggs and Betty Lou.

The 16 Gae Foster Girls, will lend grace and beauty to the show with a number of intricate dance numbers.

High Record Set By Co. D 138th TD Bn.

Company B, 138th Bn., RTC claims title to the highest percentage of qualified marksmen in the TD RTC, with an average of 94.75 percent of their personnel qualified.

First increment qualified 100 percent; second, 94 percent; third, 92 percent, with three experts and five sharpshooters; fourth, 93 percent, two experts, three sharpshooters.

Sgt. Dan Braun, Sgt. Paul Frenc and PFC Eugene Helms are in charge of rifle marksmanship for the company.

Report from the 138th Bn. has disclosed that all increments have ranged from 82.3 to 97 percentage qualified.

Last week, all except two men qualified, with 8 percent making expert, 45 percent sharpshooter and 45 percent marksmanship.

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Service Troop Wins Contest

New recruits of Service Troop, 113th Cavalry (Mech) Regiment, stationed here at Camp Hood are winners of a regimental recruit training contest conducted during their basic training.

As a reward for his achievements, each "rookie" was given a three-day pass, and their platoon lieutenant, 2nd Lt. . . Bishop, recommended for promotion.

The winning troopers, as well as recruits from the other troops, were welcomed officially into the regiment on Saturday, April 3, by Col. William Biddle, new regimental commander who succeeds Brigadier-General William C. Chase, now on duty with the 1st Cavalry at El Paso, Texas.

Maybe There's A Shortage Of Wardens

PFC John Gargan, Co. A, 137th Bn., RTC, received a notice from his hometown police department, to attend a meeting of air raid wardens, last week.

Good air raid wardens being scarce, the question arises as to the chance of a 15-day furlough to comply with the police request.

Promoted To Colonel

Col. William H. Halstead, commanding officer of the 4th Regiment at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, was promoted from Lt. Col. April 5.

Col. Halstead came to the RTC as commanding officer, 4th Regt., Dec. 16, 1942.

Col. and Mrs. Halstead and daughter Jessie are now residing at 218 East 10th Ave., Belton.



1st Lt. E. Alex Box, nephew of Chaplain John Neal, TD, RTC, and among the first into Africa, was killed in action February 19, 1943.

Chaplain Neal received a clipping from the Louisiana State University Alumni News which contained a letter from Africa by Lt. Box to his roommate. It follows and needs no explanation.

"Dear Red:

"Have really been having a time of it down here. To the surprise of all, mainly myself at any rate, I was decorated this week with the **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS**. General Teddy Roosevelt did the honors, so all in all it was some ceremony.

Action Described

"The story is this: We were moving up on our final objective in a battle. About midnight we were suddenly pinned down by machine gun fire—couldn't tell what was there—sent out patrols, no luck. So I volunteered to take my half track through the village, locate enemy guns, knock them out if possible, and, if not, to report their positions. Went through—ran into point-blank machine gun fire, 27mm. Cannon, and numerous riflemen—knocked out some of them—came back with equal success—reported to commander . . . I went back through the town, drawing enemy fire and thus disclosing enemy positions. We gave patrols 40 minutes and set out again—drew enemy fire—came back through town throwing hand grenades right into machine gun nests, then let the patrols do the rest. **CLEANED THE TOWN OUT IN 30 MINUTES WITH HAND GRENADES.** We moved on through and an hour after we moved our past position was under intense artillery fire. Maybe that was why the colonel appreciated my action . . .

Your Pal,

S. Alex Box,
1st Lt.

Editor's Note: Herewith is a copy of a V-Mail letter from Corporal E. B. Mell of an F. A. Battalion in North Africa, to Pvt. Keller, 812th TD Battalion in Texas:

'Hello Kelly:

What say Tank-killer? How's the tank buster doing these days? I hope you're fine and dandy at your new camp now. I received your letter the other day postmarked Feb. 17.

For God's sake, please pay attention to what I'm going to write in answer to your letter. You had quite a squawk about the poor setup in Texas as far as girls and towns are concerned. Well I fully agree with you. But remember, they didn't draft you to show you a good time. Try to forget about good times. If a good time shows up, then have it. But here's the main thing. Get the best out of your training and get it now. I don't mean for you to be a model soldier. Just learn the racket even if you don't like it. Some day you'll find yourself on the way over. It won't be long either. Quicker than you might imagine. Well, if you at least know the simple fundamentals of war, then you'll have a good chance. Get in the habit of digging a trench or better yet a 6 ft. fox-hole. Know your gun. Be alert. Men die often because they neglect these little things. Once again let me warn you for the best reasons and for God's sake, forget Wine, Women and song and keep your mind on the subject. We'll celebrate after we kill the axis bastards. So long.

Yours Pal,

(Signed) E. B. Mell.

Set New AA Fire Record

Company A of the 812th TD Bn., now in basic training at House camp No. 1 in Camp Hood, has set a new AA firing record by breaking 12 straight balloons. The previous Camp Hood AA firing record, one that had stood for eight months, was eight balloons.

In their record-breaking performance, 74 percent of Company A's shots were direct hits, which also is a new record. Company A is commanded by Lt. Gordon H. McGough.

Twins Named Tommy, Dicky Are New TD's

TD's have all kinds of twins—twin engines, twin machine guns, dual drive, double tracks, and twin sets of boggies. And now they have the real McCoy.

They are Tommy and Dicky—born to Pvt. and Mrs. Sydney Brock on March 13 at Hornell, N. Y. And they carried a little more weight than a 75 mm shell, weighing in at six pounds, one ounce, and five pounds, 12 ounces.

Private Brock, erstwhile boilermaker in peacetime days, returned from furlough to report the twin TD's in the pink of condition, and Co. A, 130th Bn., TDRTC, decked him out in a new shirt to fit his proudly swollen chest.

141st TD Battalion Gets New Commander

Lt. Col. Donald McGrayne has assumed command of the 141st TD Bn., RTC, relieving Major Williams, who transferred to BUTC, Camp Bowie.

Eighth Service Command Stresses Curfew Rules

Headquarters of the Eighth Service Command at Dallas has announced the following regulations governing visits to cities and towns by enlisted men.

From Sunday to Friday, inclusive, enlisted men visiting cities or towns in the 8th Service Command will leave the city or town not later than 11:30 p.m. and proceed to their proper post, camp or station, or to their home when

authorized to live in such city or town.

On Saturday nights and on days preceding holidays, this limit is extended to 2:00 a.m. of the following day.

Special Passes Given

In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable for an enlisted man to be in a city or town after the hours specified above, he will be issued a special written pass signed by his Company Commander stating that he has permission to be away from his organization between specified hours, the purpose of the visit, and that he has authority to visit such a city or town. The written authorization granted to men authorized to live in cities or towns will show their home address printed or typed thereon.

Local Provost Marshals are authorized to make exceptions to the hours specified above for enlisted men on furlough or traveling under competent orders, and, upon request of Commanding Officers, for enlisted men attending certain recreational activities, including dances under controlled military supervision.

Have Identification Ready

Enlisted men will be prepared at all times to exhibit passes, furloughs, identification tags, or other credentials on demand of Military Police.

TDS Library Gets New Books

Among the new books received by the TDS library this week are:

"Decisive Battles of the U. S. A." by Major General J. F. C. Fuller. Each battle is clearly described and the consequences traced. Well worth reading.

"Seven Came Through," by Edward V. Rickenbacker. The dramatic story of Rickenbacker and his companions, drifting for twenty-one days on three rubber life boats in the Pacific.

"Dress Rehearsal," by Quentin Reynolds. A book that is good reading as well as solid food for the military diet.

Short Story Writer In Classification

Newest addition to the Classification Department at TDS Headquarters is, Pvt. Roberto Salazar, a former employee of the U. S. Custom Service, and a short story writer. Pvt. Salazar came to Camp Hood from Washington, Pennsylvania, where he took an eight weeks' course in Army Classification. His home town is Laredo, Texas.

Quiz Answers

1. Insignia of the German Tank Corps is "The Death's Head."
2. The National Defense Service ribbon may be worn by those who enlisted or who were inducted into service prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.
3. Only 24 pounds of beans are included in the ton of food served to each United States soldier per year.
4. Daniel Webster when Jenny Lind sang it in Castle Garden.
5. Yes, according to their rank.
6. The 45,000-ton U. S. S. Iowa.

Wedding Bells

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1st. Lt. David W. King, Commanding Officer Co. A, 128th Bn. Tank Destroyer Replacement Center, wed Bess Jarrell of Goldsboro, Maryland and Wilmington, Delaware here in a twilight ceremony last week.

Chaplain Neal officiated, after which a dinner was served at the Officers Club.

Lt. and Mrs. King will reside at 1701 McKenzie, Waco, Texas.

Ann Borland, who has been employed for the past several months at OCS Regimental Headquarters, became the bride of Lt. Corbett L. Lovely, Saturday, April 3rd. Lt. Lovely is Commanding Officer of Company "H", Student Regiment. They were married in Georgetown, in the home of Reverend P. C. Williams. Lt. and Mrs. Lovely will make their home in Temple.

Insurance Is The Best Policy!

Company C of the 141st Tng. Bn., RTC, claims the best insurance salesman in the Army.

Of the 233 enlisted men in the company, all but 13 have \$10,000 worth of National Service Life Insurance!

Company B, 141st TD Bn., RTC, recently won the "E" Flag awarded the company having the best mess hall in the Fifth Regiment.

Regimental and Battalion S-4's inspect each mess hall for a week, before selecting the winner.

Academic Promotions

The following are recent promotions in the Academic Regiment:

1st Lt. William J. Cunningham to Captain, Adjutant.

Second Lts. to 1st Lts. Royce F. Adams; Irvin Cohn; Lawrence O. Hoffman, Jr.; William E. Powell.

Anyone having a 1936 to 1939 model coupe to sell in good running condition, have been requested to contact Lt. Kunch, Phone 2413.

TD Tactics Developed In Spanish Civil War Aid Red Strategy Now

By Pvt. J. D. Adams, Co. D, 130th Bn., RTC

Early tank destroyer tactics, developed during the Spanish civil war, were the basis of much of Russian successes in warding off the Nazi panzer units, according to Pvt. Guy Alexander, who has spent most of his life in Europe.

While the French shut their eyes to the Spanish Republican successes in combating mechanized units, the Russians had many observers in Spain who studied the German experiments with tanks and aviation on behalf of the rebels.

Reds Use Methods

And a few years later, these lessons in building slit trenches, concocting sticky grenades, Molotov cocktails and other guerilla tactics proved their value, for the Russians had studied these tactics and were prepared, to some extent, for the Nazi onslaught.

Private Alexander, of Co. C, 13th Bn., TD RTC, was born in Nijni-Novgorod, on the Volga river, of French parentage. After completing his schooling at the Paris diplomatic school, he became a correspondent, caricaturist and investigator, traveling considerably and learning several languages. He came to the United States in 1930, becoming a citizen in 1936.

In Spain During War

During the Spanish Civil war, Private Alexander conferred with numerous Spanish Republicans and Russians, and learned of the guerilla tactics used in Spain. "The World War I ended with the tank a new weapon, and it was not until the Spanish civil war that anti-tank tactics and weapons were developed," according to Private Alexander.

In the battle of France, the point-blank fire of the famous old French 75's proved satisfactory; but due to the fact that they were outnumbered, and principally because they were not mounted on mobile units, the Nazi panzers swept past them.

French Used Half-Tracks

As far back as 1926, states Private Alexander, the French used the half-track — similar to our modern version — on the desert. But French reliance on the Maginot line, and political-military indecision resulted in a failure to utilize this versatile vehicle for defense of the homeland.

Speaking of the coast of Algiers, Private Alexander states that it was a popular vacationland for French and other nationalists and boasted many beautiful and modern cities. About 80 percent of the population of Tu-

nisia is Italians, and their familiarity with the terrain is aiding Rommel in the battle now raging.

Regarding an assault on the coast of France, Private Alexander describes the coast of Brittany as rough and rugged, with many deep ravines and dense growths of trees, all of which aid the defender but prove hazardous to assault parties.

As far back as 1919, Lenin published a book in Russia on guerilla warfare, and Private Alexander points out that regular guerilla bands comprised the crews on many of the collectivist farms bordering the U. S. S. R. And when the Russian observers saw the Spanish Republicans prove the vulnerability of tanks with crude, home-made weapons, the Reds made further developments.

Just as our modern TD's "seek, strike and destroy," so did the Spanish Republicans and the Russian Guerillas that followed in their footsteps. Concentrations of tanks, or other vehicles, and supply lines are the targets of guerilla bands, even as they are the targets for our modern version of Tank Destroyers.

Now First Lieutenant

Lt. Alban J. Stephenson, Asst. Adjutant TDS, received his promotion to 1st Lt. March 26th. Lt. Stephenson has been on duty with the school since Sept. 15, 1942, having been assigned here upon graduation from Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Now Overseas

Of special interest to TDS men is the news that John Kieran, Jr., formerly of the Weapons Department, is now overseas and in action. Lt. Kieran is the son of John Kieran of "Information Please" fame. In his letter to former colleagues in the Weapons Department, Lt. Kieran expressed himself as being "happy" because he now has what he always wanted—action.

Male Call

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

Blanket Roll



Sugar Rationing At The Service Club

By Sgt. Erwin Schweig



Heavyweight Boxing Bout Here Friday

The heavyweight championship return boxing bout between Pvt. Harold Houben, 196 pounder of the DEML section, heavyweight king of Camp Hood, and Pvt. Leo Stoll, 207-lb wallpoper of the MP Detachment, will be staged at the Field House Friday night, April 16.

Arrangements Ready

Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, has completed arrangements for the extra go which has been in the making for several weeks, but was held up by quarantine and periods of camp entertainment which held the limelight at the Field House.

Houben and Stoll, both powerful hitters, met several weeks ago at the Field House arena and battled toe-to-toe for three hot rounds, with Houben getting the nod and title on a very close decision. The bout was a "natural" all the way, and when the final gong sounded, ring-siders and fight fans flew at promoter Varnell to match the boys for another bout.

Fighters Ready

The two fighters are eager to swat each other again, this time for keeps which will leave no doubt in the minds of ring lovers as to who should be recognized as the heavyweight king of Hood.

A number of fine preliminary bouts are being lined up by Lt. Varnell to complete the evening's fight menu, which will get underway at 8 p.m.

Swimming Instruction Planned

Highlight of the recent Athletic Council meeting was the subject of the swimming pool at the Temple USO. The athletic body has agreed to furnish swimming instructors for the pool on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights of each week.

Special classes will be conducted for those who cannot swim and wish to learn, and a course in life-saving will be taught by the assigned swimming instructors, which are to be picked from Camp Hood.

The pool has been reserved for the above nights and no one will be permitted to use it during the class periods except those attending classes. After the classes, anyone may have access to the pool.

Lt. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, announced that anyone in camp who has had swimming instructing experience can be used to a great advantage in this capacity, and urges those interested to get in touch with him. Transportation will be furnished all swimming instructors to the USO pool in Temple and back to camp. However, no transportation will be furnished to boys who just desire to go over for a swim, it was stated.

Waco Given Big-League Ball Team

Waco, Texas, was in professional baseball five times before giving it up and now a ball club that could go in most any kind of company has been dumped right into its lap—free for nothing.

Lt. George (Birdie) Tebbetts is responsible for it. The former Detroit catcher, who earned his bars at the Air Forces Officer Candidate School in Miami, Florida, has wound up back at Waco Army Flying School, where he's in the physical-training office.

The baseball nine "Birdie" is readying for the opening game April 18 against a strong semipro outfit has such fellows as Sid Hudson and Bruce Campbell of the Washington Senators; Walter (Hoot) Evers, formerly of Beaumont of the Texas League and Lou Patterson, ex-Yankee star, plus many other stars well known in the national pastime.

The team looks like a top-flight aggregation perhaps the best any Texas Army camp can assemble. Fans here have said they would like to have Lt. Tebbetts bring his team over for some games against Camp Hood nines within the near future.

Do They Play Like They Sound?

Formidable titles worthy of their athletic teams have been chosen by Tactics Department officers, TDS. Names of the teams and their captains are: "The Seekers," Lt. Col. J. R. Freyermuth; "The Destroyers," Major L. J. Mansager; "The M-10's," Major L. W. Seeton; "The Super-Dupers," Major C. G. Koellner.

A round-robin series is now underway and each team has played one game thus far.

Wife Coaches Too

Cpl. Alan Rose, assistant athletic director of the Student Regiment, recently brought his wife, Selma, to Temple where she will reside and aid in civic activities. Mrs. Rose works evenings at the USO and is coach of the Enlisted Men's Wives' Softball team in Temple.

Camp Hood Diamonds Completed

Softball And Hardball Diamonds Now Ready For Camp-Wide Season

Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, has announced that all baseball and softball diamonds which have been under construction in camp during the past few weeks are now completed and ready for play. Backstops, screens and bases are all set up and ready for the season grind. Teams have been organized in practically every unit in camp and indications point to a lively spring and summer campaign, in both baseball and softball.

Strong Teams Named

Among the strongest teams lined up to date are: 113th Cavalry, Automotive Department and the Classification Office RTC outfits. These three teams have been going at a very fast clip in their games thus far and are hungry for competition.

According to Lt. Varnell, there are 40 softball and eight baseball diamonds, all newly constructed, in camp. This is ample room to take care of plenty of ball games when the season bursts loose, camp-wide.

Tourney Planned

Within the near future a camp tournament will be worked out by Lt. Varnell and battalion athletic officials.

RTC Team Wins Seven, Loses None

Captained by Tech Sgt. "Clancey" Boyle, the softball team of the RTC Classification Office has played seven games without a setback. Previous to this consecutive winning streak, the RTC 1st Band team pounded out a victory over a Classification pickup team. However, smarting under this loss, Sgt. Boyle started to work in earnest and rejuvenated his entire aggregation. After numerous shifts another challenge was issued to the 1st Band. This time the score was a lopsided one, with the Boylemen riding far out on the long end of the count.

The Classification club erased the RTC Adjutant Section and Ration Sections softballers twice by top-heavy scores. The club's hottest competition thus far this season has come from Company D, 130th TD Bn. RTC. In a game played recently, the two clubs battled see-saw fashion for six innings and coming into the final stanza they tied at a 5-all count. However, in the lower half of the ninth, the Clancey Clan pushed over the winning run to get the victory by a score of 6 to 5.

In its most recent game the Classification team ousted Company E of the 130th RTC by the comfortable margin of 9 to 1.

Sgt. Boyle said that he would be glad to hear from teams desiring competition.

Was Professional Baseball Player

The new compulsory athletic program for officers and enlistees in the Academic Regiment has revealed the professional baseball experience of Captain J. S. Hafer of the Tactics Department.

Captain Hafer was captain of the Syracuse University baseball team in 1935 and served as manager in the Northern League, active in New York, Canada and Vermont during '37, '38, and '39. Capt. Hafer entered the army in August 1941.

Transferred To BUTC

Captain Ralph Vernon, Investigating Officer of the OCS Regiment, has been transferred to BUTC. Taking his place is Lieutenant Elroy McKean.



With Pvt. Keith Quick

Did What She Said

When it comes to famous quotes or sayings of famous athletes, be it feminine or masculine, we'd like to pass this one along from our close friend, Mildred Babe Didrikson Zaharias, former Olympic games star and today's foremost woman amateur golfer. As sports fans everywhere know, the Babe has excelled in some 20 different sports during her remarkable athletic career. She took in practically every sport on the menu, from Polo to Marbles, and she mastered them all, too. But Track and Field proved to be her biggest dish, and it was from this particular sport that she issued her blitzy remark and most famous athletic saying.

It was in Evanston, Illinois, Dyche Stadium to be exact, during the 1932 Olympic tryouts. Babe was in the pink of condition after several months of strenuous training and competition and possessed a world of confidence in herself. Well, the day prior to the big meet, during the afternoon warmup sessions, La Babe strolled nonchalantly over to a couple of her rivals, Evelyn Hall and Majorie Clark and burst forth in typical southern drawl and said, "Ah'm gonna lick the hell outa' ya' tomorrow" . . . And she did. Babe set three records that afternoon and went on to break them again in the Olympic games at Los Angeles. And even until this day that famous saying is still with her. She often calls on it to put the pressure on her golfing rivals, at which sport she is now gunning for the National crown.

Champ Horseshoe Pitcher Here

The 747th TD Battalion is the owner of the champion horseshoe pitcher of the country. He's Pvt. John Rosselet, Vice-President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Pvt. Rosselet is a nationally known figure when it comes to tossing the "good luck" piece, and he is the owner of many flashy trophies gained from national tournaments he has won throughout the country. Rosselet has been granted permission to set up his own court in the company area, a court specially designed to show the boys how to pitch 'em. He plans to give a number of special exhibitions soon, which will bring out the real art of his "ringers" and "leaners" . . . Rosselet will also issue a challenge to all comers in the battalion . . . Yep, his title is at stake, too!

Now Drives Against Axis

Horton Smith, the "Joplin Ghost" of professional golf fame, has returned to Miami, the locale of many of his former triumphs. This time, however, Horton is shooting for gold bars instead of pars. He's attending the Air Forces OCS at Miami Beach, Florida. Incidentally, yours truly recalls the days when Horton was making all the Amateur tournaments about the country. And we'll have to say that none could compete with Horton when it came to playing the greens; his putts were always the bright spark of his game and seldom did he ever miss one. Here's hopin' you'll sink 'em in like manner against the axis, Hort!

Automotive Dep't. Has Softball Team

Sgt. Paul Fernands, Automotive Department TD School, has announced that the Automotive softball team is now ready for games. Sgt. Fernands, a native of Boston, Mass., is in charge of the team's schedules and arrangement of games and states that a very promising club has been lined up.

Cpl. George Powell, who took most of his athletics by way of the prize ring, once battling the famed Billy Conn, is manager of

the Automotive club which will be known as the "Automotive Kats."

Sgt. Fernands says that the club will have perhaps the best pitcher in camp in Myron Anderson, who was an outstanding star in the Madison, Wisconsin City League before donning Uncle Sam's uniform.

The team will enter its opening game Tuesday evening, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.

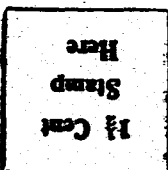
Sgt. Fernands has issued a challenge to all teams in camp, and also to those of camp, for games with the "Kats." Teams interested in some fast competition have been urged to call Sgt. Fernands at 829, Automotive Department TD School.

Plan Student Regiment Teams

Lt. Murrell Miller, athletic director of the Student Regiment, is arranging a spring and summer baseball program. From among 800 men, Lt. Miller and his assistant, Cpl. Alan Rose, will select the men who will represent the Student Regiment baseball team during the coming campaign.

The training schedule will begin with a number of practice sessions devoted to pitching, fielding and batting practice to get the men in good form before taking the field in competition.

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