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THREE OF A KIND NOW—Capt. Lillian W. Reilly, WAAC, pins a gold bar on her son, Lt. John A. Reilly, Jr., while the new officer's father, Capt. John A. Reilly, Sr. looks on, following graduation ceremonies of the 31st TD OCS class Friday. Lt. Reilly was listed academically the highest man of the 70 graduates in the class. Capt. Reilly, WAAC, is secretary of the WAAC OCS at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. The father is attached to the MP Bn. at Fort Thomas, Ky. The family home, to which the commissioned family will return after the war, is in Phoenix, Ariz.

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Pre-College Training For 15,000 Picked Men Opening At North Camp

Modified Infantry Rifle Training Course Will Last For 13 Weeks; Men Will Then Be Sent To STAR Units

(See Additional Story Page Five)

The first of a group of 15,000 picked, new soldiers, fresh from reception centers, have arrived at the North Camp to begin a special 13-week basic training, after which these men will be sent to college under the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). The North Camp unit will be known as the Army Specialized Training Program Basic Training Unit (ASTPBTU) and will be an expansion of the TD RTC program, all under the command of Col. Walter A. Dumas.

Troops will be housed in the RTC and BUTC areas.

Special Basic Training

These men have been tagged for ASTP at reception centers on the basis of their previous school records. Giving them a specially designed basic training will allow the acceptable ones to be rushed from the North Camp to colleges, filling the army's need for vital technicians.

Most of the new soldiers will be young men who have just finished high school or whose college term has been interrupted by Selective Service.

While at the North Camp, the soldiers will take a modified infantry rifle course. Huge supplies are being brought in for the unit; special ranges built, and new cadre attached to those TD training battalions converted for this program.

Plans May Be Altered

It is expected that the course will last only one cycle, after which TD training will be resumed in the battalions used for ASTPBTU. However, conditions may alter this plan at any time.

At the end of their training, the soldiers will go to Specialized Training and Reassignment (STAR) units where actual college courses will be selected for the men.

The three STAR units for the Eighth Service Command are at Texas A & M, Oklahoma A & M, and Louisiana State University; shipments to these places are increasing daily.

The first 7,000 new trainees will be handled within existing TD training battalions. The others will be formed into the new regiments to be located in the BUTC areas.

Processing Goes On

While thousands of new soldiers will go to ASTP directly from this RTC unit in the North Camp, field selection boards throughout Camp Hood are continuing to process all enlisted men now in camp who are eligible for college training. Those recommended by the boards are sent to Texas A & M by the Eighth Service Command.

No important changes have been made in the requirements for ASTP in the last two weeks.

Soldier Improves Army's 'Bazooka'

The effective range and accuracy of the "Bazooka" — the Army's new portable rocket type anti-tank gun—have been increased through sights developed by an American soldier in Tunisia, the Cleveland Ordnance district announced yesterday.

They found he had developed a new sight replacing open sights with which the weapons were equipped.

Young Bruce, Thirkeld TD OCS Grads

Among 84 graduates presented with commissions as second lieutenants at Camp Hood Friday, in the 32nd graduating class of the TD Officer Candidate School, were Lt. Andrew D. Bruce, Jr., son of Camp Hood's former Commanding General, Major General A. D. Bruce; Lt. Charles M. Thirkeld, son of Colonel Charles M. Thirkeld, Camp Hood Post Commander; and Lt. Thomas M. Bethea, son of Colonel J. A. Bethea, Commanding Officer of the McCloskey General Hospital in Temple.

General Bruce, who has been assigned to the West Coast after leaving his duties at Camp Hood, was unable to attend.

General Mayberry Spoke

Brigadier General Hugh T. Mayberry, Commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, urged the graduates to adopt "Steadfastness" as the guiding theme of their future careers as officers in the Army of the United States.

San Antonio and Houston baseball fans had a major interest in the graduation exercises for among the graduates was Frank O. Mancuso, formerly first string catcher for the Mission baseball club of the Texas League.

Mancuso Graduates

Lt. Mancuso, was graduated from the Houston high school prior to joining the San Antonio baseball club. Since 1937 he has been under contract to the New York Giants of the National League. The new officer's older brother, Gus, is the famous veteran catcher for the New York Giants.

The 84 men who graduated this morning bring the total number of graduations since the school opened on July 2, 1942, to 4,039.

824th Demonstrates For General McNair

The 824th TD Bn put on a show for several highranking officers of Lt. Gen. McNair's staff on Saturday, May 29th, at Battle Conditioning course No. 3.

The program was held during a Texas downpour which added that realistic touch. The visiting party paused at the infiltration run to watch in amazement the boys from the 824th wallow through the mud, some of whom exhibited fancy swimming strokes when they approached the lake-sized puddles.

Blackstone Comes Here With Show

One of the most famous magicians in the world will be the star of the new USO-Camp show coming here when Blackstone and a cast of 15 assistants plays at the North Camp recreation building, Park Ave. and 11th for two shows, 7:30 and 9 p. m., June 10, and at the field house in Camp Hood, 8:30 p. m., June 11, 12. The troupe will give a show at the Camp Hood Hospital at 3 p. m. June 11.

Blackstone has toured most of the countries of the world for thirty years, earning a reputation as the master of sleight-of-hand. The show features stances, illusions and the mysteries of the girl and the tree, the Water Fountain, the man with the whiskers and others. Girls predominate in this magic show.

In addition to Blackstone, the show will present the Clark sisters, a quartet of songsters who have appeared with Benny Goodman and Bing Crosby; the trampoliner act, Monroe and Grant; and the tap dancing star of Ted Lewis' band, Jean Blanche.

610th Battalion Publishes Paper

First edition of a battalion, mimeographed newspaper was published by the 610th TD Bn. June 4. The publication is as yet unnamed.

The eight page issue was edited by Pvt. George Pressman, aided by the following staff: Associate Editor, PFC Nat Schwartz; Sketcher, T-Sgt. Henry G. Jull; Advisor, Capt. Robert W. Neal.

Reporters were Pvt. Wm. G. O'Doherty, Sgt. T. Lucera, Cpl. Claude L. Smith, Pvt. Donald Waldman, Pvt. Herbert Etenson, and PFC Neal E. Murtha. Stencils were cut by PFC S. S. Della Penna.

Bob Burns Show Here Tonight

Bob Burns, radio and screen entertainer, who claims that his "Bazooka" is more effective as a weapon than the tank destroyers famed "dart gun" because it subjects the enemy to a "lingering death", will broadcast his radio program from the Field House tonight.

Burns will do two shows for different National Broadcasting Company Networks, one from 6:30 to 7 o'clock and the other from 8:30 to 9 o'clock. Both are free to military personnel.

Burns arrived in Temple Tuesday and is spending a few days looking over the camp, during which he is expected to see the Army's weapon named after his famous horn, the "bazooka."

Appearances at North Camp and at Station Hospital are expected to be included during his stay.

Radio Show At New Time

Starting Saturday, "What's Your Name, Soldier?" popular War Bond radio show of the Eighth Service Command, will be heard from 7 to 7:30 p. m., CWT, each Saturday over stations WFAA, WBAP, WOAI, KPRC.

An all-star cast of soldier talent recruited from installations over the Service Command will inaugurate the new program time.

The show was formerly heard at 6 p. m. Saturdays, out a poll of camps revealed that 7 p. m. would be a more convenient time for soldier audiences. As the show is by, for and about soldiers, with prizes for soldiers only, their wishes dictated the change, according to Lee Segall, program director and radio adviser for the Eighth Service Command.

University Head Speaks To TD OCS

Dr. Homer T. Rainey, President, University of Texas since 1939, will address the 33rd Tank Destroyer School Officer Candidate Class at graduation ceremonies to be held in the 24th St. Theater Friday morning, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Rainey is the second educator to address a TD OCS graduating class in the last few weeks.

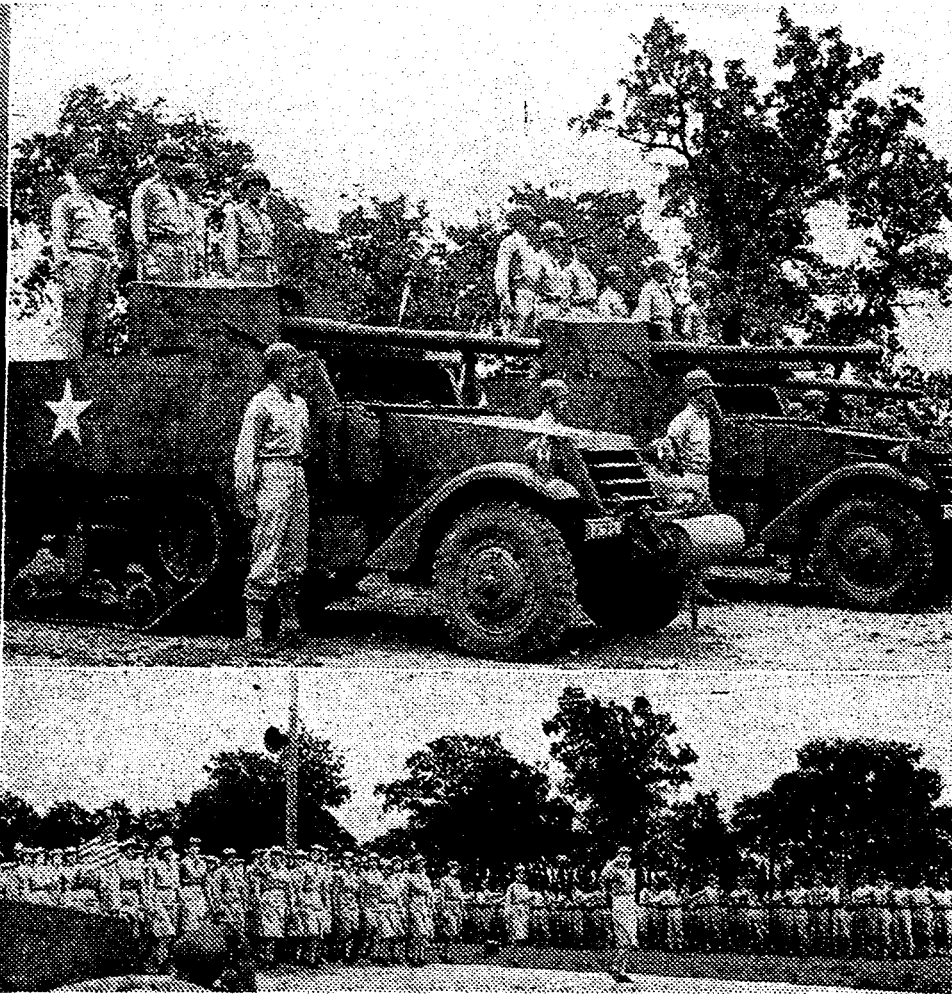
Dr. Thomas O. Walton, President of Texas A. & M., spoke to the 29th class recently.

North Camp Nazi Prisoners Escape Internment Camp

Five German prisoners of war escaped early yesterday from the internment camp at North Camp, Federal Bureau of Investigation officials in Dallas disclosed.

Assistant Agent in charge, E. O. Wenig, said the men, all in their early twenties, got away from camp soon after midnight. Army and civilian agencies were searching for them.

The men were wearing either blue denim pants and blue shirts or old German uniforms of a greenish-olive color. There was no indication of whether the men might be armed.



Program Commences In 827th Bn.

Launching an athletic program which will extend indefinitely and will include baseball, table tennis, volleyball and possibly track, the 827th TD Battalion began its round-robin softball tournament recently.

The tournament was won by Company A, with Hq. Company finishing in runners-up position. By winning the Battalion tournament, Company A represented the 827th in a Brigade tournament conducted on an elimination basis, in which again they were victorious, 3 to 2, ousting the Provisional Truck Bn.

827th Battalion members have also placed entries in the Brigade horseshoe, badminton and volleyball tournaments being conducted.

New baseball uniforms have arrived and indications point to keen competition among aspirants for the battalion's starting baseball nine.

Vacation Given 610th Battalion

As a reward for making an outstanding record during AUTC training, the 610th Bn., under the command of Col. William L. Herold, was given a recreational weekend vacation at Long Horn State Park last week.

The battalion camped in the CCC Camp near the entrance to the Longhorn Caverns, third largest in the world.

Recreation included baseball, fishing, swimming and boating. Two dances were held Saturday and Sunday nights at the spacious camp pavilion.

The battalion was publicly commended by law enforcement officers in the area for exemplary conduct displayed by all men of the 610th. Throughout the entire week-end there were no delinquencies of any kind.

635th Wins Over 113th Cavalry Nine

The 635th TD Battalion baseball club defeated the 113th Cavalry nine, 8 to 0, in a recent game played on the 113th Cavalry diamond.

The game was marked by numerous errors on the part of the Cavalrymen, who failed to make any threats in putting over a marker to save themselves from a shutout. Good pitching and superb play affield featured the 635th victory.

NORTH CAMP HOOD OPENS—Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, left, discusses North Camp with Major General Orlando Ward, Commanding General, TDC, following dedication ceremonies and parade at North Camp Hood Saturday, May 29. Above, two tank destroyer 75 MM halftracks serve as reviewing stand for the generals and their parties. Below, the 164th Company of WAACs pass the reviewing stand.

Finds TD Training Rough As His Fighting With Louis

"This training is rough and tough too," says Pvt. Norman Stanley Ketchell, Company D, 134th Bn. RTC, North Camp Hood, who, as Young Ketchell, stayed eight rounds with the present world's heavyweight champion, Jo Louis.

Pvt. Ketchell's set-to with the Brown Bomber of Detroit took place in June 1937 in Elgin, Ill., where he mixed it with the hard-hitting Louis until the eighth round when a TKO was awarded the champion. At this time Louis

was starting his march to the heavyweight championship throne.

Says Pvt. Ketchell, "Louis' jaw was soft enough, but hitting his head is like playing tag with an M-10."

A veteran of 16 years in the prize ring, Pvt. Ketchell has took part in 145 fights. His record includes wins over such one-time notables as Jack Redman and Chuck Wiggins.

Pvt. Ketchell's home is in Cadillac, Mich. He was inducted into the Army at Fort Custer.

The Corporal Forgot To Remember That This State Is Cow Country!

By PVT. R. W. HERRICK
Co. B, 823 T.D. Bn.

His dad often described the snares and pitfalls of soldiering, but Cpl. Joseph E. Pesak, of Company B, 823rd Tank Destroyer Bn., had to learn at least one lesson the hard way.

Among the tales the elder Pesak brought home from his experiences in the First World War was the rifle inspection, at which he had the misfortune to set his stock down in the precise spot where the parade ground had been trademarked by a wandering cow. The result was embarrassing when the C. O. inspected his piece.

The story made a deep impression on young Joe. He resolved that when he became a soldier, no similar embarrassment would be given a chance to plague him.

Joe watched it—for a while. But everyone knows there are no

cows in Camp Hood. Said Cpl. Pesak, "It can't happen here."

On the rifle range, recently, he found, to his great surprise, that there must be cows in Camp Hood. It did happen here—just at that time, too, the voice of an inspecting officer rang out, "Corporal, let me see that rifle."

"Well," says Corporal Pesak, "quote me on this. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety. That's what my Dad always said."

Captain Psychologist Has New Edition

Capt. Samuel H. Kraines, Headquarters, RTC, has received the first copy of the second revised edition of his book, "The Therapy of the Neuroses and Psychoses."

Prior to entering the army the Captain was assistant state alienist, State of Illinois, associate in Psychiatry, University of Illinois and diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Included in this edition is a new chapter dealing with Neuropsychiatric states in war time.

113th Cavalry Wins

The 113th Cavalry softballers walloped the 605th TD Bn. softball team in a recent game, 5 to 3.

The Cavalrymen journey to Temple for a game with the strong McCloskey Hospital team this week.

Now A Father

Pvt. Wayne E. Renshaw, Co. A, 819th Bn., became the father of a son, born June 2 at his home in Elkton, Maryland.

Broadcast Flag Day Program

Flag Day, June 14th, will be celebrated by Temple with a special radio program to be broadcast by Camp Hood from the Temple City Auditorium. The broadcast, which will be produced by the Post Public Relations Office, will be heard over Station KTEM beginning at 10:30 a. m. It will be open to the public, and the auditorium doors will be opened at 10:00 a. m.

Brigadier General Hugh T. Mayberry, commandant of the Tank Destroyer school, will deliver a short address; Captain Gilbert A. Elmond, recently returned from North Africa, where he saw combat duty with a Tank Destroyer unit, will be interviewed by Lt. George Thomas of the public relations staff; Warrant Officer Roger A. Harris will sing two songs, and the Tank Destroyer Center band will provide music for the program.

The stage will be draped with the flags of the 32 United Nations.

The broadcast, "A Salute To The United Nations," is being sponsored by the American Legion and the Temple Chamber of Commerce.

Variety Program Presented

An hour-and-a-half variety show was presented in the Red Cross recreation auditorium at Station Hospital last week by the Special Service Office.

Music was furnished by the Second RTC Dance Band under the direction of T-4 Bill Fischer, with PFC. Joe Maimone, soloist. Those taking part in the program included Pvt. Ernst Bonvacini, accordionist; Pvt. Julian Ganser, vocalist; Miriam Kosak, pianist; Aux. Louella Nichols, vocalist; Cpl. Joseph Dubnick, violinist; PFC. Adam Catennacci, imitator; Doris Newberry & Jack Dayton, tap dancers; WO Roger A. Harris, vocalist; T-5 Joseph Riccio, yodeler. A series of humorous skits were presented featuring Pvt. William E. Hoffman, Aux. Grace Merritt, Pvt. James Perkins, T-5 Robert Johnson.

S-Sgt. Ivan Smith, Editor, the Panther, was master of ceremonies.

The program was directed by Lt. Richard Hepburn, and will be presented again soon in rec halls throughout camp.

Cadre From War Zone

By PVT. RONALD C. HAGANS
Rcn. Co. 663d T. D. Bn.

One cadre that will never have to answer "How do you know?" from the recruits it trains is that of the 663rd TD Bn. This cadre is just back from the Pacific theater of operations, and the training they do is based on active experience.

The most popular member of the cadre, attached to the company for rations, quarters, and affections, is "Lady," a Deer Terrier, who adds the completed note to the company, which is shaping up fast under the leadership of 1st Lt. Dan C. Labry.

Full strength has been reached with the addition of fillers from Fort Custer, Mich. and Camp Toccoa, Ga.

Swing Show Opens RTC Recreation Hall

The all purpose RTC Recreation Hall No. 3701 at 11th street and Park Avenue, North Camp, officially opened in a solid groove last week when USO-show "Swing's the Thing" featuring Al Sears and orchestra, rocked a full house of hep-cats and hillbillies with jive that jumped.

This Recreation Hall, to be the scene of USO, Special Service and RTC produced variety revues, also houses the RTC Athletic and Recreation office.

Cpl. George Hall has installed a set of curtains and is now working on further decorations.

He Used The Sky For Tablet Before He Became Sergeant

By PFC KARL W. LINNES
Add odd civilian jobs: Staff Sergeant Fred Wilkins, Reconnaissance Company, 823rd T. L. Bn., who wrote the sky signs that people have "gawked at" in Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

Has 500 Flying Hours
Sgt. Wilkins entered the job from a background of three years experience barnstorming the United States. Beginning at the age of 18, the youngest licensed pilot in Michigan, he now has 500 hours flying time to his credit. During that time he was a member of the only team that did formation acrobatics, and many people will remember their formation flying with smoke trails at the various Air Races.

In addition to acting as salesman for sky writing, the Sergeant did most of the actual writing. He would select strata of smooth

air at approximately 10,000 feet and commence his unique penmanship at a hundred and forty miles per hour.

Letters 5,000 Feet Long
The letters are 5,000 feet long and are measured by having the pilot count to himself for the proper time intervals, usually to 30. He follows directions from a pad in front of him that has a drawing of the sign as the pilot would see it looking down from above.

As the lines of the letters form behind the plane about 50-100 feet in diameter, letters with cross bars like "T", "E" and "A" have to be made with the cross bar 100 feet above or below the letter so that the propwash will not obliterate the lines already formed.

There are all kinds of signs in a day's job, but the silliest sign that Sgt. Wilkins ever made was one for a fun house: "NUT HOUSE OPENS TODAY."

Jap-Born German Now American Soldier In RTC

**Born In Japan Of German Parentage
This Youth Now Serves America,
Preparing To Fight The Axis Foe**

Among interesting personalities in Co. A, 130 Bn., RTC, is one with an international flavor. Pvt. Hans J. Sell, Hans, "Jack" is in the position of so many of his fellow Americans who are not Americans by birth, but by choice.

Jack was born in Yokohama, Honshu, Japan, on August 12, 1921, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt G. Sell. Mr. Sell was at that time the German Consul at Yokohama. In 1922, Sell returned to the German Foreign Office in Berlin, staying there until 1926. He then came to the United States

as representative of the International News Service, D. N. B., stationed in Washington as foreign correspondent. He remained in that post on until the outbreak of war between the United States and Germany, returning to Germany on the diplomatic exchange ship Gripsholm in early 1942.

Thoroughly Checked

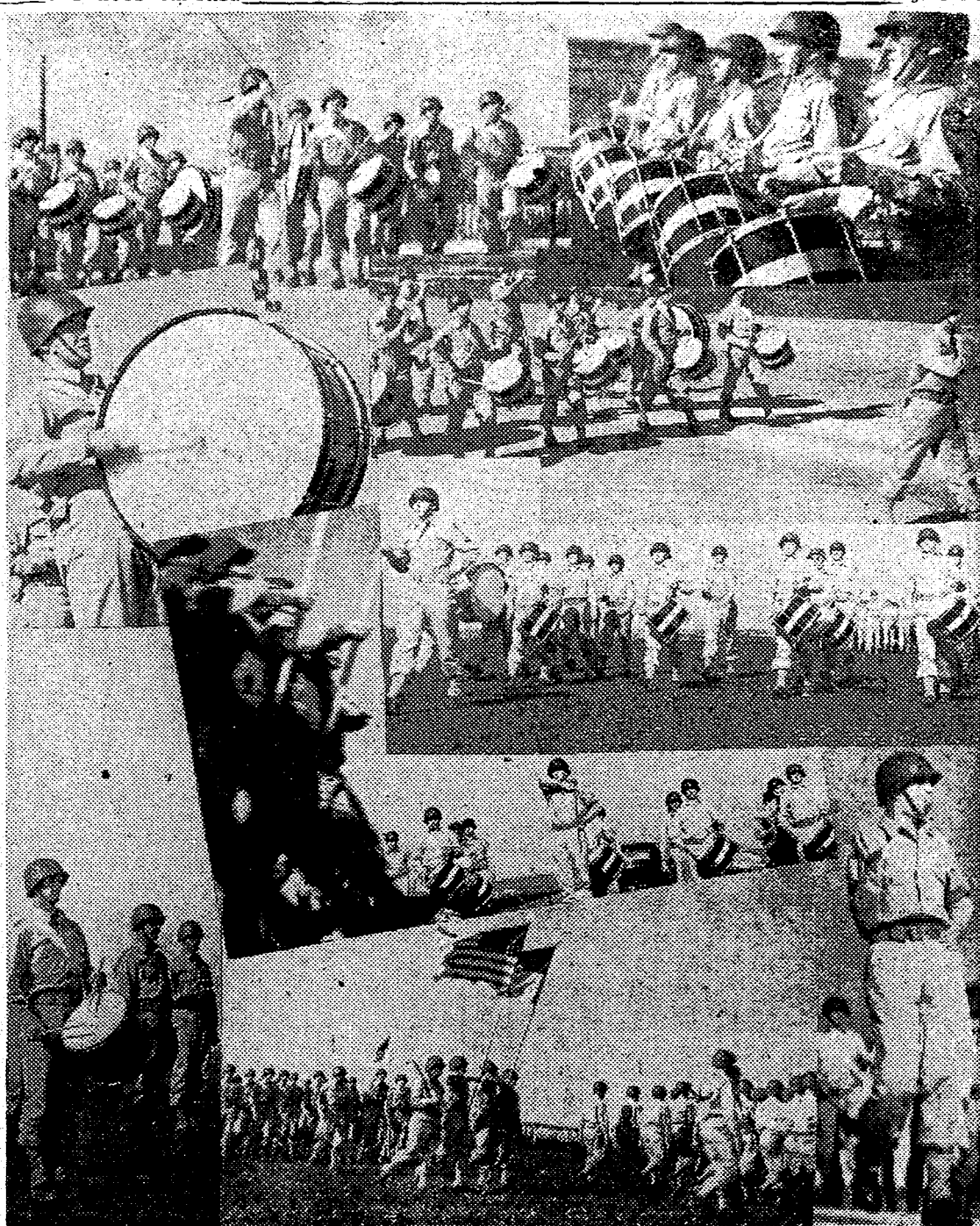
From this brief running account of his father's record it is easy to see why his son would be subject to rather close scrutiny by government officials. And, brothers, was he scrutinized! The F. B. I., the Army, and the Navy, all had their turn at poor Jack. Finally, he received a clean bill of health and the Army received him with its ever-open arms. He was sent to Arlington, California, reception center and from there found his way to North Camp Hood.

Jack came to America in 1927 in the company of his mother. He and his mother settled in Chicago, residing there for a few years, eventually finding their way to Los Angeles, California. Here

Jack attended elementary school and Fairfax High School, where he was active in tennis and dramatics, as well as being a Lieutenant in the R. O. T. C. Finishing high school, he matriculated at the University of California at Los Angeles. February 9, 1943, he received an A. B. degree in International Relations and Foreign Languages. Much of his time was spent in delving into Geopolitics and International Law and Trade. He speaks German and French fluently, and has studied Japanese for a year. He spent some of his spare time while attending college in translating foreign correspondence for the Mitchell Camera Company of Los Angeles.

Likes Intelligence Work

Jack intends to attend the A. S. T. P. and continue his study of Japanese, and get into Army Intelligence later on. He is tremendously interested in the diplomatic service, and would like to stay in the army after the war as a military attache. If this plan does not bear fruit, he plans on taking the Foreign Service examination for the Consular Service.



THEY BLOW AND BEAT FOR OC PARADES—One of the oldest, and snappiest drum and bugle corps in Camp Hood, is the Headquarters and Service Company Drum and Bugle Corps of the OCS Regiment. These typical scenes were photographed at one of the parades held three times weekly on the regimental parade grounds at 20th and Central. See story below.

Theater Schedules

162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters

Wed.-Thurs., June 9-10: The Human Comedy.

Friday, June 11: Dark Command.

Saturday, June 12: Double Feature: Spy Train and Gildersleeve's Bad Day.

Sun.-Mon., June 13-14: Bataan.

Tuesday, June 15: Cowboy In Manhattan.

Wed.-Thurs., June 16-17: Bombardier.

Friday, June 18: My Sister Eileen.

Hood Road and 24th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., June 10-11: China.

Saturday, June 12: Buckskin Frontier.

Sun.-Mon., June 13-14: The Human Comedy.

Tuesday, June 15: Dark Command.

Wednesday, June 16: Double Feature: Spy Train and Gildersleeve's Bad Day.

Thurs.-Fri., June 17-18: Bataan.

72nd Street Theater

Thursday, June 10: Buckskin Frontier.

Friday, June 11: I Escaped From The Gestapo.

Saturday, June 12: The Human Comedy.

Sunday, June 13: Dark Command.

Monday, June 14: Spy Train and Gildersleeve's Bad Day (Double Feature)

Tues.-Wed., June 15-16: Bataan.

Thursday, June 17: Cowboy In Manhattan.

(North Camp Hood)

Avenue "D" and 18th St. Theaters

Thursday, June 10: The Human Comedy.

Friday, June 11: China.

Saturday, June 12: Double Feature: Spy Train and Gildersleeve's Bad Day.

Sun.-Mon., June 13-14: Bombardier.

Tuesday, June 15: My Sister Eileen.

Wed.-Thurs., June 16-17: The Ox-Bow Incident.

Friday, June 18: Cowboy In Manhattan.

24th St. and 4th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., June 10-11: Crash Dive.

Saturday, June 12: Orchestra Wives.

Sun.-Mon., June 13-14: The Human Comedy.

Tuesday, June 15: China.

Wednesday, June 16: Double Feature: Spy Train and Gildersleeve's Bad Day.

Thurs.-Fri., June 17-18: The More The Merrier.

10th and 15th St. Theaters

Thursday, June 10: Orchestra Wives.

Fri.-Sat., June 11-12: The Human Comedy.

Sunday, June 13: China.

Monday, June 14: Double Feature: Spy Train and Gildersleeve's Bad Day.

Tues.-Wed., June 15-16: The More The Merrier.

Thursday, June 17: My Sister Eileen.

New Trainees Come From Many States

The newer Co. A, 128th Bn., RTC North Camp trainees come from all parts of the United States.

Pvt. Leonard Deinowski, Sharpshurg, Pa., is a softball enthusiast whose brother is in the Air Corps. Softball pitcher, trumpet player and actor is Pvt. Jack H. Baldridge, also from the Quaker State.

Pvt. David W. Murrell, born in Kentucky, but more recently from Sherrard, Illinois, was a student at the University of Illinois where he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and played football during his three year stay.

From Silver Spring, Maryland, is Pvt. John T. Meany, Jr., a life insurance supervisor who also had experience as an actor. A farmer from Dallas is Pvt. G. M. Cannon who won a declamation award in high school, and was a boxer too.

Pvt. Ervin L. LaSarge from Wisconsin is a versatile lad. A hair-dresser by trade, he taught Sunday school, coached basketball and played baseball, football and basketball. Ervin served one year in the National Guard and has a Sergeant brother in the Marines.

Two other A-128th RTC lads are Pvt. Livio Spigarelli, Iron Mountain, Michigan, who has three brothers in the service, and Missouri born clarinetist, Pvt. Donald Bower.

WAACs Visit Park

Third Officer Elizabeth J. Stewart and a group of 20 WAACs from the 164th WAAC Detachment, TDC, North Camp Hood, spent Saturday, June 5, at Panther Park, Lampasas. The WAACs took advantage of the swimming and horseback riding facilities.

Drum And Bugle Corps In OCS Regiment Plays Many Parades

When the thousands of Officer Candidates in the Tank Destroyer School hold a Retreat Parade, which they do three times each week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, its the drum and bugle corps of the Headquarters & Service Company, which furnishes the cadence.

The organization, now under the direction of T-5 Wilferd Gentile, was organized in December, 1942, and has improved steadily since that time. Lt. Elroy H. McKean is commanding officer of the company.

Drums of the corps are painted yellow and black, Tank Destroyer colors. The men wear web belts, helmet liners and leggings when parading.

In addition to playing for Retreat parades, the corps is called upon to serenade departing OC classes and officers, and to furnish music for various parties in the regiment.

Members of the corps are PFC John Antonucci, Privates Robert Anderson, Anthony Brusco, Marvin Burns, William Mucha, Anthony Castle, William Taveres, Joe Twist, Isadore Chinina, Solomon Vigil, Anthony Zyber, Alfred Mears, Earl Shirk, William Hopkins, Milford Johnson, Philip Ebler, Darling Williams, Donald Walby, and T-5 Wilferd Gentile.

Radio Men Needed For New Program

Are you a radio announcer? Have you written radio scripts? Have you been a radio actor or actress? If so, your services are needed by the Public Relations office for a series of GI radio programs which may be inaugurated by that office in the near future.

If you have any of the above qualifications, please send in your name and experience to post headquarters.

Waac's Brother Air Corps Hero

Aux. Janett Bayars, 164th WAAC Detachment, North Camp Hood, has received from her family newspaper clipping relating the heroic deeds of her 24-year-old brother, Lt. Donald Byars. The following is quoted from "The Oregonian," Portland, Oregon, newspaper:

"Lt. Donald Byars, pilot of a P-38 somewhere in New Guinea, is one of 14 American airmen credited with shooting down 23 Japanese bombers and fighters in a fierce daylight fight over the allied base at Oro Bay recently.

The official account of this Japanese attack at Oro Bay, New Guinea, was given in a communique by General Douglas MacArthur. It said the attack cost the Japanese seven bombers and nine Zeros for certain, with another fighter and five bombers probably destroyed.

Byars was a member of the 6th pursuit group stationed at Wheeler Field, Honolulu, during the Pearl Harbor attack."

Aux. Byars works in the Motor Supply Warehouse.

Now In OCS

Sgt. Richard F. Archer, Co. B, of South Bend, Indiana, recently became a Candidate at TD OCS, Camp Hood.

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Monday Is Flag Day

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that ALL men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

THE STARS AND STRIPES mean a lot of things to a lot of people.

In the future they must mean more things to more people.

To we Americans, who have known its protection, the customs and freedom which it represents, our flag has meant everything from buying an automobile on time to "cussing" our congressmen.

To all Americans it is all things meaning freedom—not freedom to hurt our fellow citizen, but freedom to live with him in peace and security.

Means Free Living

As we look back over our lives the flag has meant fried chicken and ice cream and a loaded Sunday noon table; picnicking in the park, decent wages, clean clothes; Mary graduating from high school or Junior winning a 4-H Club prize sow contest, and public libraries full of books by all authors and jokes about big shots and editorials against government waste and inefficiency.

Just now our flag is a battle cry. It has been fired on, captured, sunk, and has flown again in victory. It is a symbol of sacrifice.

On our shoulders rest NOW the responsibility of living up to the standards of sacrifice and service for freedom which those preceding us have set.

This we have done, are doing and will continue to do until the victory is won!

We All Fight

At this moment American young men of ALL colors, and creeds, are fighting and dying in nearly every part of the globe. They are doing this that the great mass of people EVERYWHERE may know a "new birth of freedom."

If then, when the war is won militarily, we retreat our minds to "street corner" politics, racial differences, bickering over profits and selfish nationalistic thinking, will any real victory have been won?

Now One World

We are living in a world, no part of which is more than 60 hours from the other in physical relationship. Need we be any farther than that from our fellow men in human sympathy and tolerance?

Will our glorious red, white and blue flag represent progress, development, education, understanding or regression, exploitation, ignorance and profiteering?

The Stars and Stripes means a lot of things to a lot of people.

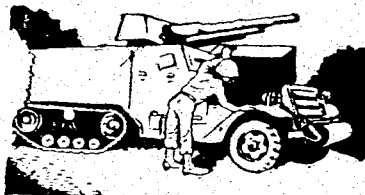
On this flag day we must dedicate ourselves to the job of making it mean more things to more people!

Fricassee Of Tank

They've roasted the Cavalry Horses,
And Stewed the Artillery Mules,
They were "Beef" to our Mechanized Forces,
With their modern mechanical tools;
So I hope I'm not here when the tractors
And the trucks and the tanks and the jeeps
Are adolescent as factors
In war, for it gives me the creeps
To think of a Stew of Trucks innards
Or a steak from the flank of a tank,
Dietary tendencies tinwards
Might disturb my digestion with clanks;
So when later machines out-manuever
Present models and quite obsolete them,
We hope they don't make them hors d'oeuvres,
For we'd surely hate to eat them.

—Sgt. John C. Hopley
Transportation Section

Looking UNDER THE HOOD



T-3 Victor O'Dae, DEML Section, returned to his barracks one evening recently after lights out, to find a "drunk" sleeping in his bunk—or so his barracks mates told him. O'Dae walked out of the barracks, returning with an M. P. After turning on the lights, and giving the "drunk" a few pokes with his stick, the M. P. said disgustedly: "That's no drunk, bud, that's a dummy" and stalked out while the barracks roared at O'Dae.

Pvt. Eugenio Villar, QCS, Regt., is a cousin of Francisco Villar, one of South America's foremost painters. Pvt. Villar maintained his own importation business in New York before induction.

PFC Robert H. Cullen, 113th Cavalry Band, claims the checkers championship of Camp Hood and is willing to defend his title against any experts of the board. Cullen recently defeated 15 consecutive players at his pet game.

Sgt. Howard LeCompte, Automotive Department, TDS, returned from a Chicago furlough this week with a happy glow, because he had seen Private Howie win a race at Lincoln Fields. The horse was named for the soldier by Chicago Alderman James Bowler, when Sgt. LeCompte was a private. Paying \$65.00 for a \$2.00 win ticket, proved that Private Howie must have waited a long time to win—to the day, in fact, when the soldier for whom he had been named could see him run. Sergeant LeCompte was formerly a secretary in Chicago's City Hall.

Tech. Sgt. Murray Davis, Weapons Department, TDS, has gotten quite used to meeting former pupils of his who are also in the Army. Sgt. Davis taught history in the high schools of New York City for a number of years, and the Army rightly made use of his talents by training him to be an instructor in weapons. So, upon meeting one of the weapons classes last week, Sgt. Davis was not too surprised to see one of his former star pupils there, T-5 Ahmed Sulton.

Quote Of The Week

All great men have lived by hope; not what they saw, but what they believed in, made their strength.

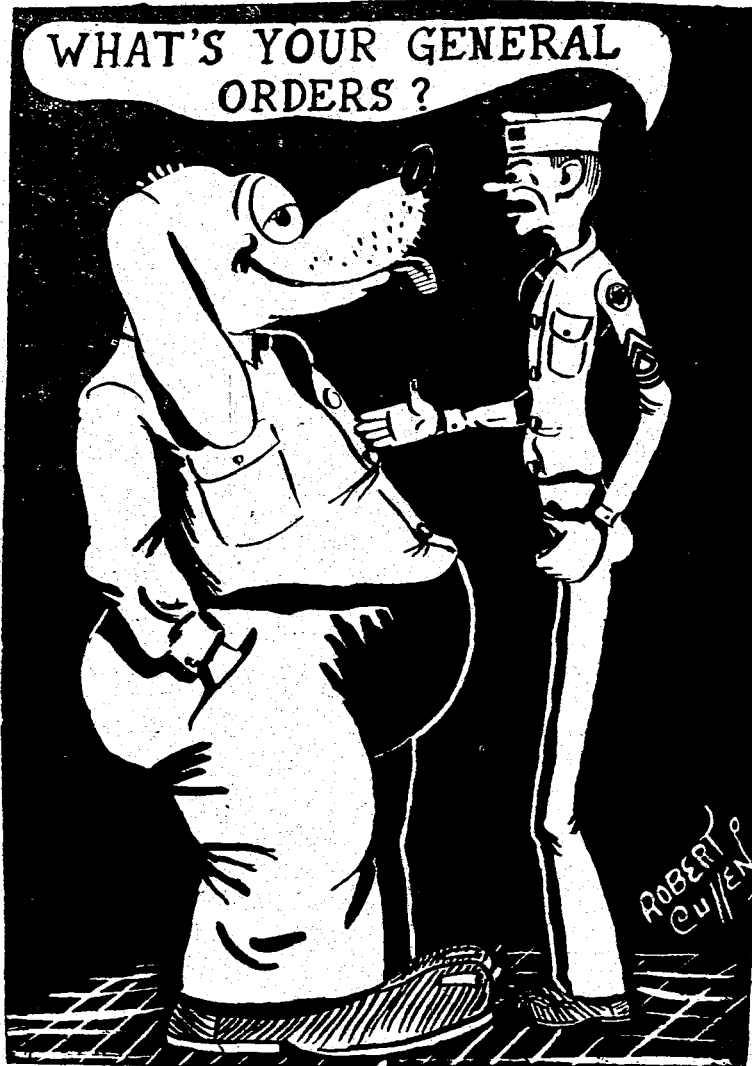


Editor, The Panther:
Will you please tell me how much a Japanese soldier gets when captured by us. Does he get the same pay as an American soldier?

Louis Benevengo
Co. C, 635th Bn.

A Japanese soldier captured by the U. S. is paid the equivalent of his rate of pay when captured, in American money. If he works for the state, county or city or civilian concerns, he is paid 80 cents a day additional. The Japanese rate of pay is as follows: Private, 30 cents per month; PFC 43 cents;

WHAT'S YOUR GENERAL ORDERS?



Chow Hound's General Orders

1. Take charge of my plate and all food in view.
2. To eat my food in a hasty manner keeping always on the alert and stopping beans and pie that come within reach.
3. To report all weak coffee, boney fish and scalded soup to the mess sergeant for an explanation.
4. To ignore all calls from seats more distant from the food than my own.
5. To quit my seat only when there is no more left to eat.
6. To receive and pass on to the other chow hounds all the food I dislike.
7. To talk to no one who eats garlic or onions.
8. To give the alarm in case the food is too hot or too highly seasoned.
9. To call the table waiters in case of a wanted refill.
10. To salute all chicken, ice cream and delicious food that pass.
11. To be especially watchful at chow and during the time for eating, to challenge anyone who gets more than I do and to allow no one to beat me to the table.

Army Quiz

1. How long does a soldier have to be overseas before he is eligible for the 20 percent increase in base pay?
 2. Who sponsors the sports program in Great Britain for the AEF, and of what sports does the program consist?
 3. Is a forced march defined by its length alone?
 4. What is the ratio of civilians to soldiers in the United States?
 5. How many battleships are owned by all the fighting nations?
 6. Does the American flag always fly over the capitol at night?
- (Answers Page 7)

Cpl. 61 cents; Sgt. 92 cents; First Sgt. \$2.04; M-Sgt. \$5.13.

Editor, The Panther

Being over here in North Africa and in a Tank Destroyer Battalion, I would appreciate your sending a copy of The Hood Panther with two shoulder patches of the black panther, if it is possible for you to do so.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and wish to thank you for your kindness.

Pvt. William Lenihan
APO 302, care Postmaster
New York City, N. Y.

Editor, Hood Panther:

Greetings from a Waac! First, let me tell you that sure as we are that your "rag" is definitely a "he-man's" paper, we all enjoy reading it very much. We, too, send it home for the 'poor civilians' to read. It has readability, timeliness and secrets a rare sense or humor; not forgetting the cartoons—even the "Waacy" ones.

Aux. Ethel M. King
164 Waac Post Hq. Co.
North Camp Hood.

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

She was just a clothes horse—always nagging her husband for a new dress.

A sword swallower recently cut his throat during a performance. It seems he went to great pains to please his audience.

A loan shark is a fellow who works for the principle of the thing and takes a lot of interest in doing it.

Many a girl who attracts a man before marriage, distracts him afterward.

Farewell Party Opens North Camp All-Purpose Hall

North Camp's new all-purpose rec hall was given an official baptism when Company "D", 126th Battalion, RTC, played host to the 164th WAAC Headquarters Company at a farewell party given for men of the battalion who had completed their basic training.

The hall was decorated by a crew headed by Pvt. Ned Linta.

The 1st RTC Band's dance orchestra played for the dancing and Pvt. William Brennan entertained during intermission at the piano, playing some original tunes.

1st Lt. Vincent Reid, commanding officer, was a guest.

New Army Program

A new Army radio program entitled, "Enough—And On Time," produced jointly by the Technical Information Division, Army Service Forces, and the Radio Branch, WD Bureau of Public Relations, is presented each Saturday from 7:30 to 8 o'clock over the Blue Network.

TDS Photo Shop Has Orders Ready

The TDS Photo Shop in the Academic Regiment Area on Central Avenue is closing and has a number of photos on hand which were ordered but never called for. These have been completed and it is requested that they be picked up at once.

823rd Completes High Battalion Score

The 823rd TD Battalion completed proficiency tests on the towed three-inch gun, making a battalion time of 84.4 seconds.

Company "C" led the battalion with an average of 78.3. Two squads tied the 50 second record low time for this gun.

Specialized Training Unit At Texas A&M, Classification Center

Soldiers From Camp And Field Go Through Strenuous Processing To Find Future Course Of Study

By Cpl. Norman Perlstein
Staff Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—Between a double row of new modern dormitories, men in khaki walk and talk in groups, or lay on the grass under campus trees. Then the call to "fall in" and long lines of men march to a huge mess hall at the end of the row of buildings.

Here at Texas A&M College the army has set up a specialized Training and Reassignment (STAR) unit where men who have been recommended for the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) are tested and classified to determine which courses they will study at college. The STAR unit works like a super reception center, men moving in and out all the time at an increased pace.

Have One Purpose

Housed at a famous military institution, the STAR's are widely qualified soldiers, from camps and the range and maneuvers. All have one purpose, to become top-specialists in the Army by going through a grinding schedule of intense study. At this STAR unit one of three similar units in the Eighth Service Command, the men begin the road back to the classroom, where they will be soldiers in college.

When a man comes to this STAR unit, he is given a room—(closets and bureaus and wash stand)—in one of the big 'dorms'. This first day he is allowed to rest a bit and then goes over to the classification office for a pre-test interview. On the basis of this interview and the records he brought with him (sometimes a long delay is caused when records don't arrive with the man), different batteries of tests are recommended. The tests are difficult, some in the sciences taking a half day.

Trip Is Quick

Most of the first day's activity is taken up with lectures on the special regulations of the unit, and the pre-test interview. For on the next day, the soldier begins his quick trip through the STAR unit. Men are usually moved out to colleges within two weeks, sometimes more quickly.

Back at the 'barracks' the soldier gets a taste of life he thought had gone out with the war. The STARs are still overcome with this hospitality and there are still the thrills of the good meals with two bottles of milk and music while you eat, and the wonderful feeling of getting up from the table and leaving dishes. And for those who have time—(there used to be lots of it)—there's a big swimming pool and athletic fields. But most of the easy life of the early days here have gone, and it's a strange mixture of military routine and the informal life of a college campus that makes the biggest impression.

One test given to all men is similar to the AGCT and checks a soldier's ability to learn.

Three Groups Open

Following the pre-test interview the soldiers are put in one of three groups, basic engineering, advanced engineering, or area and language. There is no basic course in the languages.

The psychology course has been temporarily discontinued.

When test scores are complete, the men are again interviewed. A soldier's preference for courses is considered, although no promises are made.

At this stage, the excellent quality of work at this STAR unit is revealed. The staff is headed by Maj. Wallace Wait, classification officer. The Major taught psychology at Colorado State College of Education and was a personnel advisor there. He has been a reserve officer since the last war, and has a happy combination of backgrounds for this job. His staff is ideally suited to picking the cream of enlisted men for college work. With the aid of a civilian advisor, the STAR board picks a definite course for each candidate. Every possible experience, training, character trait and aptitude is analyzed.

Easing the soldiers into the program is helped by an orientation lecture given all candidates by Maj. Wait.

Study Is Stressed

In his talk the Major points out that men selected for ASTP would be rendering their best contribution to victory by making good at their studies. The STARs, generally, seemed set on doing just that.

By the end of a week, the men have been reported as ready for various courses at schools all over the country, from the Universities of Oregon and California to the U. of Fla., Chicago, Pittsburgh, Penn., and M. I. T. These are some of the colleges giving ASTP work.

While the men are here, they are enrolled in refresher courses, depending on what course they will study. This together with drill, athletics, and supervised hours gives them a taste of ASTP schedules.

No one is in a position to see the final outcome of ASTP, but the main purpose, that of supplying vital technicians and leaders to the armed forces, is impressed on the soldiers here. The program is highly voluntary; only those who want the training are selected. Those not interested and 'washouts' go back to their outfits.

Program Is New

In the last war the army tried an educational program, putting students into uniform and letting them finish their work. Now ASTP is giving men definite intense, thorough training. If the early faculty observations made of men taking the ASTP en-



Ode To Us

Oh me, oh my
I'm in a quandary
When'll I get my G. I. laundry?

Everything's dirty,
Everything's gone,
Gee, how can I carry on?

Oh me, oh my,
You can see
What a problem it can be!

Pvt. Dale Godfrey, Eq. Co., RTC, drew the cartoon to illustrate Pvt. J. A. Bowman's rhyme.

Corporal Wins Way To Academy

Cpl. David L. Colaw, Co. B, 823rd TD Bn., has been ordered to the U. S. Military Academy, at West Point, for admission as a cadet.

The appointment of Cpl. Colaw to West Point comes as a result of his ranking first in a competitive examination conducted by Rep. Jerry Voorhies, of the 12th Congressional District of California.

Cpl. Colaw is 19 years old, and has been in the Army five months. He is a resident of Arcadia, Calif.

824th Orchestra Plays 'Commando' Performances

The 824th TD orchestra has been playing a series of "Command (o)" performances during the visit of their battalion to the Battle Conditioning course No. 3. As the stars began to appear in the sky, the tunes, "I've Got Too Much Texas on My Skin" floated through the tick and chigger covered glades. Featured on the nightly jam sessions were, "Molotov Stomp," and "The White Cliffs of Puke Hill." Several request numbers were played, including the new "Tank Destroyer Song" composed by one of the orchestra members.

Engineering courses here are an indication the soldiers are doing first-rate work.

One of the most interesting courses of study is the area and foreign languages group. Soldiers will study customs, language, political systems, geography, special problems of the area—in general, they will be familiar with all parts of the culture of that area. Classes and laboratories will take 30 hours of each week. Authorities in each field will give a rounded picture to these soldiers.

ASTP is elastic. Courses and requirements may be changed as demands vary. New courses are contemplated for college graduates with majors in languages.

The highest priority now is for persons with a knowledge of Asiatic languages.

Like Reception Center

All the hustle and change of a reception center is here and men with wives and cars have added problems. The officers in charge point out that the stay of a soldier in this home of the Texas Aggies is indefinite. And as the schedule is tightened there is little time for visiting.

Many soldiers will go through a STAR unit. Men who have come here from all branches of the service will remember the sight of soldiers with books, Navy whites and Marine green in nearby buildings. . . . Most of the men take the new army life in stride. College buildings, military corps of cadets, buying newspapers on the campus after morning chow, orderly rooms in converted dormitories, and the class schedules on bulletin boards—all were welcome to the soldiers. But these men know they have a job, a tough, grinding, tiring, job.

The STAR unit at A&M gives them a good start.

(See Story Page One)

Battle Surgeon In French Army Now Serves TDs

Medical Officer Of 820th Battalion Saw Germans Defeat French Forces Near Maginot Line Early In War

By Pvt. Tom Slavin
Medical Detachment, 820th TD Bn.

Nazi troops had taken over Paris; the armistice was signed. And in Marseilles, Lt. Henri Tamerson, medical officer of the 820th TD Battalion then a battle surgeon in the French armies, watched morale cracking all around him. With his unit he had fought the Germans in front of the Maginot Line. Now all hope of freedom was lost in his homeland and he decided to go to the United States.

Makes The Deadline

Just slipping under a deadline which recalled all visas given to Frenchmen between 18 and 44.

Lt. Tamerson and his brother left in April, 1941, reaching New York City in June. A year later he passed the examination to practice medicine in New York. In January, 1943, he was commissioned a 1st Lt. in the Army of the United States, and arrived at Camp Hood this past March.

Born in Paris, Lt. Tamerson studied medicine at the Paris Faculty of Medicine. He got his degree in 1933 and took a commission in the French Army. He was stationed in Algeria, and later in Tunisia, both the scenes of violent fighting recently. Lt. Tamerson had to watch the health of the natives besides taking care of his men. His regiment was mostly Arabic.

He Helped France

This missionary work among the natives by young medical officers of the French Army helped win those people to the cause of France.

Lt. Tamerson left the army in 1934 and practiced in his native Paris until the war broke out in 1939. He rejoined the army at once and was assigned to the 101st Infantry regiment as Battalion surgeon. Taking part in the early offensives of the war, Lt. Tamerson's unit was one of the first to fight on German soil in front of the Maginot line. The first French attacks here in the Saar Valley were important because it was then that the Nazis began to use anti-personnel mines and 'booby-traps'. The French soldiers would lead cattle through dangerous areas, saving many lives. Later on the war in the Maginot Line settled down to small reconnaissance work. It was at this stage that Lt. Tamerson was transferred to a base hospital in Marseilles, where he watched the Germans overrun France.

But once again Lt. Tamerson may meet the Nazis and help free France and the conquered countries—as medical officer of the 820th TD Battalion.

North Camp Service Clubs Open

The new Service clubs at North Camp haven't wasted any time providing entertainment for the men; receptions and dances started with the official opening of the camp May 29.

Club No. 6 held open house the evening of the official dedication. Refreshments were served in the lobby by Mrs. Ronnie Gurner and Juanita Malthon. Ruth Madison and Mary Keys, hostesses, directed guests through the club.

More than 500 signed the guest book during the evening.

Pvt. Jack Fischer, Co. "D", 131st Battalion, TC, played a piano program during the afternoon.

At a dance at this club last week, the 1st RTC orchestra played, and Waco's and Waco girls were guests.

The jam band from the 795th TD Battalion, BUTC, played for a dance at the Leon Drive Service club. Organized and headed by T-Sgt. Richard E. Davis at Ft. Custer, the small swing group practices in spare time. Girls from Hamilton and McGregor as well as Waco were guests at the club where Maggie Rose Earle and Leota Keys are hostesses.

Co. B, 819th Has Birthday

Company "B," 819th TD Battalion will mark its first birthday June 11.

Activated at Camp Chaffee, Ark., the small group of two officers and 14 enlisted men was and still is commanded by Capt. Merritt Overton. All but one of the non-commissioned officers with the company today was in the original group. Robert Denbow, as First Sgt., has been with the outfit from the start. The company, after a year's steady progress, has a real thanks for the officers and non-commissioned officers.

Even the new replacements have proved to be good TD's; Company "B" is prepared for a bright future.

Review Excellence Rewarded By RTC Commanding Officer

As a reward for the excellence of the big RTC review staged for Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair at the official opening of the North Camp, Col. W. A. Dumas, commanding, suspended all training in RTC Sat. June 5 and ordered passes granted to the maximum number of officers and men. Only necessary duties were continued.

Col. Dumas noted the difficult weather conditions under which the troops paraded and said the review "was the subject of commendatory remarks" by Gen. McNair.



HOOD SIGNAL CORPS PHOTO

OBSERVES SECOND BIRTHDAY—Personnel of the 758th Tank Bn. observed the second anniversary of the organization last week with an organization day program. On the speakers stand are, from left, Col. Biddle, Tng. Brig. CO; Col. C. C. Higgins, Seventh Tank Group commanding officer; Lt. Col. C. E. Steele, CO of the battalion; Major C. M. Barnes, Jr., Bn. S-3; and Chaplain L. Q. Brown of the 374th Engineers. See story at right.

Don't Kid The Operator, Boys

Don't try to date the telephone operators, men. Not just because Emily Post and Dorothy Dix frown upon such passes, but because it fouls your own lines—in other words, it's tough enough trying to complete a toll call when the switchboard girls work straight through, but it's twice as tough when they have to stave off the romantic gurgling of GIs under the influence of a Texas moon.

With a thousand calls a day going out of camp, the 27 girls working the board don't have time to trade cornfed quips—every time you make a verbal pass you add just that much to the time required to complete a toll call. This you can take as the unromantic fact, from Mrs. Lucile Gan, night chief operator, who knows 17 ways to say "so sorry" to your complaints.

Three-Hour Delay

Typical of the situation is the average delay of three hours on calls put in after seven p. m. on week days, and pick a number from six to twelve for the delay on Sundays. The jam is not at the exchange in this camp, which gives fast service with a dulcet tone through to Dallas, but there not even dynamite will budge it—the reason is that there are some 200 army posts in Texas, clearing its toll calls through Dallas, which is also the trunk through which all calls from as far north as Denver and west to California must pass in their trip east.

The only relief from "sweating out" toll calls is to make your calls earlier on week days—at regular toll rates—a suggestion never seriously considered by anyone living on \$50 a month and rationed and quarters.

Generally, the operators say, they find the men—and most of officers—reasonable about being delayed. In fact, because of ignorance of army procedure and nomenclature, there is often more difficulty handling incoming than outgoing calls.

She Gave No Quarter

In the category of believe it or not is the operator who while trying to help an anxious parent complete a call to his son explained, "I'll have to get you the charge of quarters first." After brief silence the fond parent replied perplexedly, "I didn't know it cos an extra quarter to call my son—but go ahead, it's worth it."

The service through the camp exchange will be facilitated when the work on 10 additional boards being installed is completed. Some

congestion will be further relieved when the exchange at north camp is finished—that exchange will be operated by WAACs who are now being trained by the civilian operators at the main exchange.

The telephone exchange is one facet of the post's signal section, whose job, under the direction of Major James Corr, Jr. is primarily to keep Camp Hood in contact with the rest of the world.

Has Many Tasks

The diversity of the signal section's job includes signal center (the telegraph office), the photograph laboratory, the training film library, a property warehouse, and the radio repair shop.

The experience at the telegraph office is similar to that at the telephone exchange. Better than 1400 telegrams a day pass along the wires in and out of camp. For anxious GIs Mrs. Jeanette Benz, assistant to Major Corr, offers a tip by indirection—traffic is heaviest Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Friday, and between four and nine o'clock—you'll get faster telegraph service at other, less crowded times.

The signal center staff has 27 people, either army or civilian trained to the accuracy required by the army. The civilian operators have found the greatest difference between their former jobs

and here is in the greater adaptability and initiative required by the army—situations constantly change, decisions often must be made instantly.

The rest of the signal section does its job on a similar scale—big is the adjective. With probably stricter attention to formality and detail, and restrictions and procedures peculiar to the military, its administration is like that of businesses supplying similar services to towns like Waco, or Long Beach, Cal. The difference is that here it is all administered by Major Corr's office, instead of, as in civilian life, several offices.

Also under direction of the office are the training film library, which distributes moving pictures used in unit training programs; the property warehouse, which handles property for the entire section; the radio repair shop, which is charged with the repair and maintenance of all service radios for units stationed here.

An additional part of the signal section is the photo laboratory, the work of which is probably as diversified as any in the army—everything from taking and printing thousands of pictures of a gun position, to be used for training, to lucious shots of Joan Blondel smiling at a momentarily affable panther.

It Takes All Kinds To Win The War, Roster Of Co. D, 134th Bn. Shows

It takes all kinds of people to make a world or a war. For instance, take the following men of Company D, 134th Bn. RTC, North Camp Hood, who before donning Uncle Sam's apparel, had these ways of making a living.

Pvt. Cliff Bozarth was a burlesque artist in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Pvt. Abele Neves, of Detroit, Michigan, is an accredited private detective. He's training now to snoop down a few Japs and Nazis.

Pvt. William Hough worked on tank transmissions at the Ford plant in Detroit. Now he's setting himself up to use the business end of them.

Pvt. Jack Ernest was a coal miner back when there were no strikes.

Pvt. James Little, a gangling native of Wheelright, Kentucky, on being interviewed said, "ust put me down as a loafer." That was his job in civilian life, he says, but Uncle Sam had other ideas.

Pvt. Charles Sogg managed a

recreation park in Akron, Ohio.

Pvt. Robert C. Mitchell was former sports editor of the Dayton, Ohio journal.

Pvt. John McAnley worked in a Michigan steel mill, and Pvt. Cass Wojcik was a traveling salesman for a Detroit wholesale florist company.

Mixed Chorus Planned In North Camp RTC

Monday, June 14, a rehearsal will be held in the Central Chapel, 12th street and Headquarters Avenue, North Camp, to form an RTC mixed chorus. According to present indications the group will include officers, enlisted men and WAACs.

Pvt. Joseph L. Hoshman, assistant to Chaplain John P. Neal, is in charge of arrangements.

Joe claims there is a wealth of talent in the RTC and he plans to have specialty groups, such as solos, quartets, male choruses and female choruses within the unit.

Training Brigade Tank Battalion Celebrates Second Anniversary

Special Program Held To Mark Organization Day Of 758th Tank Battalion Now In Hood

By Sgt. E. C. Smith

June 1st marked the end of a second successful year for the 758th Tank Battalion (L). Under the command of Lt. Col. Clyde E. Steele, the battalion has trained to and maintained the high standards of the Armored Force.

Throughout its training at Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Claiborne, La., and during maneuvers in Tennessee the battalion has proved its right to be called a combat unit. These facts were emphasized at the Organization Day program, arranged by Capt. Roy L. Chatham and 2nd Lt. William A. Bobo, during an address by Col. C. E. Steele.

Program Is Held

During the first part of the program, attended by members of the battalion and their visitors, Col. Steele expressed his gratitude to his staff and to the men for their performance, and his confidence in their ability to carry on as expected. He paused to pay tribute to Sgt. Alfred L. Bobo, drowned in the line of duty, May 30, 1942; and to T-5 John H. Harris, killed in a motorcycle accident, in the line of duty, May 28, 1943. Col. Steele spoke for the battalion when he said that the army had lost two fine soldiers and the men good companions.

Band Furnishes Music

For this part of the program music was furnished by the AUTC Band. Col. Biddle and Col. Higgins, group commanders, congratulated the battalion on its record. The first section of the program was brought to a close with a benediction by Chaplain L. Q. Brown.

The second portion of the program was devoted to athletic con-

tests, all of which were met by enthusiastic response from the spectators. The results:

The sack race: 1st, Seymour Miller, Co. B; second, Samuel Stewart, Hq. Co.; third, Granville Thomas, Co. A.

Baseball throwing for distance (interesting as it suggested potential grenade tossers): Madison Robinson, Co. A, first; Robert H. M. Hamilton, Co. B, second; Robert C. Jackson, Hq. Co., third.

Many Prizes Won

In the tire changing contest first prize went to Burt and Chambers of Co. A; second to Turner and Jackson of Co. B; Hundan had to hold up the left side of his peep while his partner changed the tire to come in third.

McKinstry of Co. C took the cake in the pie eating contest; Stormy Hiltz of Co. A came in a smearing second; and Bivins of Hq. Co. third by a mouthful.

The prizes were awarded at a battalion formation. The grand prize was presented to Capt. Van T. Stubbs for Co. A, which amassed the highest score.

First Training Group, AUTC, One Of Busiest In Camp

One of the busiest organizations in Camp Hood is the First Training Group of the Advanced Unit Training Center. This is the organization in which TD battalions get their tactical training while they are under the Advanced Unit Training Center, in preparation for the job which lies ahead of them.

Began In March

The First Tank Destroyer Training Group began operating in March, 1942. At that time, Lt. Col. Frank T. Searcy, now Colonel and Executive Officer of the 1st TD Brigade, was the Commanding officer. The headquarters had been located at the Antelope Schoolhouse, on the Camp Hood reservation, and from there was directed the training of the several battalions then under its control. During this period the Inspector-Instructors were organized into teams; each team consisted of one or two officers and several enlisted men. The work entailed the inspecting of instruction being carried on by the organic battalion officers. This was different from the present system whereby the instruction is actually conducted by First Training Group officers. As new battalions have arrived and left, new methods of training have been introduced, and the training of battalions has become more standardized.

Regular schedules came into effect, and the number of battalions undergoing training increased. As the scope of First Training Group grew in number, the training was also intensified. Each battalion spends its allotted period undergoing tactical training, small unit, platoon, company and battalion problems. The battalion is graded on each phase of the work which it completes.

Special Courses Given

Also during this period special

instruction is given to Communications, Reconnaissance, and Pioneer Platoon personnel. Officers and enlisted men are taught proper voice procedure in the use of radio, given special instruction for radio electricians, etc. Reconnaissance personnel become adept in map reading and following compass courses, as they must be the "eyes and ears" of the battalion if they are to succeed. Pioneer personnel learn to repair bridges, construct road blocks lay mines, recover them and the like. They also learn the proper uses of dynamite and nitro starch whether it be constructing "booby traps" or blowing up a bridge.

Colonel Douglas C. McNair, commanding officer assumed command of the Group in December, 1942, and has continually built up the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization.

Business Not In Creasing For Cleaners

Personnel of Camp Hood will not be allowed to wear shirts, the backs and fronts of which have been specially creased, according to an announcement made this week.

In the future the backs and fronts of shirts will be pressed flat, according to provisions of Section II, WD Circular 122 dated May 18, 1943.

New Commander

Major Eugene J. McCormick has been placed in command of the 829th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Previous to assuming command, Major McCormick was executive of the same battalion.

816th Battalion Paper Publishes G. I. Creed

"The Scorpion," mimeographed paper of the 816th Bn., published the battalion creed in a late edition, as follows:

1. I will keep myself physically fit because stamina and endurance are of prime importance in combat.
2. I will keep myself physically and morally clean, because cleanliness prevents disease.
3. I will be soldierly in appearance and conduct. Military appearance, bearing and courtesy mark a good soldier.
4. I will uphold the dignity of the uniform. A drunken civilian is pitiful, a drunken soldier a public disgrace.
5. I will bear in mind by responsibilities for government: property. Borrowing or lending of equipment breeds carelessness. Borrowing without consent is stealing.
6. I will report petty thievery

immediately, because men can't live in security with a thief in their midst.

7. I will put no faith in rumors. Information has no meaning unless it is official.

8. I will build for the future. Success in life and battle rests on basic training.

9. I will obey orders without hesitation because the success of the Army depends on unquestioned discipline.

10. I will go to my officers and non-commissioned officers for advice, because they are vitally interested in my welfare.

Co. C, 140th Bn. Team Wins Game

The Company C, 140th Bn. RFC, North Camp Hood, softball team reaped themselves a couple of impressive victories last weekend. They drubbed Company A, 9 to 3 in its opening game of the season and handed Company B a 10 to 3 trouncing. Pts. Magro, Klos, Caruso and Massuci were the feature stars of the double triumph.

Pvt. John Mantini is in charge of the Company C softballers, who have issued a challenge to meet all comers in camp.

Await Move From TDC Into Camp

When the 658th TD Battalion arrived in North Camp they set up a bivouac in the hills. The men are getting war-wise, having learned from experience things like digging ditches around their tents if they didn't want to 'swim' in the recent rains. Although the men seem to be taking to this toughening-up, they are looking forward to moving into the camp proper—especially for the showers.

One of the men in the Recon. Co. will be especially glad to get to camp. One night he was dressed in clean khakis when he fell knee-deep into a grease pit.

The battalion marched to North Camp from Camp Bowie.

Student Regiment Team Wins 5-1

T-5 Herbert Karpel pitched the Student Regiment Baseball team to a 5 to 1 victory, over the 821st TD Battalion, Monday, May 31st. Up to the first of the 9th inning and with one out, he had pitched a no-hitter, and only one man had reached first base. Then three scratch hits in succession ruined his perfect record as the 821st registered their lone tally.

Work Of 'Lettered' Offices Explained In Series Of Stories

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a series of articles by staff writers designed to clarify in the mind of Camp Hood men the purpose and methods of the various "lettered" offices—G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4 and their counterparts below the General's headquarters, S-1, S-2, S-3 and S-4. In order, these offices are Personnel, Intelligence, Plans and Training, and Supply.

This article concerns itself with the function of G-2 TDC.

The basic function of the G-2 Section is twofold; first, to assist the Commanding General in his exercise of command, and second, to serve the troops in all matters concerning intelligence, counterintelligence, and maps.

The G-2 officer coordinates, supervises, and is responsible for all activities within the section. He is assisted by officers who devote their entire time to special activities such as: the editing, summarizing and distribution of intelligence reports; combat intelligence; compilation of data for and the distribution of all training maps, map substitutes, and stereopairs; and public relations as they relate to tactical command.

Program Prepared

A complete combat intelligence training program has been prepared for Tank Destroyer units. The purpose of this program is to train all officers and enlisted men to effectively perform their combat intelligence duties.

A course of instruction for all group and battalion S-2's, designed to improve proficiency, was recently conducted. Advanced training of group and battalion intelligence personnel, as well as basic combat intelligence training of all officer and enlisted personnel, will be instituted by group and battalion S-2's in accord with the new program.

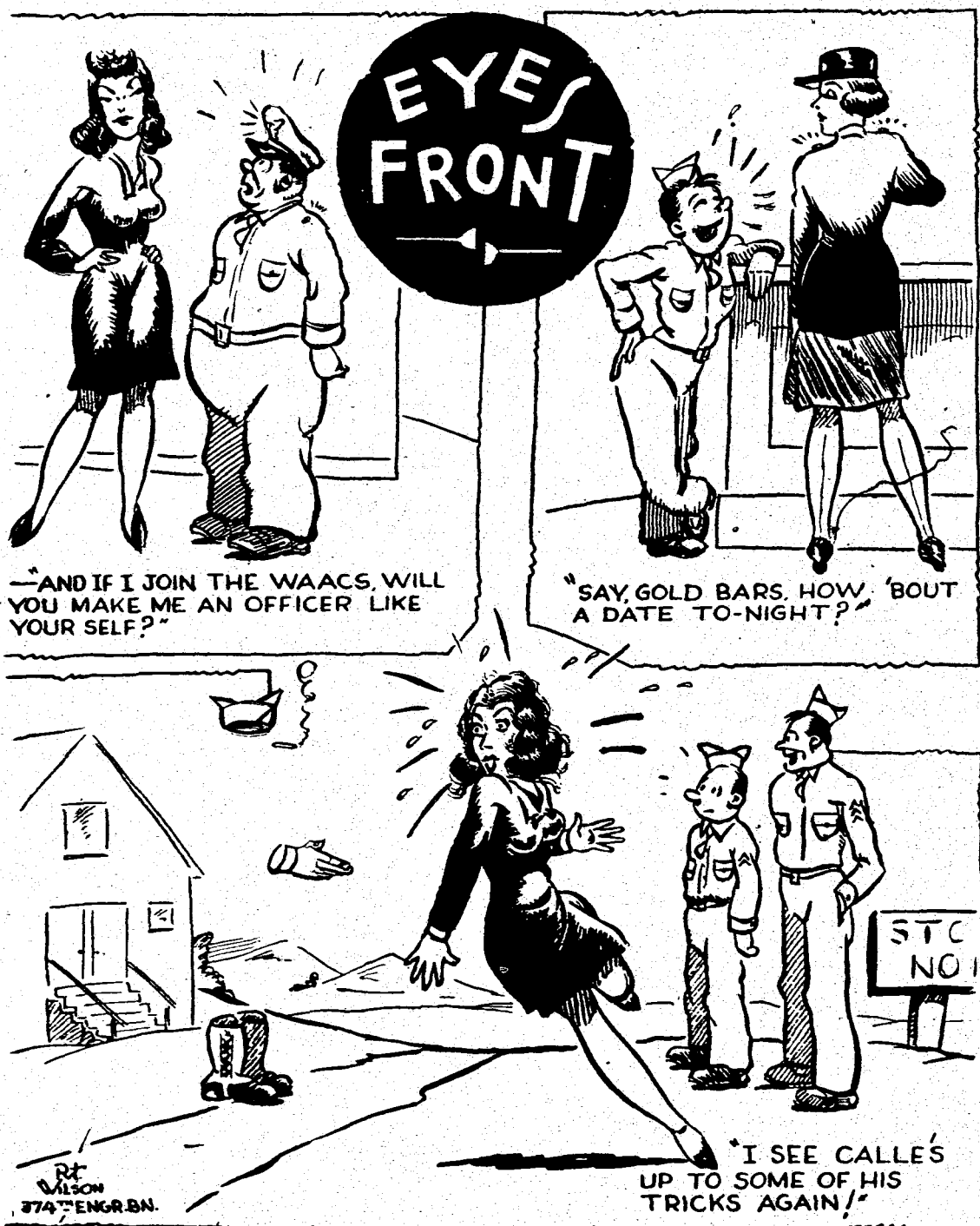
Tactical training will emphasize enemy methods, dispositions, and actions, in problems designed to practice TD units against accurate simulation of forces they will combat. G-2 will assist in the preparation of all such problems. Moreover, allied and enemy tactical and technical developments as they influence TD employment will be summarized and released to units from time to time.

Every effort is being made by TDC Headquarters to help in the combat intelligence training of all TD personnel to insure the smooth and effective performance of these important duties in combat.

Young Pianist Plays

Tully Moseley, 14-year-old piano recitalist from Dallas, played informal programs of classical music at the Service Clubs in both the North and South camps June 5 and 6.

The young boy studies with Adele Marcus, head of the music department at the Hockaday School in Dallas.



OCS Course Lengthened

Course of instruction at Officer Candidate Schools will be extended to a minimum of four months, beginning not later than July 1, the War Department announced this week. The extension may apply to classes which enter before that time if schedules permit.

Complementing the increase in the course of instruction from three to four months, OCS classes will be smaller than heretofore. The reduction in the size of classes will vary with the individual schools.

Classes at Camp Hood's TD OCS have been gradually decreased during the past few months and the lengthened course will go into effect July 1, School officials reported.

635th Goes To Dam

Recently the entire 635th TD battalion took a trip to the lake at Buchanan dam. Exceptionally good fishing was enjoyed by many of the officers and men, and some real fish stories have been coming out of the 635th lately.

Quiz Answers

1. It starts from the time a soldier leaves the US. Time spent in transit to an overseas post counts in the computation of overseas pay.
2. The sports program is sponsored jointly by the army, the American Red Cross and Stars and Stripes the daily newspaper for American forces in Great Britain. The program consists of boxing, softball, baseball, track and basketball.
3. No. Any march which takes more than 8 hours at one grind to complete is defined as a Forced March.
4. 13 to 1. The ratio in Great Britain is 10 to 1, in Germany 8 to 1.
5. According to the National Council of American Shipbuilders, a total of 60 battleships are owned by nations of the world.
6. Yes. According to a custom originated during World War I it was decided, for patriotic reasons, that there should be one building in the US over which the flag should never cease flying. The capitol was selected as the most representative building.

Male Call

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

Reviewing Party: Arms Stacked





With PFC Keith Quick

T-5 George Maxey, ace moundsman of the 12th TD Group softball team, is quite a "work horse" when it comes to softball duties. George does not a part, but all the hurling chores for fast-stepping 12th TD softballers. . . And at this writing, George is doing alright for himself as well as for his battling team mates. He has suffered only one setback, that a 5 to 4 deficit at the hands of the fast Automotive Department softball club, in which it took extra stanzas to get ahead of the ace of the 12th. Hard-chunking George seems to be in softball what "Red" Ruffing used to be in baseball for the New York Yankees, a never-tiring sort of a guy who had rather hurl a game of softball than sit to the best dish of army chow. . . But all the credit cannot be tagged to Maxey alone, for he has been receiving some excellent support from several worthy team mates. . . Pfc. Sidney Spector, Pvt. Joseph Bernacki and Pfc. Fred McGregor. . . These boys can really pummel the old pelota to all corners of the lot and have been responsible for many of the tallies that put George on the safe side when coming down the home stretch in games thus far this season. Nevertheless, we doff our lid to T-5 George Maxey, iron mound-master of the battling 12th TD ten.

She Resembles Patty Berg

Auxiliary Esther Grier, Post Special Services stenog, bears a striking resemblance to our good friend Patty Berg, carrot-topped Minneapolis, Minnesota professional golfing gal. We know nothing of Esther's athletic ability, but if she were to stroll out to a golf tee and start swinging a brassie or a niblick, we'd swear she was the real Berg. Incidentally, Esther's duplicate is now heading toward the "windy city," Chicago, to compete in the annual Women's Western Open golf tournament to be held the week of June 28. All the nation's top-flight fairway fems will be on hand to exhibit their divot wares in the summer's long big-time golf event. Betty Jameson, former San Antonio and Dallas fairway queen, now of Mexico City, will be defending champion. . . We'd like to see our Esther make the jaunt to Chicago just to make the golfing gals "see double" when they try to wade through friend Patty's blistering sub-par rounds in their efforts to capture Chicago's Glen Oaks country club western open affair.

Former St. Mary's Player Here

After two weeks in TD RTC basic training it is fairly well agreed by everyone concerned that TD's need rugged men. Such being the case, a certain reception center in California recently dispatched to North Camp Hood a boy who knows what the expression "rugged training" means. He is Pvt. John Tonsing, Company A 130th Bn. TD RTC, who as a sophomore right tackle for St. Mary's, played 60 rugged minutes of football against the Fordham University Rams at New York's famed Polo Grounds. St. Mary's Galloping Gaels were the victors, 9 to 6.

Tonsing received honorable mention as an All-American in 1940-41. During his brilliant gridiron career he starred in the defeats of such great teams as, Duquesne, Santa Clara and California University.

While at St. Mary's, Pvt. Tonsing gained high ratings as a student as well as being a smooth athlete. And for these qualities he was listed in Who's Who Among American Students in American Universities in the 1941 edition.

After finishing school, Pvt. Tonsing became associated with the Standard Oil Company of California. He married a California girl and is now the father of a son, born May 10, 1943.

'Good' Ball Player Now In Co. C, 139th

Expected to add considerable punch to the strong baseball club of Company "C," 139th Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood, is Pvt. Wilbur Good, Jr., of Brooksville, Fla., who arrived recently with the latest contingent of trainees.

Pvt. Good, who stands 5 ft., 11 inches and weighs 160 pounds, boasts of seven years' professional experience, including a year and a half in the Texas league. Prior to his Texas league period of play, he starred in semi-pro baseball after graduating from high school.

Played Pro Since 1936

Now 29 and married, Pvt. Good broke into the pro ball ranks in 1936 with the Class C Johnstown, Pa. club of the Middle Atlantic league, a team managed by his father, who saw service in the National league from 1905 to 1917 while in the uniform of the Chi-

cago Cubs, New York Giants, Philadelphia Phils, and Boston Braves, as an outfielder.

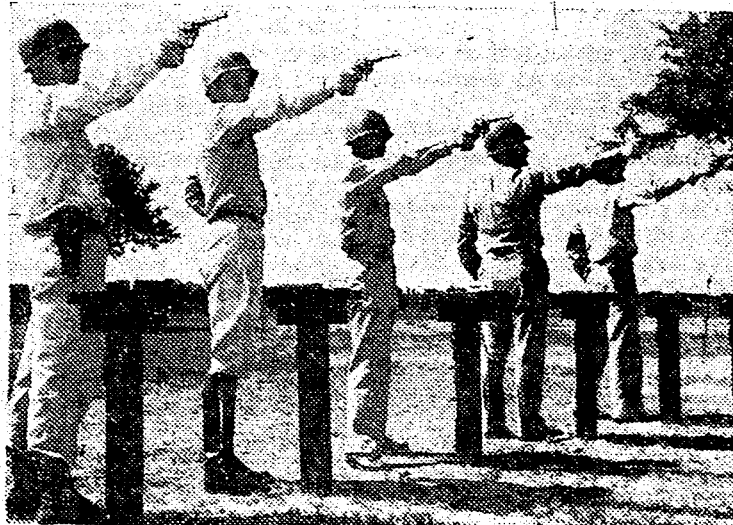
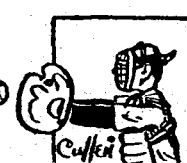
With the Johnstown club, Good belted the ball for a .340 average, which placed him near the league's leading swatter. Then followed a season in class B ball, with Winston-Salem of the Piedmont league, and another with Spartansburg, S. C., in the Class C Sally league.

Advancing to the Shreveport club of the Texas league in 1938, Good batted .275. In 1939, he was farmed out to his home state, where he performed for the Leesburg club in the Florida State league until 1941.

Pvt. Good retired from the diamond sport last season, taking a job with the State Highway Department in Florida, where he worked until his induction into the Army.



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THEY HIT BULLSEYES—"Camp Hood Pistolers" opened their new range on Battle Conditioning Course No. 2 this week with bullseyes. Firing, from left, are Maj. Joel B. White, Lt. Col. Gordon Kimbrell, Maj. Ralph W. Sleator, Col. T. J. Heavey, and Col. W. A. Hedden. See story below.

Hood 'Pistolers' Open Range

The first shots fired by each member of the first firing order of the "Camp Hood Pistolers" when they opened their new range here this week were bullseyes, with the five scores ranging between 97x100 scored by Major Ralph W. Sleator and the perfect score of 100x100 fired by Col. W. A. Hedden, CO of the 14th TD Group.

In February, Major Gen. A. D. Bruce authorized the formation of a Camp Hood pistol and revolver club to be composed of Hood personnel who have qualified over the Army "L" course as Expert Pistol Shots.

12th Group Wins Three

The 12th TD Group softball team, with games through May 27, had a record of three wins against two losses.

May 8 they took the measure of the 11th TD Group, 6 to 0; May 21 their victims were AUTC, 3 to 1, and on May 24 they suffered their first setback at the hands of the Automotive School ten, 5 to 4.

Hitting their win stride again on May 25 they subdued Hq. Company TDC, 11 to 3 in a free-hitting affair, but lost a thriller to the Machine Records Unit club, 5 to 3, the evening of May 27.

Any teams wishing to play the 12th TD Group have been requested to get in touch with officials at headquarters, telephone 2136.

Co. C, 820th Bn. Names Their Team After Detroit Tigers

The "Begals," of Company C, 820th TD Bn., hard-hitting softballers from Detroit, named their team after the famous Detroit Tigers of the American league. 1st Sgt. C. Mitchell is manager of the club, which is now runing through a series of practice games in preparation for the battalion tournament, winners of which will compete in the AUTC battalion tourney.

The team boasts of a number of ex-sandlot players, along with Capt. Bob Milligan, a pro star, who formerly played in the Florida East Coast league. Other stars on the roster include, Pvs. Stan Mayberry, Bill Carlson, Ray Schwartz, Beeman Seemans, Walter Drockomericki, Lou Pryomoski, Larry Bader and Bill Langdon.

Any club interested in games with the 820th has been requested to contact Sgt. Mitchell.

Major Ralph W. Sleator is president. Sgt. Major J. A. Gorsuch, vice-president and Major John C. Hooker is secretary-treasurer. Major Joel B. White is range officer.

TD Group Wins 11-3

After losing a hard fought game to the Automotive school, 5 to 4, the 12th TD Group softball aggregation rehit their win stride and trounced the Hq. Company, TDC, softballers 11 to 3 in a recent contest.

The TDC outfit used three pitchers in their attempt to stop the 12th's batsmen, but it worked to no avail. Though the 12th was outbitt by their desperate opponents, they bunched their hits when they meant runs and went out in front 4 to 0 at the end of the second inning and were never headed throughout the remainder of the game.

The game featured the hurling of T-5 George Maxey, ace moundsman of the 12th. Maxey, aside from his airtight hurling chores, contributed a timely pair of singles in two trips to the pan. However, the big willow wielding honors went to Pfc. Sidney Spector, big first baseman of the 12th, who belted a homer and a single in two stands at the plate.

Lineup and score by innings:

12th TD Group . . . Bernacki, cf, Gladchun, 2b, Spector, 1b, McGregor, lf, Bassett, 3b, Ballard, ss, Bok, sf, Killen, rf, Brown, c, Maxey, p.
Hq. Co. TDC . . . Phillips, 2b, Punfare, ss, Garvey, sf, McGinnes, 1b, Feigel, c, Wareheim, cf, McLaughlin, 3b, Hamilton, rf, Roman, p.

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The General Plays Ball In TDS Area

Physical Program Finds Officers And Men Playing

It is rather unusual when a General can find the time and opportunity to get together with the colonels, majors, captains and lieutenants that make up his immediate subordinates, and enjoy some beneficial recreation in an atmosphere of enthusiastic sportsmanship—which is a fancy way of describing a good softball game.

However, Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, commandant of the Tank Destroyer school, has proven to himself and to the school personnel that an hour a day spent in athletics is not only beneficial to the body, but is highly conducive to more efficient work in the administrative capacities which many of his officers fill. This is especially true in the Tank Destroyer school where hundreds of enlisted and commissioned students, officer candidates and instruction troops spend long hours each day in class periods, with little time for the usual Army physical training program.

Sound Mind and Body

Working on the sound body and mind theory, the school adopted the daily recreational hour this year. Under the direction of a school athletic director, a co-ordinated program of softball, football, volleyball, road marches, obstacle courses and other organized games is carried out each day. Softball has proved to be the most popular.

Plays Second Base

General Mayberry himself, despite his intensive schedule, plays a bang-up game on second base for the "Over Forty" softball team, organized by the older officers from the headquarters group. The team is coached by Major John W. (Doug) Rollins, school secretary and former track coach and assistant football coach at Texas A. & M. college.

The "Over Forty" sluggers have scored victories over the regular teams from the academic regiment and from the advanced unit training center. In addition to the league games, an enthusiastic competition is carried on within the group.

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