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BEYOND THE LINE OF DUTY—For quick thinking action, beyond the line of duty, in saving a large quantity of government property when a gasoline truck caught fire, eight enlisted men were recently awarded the Soldier's Medal by Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, commanding general TDC. The men were given a unique honor in reviewing 1000 officers.

Receiving the awards from left to right, M-Sgt. Fred R. Harding, M-Sgt. Lyle E. Hoff, T-Sgt. James V. Curtin, S-Sgt. Bernard P. Smith, S-Sgt. John C. Cramer, T-4 Thurman M. Price, T-4 Donal A. Rogers, and Sgt. Cleamon H. Watkins.

New USO Show Offers Songs, Fun, And Glamor

The newest USO show, "Passing Parade," will pause in its passing for six days, July 7, 8, 9, at the Recreational Hall, 12th and Park, at North Camp, and July 10, 12, 13 at the Field House at South Camp, all shows at 8 p. m.

The show promises a glitter of talent and as amusing an evening as will be found anywhere. It starts with a high-stepping dance routine, and goes on through a fast-paced sequence of comedy, songs, dances, and a variety of novelty turns.

The Lane Brothers put on a speedy acrobatic turn, so skillful and expertly timed that Ripley called it "Believe or Not." Their jump rope antics seem impossible. One skips the hemp while his brother is posed with one foot on his thigh and the other around his neck. Then they do it again with one brother on his back and the other perched on his upright feet.

For grace and rhythm, plus exciting acrobatics, the Four Macks turn in a roller-skating act that has been hitting the high spots of entertainment all over the world. They're two men and two women, whirling, twisting, and twirling at a furious pace.

Alice Kavan is pretty to see, and even prettier to watch. Her ballet-tap routine has had them pounding their palms in theaters and nightclubs from coast to coast.

For a change of pace Tommy Martin conjures an array of exciting tricks that are as amusing as they are mystifying. It is the same kind of act he has used to delight audiences all over this country, the British Isles, and continental Europe.

Comedy and music with a Latin flavor features Senor Carlos and his Caballeros. Their harmonica playing and fast patter ranges from the classical to the comical. They come directly to the USO tour from Beverly Hills Country Club.

Lovely Mary Ann Shaw sings 'em hot and blue, soft and low, with a style that has had audiences

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North Camp To Open Laundry

With 285 civilian employees, 23 washing machines and three gigantic boilers generating 250 horsepower each, the quartermaster laundry scheduled to open at North Camp Hood in the near future, will be one of the largest in the state of Texas.

Ranking with it is the laundry at Camp Hood. Both are the largest authorized by the Army. They are equipped to serve 20,000 persons on each eight-hour shift. They can handle 2,880,000 individual pieces of clothing weekly. Quartermaster laundries are operated primarily for the enlisted personnel who hold first priority. Hospitals, Army transports, and similar government agencies have second priority. The plant will serve officers whenever the facilities allow.

In addition to laundry work, the North Camp laundry will handle salvage and reclamation of used clothing. Work will be on the basis of one eight-hour shift daily, six days a week.

Women interested in working at the new laundry may apply through the civil service office at the north gate.

Movies To Be Shown Out At Bivouac Area

Entertainment for units in the bivouac areas has been assured by the announcement that a mobile movie projector will be ready to tour by the end of this week.

Under this plan the truck carrying the projector and sound equipment will visit the various bivouac areas, offering the latest full-length movies. The equipment is supplied by the USO, and Special Service Officers of units in the field may book shows for their outfits through the Special Services Office.

There will be no charge for the use of this service.

In addition to movie projection equipment, the truck will carry candy, cigarettes, and soda which the men may buy. It will also carry various games that can be used in the field.

At present, because of the late sundown, only one show will be presented each night. But later, when earlier darkness makes it possible, the schedule will be for two shows nightly.

The mobile movies will offer the same pictures as those at the post theaters, and will be available only to units in the bivouac areas.

Promotions In Service Units To Be Held Up

All promotions for Station Complement troops will be temporarily suspended, according to an official memorandum from camp headquarters.

Station Complement has been assigned bulk allotments in all grades, including PPC,

President Signs Bill That Gives WAACs Regular Army Status

Law Will Be Effective Before Sept. 30, Probably Allow Same Privileges And Responsibilities As Soldiers

Under a bill signed by the President, the WAACs will soon become WACs. The bill will be effective some time before Sept. 30, 1943. At that time they will cease to be auxiliaries, and will become a branch of the regular army, to be known as the Women's Army Corps.

Under the current status women may continue to enlist in the WAACs. No official statement has been made as to how much time, if any, will be allowed the present WAACs to decide if they want to enlist in the WACs. However, it is thought, that they will be given a choice.

Though there has been no official confirmation of it, it is believed that the WACs will have the same privileges, prerogatives, and responsibilities as soldiers in the Army of the U. S. Thus they would have the mail franking privilege, government insurance, and allotments. They would also be subject to the same disciplinary measures.

Panther Now Published On Weekly Basis

Beginning with this issue the Panther will be published each week, instead of by-monthly as in the past. The day of distribution will continue to be Thursday. (See editorial "Thoughts For the Future," page four.)

Brig. Gen. Dumas Is Sworn In At North Camp

A Texan who saw action in Siberia in the First World War, Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, commanding officer RTC, was sworn in to his new rank Monday after confirmation by the United States Senate.



More than a quarter of a century in the regular Army has aided Gen. Dumas in the training and organization of recruits both in the RTC and in the new Army Specialized Training Program battalions, which are being set up in the North Camp.

Gen. Dumas graduated from Davidson College, N. C. and was at the University of Texas when the first war broke out. He attended the first Officers Training Course at Leon Springs, Texas in 1917. In Siberia at Vladivostok he saw five different Russian revolutions.

Following the war he had tours of duty in the Philippines and at West Point. In Manila he married Josephine Lawson. Her sister is now a prisoner of the Japanese.

Gen. Dumas graduated from the Command and General Staff School, the Army War College, and other service schools.

Before coming to Camp Hood, Gen. Dumas was in command of the 317th Infantry at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Rank Changed

Under such a set-up their rank and nomenclature would be changed to that of the regular army—instead of auxiliaries they will be privates, junior leaders, leaders and third officers will be corporals, sergeants, and second lieutenants.

The signing of the bill will inaugurate a new recruiting drive. WAAC Director Oveta Culp Hobby urged the enlistment of 600,000 additional women, pointing out that "for every woman who comes forward to do a military job, one more father will be enabled to remain at home with his family."

The original authorized strength of the WAACs was 150,000; but under the new law its size will be left to the discretion of the President.

Do Job Well

Referring to the WAACs at Camp Hood, Col. C. M. Thirkeld, camp commander, declared that they were doing an important job and doing it well, serving the purpose for which they were intended, relieving soldiers for combat duty.

"We started out with 151 WAAC enrollees and three officers," Col. Thirkeld said. "Now we have over 300 and have been allotted a total of 792 enrollees and twelve officers, all of whom will be on duty shortly."

He added that there will actually be 804 less men at the camp when the total authorized number of WAACs is established here.

Many Skills

Among the incoming WAACs there will be auto and motorcycle mechanics, chauffeurs, laboratory technicians, photographers, sewing machine operators, and many other skilled classifications.

Approximately 450 are expected to arrive in the near future. They will be in detachments rather than companies, since the Table of Organization for companies provides for a certain number of communications workers and clerks, which has not always fitted the needs of camps to which they have been sent. The detachment set-up allows more flexibility.

Under new designation the 159th WAAC Co. at Camp Hood is now the WAAC Det., 1848 Unit; and the 164th WAAC Co. at North Camp Hood is now the WAAC Det., TDC.

First Hood Waac To Wear Six Stripes



Sgt. Ivy Burditt

Sgt. Ivy Burditt Outranks Three Of Her Brothers

In civilian life her friends called her "Ivy."

Ivy Burditt wears the stripes of a top sergeant, and she's the only WAAC at Camp Hood to have them.

Although she's been a "top kick" for a long time, it wasn't until just the other day that Sgt. Ivy Burditt, who used to be a cashier-stenographer in an insurance company in Wichita, Kan., took off her buck sergeant's stripes and sewed on those of first sergeant.

Liked By WAAC

Her company, the WAAC Detachment, 1848 unit, is proud of her—auxiliaries and officers alike. She's typical of the WAAC cadre. She's an ideal for the WAACs at Camp Hood. They don't even resent he 6 a. m. "Fall in!" for reveille.

In September, 1942, Sergeant Burditt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burditt of Ness City, Kan., enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps—"just because I wanted to be in it"—and went to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for basic training. Following that came administration school there, and an assignment to a basic training company as a supply sergeant. Later she was made platoon sergeant, and, finally, first sergeant.

Brothers Serve

Not only is she the only WAAC at Camp Hood to have them, but with three brothers in service, she is the top ranking member of her family. Two brothers are in the Army: Arthur is a corporal at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.; Jim is pfc at Camp Hale, Colo. The third, Virgil is in the Navy, a fireman first class—address unknown.

But Sergeant Burditt says she has no intention of "pulling rank" on them.



Chapel Services

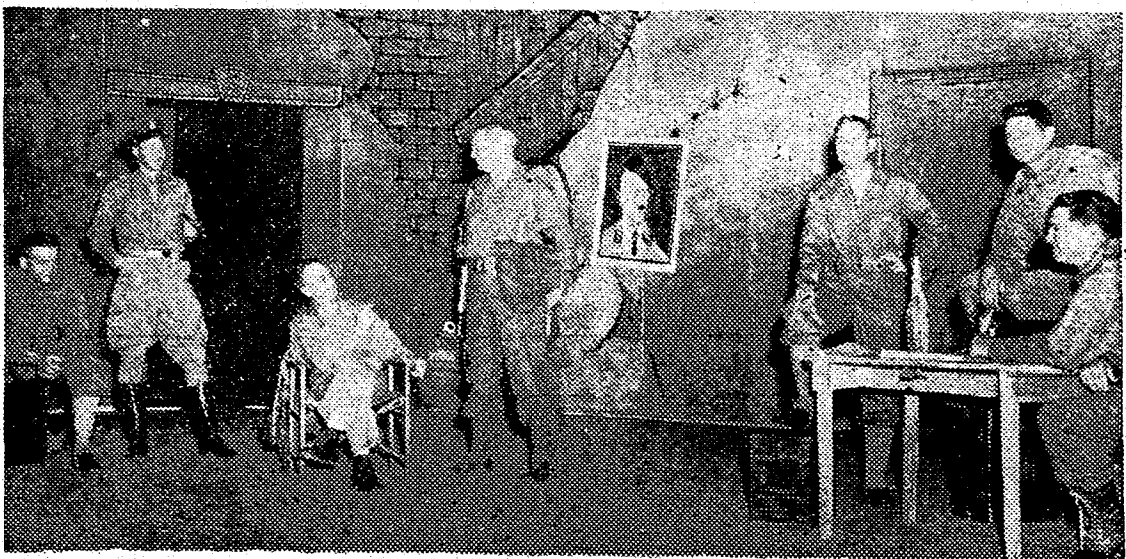
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9:30 AM

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Chapel 639 162nd St
Chapel 2109 East 37th
Sta Hosp Red Cross Bldg
Chapel 902 50th St.
11:00 AM
Post Chapel 52nd St
Chapel 289 West Brig
Chapel 639 162nd St
Chapel 2209 School Area
6:30 PM
Chapel 115 268th St
Chapel 639 162nd St
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Chapel 29 West Brig.

COLORED TROOPS

Chapel 115 268th St
11:00 AM
Chapel 513 64th St
10:00AM-6:30 PM
Stockdale 2:00 p.m.
Women's Bible class .. 10:40 a.m.
Chapel 639 162nd
Enlisted Men's Bible class
..... 10:30 a.m.
Chapel 639-162nd St.
Morning Weekday Mass
Chapel 176-East Brig. 6:30 a.m.
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Saturday
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Evening Weekday Mass
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Wednesday-Chapel 902 50th St.
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Friday-Chapel 176, East Brig.
..... 6:30 p.m.
Confession: Before every weekday
mass
Saturdays:
3-4 p.m.—Sta. Hosp. Red Cross
Bldg.
6-9 p.m. Chapel 176, East Brig.

Chapel 902, 50th St.
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Post Chapel 52nd St.
May 23 at 6:30 p.m.
EPISCOPAL
Chapel 289 West Brig.
July 11 at 6:30 p.m.
JEWISH
Chapel 902 .. July 11 50th St.
English 7:30 p.m.
Orthodox 8:30 p.m.
Latter Day Saints
Chapel 639 162nd St.
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ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mass Sunday, July 11, 1943
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Filed Mass 162nd St. Area
..... 9:00 a.m.
Theater No. 4 24th St. 9:30a.m.
Hood Road Theater 11:00 a.m.
Field Mass 162nd St. Area
..... 11:00 a.m.



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THE PLAY'S THE THING—Shown in a scene from "He Dood It", a three-act play on staff procedure given at the TD School, are officers and enlisted men from the tactics department. The play was presented to the Officer Advanced Class No. 4 last Friday.

Perfect Score By 657th TD Bn. On Rifle Range

Completing its rifle firing at North Camp, the 657 TD Bn. turned in one of the best records ever achieved. Of the officers and men firing, 100 per cent qualified, while allowing for men absent—school, hospital, etc.—98 per cent of the men in the battalion qualified.

Using the '03 rifle, the men set out to blast all records, and seem to have done just that. The three highest scores, out of a possible 200 were turned in by Pvt. James D. Webb, 193; Cpl. Ivan J. Owenby, 192; and Sgt. Ira Klepper, 190.

The battalion totals were:
Expert 119
Sharpshooter 140
Marksman 564
Unqualified 0
Men firing 823
Per cent qualified 100.

The firing season was begun while the battalion was at Camp Bowie, and continued throughout the transfer to this post.

Hood Units March In 'Fourth' Parades At Nearby Towns

Camp Hood units were well-represented at the Independence Day celebrations in nearby towns. One company of the 611 TD Bn. accompanied by the 1st TD Band marched in the parade at Lampasas.

Representing the 822 TD Bn., one company and the 2nd RTC Band took part in the 4th of July parade at Hamilton.

In the Independence Day parade held at Belton on July 5th,

a company from the 651 TD Bn. and the 2nd TD Band marched.

Cross Word Puzzle New Feature

A crossword puzzle, drawn exclusively for The Panther by Pvt. Frank L. Niedermeier, Hq. Co., Training Brigade, appears in this issue on Page Seven.

Pvt. Niedermeier, once the editor of a daily paper here in Texas, will design a puzzle for each issue of The Panther if interest in the feature merits it.

The men were provided with transportation to the parades by the Provisional Truck Bn. After the parades the troops were dismissed and allowed to stay in town until 11:30 p. m.

The men took part in the various recreational and athletic programs which followed the ceremonies.

Buy a theater coupon book — \$5.150 book for \$1.20—Save the difference.

Soldier's First Baptism Under Fire In Jap Shanghai Attack

By PVT. JOHN D. ADAM
Co. D 130th Bn. TD RTC

Cover, not concealment, was the good fortune of Pvt. J. G. Abbott when he watched two 500-pound bombs fall from a low-flying plane over Shanghai.

And it was a baptism of fire that still makes Private Abbott shudder for when he ran a 100 feet to the corner he saw more than 500 bodies strewn on the street.

This happened back in 1937 when war between the Chinese and the sword-rattling Japs was resumed. Private Abbott, who is now getting basic training here under Lt. Leo Marantes, commander of Co. D, 130th Bn., 2nd Reg., TDRTC, spent three years in Shanghai, leaving by Nipponese boat after the Skippies took over that rich city.

A few seconds after Private Abbott "hit the dirt" in the lee of famed Cathay Hotel, two bombs scored a world's record kill a half mile away. At Shanghai's busiest intersection, 2000 persons were killed by these missiles of destruction.

Concussion accounted for a large percentage of the deaths, and Private Abbott tells that not only were men's heads crushed into the contours of corrugated iron, but their pants were literally blown off. The Chinese pantaloons, being large around the waist and tucked in at the side, were particularly susceptible to this form of disrobing.

Bombs From Own Planes

Fireworks on that August, 1937, day started about noon when Chinese planes attempted to bomb the Jap flagship Idumo. Private Abbott tells of sitting in a small park that afternoon, a short distance away. At about five o'clock

he gave up his vigil and started home. When about 100 feet from the Cathay Hotel he saw three Chinese planes coming toward him. He hit the sidewalk avoiding windows and hugging the wall. He watched two bombs fall; flat at first, then finally nosing down. One went through the roof of the Palace Hotel, across the street. The second glanced off the side of the Cathay Hotel, exploding in the street. Had Private Abbott started his walk home a half-minute earlier he would have been right in the midst of the slaughter.

Bomb Own Cities

Why did the Chinese bomb their own city? In Private Abbott's opinion the Chinese hoped that by giving the residents of the International Settlement a taste of war, the United States, French and British Asiatic fleets would be rushed up the Yangtze river. This would have blocked the Japs from Shanghai and from Nanking and other interior cities as well.

It was a sacrifice strategy that failed.

Imagine the chargin of the American and British soldiers in the International Settlement during those warring weeks who labored under order to fire only when their positions were attacked or when noncombatants were assaulted.

And imagine Private Abbott's chargin when he was out gathering choice shell fragments one day to find several British Tommies fingering their triggers. While Abbott was out strolling, a batch of Japs had been drawing a bead on him, and the Tommies were anxious for just such an excuse. "We wish they had started something," they said, and they allayed Private Abbott's fears by

telling him that he was safe at that range (300 yards).

Japs Make Inroads

Through an agreement submitted to the Chinese government in the late 1920's by English, American and other interests, any foreign country could undertake industrial activities in the Shanghai area. This was an apening wedge for the Japs and soon Yangtsepoo came "Little Tokyo." This aided the old American concession, bein the Japanese conquest of Shanghai, Private Abbott relates.

Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Chek is indeed the "father of his country," Private Abbott opines; and his and the efforts of other Chinese leaders have resulted in marked development—both in industry and armaments—during recent years.

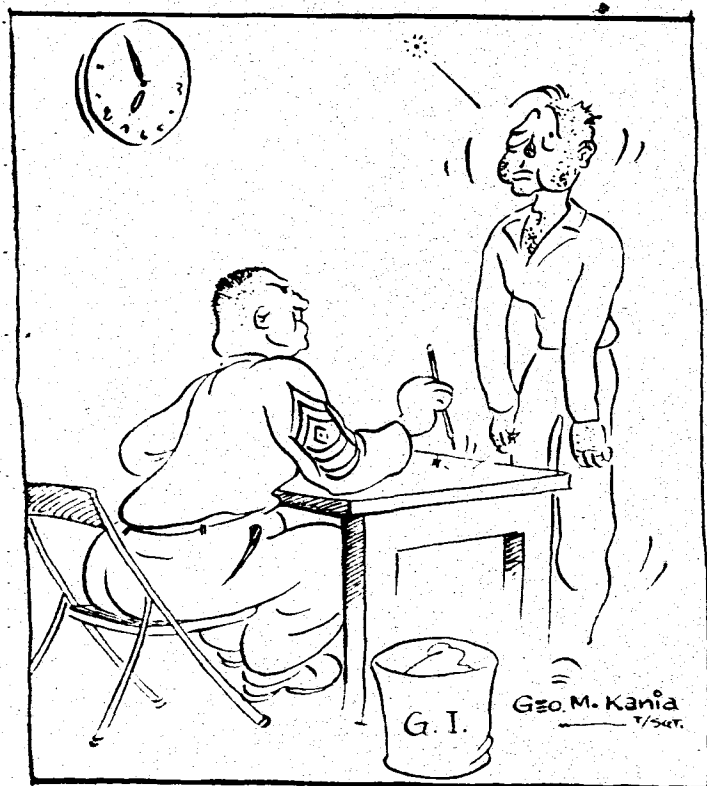
So rapidly were the Chinese progressing, with their inestimable wealth of resources, that the Japanese War Lords were at the point where they must fight or take a back seat in the East. They decided to fight.

"I've never seen a race hate another like the Chinese hate the Japs," declares Private Abbott. "And when the time comes for the conquest of Japan I hope the Chinese are given a chance for revenge."

Chinese Good Fighters

As an ally, brother soldier and fighting companion, the Chinese are good—they've fought Jap tanks and airplanes with rifles and machine guns—they will fight until the end when outnumbered, and of threatening enslavement if conquered, his growing confidence, given equal odds will win.

"I have respect and admiration for the Chinese," declares Private Abbott. "His ability to carry on under undescribable hardships, his thirst for revenge, his knowledge



"What Makes You THINK You're Sick?"

808 TD Bn. Enjoys Dance, Sports Events At Panther Park

An outing to inspire outings was that of the 808 TD Bn. recently. The battalion visited Panther Park and Lampasas, participating in various activities in town and at the Park.

Their parade through the town was enthusiastically welcomed by the townspeople. During the early part of the afternoon the battalion played a baseball game at the Park against the Lampasas High School nine. It was game marked by much good natured raillery and a great deal of exercise; but the better team-work

of Lampasas High prevailed, to the tune of 14 to 10, in favor of the high school.

Later there were swimming and skating events, shared by the battalion with boys and girls from the high school. In the evening the battalion held a dance at the Panther Park service club, and as their guests, in addition to students from Lampasas High School, had girls from several surrounding towns.

The battalion camped over night in the Park bivouac area, after voting it one of the most memorable days they'd had since they came into the army.

These facilities are available to all units wishing to use them, it was announced by the Special Service Office. Unit Special Service Officers may contact the Camp office and make arrangements for any convenient open date.

RTC To Get Medium Tanks

The arrival of eleven medium size tanks at the TD RTC, North Camp Hood, is the forerunner to the giving of instruction in this type of tank operation to many of the trainees.

The big thirty-ton monster will afford the Tank Destroyer men an opportunity to see for themselves how it feels to operate one of these heavily armored tanks. As the training program expands more of these tanks will come to RTC.

The men are given a chance to ride in the tanks at the courses to familiarize them with the instruments they are taught to destroy. Thus they know what it feels like to be on both sides of the "fence."

Round Rock Scene Of Death Of Famous Texas Bad Man

By JOHN A. BOWMAN
Hq. Co. TD RTC

One thing sets Round Rock, Texas apart from the other small towns between Camp Hood and Austin. Although small and quiet, with only the usual filling station, store, and hotel, it is the place of the violent death of a provisional desperado, Sam Bass.

His lifetime activities were closely akin to the exploits of Jessie James, and his death was similarly contrived through an informer. His local plunderings of stage coaches and trains were likewise reported to a nationwide audience. Preserving his spotty history are a book and a ballad written about his activities.

With the intention of robbing the Round Rock bank, Bass and his three confederates appeared near there in July, 1878. One of them betrayed the plot, and the famous Texas Rangers were there waiting.

Exciting as an old-fashioned melodrama is the scene as Bass and two accomplices were trapped in a local store. Amidst the interplay of gun-fire within the shop and its vicinity, the bandit leader was wounded. Despite serious wounds, he rode three miles into surrounding brush. He died the following day.

While this episode took place over half a century ago, Round Rock still has reminders of this event. The name Sam Bass appears prominently in the business

center of the town. The mention of his name there is a touchstone to the story of his adventures.

'On The Ball' But Not For Detroit Tigers

Pvt. LaVerne Kinsman was highly insulted by one of the natives of Detroit when he was home on furlough last week. Kinsman was sitting in one of the local refreshment rooms when one of the Detroiters noticed his arm patch, the panther crushing a tank between its jaws.

"Member of the Detroit tigers?" asked the citizen.

4th Co. OCS Regt. Scores Softball Victory Over 5th Co.

The 4th Company, OCS Regt., softball team defeated the 5th Company OCS Regiment club 15 to 1 in a recent game that featured the pitching of candidate Russel Henry.

Candidate Henry allowed the 5th company candidates only one bingle.

The victory made it a total of four wins against no defeats for the fast-stepping 4th Company club. The club is asking for further games with other softball teams in camp, and anyone wishing a game should contact candidate C. Fox, barracks 61, 4th company OCS regiment.

Two Homers Pace 635th Nine To Win

The 635th TD Bn. baseball team defeated the 605th TD Bn. nine, 13 to 4, in a recent post league game.

Highlight of the game was the terrific clouting of T-Sgt. Bob Her-ring and Pfc. Leo Housholter, who slammed two homers apiece. Sgt. Delmar Hart also hit a round-tripper for the victors.

Any teams desiring games with the 635th club should contact T-Sgt. Harold Senne, phone 2519.

AUTC Officers Win Third Softball Tilt

The officers softball team, of AUTC, is getting its share of victories of late. In their most recent games, the club took the measure of the Second Training Group, 4 to 1, turned back the officers team of the 374th Engineers 7 to 4, and erased the Training Brigade softballers in a close one, 5 to 4.

The AUTC officers team plays on Monday, Tuesday and Friday of each week from 5:00 to 6:15 P. M. They would like to take on other softball clubs in camp. Games can be arranged by calling the AUTC manager, Lt. Leo at AUTC headquarters, phone 2402.



'DOG BITES MAN!'—When Red Skelton, radio and screen comedian was in camp last week he spent most of his spare time satisfying autograph hounds; but at a show given at the hospital, Red was the one who asked for an autograph, (inset). His favorite was Bataan heroine, 1st Lt. Dorothea Engel, shown giving her 'John Hancock' to Skelton. Top left, Skelton with one of the groups who gathered around after a show; top right, this was one of Red's best laugh-getters at the shows. He and Edna Skelton played to capacity audiences at the North and South Camps. Skelton put on fast-moving performances, aided by camp talent. Lower left, the big comedian signs a cast on a G. I.'s leg at the hospital, and lower right, more Skelton fans catch Red and Edna outside the hospital. When he saw a helmet liner for the first time, Red asked the soldier, "What did you do—eat the turtle out of that!"

A Bit Early, But 134th RTC Bn. Has Basketball Team

Company C, of the 134th Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood, has jumped the gun on the sports season.

A large number of the men in this particular company, especially from the 4th platoon, have already sent home for their basketball togs.

Say the men, "we don't mind working more than 12 hours a day so long as we have a few hours left for basketball."

The men have already started practice sessions, despite the terrific beating they take from old Sol.

They Could Always Hear The Mess Call

Ingenuity abounds in the TDRTC area in North Camp Hood. GIs in the 5th Training Regiment have no trouble hearing the bugle. Mechanical hands of the outfit have fashioned a big megaphone for the bugler, hence no trouble in hearing reveille.

Mess call, it seems, can be heard without the megaphone.

Enters Team In Baseball League

The 657th TD Bn., BUTC, North Camp Hood, is organizing a baseball club to represent the battalion in North Camp tournament play.

Sgt. Andrew Tursi, of the 657th's Recon. Company, a former semi-pro hurler, is in charge of lining up the club. Eight candidates, all former sandlot stars, are already out for the newly formed nine.

Anyone in the 657th interested in trying out for the team has been asked to see Lt. Pepper of Company C.

From Burlesque To Battle Training Is Story Of Private In 134th Bn.

To more than a few of the men in camp there's a familiar note about the cry, "Take it off, Take it off"—it's the battle call to the gentle performers of Burlesque. But Pvt. Cliff Bozarth, 134th Tng. RTC, remembers the shout from the other side of the footlights. For four years he was a burlesque comedian in shows around his native New Jersey.

"Now the trouble with burlesque," Bozarth said, "is that too many people think only of the strip-tease glamour girls. It takes lots more to make a good show. Lots of actors. Sure the big names, the Gypsy Rose Lee's and Ann Corio's draw the money, but back of every name are the people who support the stars, the comedy men."

Pvt. Bozarth was a background actor, standing behind the featured showpeople who were doing specialty numbers. To hold this job, Cliff had to be a jack of the show trades. Maybe it was stand still for an hour, or perhaps do some acrobatic tricks.

Crisp talk and a fast line seem natural to this 23-year-old vet-

eran of the burlesque boards. "Acts change all the time," Bozarth said, "So my job was do anything and everything."

Did he ever get the urge to yell in burlesque style at any of the Texas girls? "No," Bozarth answered. "Remember, my job was on the other side of 'Bald-headed row.'"

They Started Their Battle From Scratch

The little chigger or Red bug or what ever you want to call it, won the first battle with men of Company "C," 820th TD battalion.

The men fought back with new weapons, not grenades and bullets, but with sulphur, alcohol, hair tonic and finger nail polish. Some wash their nails and get to close grips with the enemy at night; others write plaintive letters home.

Despite the "enemy," Company "C" beat Company "B" in softball 13 to 6.

'Bumpologist'

One thing you mustn't do, warns Pvt. Walter J. Heslin, 135th Tng. Bn. RTC, and that is, "Don't confuse me with quacks and Phrenologists." Pvt. Heslin is a 'Bumpologist,' analyzing the bumps in the forehead to read your personality.

After meeting Prof. Alvin Dowd in Boston, Heslin, a quiet sincere chap, became a student of Bumpology. No, he can't tell when the war will end.



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Thoughts For The Future

This day is an important one for The Hood Panther. With this edition it will come to you each week instead of alternate weeks as it has in the past.

First edition of The Hood Panther was distributed to Hood men on December 10, 1943.

Much has occurred since that time.

Sitting here at the editorial desk we have seen the growth around the world of the Allied offensive and we have seen thousands of the fighting men which have made it possible, pass through this camp. For a brief period we have served them, talked with them, laughed with them, told them Goodbye. That is part of our job.

Have Seen Many Faces

We have seen many faces which later we saw in newsreels smiling as an officer pinned on a medal for bravery, or laughing over a pair of newly-washed G. I. socks in North Africa or perhaps grimly drawn with the concentration of staking a tent in a high wind on Attu. We have seen many faces which we later saw in newspaper photos looking up from a stretcher.

We have seen many faces which we will never see again.

Seek To Inform

We propose to make certain that the men of Uncle Sam's Army who read this realize that their job is not over when the war is won, but is only beginning.

For even as no one man, whether he be General, President Premier or Potentate can win the war, no man can prevent us from losing all we have gained by victory.

There is only one force which can . . . The millions of little people who fight the wars and who must win the peace and hold it.

Realizing that, we have during the past few editions, been printing thoughts on the post-war world, and hopes for the future.

With this edition, and in succeeding ones, we hope to present a series of interviews, taken at random throughout various units of the camp, on problems which will confront us when the victory is won.

Invited To Write

Those whom we are unable to contact in this way have been invited to submit their ideas in letters to the editors.

Do not believe for one moment that what you think is not important. It is the most important factor in democratic government.

On one of Camp Hood's combat training courses the trainee is confronted with this sign just before he goes into simulated fighting: "Think, Dammit!"

We believe it a good motto.

To A Driver

I'm the truck you drive on problems every day.
If I could talk, I'd certainly like to say:
Listen, pal, a better friend you never had,
Take care of me, so I don't go bad.
I like inspections, good and tough,
I'll tell you, pal, when I've had enough.
Some day before this war is through,
You will wish that I was good as new.
It will be your fault if we can't move that gun,
And that damn axis makes you run.
I won't run, so you'll leave me where?
In a damn good spot to get bombed from air?
Please check me daily, and I mean **complete**;
Oil, water, tires, gas, engine, grease and seat.
You and I are in this war together.
I'll take you any place, and to h'l with weather.
If you keep me clean, you'll be proud of me.
I can't work dirty, that's plain to see.
I'm just like you TDs—
Plenty good and tough
When in condition,
We can't get enough!

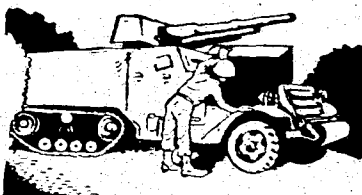
—Pvt. L. Boyd, 823 TD Bn.

TD Insignia

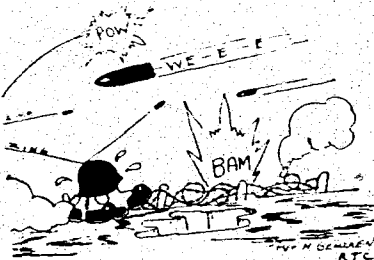
Our insignia is an emblem of a panther
Who crushes a tank and breaks it in two.
Its background is orange with a border of black.
And the black face within is quick to attack.
Lips, nose and eyebrows are of reddish hue,
With white eyes and whiskers, it's teeth are two.
Red means danger, black means death,
White brings out its ferocious sight.
The huns in Africa know I'm right.
It's the Tank Destroyer emblem, the Army's joy.
And its slogan is, "Seek, Strike, Destroy!"

—Pvt. Bernard Weiser
814th TD Bn., Co. C.

Looking UNDER THE HOOD



A second war between states—strictly Florida vs. California—is being staged by the men of the 134 RTC Bn, according to Pvt. Sam G. Roney, Jr., Co. C, 134 Bn., RTC. The men of the battalion are mainly from the two sunkissed states. As a basis for temporary truce, they've agreed that California has more movie stars, and Florida more oranges, and that Texas . . . That is, they've decided that Texas is a state of mind.



It happens to many while hiking under a Texas sun. Pvt. R. Mitchell, Co. D, 134 Bn., TD RTC, took stenographic notes of his own heat-delirium mumbling on a recent hike:

"Whew—take ten, eh? Brother, it's about time. Whistle? Now what the hell is that for? Wind sprint? O.K. There goes two luscious minutes of the break. Our own time—where the hell do they coin those phrases?"

"Nobody's looking—think I'll have a drink of water—oops, damn' near caught me that time. Gotta do something to wash down that Texas dust tho—watta place for water discipline."

"Now for a cig. What the devil did I do with those things? Boy is that package wet with sweat—and the cigs too. Oh well, three to go—and then that darn obstacle course. And what heat—what was that saying: 'Get off your back and on your feet—get outta the shade and into the heat.' And there's the call—we still have twenty seconds left but—on your feet, soldier."

"Here we go. Fine business—is the end in sight—what did you say, sergeant? I didn't take it right and I should do it again? Awrite—and I used to kick about mowing the grass—"

"Thank goodness that's over with—now dirty fighting, boy that's what I like—wait until I meet that sorry guy that's taking my girl out back home—"

"All through—take ten—hold it—did he say put on equipment and let's move out—gotta long ways to go to that next area—yeah—he said it—take ten, brother—take ten and relax—but did anyone ever ask 'when?'"

If (I Were Kipling)

If I could sleep but one more hour,
If I could find it in my power,
To banish K. P., Guard, and detail,
No longer would this soldier wail.

If I could walk slowly and alone,
No one to holler, no one to moan,
"Get in step, cover off, rookie!"
Surely would I be a happy cookie.

If I could wear a hound's tooth jacket,
And spend a weekend in Nansackette.
Pants well pegged, hat with flare,
All GI a mere nightmare.

But a khaki-clad jeep am I.
Not mine to question how or why.
But today's Saturday: pass, beer, show;
So long soldier, I gotta go!

—By Pvt. Charles M. Sogg.
134th Bn. RTC—Co. D.



Camp Faces Pop Drought

The broken coke bottles, beer bottles, all pop bottles, in fact, pile ominously high, and disappearing bottles, fade into the atmosphere, and Camp Hood faces a drought. The simple fact is that the PX must turn back an empty bottle in unable condition for each full bottle it buys.

If, for instance, a PX orders 1,000 bottles of beer and pop, and has only 800 empty bottles, it can only buy 800 bottles. The situation is serious, it was stated by Maj. H. R. Hays, Post Exchange officer; bottles are being lost and broken at an alarming rate.

Last week two men were sent out with a truck and within a couple hours picked up 1000 bottles. Aside from the fact that this can not be done often, the Major pointed out, it is an expense which comes out of the pockets of the men on the Post.

It is going to get hotter, and there is going to be less to drink, the Major pointed out—much less to drink at the rate we're going.

Surgeon Transferred

Capt. Abraham Apin, 658th Battalion surgeon, has been transferred to the 58th Evacuation Hospital, California.

Quote Of The Week

"Your enemy is tough, resourceful and battle-wise; your duty to yourself, to your men and to your country is to be tougher, more resourceful and better trained than that enemy in every phase of battle activity."—General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Army Quiz

1. To "strike one's colors" means what?
2. Whose picture is on the face of a \$25.00 war bond?
3. How many machine guns and mortars are now assigned to a rifle company?
4. Who is the only president that has ever been under enemy fire?
5. How many rayon stockings are there in a rayon parachute?
6. In the African campaign, of every 100 shots made by a tank, how many hit the target?

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Waco Station To Give Camp News

News and human interest items about Camp Hood will be heard weekly over Radio Station WACO, Waco, beginning Monday, July 5, from 9:30 to 9:45. Mary Holliday, radio columnist for the Waco station, will do the broadcast which is prepared in collaboration with the Camp Hood Public Relations Office.



EDITOR, The Panther:

It has often been a question in my mind as to how much a soldier really believes himself a fighting man.

Many men comparatively new to the Army declare themselves to be merely civilians in uniform. In a sense, most soldiers are that and nothing more; but it is also true that a certain feeling of "belonging" grows on a man as he becomes accustomed to Army life.

Every soldier "gripes" at one time or another, but inside he has certain well-defined beliefs. It seems to me that most soldiers realize the importance of and necessity for cadremen, although they often seem an unnecessary evil. Some must lead and some must follow. If a man has the abilities of leadership, they will be detected by his superiors sooner or later.

In the Army, more so than in civilian life, a man must start from scratch and prove his ability to those higher up—Pvt. Charles M. Sogg, Co. D, 134 TD Bn., RTC.

Away From It All, Or The Woes Of A GI On A Weekend Pass

By PVT. HILLIS HAVEK
Hq. Co., 692nd Bn., BUTO

Although some GIs are not fortunate enough to know what a week-end pass is, they may be very fortunate for this is my conception of a GI week-end.

When it is Saturday morning and you pass that inspection that we all dread, you are eligible for a week-end pass to go to some nearby town or city and spend a most pleasant 41 hours.

A Few Things To Do

After getting orders to take care of a few minor details such as cleaning your canteen, polishing your mess kit, shining your shoes, trimming your hair, cleaning your belt, washing your leggings, sewing, making your bed, sweeping, mopping and polishing the floor, you are ready and eligible for the pass.

After getting through the inspection without a gig and finishing off a good meal of pork chops, you run into the orderly room, only to find a monstrous crowd which has beaten you to all bases. After an hour, or two, or three, you are ready to take off. Then after waiting another hour for a bus you finally find the right corner to stand on and board a bus carrying 300, although its ordinary capacity is 100.

When entering Gatesville, you approach another line forming for Waco. As precious hours go by you finally reach your destination.

This Is One Way

After communing with the YMCA, the USO and various

other organizations and hotels you finally end up sleeping in an old, abandoned taxi in a garage. Eight o'clock the next morning finds you staggering down the street determined to break a line for a meal or starve to death.

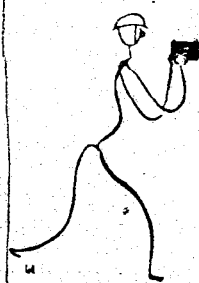
Ordering a meal is very simple when there are only one or two items on the menu, so you happily take the consequence and after pulling a hitch or two on your belt, you are ready to see the city. The cinema is your final haven, a place where you can readily remove your tie, unbutton your shirt, take off your shoes and enjoy complete relaxation in a cool, refreshing, air conditioned building.

Now It's Curfew

After regrooving your torso you proceed on your adventures, when you are brushed off the street, for curfew time has come. Deciding that you must get back to camp you approach another line in which a friend obligingly lets you take an open space in front of him. You, as the others, cannot keep from closing your eyes but you are kept awake by a rowdy GI who keeps stepping on your feet.

Oh, it is a wonderful feeling when once again you are in a GI bunk but your week-end is over and your week once again begins when you hear the familiar voice of the mess sergeant bending over you and saying, "come on, rookie, you're on KP today!"

Panther Poll



Wondering what soldiers and WAACs on the post think about, the Panther's inquisitive reporter and photographer asked three soldiers and a WAAC, chosen at random:

DO YOU THINK A SOLDIER OUGHT TO BE THINKING ABOUT THE POST-WAR WORLD?

T-5 Lionel Moore, Co. C, 635 T.D.

Bn.: "I think we ought to be thinking about it. I wonder what it's going to be like after the war. I guess we ought to do something to make it what we want it to be."

Aux. Miriam Denley, 1848 WAAC

Det.: "Yes. I guess we ought to, but I haven't done much thinking about it. You don't have much time to think in the army. But we ought to make it better this time."

Cpl. George Gauthier, Hq. Co.,

15 T.D. Group:

"No I don't. It doesn't make any difference to me. I'm going to stay right here in the army."

Cpl. Joseph Kocal, Stud. Rgt.,

Co. K: "I guess so. I'm just figuring what I'll be doing. But I guess that will depend on what the rest of the world is doing. I guess we ought to do something about it."

The Panther Poll will be a weekly feature. The editors invite your suggestions for questions to be asked.

New Insignia For ASTP Candidates

Use of new brassards to be worn by Candidates in the Army Specialized Training Program who are acting as officers and non-commissioned officers has been authorized by the War department.

Sergeants and corporals will wear regular olive-drab chevrons but mounted on a dark blue field. Officers will wear horizontal gold and white stripes sewn on their brassards, three gold stripes for a colonel, two gold stripes for Lt. colonel, one gold stripe for major; captain, three white stripes, 1st. lieutenant, two white stripes and one white stripe for 2nd lieutenant.

North Camp Chorus To Sing Sunday

The North Camp chorus will make its first public appearance at a special musical service to be given in the Central Chapel, Sunday July 11, under the direction of Pvt. Joe Hoschman, Hq. Co., RTC, who organized and directs the group.

New Bond Goal Set By War Dept.

In order to achieve the War department's war bond and stamp sales goal of "90 per cent with 10 per cent of their pay," Major Leldon T. Goode, Camp Hood War Bond Officer, has announced a new drive to acquaint the civilian and military personnel with the advantages of investing in bonds and stamps.

There has been some misunderstanding about the delay in delivery of the bonds, Major Goode stated. Though the bonds may not be delivered promptly, there is no loss to the purchaser. Bonds are dated as of the last payment, and whether or not they are delivered, interest begins on that date. However, every effort is being made to deliver bonds within a reasonable time.

Buying bonds, Major Goode pointed out, is not a case of "financing the war," it is one angle in FIGHTING the war. From the personal angle, he noted, when you buy bonds you protect your family and give yourself a stake in the future; you make the best-paying, best protected investment in the world; you put your money to work twice, once for you and once for freedom.

There is no slave labor in the

United States. Major Goode stated, every man's labor is paid for, and that is why buying bonds will help win the war. It requires money to make bullets, tanks, and planes.

Every time you buy a bond, Major Goode said, you do yourself a favor, whether you are a soldier or a civilian.

Mess Hall Is Unusual

"Wagon Wheel Tavern" is what officers of the 4th Training Regiment of the TD RTC at North Camp call their mess hall. It is reminiscent of Texas' pioneer days.

The chandeliers are old wagon wheels, collected from abandoned farms in the neighborhood. Deft touches with a paint brush gave the wheels an old oak finish. They were then fitted with electric lights and hung from the rafters.

The woodwork resembles knotty pine. The tables are small, with checked clothes. Along the walls hang stuffed heads of deer. Over the main doorway is nailed a diamond-backed rattlesnake skin. A set of steer horns hangs over the sandwich bar.

But the officers enjoy most of all the food served by Mess Sgt. James O'Brien: Real plank steaks on oak planks; salads in wooden bowls.

These Tags Now Hasten 'Der Tag'

Are your dog tags up to date? If not, don't throw them away, salvage them and have a new set made.

This patriotic idea, belongs to Tech Sgt. Carl Russell, of the Records Section, RTC, North Camp Hood, who, in need of a more modern set, recently made inquiry regarding the scrap value of his old identities which had gone out of date.

Today Sgt. Russell's old tags became the latest addition to the scrap heap. No doubt they'll soon help to wreck an Axis neck!

CO Gives 126 Bn. RTC First-Hand Story Of Japanese Tactics

Contrary to popular gibe, second lieutenants just out of OCS do make good field leaders, according to Lt. Col. Harry D. Bishop, new CO of the 126th TD Trg. Bn., RTC. Col Bishop should know, having just returned from active duty in the South Pacific war theater.

The 126th is gaining the benefit of a thorough study of Japanese Army tactics made by Col. Bishop.

Named Commander Hq. Co., 663rd Bn

Capt. F. J. Donovan, company commander of Headquarters Company, 663rd TD Battalion, has been assigned to the 15th TD Group, and 1st Lt. D. R. Owen is the new company commander. Lt. Owen's home is in Larchmont, New York. He comes to his new command from the TD school, where he was an instructor in the Weapons Department. Lt. Owen received his new orders on the same day that he was married, and his appointment broke up plans for a honeymoon in Monterey.

Acting Non-Coms

Company C 658th Bn., has four acting corporals. Privates John Kategian, Carl Worthen, Luke Rappa and Edwin Salaty are wearing the white armbands designating their position of authority.

Dallas Rifle Club Honors TD Marksman

Capt. Roy H. Sullivan, a member of the faculty at the Tank Destroyer school, was paid a tribute for his shooting skill this week, when the Trinity Rifle club at Dallas tendered him an honorary membership.

A noted shooting expert, Capt. Sullivan has won medals in five states. His home in Cookeville, Tennessee, is filled with trophies, medals and certificates. Last month, in the San Antonio meet, he won nine out of the 10 pistol events.

The captain is also a skilled trick shot. Shooting ashes from cigarette ends, or pebbles tossed into the air, with either the .22 pistol or .22 rifle, are easy for him. Splitting a bullet against a knife blade so that the two halves pierce a balloon on each side of the knife, is one of his greatest stunts. Throwing a washer into the air, with a piece of cardboard covering the hole, and firing up at it, he can put a bullet hole right in the center of the pasteboard. Shooting backwards, guided by a mirror, or upside down, with his legs across the shoulders of another man, are more of Captain Sullivan's amazing feats with weapons.

He is Group Chief of the individual weapons section in the weapons department at the school.

AER Will Grant Furlough Loans

Army Emergency Relief, Washington, D. C., has made the following statement of policy:

"Loans to enable soldiers to take furloughs are important as a morale building measure and should be made wherever justified and needed to enable the soldier to make a required trip."

"It is suggested that the recommendation of the soldier's Organization Commander be obtained in each instance and the loan be made if investigation discloses that the soldier's funds are insufficient to permit him to take the furlough."

Ratings For ASTP Men

Privates will be promoted to PFC when they move from the basic to the advanced phase of the Army Specialized Training Program, the War department announced.

Privates going directly to advanced phases will also be promoted to PFC.

Theater Schedules

162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters

Wed.-Thurs., July 7-8: Presenting Lily Mars.

Friday, July 9: Double Feature: Get Going and Song of Texas.

Saturday, July 10: The Forest Rangers.

Sun.-Mon. July 11-12: Hit The Ice.

Tuesday, July 13: Two Tickets to London.

Wed.-Thurs., July 14-15: Background To Danger.

Friday, July 16: Double Feature: Crime Doctor and Yanks Ahoy.

Hood Road and 25th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., July 8-9: Mr. Lucky.

Saturday, July 10: Double Feature: Get Going and Song of Texas.

Sun.-Mon., July 11-12: Presenting Lily Mars.

Tuesday, July 13: The Forest Rangers.

Wednesday, July 14: Two Tickets To London.

Thurs.-Fri., July 15-16: Hit The Ice.

72nd Street Theater

Thursday, July 8: Double Feature: Get Going and Song of Texas.

Fri.-Sat., July 9-10: Presenting Lily Mars.

Sunday, July 11: The Forest Rangers.

Monday, July 12: Two Tickets To London.

Tues.-Wed., July 13-14: Hit The Ice.

Thursday, July 15: Double Feature: Crime Doctor and Yanks Ahoy.

(North Camp Hood)

Avenue "D" and 24th St. Theaters

Wed.-Thurs., July 7-8: Mister Big.

Friday, July 9: Road to Morocco.

Saturday, July 10: Double Feature: Crime Doctor and Yanks Ahoy.

Sun.-Mon., July 11-12: Mr. Lucky.

Tuesday, July 13: Harrigan's Kid.

Wed.-Thurs., July 14-15: Presenting Lily Mars.

Fri., July 16: The Forest Rangers.

18th and 15th St. Theaters

Thursday, July 8: Road To Morocco.

Friday, July 9: I Married A Witch.

Saturday, July 10: Mister Big.

Sunday, July 11: Harrigan's Kid.

Monday, July 12: Double Feature: Crime Doctor and Yanks Ahoy.

Tues.-Wed., July 13-14: Mr. Lucky.

Thursday, July 15: The Forest Rangers.

Friday, July 16: Coney Island.

4th and 10th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., July 8-9: Stage Door Canteen.

Saturday, July 10: Harrigan's Kid.

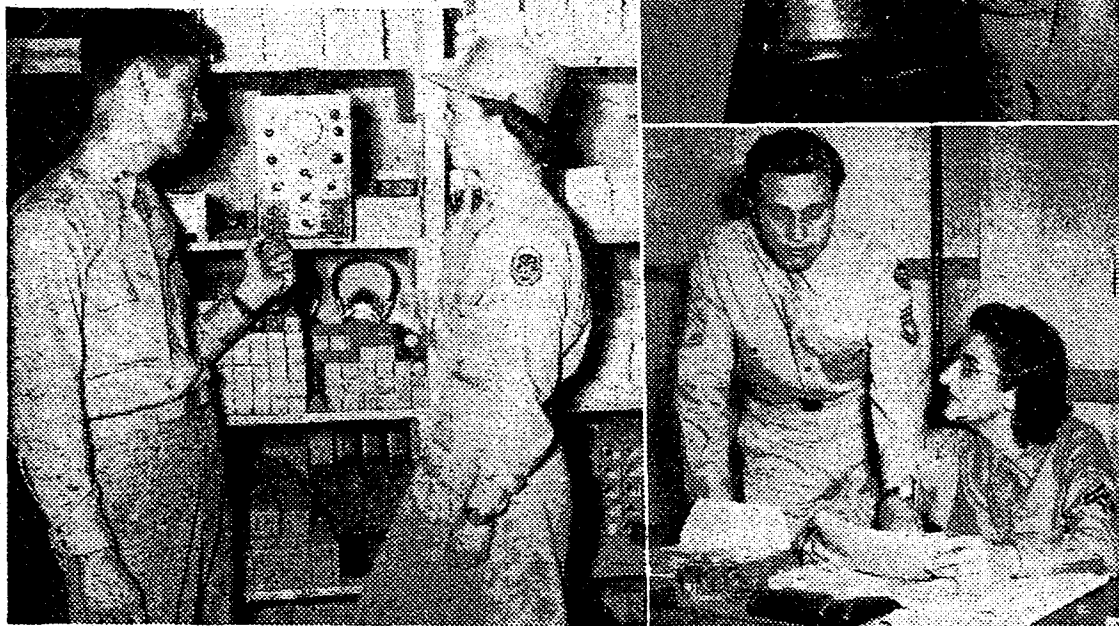
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WAAC'S SAY 'I DO'—Three WAAC-soldier weddings were spotted on the post recently. At right, Mess Sgt. married Mess Sgt. when WAAC Virginia Neblett married Martin Wiser, in charge of one of the civilian kitchens in camp. When the WAAC's first came to Camp, Sgt. Wiser dropped in to give Sgt. Nesblett a hand . . . Lower right, WAAC T-5 Marian Bonham Houchins and her new husband T-Sgt. Basil E. Houchins, both of whom do similar work in BUTC . . . Below, two supply officers WAAC Third Officer Elfriede Wandrey Townsend and 1st Lt. A. E. Townsend, TD School, are now Mr. and Mrs.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Portrait Photo Shop Opens In Rear Of 44th St. Post Ex.

A photography shop for the use of all military personnel on the Post was opened in the rear of the 44th St. PX.

The shop will specialize in portraits. They will make three 8x10 or five 5x7 photographs for \$1. There will be plenty of proofs from which to choose the final portraits, it was promised by Lt. Paul Renay, who will be in charge of the shop.

It is expected that within the near future facilities will be available for taking battalion, company, or similar unit group pictures. These, too, will be at a nominal price.

The new shop has taken over the obligations of the Student Regiment Photography Shop, and has several hundred photographs ready for delivery, if the men will call for them, Lt. Renay said.

'Paul Revere' Now Rides On M-10 Instead Of A Horse, In TD RTC

With a "Hiyo Sliver" and a meshing of gears, Paul Revere now rides an M-10 at North Camp Hood!

Major Robert D. Rodes, of Headquarters, 4th Training Regiment, Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, finds "riding" the Army's monstrous steel steeds is far different from riding a beautiful white horse in Boston's annual Midnight Ride of Paul Revere celebration, which he did several years ago.

Dressed in colonial garb the major, then a member of the 110th Cavalry of the Massachusetts National Guard, rode "hell bent" from Charlestown, Mass., a Boston suburb, to Lexington, warning the countryside that the British were coming.

The major says it is his hope to

return to Boston some day and make a more modernized version of the famous ride, in an M-10 Tank Destroyer.

"Then they would really know that something was coming," said the major.

Wins Shutout

The baseball team of Company C, 139th Bn. RTC, North Camp Hood, won a lopsided decision from Company D, 139th Bn. RTC last week, 8 to 0. The game was halted by darkness at the end of the sixth inning.

Pvt. "Dusty" Clark, of the winners, hurled airtight ball and was never in danger of being scored on throughout the tussle. Company D put over six markers to definitely cinch the game in their half of the final inning.

North Camp WAAC's Join 'Zebra' Club

An epidemic has broken out in the WAAC Detachment, Tank Destroyer Center, North Camp Hood—but it is the kind of a rash that is doubly welcome.

One hundred and four of the "stripeless wonders," as the WAAC auxiliaries at North Camp had begun to call themselves, are busily sewing on and sporting new stripes, as that many new "ratings" were announced by 2d Officer (Lt.) Elizabeth L. Flanagan, commanding officer of the detachment.

There are 39 new T-5's; 60 Auxiliaries First Class (equivalent to the Army's PFC); two new leaders (sergeants); two T-4's, and one Junior Leader (Corporal).

Previous to the new ratings, the WAAC Detachment had had only two noncommissioned officers, Leader (Sgt) Margaret F. Munningham, acting 1st Sergeant, and Junior Leader (Cpl) Sylvia Buttner.

The WAACs all came to Camp Hood on April 1st, directly from Fort Des Moines where they received their training. They moved to North Camp Hood just four weeks ago, and have taken over operation of the telephone switchboard, drive for the motor pools, work with the quartermasters and soon will staff many of the offices.

Attending School

Capt. William O. Wyatt, executive officer, 658th Bn. and Capt. Thomas S. Leitch, operations officer, are attending Officers' Advanced Tactics school at Camp Hood. In their absence, Capt. Albert H. Nosun, intelligence officer, is acting as battalion executive and 2d Lt. Frederick H. Baumberger is acting S-3. Second Lt. Thurman Cavin has been appointed assistant S-2.

Prop Men Aid TD's

Like the linemen who run interference for the flashy backfield, the men of the TDS Property Dept. do a big job but are rarely heard from. Under Capt. W. W. Stewart, the dept. is responsible for everything from big guns to waste baskets, and may set up bleachers on Sugar Loaf Mountain, or build a Japanese village as daily routine.

Big Revue Staged By 139th Bn.

"20 per cent Joe and His Panther Revue," presented by the Special Service Officer of the 139th TD Tng. Battalion, RTC, North Camp Hood, gave the boys of the 12th Street Service Club a treat in typical Hollywood fashion.

Highlights of the show were cowboy songs (with the yodel included), and jive music, followed by a vocal trio.

Various instrumental numbers were played while comedians heckled the MCs until they were given an opportunity to display their talents. A very charming member of the WAACs, AFC Louella Nichols, sang several deadpan numbers which stole the show.

MCs were Private Phil Stearns, formerly of CBS and the Mutual Broadcasting System, and Corporal "20 per cent Joe," formerly of Hollywood motion pictures and radio.

School Opens Recreation Area; Has Pool

The new Tank Destroyer School Recreation Area, 12 miles south of Camp Hood, opened recently with the Academic Regiment scheduled to use the new development for the first week-end.

The camp is designed to furnish entertainment and recreation for all officers and enlisted personnel of the school.

The swimming pool and other recreations are open to the school's enlisted personnel at all times except Thursday afternoon and evenings, which is reserved for officers and their families. Families of the enlisted personnel may attend on Sunday afternoon and evenings.

Transportation will be provided to and from the area. The mess will be operated by the regiment in charge for the designated period.

World Roundup News Broadcast Has 'Yank' Men

A special edition of NBC's World Roundup radio broadcast will go on the air Sunday, June 27 from 1:30 to 2 p. m. Eastern War Time. The program will bring "smoke-of-battle" reports from YANK correspondents in war "hot-spots" throughout the world.

Under the title of "YANK Roundup", this broadcast will be of particular interest to members of the Armed Forces. Each YANK correspondent will speak from a different overseas theater of operations, giving a report on the action in his area.

Tokyo, Copy!

When Sgt. Park Lum of the TD school lived in China, as a boy, 100 pounds of rice sold for \$11.00.

This week he received word from China that 100 pounds of rice sells for \$650.

Sgt. Lum was born near Canton, and left China when he was 10, coming to New York alone. He went to high school there, worked in a defense plant, then enlisted in the Army. Last September he came here from Ft. McClellan, Ala. He is an assistant instructor in the weapons department.

His mother and 15-year-old sister are still in the occupied village.

Odd Numbers

WHEN YOU COME TO THE END OF THE ARMY DAY, and you require music, soft or hot, to sooth the weary if not savage breast, send a note to station KTBC, Austin, Texas. Every night, from 7 to 7:30 on their program "The Army Requests" they'll play the platters GIs request.

Between the jive of Benny Goodman and the langorous tunes of Guy Lombardo they'll give you the latest dope on what's what in entertainment in this area.

ADD CHOW HOUNDS: Co. C, 820 TD Bn. boasts a number noted for speed and capacity, but Mable, the battalion concedes, is champ. A St. Bernard pup, all 150 pounds of her sticks close to the mess hall all the time. She not only gets her own chow, but does a professional job of begging scraps from the men as they clean their plates. Occasionally she shares her take with Stinky, a fuzzy pup about ankle high, who is her favorite playmate.

FIRST SGT. JOE CROW is a rare bird among non-commissioned officers. He's the favorite non-com of Academic Regiment Mess Hall Number 2.

He's about 7 weeks old and was induced to join the outfit by Sgt. Fred Bennett of the mess staff.

NEW HIGH IN ALIBIS: A rookie who had worn out a pair of shoes in two weeks, offered this classic as his reason—"You see, sir, I'm out of step so much I wear out my shoes changing back!"

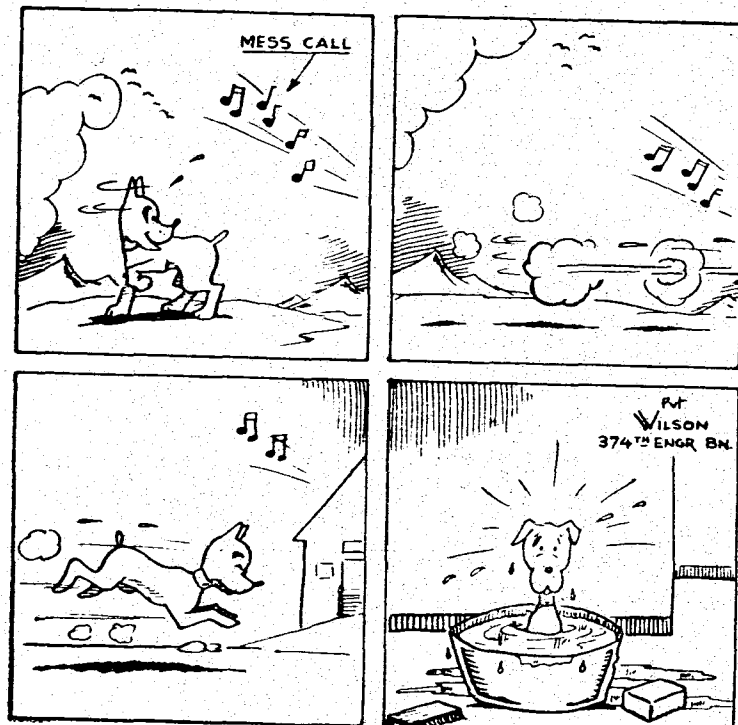
THE BIRDS HAVE MOVED IN ON CO. A, 820 TD BN., out in the bivouac area. The feathered friends have blandly taken up nester's rights in any hanging clothing that has convenient pocket space. One chirping pa has shackled down in Cpl. Simon's mess cup, indiscretly left hanging in the tent.

LOST: One Lister bag last seen hanging in front of the Leon Drive Service Club, North Camp. It may have taken legs, or been induced to depart by some GI wistfully hopeful of mixing water that will "taste like home." If the bag should happen to return to its old hangout, Capt. Blake, North Camp Special Service Officer, promises no questions will be asked.

DEPT. OF COINCIDENCES: Capt. Robin Hood, of North Camp Hood, commanding Co. B, 130 TD Bn, RTC. This Robin Hood is not much with bow and arrow, but he's a four times qualified expert with the rifle.

Refer To Center

A large number of offers of dogs for war service have come in to Camp Hood recently. All such offers should be referred to the War Dog Training Center, Ft. Robinson, Nebraska.



Trick Shot Rifle Team To Present Exhibition In Camp

Camp Hood will have a chance to see one of the greatest shooting teams in the business when the Topperweins bring their fancy, trick shots with rifle and pistol to the range in the North Camp at 18th and Range Road 6:30 PM Monday, and at 36th and Range Road in the South Camp at 6:30 PM Tuesday.

These gun wizards, husband and wife, shoot at all kinds of objects with all kinds of arms—and in every imaginable position.

Their records over a period of years are amazing. It is still a question as to who is the better shot, Mr. or Mrs.

Ad. Topperwein has 14 world records to his credit. But the most startling is the endurance record he set when he shattered 72,500 wooden blocks, only missing nine, over a period of 10 days. During this test he made a world record in setting up the longest run in history.

Topperwein also does a trick series of cartoons, making whole pictures out of bullet holes. He uses no pencil outlines and shoots rapid fire.

Mrs. Topperwein started shoot-

ing shortly after her marriage. Today she is one of the outstanding woman shooting aces in the world. She has mastered all the small arms. She has qualified in National Meets, shooting side by side with professionals and amateurs in every state of the Union.

Mrs. Topperwein practically duplicates every shot her husband makes. In fact, the two experts seem to compete with each other at their exhibition.

The Topperwein rifle and pistol tricks are a unique circus with new thrills at each shot.

Unusual NCO Leaves 612th Bn.

Sgt. John C. Sullivan
612th TD Bn.

The 612th TD Bn., has one of most unique situations in Headquarters Company in regard to their 1st Sgt. Marion E. Moyer. Sgt. Moyer was inducted at Camp Perry Ohio, on May 4, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas and joined the 612th in August, 1942.

From then on his rise in the ranks was rapid, first he was made a corporal, and then a buck sergeant, when Sgt. Pound left the company for officers training there was much speculation as to whom would be picked to fill such an important position: there were many candidates for the job, among them many 2nd and 3rd grade sergeants, and when the final choice was made Sgt. Moyer was the choice.

Shortly after he took over, the battalion received its fillers and replacements. Faced with the difficult task of handling so many recruits and working them into a unit he built up a reputation for his considerate and kindly way in which he handled the men. It was not very long before he could call each man by his first name. He made every man feel that he as an individual was part of the company, as a result Hq. Company became a smooth working unit in record time.

A few weeks ago Sgt. Moyer requested to be relieved from active duty as his family at home needed his attention and due to his age was eligible for retirement.

FR Approves WAAC Bill

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all over country calling for more.

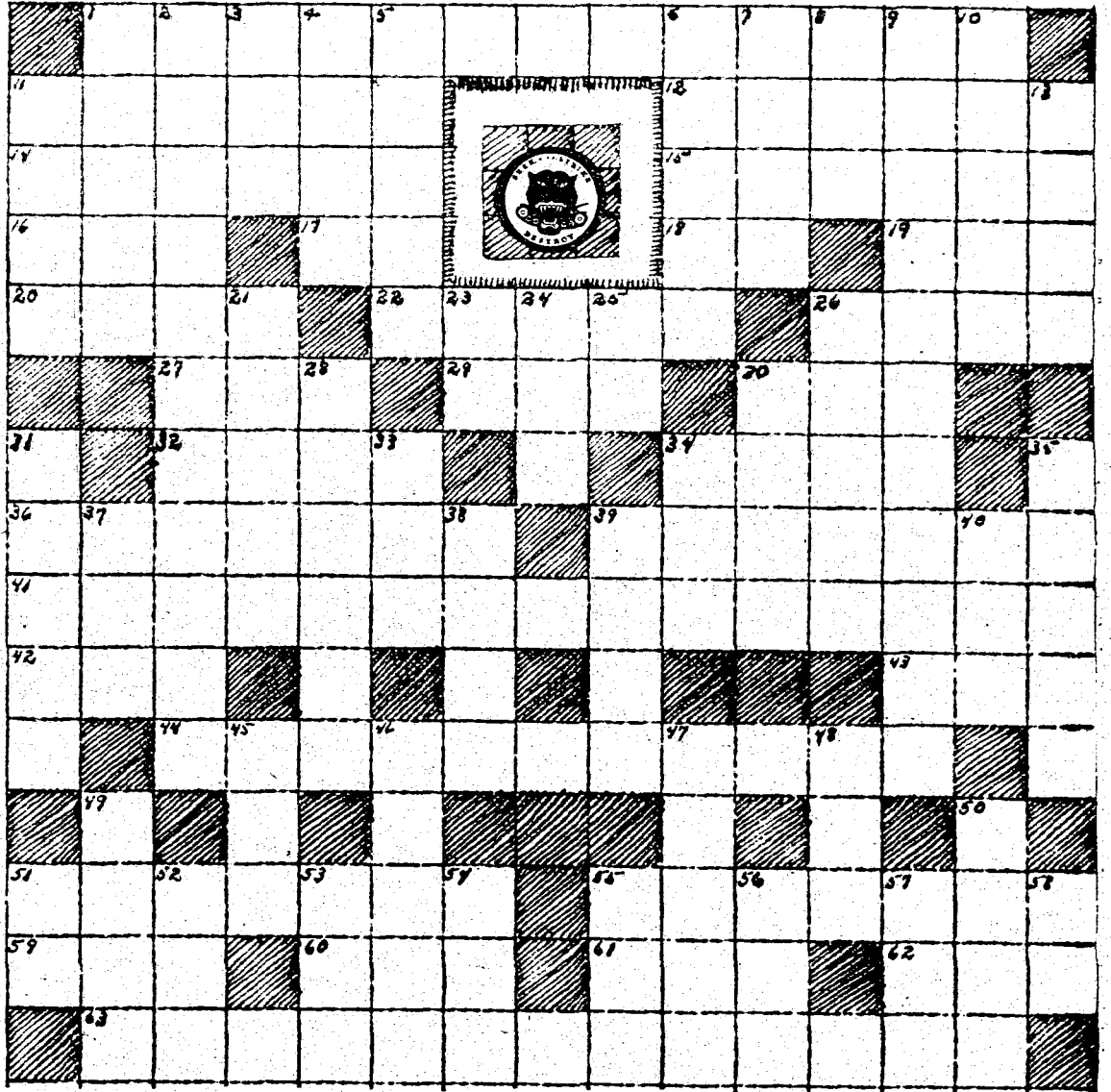
To top it off there is a chorus line of 16 beautiful girls whose talent matches their looks. Their dance routines are show-stoppers any place.

"The Passing Parade" is a glamorous, gay, rollicking, and colorful show with never a lag or a loose moment. It is musical comedy with all the variety that makes for an evening of shere entertainment—laughts, songs, stunts and beautiful girls.

Now Fire Fighters

The 655th TW Bn has taken on a new and rather bizarre duty—fire fighting.

On June 28th the self-styled 655th "Smoke Eaters" answered an alarm, and in a two hour engagement quelled a brush fire west of Williamson Mountain.



- SOLUTION PAGE 8**
HORIZONTAL
1. & 5. Single unit of depicted symbol.
 11. Duelling weapon.
 12. Machine for removing the glumes of certain grasses.
 14. An early German Humorist.
 15. A pungent colorless gas.
 16. Echelon now serving. (abbreviated)
 17. Parent.
 18. Printer's measure.
 19. Garden vegetable.
 20. Pertaining to flying.
 22. The heart of 1 & 5.
 26. Small slightly constructed building.
 27. Abbreviation for Tank Line Sergeant.
 29. What soldiers like after a hard day's work.
 30. Watering place.
 32. Small or insignificant mark or part.
 34. Rural structure.
 36. Unimaginative.
 39. One scrupulously strict in his religious life.
 41. The _____ of the Tank Destroyers are limitless.
 42. First Lady.
- VERTICAL**
1. French Literary Critic.
 2. Dole out equitably.
 3. Pinch.
 4. Seaweed.
 5. Nocturnal thoughts.
 6. One who rakes.
 7. Baking chamber.
 8. Never-the-less.
 9. Having vast size.
 10. Feminine name—French.
 11. Ostrich like bird of South America.
 13. Peruse.
 21. The Alice-shad.
 23. Preposition.
 24. Broad, open-top vessel.
 25. Upon.
 43. Three of the general directions. (abbreviated)
 44. Annoy.
 51. Anything evil or wrong.
 55. Objects for lifting.
 59. The fourth Caliph.
 60. Flying hero.
 61. Land measure.
 62. Prefix meaning 'very much.'
 63. Location of largest 1 & 5 school and training center in the world.
 26. Speck of brownish matter in unbleached linen.
 28. There are forty-eight in the union.
 30. Principal garment of Hindu women.
 31. Topmost.
 33. Atmosphere.
 34. Greek for Heaven.
 35. Star in constellation of Fox & Goose.
 37. Minister. (abbreviated).
 38. Masculine given name.
 39. Tower in Italy.
 40. Roman money of the 5th Century.
 45. Doctrine.
 46. Sac.
 47. Sting.
 48. Measure of length.
 49. Granular magnesium silicate.
 50. Possessive pronoun.
 51. Exclamation.
 52. Narrow inlet.
 53. Befuddled. (old slang)
 54. Sign of the Zodiac.
 55. Possessed.
 56. Formerly.
 57. Meadow.
 58. Yes—Spanish.

RTC Officers Get Refresher Courses

Back to fundamentals in refresher courses have gone the officers of Headquarters, Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood.

The first of evening classes was held June 29th, as full colonels sat along side of second lieutenants in the classroom to pick up

Four-Month OCS Course Set For TD's

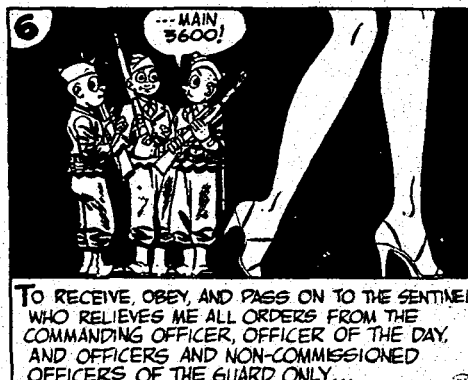
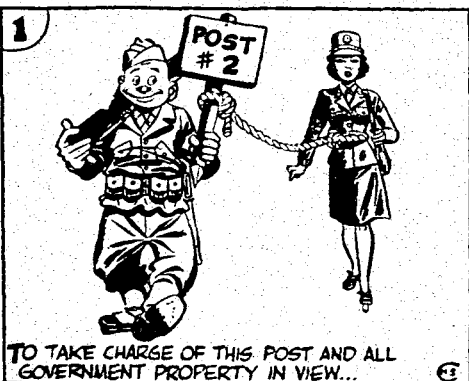
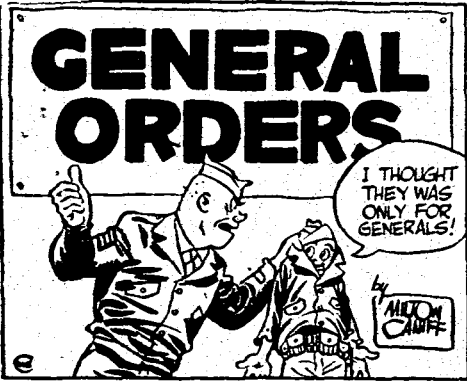
The 4th Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate Class that enters July 12th ushers in a 17-week curriculum which will be undertaken at all Army officer candidate schools. This adds four weeks to the thirteen weeks, that formerly com-

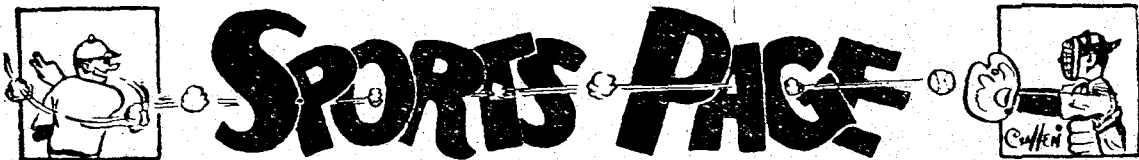
what they may have forgotten in map reading.

prised the officer candidate training period.

According to Major J. W. Rollins, Secretary at the Tank Destroyer School, the additional four weeks will allow for more thorough instruction in tactics and automotive courses.

The new schedule will allow for two incoming classes per month, and two classes graduating each month, starting November 5th with the 4th Class.





Ace Track Star With 829th TD Bn.

By K. Q.

Sgt. Mozel "Mule" Ellerbe, whose powerful legs have carried him to both national and international fame, is now on Hood soil, a member of Company B, 829th TD Battalion.

Sgt. Ellerbe's history as a cinder man dates back over a period of almost ten years, a real veteran when it comes to running.

In 1938, at the annual Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa, Ellerbe won the century with a whirlwind finish, his time being 9.6 seconds. That same year, he captured the National intercollegiate 100 yard sprint championship held at St. Paul, Minn., covering the distance in 9.7, and later, at the Kansas Relays, he sailed through the 100 yard dash in the remarkable time of 9.5 seconds to carry off top laurels.

Toured Europe

During the late summer of 1938, Ellerbe won third place in the national AAU meet at Buffalo, New York, and at a meeting of athletic directors at the meet, he was chosen for a team of 40 track stars, to tour Europe. The team competed in various meets in England, France, Finland, Hungary and Germany.

Then 1939 found Ellerbe back in the States, where he continued his long string of track victories. In the Penn relays, at Philadelphia, Pa., he took the century crown in 9.6 seconds. Later, he traveled out to the Pacific coast, Los Angeles, Cal., where he again captured the national intercollegiate 100 yd. title in the blistering time of 9.5 seconds. He also won the Finnish Relief Fund title in the dash that same year, with a time of 9.6 seconds.

Greatest Race In 1939

Ellerbe's greatest race was run at the national AAU meet in 1939 at Lincoln, Neb., when he roared over the cinders to tie the world mark of 9.4 seconds in the 100 yard race.

The year 1940 saw Ellerbe step out and garner four championships the Penn relays; Chicago's Daily News' indoor meet; New York's Athletic Club indoor title and the national AAU indoor crown.

In 1941, Ellerbe's career varied a little. He took up football and played in an all-star football classic against the New York Yankee pros at Yankee Stadium.

Mozel, better known as "Mule" because of his brawny physique, is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, and prior to his call to the service, lived in Palatka, Fla.



Sgt. Mozel Ellerbe

801 TD Bn. Takes The Measure Of 744 TD Bn. Team

The 801st TD Bn. defeated the 744th TD Bn., 11 to 9, in a recent Post National League baseball game.

In the initial inning, the 744th Tankers ran up a total of seven runs which put them well in front until the 5th frame, when the 801st unleashed a barrage of consecutive extra base hits to shove across six markers and tie the score at 7-all.

In the sixth stanza, Pitcher English produced the deciding blow of the game, a long circuit wallop which brought in the final and deciding tallies for the victors.

It was the second win of the season for the 801st nine and the first setback for the 744th.

Chow Hounds Cry

The chow hounds of Recon. Co. 655 TD Bn. BUTC nearly had a nervous breakdown the other morning. Their mess sergeant, S-Sgt. Andy Andriakes had gone out on a night problem and getting lost, didn't return until 7 a.m.

Boxing Ring Set Up At North Camp

An outdoor boxing ring has been erected at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp Hood, and it is planned to have a boxing ring installed in each recreation hall. Rings will be of a portable type which can be transferred to the outdoors. Challenges will be made with the best fighters from the main camp.

Men of the 126th Bn., RTC, built the ring.

Activities are growing at the replacement center, with units welcoming the introduction of baseball, softball and volleyball leagues. The winners of all championships will challenge the Basic Unit Training Center organizations at North Camp, and the main camp champions.

The inter-battalion baseball league has been organized with two divisions comprised of teams from the 16 battalions.

Officers also are showing interest in softball and volleyball leagues.

Co. "D," 134th Defeats Co. "A" Baseball Team

Competing in the first round of tournament play, the baseball team of Company D, 134th Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood, continued its bid for the championship with a victory over the strong Company A, 134th Bn. RTC, club. The score was 4 to 2.

Pvt. Robert Hagen, who is the leading hurler of the league, was the winning pitcher. Hagen, keeping his strikeout record intact, whiffed 15 men. He has averaged 15 strikeouts per game in his last three games.

Hagen's opponent was Pvt. Bill Donnelly, who struck out nine "D" batsmen. In the third frame, the company D club got to Donnelly for a pair of runs, the result coming from the bats of Zoldos, Stickly and Cavanaugh, who produced three consecutive doubles to account for the two markers that put the victors out in front to stay.

"C" Co., 820th Wins Seventh In Softball

The "Bengals," flashy softball club of Company C, 820th TD Bn., own their seventh straight victory by defeating the 815th TD Bn., 7 to 4, in a recent game.

Sgt. Bill Langdon's home run with two on in the bottom half of the fourth inning was the hitting feature of the contest. Langdon's circuit wallop put the Bengals out in front to stay.

Score by innings: R H
815th 000 301 0-4 7
820th 100 312 0-7 11

Quiz Answers

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. To lower a flag as a sign of surrender.
2. George Washington's.
3. Two light machine guns and three 60mm. mortars.
4. Abe Lincoln. He was under enemy fire at Ft. Stevens in defense of Washington, D. C., July 1864.
5. 444 rayon stockings make up a rayon parachute.
6. Only four. The Germans didn't do any better.



With PFC Keith Quick

Lt. Eleanor Dudley, former Chicago golf queen, now a member of the Army Medical Corps stationed at the General Hospital, Temple, Texas, took time out to journey back to her hometown last week to renew her fairway skill in the annual Women's Western Open golf tournament. Lt. Dudley's play in the tourney was cut short by Miss Virginia Ingram, also of Chicago, who ousted the long-hitting lieutenant in the opening round of match play, 2 and 1. . . . There's an excellent crop of athletes popping up in Company C, 134th Bn. RTC, North Camp Hood, of late. Among the athletes now sporting company "C" colors are: Pvts. Jim Leddy, nationally known bicycle rider; Jim Tyree, former gridiron star for the Oklahoma Sooners; Dick Hall and Ed Sturckin, former pigskin stars of the Texas Aggies, and Bob Holman, former star lineman of the Santa Clara Broncos in California. . . . Sgt. John Zuber is something more than just chief clerk of the payroll section at the Student Regiment headquarters, TDS. He hails from Bayonne, New Jersey, where he pitched for the Bayonne Reds baseball nine. During a five-year stand with the Reds, John had a yearly average of 10 wins against 2 defeats. In 1938, Zuber was presented a flashy trophy by Joe McCarthy, manager of the New York Yankees, for his hurling exploits in the New Jersey Twilight League. Prior to his induction at Fort Dix, John was offered a tryout with the Yankees, but Uncle Sam out-talked Yankee moguls, and today he is the main cog of the fast Student Regiment nine, with a record of 4 wins and 1 loss thus far. Zuber recently erased the strong 635th TD Bn. club, allowing only six hits. . . . Elizabeth Hicks, national fem golf champ, joined the SPARS last week after her 11 up setback at the hands of young Dorothy Kirby of Atlanta, Georgia, in the Women's Western Open event at Chicago. . . . T/Sgt. Bob Herring, and Pfc Leo Householter, a pair of home run clouters of the 635th TD Bn. baseball club, can really slam the ball to all corners of the lot. In a recent game against the 605th TD Bn., Herring and Householter belted four circuit smashes, two apiece. If this pair can continue their murderous pace, we'll say that the 635th will be hard to beat in the current Post baseball league.

Baseball Standings

Baseball Standings "American League" Team

	GP	W	L	Pct.
Stud. Regt.	3	3	0	1.000
605th TD Bn.	4	3	1	.750
Acad. Regt.	3	2	1	.667
635th TD Bn.	2	1	1	.500
825th TD Bn.	4	1	3	.250
652nd TD Bn.	4	0	4	.000
651st TD Bn.	0	0	0	.000

"National League" Team

	GP	W	L	Pct.
OCS. Gegt.	3	2	1	.667
*744th Tank Bn. 3	2	1	1	.667
801st TD Bn. ...	4	2	2	.500
650th TD Bn.	2	1	1	.500
113th Cav.	3	1	2	.333
653rd TD Bn. ...	3	1	2	.333
657th TD Bn. ...	0	0	0	.000
*657th TD Bn. to replace 744th withdrawn.				

Student Regt. Nine Whips 635th TD Bn.

The Student Regiment baseball team turned back the highly-touted 635th TD Bn. nine, 6 to 1, in a recent league tussle.

Sgt. John Zuber, of Bayonne, N. J., was on the hillock for the "Studes," allowing six scattered hits, whiffing six and permitting no walks.

It was Zuber all the way, for he not only starred on the mound, but chalked up a pair of solid bingles, stole a base, batted in two runs and spiked the pay station twice.

It was Zuber's fourth win in five starts this season.

Awarded Medals

The 374th Engr. Bn. awarded 202 enlisted men the Good Conduct Medal this week. All grades were given the red and white ribbon.

Ball Club Formed

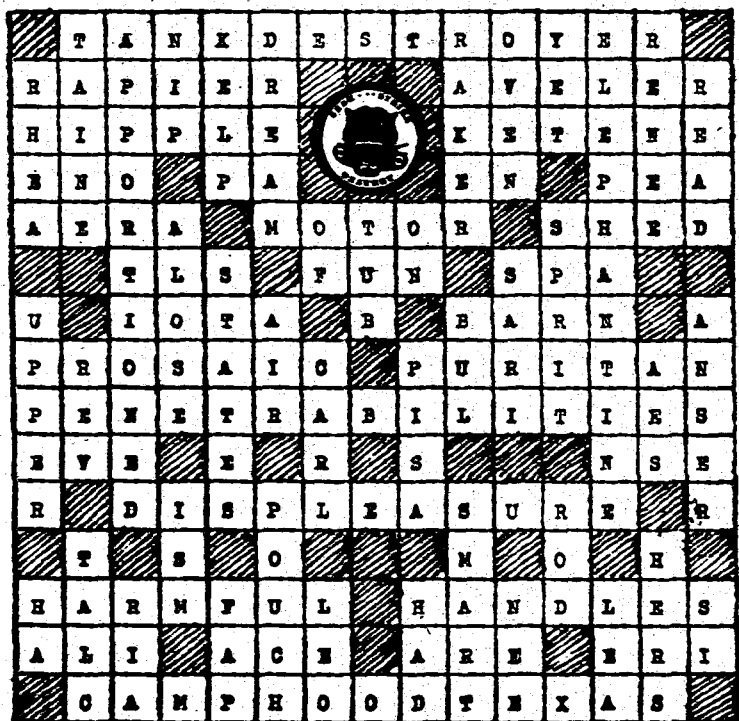
The 819th TD Bn. has organized a baseball team. S-Sgt. George Gordon, of Company A, is manager of the newly formed club.

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