

The Hood Panther

Big Morale Group Meets

Gen. Nichols Will Address Review 1848th

Members of the 1848 Service Unit at Camp Hood will be reviewed at 6 o'clock tonight by Brig. Gen. W. R. Nichols, commanding general, Camp Hood.

General Nichols will, for the first time, then, address the troops under his command, after retreat is played by a band composed of portions of several camp bands.

Forty WACs of the Service Unit will be presented Good Conduct medals by General Nichols, in recognition of a year's service during which they demonstrated fidelity in performance of their duty, efficiency, and commendable behavior.

It is the first Camp Hood parade confined solely to the station complement Army Service Forces. About 800 soldiers, men and women, will take part in the ceremonies, which are to be held on the drill field between Warehouse and Terminal Avenues, east of 272nd Street.

Prize Babies

Pfc Edward J. Meyers, Medical Detachment, 856th TD Bn, is the father of two children, Susan Janie, three years old, and Neal, fourteen months old, who have won honorable mention in the Fort Wayne, Indiana GI babies contest held recently in that city.

Travelers To Install Officers

The Travelers Club, an organization of Camp Hood Enlisted men who are members of the Masonic Fraternity, will install newly elected officers at a dinner meeting April 4. The 37th Street Service club will be the scene of the affair, and the Sojourners Club will conduct the installation. The new officers include: Leo Charlton, Ardis Boatler, Carl Neitzel, and Edward Slade.

No Transfers To Air Force For AGF or ASF Men

If you were thinking of transferring to the Army Air Forces, forget it (says YANK).

No more applications for aircrew or ground-crew training will be accepted from Ground Forces or Service Forces officers or men, and no examination of such personnel for flying training will be conducted.

All applications for transfer to the Army Air Forces upon which final action has not been completed will be disapproved and returned to the applicants. Flying training exams for GIs in the Ground and Service Forces were discontinued on Feb. 24th of this year.

The Army doesn't say when or if they will be reopened.

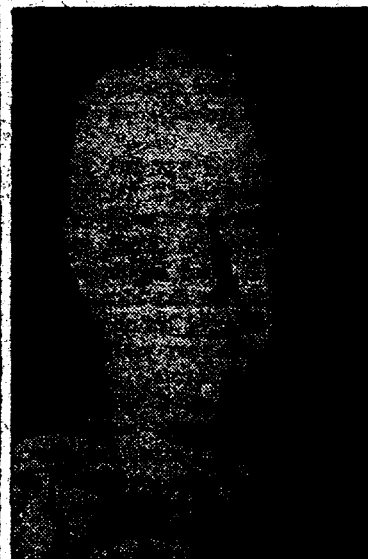
Gen. Bresnahan Named To Head Camp Hood IRTC

A commanding general has been assigned to head the Infantry Replacement Training Center (IRTC) at Camp Hood. Leaving Camp Maxey, where he has been in command of Fourth Army special troops, is Brigadier General Thomas F. Bresnahan, who will take over command of IRTC upon his arrival here this week.

General Bresnahan will take over command of the center which has been set up by Colonel Maurice C. Bigelow, executive officer, and acting commanding officer, in preparation for arrival of trainees expected to begin moving in April 1st.

In Army Since 1917

The new IRTC commanding general has a distinguished record



Gen. Bresnahan

In the regular army extending back to 1917, when he entered the Army upon graduation from Middlebury College in Vermont. He went to the first officers training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., from which he was commissioned a provisional second lieutenant.

From Plattsburg, he went to Syracuse, N. Y., where he joined the 38th U. S. Infantry, the unit with which he served through the war and in Germany with the Army of Occupation following the Armistice.

During the last war, General Bresnahan received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Honor, the Croix de Guerre with Palm and twice was given the Purple Heart.

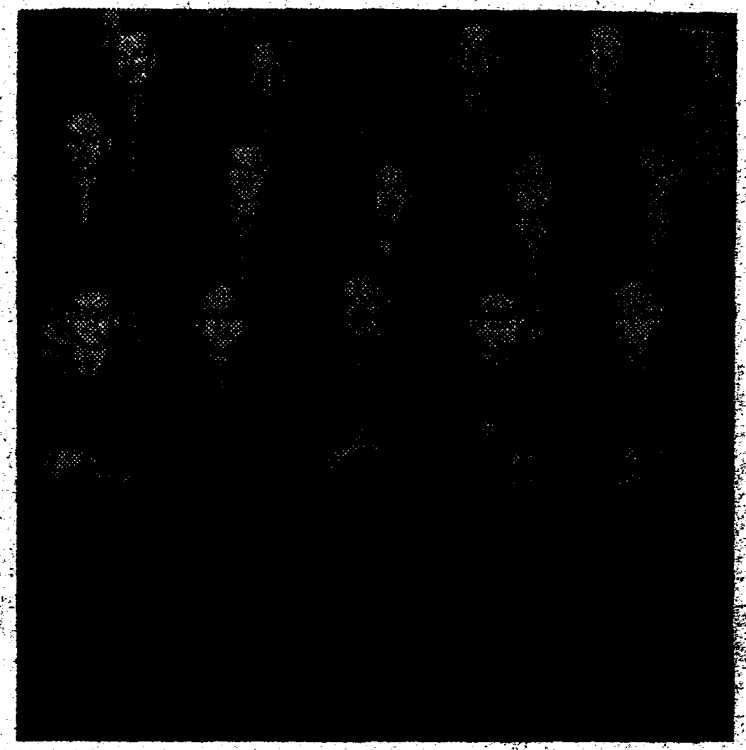
Overseas Nine Months

He was promoted to captain in September, 1918, after serving overseas nine months. When he returned to the United States he was stationed at Columbus, New Mexico. Then he went to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, after which he was ROTC instructor at Pennsylvania State College.

From Pennsylvania he went to Plattsburg with the 26th Infantry and then to the Panama Canal Zone in 1931.

In 1935, while still in Panama, he was promoted to major. From the Canal Zone, he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, after which he was instructor on duty with the Massachusetts National Guard. He then was placed in charge of the training section of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D. C.

Prior to reporting to Camp Maxey in March, 1943, General Bresnahan was in command of



PICTURED ABOVE IS THE GROUP of distinguished Army psychiatrists, which met at North Camp Hood last week for the purpose of investigating a new type of morale builder initiated at TDRTC.

Psychiatrists Visit Here; Greeted By Gen. Gorder

TDRTC, North Camp Hood was visited by a distinguished group of military psychiatrists last week.

Reason for the gathering of noted mental hygienists who came from replacement training centers in every corner of the nation was a three-day conference dealing with the Adviser System, a new type of morale builder initiated at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center by Maj. Samuel H. Kraines, TDRTC Psychiatrist.

The conference was opened by Brig. Gen. A. O. Gorder who welcomed the group to North Camp Hood. Col. Christian Hildebrand, Executive Officer, outlined briefly the definite contributions the Adviser System has made to morale here.

Discussion

The next three days the conferees were occupied in discussion of the system which may become nationwide in its scope, and make a major contribution in readjusting American soldiers for combat.

Gist of the new method of mass mental hygiene according to Major Kraines, is preventive, on-the-spot psychiatry dealing with individual maladjustments and group morale.

Non-Com Advisers

Foundation of the system is a group of specially selected number of non-commissioned officers who live in the same barracks with new trainees. Their work as Advisers is, in the main, giving advice, information and counsel to trainees who seek their assistance.

In cases of urgency, the non-coms may take the problems direct to the commanding officer, or be finally referred to the camp psychiatrist. In the latter case the Adviser works closely with the psychiatrist, both as consultant and follow-up man.

Need for such a system has

long been recognized. The psychiatrist stationed at a large replacement center has had little opportunity to see more than the severe cases of mental distress. He had no chance to contact or counsel the many cases of maladjustment, which though not serious in themselves, may grow into major morale problems.

With the system in use the psychiatrist can reach the group which cannot or will not seek advice through normal Army channels. He and his group of Advisers can help the "rookie" over the big hump of adjustment from civilian to military life. They help out the new soldier in solving such common problems, as homesickness, family problems, passes, and many of the other small details of military life that the "Greek" to the new recruit."

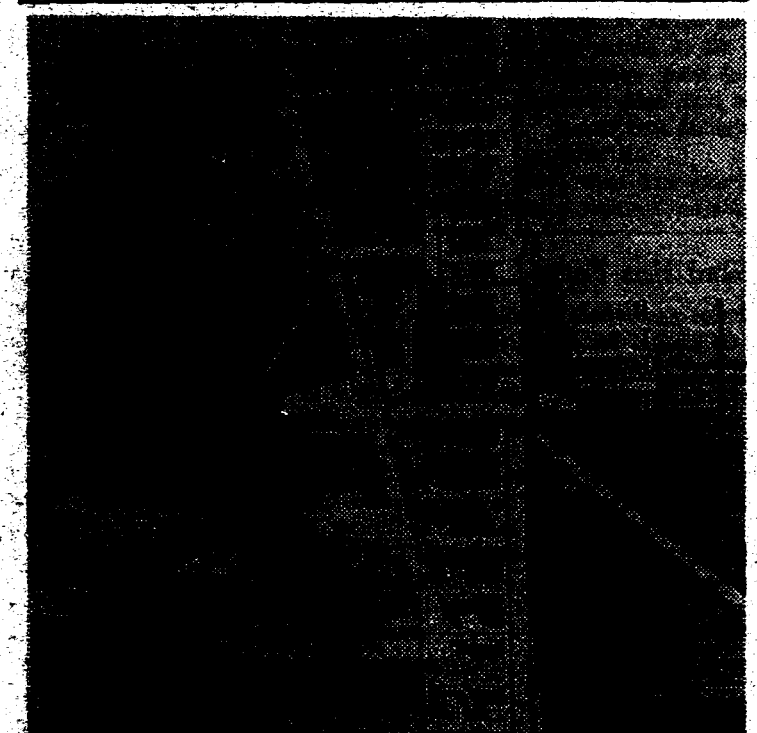
Major Cites Cases

The conferees, led by Major Kraines, went over many "case" histories illustrating how the "system" functions. The point was made by the TDRTC psychiatrist that the program is in no sense one of pampering or coddling. Its whole purpose is to free soldiers of their personal problems and difficulties, so they may achieve their highest efficiency as fighting men.

The concrete evidence of the program's workability is shown by a remarkable drop in the number of men AWOL in the TDRTC since the system was initiated, and a similar drop in other cases requiring disciplinary action.

The entire group of visitors was

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Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

GIGANTIC NEW SECRET WEAPON of the Nazis captured on the Italian beachhead of Loiswa. Its resemblance to the American hand automatic is remarkable. It's a 142.1 MM Caliber rocket gun which our intelligence department says has been declared obsolete by the enemy since its unsuccessful debut at Loiswa. The Tarzan whose mighty biceps suspend this super-duper is Pvt. Al Karp, Signal Corps photographer. The photographic photographer is Pvt. Evelyn Brett. If you've read this far by now you are probably aware that all this photo magic has been created for—April Fool!



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

FOR THE RED CROSS: Captain John E. Butner, Chief, Military Personnel, is seen congratulating Miss Lettie Smith, Red Cross drive leader of the War Fund Drive, for the contributions to the War Fund Drive from the civilian personnel on the post. Others left to right: T-5 J. F. Davis, who made a voluntary donation; Mrs. Doris Rice, Civil Service Clerk; Miss Jerry St. Clair, stenographer; Lt. Marian M. Keller, assistant chief, Military Personnel; Mrs. Mary Grimes, civilian payroll clerk; and Sgt. Charles S. Goldstein, who also made a voluntary contribution to the War Fund Drive to help swell the Camp Hood total.

Red Cross Adds Appeal To TDS

An appeal for support of the American Red Cross is being made among the personnel of the Tank Destroyer School as in all Camp Hood, service installations, and in every village and town and city in the United States. This year war fronts extend though Europe, the South Pacific and the far East. Activities of the Red Cross are being extended with a consequently larger drain on the resources of "The Greatest Mother of them All," maintained solely through voluntary contributions. For this reason, the American Red Cross is making a stronger appeal than ever before. Reports of work accomplished during the past year show results in astronomical figures: five million pints of blood collected for plasma—which has saved thousands of lives—five and a quarter million packages of food prepared for American and Allied Nations prisoners of war; over six million families of servicemen and ex-servicemen aided. For every one of the over ninety seven million dollars collected last year, approximately eighty percent was spent for service to the armed forces. Men at home have felt the kindly touch of the Red Cross; overseas, additional service has been rendered in the special welfare and recreational activities which are provided.

EM To Swell Total

Major William B. Francis of the student Regiment, in charge of the Red Cross drive in the school, feels that in view of the remarkable work the Red Cross is carrying on, contributions made by enlisted men of the School, their contributions, added to those

TDS Plans Big Summer

The Tank Destroyer School amphitheater, constructed and used for the first time last year, will be the scene of many more events, planned for recreation and instruction for school personnel during the coming months. With the coming of spring and open weather, plans for the first events already are being considered, according to Captain Leslie T. Wood, School athletic director.

Meanwhile, baseball practice is underway nightly in preparation for the first game of the season. Members of last year's Student Regiment team who are still in school are forming the nucleus for this year's nine. They were the post champs last season.

The program of calisthenics, instituted some time ago, for the men of the school, continues apace and has progressed to the point where some of the groups are nearly ready for their second physical efficiency test. If great improvement is noted, the sports program will be resumed in these units.

Silver Leaf

The Commanding Officer of the 658th TD Battalion, Harold C. Brownell, has been promoted from the rank of Major to that of Lt. Colonel.

made by officers and civilian personnel, will swell the total until this year's donations is larger per capita than was last year's remarkable response. Ample opportunity will be given them to make donations. In each company in camp certain persons are authorized to accept donations and make out membership cards.

Meeting At North Camp

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favorably impressed by the innovation and several have already made plans to put the program in operation at various training centers. The Adviser System has already been installed in several camps.

The guests of TDRTC, headed by Lt. Col. Malcolm J. Farrell, assistant chief psychiatrist of the Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D. C., had ample opportunity to observe the high morale of Tank Destroyer trainees. While at Camp Hood they made a tour of the training areas.

Among their stops was one of the camp's nationally-famed Battle Conditioning Courses, another training innovation initiated at the Tank Destroyer Center.

Distinguished Group

In addition to Colonel Farrell the group included Major Harry E. August, psychiatrist of the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Blanding, Fla.; Major Vincent L. Frankfurth, psychiatrist of Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Croft, S. C.; Major Oscar B. Markey, psychiatrist of Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Fannin, Tex.; Major Richard F. Richie, psychiatrist of Infantry Replacement Training Center, Fort McClellan, Ala.; Major Harry N. Roback, psychiatrist of Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Roberts, Cal.; Major George S. Goldman, psychiatrist of Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wheeler, Ga.; Major Robert C. Hunt, psychiatrist of Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wolters, Tex.; Major Albert C. Abrams, psychiatrist of Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Major James Houlouse, psychiatrist, Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Camp Roberts, Cal.; Major Jual T. Neilsen, psychiatrist, CRTC, Fort Riley, Kan.; and Major Matthew Molitch, psychiatrist of the Armored Replacement Training Center at Fort Knox, Ky.

Take Mexican Jaunt

Among the men of the 672nd TD Bn. who have recently made Mexico their mecca for a whirlwind visit are T-Sgt. John C. Sullivan, S-Sgt. Vincent B. Skinyon, T-4 Julius J. Nawezelsky, T-4 Russell B. DeWolf, Jr., T-4 and Mrs. Donald H. Sawyer, S-Sgt. Sam H. Albrow, Cpl. Robert E. Quist and S-Sgt. Pete T. Riso. S-Sgt. Robert H. Garrity spent his furlough there.

Red Cross Drive Picks Up Fast For Finish

The current Red Cross War Fund Drive, among the many thousand civilian employees at Camp Hood, is progressing with increasing tempo as this item goes to press. Red Cross Headquarters on Hood Road made known today the fact that civilian personnel on the Post are contributing their dollars practically 100% in this, the greatest drive ever promoted by the American National Red Cross which is heartily endorsed by every American at a time when millions of dollars are needed for the Armed Forces in all theaters.

100 Per Cent

Among the first to complete and submit returns is the Civil Service Board with a 100% showing through the efficient leadership of Mr. Richter, the Board's head. Other early returns were submitted by the Purchasing Branch, Civil Service board, Civilian Housing and the Fiscal agency, all one hundred per-centers.

QM Highest

Deserving of merit is the Quartermaster commissary with the highest average individual donations among those who have made complete returns to date. Mrs. Janet Hinz led the drive in this department. Quartermaster Property Dept. led by Lucille Henderson contributed 100%. Post Ordnance-Combined Maintenance chalked up a high score with contributions exceeding \$300.00 under the able leadership of Miss Elsie A. Janota, assisted by Robert P. Reynolds and Mac S. Baird. One of the larger branches participating in the drive is Post Engineers. Drive leader, Jean Hardin, reports returns almost complete and far exceeding any previous effort of this nature. Also, among the leaders is Miss L. Smith conducting the drive among the large staff at Civilian & Military Personnel. All branches at Post Headquarters employing civilian personnel show 100% contributions. The Provost Marshall's department also made an excellent record.

Credit for organizing and coordinating the drive should be given to Lt. Thomas D. Morgan, Lt. W. G. Ricker and Lt. M. Katz who were specially assigned to this task, said Mr. Hyde, field director at Red Cross.

All Aiding

There are over forty departments on the post employing civilian

personnel and all are showing a genuine interest in making this Red Cross War Fund Drive go over the top. Week's end should bring the drive among civilians and GIs on the post to a close, and according to present indications, contributions will far exceed all quotas. Any department that has not been contacted in respect to this drive is invited to telephone Red Cross Headquarters, telephone 779, for complete details.

Unusual Job For Operations Sgt.

An operations sergeant has a highly specialized job no matter what phase of operations concerns him, but one TD School operations sergeant had an unusual job this week, one which had nothing to do with operations, even if it was as highly specialized as his daily work. When the office of Major General John H. Hester, TDO commander, was moved this week, Sergeant Chester Ray was called. Linoleum was to be placed on the office floor, and Sergeant Ray was the man for the job. A check of form 20's of men in the school showed that Ray listed linoleum laying as one of his civilian accomplishments. Even though it is five years since he has done any work of that type, Ray did an excellent job, and in good time.

TD OCS Grad Killed In Action

Second Lieutenant Leroy C. Six, a member of the Fifth Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School class, was killed in action with the Eight Ninety-Fourth Tank Destroyer Battalion, Temple relatives said they were advised by the War Department. Lieutenant Six's wife is the former Anna Doris Lasater of Temple. He came to Camp Hood from the Third Coast Artillery at Fort MacArthur, California and, after the OCS course, was assigned to the Replacement Training Center before going overseas with his unit.

A Meeting In Italy

"Reunion in Italy" might be the title of a romantic prewar novel and only slightly less romantic is the situation it describes. Warrant Officer Frank Racca, formerly of School Headquarters, wrote to friends here the other day, telling them that in Italy he had met his grandparents and three cousins whom he never before had seen. Even though Mr. Racca knew they were in Italy, he had no idea he would run into them. That made the reunion just that much more enjoyable.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

AS SHOWN ABOVE, men of the 627th, 308th, and 493rd MP Escort Guard Co., North Camp, are learning to speak foreign languages through the use of phonograph records, prepared by the Special Service Division Orientation Section. Standing, is the instructor Pfc. Henry H. Chirek.



162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters
Sat.—Let's Face It.
Sun.—Mon.—Buffalo Bill.
Tues.—Trociadero.
Wed.—Thurs.—Four Jills In A Jeep.
Fri.—You Can't Ration Love.
Hood Rd. and 24th St. Theaters
Sat.—Trociadero.
Sun.—Mon.—Shine On, Harvest Moon.
Tues.—Knickerbocker Holiday.
Wed.—Let's Face It.
Thurs.—Fri.—Buffalo Bill.
22nd St. Theater
Sun.—Knickerbocker Holiday.
Mon.—Let's Face It.
Tues.—Wed.—Buffalo Bill.
Thurs.—Trociadero.
Fri.—Sat.—Four Jills In A Jeep.
Ave. "D" and 24th St.
Sat.—It Happened Tomorrow.
Sun.—Mon.—The Heavenly Body.
Tues.—Wed.—Hat Check Honey and Two Man S. Submarine.

Wed.—Thurs.—Shine On, Harvest Moon.
Fri.—The Hour Before The Dawn.
18th St. Theater
Sun.—The Hour Before Dawn.
Mon.—The Navy Way.
Tues.—Wed.—The Heavenly Body.
Thurs.—Hat Check Honey and Two Man Submarine.
4th and 10th St. Theaters
Sat.—Hat Check Honey and Two Man Submarine.
Sun.—Mon.—Cover Girl.
Tues.—The Hour Before The Dawn.
Wed.—The Navy Way.
Thurs.—Fri.—Up In Arms.
37th Street Service Club
Thurs.—Weekly Dance.
Fri.—Dance Class.
Sat.—Show Night.
Sun.—Symphony, Movies.
Mon.—Bingo, Prizes.
Tues.—Bridge Tournament.
Wed.—Sing Song.



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First Aid Training For 658th TD Battalion Men

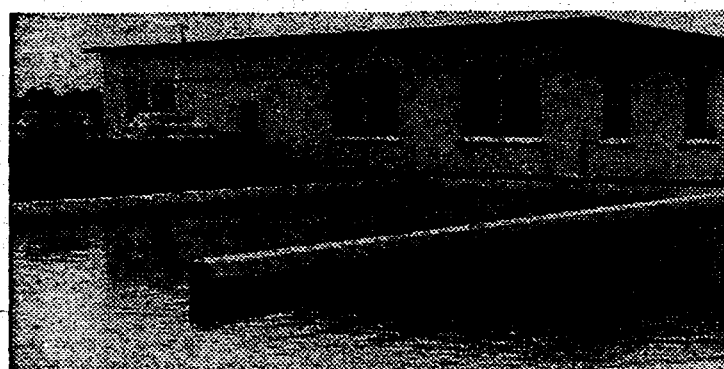
Wolf, a German shepherd dog, and the 658th TD battalion mascot, is also being trained to aid the Medical Detachment in administering first-aid, under battlefield conditions. Wolf has been equipped with a harness and first-aid pack and is being trained by his master, M-Sgt. Raymond Kline, to crawl under barbed-wire and to rush to the aid of a wounded soldier as soon as he falls to the ground.

The 658th, a fast, efficient, hard hitting Tank Destroyer Battalion, is devoting a great deal of time to "First Aid Training." They are aware of the fact that first-aid, properly administered, can save the life of many a wounded soldier.

The Medical Detachment of the 658th, under the supervision of S-Sgt. David Bitter, a Brooklynite, has been conducting a series of classes and demonstrations for the battalion, depicting the proper method of handling and treating men who are wounded on the battlefield.

The inspiration, which prompted this training for Wolf, was

the recent article concerning the dog in the Italian campaign, who proved to be invaluable by coming to the aid of the wounded and in one instance was responsible for eliminating a German machine gun nest. 20th Century Fox is now in the process of filming a picture, to be called "Chips", depicting some of the outstanding feats accomplished by this dog on the Italian battlefield. The boys of the 658th are confident the next picture will be "Wolf of the 658th."



New Camp Water Tower Holds 2 1/2 Million Gallons

Camp Hood's new water plant (seen above) has been accepted by the Army and is now processing between two and one half and three million gallons daily, Maj. C. T. Nunley, Jr., post engineer, announced today.

The new system includes a low lift pump station on the Lampasas river housing three electric motors capable of pumping 1,750 gallons per minute and two emergency gasoline engines with the same capacity.

The new filter plant consists of two aerators, two settling basins, three mechanical mixing chambers with electric driver mixers, two rapid sand filters with capacity of two million gallons each per day, one wash water tower, complete laboratory, and one new storage basin located in Camp Hood. The new water plant was designed to deliver four million gallons daily, with complete treatment consisting of aeration, coagulation, sedimentation, filtration and chlorination.

No water is being pumped from

the wells formerly used to provide the camp's water supply, Maj. Nunley said, but this source can be used to boost the total available supply to six million gallons daily.

664th Men Play Ball

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to . . . athletics; at least that is the present trend of thought among men of the 664th TD Bn. Each company of the battalion is represented by a baseball, softball and volleyball team; also included are battalion teams. After a week of inter-battalion competition each team is showing form capable of producing winning teams. Battalions and Companies on the post desiring games call Bn. Athletic Officer—Phone 728.

Promotions For 784th

Promotions in Co. B, 129th TD Bn.:

Cpl. W. C. Woods to Sergeant.
T-5 J. F. Fogarty to Corporal.
Pvt. Bernard Levenson to Technician fifth grade.
Pvt. E. L. Ogle to Corporal.
Pvt. W. H. Eiler to Corporal.
Pvt. R. J. Larison to Corporal.
Pvt. J. A. Franchi to Corporal.

Hawaii Is No Playground These Days, Lt. Willard Says

By Lt. L. R. Barnhill

They've a sure cure for army playboys at the amphibious training base in the Hawaiian islands, reports Lt. Willard H. Marlowe, who recently returned to this country after winning the Silver Star for gallantry in action on Makin Island in the Gilberts Group.

From his bed at McCloskey Army General hospital in Temple, where he is receiving treatment for a mortar shell fragment wound on his right hand, the veteran lieutenant tells of the strenuous training program followed by officers and men selected for amphibious operations upon Japanese held islands in the Central Pacific.

Training Program

"A 10-week conditioning course is the first step in the amphibious training program. It is a sure cure for any playboys who think they need to smoke, drink, and go out every night. After the first few weeks they will quit drinking without being told to, they will cut down on their smoking and will get a full night's rest every night. They can't do anything else.

"Work starts off comparatively easy with mile runs up and down hill, through streams, and over artificial obstacles—all done, of course with full pack. This is gradually extended until you are doing a two-mile run every day before breakfast, just as a warm-up exercise for the day's work.

"The obstacle course includes 15-foot drops onto hard surfaces and 50-foot jumps into water while wearing full field equipment.

Intensive Weapons Course

"Next comes the weapons course. Here every man learns to fire all the infantry weapons, including the M1, and '03 rifles, 45-caliber pistol, tommy gun, carbine, bazooka, 37, 57 and 105-mm guns. It is necessary for all men taking part in assault actions to learn to fire each weapon. If something happens to his, he can pick up another on the battlefield and continue the assault. There's no stopping after one of these actions is launched.

"Animal blood and flesh is scattered over an infiltration course through a jungle area. Here men become accustomed to the sound of live ammunition whistling over their heads and the stink of wounded and dying in an actual operation. The men planning these most difficult of military operations must be certain of how their men will react in action. That's why even the smell of battle is simulated in this training. By this time the men round into such peak physical condition that they can stand any type of hardship.

Amphibious Training

"The actual amphibious training is next. During this phase soldiers crawl in and out of every type of landing craft so much that they can do it in pitch dark without a moment's hesitation. Dry runs are followed up by a full scale landing operation in the face of ground, naval, and aerial fire.

"At the completion of this course the men have supreme confidence in their own fighting ability and their weapons. They are ready for combat, but if for some reason they are not selected immediately for an operation, they start right back through the rigorous training.

Some officers and men have gone through the cycle three times before going on a mission. They don't take any chances out there of your going soft before an operation. The only time you let down is after your particular show is over.

Ready

"Men who go through this training together learn the capabilities of each other, so that when the time comes for an assault upon a Japanese-held beach, they go into the battle with a secure feeling that every man on the team is capable of bearing his portion of the battle. There's no place for weaklings out there."

Soup To Nuts Is IRTC S-4 Sgt's Regular Business

Mark J. Cummings held the paper and waited for somebody to pull the string. But there were no strings attached to the "Greeting" he received April 1st, 1941—that was no joke.

In fact, there had been no gag about his army service at all. By all army procedure he should have been assigned to a blacksmithing unit; but he's one man the army dropped into a slot that was tailored for him.

When he arrived here with the IRTC cadre it was M-Sgt. Mark Cummings, with an army career that matches his civilian experience.

He Knows

Explaining Cummings' fitness for the job, the Camp Fanning Guidon said of him, "He has cooked and concocted many a dish—he has seen, tasted and become the connoisseur of everything from soup to nuts. He ascribes his interest in a food career to his appetite, not only born of his stomach, but an appetite for money. The result of the former are seen in his double chin, 200-pound bulk and an unusual waistline, while the results of the latter took him to a lucrative position as manager of a swank Florida hotel restaurant."

Cummings has brought to his army job the same use of initiative and imagination that made him successful as a civilian.

Moved Fast

After graduating from high school in Chicago he got started as a tray jockey for a drug store offering curb service. While jerking sodas he met a railroad executive who offered him a job as a short order cook on one of the road's crack liners. After moving up to assistant to the head chef on the "Challenger," he offered the railroad a series of suggestions on how to prevent food wastage, and moved into the food accounting department.

From there he promoted himself a job as manager of the glittering Cabana Club in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Meantime he was learning every angle and a few of the shadows of the hotel business.

Young enough to be ambitious, he left the Cabana Club after a year, and bought an interest in the Hollywood Inn, Hollywood, Fla. By March 1941 he had revitalized the Inn to the extent of having to expand its seating capacity threefold.

No Joke

How much farther he might have gone can only be a guess—it was at that time that the President sent him a greeting. If there was any April-fool joke about it, it was his idea of getting in and getting his "year's service" over with.

Came December 7th, Pearl Harbor, and Tojo's hatchetmen. It has been a long "year," but he's done a good job. As for his dream of a string of restaurants, as he points out, there'll be plenty of time for everybody to realize his dreams when we've made sure of having a country where a man can try. Right now he's concerned with his part in putting Tojo's monkeymen in the soup.

Good Shooting Record

Despite the rain and mud while firing on the Gatesville Range,

Words Without Music

NBC, CBS and BDC have pooled resources to broadcast from the invasion front . . . Violinist Fritz Kreisler is reported being tempted to make his film debut, for \$35,000 from MGM . . . It used to be, says Hollywood Variety, "Join the Navy and see the world," now it's "Join the Army and see the first run films first." . . . The new Olsen and Johnson zany review on B'way this fall will be titled "Jerks Berserk" . . . Jack Benny is taking his radio troupe on a tour of northwestern army posts.

"Since You Went Away" will run for four hours, about 20 minutes longer than "Gone With The



Mary Small, singing star of "Early To Bed," now heard on KTEM, Temple, in the "Mary Small Review" Sundays, 4 to 4:30.

Wind"—a boon to makers of saddle blisters remedies . . . Louis Armstrong, Russ Morgan and Lionel Hampton are on their way to Hollywood to make pictures . . . It'll be Texas again with a picture titled "San Antonio," starring Errol Flynn and some girls . . . Xavier Cugat will play an FBI agent in "Weekend at the Waldorf."

John Garfield sent his wife a V-mail letter from overseas, where he is entertaining troops: "I landed in (censored) and had a good hot bath with some refugees. Some were from Poland and some were from Brooklyn."

Martha Raye is continuing her personal appearance tour around the country until her agent can find her a house in Hollywood . . . Stan Kenton has written a song around Vera Vague's ecstatic droll, "You man, you!" . . . MGM turned over to the army 65 prints of "See Here, Pvt., etc." . . . Gen. Osborn, announced that movies have been found an unbeatable antidote for tense nerves in the Pacific . . . Jackie Coogan, a glider pilot in the AAF, was credited with being the first man to alight when the British forces landed behind the Japs in North Burma.

Top plugged tunes over the major networks, according to Variety, listed alphabetically.

A Journey To A Star.
A Lovely Way To Spend An Evening.
And Suddenly It's Spring.
Besame Mucho.
Cherry.
Do Nothin' Till You Hear From Me.
Don't Sweetheart Me.
Goodnight Wherever You Are.
Holiday For Strings.
I Couldn't Sleep A Wink Last Night.
I'll Be Around.
I Love You.
Is My Baby Blue Tonight.
It's Love, Love, Love.
Long Ago And Far Away.
Marry Doan's.
Marianne.
No Love, No Nothin'.
Now I Know.
Poinciana.
So Goodnight.
Someday I'll Meet You Again.
Speak Low.
Take It Easy.
The Music Stopped.
When They Ask About You.

Tuesday Co. "C" 140th TDB showed up with a good record Top honors of the day and of the range went to Pvt. Hansen who came up with a total score of 190. Pvt. Coleman and Lane captured second place with a tie score of 181 and Pvt. Stancovich popped up with 180.

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Can Soldiers Think?

There are two civilian attitudes which interest us. One says, "Soldiers don't think." The other, not so oddly often the same group, says, "This is no time to think about what we're fighting for. Soldiers don't think about what they're fighting for."

The stupid conceit of these people could be funny; but it isn't. After all, most soldiers are civilians in uniform for the duration. Do those people believe that he ceases to be human, that his ability and his need to think is shut off as soon as he puts on a uniform?

Who's Being Kiddled?

They aren't kidding us. But they surely are kidding themselves if they believe soldiers don't think, or that soldiers don't think or care about what they're fighting for. Their fond illusion would be rudely cracked if they read the letters from soldiers in Yank, Time, Newsweek and other magazines and newspapers.

Their attitude seems to be that soldiers are brutes who fight from lust for combat. In Germany that may be true; the German soldier seemingly fights without being told why. The American doesn't fight unless he has to; unless he has reason to.

It might appear unnecessary to say this. But the armchair pundits are getting more brazen and louder; their noise is reaching the men in the ranks. And the men in the army are answering. We believe that this letter, from a soldier, in a recent issue of Time is quite typical:

More Faith

"I wish I had more faith in the new world to come after this war is won. When I was born, Dad was in the Army. When he was born, both his father and grandfather were in the Confederate Army. When my baby boy was born, I was in the Army. When his son is born, will he also be in the Army? . . .

"I want to live and work and love in any way I please, and I want everyone else in this world to have that same privilege so long as he doesn't harm me or those I love in the process . . . Why haven't we the intelligence and common sense to build a world order where these stupid and brutal wars would be impossible? . . . It seems that even a fool could see the necessity of a strong world organization to keep the peace. Yet we have men in our Congress who do not see it. . . ."

Fluency Doesn't Count

It's true that not many soldiers can put their thoughts into words as fluently as this soldier did—but neither can many civilians. And it's stupid to assume that because a man has no facility with words he isn't thinking or can't think.

He's thinking—about why he's fighting and what for, about the world he'll come back to when the battle is won.

The cynics may say that the contemporary soldier is no different from that of the last war—and what difference did it make whether soldiers were thinking the last time—they came home to conventions and carousals, and wound up with another war. Perhaps . . .

If nothing else, soldiers this time remember, what happened to soldiers last time and that they're experiencing the result. They are thinking about it. They're adding it up. They're thinking in terms of not making the same mistakes.

He's Thinking

They're thinking about people who won't credit them with ability to learn, they're thinking about their children and the possibility that they'll have to go through this too, they're thinking about how they can make a repeat performance impossible, they're remembering and thinking about people who put personal prejudice above the general welfare.

Don't kid yourself, they're thinking—plenty. —WW

Good Reading

We'd like to recommend for interesting reading the "Mail Call" page in Yank—letters from GIs all over the world. This is one place where Joe lets his hair down and talks about the things he's thinking about.

"Springitis" Hits 664th 131st Bn. Best

Battalion Headquarters personnel of the 664th TD Bn. are suffering from "springitis" due to aching joints and muscles resulting from an intensive athletic and physical training program. The men report this as excellent treatment for that "office spread," but a trifle hard on muscles long dormant from pounding a typewriter. 97.6 per cent.

The 131st Bn. of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center topped all North Camp competitors in the enlisted mess-hall ratings last week. The 131st was rated 98.7 per cent by inspecting teams. Officer's mess-hall honors went to the Fourth Regt. Officers' Mess, with a score of 97.6 per cent.

Panther Poll

QUESTION: SECRETARY OF STATE, CORDELL HULL, RECENTLY OUTLINED HIS 17-POINT PROGRAM OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AIMED AT A POSTWAR WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. DO YOU FAVOR A CLEAR FOREIGN POLICY BY THE UNITED STATES BEFORE WE MAKE THE EUROPEAN INVASION?



Cpl. Jack Davis, TDS Hdqts.

"I certainly do favor the clear foreign policy. We went to be sure these two 'stinkers' get what they rightfully deserve. We want to know what kind of a world we will have to live in after this is over. We want the kind of a world we'll want our children to grow up in and know that it is a safe world. Then let's 'give 'em H---' from all sides."



Pfc. Dorothy Ziegler, WAC, TDS Bookshop

"I have been expecting that invasion for a long time so all I have to say is, when will there be an invasion? We have a lot of planning on several things that we had better get busy with if we are to do any good anywhere."



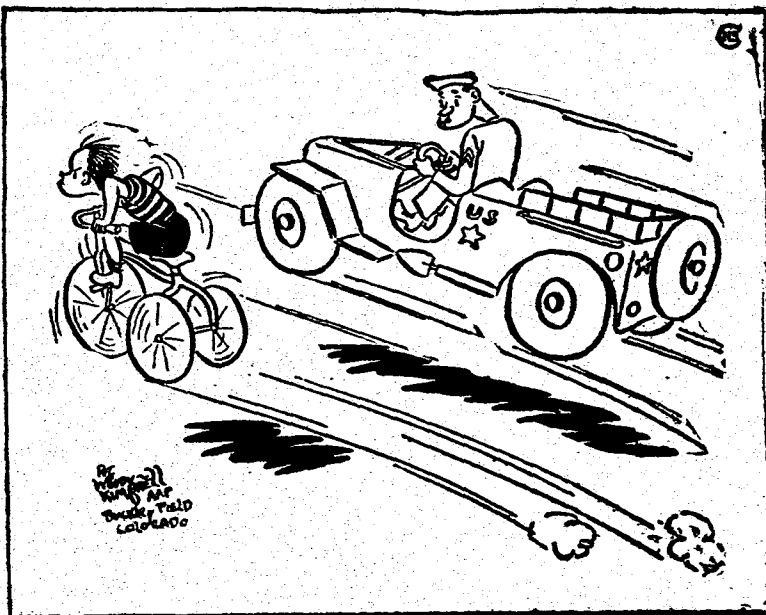
T-4 John Menaugh, Academic Regt.

"I certainly favor a clear foreign policy before attempting such a large scale movement of troops, ships and above all American lives to foreign, enemy soil. We must have a set standard of views and basic principles for the post war era. Thus, with our minds clear and our plans set, we can successfully wage a victorious battle against the forces of the oppressor, knowing in our hearts that we are rightfully doing the just and honorable thing. And our allies will be better equipped mentally to aid us in our fight for liberty and freedom of life."



Sgt. Barbara Kocanyar, WAC, TDS Hdqts.

"The invasion of the European continent is foremost of the present time; and should be pressed to bring a fast end to Germany and her allies, a clear foreign policy is certainly important and must be considered, however."



Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Perhaps the greatest medium for fostering athletic competition in Camp Hood has been the Panther. You fellows have the knack of arousing a surge of "do or die" between the outfits. You've done a great job, keep it up.

I notice you're still at it. The IRTC (the Panther said in last week's issue) is going to bring in ball players that will make up a team which ought to give the Student Regiment baseball team competition. Swell. North Camp ought to provide us with competition too. Swell. Except we've got to have a ball club this year ourselves, first.

You see, the Army has made plans for lots of the boys on our team, so they'll be gone from our diamond this year. But we should have a nucleus to build a pretty good ball club. And it's our hope now, not so much to defend our camp title, as it is, with a new club, to offer the other units plenty of stiff competition. That's how it is in the Student Regiment at the present time.

Keep up the good work in playing up the sports. To my mind they are the greatest morale builder in the Army.

Sgt. Alan Rose,
Student Regt.
Asst. Athletic
Director.

Dear Editor:

Your paper has got more life to it than any other camp paper I've

ever seen. In fact the pictures and news stories have got my whole outfit on the alert for every issue.

What I'm putting myself on record about is to inform you that I've got a job of morale on my hands these days. A lot of the guys seem to be walking around dragging their chins, here in the TD area. I'm trying to boost 'em, and it's quite a job.

They sort of have a beef. Most of the fellows here came in when Camp Hood was started. They're TDS. Lots of pride in the camp and in our panther insignia—was only lately appreciated when our brothers in arms—the Infantry moved in. The place we built up is theirs now. Here we are, at the eastern end of camp, TDC, TDS, TD battalions, all in the one area.

But I keep telling the guys, it's the fortunes of war right here at Camp Hood. TDRTC is big at North Camp. TDC and the school, the way it looks now will continue to administrate and train TD replacements—for the TDS now overseas. So, if we started big in order to organize the TDS, why now we must be in the second stage with things overseas probably under control, I figure it. Seems like a good sign to me anyway. That's what I tell the gang, and I believe I'm right. We're still in there pitching with the object as ever, to Seek - Strike - Destroy!

Sgt. Nick Grutsis,
Academic Regt.

Obstacle Course

You start off first with a hundred yard dash
Then into the brook with a hell of a splash
Up the bank and run like heck
If this doesn't kill you it will break your neck.

Two little walls, a four foot fence
We're all warmed up now let's commence.
An eight foot wall, 'bout twenty foot high,
It's easy to cross if you know how to fly.

A twelve foot leap, and head for the wire,
Crawl on your belly, your face in the mire.
You hang your skin on the wire as you go
This is a prep school for Tokyo

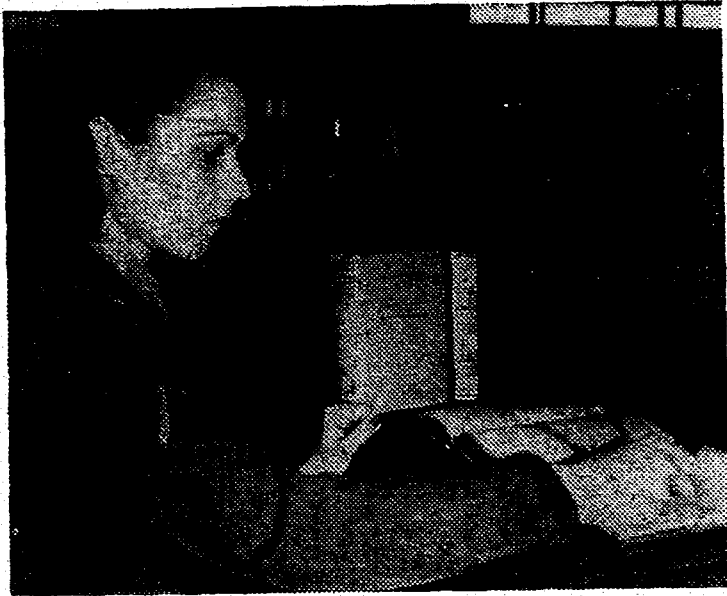
Your clothes are gone, your hide is too
Don't take it too hard, you're half way through.
You wear your knees and elbows down
Then stand up straight and go to town.

Seventy yards across a net
Don't give up, you'll kill yourself yet.
But all of this was only a start
What comes next will break your heart.

The grade's sixty per cent and that's no lie
You crawl to the top and lay down to die.
But just in case you're hard to kill,
And we haven't yet done it, don't worry, we will.

Lay down low, crawl like a snake,
Those tracer bullets are no damn fake.
Don't stay too long in any one place
If you do, a mine blows up in your face.

Now if you should happen to live through it all,
You're a Tank Destroyer, and right on the ball
You'll get your chance, some day to employ
The tank killers slogan, "Seek, Strike, and Destroy."
Pvt. Phillip K. McKinney
TD RTC



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
PFC. MARY FIELDER, WAC, who is seen preparing notes from "America And World Masters."

North Camp Library Has New Orientation Corner

Books, maps and pamphlets pertaining to orientation have been collected and placed on a special shelf in the 12th St. Library, North Camp, for the use of officers and enlisted men.

For several weeks there will be sample bibliographies published giving a few of these books which are in the library.

The first week's list designated the books that explain the issues for which America is fighting and evaluate its part in the global war.

Altkman—All-American Front.
Ingersoll—America is Worth Fighting For.

MacCormac—America and World Mastery.

MacLeigh—Strategy of the Americas.

Stettinius—Lend-Lease; Weapon for Victory.

Thompson—Greater America.

22nd TD Group To Hold Review

Col. E. J. Dawley, commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, will review troops of the 22nd TD Group at the school parade grounds, east of 20th street, next Saturday afternoon, it was announced this week.

Battalions of the group staged a practice review last week, making a colorful parade as they passed down Central avenue, en route to the parade grounds.

It Took The War

He looks and acts typically American, but it took the war to bring T-5 Donald W. Gilbert, "A" Co., 672nd TD Bn., to the United States to live. A citizen because his parents are, Gilbert was born and had always lived till his induction in Arizona at Chihuahua City near Mexico City, Mexico. His father is a railroad man there.

Naturally, T-5 Gilbert speaks and writes Spanish as well as English. He loves his Mexican home and intends to return there to live after the war.

Record Rifle Firing

Record rifle firing for Headquarters Company 784th Tank Bn. made Sharpshooters out of 1st Lieut. Robert L. Gorgiade, 2nd Lieut. Herman L. Greenwald, and Cpl. Albert W. Jones. The above named officers made it also for the carbine, along with Major Leonidas D. Word, 1st Lieut. Edward L. Keating, 2nd Lieut. Richard O. Anderson, and 2nd Lieut. Theodore A. Baird, but were topped by 2nd Lieut. Robert S. Aulger, who made expert as did Tec 5th Charles B. Burge. Tech Sgt. Morris C. Jenkins brought an expert to Service Company. Headquarters Company sharpshooters: Sergeants Edward W. Lee, Ozio McClendon, Pfc Jimmy A. Allen, Pfts Lawrence Brown and Leo G. Grier, Jr.; Company "C," Tech 5th Leonard S. Schenzydre, Pfts Vergetlee W. Massey and Lawrence E. Taylor; and Service Company: Tech 5th John H. Riddick and Pvt. Jasper Wilborn.

McCloskey Vet Hood Trainee

One of the boys getting well at McCloskey Hospital is Pvt. A. L. Hines, of Vernon, Tex., who trained at Camp Hood with the 776th Tank Bn., one of the first "school" battalions sent to the camp in the spring of 1942.

Hines fought through North Africa with the First Armored Division. He received a concussion when his tank was hit by an artillery shell near Messina, Sicily, August 17, 1943.

He arrived at McCloskey, March 17th, in the contingent of sick and wounded men of the 36th and 45th divisions.

WAC To Sing On Texas Network

One of North Camp Hood's favorite songbirds will grace the airwaves Saturday, April 1 as a feature artist on the weekly broadcast of the Eighth Service Command.

Tec. 5 Sidney Slezinger of the WAC Det., TD RTC, will appear on the Texas Quality Network stations at 6 p. m. The all-soldier program used to be known as "What's Your Name, Soldier?" and is now titled "Fighting Words." Corporal Slezinger has sung in many RTC shows both at North and South Camps and in appearances on area civilian stages, and knows her way around amongst the words and music of hundreds of popular songs.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
THE 23RD TD GROUP held a Retreat before Major General John H. Hester, Commanding General, TDC, last Friday. General Hester is seen above presenting standards to the 664th, 665th, 667th, and 672nd TD Battalions of the group in the special ceremony.

Vets Get Break Under New Plan

There's always the question in a soldier's mind about what's going to happen to him, the possibility of being wounded, of losing an arm or a leg—and then what? To a degree the answer is taking shape out at McCloskey Hospital.

Things are a bit different this time than they were last. It's still in the incipient stage, but an effort is being made to send men back to normal civilian life with the means and the chance to take full part.

Jobs for the Men
For the means there are the various rehabilitation programs, which are rather well known. For the chance there is their recently started job placement service.

This is a service which tries to match man with job. Employers who need help send their requirements to the McCloskey Personnel Office, where each man about to be discharged from the army is interviewed. When a man's experience and talent match the requirements for a job, an interview is arranged.

Service
If there is question at either end, further information about man or job is obtained by the office and forwarded. In addition to this individual service a daily bulletin of help wanted is sent to the men. When a man is interested in a job listed in the bulletin the office helps him line it up.

In the case where there is no job available to fit a man's particular abilities, or none in the locality of his home, the office supplies him with a letter outlining his army service, and experience, and requests that he be given direct consideration when applying for a job—a gesture that has been found very effective.

Because of being in an initial stage, the program is somewhat limited in scope, to Texas and nearby states. The present aim is to expand it in cooperation with other army hospitals and employers all over the country.

No Trouble For Pvt.

Weapons training at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood should be a breeze for Pvt. Bill B. Stanton of Co. B, 130th Bn.

Pvt. Stanton was an experimental ballistics and ammunition engineer in civilian life and had considerable experience with small arms both as an occupation and a hobby. He has hand-loaded experimental rounds for arms of various caliber, and says the Army M1 rifle and 45 caliber pistol are familiar friends he's glad to see again.



Latest entries in the Longevity Stakes (the Panther started something here) four M-Sgt. from the DEML: M-Sgt. Edwin M. Lawson has served 30 years and two months, starting with a volunteer West Virginia regiment in the Spanish-American War, and is now in the QMC here. M-Sgt. Karl K. Smith is the youngest of the group with only 27 years service—all in Texas—starting with FA and is now Sgt.-Maj. of the Post Personnel Office. M-Sgt. James S. Allen has 30 years and three months time, most of it in Infantry and QMC. M-Sgt. Gerald R. Reed, has a record of 28 years and two months, most of it served in FA and Ordnance, and is now attached to Post Publications. Which makes a total of 115 years and seven months, which puts them in the lead for the neon service stripe award.

"The Conquest Of North Africa" Now Available At TDS Library

"The Conquest of North Africa," by Alexander Clifford, is now available for circulation at the TDS Library.

This is the story of two years and 11 months of fighting along the North Coast of Africa—from the day war was declared to the day organized Axis resistance on the continent ceased.

Mr. Clifford tells the story as he saw and experienced and understood it. It is a story that most people know only from the disjointed, spasmodic, often unwittingly distorted accounts in the daily newspaper. He has written it as a coherent, integrated whole. The narrative has an admirable simplicity and completeness. Of this book the author says: "I have used the Commanders-In-Chief of the Middle East

to personify the Army in the Desert. Wavell had the first, tiny, embryonic army, the seed from which it all grew. Auchinleck handled the period of growth and development. Alexander won with the complete and final Eighth Army. But the real hero of it all,

Youngest Yardbird

Pvt. Curtis L. Stensrud of Co. A, 130th TDTB, is one of the youngest "yardbirds" on record. During the last war Stensrud, then nine years old, was picked up by the interior guard while fishing in Mexico. He spent the night in the guardhouse and was then released.

The North Camp Hood trainee says "that taught me the routine of guard duty at an early age."

Service Flag For Church

A service flag representing men of the First Baptist church at Hamilton, Texas, now in the armed forces was dedicated at ceremonies in that church last Sunday. Capt. John P. Neal, chief of chaplains at North Camp Hood, was a speaker and the flag was unfurled by area servicemen, one of whom was S-Sgt. Edward Becker of Hq & Hq Co, TD RTC.

of course, is the Eighth Army itself.

"I have tried to tell the truth and nothing but the truth but the whole truth I do not claim. Some day, I suppose, someone will write that. But even if I knew it, I could not write it now."

Regimental And Battalion COs Announced By IRTC

Regimental and Battalion Commanders of the Infantry Replacement Training Center have been announced at IRTC Headquarters as follows:

90th Regt.—Col. Marcel A. Gillis, Regimental Commander, Lt. Col. Loren L. Gmeier, 146th Tng. Bn.; Lt. Col. Paul E. Jacobs, 147th Tng. Bn.; Maj. Leonard C. Erickson, 148th Tng. Bn.

91st Regt.—Col. John D. Armstrong, Regimental Commander; Lt. Col. Edward V. Truesdale, 150th Tng. Bn.; Lt. Col. Wesley V. Post, 151st Tng. Bn.; Maj. Harry W. Stephenson, Jr., 152nd Tng. Bn.; Maj. Herald L. Crook, 153rd Tng. Bn.

92nd Regt.—Lt. Col. J. E. Monhallan, Regimental Commander; Lt. Col. Lyle F. Buchanan, 154th Tng. Bn.; Maj. Edwin G. Bath, 155th Tng. Bn.; Maj. John C. Lynn, 156th Tng. Bn.; Maj. Terrence E. Overgaard, 157th Tng. Bn.

93rd Regt.—Col. Herbert B. Laux, Regimental Commander; Lt. Col. Roscoe W. Barbour, 158th Tng. Bn.; Donald D. Crawford, 160th Tng. Bn.

95th Regt.—Lt. Col. Paul A. Pickhardt, Regimental Commander; Maj. Raymond C. Durgan, 170th Tng. Bn.; Maj. Florino J. Celani, 171st Tng. Bn.; Maj. Wm. J. Bryson, Jr., 172nd Tng. Bn.

96th Regt.—Col. Chester M. Willingham, Regimental Commander; Maj. Carl C. Battige, 173rd Tng. Bn.; Lt. Col. Earl W. Hunting, 174th Tng. Bn.; Maj. William M. Brown, 175th Tng. Bn.

94th Regt.—Lt. Col. Paul D. Connor, Regimental Commander; Lt. Col. William H. Fisher, 176th Tng. Bn.; Maj. Ned P. Eads, 177th Tng. Bn.; Lt. Col. John U. Parker, 178th Tng. Bn.

Most Of Army Hitch Spent In South America

By Cpl. George Dillon

Cpl. F. J. (Dick) Heimann of the Tank Destroyer School Operations Department has seen a cross section of South American life during the past three years he has spent in the army.

Small native villages of French, Dutch and British Guiana; Romantic Port au Spain, Trinidad; Devil's Island, the French penal colony; Natal, one of Brazil's large modern cities and even a tiny French Colonial Leper colony—Heimann has seen them all.

Served In Panama

Heimann, who comes from Columbus, Nebr., had training at Camp Roberts, California, before going to Panama for guard duty on the Panama Canal, at the Miraflores locks, near Balboa. In September, 1941, his outfit went to Port au Spain, Trinidad, where the United States had acquired rights for an airfield from the British government.

Finishing the guarding job there, Heimann's organization received orders and shipped for Dutch Guiana the day before Pearl Harbor. They were fortunate to have left when they did, for the ship in which they traveled was struck by German raiders on the return trip.

Built Landing Field

Arriving at Paramaribo, they went up the Surinam river quite a distance to the village of Moengo, a small collection of huts. Here, there was plenty of hard work, for a large bauxite plant was to be guarded and a base constructed. In order to speed up delivery of mail and supplies from home the men spent a great deal of their time carving out a small landing field from the dense jungle.

In order to add a little variety to the long months at the Dutch

Guiana outpost, various men were sent to larger South American cities on detached service with American units for a month or more. The side trips were rather interesting since they enabled the men, though on duty, to see quite a few South American states.

Saw Natal, Brazil

The most notable of these trips, as far as Heimann was concerned, was a month's stay in Natal, Brazil, one of the Republic's most modern cities, where theaters, parks and all the diversions of a large, North American city were available.

Also unusual was a trip to Devil's Island, the French penal colony. Movie scenes, from a production shown here recently, of the steaming jungles, teeming with mosquitoes and insects, recalled vividly to Heimann's mind the jungles in which he spent so much time.

Flew Over Andes

Another notable trip was a plane trip over the Andes and out over the Pacific Ocean to the Galapagos Island, off the coast of Ecuador. A detachment of men from Heimann's outfit was sent there to try to locate a plane which had been downed on the island. Heavy tropical under-

Terrain Plot Does Unique Job

A valuable adjunct to field work of the TD School Automotive Department is a fifty-six foot square, minutely detailed terrain plot. This plot, constructed so that it represents over nine square miles of the southern Camp Hood area, shows mountains, valleys, gullies, streams, roads, bridges, farm lands and even heavily wooded sections. In order to make the terrain features stand out more clearly, the vertical scale is exaggerated. However, due to numerous careful surveys and careful work, proportions are worked out accurately. The plot is used for setting up problems, which are worked out by the students previous to their field work, saving much in time and expenditure of material. The main value is that complete exercises may be shown, in miniature and detail, so that the students can easily grasp the overall significance of a certain plan or action.

Actually, if a full scale demonstration were staged they would be able to see but a small portion of it, thus losing a large part of the instruction. Much time also is saved in orienting students as to the areas they are to occupy when participating in the field problems. One of the first classes to use the plot was the Operations and Maintenance section for its vehicle recovery and evacuation problem.

Lt. Carmany In Charge

Lieut. W. C. Carmany, now in charge of the plot, indicates that by modeling in clay an accurate representation of the southern it was made, section by section, area can be made. When the section of clay had set, a surface of concrete was placed to provide a weather resistant surface and also a base for painting.

Wires were inserted at random in the wooded areas, to make supports for small pieces of sponge, dyed to represent trees. These were added after the plot was painted to represent plowed fields, grass and wasteland. Roads, with miniature bridges over tiny streams, wind their way over hill and valley, through deep ravines and narrow cys, past farms and woods, just as they do in the southern area. Tiny replicas of tank destroyer and enemy vehicles can be placed on the plot, either on the roads as in a march, or deployed in a tactical exercise, demonstrating battle engagements and their probable results. The plot also can be used in amplification of maps of the area for outlining roads and areas used in other automotive courses during their field work.

growth made it impossible for the patrols to find the plane. It was also impossible for them to trace the erratic wanderings of one of the crew who did make his way to the beach.

Typical of the generosity of the American soldier is one case. A group of unfortunates—in a small leper colony—lived near the camp. The soldiers made many presents to these men and women, doomed to a life away from other people. Cigarettes, tobacco, and other items commonplace enough to the soldiers, were a touch of luxury to the lepers, eking out a precarious existence, barred forever from contact with their fellowmen.

After serving two years in South America, Heimann late 1943 year was returned to the United States, and spent Christmas at home.

Promotions In 129th TD

To Be Corporal

Pfc. Albert W. Jones, Pfc. Howard E. Kennedy, Pfc. Thomas W. Williams.

To Be Technician 5th

Pfc. Raymond Pugh.

Join The Red Cross

OUT OF UNIFORM!



Here's a gal who is a little too careless to pass inspection but the M.P.'s would find out her name is Pat Starling and she will be seen in Charles R. Rodger's "Song of the Open Road" released by United Artists.

IRTC S-3 Section Ready For Arrival Of Trainees

With the first IRTC trainees expected to arrive here within a short time, the IRTC S-3 section is getting a running start in amassing supplies of training aid material particularly the visual type, which have proved of definite value for instructional purposes.

Charts To Come

Among the most important of these aids are charts that cover 45 different subjects taught to basic infantry trainees. Instructors, while giving verbal explanations can use these with great effect to depict the subject matter at hand.



Private Herman Cohn of the Officer Candidate School Regiment was to be married in Chicago today to Miss Elsa Kahn, he announced before leaving here on furlough.

Cpl. Floyd A. Hinman of Clawson, Mich., and Miss Doris Cox, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Cox of Oglesby, Tex., were married March 2 in the First Baptist Church at Waco. The couple toured part of the state on their wedding trip before Corporal Hinman, a former cadetman in Co. C, 128th TDTB at North Camp Hood, left for a new assignment. The bride will live in Clawson.

Pvt. Lydia Cappelletti of the WAC Det., TD RTC, was married to S-Sgt. Don Massolito March 17 at a ceremony in a New Orleans Roman Catholic church. The romance began while Sergeant Massolito was stationed at North Camp Hood. He has since been transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla.

Shipments of these charts, prepared in lithograph form or by silk screen process will flood into the IRTC soon from Fort Benning, Camp Croft, Fort Sill, Camp Wolters, Camp Wheeler, Fort Riley, Fort Bragg, Camp Roberts and Fort McClellan in answer to calls to help the IRTC start a stock of these visual aids. Many thousands of these will be shipped in to carry the IRTC on its training program.

Manuals and Maps

The S-3 also has two carloads of field manuals and other military publications on hand along with 19,000 maps of the Camp Hood cantonment area and another 40,000 maps of Camp Hood and immediate territory. Included are aerial mosaic maps.

Several thousand dollars worth of silk screen and drafting equipment will also be on the way soon. Seven hundred reams of blank forms necessary to conduct S-3 activities is another big item.

Lumber for the construction of various aids is also a major requirement and S-3 is pushing ahead to have all these things ready when the first contingent of men goes out on the training fields.

USO Party Wed.

The Temple USO announces a gala Easter Party to be staged next Wednesday evening at 8. Girls will come formal.

The Wolf

by Sansone





Chapel Services

PROTESTANT
Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
Chapel 902, 50th & Hq.
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
Chapel 2209, School Area.
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 2209, School Area.
6:30 P. M.
Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
Chapel 2209, School Area.
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
WEEKDAY SERVICES
Post Chapel, Thur., 1930.
Chapel 902, Tues., 1830.
Chapel 2209, Wed., 7:00 p. m.
EPISCOPAL
6:30 p. m., Chapel 902, 50th St.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Chapel 1156, Thursday, 8:00 p. m.
Sunday, 9:00 a. m.
LUTHERAN
Post Chapel, 52nd St., Sunday, 6:30 p. m.
COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 176, 164th and Brig.
Worship Services
Worship Service, 10:00 a. m.
Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
786 Sn. Co. Mess Hall, 9:00 a. m.
Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.
STOCKADE, 2:00 P. M.
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mass
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
Stockade, 7:30 a. m.
162nd St. Theater, 9:00 a. m.
37th St. Theater, 9:00.
24th St. Theater 11:00 a. m.
Hood Rd. Theater 11:00 a. m.
Morning Weekday Masses
Chapel 639, Mon., Sat., 8:00 a. m.
Chapel 1156, Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 7:00 a. m.
Evening Weekday Masses
Chapel 639, Tues., Wed., Thur., Fri., 6:30 p. m.
Chapel 1156, Tues., Thur., 6:30 p. m.
Novena Services
Sunday, Chapels 639, 1156, 6:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapels 639, 1156, 6:30 p. m.
Wed. Chapel 1156, 6:30 p. m.
Confession
Saturday as follows:
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.
Chapel 639, 62nd and Bn., 6-9 p. m.
Chapel 1156, 37 St. West, 3-5 p. m.
and 6-9 p. m.
JEWISH, Friday, 1930, Chapel 1156, 37th St. Orthodox, followed by Reform Service.
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Chaplain Meyer At South Camp

A second Catholic chaplain has recently been added to the staff at South Camp Hood to assist Chaplain Moll, who for some time has been carrying alone the burden of serving the Catholics of the post. Chaplain Raymond B. Meyer, who left here last April and has served almost continuously since then at North Camp, is now located in Chapel No. 1156, 37th Street and Headquarters Avenue. He will also mass on Sundays at the Post Stockade and in the 37th and 24th Street Theaters at 9 and 11 o'clock respectively. His schedule of services at Chapel No. 1156 includes: mass at 7:00 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, and at 1830 on Tuesday and Thursday; evening devotion on Sunday and Wednesday at 1830; and confessions on Saturday from 1500 to 1700, and 1830 to 2100. Chaplain Moll is now located in Chapel No. 639, 162nd St. at Battalion Ave.

Easter Variety For 37th St. Club

A show group from Fort Worth will give a Variety Hour's Easter Musical program at the 37th Street Service club, Saturday, April 8th, at 8:15, and Sunday, April 9th, at 4:30 and 7:15.

The group will present live numbers and solos. It has been at Camp Hood many times in the past 18 months and is very popular with the GIs.

Appearances will be made at the 162nd Street Service club and Station Hospital also.

The troupe entertains under the aegis of the Fort Worth Recreation Department, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Brandt, and Miss Nancy B. Webster.

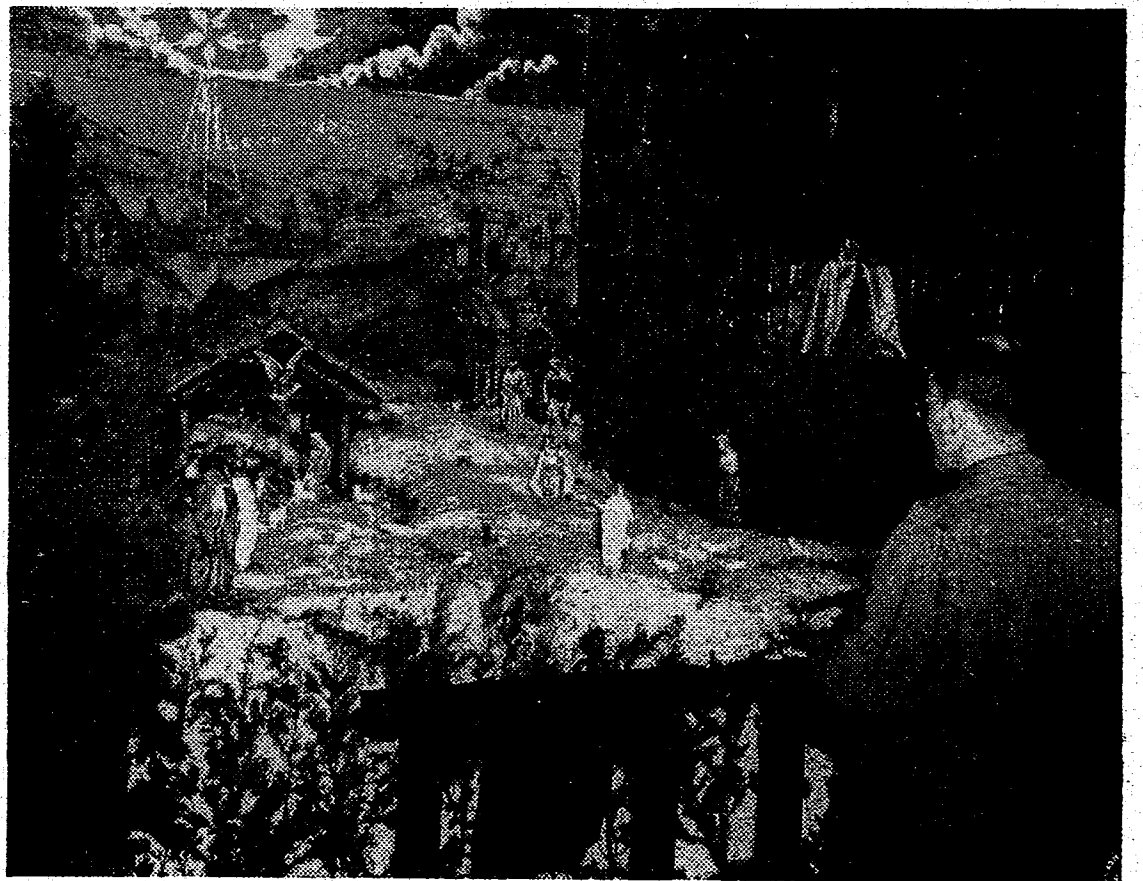
Women Urged To Join WAC

Women in the Camp Hood area, desirous of serving their country now, when the need for their services is so great, may take their physical examinations at the Camp Hood Station Hospital, according to an announcement today by Captain Catherine Brenaman, who is the WAC recruiting officer at Camp Hood.

Following the examination here, prospective recruits are taken to San Antonio to the U. S. District Recruiting office for final processing, after which they take the oath of allegiance to the United States, members of the Women's Army Corps.

Col. Poole Assigned

Lt. Colonel George R. Poole, commanding officer of the 655th TD battalion since it was activated a year ago, was given a new assignment at TDRTC March 23rd. Major Mortimer M. Merritt has assumed command of the battalion.



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176th St. Chapel Christmas Display Wins National Contest

For its display last Christmas, a bronze plaque was awarded this week to Chaplain Boniface E. Moll, for winning first prize in the Military Crib Division display in the 176th Street Chapel. The competition took so long in reaching a decision, because every Army post in the United States and Canada was entered in the contest, sponsored by Sorrowful Mother Novena. "Novena Notes" published the picture of this winning display and gave it nationwide distribution.

Fathers All

Two men of the Reproductions Department and a third from the Tank Destroyer School Athletic Department are passing around cigars this week—they're proud papas. Sergeant Robert Butler, whose home is at Deposit, N. Y., let friends here know that he is father of a son. Sergeant Claude De Soto was beaming a little earlier in the week. De Soto, who is from Detroit, is the father of a daughter. Private George S. Mihaliko, of New York City, received a wire from home late Saturday announcing the birth of an eight pound son, named George, Junior.

Heady Weather

"How's the weather up there?" is a common greeting to Pvt. Howard Johnson, Co. A, 128th Bn at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp Hood.

Johnson, one of the tallest of the tank destroyer men, says his height doesn't bother him in training although his six feet ten inches does cause him some minor inconveniences at times.

For example, he has to be careful to bend over when entering buildings, sort of folds himself into his GI bunk, and worst of all has to dig a foxhole more than a foot deeper than his average sized buddies.

Art Classes For N. Camp

Art classes are held in the Gatesville USO each Thursday night at 8:00. Living models are used and the artists work in both charcoal and water color.

Sergeant Ross is instructor of the class.

Mortar Added To TD Weapons

The eighty-one millimeter mortar has been added to the list of weapons now being used by the versatile tank destroyers. As a result, there is a new course in the curriculum of the School Weapons Department. Officers and men of certain motor classes are being instructed in the use of this weapon which long has been a favorite of the infantry. Study includes care, cleaning and operation, as well as tactical employment. The use of high explosive and smoke shells is demonstrated in field firing exercises.

In Merchant Marine

Cpl. Anthony Pawelek, formerly assigned to the Tank Destroyer School Reproduction department was discharged from the army and now has signed up with the Merchant Marine, friends in the school learned recently.

Silver Bars

Two Lts in the 672nd TD Bn., changed the color of their bars from gold to silver recently. They were Lt. Lloyd W. Berlin Bn. communications and Claude B. McCaleb leader of the first platoon, Company "A."



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S-SGT. SARA F. LARNER, WAC, TDRTC, looking at Camp Hood Booklet, at the 21st Street Post Exchange, North Camp Hood, purchased from Mrs. Dennie Crawford, clerk. A new stock of these booklets are now at the PXs, in answer to the great demand from the men, who were unable to get in on the first limited supply.

Male Call

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

Nice Lines Of Communication



SPORTS

Camp Hood sports memo—of a bygone event—for the edification of the new personnel arriving at this health farm: Early in December this corner had the pleasure of introducing Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson & Co. to a packed-with-fight-fans Field House. When the Brown Bomber stepped into the ring bedlam broke loose as never before in that particular building. Joe did not acknowledge the cheers by so much as a nod to the crowd. He was all business, the champ, the old glint still there in his eyes, on edge, ready. That was the second time we saw a crowd go mad with excitement when Joe made an appearance. We wondered at his seeming indifference. So we meandered to the dressing rooms after the local exhibition, where we accosted the champ. "Joe," we said, "This is the second time I've seen you ignore the crowd. The first time was when you came out on the diamond in Hollywood, California, with your Detroit Brown Bombers softball team, with which you played first base. I remember the crowd getting to its feet when you came trotting out with the team. But you didn't give 'em a tumble. How come, Joe?" Well, he looked up at us from the rub-down table and said very slowly: "I came out on that field with a ball club. I was just a ball player that night, I had no right to trade on this thing. Tonight, why I came out there just what I am, a soldier. Sgt. Joe Louis of the U. S. Army, and that don't rate no more than no one else in this Army." That was that.

Camp Hood athletes we've never seen in action: T-5 Robert Lucas of the TDS message center, one of the finest basketball players ever developed in Washington, D. C. Duties haven't given him too much time to indulge hereabouts on the gym. Sgt. Robert Washburn—a crack tennis player from Chicago. He is prop. of the TDS Bookshop. Lt. Edward Roselle, concert singer, baseball player, and boxer extraordinary, now taking the Automotive Course.

With Captain Leslie Wood, Staff Sgt. Sid Katz, and Sgt. Alan Rose getting together for a conference at the TDS athletic office, brother! The Bronx, Long Island, and Manhattan accents really get a workout. They hail from the Empire State, where Captain Wood has watched the athletic prowess of Katz from the time he was at Public School number something-or-other!

Tip to North Camp PRO and SSO: Major John W. (Dough) Rollins has been transferred from TDS to TDRTC. Major Rollins is the former great line coach at Texas A&M, a great athlete, a great after dinner speaker, and a real inspiration to young athletic stars of all sports.

In the spruce and hemlock country the ice is beginning to break up in the streams. In a southern lake a big bass fans out a sandy bed in the shade of moss-hung cypresses. Squadrons of gray honkers are making the last lap of their northward trek. The processes of nature unfold with the inexorable change of seasons, in spite of man and his wars. Spring—and fishing time—is here again.

In many parts of the world men will be fishing when they have a chance—in the salt lagoons of Pacific Islands; in icy streams of the Aleutians; in the blue waters of the Mediterranean; in the lakes and rivers of Scotland, Norway, Russia and Brazil. They will be fishing with fine tackle and fishing with makeshift outfits, in the quiet of the wilderness or in sound of heavy gunfire. They will be fishing to heal shattered nerves, and they will be fishing for sorely needed meat. Out of her bounty nature has given us fish and fishing, for food and recreation.

Yes, fishing time is here again.

—RC

A later order will be made to fit the season involved.

Cadremen who have already arrived in the IRTC and feel the urge to relax at their favorite sports are being furnished the wherewithal through equipment loaned to the IRTC by courtesy of the Camp Special Service office. The first few batches of trainees will also have access to these goods.

658th Recn. Men Rock Lampasas

The old foundation of the Lampasas Country Club rocked and groaned 'neath the jubilated, beating of merry feet on the evening of March 20 last. The lights burned gay and brightly far into the night.

Source of all the merriment came from the boys of Recon, 658th TD Bn. Originated and inspired by the thoughtful efforts of Lt. M. H. Dooley, together with the hearty endorsement of the C. O., Capt. D. Ladd, the party was given for the members of this company and proved to be a most welcome diversion from the monotony of week nights in camp, and a most interesting morale builder.

Music and dancing was a highlight of the evening, the music flowing from the Austin Blue Jackets. Representatives of the fair sex turned out in force and decorated the program satisfactorily.

658th League Gets Under Way

A battalion baseball league consisting of six teams, and boasting several out-standing players, got under way last Monday when Co. "C" defeated Co. "B," of the 658th TD Bn. with a score of 11 to 5. A team boasting such players as Pfc George Ope, Sgt. Robert Sobleski, T-4 Fred Hofmeister, S-Sgt. Henry Hines, Sgt. Wallace, Schneider, Sgt. Paul Masmanian, T-5 Salvatore Zombo, Sgt. Dennis Kiley, Sgt. Arnold Abel, S-Sgt. Robert Vaught, and "Lampasas Hero," S-Sgt. Dick Billera, promises to be a challenge to any Camp team.

Round Robin

The league will consist of one team from each company, plus a team composed of officers. Each team will play every other team to complete the 15 game round-robin schedule. The outstanding players will be selected from each company to form a battalion team, which will represent the 658th in games outside the battalion league.

The battalion league will be directed by 2nd Lt. William Montgomery, special service officer. 1st Lt. Danwood Reimer, will manage the officer's team. The battalion team will be selected and managed by 2nd Lt. Edward Malachowski, who was a semi-pro player in civilian life.

HERE WE GO AGAIN! And it's Pvt. Al Karp again, whose super strength makes him a mighty handy man to have around. His secret is to drink a glass of warm Hypo each day before retiring. This scene depicting man's great strength is commemorated to Saturday—and you know what that day is!

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Co. C, 662nd TD Bn. Takes Close One From Temple

Co. C, 662nd TD Bn. won over the Temple High School basketball team by a 31 to 27 decision at Temple on the evening of the 21st.

After a closely fought game which saw the score frequently tied throughout, the game ended up in the allotted time with a 27 to 27 tie. During the first three minute overtime both teams were held scoreless. The game then moved into the second overtime period and with 45 seconds to play T-5 Richard F. Zachgo, Jr., scored a shot from mid-court and was closely followed by a sleeper under the basket, by Cpl. Ruben M. Dutton to make the final score 31 to 27.

Zachgo led both teams in scoring with a total of 13 points, making six field goals from mid court.

Bridge Tournaments

A bridge tournament night has been started at the 37th Street Service Club, conducted Tuesday evenings.

The first big session took place last Tuesday, as TDs, IRTC men, and those from the station complement—together with lady guests vied for the prizes. Sgt. Benton Perry of Post Molele Services won the high score going away.

Challenge From 657th

The 657th TD Bn. desires softball games with any team on or off the post. Its team has had several practice games and bids fair to gain camp recognition. Call Lt. Lutz, 551.

IRTC Headquarters Has Rabid Gang Of Keglers

Mention bowling around IRTC Headquarters, especially within earshot of former Camp Fannin men, and brother you have a red hot topic on your hands.

The music (din, if you like) of bakelite crashing against maple is as pleasant to the ears of these pin-smashers as a fine symphonic passage to a music lover.

Keglers All

Up at Camp Fannin these wizards of the ten pin sport had three leagues going full blast in the IRTC Hqs. Each league managed to complete its season shortly before transfer orders to Camp Hood came. Almost any night in the week you could find these khaki clad bowlers keeping the lanes of the two Tyler, Texas, bowling centers, seven miles away, well occupied. Now when they visit Temple or other nearby communities they scout around for places at which to indulge in this pastime.

Titleholders

Prominent among the group is Cpl. Hank Lipinski, Payroll and Record Section. He piloted an outfit called the "Rams" which walked away with the league title for his section. Working alongside of Lipinski is teammate, S-Sgt. Percy Menning. In the same section is Sgt. Carl Gutwald, who played on a second division team but sported a game average of 163. Cpl. "Tex" Stringer and S-Sgt. Walter Wasson also clicked consistently in this loop.

Chairborne

The Personnel Section at Camp Fannin had a league dubbed the Chairborne Infantry League which had a close and furious race right up to the final gun. Looking back at these sessions are Sgt. John Stephani, Sgt. Henry Wachdorf, M-Sgt. Richard Rafferty, S-Sgt. John Yablonsky, Cpls. Ken-

neth Mundt, John Bonner, Thomas Stephenson and a host of others. Stephani was one of the best in this circuit with a game average of 160 while Wachdorf kept near with 154.

Sgt. Willard Soames, now with the 79th Regt. rolled regularly in the Classification Section League and didn't do badly as his 158 average shows.

There are also several others of these Camp Fannin strike and square experts who are ready to join battle with any other combination that feels skillful enough to hit the headpin at the right spot.

Lots Of Athletics For IRTC Men

New soldiers soon entering the gates of Camp Hood to start their basic infantry training in the IRTC are assured an abundance and variety of athletic equipment to use in their recreational time.

Big Athletic Requisition

That was the announcement made this week by Capt. M. E. Van Hemert, IRTC Special Service Officer, who recently completed a requisition for athletic goods amounting to over \$7,000. Each Regimental SSO will be apportioned a share of these articles to distribute throughout the units comprising his regt.

In sending through the order special attention has been paid to acquiring seasonal type of equipment and that ever-popular with sports-minded men.

On Order Now

Among the items listed for distribution is equipment for baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, ping pong, horseshoes and boxing. A number of handballs and badminton sets have also been ordered.

Inasmuch as the requisition must be filled at the Kansas City Ordnance depot this mass of material is not expected here until five to eight weeks hence. As the IRTC is a brand new unit its equipment will be likewise and the SSO must build up its own stocks.

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