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Sergeant Ludolf Klein, Company B, 141st TD Bn. Wins Legion Of Merit

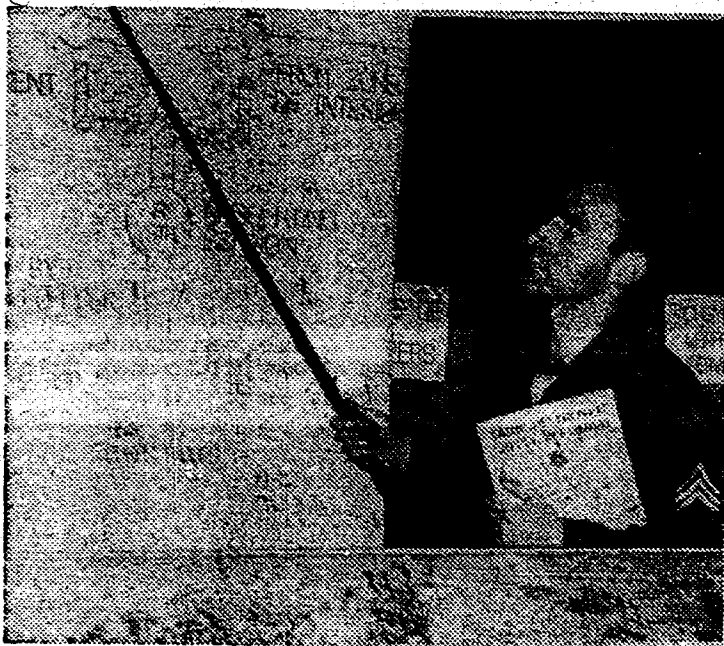
Sgt. Ludolf Klein of Co. B, 141st Bn., RTC has been advised informally by the headquarters of the Commanding General of RTC, North Camp Hood that he is to be awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as battalion supply instructor" during a period extending from February 20th to September 9, 1943.

The citation further states that in addition to his regular duties as an Instructor, Sgt. Klein voluntarily and on his own time and initiative devised and constructed a number of visual training aids, medals, and charts, which have proved of the greatest value in instructing trainees in "combat supply." With no equipment and no pertinent data available he gathered such material from all accessible sources, including reports from combat zones, and prepared a "data book" which is issued to and used by the trainees of the Tank Destroyer Training Center as instruction manual and reference book.

In connection with the above

award it is expected that Brig. General A. O. Gorder, Commanding General of RTC, will order an appropriate review to be held in Sgt. Klein's honor and will make the presentation. The date of the review will be announced later.

Sgt. Ludolf Klein has the congratulations of all the officers and men of RTC for his outstanding achievement in receiving this high award. The honor he received brings great credit to the Tank Destroyer Training Center.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Sgt. Ludolf Klein of Co. B, 141st Bn., RTC, recently announced as the winner of the coveted Legion of Merit, is shown surrounded by training aides and charts designed to use for instruction in connection with his army-sponsored "combat supply" instruction manual.

NC 1848th Unit Is Reviewed By General Nichols

In an impressive ceremony the men and women of North Camp Hood's station complement marched in a review before Brig. Gen. W. R. Nichols, Camp Commander, and Col. Donald R. Dunkle, Executive Officer of North Camp last Thursday for the first time since the camp was opened.

Speaking briefly during the ceremony General Nichols told the 1848 Service Unit personnel that he wants more such reviews from time to time.

After the General spoke he and Col. Dunkle made an inspection of the Army Service Forces troops as they stood in formation and then reviewed them as they marched by the reviewing stand as a body, headed by the 1848 S. U., WAC Detachment.

Playing the martial music for the review was the 241st Coast Artillery Band under the direction of CWO R. A. Kurth.

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TD RTC Vehicles To Have Names

In a memorandum from Headquarters, RTC, North Camp Hood, the battalions were advised that the naming of jeeps, motorcycles, trucks and track vehicles by trainees is to be initiated.

It is believed that a name on a vehicle, such as "Old Ironsides" or "Trusty" for example will create more interest and care in the vehicles on the part of the men driving and maintaining them.

Bluebonnet Ball

A colorful bluebonnet ball will highlight this week-end's activities at the Temple USO. A dance will climax the festivities Saturday night, with the servicemen selecting a sweetheart from among the girls present.

A camera and art exhibit will be on display Sunday, and free auto trips will be provided to see the bluebonnets in the neighboring countryside.

Gen. Hazlett At Camp Hood IRTC For Brief Visit

Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, Commanding General of the Replacement and School Command with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., paid a short visit to Camp Hood last Wednesday and Thursday.

During his visit Gen. Hazlett, who has been in command of the Replacement and School Command for the past year, conferred with Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, Commanding General of the IRTC and members of Gen. Bresnahan's staff. The IRTC here is one of many similar units under the direction of the Replacement and School Command.

Gen. Hazlett also made an inspection of the new IRTC set-up at Camp Hood. His inspection reached through Regimental areas and afforded him a view of trainees freshly-arrived here to start their infantry training.

Red Cross Drive Assured \$15,000

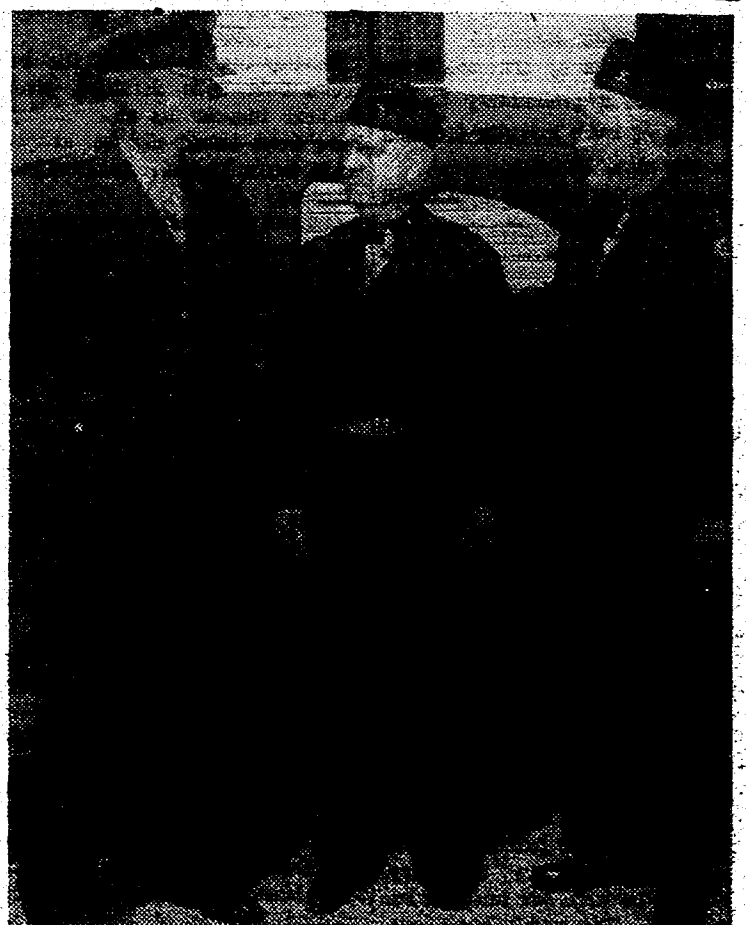
Returns on the Red Cross War Fund Drive at Camp Hood indicates that final returns will approach or pass \$15,000.00, said Field Director George H. Hyde today.

To date \$14,237.44 have been turned in at the Red Cross office and there are still several Civilian and Military units waiting pay day before making their final reports.

It is gratifying to acknowledge the splendid cooperation received from all Military and Civilian groups. Compared with last year, the response is proportionately greater and, thereby, indicates an increased appreciation of services being rendered by the American Red Cross, both at home and overseas, stated Mr. Hyde.

Summer Uniforms

Effective reveille, April 24th, the change from winter to summer uniform will be effected. All military personnel are enjoined to secure the necessary supply of summer uniforms prior to that date.



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At the left is Major Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, Commanding General of the Replacement and School Command, Birmingham, Ala., on a tour of inspection of the IRTC area with Brig. General Thomas F. Bresnahan, IRTC Commanding General (center), and Col. Maurice C. Bigelow, IRTC executive officer.

"Travelers" Permanent Officers Installed At 37th St. Club Meeting

The first permanent officers of Camp Hood Chapter No. 2, Order of the Travelers was held April 4th in the 37th Street Service Club, with Major Ralph Sleator and Chaplain Thomas H. Talbot installing the elected and appointed officers.

Several members of Killean Lodge No. 1125 were present for the installation.

New officers of the Travelers are: T-5 Audis Boatler, Lt. Commander; Pfc. Carl Neitzel, Brigadier; T-3 Edward Slade, Adjutant; 1st Sgt. Fred Brown, Chaplain; and T-4 Robert Lewis, Sentinel.

S-Sgt. Leo Charlton, Commander-elect was unable to be present for the installation.

The Travelers hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, in the clubroom of the 37th Street Ser-

vice Club. All meetings are open and any enlisted man who is a Master Mason is eligible for membership.

A special invitation is being issued to all members of the IRTC.

TD RTC Entertains

The annual Gatesville Chamber of Commerce banquet held Friday evening, April 7th was provided with an unexpected floor show by the Special Service office of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Center, North Camp Hood.

This program, arranged by Lt. Thomas Wilhoit, entertainment officer for Special Services, featured Lt. Roy Ross, top professional tap dancer, Pvt. Arnold M. Kassin, singing a medley of military songs and musical presentations by the 188th Army Band.



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Major Ralph Sleator tenders charter to the new officers of the Travelers: The officers are, l. to r. 1st Sgt. Fred Brown, Pfc. Carl Neitzel, T-5 Audis Boatler, T-3 Edward Slade, and T-4 Robert Lewis.

First IRTC Rookies Begin Basic Training Here

Assembling for the first time since they arrived at Camp Hood, trainees of the Infantry Replacement Training center were greeted by their commanding general, Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, and his staff, at the camp field house Saturday morning.

The welcome by General Bresnahan was a preliminary to the opening of basic infantry training for the men, Monday.

The regular training cycles will last 17 weeks, with rifle regiments

engaged in a full program of basic infantry training during that time, while specialist groups, such as cooks, pioneers, clerks and chauffeurs, will receive seven weeks of infantry instruction before swinging into 10 weeks of training in designated specialties.

Ready To Go

During the last week, the recruits have been classified, given medical inspections and "shots," have been issued clothes, assigned to barracks and organized into platoons.

General Bresnahan declared in the assembly Saturday morning that he was "thrilled to stand here this morning to greet the first class that will go through the Infantry Replacement Training center for training that will 'fit you for the task that lies ahead.' 'I want to welcome you,' he said, 'and tell you that you are most fortunate to have been sent to Camp Hood. You are entering a phase of life you couldn't have foreseen several years ago, and I hope you realize the tremendous responsibility that is yours.

"If you properly realize this responsibility, you will leave nothing undone to take it upon yourself to make yourself the best soldier possible."

General Bresnahan pointed out that the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Infantry Replacement Training center were outstanding and had been selected because of their exceptional ability and experience.

He asked the men, who only recently left civilian life to don military uniform, to remember four factors, which, he said, would guide them in their training:

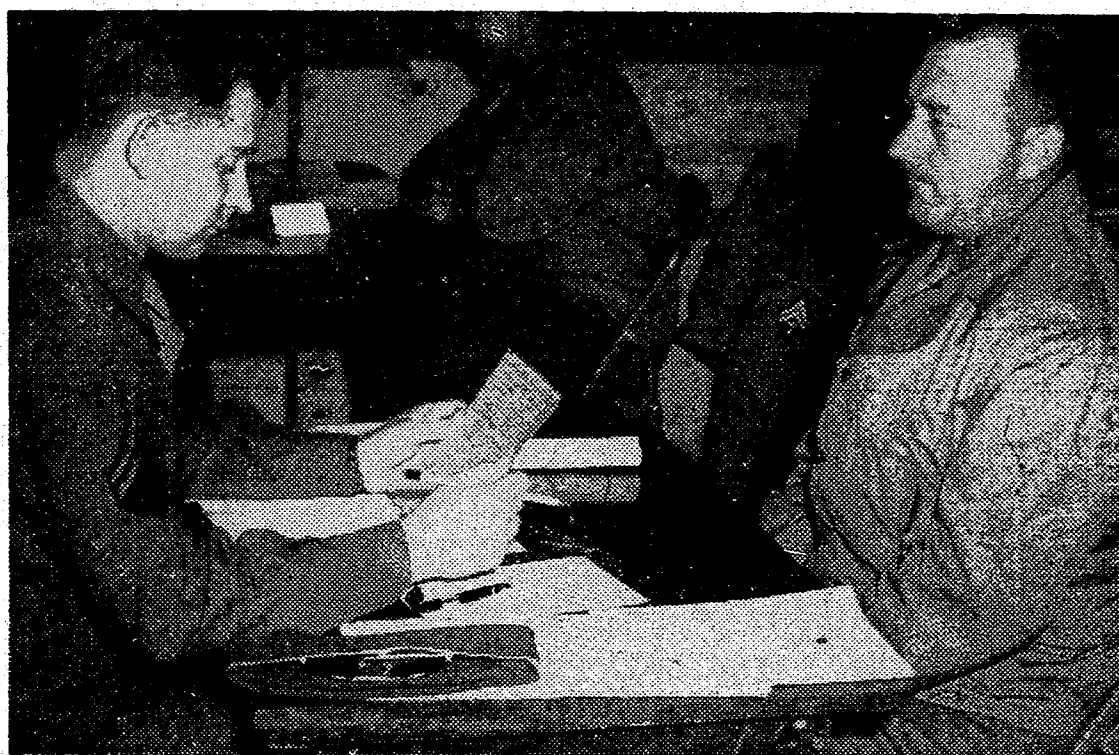
First, he stressed the fact that the American soldier is the best soldier in the world; second, the American army is the best equipped in the world, and, third, he emphasized that the training, the men would receive at the IRTC was the finest possible.

Personal Factor

The fourth point, he said, was the personal factor. In this respect, he urged the men to pay strict attention to all orders and instructions given them. He warned that the work would seem difficult, but that physical conditioning and discipline of the soldier played essential roles in winning the war.

General Bresnahan called upon the trainees "to give us everything you have in you."

Col. Maurice C. Bigelow, executive officer of IRTC, also outlined for the men the importance of



Cpl. Walter Lenski, IRTC, Classification Section learns about the background of Pvt. Edwin R. Adams, 36, Los Angeles, Calif., in a classification interview given to all new IRTC trainees. Pvt. Adams was a salesman for a chemical manufacturing firm in civilian life.



Pvt. Herbert S. Comstock of Co. C, 138th Bn., North Camp Hood, and Mrs. Comstock celebrated their third wedding anniversary last weekend.

Mrs. Comstock journeyed from the family home in Simsbury, Conn. to be with her husband for the event. The couple has a son.

Another approaching wedding anniversary in that company is that of Pvt. and Mrs. C. William Balling, who will mark four years of wedded life. Their home is in Youngstown, Pa.

An engagement took place in Camp Hood on Easter Sunday, as Pfc. Shirley Ladda, WAC, of Pekin, Illinois, and 1st Sgt. Carl Raab, Jr., 564th Co., 320th Ord. Bn., announced their promise to each other.

The bells (wedding) tolled away single blessedness for two IRTC Cademen last week. On April 1 Cpl. Lester DePenning, Returns Section, IRTC Headquarters was married to LaVerne Jarman, of Tyler, Texas, at the First Christian church in Temple. Cpl. Don Archer, Returns Section, was the best man and Mrs. Archer, bridesmaid. Cpl. DePenning is from Des Moines, Iowa.

On the same date wedding rites were performed in Tyler for M-Sgt. Harley B. Wooten, Sgt. Major, 92nd Regt. and Salome Snapp at the home of the bride's aunt Mrs. Willye DeLay, in Tyler. Miss Snapp is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Snapp, Chandler. M-Sgt. Wooten is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooten, Visalia, California.

United in wedlock, April 5th, at the Leon Drive Chapel, North Camp Hood were Pvt. Charles O. Dehlinger, 9th Coast Artillery, Battery B and Virginia Ulrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ulrich, 1915 No. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill. The bride was dressed in simple white cotton and wore orchids. Pvt. Dehlinger's home is also Chicago.



Sgt. Glenn Philpott, Co. D, 146th Bn, 90th Regt., puts a group of new IRTC trainees through their paces in the first marching drill they received after arriving in camp.

military discipline and the reasons why it is an essential of victory.

Chaplain Thomas H. Talbot, camp chaplain, described religious services available at Camp Hood; Capt. R. Lee Hall, IRTC medical officer, explained medical services offered, and George H. Hyde, field director for the American Red Cross, sketched functions of the Red Cross, USO, Army Emergency Relief, judge advocate section of the Red Cross.

Music was furnished by the 134th army band.

Big Time Fight Handler Now Member Co. D, 130th TD Bn.

Co. "D", 130th TD Bn., RTC, lists on its roster of trainees a man who has been prominently identified with "Big-Time" boxing for many years. This man with the colorful background is Pvt. Phillip T. Solomon who hails from Cleveland, Ohio.

Pvt. Solomon during the past 16 years has personally steered one fighter, Anton Christofordis, into the Light Heavyweight championship of the world and has helped to train sixteen other

title-holders the names of Armstrong, Angott, Ross, Yarosz, Schmeling, and Dempsey are known to all sports followers and to boxing fans in particular. Solomon arranged Henry Armstrong's boxing tours during his heyday as triple-champion, and handled Dempsey's sparring partners during Jack's preparation for bouts during his days as heavyweight champion.

In order that men interested in boxing may benefit from his long experience, Pvt. Solomon has placed himself at the disposal of the RTC Athletic Office and interested men may reach him through that office.

Stork Stopped By

Lt. Morris Katz, now on Special Duty with Camp Public Relations office, became the proud father of a baby girl last Thurs-



The question of where to go for amusement and diversion is being answered by the familiar Camp Hood booklet for these two new IRTC trainees. Left, Pvt. Robert Findley, Burbank, Calif., who was an airplane factory employe; right, Pvt. Louis Chirinsky, Hollywood, Calif. who worked in a Los Angeles shipyard repairing naval vessels.

TDs Score Big Quiz Contest Win

The TD's scored a smashing victory over IRTC in their second Quiz contest held last Wednesday at the 37th Street Service club. The final score was 55 to 35.

The TDs were represented by Cpl. Charles R. Gannon, B Co.

662nd TD Bn., Cpl. Frank A. O'Connell B Co., 662nd TD Bn., and T-5 Robert Burns of the 23rd Gp. IRTC's team was manned by Cpl. Vincent Canozza, 96th Regt., Cpl. James R. Duerling, 96th Regt., and Cpl. Carl F. Jarosch, 96th Regt. PFC Robert J. Bettencourt, Hq. Co., 662nd TD Bn., again acted as Quizmaster.

The third and deciding quiz will be held Wednesday, April 26th at the 37th Street Service club. The winner will compete with a team of Station Complement men being organized by S-Sgt. Benton Perry of Post Morale Services.



162nd St. & 37th St. Theaters
Sat.—Jam Session.
Sun.—Mon.—Tampico.
Tues.—Hi Good Lookin and Oklahoma Raiders.
Wed.—Thurs.—Follow the Boys.
Fri.—Weird Woman.
Hood Rd. and 24th St. Theaters
Sat.—Hi Good Lookin and Oklahoma Raiders.
Sun.—Mon.—Uncertain Glory.
Tues.—Ladies Courageous.
Wed.—Jam Session.
Thurs.—Fri.—Tampico.
Brigade Ave. & 12nd St. Theaters
Sun.—Ladies Courageous.
Mon.—Jam Session.
Tues.—Wed.—Tampico.
Thurs.—The Falcon Out West and Jamboree.
Fri.—Sat.—Follow the Boys.

Ave. "D" and 24th St.
Sat.—The Young in Heart.
Sun.—Mon.—Meet the People.
Tues.—The Falcon Out West and Jamboree.
Wed.—Thurs.—Uncertain Glory.
Fri.—Ladies Courageous.
18th St. Theater
Sun.—You Can't Ration Love.
Mon.—The Young in Heart.
Tues.—Wed.—Meet the People.
Thurs.—The Cowboy and the Senorita.
Fri.—Sat.—Uncertain Glory.
4th and 10th St. Theaters
Sat.—The Falcon Out West and Jamboree.
Sun.—Mon.—Four Jills in a Jeep.
Tues.—You Can't Ration Love.
Wed.—The Young in Heart.
Thurs.—Fri.—Meet the People.



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A year ago army men noted the arrival of the first Wacs at North Camp Hood and have watched them quickly adjust themselves to military life and become an important and respected part of the military community. The Wacs are represented in camp by the 1848th and RTC Detachments.

These women have interwoven themselves into the North Camp operation and perform many tasks and duties which entitle them to claim a major share in the highly satisfactory year enjoyed by North Camp Hood during this period.

In recognition of their efforts and loyalty to duty the members of the detachments curtailed duty for the day on Monday, April 3rd at 1600 and were whisked into Waco for a dinner at the Raleigh Hotel. Later in the evening they attended a theater party at the Waco Theatre.

Women of the 1848th and RTC Wac Detachment are shown above entering vehicles for the trip into Waco. Sgt. Eura Weaver, S-Sgt. Sara Lerner, Lt. Jeanette M. Kargaard and Cpl. Bert Barkhuff in the doorway.

Brushed Off

The letters in Yank this week don't discuss cabbages or kings, but they do put the breeze on a variety of other flora, and some fauna, more directly of interest to GIs.

There is, for instance, a poignant communique from one Louise M. Cozine, who comments on the Brush-Off clubs organized by jilted Joes. Says she, in effect, how about us gals who've been brushed-off by soldiers? We refuse to believe it, but she claims that thousands of potentially ever-loving gals have been given the gate without rainchecks for soldiers, and they've started their own brushed-off club.

"See Here Pvt. Etc."

Another touching note is contributed by a GI assigned to Public Relations office, who says its bad enough being accused by the uninformed of having a 37-carat goldbrick job, but now the movie "See Here, Pvt. etc. . . ." makes it even worse. The aggrieved GI reminds that he didn't ask for the job, and Hollywood with its usual casual regard for facts has a hell of a lot of nerve. Yank says that Pvt. Hargrove agrees.

There is a delightful letter about a classification interview. A note of appreciation from the South Pacific, on the work done by Sgt. John A. Bushemi, Yank correspondent killed in action out there. Letters from Joes overseas who aver they haven't seen a woman since Pauline's perils.

Several letters take exception to the Congressional bills for mustering out pay. One wants more monetary consideration for GIs who've served overseas. Another points out that a sad sack who serves 59 days gets nothing, while lucky Joe who serves 60

days gets \$200. The tenor of the letters suggests the bill is a grab for plaudits and votes, rather than an attempt at equitable treatment.

In addition to letters, of course, Yank packs in the best combat stories being written. If Sad Sack weren't worth the admission price, you could come out ahead on the other cartoons and the poetry.

(Editor's Note: This is appreciation, not advertising.)

TDS Will Enter Service League

The Tank Destroyer School will have an entry in the Waco Amateur Army Baseball League this season, Captain Leslie Wood, School athletic director, announced this week.

In preparation for participation



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Formerly the home of the Tank Destroyer Center, on Headquarters Avenue, this building today functions as headquarters of the IRTC.

135th TDTB On Field Problems At Royalty Ridge

Realistic field problems were staged by a training battalion during two-week bivouac.

The 135th TDTB, RTC recently moved into bivouac on Royalty Ridge in the North Camp Hood vicinity and immediately launched into rigorous realistic field maneuvers. The entire operation was accomplished under tactical conditions with an "enemy force" designated to operate against the battalion.

Camouflage, rigid guard discipline, sanitation, and strict attention to duty and job were included in the order of the day.

During moments of relaxation a comprehensive athletic program was carried on.

The 135th is commanded by Lt. Col. Lloyd E. Gates.

Closer Check Will Be Made On Pedal Injuries

"Sick in quarters" will mean just that from now on, trainees at the Replacement Training Center, North Camp, learned last week from their bulletin boards.

A memorandum issued by RTC Headquarters supplying information from an 8th SC letter noted that there has been an increase of late in physical difficulties with feet, legs, hips and backs. After consultation with medical authorities it was determined that, to alleviate this condition, all men on sick report marked "quarters" will not leave their barracks except to obtain meals or medical attention. They will not visit recreation halls, post exchanges, service clubs or theaters.

Furthermore, the memorandum states, men sick in quarters will relinquish for the time being all Class A passes and will be issued no special passes, and no furloughs will be granted men in this category, as it is felt that to allow them to travel away from military jurisdiction when in such condition is failing to properly protect their physical welfare.

The memorandum directs also that nothing therein shall be construed a punishment, nor will it be used at any time to give company punishment to enlisted men in any category, its sole purpose being to assist them in a rapid recovery.

In this and also the Post League, the School team has been having regular workouts. Two practice games were scheduled for this week, the second one Friday evening at the School athletic grounds against a pickup team from the 662nd Battalion. Newman, 662nd slugger is a new addition to the TDS nine.

Men of the 22nd group who would like to play on the school team are urged to phone Lt. Andrews at 2613, or see their own athletic officers for tryouts.



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TAYLOR THE TAILOR—There art tailors and Taylors but here's a man who can claim credit of both spellings. He is the son of John Taylor, 1543 Taylor Ave. Name is Pvt. Joe Taylor. He was a tailor at Camp Taylor, Kentucky and before he became a soldier, he was a tailor in a tailor shop.

TDS Man Is An Authority On The Fiji Isles

Before the War few in this country knew anything of the Fiji islands except a few cursory facts remembered from geography lessons of bygone days or half truths gleaned from fictional South Seas adventure stories. Now a large number of men are talking like true students of the Melanesians, displaying unusual knowledge of this group of islands east of the northern portion of Australia.

One Year In Fijis

One of these is Private Sidney E. Wilkins of Headquarters and Service Company of the Academic Regiment, who spent a year there. During that time he amassed a formidable array of facts concerning the people, their communal jungle villages, the rice and cane plantations, and many of the mysteries of the island's mountainous fastnesses. He also knows just what a soldier can learn under the expert tutelage of the natives when it comes to jungle lore and fighting.

Through growth so thick that native guides were required, his unit went out on three-and four-day problems, traveling light and living practically off the land. The natives tutored these men in the stealth necessary for jungle attack; they taught what plants were edible and which ones might furnish potable water and a thousand other details, any one of which might mean the difference between life and death. This was but a part of their routine.

Endless Work

Beaches were patrolled endlessly; aircraft warning stations were maintained; men were constantly at work to prevent the quick growing plants from reclaiming the trails so laboriously hacked out. Despite almost constant work and training, Wilkins did have some time to see a great deal of the island, including Suva, the largest city of the main island of the group.

Saw Plantations

He also rode out to some of the larger cane and rice plantations on the small narrow gauge train equipped for passengers and used also to haul supplies between Suva and the plantations. The railroad, built many years ago, is unique and its one tiny engine, with its plentiful brass polished to a dazzling brightness, makes a brave

"Suggestion Day" Was Successful

Suggestion Day, March 29th, designated by Major General Richard Donovan was observed in Camp Hood. This is an idea sponsored by the War Dept., and seeks constructive suggestions from the civilian personnel, to aid in the successful prosecution of the war, from the standpoint of their work in training camps and other units of the War Dept.

The cooperation was excellent as approximately 250 suggestions were submitted by the civilian employees in North and South Camp. Each suggestion will be evaluated and a report made by the committee to the individual of its findings. After investigation the committee will recommend the adoption of the suggestion and giving of an award if the committee finds merit in the suggestion.

In order to receive the cash award the suggestion must first be put into operation. When this is done the committee will recommend to the commanding officer that the cash award be made.

showing as it pulls huge loads of cane to the refinery.

Life on Suva was no tropical idyll, Wilkins indicates, but there was always something doing; if nothing else there was always one of a hundred special details, in addition to the full training schedule.

At TDS

During his two years in the army Wilkins has done a great deal of traveling. He had basic at Fort Sill after his induction from his home at Wynne, Arkansas, before going overseas for further training. After some months in the Fijis, Wilkins became ill and after a stay in the hospital there, was returned to the States. Recently he was discharged from an Army hospital and, on being reclassified, was detailed to the School.

Earn New Ratings

The following promotions were made in the 656th TD Bn.:

Company C:

To be sergeant, Cpl. John D. Gravelly; to be Tec 4, Tec 5 Robert J. Hayes. To be Cpls., Tes 5's Robert J. Shockey, Donald R. Yeust, Edmund G. Klein. To be Tec 5, PFC's George L. Dennison, Lawrence F. Gercek.

Hq. Co.

To be Tec 5, PFC's Theodore J. Kupiec, Thomas F. Glasscock.

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A Guy Named Joe

The way people talk about Joe you'd think he was somebody new, created by clever cartoonists or writers. But there is nothing new about Joe—he's been in the army a long time, and before that he was a civilian.

We all know him. He's the guy who drove the milk wagon, he plowed the fields, he argued cases in court, he directed traffic, he sold insurance, he built houses and bridges, he sold shoes, he was an engineer on a train . . . he's the guy who's made America the country it is.

Joe is the guy who beat the Boche last time—at that, he's been licking the Hun for thousands of years—and he is the guy who is giving the Nazis and Japs a beating this time.

Not Many Medals

You don't read much about him in the newspapers. Once in a while he wins a medal, but most of the time he doesn't get anything gaudier than a good conduct ribbon—and very often he doesn't even get that.

You can see him all over Camp Hood—or any other camp—getting his basic or advance training. He's the guy shouldering a gun, driving a tank, hauling a field piece, slogging through the dust and mud, griping, cursing, complaining. He's overseas shivering miserably in foxholes, griping, cursing, complaining. He's the guy who's winning the war.

He hates basic training. He hates any kind of training. But he learns to be a damned good soldier.

Very often he's raucous and rowdy. Just as often he's a gentleman. But every time he's the guy who can beat the Germans.

Generally his uniform fits him like a potato sack on a turnip. He doesn't appear very smart; Hollywood would be horrified at his appearance.

NOTHING SPECTACULAR

American Joe wasn't born to wear a uniform. But what ever his appearance, up there between the ears he's plenty smart. You read about how smart he is in the newspapers; only it isn't newspaper-spectacular, and they forget to mention his name.

The Japs and Germans may drill with more glamor. But when things don't go according to plan, when the Japs and Nazis get into a corner, they're licked. When things snafu for Joe, when he gets into a tight spot, Joe turns on the steam and fights harder.

There isn't much recognition for him; they don't often get around to saying, "Nice job, well done." And yet the fact that everybody knows him as Joe is recognition of a kind. It indicates how much they take him for granted, how much they expect him to do a good job without any fuss. They know that Joe is dependable, and his griping is so much lubrication.

A bunch of rookie Joes have arrived at camp recently—more are on their way. A little while ago they were civilian Joes, now they're military Joes. They'll hear their sergeants tell them that they're the dumbest, the clumsiest, the most inept Joes ever perpetrated upon the army.

That's what sergeants are for. In a few months they'll be trained and cease to be rookies, and it'll be their turn to eat out a new bunch.

Meanwhile he'll gripe and groan, he'll wonder what it's all about, and swear it's a waste of time. He'll swear that there's a conspiracy against him. He'll complain that he never gets a break, that he's ignored and submerged, and from all appearances it will seem that he's right.

But the Joe out in the field drilling, training now—there isn't anything that can submerge him. He can't be ignored—because he's the most important man in the army. That training he's doing, that's to win the war.

Joe made this country great; he's winning the war. He doesn't need a citation—we know he's the unglorified hero, and his kids will know it . . .

Hit Hot Spots

Sgt. Leonard Stelzer, Hq. Co., 662nd TD Bn. recently returned from furlough in the windy city of Chicago. While there the colorful playboy of the 662nd toured the Chicago Night clubs in the company of Miss Iris Brahms, a graduate of De Paul university, and one of the well known South Shore Brahms. Sgt. Stelzer said, "The Loop is still one of the gayest spots on the globe."

Ex-Newspaperman In TDS

Private Lloyd Clark, a former newspaperman, has been assigned to the Tank Destroyer School and is in the Weapons Department supply. Clark was assigned here from the Armored Force.

Mitt Show For Shut Ins

With Grant Alexander and Max Kezick of the Tank Destroyer School putting on the main go of a three-bout exhibition boxing match, men at the Station Hospital were well entertained one evening last week. O. McStairm was matched with R. Landrau and S. Tolisano met R. Svoboda in the other two bouts. These men are from the 662nd TD Battalion.

George Mehalko and Nick Di Angelo of the School Athletic Department made arrangements for the bouts with Joseph Fagan who is now in the hospital taking care of his details on that end.

Panther Poll

QUESTION: Do you believe this is the war to end all wars?



Sgt. Maurice Marshall, Regimental Headquarters Battery 9th Coast Artillery, North Camp

"No. The issue may vary, but demagogues will always arise who will want to seize illegitimate power. As long as these conditions exist it seems to me that wars will go on."



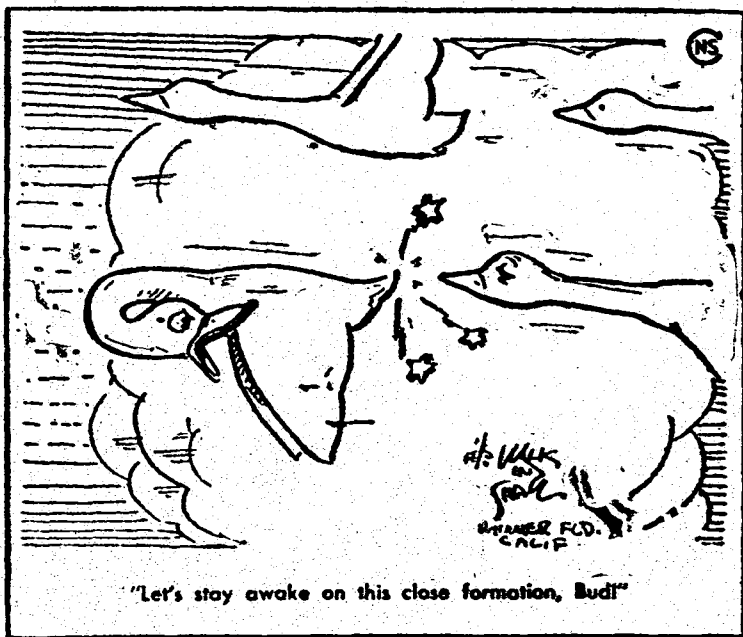
Tec 5 Edward S. King, Regimental Headquarters 9th Coast Artillery, North Camp Hood, Texas.

"No. I remember the ironically triumphant Boston headline, 'Terhan parley great success, no more war for a generation at least.' To prevent that gloomy prediction from coming true, it seems to me that the United States must assume a roll of actual postwar intervention in world affairs for many years to come—intervention backed up by armed force, which means, paradoxically enough, the preservation of the seeds of war. It will probably take a uniform modification of the world wide economic system with the arrival of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth to boot in order to guarantee a Warless World."



Pvt. Frederick L. Daly, Regimental Headquarters Battery 9th Coast Artillery, North Camp Hood.

"Most people seem to think so. Particularly those who appear best qualified to have opinion. The possibility of fighting a war to end all wars was considered back in 1914-18. Probably Napoleon had the same idea—I wouldn't know—I wasn't in his outfit! The idea is a good one, we all admit that. But it seems to me that good old Bonaparte and our modern arm chair strategists have completely forgotten the ace of all saboteurs—human nature. It's unlikely that we will have another war like this one, until we have to settle with Russia—but that's another story. In the meantime—they tell us—we must fight to save Democracy. Of course that's what we're fighting for—and we'll never get the chance to sit back and rest on our laurels—human nature won't allow us to. As long as there is greed and the lust for power beating in a human breast there is danger to free people. The best of hand analogy I can draw to explain myself, is the ideal marriage. Now there's a situation that offers possibilities. A man who has been happily married for 10 to 12 years will not be decorated with a purple heart—but he should be, chum—he should be—believe me



—I know. A war to end all wars? There just ain't such an animal."

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

For your information the IRTC is also made up of Oklahoma boys too, and we are proud of it! I trust this friendly correction is in order.

Pvt. O. F. Kiddy, IRTC

Dear Editor:

I noticed that last week's Panther carried an account of my trip to Monterrey, Mexico for the bull fights.

Of all my experiences there, the following I think stands out most vividly in my mind:

Sunday evening Bob Borst and I went to the town square to see a Mexican custom we were told about. Every town or city has a square that consists of a park with a wide walk around it. From eight o'clock until ten o'clock Sunday evenings all the young fellows and girls go to the square. Most of the time we had been in Monterrey we had seen very few girls but they were out for this promenade. The boys walk clockwise and the girls counter-clockwise. In this way they get to see all the girls, and so the courtships are begun.

We sat on a park bench taking in this fascinating show for more than an hour.

Tec-3 E. W. Slade,
Tank Destroyer School.

Dear Editor:

While at Camp Fannin, associated with the Guidon, the post newspaper, I had occasion to read the Hood Panther weekly. I recall issues devoted to the history and tradition of the terrain now known as Camp Hood.

Now that IRTC has been activated here, I wonder, wouldn't it be a fine idea to present to the new men—who will soon be here in a big body as trainees—the history of Camp Hood, to so knit them closer to the camp, and, by presenting them with an historical record of this area, to provide a real foundation for the time they put in as citizens of Central Texas.

I know that along with the usual griping (of a good soldier) pride in one's camp has been the uppermost thing in a GI's mind, in his letters, and in his conversations off the post.

T-4 Ralph Ruemelin,
IRTC Headquarters

Sees Self In Movies

During the recent showing of the film, "The Negro Soldier" at the visual aid center, S-Sgt. Daniel D. Smith, 32nd Ord. Co., spotted himself in three scenes.

Mr. R. H. Stafford, the projectionist obligingly stopped the film as Sgt. Smith's fellow audience admired the image in the flesh.

At the time the film was made in early 1943, Sgt. Smith was a member of the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg. The men, he reports, were rehearsed three times before the film was actually shot.

He also advises that Pvt. Ray Thompson, also seen in the film, is a member of his organization in Camp Hood.

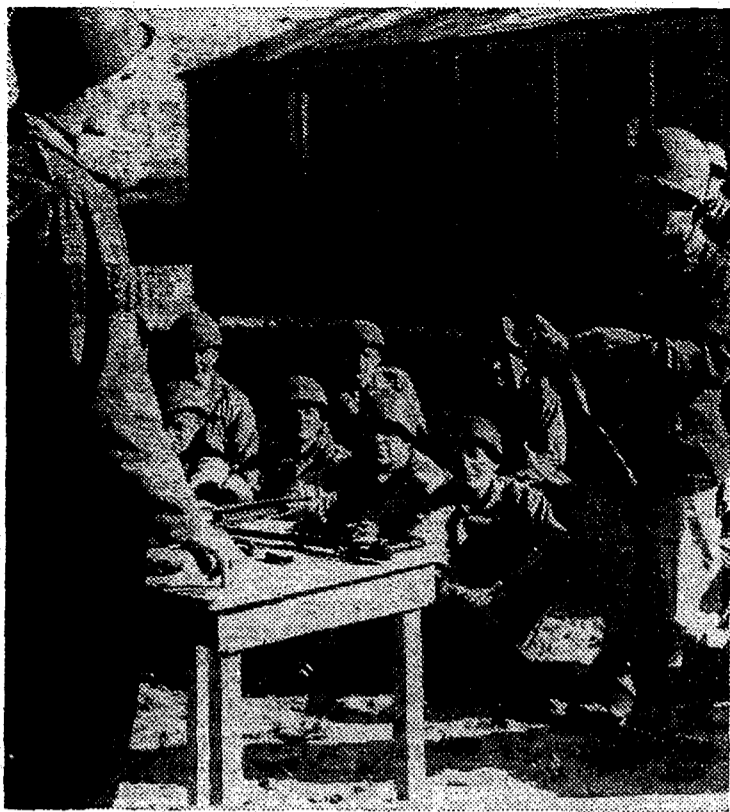
Pfc. John Muccio, Regimental Headquarters, Battery 9th Coast Artillery, North Camp Hood.

"No. 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty'—hence, it will be necessary for us to be ready and willing to fight for our liberty at all times if we are to preserve that liberty. The best way to prevent war is to be always ready for war, paradoxical as that may seem!"

Promotions

Promotions announced in Rcn. Co., 667th TD Bn. included:

Tec 4 John Glosson to the grade of S-Sgt. Tec 5 Arnold S-M to the grade of Tec 4.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Men of the 9th Coast Artillery get some pointers on the operation of the carbine, in a class in their battery area, North Camp.

Coast Artillery Unit Here Converted To Field Tactics

From sea faring soldiers to Texas Plainsmen—that's the current assignment of the 9th Coast Artillery, new arrivals at North Camp Hood. Although a far cry from the rockbound coasts of New England, the Ninth expects to take Texas in stride, for it is an outfit known for its successful and versatile reaction to varying and highly specialized duties.

Many of the regiment's soldiers actually went out to sea in ships, while undertaking the intricate and highly hazardous business of mine planting, and

have more hours at sea to their credit than many Navy men, to say nothing of more experienced and settled stomachs. These salty soldiers knew what it was to be under fire as well, but they were pretty blasé about it, because they had every confidence that their well trained comrades of the sea-coast batteries would score direct hits upon the targets they towed rather than their vessels. In addition to these units, searchlight batteries, antiaircraft organizations, and flying columns of heavy artillery were also component parts of the regiment.

Coast Defense

As part of the New England Sector the mission of the Ninth was one of unceasing vigilance against all marauders and actual invaders of its seacoast defenses. If not glamorous, such duty was exacting and confining in the extreme, for many of the men served in lonely alerted outposts and suffered all the inconveniences and privations that go with warfare in the field. In fact, the garrison of Outer Brewster Island might have worn the American Theater campaign ribbon if their particular garrison had been situated a few hundred yards farther out to sea.

Adaptable and versatile service is not surprising, however, in view of the regiment's past history and tradition. In origin it is one of the oldest outfits in the country, for many of its charter members as soldiers of the 1st Artillery, were drawn from the families who crossed the Atlantic in the Mayflower, as well as veterans of Bunker Hill. Plans for the Ninth's present metamorphosis into Field Artillery at North Camp Hood follows precedent as well, for it was as converted Artillery that units of the regiment saw bloody action in the first World War.

With Traditions

The habit of imposing modern ingenuity as well as the streamlined techniques of modern warfare upon historical tradition is an old one with the Ninth, for the modern theatre at Fort Warren was literally carved out of the same salty forts and dungeons that housed Confederate prisoners. One of the traditions of Warren concerns the beautiful Confederate widow who was shot as a spy there during the war between the States, and who returns to haunt the rocky ramparts upon cold and stormy winter nights. It is said, moreover, that between the hours of two

and four, more than one new recruit of the Ninth has issued a quavering challenge to what he thought was the Black Widow—before discovering that it was the O.D.

Now the Ninth has come to Texas and its Black Widows are no longer ghostly pin up girls but spiders—to be killed on sight without benefit of challenging. Torrential downpours and freezing nights are child's play to the rugged veterans of the New England weather immortalized by Mark Twain. Then, too, to soldiers used to the geographical compactness of New England, the vast open spaces of Texas are a little unusual, but these are minor personal problems, to be solved by the same ingenuity and determination with which the Regiment as a whole is bringing to the serious business of its present intensive training program.

Looking Forward

The Ninth is looking forward to becoming a part of the Field Artillery—Every man is aware of the arduous training days ahead and the many techniques of a new branch of the service which must be learned with the same skill and precision with which the duties of Seacoast defense were mastered. Yet every man is confident of the results and looks forward to the time when the Ninth Coast may once again give added proof of the proud declaration taken from the motto of its historical Mayflower insignia — "First in Action."

Attending Schools

The following Officers of the 662nd TD Bn. are attending Special Army schools. Lt. Col. Robert E. Mitchell, Bn. commander, attended the Atlanta Ordnance school from April 1st to 8th. In his absence Major William D. Richardson took command.

Capt. Joseph A. Ogle Co. commander of A Co is attending the command and staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. 1st Lt. Walter S. Snodell, Co B, and 1st Lt. Jerome J. Sacks, Hq. Co. are attending the advanced officers course at the Tank Destroyer school, 2d Lt. Edward O. Staehle, Hq. Co. and 2d Lt. Lawrence A. McGraw, Co C are attending the Officers Cook's and Bakers school, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

761st Marks Anniversary

The 761st Tank Battalion of Camp Hood, Texas, formerly of Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, celebrated its second anniversary in gala fashion, on Saturday, April 1st. The battalion observed a holiday on that date. The day's activities began with softball games between the companies which compose the Battalion Softball league. At 1500, the entire battalion was reviewed by Major General John H. Hester, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center, Colonel Edward A. Kimball, Commanding Officer, 6th Armored Group, and Lt. Col. E. H. Burba, assistant executive officer, Tank Destroyer School. The 784th Tank Battalion, which was celebrating one year of activation, also participated in the review. General Hester addressed both Battalions immediately after the parade, commending the men on the excellent work which they had been doing.

At 1600, an exciting baseball game was played between teams representing the two battalions, with the 761st emerging victorious by a score of 12 to 6.

After dinner, which was served in the Company Mess Halls of the organization, to the men and their many guests, the 761st Tank Battalion was host at a dance in the Recreation Building, at 268th Street and Warehouse Avenue. During the intermission, Lt. Col. Paul L. Bates, Commanding Officer of the 761st Tank Battalion, presented a trophy to Tec 5 Leroy Johnson, captain of the undefeated basketball team of the 761st Tank Battalion.

Best Mess Halls

The following RTC mess hall ratings for the week of 27 March through 2 April are announced and the two winners are entitled to display the plaque authorized.

Best enlisted mess—140th TD Bn.

Best officer's mess—4th Rgt. officer's mess.

241st Coast Artillery Band Has Tradition Behind It

Every band has a tale whether short or long and this is a story of a band whose history stretches through America's decades from the late 1700's.

Although the band played through the American Revolution, it was not until about 1840 that initial steps of organization were undertaken in Massachusetts. Today, it's here at North Camp Hood—the 241st Coast Artillery Band under the leadership of Chief Warrant Officer Richard A. Kurth.

World War I found these New England musicians with the 51st and 55th regiments. Several of the men who played through the first world war are still with the band.

Now, a band, 28 strong, it includes men who played with famous orchestras and bands like those of Fred Waring, Charlie Barnett, the late Bunny Berrigan, Isham Jones, Ruby Newman, Benny Meroff, Reggy Childs, Vaughn Monroe, Tommy Reynolds, Joe Venuti and Eddie DeLange.

The bandmen studied at various high ranking musical conservatories and under such renowned musicians as Koussevitzky earning degrees and holding scholarships. They have played symphonic and concert music at top theatres; Metropolitan Theater, for the Boston Symphonic Orchestra, the Texas Symphony, the Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra, the New England Telephone Band even unto Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus Band.

Pee Wee, one of the musicians is a real Yaqui Indian hailing from El Paso, Texas. His real name is Sgt. Manuel Aguilar and has been an Army Regular since 1916.

While stationed in New England, this band played at such affairs as the Harvard University Chaplain graduation exercises at Cambridge, Massachusetts and has received innumerable letters of commendation for its outstanding cooperation from top ranking Army Officials.

Nine of the boys form a dance and swing combination called the "Swingapators" who are as mellow as they are "hep."

The band's director, Chief

Warrant Officer Richard A. Kurth, is third in generations of musical Kurths. His grandfather was with Theodore Thomas, the "Father of American Symphony Orchestras." For 42 years CWO Kurth's father played in the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The Chief's own musical life has been a varied one, beginning in 1906 when he won first prize as bugler in the Boston English High School. He pursued his musical studies at the New England Conservatory, the Stern Conservatory, Berlin, Germany and at the Royal Conservatory, Leipzig, Germany being awarded certificates at the latter two schools.

In 1911, he went on tour with the "Pink Lady" as solo hornist playing throughout the United States until late in 1912. He joined the orchestra of the "Little Boy Blue" company in 1913; later the same year went to Montreal to play solo horn with Van der Meecham's Band. 1914 found him again as solo horn at the Knickerbocker Theatre in New York. The next season and until called into service in World War I, he played in the Shubert Theatres in Boston.

Mr. Kurth entered the service with the Massachusetts Coast Artillery Band and soon made bandmaster of the 71st CA Band with rank of 2nd Lt. Since the end of the war, he has been the bandleader of the 241st CA, at the same time pursuing his musical career in civilian life. He was solo hornist with the Boston English Opera Company in 1919 and '20 and with the People's Symphony Orchestra in Boston from 1923 to 1935. He was with Victor Herbert during the run of that composer's last musical comedy, "The Dream Girl."

Mr. Kurth looks back on 27 years of military service and for several years had been active with the Massachusetts Department of American Legions, chairman of the committee on Awards and Trophies for Bands.

The Chief takes pride in the fact that when Executive order number 8530 was issued by the president in 1940, the 241st was the first National Guard Unit to be called into Federal Service thus giving the band the same distinction. The band also has the distinction of being the oldest band in continuous service in the country, having originated in 1784 when a band of Hessians left Burgoyne's Army and furnished music for the Roxbury Train of Artillery.

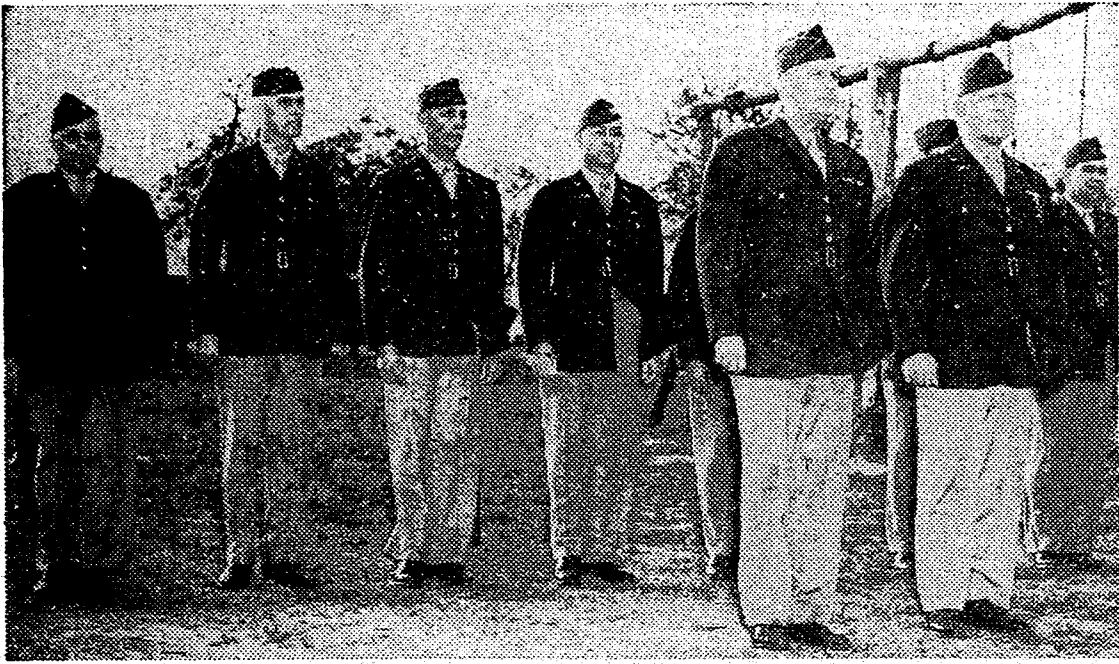


Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

The 241st CA Band at rehearsal, under direction of CWO Richard A. Kurth.

In the first photo above is the swing section composed of men who formerly played with Fred Waring, Charlie Barnett, Bunny Berigan and Joe Venuti.

In the 28-man concert orchestra, besides the above are men who played in various symphony orchestras. Some are nationally famous musicians.



Brig. General W. R. Nichols (left) and Col. Donald R. Dunkle, are seen reviewing the troops of the 1848th SU at North Camp Hood.

FA Officer Has Surprise Meeting With Gen. Clark

Lt L. R. Barnhill

A field artillery officer at McCloskey Army General hospital in Temple tells of a surprise meeting with Lt. Gen. Mark Clark, commanding general of the Fifth Allied Army in an advance area amidst the noise of battle on the tortuous Cassino front.

"I had taken an engineer officer up front right in the rear of the infantry to inspect a blownout bridge that had to be repaired before we could move up our guns," Capt. H. M. Vines recalled, "when my driver gasped excitedly, 'Good gosh, here comes a general with stars all over him.'"

"Sure enough, General Clark, accompanied only by his driver, was striding up the road toward the bridge site we were inspecting. We were so close to the front that we had to leave our vehicles behind and walk up the shell-pocked road. Even if we could have dodged around the shell holes it wouldn't have been safe to travel on the road with a jeep. We were well within range of German observation posts. They could have blasted a jeep off that highway in 90 seconds. That's just how long it takes them to pick up an object at the front with their artillery. It definitely was not a healthy spot for a general, but there he was.

"I'm a tall man, better than six feet, two inches, but I had to look up to see the general's face as he shook hands with me. In a matter-of-fact manner he spent about 30 minutes discussing our gains and losses that day. Then he asked about my outfit.

"At that time we were preparing to move into the positions from which we blasted Cassino and the mountains beyond it. The foot troops had been stopped and we were going to give them close support.

"This is awful close to put up 155's, sir," I remarked.

"Yes it is, captain," he replied, and with that he walked off with his driver toward the

Ex-Hood Gi Makes 'Life'

The March 27th issue of "Life" magazine proved very interesting to the men of Co. C 140th Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood.

Appearing on the cover was a picture showing American troops coming off a landing craft in the Pacific. Some of the men of Company C recognized Pvt. Willie Bryant in the group of men charging the sp-held island.

Pvt. Bryant left North Camp Hood last January and, if this

jeep they had left in the woods to our rear.

Loses Leg

"Just how close our new positions were, was brought home to me a couple of days later when my left leg was blown off by the burst of a Jerry artillery shell.

"One shell had exploded near me and I heard a second one coming. I dove under one of our 6x6 trucks, but that dang shell followed me right under the truck. In addition to blowing off my leg it put the truck out of commission. Shell fragments punctured the radiator and alcohol and water ran down on my head and over my face.

"At first I thought I was covered with blood, but it turned out to be only the rusty water and antifreeze. That's as close as I came to Cassino. The next day I started through a chain of hospitals that has ended at McCloskey."

picture is any judge, quickly found himself right in the middle of a hot campaign in the South Seas.

Steak Night

Each Wednesday is steak night at the 37th Street Service Club Cafeteria. Menus are carefully planned.

North Camp Red Cross Drive Goes Over The Top

The Red Cross campaign in RTC at North Camp Hood was concluded on April 5th and has been stamped entirely successful.

The regiments and battalions comprising the RTC have conducted their own drives in the various companies under guidance of company Special Service officers. The battalion and regimental SSO's have coordinated these efforts under the direction of the RTC SSO, Capt. S. Howard Vandyke.

In an all-out drive to enlist the maximum number of contributions, the substantial sum of \$4286.02 has been raised for this vitally important war fund. The list of contributors contains a vast majority of the officers and men of this training center. The total

is expected to swell when organizations on bivouac return from the field.

The 128th Bn., RTC, is proclaimed to be at the top of the heap with a sparkling total of \$781.00 poured into this mercy-bound treasury. This battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. Harry D. Bishop and Lt. M. J. McEvoy is the SSO responsible for the fine showing by the 128th Bn.

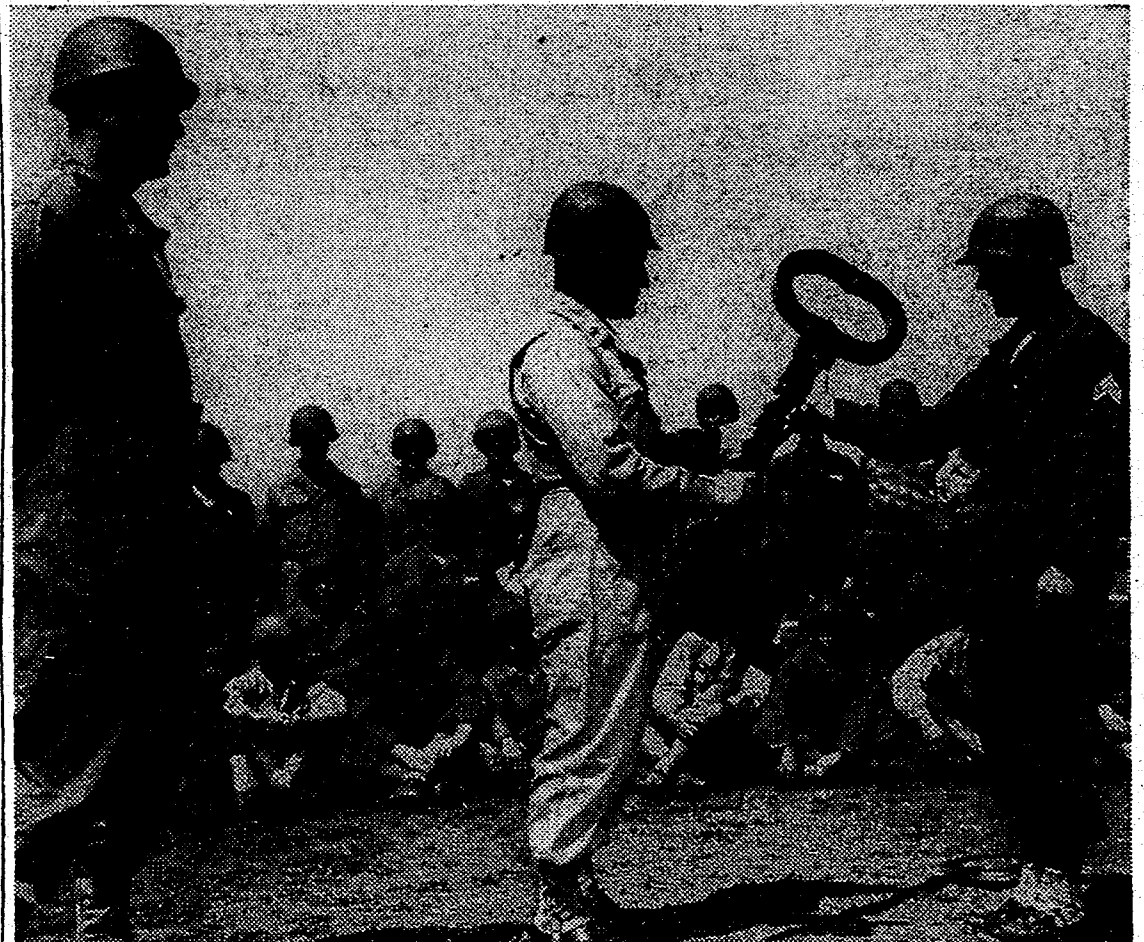
The 128th was closely followed in this fund-raising race by the 129th Bn. Lt. Ray C. Stuke, Bn. SSO, has expressed his gratification to the men of the 129th for their fine cooperation.

The interest and response displayed by the soldier-contributors of RTC is to be highly commended and the Red Cross will utilize this additional financial push in their world-wide aid to those in need.

TDS Contributes For Red Cross

A total of \$2200.75 was contributed to the American Red Cross in the Tank Destroyer School's recent drive. It was announced by Major W. B. Francis of the Student Regiment, who was in charge of the drive.

Cognizant of the great work of the Red Cross at home and abroad, officers and men of the School were quite liberal in their donations. The drive closed last week, following which Major Francis' announcement was made.



Lt. Col. Harry D. Bishop is shown presenting a symbolic "key to the Red Cross Inner Sanctum" to Sgt. Lloyd Sigo of the 2nd platoon, Co. A, 128th Bn. Lt. M. J. McEvoy watches as his battalion commander presents the key to the prize-winning platoon.

TD School Pioneer Dept. Builds Practical Bridge

Men of the Tank Destroyer School Pioneer Department are working on another bridge. That in itself is not news, for they have been building and demolishing bridges ever since the school was started at Camp Hood.

Previously they made complete structures of logs and steel and planks, some for use in various problems and others for demolition practice. But this time they have a different end in view. Some time ago the large center suspension span of a bridge over Clear Creek on a road through a part of the reservation, collapsed.

Since the road was comparatively unused and a good ford was available, it was deemed unnecessary to rebuild the span. Then, just a few days ago, it was decided that this bridge would make a perfect setup for an advanced pioneer class, one through which students would be given the best possible instruction—practical work.

Build Piers

As a result, the Pioneer Department crew went out Thursday, armed with the usual tools plus a portable light plant for night work

and a couple of water pumps. Working day and night, they diverted most of the four feet of water into a new channel by making a revetment of sandbags and Friday night completed two large piers which contain approximately twelve cubic yards of concrete, plus necessary reinforcement.

Withstand Concrete

Building the forms was quite a job, since they had to stand the weight of the heavy concrete. Seepage of water also added to the difficulties, but the Pioneers, led by Lt. Stanley Hansen, assisted by M-Sgt. Vincent Mazgells and S-Sgt. Everett C. Sizemore, completed their part of the job early Monday, when the concrete had become set well enough for the forms to be removed.

The Officers' Pioneer class took over this week. The two approach spans, weakened by years of use and weather, are being rebuilt, even though only the center span gave way. The officers also are faced with the problem of erecting two large trestle bents, supports for the heavy wooden stringers which will bear the dead weight of the bridge decking and the live weight of traffic.

A large factor of safety is being

taken into consideration so that the Pioneer-constructed center section will carry as heavy a load as the reinforced approach spans are capable of supporting.

Italian Edition Of Army Weekly

NEW YORK—Last week, Yank The Army Weekly, inaugurated its first European Edition by printing an issue in Naples, Italy. From now on troops in Italy, Sicily and the surrounding Mediterranean area will be reading copies of Yank as fresh from the press as the ones on PX counters in Camp Hood.

In charge of Yank's new European Edition is Major Robert Strother, who made arrangements of starting the long-disused roto-gravure presses rolling in Naples. The editorial staff is made up of crack Yank correspondents including Sgts. Burgess Scott, Buzzt Evans and George (Slim) Aarons, who recently returned from the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead below Rome, Sgts. Walter Bernstein and John Frano, and Cpl. Tom Sheehan.

The Wolf

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"Your face isn't familiar . . . but your 'line' is!"



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT
 Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
 Chapel 902, 50th & Hq.
 Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
 Chapel 2209, School Area.
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
 10:00 A. M.
 Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
 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.
 Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
 Chapel 513, 10th & Bn.
 6:30 P. M.
 Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
 Chapel 115, 268th & Ser Dr.
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 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
 Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
 Chapel 513, 10th & Bn.
 Stockade, 2:00 P. M.
 Chapel 902, 50th & Hq.—
 Episcopal Communion Sunday at
 8:00 and 18:30.
Colored Troops
 Chapel 178, 164th & Brig.
 Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
 Worship Service, 10:00 a. m.
 786 Sn Co Mess Hall, 9:00 a. m.
 Chapel 178, 6:30 p. m.
Weekday Services
 Chapel 902 Tuesday 1930.
 Chapel 2209 Wednesday 1900.
 Post Chapel Thursday 1930.
Roman Catholic
 Sunday Mass
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a.m.
 Stockade, 7:30 a. m.
 Chapel 289, 8:00 a. m.
 37th St. Theater, 9:00 a. m.
 162nd St. Theater, 9:00 a. m.
 Chapel 289, 9:30 a. m.
 24th St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.
 Hood Road Theater, 11:00 a. m.
Morning Weekday Mass
 Chapel 639, Mon., Sat., 8:00 a. m.
 Chapel 1156, Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.,
 7:00 a. m.
Evening Weekday Mass
 Chapel 639, Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,
 8:30 p. m.
 Chapel 1156, Tues., Thurs., 6:30
 p. m.
Novena Services
 Sunday, Chapels 639, 1156, 6:30
 p. m.
 Tuesday, Chapels 639, 1156, 6:30
 p. m.
 Wednesday, Chapel 1156, 6:30 p. m.
Confession
 Saturday, as follows:
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 1500-1600.
 Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn., 1800-2100.
 Before Every Weekday Mass
 Jewish, Friday, 1930, Chapel 902,
 52nd & Hq.
 Orthodox, followed by Reform Ser-
 vice.
 Jewish Passover 1100, Chapel 902,
 52nd & Hq.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, Chapel 2109,
 37th St. East, Thursday 2000, Sun-
 day 0900.
LATTER DAY SAINTS, Chapel 902,
 50th & Hq. Sunday 2000.
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 H. J. Palmer (C) ... 289 644
 Thomas H. Talbot, Post Chaplain,
 Phone 641.

Hosts At Party

The members of the 4th platoon, "D" Co., 141st Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood decided to give a party on April 4th and invited the entire company to be their guests.

After brief talks by the company commander and company officers, the 150 men in attendance settled down to enjoy soft drinks, sandwiches, and cake.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Major Joel I. McGregor, commanding officer of the Academic Regiment, Tank Destroyer School, pins good conduct ribbons on ten members of the WAC Detachment, TDS, as Capt. William J. Cunningham, adjutant, Academic Regiment, and Lt. Velma Vavra, commanding officer of the WAC Detachment, look on. The ceremonies were part of a retreat review before Major McGregor last Tuesday. The ten Wacs who received the good conduct medals, first to be given out in detachment, were: Tech. Sgt. Virginia Lozny, Sgt. Margaret S. Cole, Sgt. Barbara B. Koganyar, Sgt. Helen T. Marshall, Sgt. Lorraine L. Rethoret, T-4 Mary E. Elser, Cpl. Mabel Brown, Cpl. Grace M. Irmischer, T-5 Frances B. Baber, T-5 Fannie L. Taylor.

What's In A Name; Or A Rose By Any Other Etc.

When a large group of names are placed together on one list it's amazing what one can find. For instance a roll of new trainees reporting recently to the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood revealed the usual run of Joneses, Smiths, Davises, Millers and Moores, but also turned up a Pfannenstiel, a Pfeaster, an Inguagliato, an Errichello, a Ladislaus Kozbial, an Ignazio Occhiogrosso, a Siva Maridrossian, an Emanuele J. Acquafredda, and numerous other such longitudinal appellations.

All-Americans

It's no wonder first sergeants turn gray when they're faced with calling the roll from a roster of names like Jaworowski, Kozmoski, Shrivinski, Petraski, Wesloski, Orlowksi, Babetski, Baikowski, Skibinski, Stavitzki, Ulatowski, Sulewski, Konchalski, Borodinski, Yanchewski, Kaminski, Balaski, Yankowski, Kasperski, Sakowski, Skowronski, Kozlowski, Kilczewski, Kopczynski, Tryanski, Monosky, Ostrofsky, Klemonsky, Osinsky, and Smerousky, not to mention Wegrsynowicz, Sedorowicz, Jasiekiewicz, Klenkovich and Rothowicz. All these men have just arrived at the TDRTC.

Of course there's always a bright side for the first sergeants. This list reveals that one out of every one hundred men is named Smith, one out of every one hundred forty-four is a Jones and a Miller turns up in about every two hundred.

There's one first sergeant in the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center who, for the next 17 weeks, will have a Major under his control. Only this Major happens to be a Private. Confus-

ing isn't it? Well, it all works out this way—the Major is Pvt. Walter C. Major, a new trainee in Co. C, 137th TDTB. Then there is Pvt. Privette in Co. B, 131st TDTB. Co. A of the 137th TDTB has a Pvt. Hargrove but (fortunately for some first sergeant) he's not the "See Here" boy.

Proving that one can never tell "what's in a name," these men turned up on the list: Robert J. February, Coy R. Journey, Winiford W. Queen, William A. Speed, Chester L. Law, John N. Waterloo, and even a guy named Richard G. Yerk.

Always thinking of something to eat we found a Roger E. Hamburger, an Avery W. Apple and other such household items as James A. Kitchens (no home is complete without one or two) Robert L. Pitcher, William F. Sheets and even Kenneth E. Householder and Charles B. Greathouse.

Probably the most popular man in Co. C, 138th TDTB is Earl E. Whiskeyman. But then there's no telling just how much a name means.

Irish Here, Too

The Irish are pretty well represented in this present contingent with McClure, McDaniel, McAdams, McCarter, McGee, McMillan, McAuliffe, McLaughlin, McCranahan, McGuire, McAtee, McCarthy, McGoldbrick (nothing personal, of course) McGonegal, McNeill, McEvoy, McFarland, McIntosh, McNeer, McGrogan, McNeel, McCleary, McCauley, McGarvey, McGowan, McKain, McIntyre and McGonigal.

The most unusual name on the entire list is Ambrose P. Red Owl. Running a close second is Ralph W. Morningstar together with Wil-

Conduct Awards Recall 656th's Training Period

Four hundred eighteen men of the 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion were awarded the Good Conduct Medal at a ceremony last week. With this ceremony highlights of the battalion's training are recalled; commendations, excellent firing proficiency, assignment to various organizations, and finally to the 22nd Group.

Activated at Camp Bowie, the Battalion, now commanded by Major David W. Ariail, received its colors at a retreat parade on April 19 last year. Lt. Col. (then Major) Harry J. Wheaton of the 16th TD group made the presentation and reviewed the battalion.

Starting with a record breaking —97 per cent—qualifying score with small bore weapons, the battalion continued apace and during advanced training broke all camp Army Ground Forces proficiency records for the three inch M10A1 firing by scoring 86.11 percent.

After a review of the troops and presentation of the Good Conduct ribbons, the battalion had a series of field events in which most of the personnel participated. Winners in the 100 yard dash were Pvt. William Sedoruk of Hq. Co., PFC John L. Deters of Co. A, and Pvt. John S. O'Neill of Co. B.

Co. A men took the first heat with Deters coming in first followed by PFC James Duffy and Tec. 5 Robert E. Frantz. Sedoruk led the second heat, with Pvt. Blake C. Ingraham and Cpl. James R. Cowart in the place and show positions. Two company B men, Pvt. O'Neill and PFC Joseph Guzzo, took the third heat.

Two heats were run in the 50 yard sack race with Cpl. Neil H. Gathan of Co. B, PFC Russel F. Green of Co. A, and PFC Jessie A. Jerry, of Hq. Co. winning the first and PFC Benford Honey and Pvt. Raymond McMasters, also of Hq. Co., taking the second.

Cpl. James K. Cowart of Rcn. Co., Cpl. Neil Gathan of B Company and Pvt. Manuel M. Cota won the one legged race.

Top teams in the three legged race were: Hq. Co., Tec 5 Roy S. Bowman and PFC Jessie A. Jerry; Co. B, PFC's Garrett Hendrickson and Sebastian Ciccian; Co. A, PFC's James W. Duffy and Warren K. McGough.

Special Classes At TDS

Two special classes are being conducted now at the Tank Destroyer School Weapons Department. A group of IRTC men is making a study of anti-aircraft technique and other men, from the 22nd group, are taking weapons instruction.

William W. Brightbill, and Donald W. Stonecipher. The most up to date name on the list is Louis New. We also found a man by the name of Randolph Wroten, and that "ain't" good.

Without a doubt the best way to close this little opus is to tell you about a fellow in Co. C, 131st TDTB. His name is LeRoy Goodnight!

Words Without Music

According to her press agent, GINNY SIMMS has been elected Mayor of Northridge, Cal. . . . similar sources claim that JOAN DAVIS is shopping for an original musical comedy to do on B'way next year . . . JACK BENNY and his cohorts are hitting the trail in 10 days for Vancouver, to help launch a Canadian War Loan Drive, and do a series of b'casts and shows at camps and



hospitals . . . it is estimated that BOB HOPE covered some 20,000 miles, foreign and domestic, on his last camp tour.

Eddie Cantor leaves H'wood today, will finish his b'cast season from various army camps . . . Barry Wood and Patsy Kelly will front a new variety show, Saturdays on NBC.

ELLA LOGAN came back from entertaining over yonder with an honorary commission from Gen. Clark . . . "The Glass Key" is being reissued . . . DICK POWELL was signed by RKO for "Farewell My Lovely" . . . SPENCER TRACY will play Gen. Doolittle in "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" . . . ORSON WELLES will play TWO magicians on CBS "Suspense" program tonight.

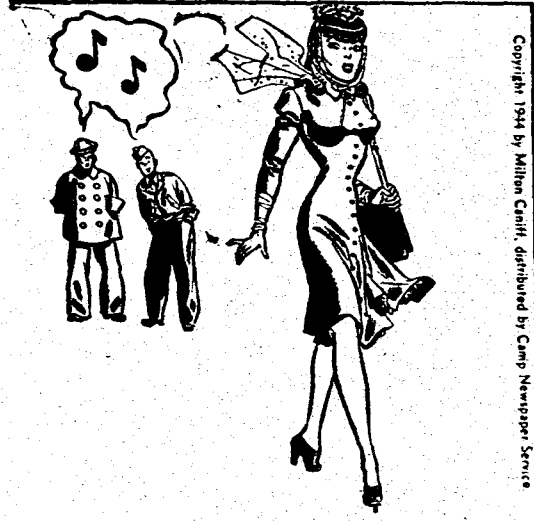
Joe E. Lewis swears it happened: The usual railroad station traffic snarl prevailed at a Chicago station, when a large sized sergeant took over and began to wave GIs back, yelling, "Tax-payers first, men. Remember, we gotta eat!"

RONALD COLMAN gets the lead in "Carnegie Hall" . . . DONALD WOODS signs for a long term and a part with ROSALIND RUSSELL in "Roughly Speaking" . . . JOHN GARFIELD will have the title role in the saga of the Marine hero AL SCHMID . . . BOB CROSBY and FAY MCKENZIE will have at each other in something called "The Singing Sheriff" . . . IDA LUPINO and PAUL LUKAS will do their first romantic stint in "One Man's Secret" . . . WALTER BRENNAN will play a pirate in "Sylvester the Great."

Walter Wanger's film on venereal disease, "To The People of the United States," has been barred from theatrical showings, because of the objection of the Legion of Decency.

FRANKIE CARLE and orchestra will replace SAMMY KAYE and crew for the next eight Wednesday night b'casts . . . "All Time Hit Parade" will replace JACK BENNY for the summer, starting June 11th . . . radio agencies are said to have nets out after hearing ELIOT PAUL's piano boogie-woogie on the HEDDIA HOPPER program . . . WINCHELL says that BEN GRAUER hears that Hitler has just promoted Mussolini to air raid warden.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Must Have Come From Under The Rock Of Ages



SPORTS

Sports writers covering the State baseball tournament at Katy Field, Waco, last season, were almost **unanimous in selecting Herb Karpel**, the best southpaw in Texas last season. As a matter of fact, one of Herb's greatest admirers is Lt. Birdie Tebbetts, former Tiger backstop deluxe, now managing the Waco Army Air Field team, winner of that State Tourney. Herb pitched against Birdie's outfit, and also had a short session, we believe barnstorming with an all-star aggregation on which he pitched for him.

Anyway, Big Herb took the **Student Regiment camp** champions up to that tourney last season, and lost out in a game that ended 1 to 0 against them, as Karpel allowed only two hits, enough to win any normal ball game. But, his rather green team, unfortunately fared not much better with the bludgeon, garnering only three hits.

Now Herb, former property of the **New York Yankees** when he was inducted, who produced thirteen wins to one defeat for Kansas City, which is why Manager McCarthy beckoned him with that come hither look in his eyes is **captain of the TDS baseball quad for 1944**, a gang of baseball hearties, from the former Student Regiment team, the former OCS team, and whatever the School Troops can offer. Whatever comes up, under coach and manager, Lt. Andrews, the steadying influence, experience, and leadership of Herb Karpel, and with Don Wheeler, former Minneapolis catcher in there holding up the pitchers, well, our little book tells us to keep a sharp watch on this team this particular season!

Mention of the **Yankees** makes this a good spot to cite the following note left on our desk by the carrier pigeon that wrote it, one Sgt. Benton Perry, a baseball fiend from away back it seems. He says: "In last week's issue of the Panther the Sports Editor brings forth his arguments concerning the greatness of Charley Gehringer, former Detroit Tiger second baseman. The purpose of this letter is not to bring our dear Editor to task, or to engage in any controversy about second basemen, be it Gehringer or Gordon.

"But it seems to me that singling any athlete as the greatest of his or former times is sheer folly. How, in the long line of great and famous ball players can any one individual stand out with enough difference in ability? There are so many prevailing circumstances to block any definite choice. There are the questions of era, evolution of the game, caliber of opposition, composition of the ball, etc. Name any great ball player of any era, in any position, and you get an equal contemporary.

"Away back before the so-called modern years of baseball, that is, before 1900, we had great outfielders, at least heavy hitting fellows like Hugh Duffy of the Boston Braves, 1894. Duffy swatted a mere .438 that year. No other hitter has ever so much as matched that performance. In 1897, Wee Willie Keeler of Baltimore hit for a .432 average.

"Yet when we speak of great outfielders the argument always centers around **Cobb, Ruth, DiMaggio, and Williams**.

"We mentioned second baseman and bingo, it's a question of **Gehringer or Gordon**. But let us look back throughout the years. In the roaring twenties we had two pretty fair country second basemen, **Rogers Hornsby** and **Frankie Frisch** in the National League, and a couple of others, **Tony Lazzeri** and **Eddie Collins** in the junior loop.

"In the early 1900's there was one **Napoleon Lajoie**. He was only good enough to be placed in the Cooperstown Hall of Fame, being the 6th such player to receive this coveted honor.

"Any discussion about great 1st basemen brings the same endless result. **Only Sisler and Gehrig** have made the Hall of Fame among 1st basemen. But there are those that tell you great tales of **Hal Chase** and **Frank Chance**. And today, we of this generation can still recall with a tingle of excitement the exploits of **Terry, Greenberg, and Foxx**. And so it goes . . .

This long, but keenly informative harangue certainly seems to rate a straight-from-the-shoulder-reply from this corner, because Perry has somehow received a wrong impression in culling our colyum of last Thurs. And so, to this friend, and he is our friend, while we yet smoke his brand of cigars, we ask you—Sgt. Perry, to look at our column once more. Then reflect. Now didn't we simply state—and we quote (sounds almost like a politician, vintage of 1932) "Gordon's leaving (the Yanks) has inspired **CERTAIN BASEBALL WRITERS TO CALL** him the greatest keystone guardian of the decade . . . etc. etc." Then . . . "we aver that Charley Gehringer was the **GREATER OF THE TWO**." Now, then, old man (this is like old times!) we do not recall saying that either Gordon OR Gehringer were the greatest second sackers of this era. We quoted others in this claim, AND, we did and do claim that Gehringer was **GREATER** than Gordon—and that's as far as our comparison went.

However, as long as you have brought up this point, we, with all due humility, saluting your reasons et al. nevertheless did, do, and we see no reason to ever change—believe with a steadfast certainty that Gehringer indeed was the mightiest second baseman of his decade, and perhaps one of the greatest of all time. This decision must rest with posterity.

A soldier in Newfoundland writes to YANK:

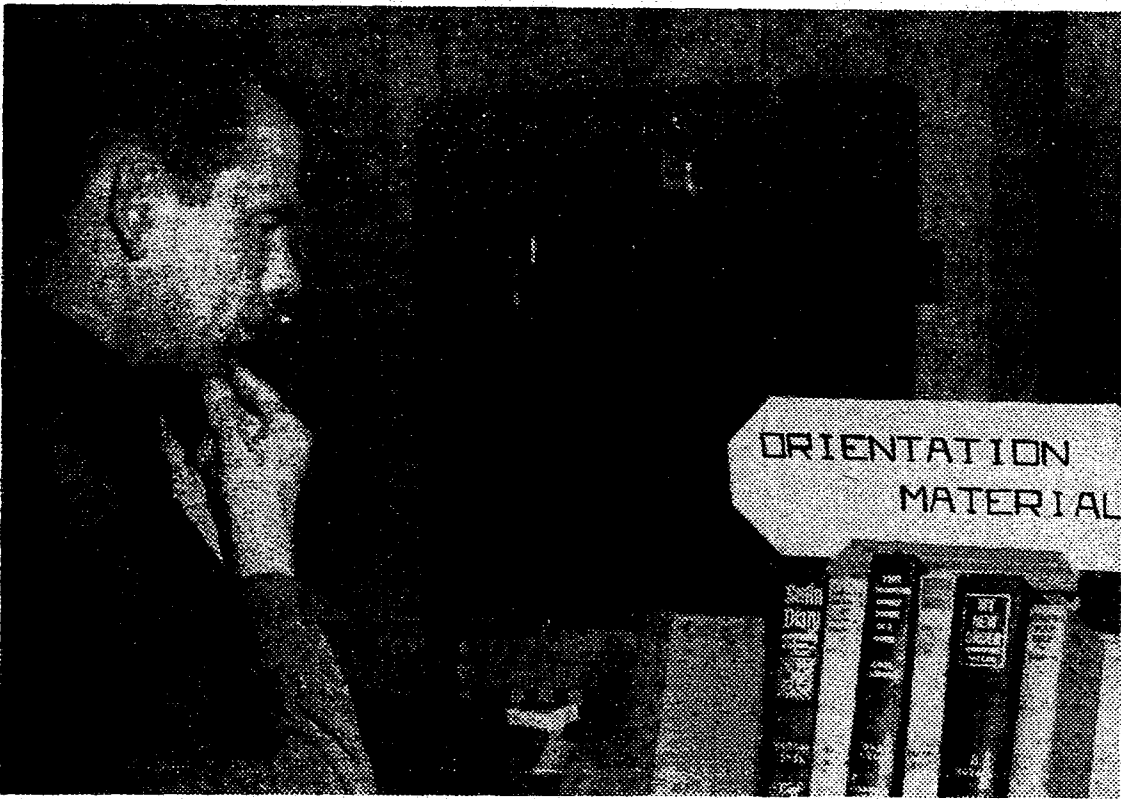
"Recently I was looking through a number of soldiers' classification cards. You can imagine how amazed I was when I found the following masterpiece of interviewing on one of these cards:

Main occupation: Baseball player.

Just what did you do? Delivered horsehide-covered ball to batter with overhand motion of right hand, endeavoring to make him flail at ball without connecting."

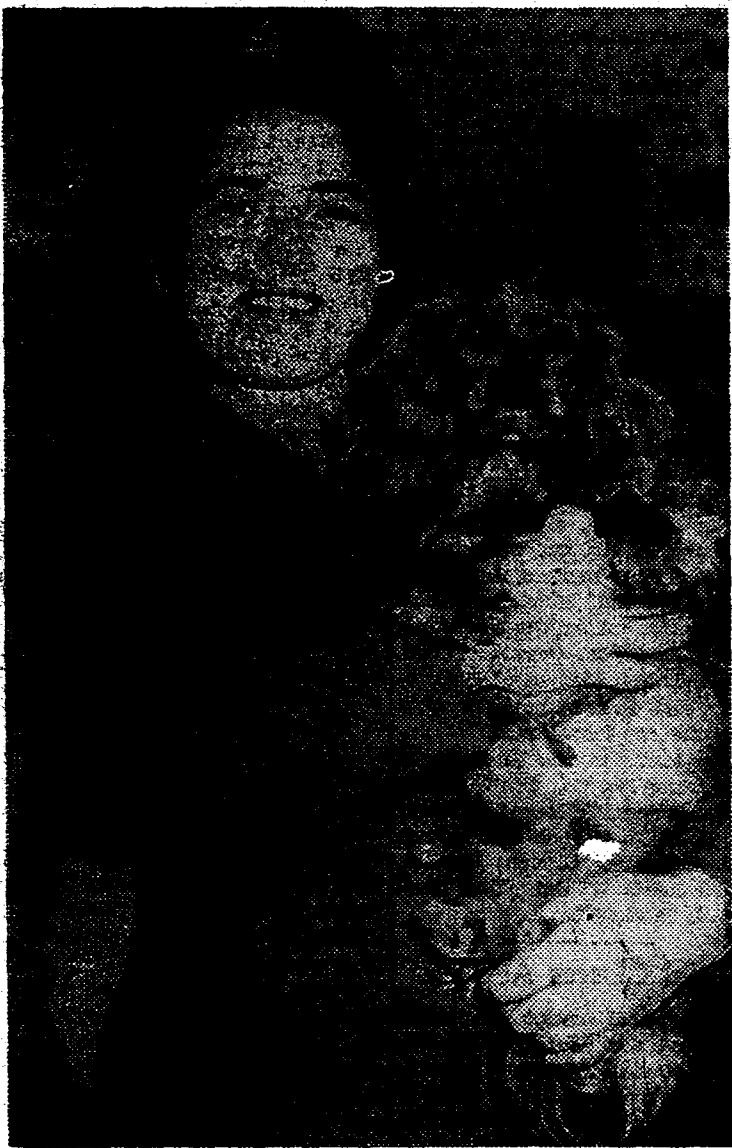
Major Leagues Open—April 18th.

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Important to each and everyone is this Orientation Material which has proven an aid to Army Orientation Courses. These books available at North Camp Hood's, 12th Street Library will help to "Know the Enemy." T-5 Herman W. Adams, 1848 Service Unit gravely considers his choice of: Books on Germany: Schuster—Strong Man Rules; Fredborg—Behind the Steel Wall; Hitler—My New Order; Ludwig—The Germans; Shirer—Berlin Diary; Whittlesey—German Strategy of World Conquest.



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Lucky Dog! T-5 Anne Phipps, and "Ginger," the mascot of the RTC WAC Detachment, seen in a striking photographic shot.

Training Film Available

An interesting color movie amplifying the program of physical training outlined in Training Circular 87 is available now. The

picture was shown in the TD School last week to two large classes. Visual aids center has information regarding procurement of the film for use of various units in camp.

Orientation Aids Available To SSO

The Morale Service Section, Post Headquarters, has on hand various items and materials pertaining to orientation.

Many back issues of News Maps are available. There are still a few issues of Orientation Kit No. 3 for those officers who have not availed themselves of this issue.

Bibliographies listing many free and inexpensive materials for orientation lectures are also obtainable.

The various libraries on the post have been furnished with copies of the Army Navy Journal, titled, "The United States At War," which may be borrowed for reference work. The libraries are also equipped with orientation centers where reference to fact sheets, current news material, and miscellaneous material can be obtained.

Information relative to off duty education such as, Army Institute Catalogues, posters, language guides, and self-teaching work and text books can be had for the asking.

These orientation and education materials are a part of the Army's extensive morale program now well under way.

Orientation officers and enlisted men working on orientation programs can obtain these items, or advice pertaining to orientation by calling at the Morale Services Section, located in Post Headquarters, which also issues a weekly GI movie, and orientation album recordings with a record player.

"Know Your Ally, Britain," "Know Your Ally, China," and "Germany Speaks," will be available for booking from April 17th.

Boxing Classes Resumed

In order to be prepared for the first boxing show of the season at the 24th street amphitheater, boxing classes will be resumed at the School. A number of good instructors will be available and the classes will be open to any man of the school who desires to attend. Arrangements may be made by contacting company athletic officers.

135th TD Bn. Jamboree

Co. C, 135th Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood held a Jamboree for the men Saturday, April 8th in the Battalion Recreation Hall. Beverages, sandwiches, and song provided means for a company party.

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