

# The Hood Panther

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## Col. W. T. Bals Assumes Duty As Asst. Camp C.O.

Col. W. T. Bals arrived at Camp Hood last week to take over the duties of Assistant Camp Commander. Col. Bals, commissioned Nov. 30, 1916, served in World War I, his first assignment being with the 12th Cavalry at Columbus, New Mexico, at that time a rough and undeveloped community of the old West.

Since the last war Col. Bals has served in many capacities, and central Texas is not new to the colonel as in 1919 he installed the first Cavalry unit in the R.O.T.C. at Texas A. & M. and served this unit for approximately 18 months. In 1921 he completed the Troop Officers' Course at Ft. Riley and later at this same post attended a special course in Advanced Equitation. In 1929 he completed the two year course at the Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Following the outbreak of the present conflict Col. Bals was detailed to command the Provisional Task Force of the Army War Show which toured the country throughout 1942. Since then he has served in various parts of New England and the middle west.

The Colonel's home is in Indianapolis, Indiana.

## "Spring Fever" Set To Open At Hood Rd, May 3

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."

—GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING.

The Camp Hood soldier show, "Spring Fever" has set its production date for Wednesday, May 3 at the Hood Road Theatre, with the curtain call at 8 p. m.

Lt. Skelinger, director, announces the recent addition to the cast of Mrs. Dorothy Joan Smith, winner of the Hour of Charm contest over station WAVE, Lexington, Ky. Her winning contest number was from the immortal operetta, "Desert Song."

Mrs. Smith is the wife of Pfc. Fred Kay Smith, 173rd Bn., 95th Regt., IRTC.

## Col. Hains, Former G-3, Is Awarded The Silver Star

Colonel Peter C. Hains, former G-3 of the Tank Destroyer Center, and now on another, unannounced assignment, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Tunisia during the invasion there in 1943, it was announced this week.

Col. Hains was following an armored battalion in a quarter-ton truck during an attack on the German lines, according to the citation, when he discovered a column of 20 German tanks cutting across to attack the battalion's rear.

He drove across country under enemy fire and under constant German dive-bombing attack, warned the battalion and prevented the surprise tank attack on its rear.



Above is seen Col. W. T. Bals, newly assigned Assistant Camp Commander who has arrived at Camp Hood to assume his new duties.

## Inf. Rookie Finds Army Life Somewhat Confusing

Impressions of men marching for the first time in the uniform of the United States Army are ably expressed by Pvt. Andy Currie, company reporter for Co. C, 146th Bn., 90th Regt., who summed up the situation in a "despatch" to the Hood Panther this week.

Pvt. Currie finds that, like himself, the greater majority of trainees have had no previous military training and were, just a short time ago, auto mechanics, farmers, clerks, salesmen, business men and from many other lines of endeavor. They all seemed to sense the beginning of training, he says, and responded quickly to given commands. Heads were held a little higher, arms swung freely, and the only sound was the familiar "Hut, Hoo, Hrip, Har" as the company moved out in perfect unison (or, as he puts it, almost perfect unison.)

Trainees, he reports, are still a little confused by the location of various areas in camp. Even the non-coms have troubles with their bearings. According to Pvt. Currie a pair of chevron wearers became lost while returning from a dance the other evening and finally stopped to shoot an azimuth before they could find their way back. Now, no one will venture across Battalion Avenue without emergency rations and stories are going around that a man needs a three day pass to travel to North Camp.

Cadre and trainees alike find themselves in a maze of confusion and speculation. All cadre are impressed by the distances to Battle Courses and Rifle Ranges. There is much speculative discussion on such topics as feet, corns, arches, etc.

Over in Co B, 146th Bn., a new trainee erred somewhat humorously. It seems that the newcom-

er hailed a lieutenant as a sergeant. Upon inquiry the lieutenant got the explanation that the soldier had observed the three stripes on the officer's IRTC patch and thought they were a designation of grade.

## Col. Dodge New Chief Of Staff

Newly appointed Chief of Staff at the Tank Destroyer Center is Col. C. G. Dodge. He succeeds Col. G. S. Meloy.

Col. Dodge came to Camp Hood in May of 1943, and up to the present time has served the TDCs as director of the Weapons Department, TD School.

A West Point graduate, later Col. Dodge served on the faculty at the military academy.

He attended the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, and the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The colonel was a member of the Army's First Armored Force Division.

## GI Visited By Pin-Up Sister

Cpl. Don Church, Pay & Records Section, IRTC, was the envy of all his buddies when he was visited by a "pin-up" girl Sunday. For a while Don was kept busy introducing various goggle-eyed G.I.'s.

This title was given Don's sister Julia, by the vote of the student body of Tulsa University. She was the representative of Kappa-Delta Sorority. Now in her Sophomore year, she is majoring in Business Administration.

The "pin up" beauty is 19 years old, a stately blond with blue eyes.

Any favoritism from the Infantry is mutual for her boyfriend is with the Infantry in England.

Don, who is doing right well in Pay & Record Section is a graduate of Tulsa University.

## Big Air Show Staged For IRTC

IRTC soldiers at Camp Hood witnessed a spectacular air show Tuesday morning as various types of Army planes sent here by the Replacement and School Command blazed through the skies in a thrilling demonstration of their battle capabilities.

For nearly an hour, officers, nco's, and trainees of the IRTC watched the demonstration with awed interest.

The purpose of the exhibition was to acquaint personnel of the training center here with aircraft now being used to press the air war home against the enemies of the United States and its allies.

While the planes flew over the area where the soldiers were assembled, instructors pointed to different identification features of each type of plane. Pilots flew their ships at various angles to lend to the completeness of the instruction.

High-lighting the show were air maneuvers in which planes simulated several forms of attack, including a breath-taking fighter attack on bombers.



CHIEF OF STAFF TRANSFERRED—Col. G. S. Meloy, chief of staff of the Tank Destroyer Center for the past year and one of the veterans of the TDC organization, is being ordered to a new post with the 103rd infantry division at Camp Howze, Texas, the Camp Hood public relations office announced Tuesday.

Colonel Meloy leaves today. Before becoming chief of staff, Colonel Meloy had been executive officer of the Tank Destroyer School.

## New USO Show Promises Variety, Dogs To Magic

"What's Buzzin," a major USO Camp Show attraction, featuring seven sizzling comedy and novelty acts, and plenty of pulchritude, arrives Tuesday, to appear at the Central Rec. Hall at North Camp Hood, April 25, 26, and 27, thence moving to South Camp Hood and the Hood Road Theater for performances April 28, 29, and May 1st.

Everything from Palermo's Dogs to comedy magicians are thrown into this swiftly-paced show.

Tap dancer Marjorie Jane Olman, well known in most vaudeville circuits in her own right, is the daughter of the composer of "Oh, Johnny, Oh." Only 19, Marjorie is already a seasoned trouper.

Features, are the Three Hylton Sisters, who owe their vocal careers to Connie Boswell, when she heard their harmonizing in Boston while they were doing a sister dance feature. The Hyltons followed her advice, and have since appeared in Earl Carroll's "Vanities," and many other big revues. They made an appearance in Newfoundland recently with Joan Blondell.

Other sparkling acts include Irvin Victor, pianist and musical conductor, Ross and Stone, comedy, and the Three Wyse Girls, acrobatic dancers.

The admission to "What's Buzzin" is free, and all performances start promptly at 8:30.



Hylton Sisters

## Dance At Georgetown

The Georgetown (Texas) USO is staging a gala dance in honor of the Camp Hood servicemen, Saturday night. Camp Hood personnel are urged to attend the party for which elaborate preparations have been made.

## Camp Ordnance Story Is One Of Fast Growth

The story of Ordnance-Maintenance at Camp Hood, is an example of what can be accomplished where there's teamwork, ability and imagination. Its growth is amazing. Two years ago this month the Ordnance consisted of a small office over a drug store in Temple with a small shop near by.

Under the old army set-up, Ordnance was a combination of supply of parts and equipment and repair and maintenance of army automotive equipment. On Dec. 1st, 1943, Ordnance was divided into two separate organizations. The part that pertained to property or the supply of parts and equipment remained "Ordnance" and became an organization unto itself, officially known as "Ordnance Supply Point." Similarly, the part that was the "Maintenance Branch," a division of the Army Service Forces. The purpose of this organization and the grouping of these functions under one office was repair and maintenance of all types of equipment on the post. It created a streamlining or simplification of army procedure. The repair of shoes, clothing, helmets, blankets, etc., was taken away from the Quartermaster and included in the Maintenance Branch. The repair of radios, photographic equipment and electrical equipment was taken away from the Signal Corps and included in Maintenance.

### Echelon Work

The Maintenance Branch performs 3rd and 4th echelon work only on all types of army automotive combat vehicles such as tanks, tank destroyers, command cars, etc. An average of 40 vehicles is turned out daily all of

which are ear marked for overseas shipment. Eighty per cent of the mechanic personnel works on overseas vehicles and the remaining 20 per cent works on organizational vehicles.

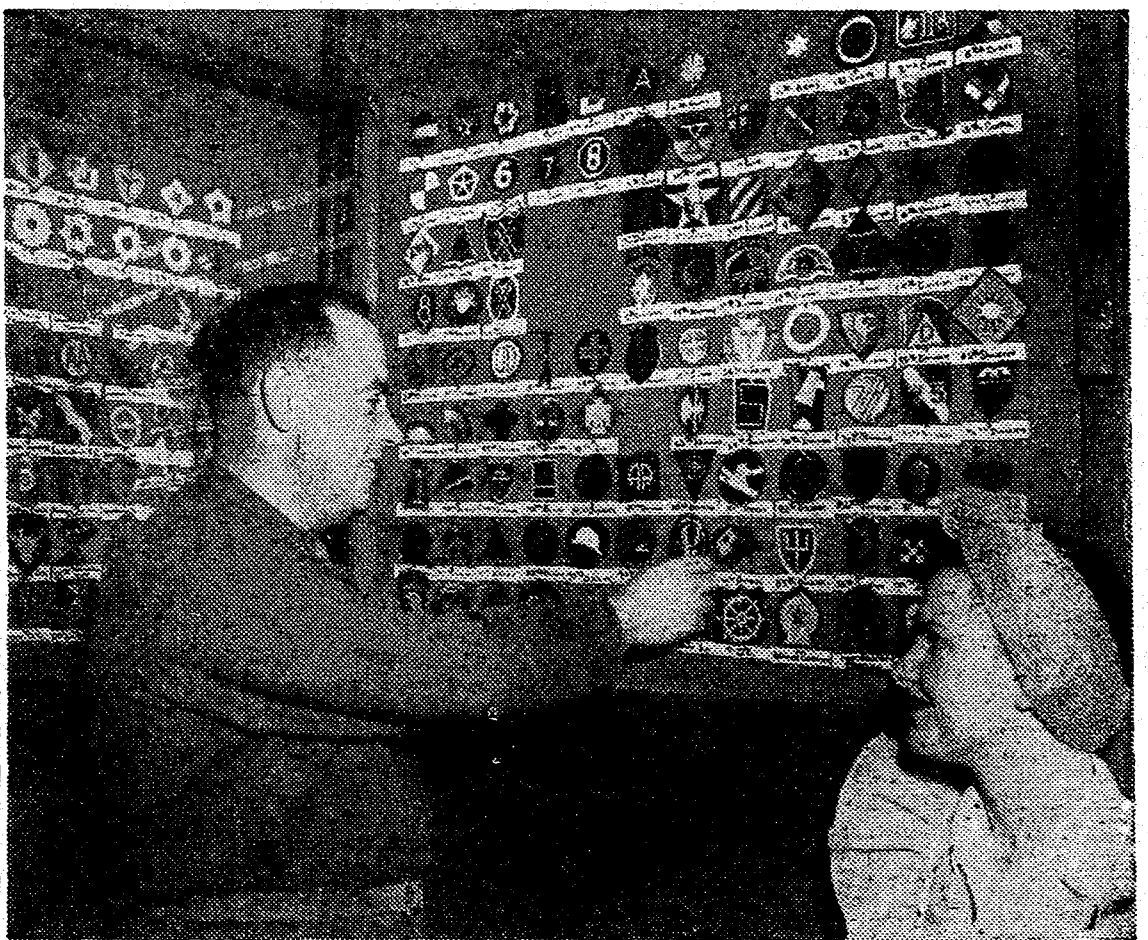
The personnel of both organizations includes specialists in all lines: men and women who know parts of all types and can tell at a glance what vehicles part belongs to and what the nomenclature of the part is; men and women who are experienced and highly skilled in repair of small arms, binoculars, all types of radio and photographic equipment, instruments, tanks, guns, batteries, radiators, bodies of vehicles, etc.

The roster of personnel looks like a complete list of all known trades and crafts: welders, painters, upholsterers, locksmiths, gunsmiths, armorers, clerks, typists, stenographers, machinists, blacksmiths, radio repairmen, radio engineers, seamstresses, power sewing machine operators, laborers, janitors, supply superintendents, shop superintendents, shoe repairmen, office appliance repairmen, sheet metal workers, canvas worker repairmen, carpenters, auto mechanics and inspectors.

German prisoners of war are used whenever and wherever the laws of the Geneva Conference will permit and an average of one hundred and thirty are used daily.

The small sub-office at North Camp Hood expanded into five warehouses, an administrative office, and a mammoth shop, and personnel jumped from six employees to nearly 100. New stations were added which were to be supplied and serviced by this organization until today eighteen such stations are under the jurisdiction of Ordnance Maintenance at Camp Hood.

All of this makes this branch one of the largest in the Service Command and it's still growing.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

## Patch Collectors Write Letters Of Pure Poignance

Patch collecting and literature haven't much in common but a few of the letters received by patch traders come close to being in the latter class.

For instance, here's one received by a Tank Destroyer School patch hunter:

"Dear Patch Collector:

"Orderly room CQ gives one a fine chance to catch up on patch correspondence, doesn't it? Thanks for the one you sent me; I did not have it before. Inclosed is one which I hope will be a new addition to your collection.

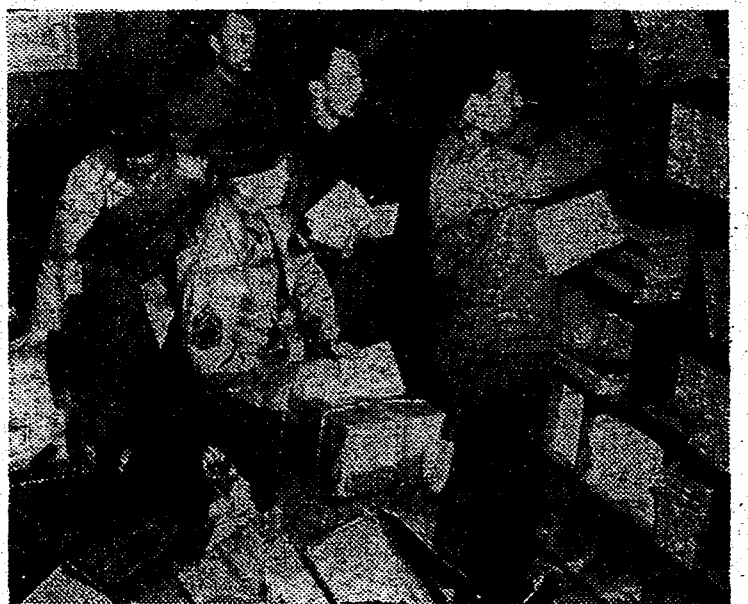
"Orderly room CQ . . . and I have for company the CO's baby goat! Sure and I thought I had hit every kind of a job the army could offer from chopping wood in a staging area to running a dishwashing machine on KP at Fort Des Moines, but this is the first time I've had to chase around after a baby goat with a cloth in my hand!

"What we WAC's must put up with. Still, we like the little devil, though he is as homely as can be. He eats paper, licks coal and then has to be fed from a bottle. You should see him standing stiff-legged, going after that bottle for all he's worth, and doing a fine job of it too.

"He is stupid, though! He jumped up on a table here, fell off and cried until I picked him up and cuddled him . . . then doggone if he didn't turn right around and hop up on the table again! The climax came when he landed on my bed. I only hope he's a good sleeper and doesn't snore.

"Thanks again for the patch . . . Happy hunting."

Pfc Raymond Ferretti shows Joyce Casey the shoulder patch collection acquired by Miss Catherine Settle, librarian at 37th St. Library. Her collection is a feature of the downstairs reading room. It has settled arguments, located "cousin Joe," and created a great deal of interest. Patches were sent to Miss Settle by Camp Hood boys who have gone to other camps; were procured for her by those who "knew a guy" who had a patch she didn't have; were bought outright when necessary; or were traded. Aside from the colorful addition the collection makes to the library, it has a source of information as to the background and meaning of the units. For instance the colors of the Thirty-third Division are said to have been chosen because they were the only paints available when it became necessary to mark equipment before sailing for France in 1918, the "Sight-seeing Sixth" Division is reported to have marched more than any other division in the AEF in World War I, the constellation of Orion, on the patch of the 27th Division, is in compliment to the Division's World War I commander, Maj. Gen. J. F. O'Ryan. Missing from the collection are the 5th Army and a few Air Corps and Cavalry patches. Anybody got a spare 5th Patch?



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Figure it out by tonnage or by actual numbers but either way it totals up to a staggering amount of reading matter, and for three days last week a contingent of officers and non-coms of the S-3 Section, IRTC, were probably counting themselves to sleep by reciting the numbers and titles of military publications.

The soporific effect was produced through the fact that the group was feverishly engaged during that period in sorting out a large shipment of field manuals, ARs and other published guides that arrived here last week for distribution to IRTC units.

-Using the old UTC Publications Building at 50th St., near Battalion Ave., these workers, under the direction of Maj. J. W. Humphries, Training Division, IRTC, completed the task of preparing a "library" of these publications for each Regiment of the IRTC.

The Sorters estimated that they processed over 200,000 publications with an aggregate weight of 12 tons during the three days. Over a hundred different subjects were contained in the various pamphlets. Cpl. Paul R. Bachand, S-3 is in charge of distribution.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

T-5 Harold Albright, Provisional Ordnance Repair Crew No. 1, at a lathe in one of the many machine shops, turning out essential parts for Ordnance needs.



162nd and 37th St. Theaters  
Sat.—The More the Merrier.  
Sun.—Mon.—Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble.  
Tues.—The Falcon Out West and Jamboree.  
Wed.—Thurs.—Her Primitive Man.  
Fri.—Moon Over Las Vegas.  
Hood Rd. and 24th St.  
Sat.—The Falcon Out West & Jamboree.  
Sun.—Mon.—Follow the Boys.  
Tues.—Weird Woman.  
Wed.—The More the Merrier.  
Thurs.—Fri.—Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble.  
Brigade Ave. and 12nd St. Theaters  
Sun.—Weird Woman.  
Mon.—The More the Merrier.  
Tues.—Wed.—Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble.

Thurs.—The Cowboy and the Senorita.  
Fri.—Sat.—Her Primitive Man.  
Ave. "D" and 24th St. Theaters  
Sat.—Jam Session.  
Sun.—Mon.—Tampico.  
Tues.—The Cowboy and the Senorita.  
Wed.—Thurs.—Follow the Boys.  
18th Street Theater  
Fri.—Weird Woman.  
Mon.—Jam Session.  
Tues.—Wed.—Tampico.  
Thurs.—The Whistler.  
Fri.—Sat.—Follow the Boys.  
4th and 10th St. Theaters  
Tues.—Ladies Courageous.  
Sun.—Mon.—Uncertain Glory.  
Sat.—The Cowboy and the Senorita.  
Wed.—Jam Session.  
Thurs.—Fri.—Tampico.

## Juke Box Jive

Music hath charms for Camp Hood soldiers, proof being that each week over 20,000 recordings are played in the forty juke boxes located in exchanges and clubs at North and South Camp Hood.

According to Al Sebastia, who services the machines, outside of Frank "the voice" Sinatra, the boys are about equally divided in choosing between hillbilly tunes and hot swing. Classical music is conspicuous by its absence.

"We try to get the records the boys like and we are happy to purchase any request records that are available. Requests should be left with the managers of the exchanges or clubs," Al explained.

## Girls Vs. Boys Sunday

A group of Lampasas girls will invade the 37th Street Service Club, Sunday from 2 p. m. to 5:30 to compete with Camp Hood servicemen in such games as Ping-pong, Horseshoes, Volleyball, Tennis and Softball.

An invitation is offered everyone to attend as participants in the games, or as spectators. Losers in the contest will serve a picnic lunch to the winners.

Civilian girls and WACS are invited to attend and participate.

## TDS Man Now In England

Staff Sgt. Robert E. Washburn of the TDS Book Shop last week heard from Sergeant Lewis Blinn, who now is stationed in London, England. Blinn, until a short time ago, was assigned to the Boow Shop. He says quite a bit about the interesting sights to be seen in London, and according to his letter, has been able to see much of the city.



# Air Liaison Det., Enlisted Flyers, Set Good Record

Among the many activities to be established at Camp Hood during its early days was an air Liaison Detachment from Army Air Forces. Foreseeing the tremendous advantage to be gained through the use of air liaison and observation in the tactical employment of Tank Destroyer units, Camp Hood's first Commanding General, Major General A. D. Bruce successfully promoted the construction of adequate landing strips on the reservation. On March 15th, 1943, the first Flight of Army Air Force pilots and planes arrived at Camp Hood to serve the Tank Destroyers first hand. This service to Army Force troops was one of the first of its kind and in the months to follow proved of inestimable value to the intensive training program carried on at Hood.

From the first the Air Corps detachment has been equipped with the AAF's liaison ship, the Stinson L-5, a high wind monoplane especially designed for liaison missions, retaining the faculty of lighter ships to take off and land in a tight spot but powered to cruise at a comparatively high speed.

## Here Long Time

Most of the pilots here today were of the initial contingent assigned here. While based at Hood they occupied barracks later assigned to the WAC detachment.

The base for the flight was moved from Hood to Temple Army Air Field April 1st, 1943, and has remained there to this day, keeping one sub-flight of six pilots and planes on duty at the Camp Hood Airport at all times, usually detailed by the week. The airport has adequate quarters for the men and mess is provided within the cantonment area.

## EM Pilots

Liaison pilots hold the rating of staff sergeant and are the only enlisted pilots in the AAF. To qualify for a direct rating as liaison pilot each must have had at least 100 hours flying time, those with 60 hours qualifying for the AAF Liaison School at Lamesa, Texas, and given ratings upon graduation. At the present time the school is closed and no direct ratings are available. In addition to these re-

quirements all liaison pilots have passed the usual rigid mental and physical examinations. A liaison pilot must be pilot, navigator, mechanic, crew-chief, radio operator, observer plus performing numerous lesser duties. Flight F of the 157th Liaison Squadron, operating at Camp Hood boasts 3500 hours of training missions here in the past year without accident, truly a remarkable record and one duly recognized by the AAF. The Flight operated as a tactical unit for approximately six months but is now situated as a training unit. There is a sufficient number of L-5's in the Flight to adequately serve any training mission. The detachment is commanded by 1st Lt. Reuben H. Gross, Jr., who last week assumed command succeeding 1st Lt. Richard H. Goldstone, the latter having been selected for duty overseas.

## Good Facilities

Facilities at the Camp Hood Airport are adequate to handle traffic of many heavier twin-motored aircraft, the shorter runways being used almost exclusively by the detachment. Fueling is carried on here and adequate equipment available for 1st echelon maintenance of the aircraft.

In its 3500 hours of flying missions for Tank Destroyers the detachment has served in many capacities. To name a few observers' courses, simulated bombing and strafing, battle reconnaissance, panel reading, message pick-up, forward OP for indirect firing, aerial photography, road reconnaissance, march control, and camouflage study. Many new lessons have been learned as a result of these missions and the continued cooperation among air and ground personnel at Hood has tended to encourage this type of team work.

Employed tactically in the theater of operations Liaison Squadrons are called upon to perform such missions as observations, ferrying personnel, serving as liaison between higher and subordinate units, carrying messages. Air liaison operated only during offensive actions, serving the ground forces in the field.

## IRTC Rookies Learn Meaning Of Orientation

Fall in! Attention! Heads up, eyes front. Forward March! These were the commands heard last week as the first increment of IRTC trainees at Camp Hood started on the road to becoming full fledged soldiers.

Men with backgrounds in a wide field of professions and trades and from all walks of life were being welded together as a team. They were learning how to march together, and act in unison in all phases of military endeavor.

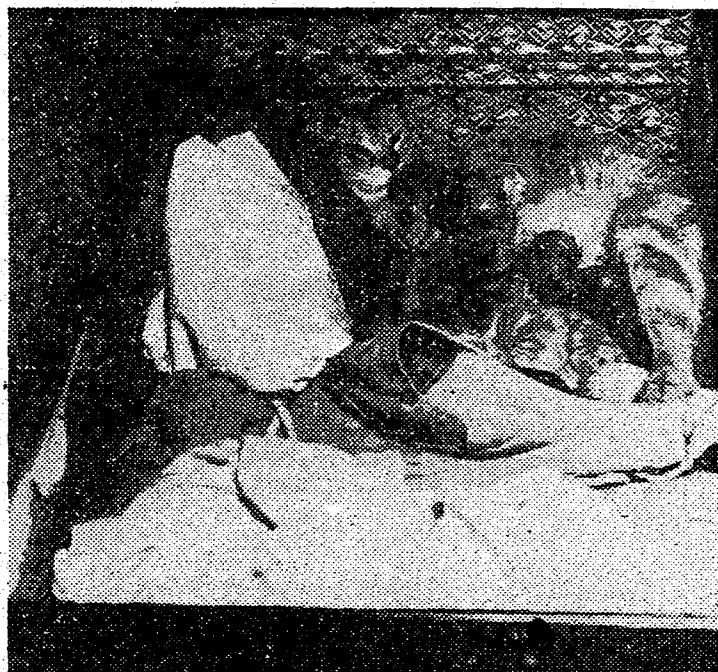
After the first call for assembly they came out with rifles on shoulders and it was a new sensation for them, but an interesting one by all evidence.

Orientation, the military term for getting acquainted with fundamental parts of their new life — was the first item on the curriculum. First they were taught how to identify those in command over them, both by name and in order of rank or grade. They were also given instruction in personal and sex hygiene, first aid, field sanitation, military courtesy and discipline.

They were absorbing marching movements, information on the mechanism and use of their rifles, and found that physical training was a daily routine.

Coming anew from civilian status it may have seemed a little strange and tedious for many, but on the whole they were digging in looking expectantly to future phases of training.

It won't be long before they will be swinging into more intensive and even more interest-



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
Lt. Eddie Marchiondo's foot locker was the scene of a "happy event" Sunday night April 9th. The mother and her brood are shown reposing comfortably in their "emergency home" in the officer's quarters of the 2nd TRG. RGT., RTC.

## Unexpected Guests Shack Down In Lieutenant's Footlocker

Lt. Eddie Marchiondo of the 129 Bn., RTC., North Camp Hood returned to his barracks late Sunday night April 9th and reached into his already open foot locker for a towel. An instant later he quickly withdrew his hand to avoid the lashes of a disgruntled cat.

Upon making a more detailed inspection of the intruder the Lieutenant quickly discovered six reasons for the feline's anger. It seems that she had crawled into his open footlocker and had there given birth to six kittens.

The "mother" and offsprings are reported to be doing well days.

and in consideration of her delicate condition Lt. Marchiondo, allowed her to quarter her family in his foot locker for several days.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
Three pilots left to right  
Staff Sgts.—Girard R. Felter; Robert L. Moss; Harvey W. Meyers



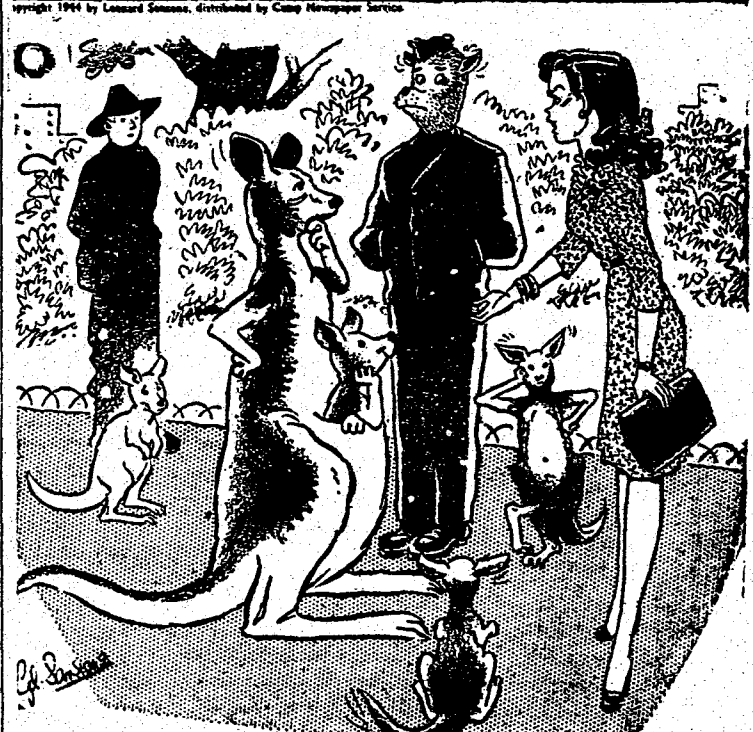
Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
Two officers left to right—  
1st Lts.—Reuben H. Gross, Jr.; Richard H. Goldstone



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
April 9th was animal mother's day! "Shiney," TDS Operations Warehouse mascot, became the mother of a healthy litter of eight pups. It truly rained cats and dogs that day!

ing subjects. Range firing with several types of weapons, long marches and bivouac are included among the things that will undoubtedly capture their interest. And in a short while they'll find themselves thoroughly "GT" in action, manners and thoughts.

## The Wolf by Sansone



"This is positively ridiculous!—I won't go any further until you get rid of your friends!!"

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## Americana

It's an exhilarating feeling to be an American. This generation, not unlike the last, has been chosen by whatever mystic, fantastic powers can get together and cause a world-combustion, to step up in line at the box-office and pay to get into this show. And who among us can be so inane as to doubt that we'll see it through—just once!

Being an American today means fighting. Fighting for the privilege of going back to dunking our doughnuts; to enjoy Dick Tracy by an open hearth; to read "Huckleberry Finn" for the umpteenth time; to drive down to Spring Valley for the Doc to look after old Betsy who's been ailing a bit for some time; to sit in the corner drug store with a girl, THE girl and sigh over chocolate nut sundaes. These and all our other simple pleasures which add up to the fascinating word—"Americana"—in their total take on immense magnitude, for as they are breath and life to us, who dares to vilify them and who physically seeks to come between them and us—he pays with his life! Yes, to laugh at easy going Americans is one thing. But beware of the man who can good naturedly chuckle if the joke is on him. That man can be pushed too far.

## We Built Upon Slogans

Americana, too, is the fervor now created in us all to destroy the forces of evil, uproot their threat and restore balance to the world—that we may return to Runyan, and 42nd and Broadway, and Main Street. How can we have the temerity to align this word with stark patriotism?

By our very traditions. Every war in our history, nearly every major battle, or minor encounter has given Americans a new insight into the profundity of our love for country. Our land has been built upon an heritage of mottos, we might say—that reach upward one on the other, like so many stairs. Each motto or slogan in American history has been born out of some incident. Many of them were uttered by dying men, whose words, reflecting their spirit and will, inspired Americans to carry on.

The newest rookies in our camps stand now on the threshold these inspiring messages. They look up with reverence, these lads who have but recently donned khaki and full time duty for country—and as their eyes glance upon these American slogans they pause at some, for one or more might yet be a trifle unfamiliar to some youth. But then, give him a break. He'd have had plenty of time to catch up on all our national lore. Why, he was whisked into uniform just about the time he was ready to ask the coach to try him out at third base!

But, yes, other slogans he recognizes at a glance! And right about now each and every motto gives him pause for a deep breath of pride in our forebears, whose deeds for their country gave us an historic phrase written in their blood.

## Hallowed Words

We too, look up with these youngsters, for we wish to recapture from time to time all that is—Americana. We see:

"Don't Fire Until You Can See The Whites Of Their Eyes." William Prescott, an American Revolutionary officer gave us that one, when, constructing breastworks at night he thus instructed his men to hold their fire until they could see the whites of the eyes of the enemy. In this manner they killed or routed all the enemy troops.

A little farther on we discover: "Don't Give Up The Ship." These were the words spoken by the mortally wounded Captain James Lawrence in 1813 while he was being carried to the wardroom below the quarterdeck of the Chesapeake. They were the last words he uttered.

"Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death!" Thus spoke Patrick Henry in 1775 before the members of the Virginia House of Burgesses. The fearlessness of these words which, accurately stated were: "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"—and his personal intrepidity, contributed toward making this one of our most sacred messages. It lives today.

"I Have Not Yet Begun To Fight," has always appealed to brave Americans on land and sea, particularly in times of war, because it so inspires them with that same courage and patriotic devotion which characterized its originator, John Paul Jones. The cause looked all but hopeless aboard his ship, the Bonhomme Richard, on September 23rd, 1779, when the enemy called out to him in the darkness and asked him if he had struck his colors. "I have not yet begun to fight," was his terse reply, and indicated that the fighting done by his crew so far was just a prelude to what they would do—and did do thereafter.

The last war was a "fight to make the world safe for Democracy." Today, lest we forget—remember Pearl Harbor, Bataan, Wake Island, Tarawa. Remember treachery and infamy, greed for power at the cheaply considered price of men's lives.

Our fathers paid with their lives to give us freedom. They created it for us against overwhelming odds. Theirs was the tough job. All we have to do is preserve that which they handed down to us. And we're pretty good at keeping what belongs to us.

—R.C.

## Panther Poll

DO YOU THINK THAT FORMER PRIME MINISTER CHAMBERLAIN'S PROMISE OF "PEACE IN OUR TIME" CAN HAVE ANY MEANING FOR US?



Pvt. Zillante, Palumbo  
Co. A, 150th Bn.

Maybe. If we don't live long enough to get mixed up in the next war seriously, if the fellows who've been out there fighting can convince those at home of what they've learned, we might have peace in our time when the war's over.



Pvt. Melvin Grady  
Co. B, 150th Bn.

It is a possibility. It will all depend upon the men who make the terms of peace this time. It won't be an easy job—the Nazis and Japs don't understand kindness, and yet harshness would lead to another war . . .



Pvt. Roy Plummer  
Co. A, 150th Bn.

Probably not. There has never been peace in anybody's time. We



Cpl. Franklin Polger, TDS

## WACS Measuring Up To Many Important Jobs Here

Women of the nation who are soldiers in the Women's Army Corps are finding an unprecedented satisfaction in serving their country in uniform. Since the day we were stabbed in the back at Pearl Harbor many have volunteered in the various defense measures deemed necessary to the safety of our people and not adequately provided by our war plants and armed forces. Millions of man hours have been given unstintingly in such work as sewing for the soldiers, training as nurses aides, helping out at the USO's etc. If it were not for these generous services of our women the status of our country

as a nation at war would fall far short of its present gigantic strength.

### New Problem

Today we have to meet a new problem, one that can mean victory soon or a long, bloody conflict with a cold merciless enemy. Today our great armies throughout the world must be enlarged and strengthened with the thousands of troops now serving in training camps in the USA. There are literally hundreds of administrative and technical jobs that are occupying the full time of soldiers physically fit for and gravely needed in combat units overseas. These men must be replaced and made available for release at once and it's the young women of America who can do the job as already demonstrated by the WAC of today. The time has come when every man and woman in America must devote his full time to winning the war, half-way measures are no longer sufficient. Women volunteering for the WAC today may serve in any section of the country they desire or overseas, they may serve in any of the army's three branches, Army Ground Forces, Army Service Forces or Army Air Forces. The WAC offers comfortable quarters with adequate recreational facilities, the "chow" is the same your brothers in arms are eating, clothing is issued sufficiently to take care of your needs and insure your being neat and attractive at all times. Menial tasks are held at a minimum and regular duties are in accord with one's desire and abilities. The pay is the regular army pay and promotions are gained thru diligent and efficient service.

### War Affects All

War is not just a man's business, it is everyone's business as our very existence depends on quick and complete victory. The young women of today can no longer afford to spend a few hours at this and that in the interest of the war effort, she must throw herself wholeheartedly into the tremendous task that lies before us all. The woman in uniform is the woman serving her country twenty-four hours of the day right alongside the men, she must never let down for theirs is the task to meet the enemy face to face. Excuses are not out for the duration, no longer is it enough for a woman to spend each evening at the local USO, to knit one or two afternoons each week, to help out in the church canteen each Sunday afternoon, for all these activities can still be carried on as a member of the WAC at the same time hold a job that will release him for over there. War is a full time job for every man and woman so unless you are holding down a full time essential position at present why not join the WAC and be a soldier?

all say that we love peace, and will do anything to have it. But actually we do nothing to hold it—we're lazy and selfish—and in the end we costs us more than it would cost us to assure peace.



Pvt. Herbert B. Wiley  
Co. A, 150th Bn.

There's no telling. I suppose we'll have some peace after the war—but who knows how long it will last? We'll be too tired to do anything about peace—the kids coming after us won't know what it feels like to go through a war, and so they probably won't worry about keeping peace.

## Nurses Prove Their Right To Title Of "Angels Of Mercy"

To any veteran of the front lines who has suffered injury or to any who has administered first aid to a buddy in the hour of need the Army Nurse has become a symbol of new hope, new life, for it is these skilled hands, practised from long hours of training in humanity's greatest profession, that bandage the wounds, administer the necessary medicines, blood plasma, etc., and offer a word of cheer and encouragement. Almost legendary are the names "Florence Nightingale," "Angels of Mercy" as applied to those nurses serving the boys on the fighting fronts.

### Restore Health

There is another tremendous task that confronts the Army Nurse Corps today, that of restoring to health the thousands of soldiers injured or stricken with disease in the training camps here at home. With more men on the battle lines than ever before plus the anticipation of launching millions of troops into more and greater battles the call to overseas duty for members of the Army Nurse Corps has been greatly increased thus leaving the ranks at home greatly depleted.

It is at a Station Hospital such as Camp Hood's that the early stages of injuries and disease must be treated. Soldiers are subject to the same physical set-backs as are our civilians, they catch colds which sometimes develop into flu, they cut themselves, break legs, suffer concussions, and occasionally experience more serious injuries. It is the Station Hospital that first receives these injuries and more often than not sees them through to complete recovery and returns them to their outfits for further duty. Those more extreme cases are later transferred to General Hospitals for further treatment, usually of a surgical nature. The

nurses at Camp Hood are constantly reminded of their duty to the American soldier for he is their sole patient and the Camp itself offers a purely military environment. Many a nurse together with her patient has interrupted the routine of changing a dressing to glance out the window as a battalion of Tank Destroyers went thundering by bound for a problem "somewhere on the reservation."

### Urged To Join

Though the decision to wear the uniform is sometimes difficult to make the members of the Army Nurse Corps have few regrets for theirs is a duty dedicated to the health of all soldiers whether that duty be in some distant land healing the wounds of battle or restoring to health those afflicted in the training camps. Today the Army Nurse Corps calls on every woman who is a registered nurse to apply for her commission that she may serve as only the skilled can serve. Every young lady is invited to enroll in the Nurse Cadet Program that she may work toward her commission, serve in the war, and in the peace be a member of the truly honorable profession of nursing.



## Words Without Music

ED (ARCHY) GARDNER is rumored conferring with B. G. DeSYLV9 at Paramount about a movie based on "Duffy's Tavern" . . . HOAGY CARMICHAEL is recording two of his new tunes from the movie "To Have and Have Not," "Hong Kong Blues" and "Baltimore Oriole" . . . HOLLYWOOD VARIETY reports as a sign of the times a new movie title, "Are Fathers Neces-



sary?"—it takes a man of strong will to forebear comment on that.

HARRY VONZELL will succeed RALPH EDWARDS on "Truth or Consequences" program—Edwards was warm when army medics examined him . . . Decca will record an album of "Carmen Jones" . . . ALAN YOUNG, a favorite young Canadian comic, will fill in for EDDIE CANTOR during the summer.

BERT WHEELER in Detroit to headline EAR CARROL'S "Vanities" . . . MIKE TODD is casting MAE WEST'S Broadway flounce, "Catherine Was Great" . . . BETTY GRABLE won't be back to work until late fall—possibly no diaper service in Hollywood . . . Getting around—PARKS JOHNSON'S "Vox Pop" has travelled 150,000 miles in its peripatetic chore—KAY KAYSER and mob have dispensed Musical Knowledge over the same distance—and JOE E. BROWN clipped off 182,000 miles entertaining GIs in various over yonder posts . . . Watch for JEANETTE MACDONALD singing "I'll See You in my Dreams" to a blinded GI in "Follow The Boys."

Several plush-padded strategists were discussing Turkey when SAM JAFFE, Gunga Din and wise man of "Lost Horizon," said "Hold on. You can't talk that way about the Turks. They're not our allies yet."

### Pvt. Snafu At RTC

The Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood numbers "Pvt Snafu" among its trainees.

Unlike the familiar cartoon character, however, "Snafu" is a likeable little mongrel dog whose ancestors were evidently largely terrier.

Drawn by curiosity upon discovering that the friendly little pup carried dog tags around his neck, admirers discovered the canine's name and serial number. He was found to be a member of Co. C, 144th Bn.

Because the dog carried but one instead of two dog tags it probably would be safe to say that he could represent the spirit of "Snafu."

### Ft. Worth Group At NC

The Fort Worth Program Group which has been to Camp Hood many times in the past 19 months, will appear at North Camp Hood, Saturday night and Sunday at both Service Clubs. Carmen Hinds, 10, talented young dancer, will be featured.

## New Books Hit Camp Libraries

Your own favorite public or school library is probably too many miles away, but it's a safe bet that the libraries on this post get more of the newest books, than the home libraries are able to procure. "Deep in the heart of . . ." though you may be, it would pay you well to visit the libraries at 37th St. and 162nd St. St. Service clubs.

In a recent display at the 37th St. Library, entitled "Keeping up with the World," it was revealed that of the 38 current library favorites (based upon figures of the combined standing of each book in the largest public libraries listed for January, February and March, all but four are in circulation. "A Tree grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith and "Under cover" by John Carlson have lead the list, and the reservations for these two books would amaze those who think that the average American soldier is not a reading man.

New books in the 37th St. Library which are of current interest:

"Good Night, Sweet Prince"—Fowler. The life and times of John Barrymore as a man and a tragic figure rather than as a celebrity.

"Der Fuehrer"—Heiden. Hitler's rise to power; the roots and growth of that sinister philosophy.

"Victoria Grandoleit"—Bellamann. The author of "Kings Row" presents a novel of the conflict between an ambitious New England woman and the proud, aristocratic Southern family into which she marries.

"Wingate's Raiders"—Rolo. An account of the fabulous adventure that raised the curtain on the battle for Burma. Of special interest now, with the tragic death of the leader of the group.

"Nine lives with Grandfather"—Longstreet. A hilarious backward glance at New York in the '90's with the inimitable "Gramp."

"Life and Death of Little Jo"—Bright. A story of the unspoiled people of a little New Mexican village, of Little Jo who grew up there, learned to play the guitar, got into trouble, fell in love, and went off to the war.

"Bedford Village"—Allen. Sequel to "The Forest and the Fort" and of extreme interest to those who enjoy American historical novels.

## RTC Practise Game Tomorrow

A practice game tomorrow night (Friday, April 21) at South Camp with the Student-Regt. team will give dopesters a look at the All-RTC baseball club-1944 variety. Rival coaches are expected to field all their hopefuls to display their wares.

Both teams are dotted with former professional and semi-pros, independent and college players and when the wrinkles are ironed out are expected to show onlookers some fast baseball this spring and summer.

The TD RTC team will play its home games on a brand new diamond now in the process of completion at Twelfth St. between Park and West at North Camp.

### First IRTC Promotions

The first Cadremen in the IRTC to add new stripes on their sleeves were announced this week by the 97th Regt.

The regiment led off in promotions with the following men listed for advancements:

To S-Sgt.—Sgt. James E. Cimhanzel, Shiner, Texas, Hq. Det. 178th Tng Bn.; Sgt. Edward C. Cohan, Hq. Det. 97th Tng Regt., Cheviot, Ohio; Sgt. Carl J. Hoffman, Hq. Det. 176th Tng. Bn., Rochester, New York; Sgt. John D. Loughlin, Hq. Det. 176th Tng Bn, Brooklyn, New York; and



Pvt. William P. Carson, Co. B, 129 Bn. RTC, North Camp Hood, of Statham, Georgia and Emmie Lee Grizzel, also of that city, were married in Gatesville Friday, April 14. The bride was attended by her sister. After a four day furlough Pvt. Carson returned to finish his training.

Tec-4 Ruth M. Mitchell of the WAC Det., TDRTC was married to Tech-Sgt. William P. Schmidt March 25th in Gatesville, Texas. Tec-4 Mitchell is clerk to the Sergeant-Major in Pay & Records Section TDRTC and Sgt. Schmidt is Senior Instructor of Company A 130th TDTB. The couple spent a brief honeymoon in Galveston, Tex.

Several men of Co. C, 138th TDTB at North Camp's Replacement Training Center have recently celebrated or are about to observe wedding anniversaries.

Pvt. and Mrs. James E. Bane of Kalamazoo, Mich., noted the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding Wednesday, March 29, while Cpl and Mrs. Arthur B. Bingley, Jr. were married two years on March 18. Corporal Bingley's home is in Norfolk, Va. And Pvt. and Mrs. Alfred C. Devin of Springfield, Mass., are looking forward to April 6, when they will have been wed four years. The Devins have two sons. Pvt. and Mrs. Bane have two daughters and a son.

## Giardano Whiffs 14 In Co. Game

The spring in PFC Frank Giardano's trusty right arm was more wilting than the Spring in the Texas air as softball hostilities opened in the IRTC last Friday night.

Giardano pitching for Hdq. Co. No. 1 made batsmen of Hdq. Co. No. 2 swoon and swing as he pitched a near no hit no run game to star in his team's 5 to 0 victory.

Whiffing fourteen batters Giardano was robbed of a perfect game when Cpl. Robert Grimm tapped his offerings for a single in the last inning. Before that Hdq. Co. 2 pastimes could do nothing with Giardano's spinning fastball.

Sgt. Vernon Connelly, twirling for Hdq. Co. No. 2, was plagued by wildness and faulty support of team mates in the early part of the tussle and gave up one run in the first inning and four in the third canto. He tightened up after that, allowing a total of eight bingles for the game.

Batteries were Giardano and Waltman for the winners, Connelly and Baker for the losers.

Tec 4 Willard B. Soames, Hq. Det. 178th Tng Bn, Seattle, Washington.

To Tec 4—Cpl. James H. Hamilton, Hq Det, 87th Tng Regt, Greensboro, Alabama; Cpl. William F. Swift, Hq Det, 97th Tng Regt, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Tec 5 Sam (NMI) Lopez, Hq Det, 97th Tng Regt, Aguilar, Colorado.

To Tec 5—Pfc Maurice (NMI) Lathouwers, Hq Det, 97th Tng Regt, Chicago, Illinois; and Pvt. Ralph M. Goebel, Hq Det, 97th Tng Regt, Covington, Kentucky.

## Windows In Half-Track Gear Cases Reveal Works

They've put windows in the metal cases protecting the vitals of the army's venerable half-track chassis down at the automotive department in the Tank Destroyer School in a new wrinkle in chassis instruction.

There's nothing new about cutting away sections of engines and gear cases so students can see how gears, valves, bearings, and pistons work. But it is new when windows are inserted into openings cut into the gear cases so students can see gears functioning in oil baths exactly as they do under actual road conditions.

### EM Inventors

T-4 Lewis A. Green and Cpl. Robert E. Peters have recently completed work on one half-track. Work is now underway on the more ambitious task of putting windows in the case of the torumatic transmission of the new tank destroyer.

The windows used on the half-track are made of plastic material ranging from 30 to 60 thousandths of an inch thick. Those planned for the tank destroyer transmission will be up to three-sixteenths of an inch thick. Most of it will come from pieces salvaged from planes.

Nine of these plastic windows have been built into the half-track. They are located on the container for the constant velocity joint on the front wheel, the

front wheel drive differential housing, the crank case, the oil pan, valve cover, clutch housing, transmission, transfer case, and rear differential housing.

Ordinary dash lights, shielded to prevent breaking, have been installed in the oil pan, transmission, transfer case, and rear differential housing to improve visibility of the operating parts.

Through these windows students can see how gears mesh in the transmission, the relationship of gears in the transfer case, and how lubricating oil circulates throughout the power linkage system and in the crankcase. They gain an insight into what happens when there is too much or too little oil on moving parts. They don't have to use their imagination—it's all right there before them, just as it is when the half-track is in battle.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
Tec-4 L. A. Green points to one of the nine plastic windows installed on a half track chassis for study of internal parts under all conditions. Cpl. Robert E. Peters and Green, TDS Automotive Dept. created this innovation.

## Italian Fighting Plenty Tough As GI Explains It

By Lt. L. R. Barnhill

The Germans were tossing up so many flares that it looked like daylight along the banks of the Rapido river in Italy when Pvt. Edward Holt of an infantry rifle company started out on a night patrol.

"There were 12 of us when we started," recalls Private Holt at McCloskey Army General hospital where he is receiving treatment for injuries received while on this patrol. "We were called together in the afternoon to organize. Our objective was to cross the river and find out the

location and strength of the enemy positions. We were preparing to cross the river and needed to know what we were going to run into.

"I was to be the No. 4 man in the patrol. I carried a tommygun with three clips of ammunition, and three grenades in my canteen cover. The canteen was left behind, as it usually is when you are out on a night patrol.

"The flares were lighting up the countryside so much that we kept a 15-yard interval as we crossed an open field to reach the river. In a cut on a road, about 200 yards from the river, we stopped to inflate two rubber boats we were to use for the crossing. When the first one was inflated four men started off with it. They were to wait for us at the river bank, but they never reached it.

"About 50 yards from the river one of the men stepped on a German S mine. Those men stayed there where they fell while three other men and I started down toward the river with the second boat. We made it and waited, according to our orders, on the bank. Our sergeant soon came up and ordered me to go

back and help the injured men at the first boat go to the rear.

"The sergeant and I made a gun-carry for the man who had received a broken leg in the mine explosion. We had gone about 20 feet when I stepped on a mine. I don't know much about what happened after that. The explosion tore off my left foot and broke my right leg. I lay there with the fellow I was helping to carry until the medics reached us about an hour later.

"There is a lot of patrolling over in Italy and the more you learn about it while training in the country, the better off you will be."

### Co. A, 135th Bn. Wins

Co. A 135th TDTB enlisted men's softball team pounded out a lopsided 11 to 3 win over the officer's team of their organization this week to register their second win of the season.

The game was played on the 135th's diamond with Pvt. Harry Biakauskas and Tec-5 Henry Wilsey the battery for the winners and Lt. Francis Joyer the losing pitcher.

# Author Of "Under Cover" Warns Against Loose Talk

Pvt. Bernard R. Gray, IRTC

Not long ago I talked to a man who for the past five years has been working with more Axis underground agents than any other man in America.

The reason that Arthur Derouian, whose pen name is John Roy Carlson, is still alive today can be attributed to the most difficult task he had to learn as investigator—keeping his mouth shut.

His system of not trusting anyone he didn't know for at least ten years was put into use when he found that the Nazis who prided themselves in the fact that they could talk a lot without divulging any vital news, had proven his greatest source of information. The Armenian born author of "Under Cover" followed the premise that once he told something to someone it became public property; and he further imagined that every man he spoke to was a newspaperman ready to shout his every word to the world.

At first I wasn't sure that Carlson would talk my language, however, that thought was quickly erased from my mind, when he suggested, "how about hopping downstairs for some waffles with maple syrup before we get started on the story?"

We did, and the waffles were good; but some of his opinions on espionage and morale-sapping tactics of the axis were better.

Recently the youthful investigator lectured to some members of the Investigation Section of the Internal Security Division on "how to spot certain traits that might reveal the identity of an Axis espionage agent; and also on the preservation of military information."

It seems that the serviceman, in his lust to tell his loved ones where he is, talks too much. One disgruntled officer wrote to a soldier's girl:

Dear Miss Blank:

Your boy-friend loves you but he writes too much.

## THE CENSOR

### Many Cases

After I left Carlson, I went to see Major Leland Stowe, who disclosed the following cases to further illustrate the size of our mouths: (For obvious reasons the War Department desires that the locations of the camps where these incidents occurred remain unrevealed).

"A private, in conversation with two non-commissioned officers, disclosed details of a new type of combat plane. There were civilians present during the conversation and it was quite evident

that the private had been drinking and did not realize the nature of the information he was divulging. Although the disclosures appeared to be the result of carelessness, the information revealed might have impaired the effectiveness of the plane, and resulted in serious loss of life among Allied forces. In any event the information would have been of untold value to the enemy and would have enabled them to adjust their combat methods to meet this new weapon.

"The private was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by a general court martial.

"Another private, while calling on a girl, disclosed to her father the location of the regimental ammunition dump, the number of rounds of ammunition on hand at the dump and the number of men on guard. The father said that it was poor policy to be telling anyone the information he had disclosed. The subject replied that it made no difference because everyone in the vicinity knew what was in the building in question.

"The father reported the incident, stating that he had not known of the ammunition dump's existence before the soldier told him. He further stated that the private was sober at the time he imparted the information, and appeared to be the type who felt it smart to show his importance."

"An investigation was conducted. The private was tried for giving information and sentenced to hard labor for three months with suspension of \$20.00 per month for a like period.

Major Stowe disclosed that enlisted men weren't the only ones guilty of neglect, and mentioned the case of an officer, who entered a post exchange carrying some confidential documents which he left in the restaurant after making his purchase.

"The documents in the brief case contained information re-

## New WAC Prospect

A telegram received at 174th IRTC Bn. Headquarters Tuesday, from Atlanta, revealed that Lt. Edward B. Newson, Asst. S-3, is the father of a baby girl. The wire read: "WAC recruit assigned and joined as of Saturday. Mother fine."

garding troop movements to staging areas and ports of embarkation, and designated specific units.

"Fortunately the documents were recovered by another officer, who turned it in to the proper authorities. Until he was interviewed the major had not realized that the documents were missing. He was reprimanded under the 104th Article of War in the presence of general officers and chiefs of divisions of the branch to which he was assigned. For a long period of time he was relieved of all duty in connection with the custodianship of classified documents."

### Reveal Nothing

A chauffeur of a high-ranking officer on the General Staff in Washington was constantly being asked by his comrades: "Jerry, when do you think the war is going to end; you ought to be in on the know." He grew quite tired of not being able to answer this query, and finally he said: "Look, the moment I hear anything from the General, I'll let you in on it."

One day he said, "today the General spoke."

Interested bunkmates of his, crowded around his bed and asked: "Well, what did he say?"

"He said, 'Jerry, what do you think? When is the war going to end?'"

Most of us know that the proper amount of information to be revealed to a civilian is—NONE. But few of us realize that there are such animals as German spies within the services; and we feel free to shoot our mouths off to anyone else in uniform.

Therefore it might be pointed out that in January of last year a GI received five hundred dollars for an army code; and another soldier received thirty-four hundred dollars for some information he revealed pertaining to our air corps; and that other servicemen have received smaller amounts for news of transport movements. These men have been apprehended and are now serving sentence—but the FBI and the army and navy counter intelligence organizations will admit that there are other agents and Nazi sympathizers in service who are yet to be caught.

Before I left Carlson, he reminded me that the romantic era in military espionage was over. He called espionage today "Total Espionage," which penetrates into more than military information, covering a serviceman's morale and his weaknesses. He labeled it a blending of "sabotage, espionage and propaganda."

Next week: Pvt. Gray writes about "paper bullets!"

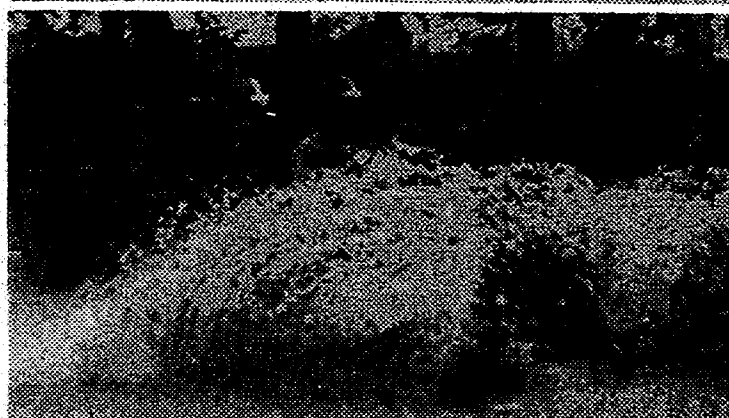
## WAC Team Clipped

The WAC softball team of the 1848th Sec. Enl. Detachment suffered a 21-1 setback in the first game of the season with the Copperas Cove girls. The WACs substituted freely in an effort to try out the entire squad, with Pfc. Laura Satterfield and Cpl. Rose Prosen twirling and Tech-4 Marie Duerst and Pvt. Dorothy Knight sharing the receiving duties.

The team berths are still open for competition and WACs interested in tryouts should contact Cpl. Prosen, who also seeks games with other WAC teams on the post.

## Baby Girl For Asst. Adj.

Dawn of April 16th presented Lt. Leslie V. Nicewarner, Jr., with a baby daughter—Scarlett Clark, 6 lbs., 3 ounces. Mrs. Nicewarner and child are both doing well according to Asst. Adjutant Lt. Nicewarner.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**STICKY, ISN'T IT?**—Top photo is scene on the IRTC Driver's Obstacle Course which is designed to test men for combat driving ability. Pfc. Jesse Harris, and his passengers, 1st Lt. Luther F. Johnson (front seat) commanding officer of Co. A., 178th Bn, 97th Regt and 2nd Lt. L. O. Legler, SSO of the 97th Regt. (rear seat) grunt and groan as they brave their way through a mudhole which is an outstanding feature of the course. In the center photo the same trio become mechanized alpinists as the mountaineering jeep spits up dust on a 45 degree hillside. In the bottom photo the jeep ploughs its way across a stream. Lt. Johnson aided in the design and building of the course which will be a training feature for soldiers in the 97th Regt., IRTC.

## IRTC Course Has Burma Road All Its Own In Camp

Any similarity between this and the Burma Road is not purely coincidental!

You'll probably hear many G.I. jeep and truck operators making a statement of this sort in the near future after they have been called upon to negotiate the IRTC Driver's Obstacle Course recently built for men taking their training in the 97th Regt. IRTC, which concentrates on training chauffeurs.

Formerly known as the Santa Fe Driving Course this dizzy succession of extremely rough driving features is located about a mile south of the Warehouse Area and is designed to perturb even the most apathetic jeep or truck jockey.

Its principal advantage lies in the fact that it is situated on terrain that is harassing in itself and few improvements were needed to make it far superior to any present driver's courses. The terrain is similar to that most likely to be encountered in actual combat. Under the direction of Lt. Col. Paul D. Connor, Regimental Commander, the ingenious design and the construction of the course was chiefly due to the efforts of Lt. Col. John U. Parker, Commanding Officer of the 178th Bn. with the aid of various officers of the Regiment. The Texas State Highway Department was also responsible for some engineering contributions.

### Big Hill

Among its thrills is a 45 degree climb up a steep hillside which has been named Bresnahan Hill in honor of the IRTC's Commanding General. To add to the difficulty the driver must make a sharp turn before reaching the top of the incline.

It's no joyride for the driver as he continues on through a virtually untracked cross country portion of the course and en-

ters a wooded area, called Bigelow woods for the Executive Officer of the IRTC. Here he must zig-zag through narrow passages between the trees whereupon he comes to a desert with sand that has a vacuum-like quality. Next he follows a fence line with a dead end where he is obliged to turn completely around.

### Only Beginning

This is a barely a start of his troubles as he next drives over a battlefield with a mine field at the entrance. This is also a narrow run closely situated to stakes to mark the places where the mines are supposed to be. In the battlefield craters, formed by explosives simulating bursting shells, are his next realistic problem. He passes through a break in a tactical double apron barbed wire fence and soon reaches another dead end road where he must again turn around.

Added to this is a stream crossing without benefit of a bridge, more steep hills, a small village where he encounters normal obstacles within a small village, mudholes and a highly disconcerting variety of other obstacles.

For the driver its a real proving ground to determine whether he is capable of being a combat vehicle driver.



**SINGS TOO**—It shouldn't be necessary to point out that Georgia Carroll, this incomparable blond, used to be a model. Ummmmmm! See what we mean? But she's preoccupied now with the more serious business of singing and playing service camp shows with Kay Kyser's NBC "College of Musical Knowledge."





## Chapel Services

**Protestant**  
Sunday 9:30 A. M.  
Chapel 53—50th & Hq.  
Hospital—Red Cross Bldg.  
Chapel 218—37th St. West.  
10:00 A. M.  
Chapel 321—337th St. East.  
10:15 A. M.  
Bible Study, Chapel 413—School Area.  
11:00 A. M.  
Post Chapel—52nd & Hq.  
Chapel 4416—268th & Ser. Dr.  
Chapel 3425—170th & Brig.  
Chapel 2808—62nd & Bn.  
Chapel 413—School Area.  
Chapel 321—337th St. East.  
Chapel 2833—70th & Bn.  
6:30 P. M.  
Post Chapel—52nd & Hq.  
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Hospital—Red Cross Bldg.  
Chapel 321—37th St. East.  
Chapel 218—37th St. West.  
Chapel 2833—70th & Bn.  
Stockade—2:00 p. m.  
Chapel 53—164th & Hq. Episcopal.  
Communion Sunday—0800 and 1830.

**COLORED TROOPS**  
Chapel 3406—164th & Brig.  
Sunday School—9:00 a. m.  
Worship Service—10:00 a. m.  
788 Sn Co Mess Hall—9:00 a. b.  
Chapel 3406—6:30 p. m.  
Weekday Services  
Chapel 53, Tuesday—1930.  
Chapel 413, Thursday—1900.  
Post Chapel, Thursday—1930.

**Roman Catholic**  
Sunday Mass  
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.—6:30 a. m.  
Stockade—7:30 a. m.  
37th St. Theater—9:00 a. m.  
162nd St. Theater—9:00 a. m.  
24th St. Theater—11:00 a. m.  
Hood Road Theater—11:00 a. m.

**Morning Weekday Mass**  
Chapel 2808, Wed, Thurs., Sat.—8:00 a. m.  
Chapel 218, Mon, Sat.—6:15 a. m.  
**Evening Weekday Mass**  
Chapel 2808, Tues, Fri.—6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 218, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri.—6:30 p. m.

**Novena Services**  
Sunday, Chapel 2808—6:30 p. m.  
Tuesday, Chapels 2808, 218—6:30 p. m.  
Wednesday, Chapel 218—6:30 p. m.  
**Confession**  
Saturday, as follows:  
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.—1500-1600.  
Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn.—1800-2100.  
Chapel 218, 1500 to 1700 and 1830-2100.

**Before Every Weekday Mass**  
**JEWISH, Friday, 1930**  
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq. Orthodox, followed by Reform Service.  
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
Chapel 321, 37th St. East, Thursday, 2000, Sunday 0900.  
**LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
Chapel 53, 50th & Headquarters, Sunday 2000.

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Douglas Crow (P)	321	2654
H. Hall (P)	413	643
R. T. Heacock (Cld)	3406	702
R. K. Helm (P)	4416	638
B. H. Layline (J)	53	642
R. B. Meyer (C)	218	639
B. E. Moli (C)	2808	2177
E. S. Ritch (P)	3425	644
rank Runyan (P)	218	639
S. H. Salmon (P)	Sta. Hosp.	795
G. F. Sessions (Cld)	3406	702
V. D. Stephens (P)	2808	2177
C. R. Stinnette (P)	53	642
Thomas H. Talbot, Post Chaplain		641

## WACS In Army Journal

The Service Journal "Army Life" featured a story and picture of North Camp Hood Wacs in its March issue.

Elsewhere in the magazine a picture was included showing Col. Christian Hildebrand, RTC executive officer, asking enlisted men about to depart on furlough to tell the eligible ladies in his community about the Wacs and to encourage them to join.

This publicity was entirely favorable to North Camp Hood and to the Wacs who play such an important part in its operation.

## Former TDS WO Writes Friends What To Pack

Warrant Officer Frank Racca, formerly of TDS, who is now serving somewhere in Italy writes to friends in Camp Hood this week. A portion of his interesting letter is devoted to handing out advice to buddies who might be taking an ocean voyage soon for health—worse health for Adolph or Hirohito. Mr. Racca says:

"As far as equipment goes, buy a Val-Pak by all means—and definitely an air mattress and sleeping bag; sleeping on the breast of old Mother Earth is not the most pleasant sensation in the world, I can assure you. (Note: enlisted men need not be concerned with above).

"As for uniforms, take your blouse, two or three sets of O.D.'s, about four sets of cotton, 2 pair of GI shoes, 1 low cut, rain coat, field jacket—incidentally, I bought a coat here last Saturday for \$24.08. The only trouble is I got it a wee bit too tight in the waist. Take 2 sets of John L.'s, and about half a dozen summer underwear—3 or 4 towel and handkerchiefs. For gosh sakes, don't over load yourself with soap and razor blades as I did. There's enough here. And make sure you get your bed roll, helmet, musette bag and all the rest of the issue items. At your home station don't forget a flashlight.

"Make sure all your records, allotment, insurance, pay vouchers, etc. are all OK for otherwise they'll have a hard time getting straightened out after you leave.

"The most important admonition—regardless of where you go, you soon get used to it—you may be scared, but it doesn't make a hell of a lot of difference—bombs, gun fire, etc., it's just a lot of noise until it hits you—so, you just keep calm, cool and collected—at least you try! Got to close now to get some ice cream before it's all gone—that's right, you guessed it. I'm at the Red Cross club. Lots of luck."

## Farewell Party For Acad Regt.

The Academic Regiment, TDS, gave a farewell party and dance for all the regimental officers and their wives at the 26th Street Officers Club, last Saturday.

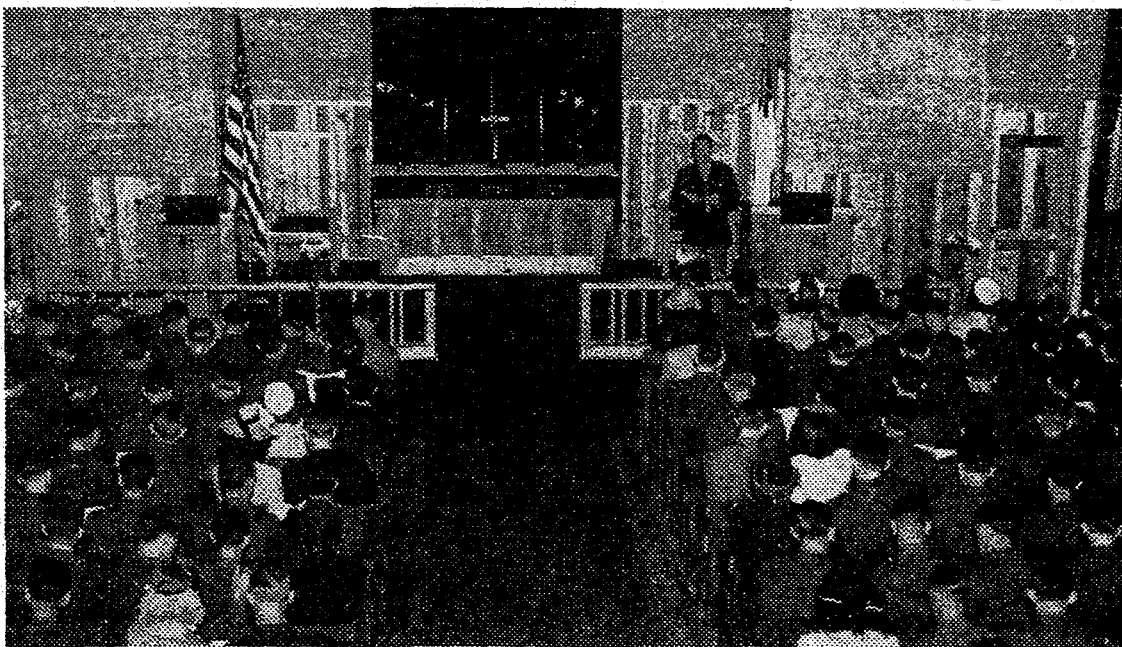
Purpose of this gala affair was the forthcoming de-activation of the Academic Regiment.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for this event, hailed as the best since the regiment came into being under Major Joel I. McGregor, comprised Lt. John Allen, chairman, Lts. Carr, Look, and CWO Zawisza.

A special word of praise was unanimously voiced for the officers who have been in this regiment since its activation.

## Tennessee Newsmen

James W. West, Jr., of company "C," 138Bn. RTC, North Camp Hood is revealed to be an ex-newspaperman in civilian life. Pvt. West was general manager



Easter Services held in Camp Hood. Above are the Protestant services at the main post chapel. Major Thomas H. Talbot, post chaplain, is conducting the services.

## Easter Services Well Attended

Easter services at Camp Hood were well attended. There were 70 services for Easter, and a total of 11,677 persons attended these services.

There were four Protestant Sunrise Services held, 12 Masses, 6 Novenas, and 44 general Protestant Services; in keeping with other religious service in the Camp, there was a Jewish Passover Seder held on Friday night, April 6th, with 475 in attendance.

## GI Movies For Camp Battalions

Excellent weekly GI movies for off-duty amusement and instruction are available for use by Post Orientation officers. The Army-Navy screen magazines, Pete Smith Sports Shorts, Donald Duck and Pvt. Snafu comedies, travelogues and song shorts are typical film subjects.

An interesting and amusing 45 minute program can easily be arranged either in recreation halls, dayrooms, mess halls or any place with suitable power outlets. Outdoor movies are feasible.

The GI movie prints are obtained from the Post Morale Service Section and equipment for projections from the Visual Aids Section.

## Hotseat For Mouse

The 137th Bn of the TD RTC at North Camp Hood recently experienced reception difficulties with the radio in the battalion day room.

The radio was turned over to a technician for repairs and upon investigation he came up with the mouse, which had climbed into the housing and promptly been burned to a crisp. There is a question as to how long the "scorched invader" had been interfering with reception but the set is once more functioning.

of two daily papers in Tennessee, the Kingsport Times and the Kingsport News.

Mrs. West remained in Kingsport to maintain the "Home Fires" while Pvt. West is away in service of his country.



Lt. Boody F. Rogers of the 141st Bn RTC, North Camp Hood in civilian life helped to create the popular cartoon character "Smiling Jack." The familiar "Sparky Watts" in his own creation. The Lt. is pictured here pointing to "Wake Up" cartoons he draws to enliven the charts he makes up to assist training in his battalion. Lt. Rogers is mentioned in May Esquire, P. 83.

## Cartoonist Made Map Reading For 141st Bn. Easy

The men of the 141st Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood upon leaving the Training Center will have cause to remember in particular the charts and training aids that so greatly helped them understand the basic principles of Tank Destroyer fighting methods.

The creator of these superlative charts showing practices on road marches, bivouacs, tactics, scouting and patrolling, first aid and other subjects, was Lt. Boody G. Rogers.

Lt. Rogers in civilian days as a staff artist helped to produce the cartoon strip popularly known by millions as "Smiling Jack." The Lieutenant is the creator of another widely distributed comic character who amused funny paper readers under the name of "Sparky Watts."

With this background it is small wonder that the trainees

## Party For 141st Bn.

Co. B. 141st Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood on April 7th gave a party for the enlisted men of the company and invited the regimental, battalion, and company officers.

Chicken salad, cheese and crackers, pickles, potato chips, and soft drinks provided a full "night lunch" for the company "B" guests; and members of the company entertained with skits and songs.

## Platoon Songfest

The fourth platoon of Co. "C" 141 Bn. RTC held a "songfest" in the Recreation Hall on April 7th. The officers, NCO's, and men in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the song sessions around the piano.

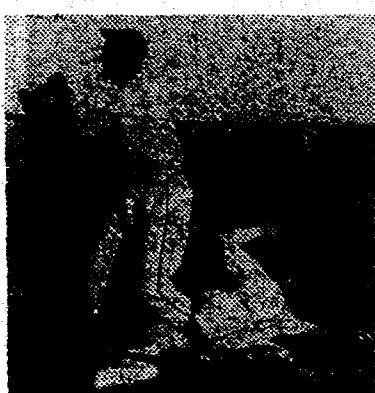
have made so many favorable comments on how much the charts so ably done by the former cartoonist have helped them to better understand just what the army expects of them in their training.

## Male Call

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



## Forecastle Armor



**Holdovers from last year's post championship team:** Here are the four Student Regiment mainstays that aided in bringing the title to their team last year. This season these men form the nucleus of the strong TDS team. Shea, outfielder, taking a cut at the plate; Herb Karpel, big league southpaw star, former property of the New York Yankees; Harry Fair, veteran second baseman trying to catch Pete Petrillo on the bag; big George Velten, slugging first baseman.

## Price Pitches Near-No Hitter

Howard Price, control artist who once mixed them up for the top-flight Cincinnati Greyhounds, came within two outs of the perfect game Thursday (4-13-44) as he elbowed the 128th Battalion to a 4-0 win over RTC Headquarters in opening games for both clubs in the TDRTC Softball League.

Rival hurler Lt. Del Turco spoiled the effort with a sharp single that rode the first-base line for the only safe blow off the slants of the 128th private. Price had sent his offerings past the Headquarters batters for six innings and the first man up in the seventh popped out before Del Turco stepped to the plate to run the no-hitter.

128th hitters gathered seven blows off Del Turco with center-fielder Joe Haller showing the way with two of the bingles. Runs trickled across the plate in the first, second and sixth innings, two coming in the sixth-frame rally.

Price whiffed eight Headquarters swingers and only one of his tosses was lifted out of the infield with leftfielder Arnold Clements hauling in a high one off the bat of Del Turco. Each hurler gave up four bases on balls. Shortstop Keen and First-Sacker Silha looked best on defense for the losing ten while Third-Base-man Adolph Wojick and Shortstop Marvin Hock stood out for the 128th.

## TD School Team Has Vet Player

PFC John H. Newman, Hq Co. 662nd TD Bn now on the TDS nine, is a slugger with ten years of pro baseball under his belt. Newman started his career in 1935 playing at Terra Haute, Indiana in the 3 eye league. He played outfield and has continued in that position throughout his ball career. From Indiana he went to Rock Island, Western League, Class A.

In '39 he was traded to Owensboro, Kentucky. He led the league in slugging, .409, and set a new home run record at 35. 1940 he was sold to Buffalo for one month and farmed out to Jamestown, N. Y. Led league in hitting with .359. In '42 he again led the league in hits with .359 and broke his own home run record with 30.

## First Practice For RTCHopfuls

**RTC Calls Up Ballplayers**  
The North Camp Recruit Training Center held its first baseball practice of the season on Wednesday, April 12th.

125 hopefuls answered the call of Lt. H. L. Mahley, athletics officer, for men with professional, semi-professional, college, industrial, and independent hard ball experience.

Competition for berths on the RTC team will be hot and many will fall by the wayside in near-future cuts and culling.

The RTC team is interested in adding games to its schedule and interested parties should contact the RTC Special Service Officer.

## Band Hires Band

The members of the 188th Army Band stationed at North Camp Hood attended a party given for them at the Roosevelt Hotel in Waco on April 10th.

The Bandsmen, all excellent musicians, decided to take the night off and hired an air force orchestra to provide the music. They then relaxed and devoted their time to the immediate business of dining and dancing.

# SPORTS

Facts and Figures on the 70th running of the Kentucky Derby:

Date—May 6th.

Place—Churchill Downs.

Distance—one mile and a quarter.

Purse—\$5,000 added (\$75,000 plus total of \$25 fee for each horse nominated and \$500 fee for each starter).

Number nominated—148.

Likely number of starters—12 to 13.

Starting time—approximately 4:30 p. m. (central war time).

Attendance—estimated will exceed 60,000 (again limited due to wartime travel restrictions).

Last year's winner, second, and third—Count Fleet, Blue Swords, Slide Rule.

**Dropped in at the 662nd TD Bn. jamboree** last Friday night. An exciting surprise awaited. We ran smack into a big-time professional wrestling exhibition that featured our old friend **Sgt. Dick Raines**. He clowned, and wrestled, and entertained just as he might do in a big-money match in Dallas, with the result that he now has a few hundred more friends.

The four tennis courts in the TDS area are crying for a camp-wide tournament, and it's early enough in the season now to start planning one. There are surely enough interested contestants judging by the number of players seen on the courts during the nice weather. An officers' ladder could be played off on two courts, with the enlisted men vying on the other two. The camp finals between the officers and enlisted champs would be thrilling enough to rouse plenty of partisanship. If no other courts nearby are in condition for play, the entire tourney could easily be run off right there!

## Pot Pourri

The Washington Senators will give away 2,000 free ducats to enlisted servicemen for each of the home games . . . The over 25-draft stoppage will assure the major league teams of their regulars for the first part of the season.

The **Sammy Angott-Sailer White** light heavyweight championship fight film is on the post, and those who've seen it say it's one of the best ever made . . . **Joe Louis** has made the statement that he will defend his title when the war ends against the man who gave him his closest fight—**Billy Conn**.

**Bob Falkenburg**, national junior tennis champ, and brother of Jinx-of-the-cinema, is a private at Sheppard Field, Texas . . . **Lon Warneke** is in the Army . . . as who isn't?

It's been going on for years, the duo of **Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom** and **El Brendel** playing handball daily atop the Equitable Building, Hollywood and Vine.

**Bill Tilden**, the most sought after tennis coach in Los Angeles, holding forth at the Ambassador Hotel court . . . The **Park Central Hotel** in New York City, always a popular headquarters for the more glamorous sports figures, is still their rendezvous—except that most of 'em are in uniform now. The last time we were there on furlough we spotted **Jack Dempsey** and **Gene Tunney**, and had lunch with **Ensign Billy Sose**, one of the classiest fighters to ever step inside a ring.

Ran into **Lt. Andrews** and **Herb Karpel** in Waco, Sunday, at the opening game of the baseball season. They attended in order to invite the **Seven Up** team to come to Camp Hood to meet TDS in our opener here. **Seven Up** tangled with **The Waco Army Flying Field** ball club sans **Birdie Tebbetts**, who left just before the game for special service school. He'll be gone six weeks. Waco emerged on top of a tight two-to-one, 11-inning game, that was a peach of an opener. It looked like **Seven Up** shaded **Tebbetts** crew all the way, and met defeat only when big-leaguer **Sid Hudson** relieved on the mound for Waco late in the game. **Pitcher Ramos** of **Seven Up** toiled the entire game, not only holding the Waco club in complete check, but slugging the apple himself. He's one of the best hurlers who ever appeared at **Katy Field**. The crowd mobbing him after the game to admire him at close quarters attested to that fact. The third baseman on **Seven Up** was the stand-out star of the game, coming up with the most amazing fielding and throwing it has ever been our pleasure to watch. Baseball fans are in store for a great early season thrill when this definitely big time ball club comes to Camp Hood for the opening tiff April 30th! —RC

## Yank Discusses Platforms And Mercy For Japs

The question of how to treat Jap prisoners comes in for caustic comment in **Yank's Mail Call** this week. The letters, replying to one suggesting that Jap prisoners be treated kindly, are unanimous in believing that the best thing to do with a Jap is give him a quick burial, if you have time.

The letters range from a cryptic "No mercy for murders, to a couple of cynical implications that the writer of the original letter was bucking for section eight.

Several letters from men who've faced Japs in combat point out that you can't show a Jap mercy—a Jap will surrender and then try to sneak a bayonet into you, he has no hesitation about murdering medics trying to help the wounded, and as one of them stated, "A Jap has more dirty, lousy tricks in his head than you will ever be able to dream up."

### Statement of Charges

A letter on another tack suggests that each major presidential candidate be allowed space in **Yank** to state his platform, so that men in service will have some idea of what the election is about. **Yank** seems to think it a good idea, and may make an exception to its rule of not allowing outsiders to use its columns.

A GI in Canada gets down to cases on the Veterans' Organization question. He points out that the veterans of the last war who didn't like the program of the American Legion just stayed home and did nothing—leaving the field to the Legion. The same thing is happening this time, he states, and again the men who disagree will have no voice. He suggests

## 489th MPEG Challenges

The 489th MPEG Co., located at the Prisoner of War Camp, South Camp Hood, boasts a strong softball aggregation and is willing to play any team on the Post.

Challengers call Extension 2462, Lt. William Baker.

## It's A Girl

Lt. Edward Gershanov, Dispensary "I," dashed out to McCloskey Hospital on April 11th to greet his new baby girl, 8 lbs.-13 ounces, who is doing well, as is Mrs. Gershanov.

that GIs who disagree with the Legion should join it and fight within the organization for the things they believe in.

There are also a couple of letters complaining about the cigar situation (lack of same) on Bougainville, and a wistful note from Newfoundland saying that a pass is something they know of only by hearsay.

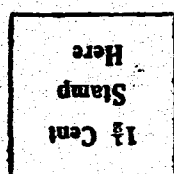
### Interesting Editorial

The **Yank** editorial is an interesting item, letting the wind out of that balloon about how much money civilians are making, and how wide and handsome they're spending it.

Should you have a yen to run for public office, **Yank** says enlisted men may. There are also enlightening details on softball, disability pay, partial pay, fourragere, and how to bring a wife back from overseas—though the canny editors are non-committal about the initial step.

There are the usual topdrawer combat stories and pictures—plus a page of work by GI artists, exhibited at the National Gallery of Art in Washington. And, anybody's nickel's worth, **Sad Sack**, of course.

## Mail Your 'Panther' Home!



Camp Hood, Texas

From: