

# Panther Observes First Birthday

## The Hood Panther

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### 'Showtime' Broadcasts Here Sunday

"Showtime," the widely-heard broadcast of the Texas Quality Network will give this Sunday's performance in the Hood Road Theater for a half hour beginning at 3:30 p. m. Doors will be closed at 3:25 p.m.

Following the radio part of the big show there will be a 45-minute program for those in the theater.

Featuring Virginia Hayes, boggle woogie pianist, with the 26-piece "Showtime" orchestra, Sunday's broadcast will also give the spotlight to an instrumental quartet from Camp Hood.

Those in the Hood musical group are: Pvt. Irvin Birnbaum, Pvt. Roy Graham, Pfc. Edward Twardzik, and Pfc. Edward Chalinski.

Touring Texas Army camps has made the "Showtime" program one of the most popular on the air. But because it's a radio show, the doors will be closed promptly at 3:25 p. m.

This marks a return appearance for the program at camp, with the stars being aided by the "Tune Tumblers," Jerry Scroggin, Bert Dodson, Freddie Martin, and Frances Beasley.

### Wool Shirt May Be Worn Sans Blouse

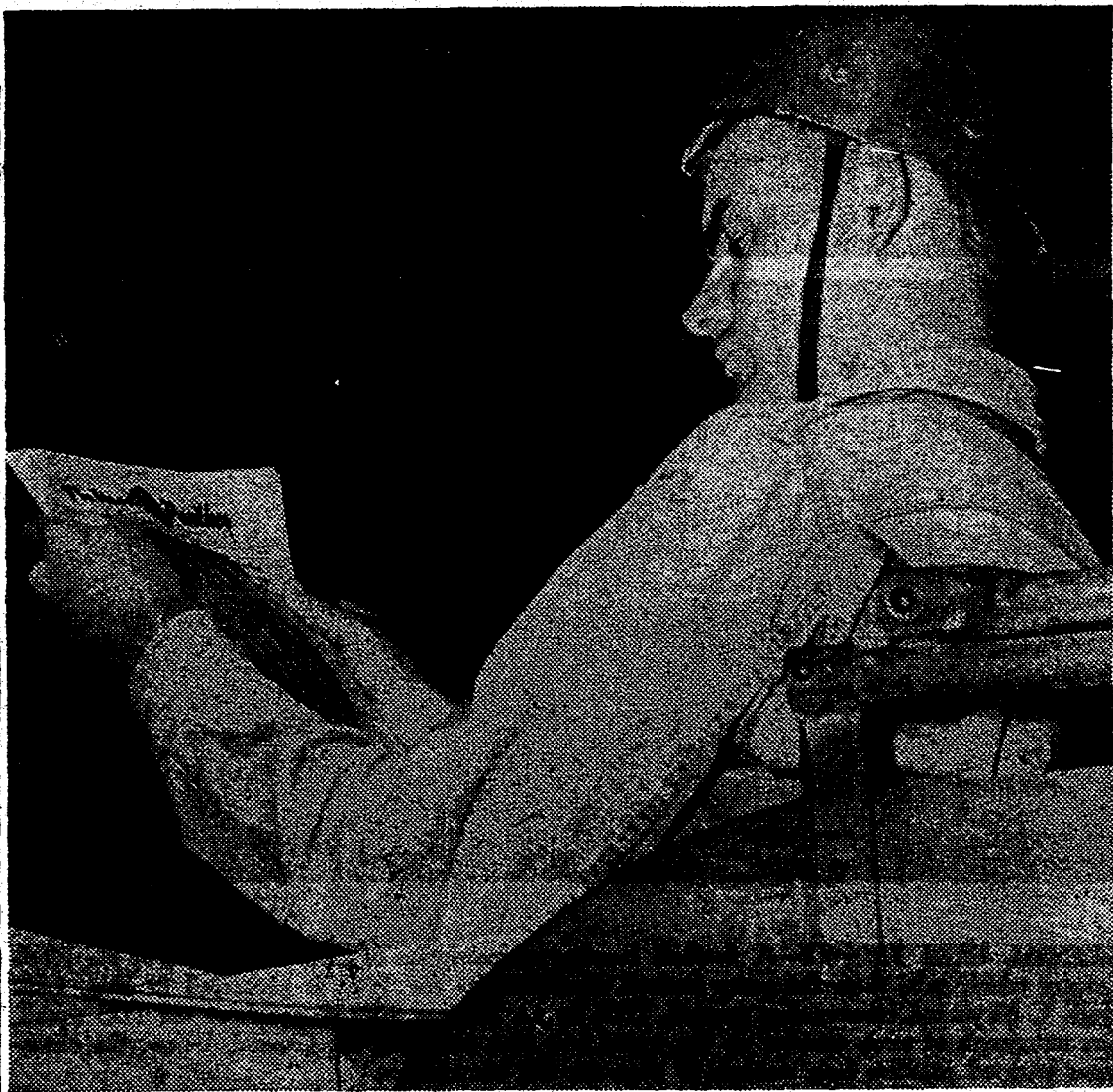
Last week the Panther showed two pictures of how the properly dressed soldier should appear off the post. But because of a recent change in regulations, the service coat or blouse is not required to be worn, as in the picture, when the soldier is wearing the Wool OD shirt. You can go off the post in the wool OD uniform without the blouse, but if you wear the cotton shirt, you must wear the blouse.

Officers and warrant officers are required to wear the service coat at all times when appearing in public off the post, except while in Killen, Gatesville, or Copperas Cove, or while actually proceeding between quarters and place of duty. This last phase has been interpreted to mean that officers going to homes in Belton or Temple may leave without a service coat as long as they don't stop in town on the way; just the direct trip to the home may be made without the service coat.

### 672nd Bn. Given High Rating In Administration

Administrative records were fingered and eyed by the inspectors but in vain. Again 672nd TD Bn. has come through with one of the highest ratings ever given for administrative records. The Personnel Section and company records were so complete and well-handled that a grade of 98 per cent was attained.

Commendations are in order for Mr. John D. Pawver, W.O. over Personnel Section and to the 1st Sgts' of all five companies, and enlisted men of personnel sections.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN**—Honored spot in any newspaper is the front page. Therefore, in this issue marking the end of our first year of publication, we place here the most important man in the army—a soldier, GI Joe, our reader. We don't know what his name is. He's one of Camp Hood's thousands. He may be, and to us he is, YOU!

Editor, The Panther:

Office of The Commanding General  
Tank Destroyer Center

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the publication of The Hood Panther I take great pleasure in extending my congratulations to you and your staff. The growth and progress of the Tank Destroyer Center has been notable, and the Hood Panther—the paper published expressly for Tank Destroyers—has kept pace with this rapid expansion.

One of the greatest morale building factors on any Army post or in any unit overseas is its newspaper, a medium which combines the written expression of the unit's accomplishments, ideas and suggestions with the editorial staff's interpretation of local and world news in general. In putting all of these before the public in print, a newspaper staff must exercise the greatest judgment in limiting somewhat the traditional freedom of the press so that it remains within the confines of discretion which the Army has accepted as its standard. Your paper has followed this policy with an enviable degree of care.

I have read many service papers and I do not hesitate to say that this publication is one of the finest of its kind in the Army. Its coverage of the accomplishments of units and individuals in the Tank Destroyer Center has been consistently excellent. These write-ups have always given due recognition to the individuals and units concerned and in addition have succeeded in molding these news items into stories of great interest to the casual reader.

I consider your articles taken from experiences in the combat zones as an especially valuable part of your publication. The men in training here at Camp Hood are intensely interested in what the TD's are doing in combat. The reports in The Panther are enabling the TD units here to keep in touch with the units overseas and to better understand the relationship between TD training and TD fighting.

I want also to especially commend the editorials and the "Headline Review" columns which have appeared. Both of these departments have provided much material for the readers to absorb and think about. I shall not attempt to enumerate in detail the many other fine features and services of your paper.

May I again express my sincere congratulations on the magnificent work which The Hood Panther has done and which I am certain it will continue to do.

The officers and men of the Tank Destroyer Center Salute you on your first anniversary!

JOHN H. HESTER,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

Editor, The Panther:

This being the first anniversary of the publication of the Hood Panther, I wish to express to you and your staff my appreciation of the splendid results you have accomplished.

Your contribution to the successful operation of Camp Hood has been large.

That the Hood Panther has been appreciated is attested to by the large number of copies mailed weekly by the soldiers stationed here to their homes. The many letters that have been sent you from those receiving these copies indicate that the Panther does have a definite part in keeping the soldiers' families in touch with their daily activities.

My sincere wishes for your continued success.

C. M. Thirkeld,  
Colonel, Field Artillery,  
Commanding.

### Year's Work Reviewed On Anniversary

First Edition Out During Formative Period Of Camp Hood

Hailed by Major General A. D. Bruce, then Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center, as a step in further development of the center "which has been remarkable during the past few months," first edition of The Hood Panther was distributed to Hood personnel Dec. 10, 1942.

In that first edition the editor stated: "As the new voice of Camp Hood we shall do our utmost to serve the enlisted men and officers who make up its command. We shall strive to keep them informed of events to come in their military community that they may participate in them. We shall strive to serve as medium of useful information for the soldier and his officers."

"And along with our more serious purposes we shall try to entertain you and amuse you with interesting items concerning your buddies and yourself. We don't want to lose our sense of humor and we're sure you don't either."

When Vol. I, No. 1 was distributed to Camp Hood personnel, staff of the newly-created, eight page, tabloid size paper, which was then published every other week, consisted of two enlisted men, Pvt. Ivan Smith, Editor—since T-Sgt. Ivan Smith and still editor—and Pvt. Joseph P. Hart, Assistant Editor, later honorably discharged. Lt. Clarence E. Manly was then, and is now, supervising officer. The Panther has been published under supervision of the Special Service Office.

#### Anti-Loose Talk Campaign

With its edition of January 21 The Panther originated and introduced the idea of placing the slogan, "If You Talk Too Much This Man May Die" around latrine mirrors to remind servicemen of the dangers to themselves of their own loose talk.

The campaign caught on nationally, and within a few weeks, editors received letters from camps and stations throughout the nation. One from Admiral E. L. Gunther, Commandant, North Island Naval Base, San Diego, Cal., is typical: "You should be commended highly for your efforts to safeguard the lives of our fighting men, and above all, for thinking above and beyond your duties. We are arranging to have the slogan placed around every mirror on North Island."

The Panther's "Mirror-Poster" Plan was published nationally by the American Magazine, Look Magazine, and Minicam Photography Magazine, and in hundreds of daily newspapers by Associated Press Wirephoto and International Photos. The plan was reproduced in a Merchant Marine film and recommended for adoption in a Canadian Army Training Memorandum.

#### Pushes Camp Programs

Meanwhile The Panther went ahead with its own program for the Tank Destroyers. It was one of the first camp newspapers to

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## TD Progress Recorded In Panther File

Today The Hood Panther is one year old. And to thumb through its filed pages from December to December, its editors take great pride in knowing that those pages have been an inspirational instrument toward the many goals Camp Hood has attained to date.

It was just a year ago that Camp Hood planned events to mark her first yuletide . . . December '42 saw United States Senator Tom Connally, of Texas, a guest in camp. He gave great praise to the camp's stupendous setup and training. . . Camp Hood's Fiscal agency opened . . . Entire camp saw Frank Capra's Army movie "Prelude to War" . . . Hollywood sent her starlets, Ann Gwynne and Martha O'Driscoll, for personal appearances at the official opening of Camp Hood's first theaters . . . Miss Jo Carroll Denison, Tyler, Texas, the "Miss America of 1942," visited and had mess kit chow with the 899th TD Bn. . . Plans for a camp wide basketball tourney were worked out . . . Over \$75,000 dollars went into war bonds . . . Lt. Will Rogers, Jr., of the 899th TD Bn., was elected to congress . . . "The Army Hour," NBC broadcast, was sent over the waves direct from Camp Hood, with Lt. Burgess Meredith, of movie fame, giving the nation a complete description of TD maneuvers, and later in the program introducing TDC commander, Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, who concluded the broadcast hour with a talk . . .

Moving into January of the current but now old year, Hood boxers entered their first Golden Glove tournament at Temple . . . The Anti-Loose talk drive—"If you talk too much, this man may die," originated by Pvt. Ivan Smith, Hood Panther editor, with Pvt. Marshal DeMuyck, 1st TD Band as the mirror subject, appeared in the January 21 issue. Only a short time later, the slogan swept through the nation, being adopted by numerous posts throughout the country. . .

February . . . "Claudia," America's radiant comedy by Rose Franken, opened at Hood Road theater, with Emily McNair, young actress, portraying "Claudia" . . . Winston Churchill, a Texas boy, found in Co. A, 140th Bn., RTC . . . Three Hood boxers were winners in Temple Golden Gloves meet . . . Col. Herbert L. Earnest and Col. A. O. Gorden were named Brig. Generals . . . Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians paid tribute to Camp Hood via "Chesterfield Time," NBC . . . San Diego Naval Base adopted Hood's mirror-poster plan . . . USO Shows presented Don Cossacks at Hood Road theater . . . Lt. Col. E. J. Howell assumed command of OCS Regt, relieving Col. Mark A. Devine . . . Cpl. Isaac Brauwerman, Hq. Det.



**GENERAL GETS TROPHY**—A football bearing an inscription of their 10-0 defeat of the 106th Cavalry which gave them the camp football championship for 1943 is presented to Brig. Gen. Hugh T. Mayberry, commanding general, TDS, by Lt. William Willard, coach of the TDS squad. The autograph of each member of the squad was also presented to the General. Below, the champions stopped practice long enough to pose for the cameraman.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1943

DEML, put \$10,000 into war bonds.

March . . . Joan Blondell made personal appearance with USO's "Hellzapoppin." Blond Blondell visited the Tank Destroyers afield. . . TD RTC made plans to move to North Camp . . . Los Angeles Port of Embarkation adopted Panther Mirror-poster slogan . . . Major General Richard Donovan, head of Eighth Service Command, down from Dallas on inspection tour . . . Plans for Camp Hood Central Bus depot started . . . Pvt. Harold Houben, DEML, won camp heavyweight boxing crown . . . 774th TD Bn. basketball team took camp championship in cage tourney . . . Gus Mancuso, New York Giants baseball catcher, made personal appearance at 37th St. Service Club . . . "You can't take it with You," Kaufman-Hart production, played by USO at Hood Road Theater . . . 90th MRU moves in from Ft. Bliss . . . \$16,423.79 given to Red Cross war fund by Hood personnel . . . Col. Harry F. Thompson announced

plans to move from Camp Bowie to North Camp.

April . . . USO's "Show Time at the Roxy," with Hal Leroy, America's dancing great, made debut at the field house . . . Eighth Service Command headquarters set down new curfew rules . . . Easter services held in all chapels . . . Army, Navy and Air Corps camps adopted Panther mirror-poster plan . . . Camp Athletic Council set up spring and summer sports program . . . Camp Hood's first contingent of WAACs arrived, with Third Officer Elizabeth L. Flanagan as CO. . . Bob Hope's nation wide broadcast staged in field house, April 20, with Frances Langford, Vera Vague and Jerry Colona . . . Shuttle Train plans developed to aid bus congestion . . . Camp contributed over 17 thousand dollars to war fund . . . 120-acre Panther Park opened at Lampasas . . .

May . . . Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, WAC director, honored at Mary-Hardin-Baylor college banquet at Belton . . . Gov. Coke Stevenson and Major Gen. A. D. Bruce were speakers . . . ASTP plans set up, with boards throughout camp established to pick qualified . . . BUTC moved to North Camp . . . USO's "Swings The Thing" enroute to Hood . . . Machine Gun section, Weapons Dept., TDS, set new world record of 6.8 seconds for dismount, set up and fire of 50 calibre machine gun . . . ASTP unit set up at North Camp . . . Major Gen. Orlando Ward assumed command of TDC, relieving Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, who left to head the 77th Inf. Division . . . North Camp officially opened, with Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, Army Ground Forces chief, coming down from Washington for its ceremonies. . .

June . . . Bob Burns and his "Bazooka" made personal appearance, with Burns doing his nationwide broadcast from the Hood field house . . . Seven soldiers of the 822nd and 310th Ord.

Bns. were run down by a truck on the Copperas Cove road while on a march and killed in what was the worst of any tragedies ever in this Army setup. Memorial Services were held for the victims . . . Sgt. Ivy Burditt became the first Camp Hood WAC to wear six stripes.

July . . . WAACs decided whether to become WAC's . . . Student Regt. baseball team won opening game in State semi-pro tournament at Waco . . . Pvt. Bob Shepard, 635th Bn., baseball hurler, pitched the first no-hit, no-run game in eight-year history of the Waco event . . . Hood Panther became a weekly publication. . .

"Passing Parade" USO troupe play at field house . . . Col. Walter A. Dumas sworn in as Brigadier General at North Camp . . . Joe Muscato, fifth ranking heavyweight boxer in US, joined 149th RTC Bn. as cadremann . . . Geo. Olsen played for dance at field house . . . Col. Lansing McVicker, 654th Bn., took over command of the Training Brigade . . . North Camp boxing team formed by Lt. Bernard Tarabino, assistant special services officer, RTC . . . Betty Grable became "pin-up" favorite of 605th Bn. and Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt. . .

August . . . Houston Symphony, direct by Ernst Hoffmann, rendered superb concert at field house . . . Libraries got in large supply of current books . . . Ceremonies were held to make WAC of WACA's, with Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward and Col. C. M. Thirkeld administering the oaths . . . 100 per cent civilian employees bond drive got underway, with Major L. E. Goode, Post Bond officer, in charge . . . 24,000 soldiers gathered for the National conference of Christians and Jews held here, with Col. Ora J. Cohee, chief of chaplains, Eighth Service Command, delivering the address. Program was presented 10 times

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## 521 Ord. Co. Claims Young 1st Sergeants

The claim in last week's Panther by the 521st Ord. Co. that its first sergeant is the youngest on the post, has been challenged by the 660th Bn. which puts forth two first sergeants as young or younger than the Ordnance Company's entrant.

The 660th Bn. bases its challenge on the records of First Sergeant Don Freeman of HQ Co., and First Sergeant William J. McPherson, both 21 years of age, of "A" company.

Strangely enough, both of the youthful first sergeants are natives of Oklahoma. Sgt. Freeman claiming Enid as his home, and Sgt. McPherson was born in Tulsa.

Sgt. Freeman enlisted in the army Feb. 10, 1942, as a private, although he had had three years previous service. Sgt. McPherson entered the service on Sept. 23, 1940.

## Year's Work Reviewed On Anniversary

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urge all possible conservation of food in Army mess halls; it published the purchase of War Savings Bonds and Stamps by army personnel and civilian employees; it printed training aids and stories and was one of the first camp newspapers to obtain and print the results of Camp training in battle and stories from returned veterans containing hints for trainees. It was one of the first camp papers to contain information on the Army Specialized Training Program at its origination.

On numerous occasions, first word of important news events have been carried to Hood personnel first by The Panther Thursday mornings. Story of the fall of Italy was first brought to Hood men in a front page banner headline, "Italy Quits Unconditionally." News of the recent Cairo conference of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and the Chiang Kai-Sheks was announced in The Panther at the same time the morning papers were allowed to carry the story. In addition, a summary of the week's headlines is published in each edition.

In April, 1943, The Panther was awarded the Certificate of Merit for participation in the Camp Newspaper Service Contest conducted by the Special Service Division.

Paper and camp were both growing, and on July 8, The Panther started publishing each week. The staff was increased to three enlisted men in addition to the editor, Cpl. Norman Perlstein, and Pvt. Wilfred Weiss, Associate Editors, and Pfc Keith Quick, sports editor.

### Policy The Same

Policy of The Panther is still to serve the men of Camp Hood in every way it can. As the war progresses, emphasis from one phase of training to another, from one demand upon America's men to another, until war's end, will find The Panther shaping its program to assist with the change in demands.

## TD Officers Now In Hood, Receive Battle Decorations

For heroism and service in North Africa in Tank Destroyer battalions, the following officers, now in Camp Hood, have been awarded special recognition, as follows:

The Silver Star—Lt. Col. Al-lerton Cushman and Lt. Kenneth B. Stark, UTC; the Croix De Guerre and Citation for the Croix De Guerre—Lt. Lawrence E. Marcus, Tank Destroyer Board.



162nd St. and 37th St.  
Fri—Minesweeper.  
Sat—Holiday Inn.  
Sun—Mon—The Gangs all Here.  
Tues—Hands Across the Border.  
Wed—Thur—Lost Angel.  
Fri—Tarzans Desert Mystery.  
Hood Rd and 24th St  
Thur—Fri—Happy Land.  
Sat—Hands Across the Border.  
Sun—Mon—Government Girl.  
Tues—Minesweeper.  
Wed—Holiday Inn.  
Thur—Fri—The Gangs All Here.  
Brigade Avenue  
Fri—Women in Bondage.  
Sat—Sun—Happy Land.  
Mon—Hands Across the Border.  
Tue—Wed—Government Girl.  
Thur—Minesweeper.  
Fri—Holiday Inn.  
72nd Street  
Fri—Sat—Government Girl.  
Sun—Minesweeper.  
Mon—Holiday Inn.  
Tues—Wed—Holiday Inn.

Thur—The Gangs All Here.  
Fri—Lost Angel.  
Avenue D and 24th St. N. Camp  
Sat—There's Something About a Soldier.  
Sun—Mon—The Heats On.  
Tues—The Return of the Vampire and So's Your Uncle.  
Wed—Thur—Happy Land.  
Fri—Banjo On My Knee.  
154th and 18th St.  
Fri—Sat—The North Star.  
Sun—Banjo On My Knee.  
Mon—Women in Bondage.  
Tues—Wed—The Heats On.  
Thur—The Return of the Vampire and So's Your Uncle.  
Fri—Sat—Happy Land.  
4th and 10th Street  
Thur—Fri—The Heats On.  
Sat—The Return of the Vampire and So's Your Uncle.  
Sun—Mon—The North Star.  
Tues—Banjo On My Knee.  
Wed—Women in Bondage.  
Thur—Fri—Government Girl.  
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**PUTTING OUT THE PANTHER**  
calls for the work of a lot of people. On this page part of that process is depicted. From left, Editor Sgt. Ivan Smith, Assoc. Editors Cpl. Norman Perlstein and Pvt. Wilfred Weiss discuss pictures for the next edition. At right, Sports Editor Pfc Keith Quick watches Joe Louis look over a copy of The Panther while interviewing him. Below, left to right, Lt. Clarence E. Manly, supervising officer, and the editor discuss makeup. Pvt. Joseph Hart, one of the original staff now honorably discharged, and Pfc Quick in foreground. The Panther is printed on presses of the Temple Daily Telegram and the staff moves to town one day a week. Here the editor checks a proof in The Telegram office. Makeup of The Panther is worked out under watchful eye of the editors. A matrix, which will be cast in metal is lifted from the type and checked again for errors. "She's running!" and the big press starts feeding out thousands of copies which are distributed Thursday morning to Hood personnel. Putting out The Panther has transpired from the mental to the physical stage here, where editors load bundles of the finished product into a truck for hauling to the Hood postoffice for circulation.





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Cpl. Norman Perlstein  
Pvt. Wilfred Weiss

## No More Birthdays?

**T**HERE'S ONE PRESENT we'd like to have on our first birthday. That is the assurance that we'll never live to be two years old!

Sounds strange, doesn't it? If we were a civilian newspaper our readers would have good cause to question our sanity for a profitable year in the life of any newspaper is an achievement, but we're an army camp newspaper, published for the duration, and perhaps six months. When the war is finished, our work will be finished, and frankly, we want the war to end just as soon as unconditional surrender of the enemy can be achieved. Not before, though, mind you.

Just how much The Panther has contributed toward winning the war is impossible to tabulate in cold figures. Unfortunately, there are no calculators to indicate the rise and fall of morale, the increase or decrease of training knowledge. Nor is there any instrument to show just how much news from a training camp means to "the folks back home."

We do know that during the past year men who have trained at this camp, and who have read our paper, have made a reputation for aggressive, accurate, and intelligent action on the world's battlefronts.

We do know that because of one of our ideas, thousands of servicemen, perhaps millions of them streaming through our ports of embarkation and training camps, were reminded not to discuss troop movements or sailings. In our files are letters from GI's in North Africa in which they point out that while training for overseas battle, and while awaiting shipment from a port of embarkation, they were constantly haunted by their reflection in a latrine mirror with the slogan around it, "If You Talk Too Much This Man May Die." Perhaps that saved the lives of some of America's soldiers.

We do know that The Panther has gone into thousands of lonely American homes during the past year, and that letters from parents everywhere have expressed gratitude for it.

We are reminded of an article in a recent edition of a national magazine in which an Army Air Corps Colonel, who left a desk job to fly a bomber over Germany remarked, "I soon learned that in many ways it is easier to be shot at than telephoned at." We know what he means, for editors and linotype operators are only human beings, prone to error now and then.

At any rate, we feel that it has been a profitable year for The Panther, not in advertising revenue as a civilian newspaper might compile it, but in human values.

We stated at the outset in December, 1942 with Vol. 1, No. 1., that our purpose was to serve the personnel of this camp in anyway possible.

As we change the line to Vol. II., No. 39, that still goes!

### Someday

As the day is ending and night is near,  
Toward the west the setting sun  
Makes my memories clear.

The time when Mother used to spank me  
For wandering away.  
The time Dad took me fishing  
For being a good boy all day.

The time we went on picnics  
And traveled all around.  
The fun we had together,  
That no other family found.

The joys we shared together  
Are too precious to forget.  
The sorrows we faced together  
Were all bravely met.

To be home again, to start life anew,  
To be close to my loved ones,  
And have the love I knew;  
These are the things I'm fighting for,  
And shall until I die.

For I'm an American soldier  
Who shall always try,  
To retain the dream he once knew,  
The thoughts he once possessed,  
And once again see the day  
When liberty is blessed  
By the words of our Dear Lord,  
"Let there be peace and rest."

—Cpl. Fred Vance, Jr.  
Co. C, 127th Bn., RTC.



Panther editors try to ask themselves this week's question every week; it's the only standard to measure everything in the paper. So on the first anniversary of The Panther we asked Camp Hood soldiers:

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ, OR WHAT DO YOU READ IN THE PANTHER?**

Cpl. J. M. Wasserman, M.P. Det.:

"I turn first to the editorial page... if the paper has anything important to tell, that's where I find it... but the front page and all news stories are good reading; that's important."

Pfc. Roy Farr, Bn. Co. 658th Bn.:

"Remember the stories you had on how some TD's had knocked out a bunch of Nazi tanks in Italy... and the one about the guy at the TD school who had been at the front in Tunisia; those are the kinds of stories I like to read... yeh, you can usually learn something from them too."

Pfc. Lawrence E. Fuller, Med. Det., 603rd Bn.:

"I like to dig into the personal stories, the ones that show what some one had done before or what he was doing now in the Army; good feature stories and naturally battle action stories too. I think the Panther is doing its job."

Pvt. John H. Marshall, Co. "A," 561st Bn.:

"The whole paper is interesting to me... after all it is our paper, and its telling us the things we're most interested in... like the editorials... But I think you ought to cut out kidding different sections of the country. Stop raising hell with Texas and every other part of the country."

## Army Quiz

### ARMY QUIZ

1. Where and by whom is the Hood Panther published?
2. What is the purpose of this Army newspaper?
3. How many copies of the Hood Panther are mailed out from Camp Hood?
4. Why doesn't the paper carry advertisements?
5. What States are represented by the staff who edits the Panther?
6. When did the Panther become a weekly edition?
7. What is the deadline for all news matter and pictures to be edited by the Panther?

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### Quote Of The Week

"I had rather have a soldier that knows what he fights for and loves what he knows..."

—Cromwell.



## Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Panther:

Congratulations upon your first anniversary. You are to be complimented for editing a bright, NEWSY paper under trying circumstances. I know of no higher praise that can be paid an editor than that he sticks to the first concept of newspapering and doesn't meander off into a maze of magazinish features at the expense of printing live, vital news.

Keep up the good work!

Lt. L. R. Barnhill  
Publications Dept., TDS.

Editor, The Panther:

Congrats on a full year of A-Number One GI journalism. I say GI not because the Panther is GI, it isn't, but because army editing has, as you well know, so many angles that are not encountered in civilian newspaper work. It's the successful dealing with these manifold angles that has earned you the respect of all who work with you.

My old editor and former boss collects army newspapers as a hobby. The Panthers that I have sent him rank high among those samples he has gleaned from camps all over the US. I'm sure that all TD's agree with him.

The Panther coverage of camp news, general information, human interest, comics and pertinent training material is on the ball, makes for a well-balanced paper. I'm sure it will continue as such.

Again congratulations, and many thanks for the cooperation The Panther has given the TD School.

Lt. Donald G. Merritt,  
Publications Dept., TDS.

Editor, The Panther:

The Hood Panther has been an important factor in morale and has contributed much to the life of Camp Hood.

Your handling of information of interest to Tank Destroyers has been unusually good, and I consider The Panther one of the better newspapers in the army today.

Col. Thomas J. Heavey  
Commanding, UTC.

Editor, The Panther:

The Hood Panther has done a splendid job in adding to the information and entertainment of the camp and has been an important factor in morale.

I am an enthusiastic reader.

L. McVicker  
Colonel, FA Commanding  
Training Brigade

That The Panther has kept pace with the growth of Camp Hood in the first year of the paper's existence goes without saying.

From experience and research in the army journalistic field, I personally have yet to find a camp newspaper that touches the Hood Panther. It has been an accurate historical outlet of the development of this great Army installation of TD's and is definitely "top shelf" as a tabloid.

Congratulations on your first birthday, best of luck in your second instalment, and thanks for your personal cooperation with us at the TD School.

Sgt. Robert Clemens  
Tank Destroyer School

## Hood Soldier Given Citizenship Papers After Five Year Quest

T-4 Erwin Jacob Schoenhof, 672nd TD Bn., has attained his citizenship papers after a long and successful encounterment.

T-4 Schoenhof came to the United States from Germany in April, 1938. He attended the Gymnasium in Germany. He was born in Frankfurt Main, Germany, in 1914. When he left Germany he first landed in Chile, South America where he lived for almost three years.

After coming to the United States he lived in Florida, Los Angeles, New York, and before his induction in the Army took up residence in Lynchburg, Va.,

## 51st OCS Class Has Party In Dayroom

The 51st OCS Class gave a party in its day room last week. Guests included regimental and other high ranking officers.

Although all the OCS companies have access to the large regimental day room, the 3rd Company, which is now the 51st Class, is the only single unit in the regiment boasting its own day room.

Following the party, two weeks of bivouac maneuvers lay ahead for the class, with its graduation scheduled for the 31st of this month.

where he worked as a hairstylist.

One of the happiest days in his life was November 8, 1943, when he became naturalized.

## Book 'Machine Warfare' Here

Deeming it worth while to become acquainted with the writings of Major General J. F. C. Fuller, the TDS Library reports that it now has a second volume by General Fuller entitled "Machine Warfare."

General Fuller, now retired, and the late General Chaffee had much in common—both clearly saw that a new military epoch was at hand, and that it required careful reexamination of the problems of warfare and a fresh approach in solving them.

General Fuller raised a lone voice in the wilderness, whereas General Chaffee did have a limited opportunity to work with men and machines in order to develop and test his theories. Changes are still taking place. Neither tactics nor organization have yet crystallized. Doctrine, however, is taking definite shape. General Fuller's lone voice called for modernization and mechanization of his army, in days when inertia reigned supreme. His logic was sound, his theories later proven in battle.

The English edition of "Machine Warfare" covered events to November, 1941, but General Fuller has added new material which includes the period to November 30th, 1942.

## Civilians Given Awards For Service

Pictures At Right

A total of 1151 civilian employees at Camp Hood and North Camp Hood received awards last week for six months' satisfactory service in the War department.

One, Miss Beatrice Young of Temple, chief clerk at the Tank Destroyer Board, was given a certificate of exceptional service, signifying more than 10 years consecutive duty. Miss Young has been in the War department since 1918.

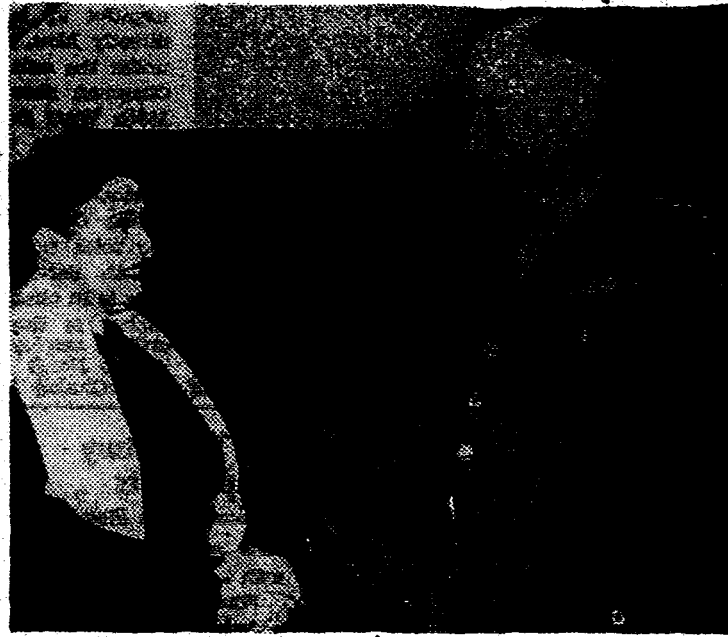
Sixty-five Tank Destroyer Center workers were presented medals by Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Commanding General, TDC. Of those employed in the Eighth Service Command, 924 were honored by Col. Charles M. Thirkeld, camp commander, at Camp Hood, and 161 by Col. Donald R. Dunkle, executive officer of North Camp Hood.

General Hester said as he made the presentations: "We all have our part in this war effort. There are those of us overseas and those of us on the home front. And, believe me, your part is important. For the service you have given you will have this little ribbon to wear. I have ribbons like this, for a similar service."

He was introduced by Lt. Col. Thomas G. Shaffer, G-4, TDC.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
**GET AWARDS—Army Service**  
Force employees who received civilian awards for six months service are grouped above shortly after Col. C. M. Thirkeld, camp commander, made the presentations last week. Seated, Mildred Horn, Juanito Erskine, Martha Haskins, Marjorie Hobbs, Col. Thirkeld, Lou Edna Nibling, Wanda Hill, Mrs. Lillian Norvell. Standing, Jean Hardin, Dorothy Lee Byrd, Jeannette Benz, Joel Howington, William A. Jeske, Rho Sigma James, Col. A. Tabachnik, former personnel officer now supply and service officer, Annie Marie Blair, Lorene Campbell, Elsie Eixman, Meredith Raborn, Lucile Lina.



Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Commanding General, TDC, congratulates Beatrice Young, employee of WD since 1918. She is chief of TD Board. Story at left.

## Colonel Hildebrand Commander Of RTC

Colonel Christian Hildebrand, who assumed command of the RTC when Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas was transferred, was a member of the original planning and range boards for the Replacement Training Center and was executive officer from October, 1942.

Colonel Hildebrand saw his



first military service at 18 when he enlisted at Philadelphia, Pa., where he was born December 26, 1897, of Russian parents.

World War I interrupted his studies at West Point and he went overseas serving in France, Germany, Italy and Belgium. Shortly after returning to America, Colonel Hildebrand was assigned to Fort Benning, Ga., as a first lieutenant at the Infantry School. He was married in 1922 while serving with the Fourth Infantry at Fort Lewis, Washington. He later joined the Forty-fifth Infantry for service in the Philippines.

While in the islands the colonel was a member of the famed Philippine Scouts at Fort McKinley, Luzon, from 1923 to 1925. Enroute home he toured China and Japan.

The next five years he taught at the University of Washington in Seattle as assistant professor of military science and tactics, after which he was assigned to the Tank

School at Fort Meade, Md., where he remained until 1931.

During service in the Panama Canal Zone, Colonel Hildebrand became acquainted with Major General A. D. Bruce, former commander of the Tank Destroyer Center, when the latter was a captain in the same battalion with Colonel Hildebrand, then a first lieutenant.

Colonel Hildebrand returned to the states in 1934 and was promoted to captain while at Fort Ontario, N. Y. Overseas again, he saw foreign service in Honolulu, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Manila. While in the Philippines the second time, he commanded defense sectors in Luzon and participated in maneuvers on Bataan and at many points later taken by the Japs.

Colonel Hildebrand is an accomplished swimmer, bowler and horseman. He has written articles on military science and tactics. Colonel Hildebrand has held memberships in the Elks and is a member of the Army-Navy Club and American Legion Post No. 1, Manila, P. I. and was its vice-commander in 1941.

He indulges in only one of his chief hobbies these days—maps. Fishing must wait until the war is over.

## Three Friends Reunited After GI Separation

The saying—"This is certainly a small world"—became a fact last week at the 37th Street Service Club, when Pfc. Arthur King, OCS Regiment, was reunited with his two closest buddies, all of Free-land, Michigan. The other two friends are Cpl. Robert Timmons and Pfc. Kenneth Killian of the 522nd Ordnance Bn., who hadn't seen King since their inductions. The trio attended Free-land grammar, high schools, and church together. They were pals from childhood days until the break came with their calls to the service, when they were separated. This marked the first time in more than a year that King was reunited with his two friends, having no idea they were located in Camp Hood until the meeting at the Service Club.

## Words Without Music

We've been scooped by a Hollywood press agent! From Columbia studios in Hollywood this week comes word that Ann Savage, blonde Columbia star who visited here this summer, has received a bullet, which she originally fired on the Camp Hood pistol range while on a visit to this post. It was sent her by enlisted men here in camp, the story says. At any rate, she has had it gold-plated and attached to an engraved bracelet which the men also sent her. . . . All this is news to us. Will someone give us the facts?

Dick Haymes, Benny Goodman and Jimmy Dorsey go before the camera next month to make "Kitten On The Keys." . . . Preben Storm, Danish star of European films, who will make his American screen debut soon, speaks six languages, French, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, in addition to English.

Two shorts featuring popular bands are playing in camp this week, both of which are well worth seeing. . . . One, featuring the band of Stan Kenton accompanies the picture, "Women In Bondage," . . . the other has Count Basie and his band and is showing with "Happy Land." Too seldom do we get good shorts intelligently featuring the nation's best dance bands.

## Just To Help Confuse The First Sergeant

First Sergeant Dietrich Kramer of Company "M," Student Regiment, TD School, reports one of the strangest coincidences ever recorded at TDS.

In his company at the same time recently were three enlisted men whose names were: Sidney Siegel, Sidney Siegel, and Sidney Siegel!

Only one had a middle initial, and according to Sergeant Kramer, his work on their records always came under the heading of "confusion."

## You Have To Dig In To Save Your Life

Here is another in the series of stories from wounded veterans recovering in McCloskey Hospital, Temple, written exclusively for The Panther by Lt. L. R. Barnhill, Tank Destroyer School. Facts which may save your life when you get overseas are given in this series by men who know what they're talking about—The Editor.

By LT. L. R. BARNHILL

Two soldiers were killed and two others were knocked out of the war because they failed to dig prone shelters when they pulled their half-track ammunition carrier into a wooded area in Sicily.

"The big push in Sicily was on and the German air force was hammering at us with all they had," recalls Cpl. Garland Blake, a half-track driver in the Second Armored Division who is now receiving treatment at McCloskey Hospital in Temple.

"We were pushing inland 20 miles from the coast on the second day of the campaign when we were ordered to pull our three ammunition-laden half-tracks into a wooded area near a bend in the highway.

Didn't Dig In

"I was fooling around picking up salvage ammunition from another half-track that had been strafed by German planes, instead of digging in as most of the other fellows were doing, when our area was bombed.

"Two low-flying Stukas came down upon us through a valley and dropped three 500-pound bombs. I knew those bombs all right. They were the same kind that had been dropped on our ships off Gela. Two overshot the grove, but the third exploded 20 yards from me. It knocked out my entire crew of four while others who were just as near the burst, but who had had the good sense to dig in, were not injured.

"Two new recruits, who had been assigned to my vehicle just before we sailed from Africa, were so rattled by the roar of the

planes that they didn't even fall to the ground. They were killed instantly. The fourth crew member was farther away and escaped with a scalp and leg wound. I dropped into the shallow hole, I had been digging half-heartedly and lost only a couple of toes.

Learned His Lesson

"It was just like it had been in training in the United States. I gripped about digging foxholes and prone shelters and didn't dig them unless an officer came around and checked up on me. It was the same story on maneuvers and even in the training we had behind the lines in Africa. I was told to dig all right, but I didn't take much interest in it. If I had it to do over again, I would dig and dig plenty. You'll get hurt over there if you don't.

"In hilly country the German planes fly low through valleys, following contour lines. You don't know they are within striking distance until they are right upon you. Then it's too late to do anything except flop into your prone shelter. They drop their bombs from as low as 150 feet. It's just a matter of a seconds from the time you hear the roar of the plane until the bomb is exploding in your lap. Unless you've had the foresight to take your training seriously and have conditioned yourself to stay in or near your prone shelter, the chances are that sooner or later—and probably sooner—you are going to get hurt.

"In our case, my crew was the only one of the three crews in the wooded area that was injured by the bomb explosion."

## Sub-Station Opened

A new sub-station post office is now available to all residents of Hill Village. The sub-station has the same facilities as the regular Hood post office, and all personnel in the village sector may receive their mail by general delivery.

Christmas cards may be mailed by servicemen and women as free mail if the envelope containing the card is sealed and the return address is written on it in senders own hand writing, as well as the word "Free", postal authorities stated this week.





Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**MAKE PANTHER PICTURES**—The Camp Hood Signal Corps has been responsible for almost all the photographs which appear in The Panther each week. At top, left, Pvt. George C. Puckett holds a negative up to the viewer in the laboratory while directly below, Sgt. Tillman Riggs prints a negative under the enlarger. Top right, Sgt. Julius "Sammy" Chapman shoots a picture of T-5 Grace Merritt, 159th WAC Det., and Pfc Martin Rosenblatt, Co. A, 656th Bn. enjoying themselves in the 162nd St. Service Club. T-3 Victor O'Day took the picture of photographer Chapman "taking the picture." The Signal Corps Laboratory here does 50 percent of the total work done by the 19 other labs in the Eighth Service Command. Army Pictorial Service here is in charge of Lt. Mike F. Olive. Head Photographer is Ray Johnson. The laboratory uses six civilian employees and 12 enlisted men, with another lab at North Camp and a photographer stationed at McCloskey Hospital, Temple.

## Camp Hood Will Receive Honor Flag

The blue and white "Minute Man" "T" flag will soon fly beneath the Stars and Stripes at the Tank Destroyer Center.

To have the privilege of flying this banner, an Army camp must show that at least 90 per cent of all War Department civilian employees there are currently investing 10 per cent or more of their pay in war bonds through a pay reservation plan. Only three other installations within the Eighth Service Command—Camp Hood the only Army camp—have received this special award, according to information received by Lt. John H. Morris, war bond officer.

As of November 30, 98.17 per cent of Camp Hood employees were investing 11.19 per cent of the total payroll in bonds. This compares with figures of 97.06 and 10.75 for the preceding month. Certificates, signed by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Major General H. K. Loughry, chief of finance, have been received for each section employing civilian men and women.

Military personnel during the month of October bought \$166,333.25 under the Army's pay deduction system. Cash sales at the Camp Hood post office and at the Camp Hood fiscal agency during the period of January through October were \$168,669.50 and \$53,325.00 respectively.

A message of appreciation to Colonel C. M. Thirkeld, camp commander, from E. F. Bartelt, chairman of the Interdepartment War Savings Bond Committee, Washington, through Major General Richard Donnan, commanding general of the Eighth Service Command, reads in part:

"Please extend my congratulations to the employees of this (Camp Hood) installation on having achieved the standard of excellence and on being among the earlier organizations of the War Department to receive this award."

**LOST:** Friday off bus route North Camp to South Camp, field jacket, two pants, two shirts, ties. Name on clothing. PFC Michael Feglar, 49th Ord Co., 13th Ordnance Bn.

## Panther Tells Story Of Camp Events

(Continued From Page Two)

throughout camp to more than 65,000 men . . .

RTC Waac Det. sworn into Army by Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, commanding general, RTC, North Camp. . . . Army Insurance drive put on by National Life Insurance. . . . Ann Savage and Eric Blore, Hollywood celebrities, made personal appearance with USO Show's "Meet The Girls." Miss Savage and Mr. Blore helped spur on the insurance drive during their temporary stay. . . . 100 percent bond clubs were organized by units in camp. . . . North Camp ASTP STAR unit was activated. . . . Post Office moved into new quarters, 277th and Spur drive, near railroad spur, for faster delivery of Camp Hood mail. . . . Camp Personnel office occupied former site of Post Office. . .

September. . . . Brazilian minister of war, Major General Eurico Gasper Dutra, and a party of eight Brazilian officers visited Camp Hood. They were given a 19-gun salute by a platoon of tank destroyers. . . . Major Gen. Orlando Ward, commanding general, TDC, received the Distinguished Service Cross for exceptional valor in action. Citation was issued by Gen. Eisenhower's Allied Forces Headquarters in North Africa, where Maj. Gen. Ward was in action. . . . Hood Panther was one of first papers to tell of Italy's surrender. . . . Lt. Col. Donald R. Dunkle, Executive officer, North Camp, promoted to rank of Colonel. . . . Student Regt. baseball team won Camp Hood championship by defeating the OCS Regt. nine, 3 to 1 in final of three-game series. . . . Camp Hood celebrated its first anniversary, Sept. 18. . . . Wrestling took over the limelight at TDS amphitheater, with several pros being imported for matches. . . . Telephone centers established in Service Clubs. . . . Earl Godwin, nationally famous Washington news commentator, spoke to graduates of 47th OCS class, of which his son, Harry, was a member. . . . Chemical Warfare Demonstration, under Major Harry Sloan, acclaimed best in Eighth Service Command. . . . Col. Homer G. Olmsted, camp engineer, retired from the Army. . . . 16th Cavalry Regt. moved in to replace the 113th Cavalry, which went to Camp Livingston, La. . . . Brig. Gen. Tindall, formerly of UTC, now in Turkey, was awarded the Legion of Merit. . .

October. . . . Camp football sea-

season opened. . . . TD RTC, commanded by Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, celebrated its birthday at North Camp. . . . Camp personnel office threw big party which netted \$7,432.50 worth of war savings bonds. . . . "Come and Get It," USO show, made six appearances in camp. . . . Camp Hood personnel assisted in premier of "This Is The Army" pic in Waco, Temple, Killeen. . . . Postwar discussions opened in camp. . . . Major General John H. Hester assumed command of the Tank Destroyer Center on Oct. 24, relieving Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward. Major Gen. Hester came here from the South Pacific Battle front.

November. . . . "All Is Well," USO show, made six nightly appearances in camp. . . . TDS football team continued march for 1943 football crown by outstanding UTC, 20 to 0. . . . Winter boxing season opened at field house with Armistice Day card. . . . TD's are praised for great battle at Salerno. Many battalions were trained at Hood. . . . Through the Army Pay Reservation plan, post civilians neared the 100 percent goal. . . . Camp single elimination basketball tournament, with 50 teams entered, got underway. . . . Col. Charles E. Frederick, former director of OCS, was reported killed in action in Italy. . . . Col. Frederick helped set up TDS. . . . Gun crews in the 670th and 871st Bns. shattered records in proficiency firing. . . . Camp Hood personnel witnessed big Sunday Bombing mission by Air Corps. . .

December. . . . TDS wins 1943 Camp Hood football championship on Killeen Field, defeating the 106th Cav. eleven, 10 to 0 before 5,000 spectators. . . . 635th Bn. basketball team walked off with camp single elimination court tourney at field house. . . . And Joe Louis, the world's heavyweight boxing champion, drew a full house in an appearance still quite fresh in the minds of Hood personnel. . . . "Thanks Loads," a USO show, has just left us. . .

December to December—there you have it, a brief picture of a complete year in the activity of Camp Hood. However, these are only the highlight topics of what Panther editors have had the pleasure of putting into press form for its thousands of readers who have so faithfully believed in the statement Col. Charles M. Thirkeld, Post Commander, made just a year ago—"The aim of this publication is to help the enlisted men of the organizations, and is edited for him. It should add much to the morale of this camp."

# Program Dedicates NorthCampChapel

When the 24th Street Chapel at North Camp Hood was dedicated December 6, theme of the ceremonies was the Congressional Medal of Honor, highest award to which an American serviceman can attain.

Major General John H. Hester, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, was the principle speaker at the exercises. The general was introduced by Colonel Henry B. Margeson, commanding officer of the 7th ASTP Regiment, in whose area the new chapel stands.

Chaplain L. E. Wright, regimental chaplain, was assisted by Chaplain (Major) Thomas Talbot, chief of Camp Hood chaplains, and Chaplains John P. Neal and Raymond B. Meyer in formally dedicating the new chapel, which is at 24th Street and Headquarters Avenue.

### Guests Are Welcomed

Colonel Maurice R. Bigelow, commanding officer of the Army Specialized Training Program Basic Training Center, welcomed the guests who represented every service and command at North Camp Hood.

"We are gathered here this evening for not ONE purpose—but three," General Hester said in the course of his remarks.

"Tonight we are officially opening this building as a place of worship. We are commemorating the second anniversary of our participation in this war, and we are enshrining in our hearts those individuals who have been awarded our country's highest decoration—the Congressional Medal of Honor."

The general emphasized that freedom of religion is one of the primary aims for which we are fighting.

"We in this country already enjoy this (freedom of religion) and many other forms of freedom not granted in other countries," he remarked.

Touching on the current phase of the war, the general said that "December 7th marks the date on which the United States received the greatest defeat in its naval history. . . . The first year of our part in this war saw a series of defeats for the Allies on all fronts. The second year saw a change—the tide of victory was coming our way. At the beginning of the third year the future looks bright."

"In every war and in every country at war, certain men, because of their everlasting honor, their beliefs, and their valor, rise above their fellow men in arms," the general remarked.

"These are the men who, because of their deeds, are given the highest award the people of the United States, through their representatives, can give—the Congressional Medal of Honor."

Concluding his remarks, General Hester stated:

"Their acts of heroism are symbolic of the grim determination in us all to bring this war to a speedy and successful conclusion."

### Chapel Decorated

The chapel decorations feature the Medal of Honor in the altar niche, and other service decorations awarded to servicemen in the Army on the walls. They were painted by Sergeant William P. Highduchek, 7th Regiment, a

## Swing Club Now Meets At 37th St. Service Club To Hear Bands

A group of GI's who like their music on the "groovy" side have formed a "Music Makers Swing Club" at the 37th St. Service Club. Pvt. Joseph Passiotore has been named chairman.

All jitterbugs and hep cats have been invited to attend sessions of the club which meets regularly. First meeting was held last Friday night, with another planned for Friday night of this week.

Girls who have been coming to camp for Sunday afternoon dancing from Ft. Worth are joining the group which meets to listen to the recorded music of the leading bands and discuss orchestras and songs.

graduate of the Chicago Fine Arts Institute.

A reading of the names and citations of the award of the Medal of Honor between December 7, 1941, and December 7, 1943, was followed by "Ave Maria" played on the violin by Pfc Peter Giannone, Co. B, 4th ASTP Battalion, who formerly was with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

## Wedding Here All-Army Event

In an "all-Army" ceremony, Lt. William H. Habbleit, 23rd TD Group Headquarters, and Lt. T. Rebecca Whitmore, McCloskey Hospital, were married in the 50th St. Chapel Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Chaplain Lt. Charles R. Stinnette performed the ceremony. Colonel H. J. McChrystal, commanding officer of the 23rd Group, gave the bride away; Lt. J. Pellicane was best man; Lt. Ann Sharkey maid of honor.

Following the ceremony, the bride sliced the wedding cake with a TD machete, at a reception held in the 50th St. Officers' Club.

The couple is now on short leave.

## 141st Wins RTC Plaque

With a score of 99.2 the 141st RTC Bn, North Camp, dethrones the 131st Bn. which had won the best RTC battalion mess award the previous three weeks running.

The RTC WAC Det. again hit the bell to take the best TD Co. plaque, while Hq. officers mess repeated its success of two weeks ago in leading the officers messes.

Co. D, 144 RTC Bn. took the honors in the 6th Regt. and Co. A, 147th Bn. were on top in the 7th Regt.

## North Camp WACs Busy

By Pfc. Mary Fielder  
1848 WAC Det., NC

When the 1848 WAC Det. was set up in the North Camp, it was not only without a mess hall and orderly room, but without a commanding officer. Lt. Barbara Price, asst. special service officer, came to the rescue as CO.

Aided by the entire detachment, Lt. Price and acting 1st Sgt. Patricia Duke took over their duties in a make-shift orderly room in an upstairs cadre room of the barracks. Up to this time the Wac's had shared mess hall and orderly rooms with the WAC Det. TDRTC.

The unique orderly room is convenient, and this makes up for the extra work that has to be done, with Sgt. Duke serving as supply sergeant and company clerk in addition to her other duties.

The personnel of the unit includes telephone and telegraph operators, dental technicians and assistants, and cooks.

**CORRECTION:** A typographical error in last week's Panther credited the 801st TD Bn. with destruction of Italian tanks in Italy. The outline beneath the photograph of the tanks should have read, "701st Bn."



## Chapel Services

PROTESTANT (NON-DENOMINATIONAL)  
Sunday 19 December 1943

9:30 A. M.  
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig.  
Chapel 639, 52nd St.  
Chapel 902, 50th St.  
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.  
Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.  
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.  
11:00 A. M.

Post Chapel, 52nd St.  
Chapel 115, 268th St.  
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.  
Chapel 639, 52nd St.  
Chapel 2209, School Area.  
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.  
6:30 P. M.

Chapel 115, 268th St.  
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.  
Chapel 2209, School Area.  
Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.  
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.  
Chapel 513, 70th St.

COLORED TROOPS  
Chapel 513, 70th St.  
Worship Services  
10:00 a. m.—6:30 p. m.  
Sunday school, 9:00 a. m.  
Musical hour, Tues., 6:30 p. m.

EPISCOPAL  
Chapel 902, 50th St.  
Sunday 17 Dec., 6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 1156, 8:00 a. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Chapel 1156.  
Thursday 16 Dec., 8:00 p. m.  
Sunday 19 Dec., 6:30 p. m.

LUTHERAN  
Post Chapel, 52nd St.  
Sunday, 17 Dec., 6:30 p. m.

LATTER DAY SAINTS  
Chapel 639, 7:30 p. m.  
STOCKADE, 2:00 p. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC  
Mass, Sunday 19 December 1943  
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.

Stockade, 6:30 a. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St., 7:00 a. m.  
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West, 7:00 a. m.

Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 8:00 a. m.  
Post Chapel, 52nd St., 9:00 a. m.  
Chapel 115, 268th & Service Dr., 9:00 a. m.

24th St. Theater, 9:30 a. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St., 11:00 a. m.  
37th St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.

162nd Theater, 11:00 a. m.  
Novena Services  
Friday, 17 Dec., Chapel 2209, 7:00 p. m.

Sunday, 19 Dec., Chapel 176, 8:30 p. m.  
Monday, 20 Dec., Chapel 1156, 6:30 p. m.

Tuesday, 21 Dec., Chapel 902, 6:00 p. m.  
Tuesday, 21 Dec., Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.

Morning Weekday Masses, 6:30 P. M.  
Chapel 1156, Friday, Sat., Mon.  
Chapel 2209, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed.

Chapel 902, Saturday.  
Chapel 176, Sat., Mon., Wednesday.  
Hospital Thursday

Evening Weekday Masses  
Chapel 176, Friday, Tuesday, 6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 902, Mon., Tues., Wed., 6:00 p. m.

Chapel 1156, Thurs., Fri., Mon., 6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 2209, Friday, 7:00 p. m.  
Chapel 902, Friday, 12:20 p. m.

CONFESION  
Before Every Weekday Mass  
Saturday As Follows

Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St., 4-5:30 & 6:30-9 p. m.

Chapel 1156, 37th St. West, 4-6 & 6:30-9 p. m.  
Chapel 2209, School Area, 6:30-9 p. m.

Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 6-9 p. m.  
JEWISH  
Chapel 902, 50th St.  
Friday, 7:30 p. m.

Orthodox, followed by Reform Service.

## 672nd Basketball Squad Plays Games On Outside

The 672nd Bn. basketball team took to the road this week. Last Tuesday night the team played the Lampasas high school varsity team in a game on the Lampasas court, while tonight they journey to Temple, where they are to engage the Temple high school quintet.

A tournament in Waco on the 22nd will conclude their play until after Christmas. Lt. Wisdom, coach of the 672nd five, announced that he would take 10 men along for the Waco event. The team is captained by Koontz.

# Two Floor Shows Planned For Dance

(Photo At Right)

More than 2,000 persons are expected to attend the Camp Hood civilian dance Saturday night at the field house, which will be highlighted by two floor shows and announcement of winners in the Army Service Forces civilian employees Victory Suggestion campaign.

First of a series of dances honoring the hundreds of War Department employees in Camp, the event will last from 9 p. m. until 2 a. m., with two dance bands providing the music. Scores of tables, two bars, and holiday decorations will convert the big auditorium into a civilian night club for the evening. All tables will be reserved.

## Songs, Dances Featured In USO Show

Following close after the recent entertainment fare offered in camp is the USO-Camp show "Just For The Ride," which will play the central rec. hall in North Camp Sat., Mon., and Tues., Dec. 18, 20, and 21; and at the Hood Road Theater next Wed., Thurs., and Fri., Dec. 22, 23, and 24. Yes, there will be a show Christmas eve.

This show is being streamlined, like the units which have been added to this circuit, to provide the most of laughs and relaxation. Of the revue type, there is a continuous line of comedy and patter. To top it off there are clever novelty acts combined with new versions of dancing and songs.

Dancer Roberta Ramon twirls on her toes to Strauss waltzes. She danced with the ballet of the Radio City Music Hall.

Marian Borroughs was a violin soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra for two years and has played for service audiences in New England.

Chinese novelty juggling is featured by the Wen Tai Troupe, which appeared with the Ringling Bros. Circus. The two men and two women in the act are old hands at this sort of stuff.

Others in the cast include: The La Marrs, man and woman comedy team; Muriel Moran, novelty act; Jud Rees, pianist and musical conductor; and Marian Maye, vocalist.

## Letter Recalls Days Between The Two Wars

Private William Hester was a claims and adjustment attorney in North Carolina between the two world wars. He received a letter in the Tactics Department, TD School, this week that took him back to the last war.

The letter was from a lady who, back in 1918, bade him goodbye at the train, when he left for overseas duty.

Hester had not heard from her since that day.

a former all-state basketballer from Indiana.

Hundreds of military personnel are expected to attend through invitation of civilians employed here. Tickets are on sale at the Camp Personnel office at 50 cents each and at the entrance to the Field House Saturday night, starting at 8 p. m.

The initial floor show will be headlined by a variety of camp talent, featuring comedy and songs. The second will have as master of ceremonies retired Jimmy Jeffries, popular WFAA announcer, and will include an eight-member girls dancing chorus from Fort Worth.

Awards of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for suggestions on ways to save the Army time and money will be announced by the Camp Hood Employee Suggestion Committee. The campaign is being given wide attention by the War Department which has set up awards of \$5 to \$250 for civilian employees submitting acceptable suggestions.

Col. A. Tabachnik, former camp personnel officer and at present supply and service officer, is general chairman. Lt. John Wooten and Lt. R. W. Muir are co-chairmen. They will be assisted by Lt. W. A. Patross, refreshments; Lt. John W. North, transportation; Lt. Samuel Schiffman, financial and accounting; and Lt. Jim Watkins, publicity.

## Free Ducats For Bowl Game

On New Year's Day the annual Cotton Bowl football game will be played in Dallas between the University of Texas, Southwest conference champions, and Randolph Field, service team champion of the Southwest.

The people of Texas will send some 10,000 enlisted men and non-commissioned officers to the game as their guests through an arrangement with the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association. Public contributions have paid \$1.10 for more than 10,000 courtesy tickets.

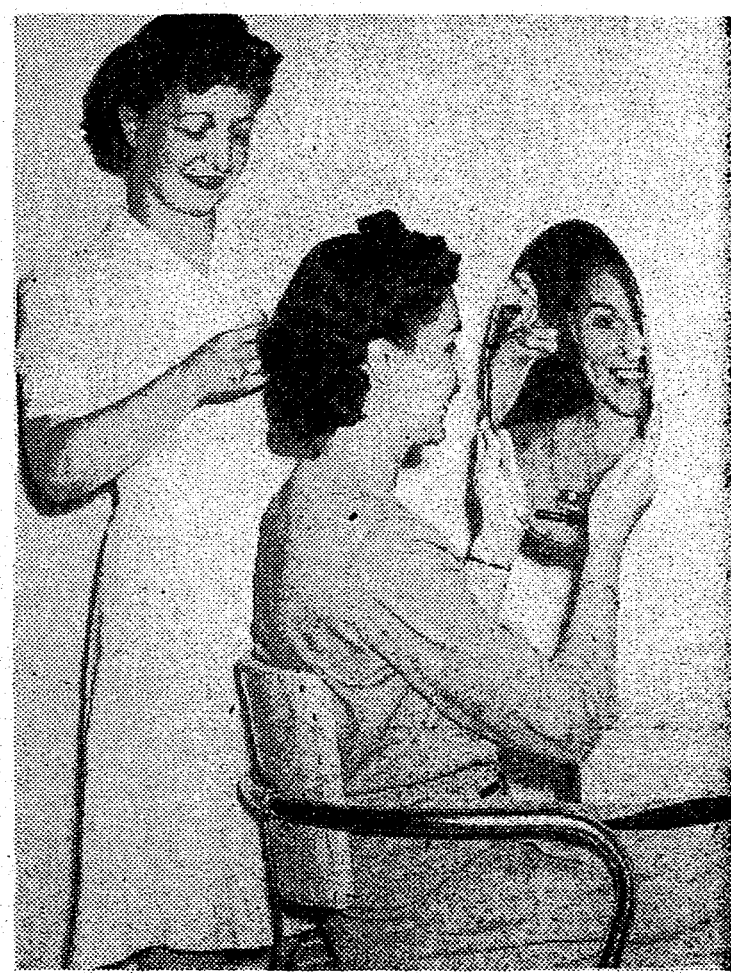
These tickets are free—but the Association is not able to mail them to the many service men who have written for information. Tickets will be distributed five days prior to the game. Service men should contact the Dallas USO for information in that period.

Further definite facts will be furnished later.

## Winners Listed In North Camp Tourney

In games played last week North Camp's six-team regimental basketball league, the 4th RTC Regt. quintet nosed out the 2nd RTC Regt. team, 26 to 23, and in a complete reversal of form, the 2nd Regt. quintet came back strongly in a game to outscore the 627th MP EG Co, 43 to 30. Follow, of the 4th Regt. team, was the high scorer in the first contest with 13 points, closely followed by Elhart of the losers with 11 points.

In the second game, Almond and High led the victorious 2nd Regt. team with 11 and 10 points, respectively, while Rains chalked up 14 points for the MPs.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
**ALL DRESSED UP**—Jeanette A. Benz, chief clerk, Signal Section, gets her hair all fixed up for the civilian employees' dance at the Field House Saturday night by operator Winnie Rader in the camp beauty shop, PX No. 19. Jeanette, a civilian employee on the post will be one of the estimated 2,000 who will attend the big affair for civilian workers and their friends. Story at left.

## Company C, Academic Regiment, Wins Banner On Sixth Occasion

Company "C" Academic Regiment, TD School, commanded by Lt. James S. Carr, has won the Saturday inspection banner six consecutive weeks, and in so doing established a regimental record.

Company "C" is composed of enlisted men of the Weapons Department.

## Quiz Answers

1. The Hood Panther is printed in Temple, Texas, by the Temple Daily Telegram, published under the supervision of the Camp Hood Post Special Service Office.
2. The purpose of the Hood Panther is to inform the personnel of Camp Hood of the training and recreational program which is conducted here for them, and to help the enlisted men of its many organizations.
3. It is estimated that about 25 percent, possibly more, of all copies published are mailed home and to friends of the men in camp.
4. By order of the War Department no official Army newspaper is permitted to do advertising in any form.
5. The four Panther editors are from Oregon, Texas, New Jersey and Connecticut.
6. Beginning with the issue of last July 8, the Panther went on a weekly basis.
7. The deadline for pictures to be used by the Panther is not later than Saturday noon prior to the Wednesday date of publication, while news matter will be accepted as late as Tuesday noon prior to Wednesday's press date.

## League Game Close Match

Close and exciting games again featured last week's basketball play in the North Camp Inter-battalion league.

Highlighting last week's card was the thrilling victory by the 143rd ASTB team over the 141st Bn., 23 to 21. Cyganiak's seven field goals, for a total of 14 points, was the high individual score for the winners.

Scoring honors for the season to date swapped hands, when Pvt. C. L. Millikan, 144th ASTB, with 75 points forged ahead of Bud Marzulli, ace of the Hq. "A" RTC team, who had held the scoring lead up until last week's games. Marzulli has 69 points thus far this season. Paulsin, 146th ASTB, Heizman, 140th Bn., and Rategan, 145th ASTB, are close behind with 64, 63 and 54 points, respectively. Scores on other games last week were as follows:

144th ASTB, 42, 141st ASTB, 11.  
145th ASTB, 33, 136th TDTB, 31.  
145th ASTB, 49, Hq. "A" RTC, 34.

## Was Theater Manager Before Entering Army

His theater of operations today is the property office of the TD School, but prior to the Army, Staff Sergeant Donald Campbell was a theater manager for the Fox West Coast chain in a small Nebraska town.

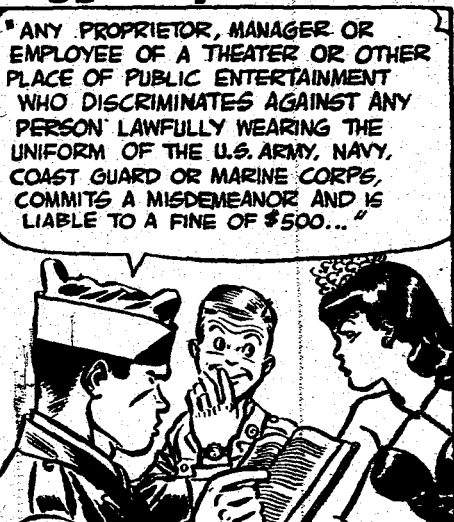
On that job Campbell learned the value of properties for stage shows, and this was the groundwork for his present job which he has filled since the School was activated.

## Male Call

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



## Bagged By A J.A.C.D.







Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**WHEN THE CHAMP THROWS A LEFT**—A packed field house recently saw the world's heavy weight boxing champion, Sgt. Joe Louis show a little of the stuff that knocked his opponent to the floors of the rings. Louis, on a Army tour, is seen, clockwise starting at the upper left, with M-Sgt. George Newman, 374th Eng. Regt., Cpl. Ray "Sugar" Robinson and 1st Sgt. Leonico Allen, 374th Eng. Regt.; the bomber, white T-shirt, climbing into the ring; greeting the fans coming down the aisle, and lower right, landing a solid smack on the jaw of Cpl. Bob Smith, his sparring partner for the three rounds. Lower left, two Hood men who fought in the preliminaries, Dotto of 106th Cav. Regt. driving at Pvt. Stubb, 635th Bn. Dotto won on decision. And above them Pvt. Taylor, TDC Trk. Bn., who won his match, crowding Pvt. Brown of the Student Regt. into a corner.



### With PFC Keith Quick

It's quite appropriate, at this time, that this corner should turn back and do a bit of reminiscing, a highlight touch of this and data during the past 12 months . . . Remember When—The Post Athletic Council was formed, with Lt. Wilson T. Betts, now Capt. Betts, of UTC; Capt. David Gorman, TDS; Lt. William W. Wells, Training Brigade; Capt. Howard Van Dyke, RTC; Lt. John C. Paulus, Station Hospital, and Lt. Homer O. Hoffman, of the Station Complement. Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, organized and became the czar of this group just a year ago. These men shouldered the responsibility of furnishing this mighty Army setup with a recreational program, and through the year, they have produced a sports layout equal to that of any military post on the globe . . . Remember the district Golden Gloves boxing tourney at Temple which saw three Camp Hood fighters win victories and go to the State event at Ft. Worth . . . The Harold Houben-Leo Stoll bouts for the heavyweight boxing title, with Houben the winner via decision in both battles . . . Gus Mancuso, the big-time catcher, appearing at the 37th St. Service Club for a baseball lecture and visit with brother Frank, of the RTC . . . 774th Bn. basketball team's 43 to 40 thriller over the 113th Cavalry quintet for the Camp Hood cage crown . . . Leo Gottlieb's 30 points in three quarters of a game against AUTC . . . The construction of 140 softball and 15 baseball diamonds in camp . . . Hal Haig's diving exhibition at Panther Park pool . . . Herb Karpel's brilliant mound performances for the Student Regt. baseball club . . . Mace and Morley McCourt, brotherly aces of the 113th Cavalry softballers . . . T-Sgt. Bob Herring and Pfc. Leo Householder, the pair of circuit clouters on the 635th Bn. baseball team . . . Moezel "Mule" Ellerbe, internationally known track star, of the 829th Bn. . . Cpl. Joe Muscato, fifth ranking heavyweight puglist, boxing instructor at North Camp, now a paratrooper . . . Bob Shepard's 18 to 0, no-hit, no-run, performance against the Bryan Navigators in last summer's State semi-pro baseball tournament at Waco . . . Student Regiment's 3 to 1 triumph over the OCS nine for the 1943 baseball title . . . Bigtime wrestling events at the TDS amphitheater . . . TDS grid team's rousing 10 to 0 victory over the 106th Cavalry eleven for 1943 pigskin honors . . . 635th Bn. basketball's top laurels in the camp single elimination court tourney . . . And, perhaps best of all, the personal appearance of world's heavyweight boxing champion—Joe Louis . . . And that's a year of Camp Hood's top sports highlights, of which it has been a real pleasure for this corner to have sent you by being "on the ball."

## Camp Hood Heavyweight Boxer Leaves For Paratrooper Units

Cpl. Joe Muscato, fifth ranking heavyweight boxer in the United States, a native of Buffalo, New York, has left the Tank Destroyers to join the paratroopers.

The popular heavyweight title aspirant received his basic training in the infantry at Camp Croft, and came to the tank destroyer replacement training center at North Camp as a cadreman last June.

While at RTC Muscato served as camp boxing instructor. His eight-man ring team outclassed all competition in central Texas, including the experienced Waco and Blackland Army Air Field teams.

Muscato entered the Army with a splendid fight record. In his last two pre-Army professional bouts, he knocked out Lem Franklin and Johnny Denson, a couple of top-flight fighters, in one round. He decided on Teddy Yarosz, former middleweight king, and his only setback came at the hands of one Jimmy Bivins, fast-stepping lightweight from Cleveland, Ohio.

While at North Camp, Muscato was offered several bouts, but his

stiff training schedule limited him to only one out-of-camp appearance, that in Dallas, where he easily outpointed an opponent at the Dallas Sportatorium.

## Eighth Street Five Unbeaten

The Eighth Street Officers' club basketball team is unbeaten thus far this season, and the 136th Bn. RTC, quintet has dropped only one game in the North Camp basketball loop.

A good reason for the superior play of these two outfits may well be their coach, Capt. William D. Nash, of the 136th, a former All-American basketball star.

Captain Nash, better known as "Bill" to thousands of sports fans, was chosen All-American guard, when he played for Columbia university in 1938. Pat Kennedy, famous basketball referee, picked "Bill" for a position on his all-time basketball team.

## 635th Boxers Now Popular With Crowds

Three fighters from Co. B, 635th Bn., have become quite popular in Camp Hood fight shows.

Cpl. Emery Smith, a lightweight; Pvt. Lesjack and Pvt. Stables have produced fine showings in recent bouts at the field house. Cpl. Smith is perhaps the most popular boxer ever to come out of the 635th Bn. In his showing at the recent Joe Louis program, Smith gained a well earned decision over Pvt. Sufak, hard-hitting lightweight from the 657th Bn. Smith carried the fight all the way and was never in any particular trouble.

Pvt. Stables, also appearing on the Louis program, lost a close decision to Dotto, 106th Cavalry mittman, after having the edge for two rounds. A bad third round cost him the bout.

The three fighters will no doubt take part in the forthcoming Golden Gloves district boxing tournament to be held in camp late next month, and if successful, they will compete in the State event at Fort Worth in February.

### 660th Bn. Boxers Plan Boxing Show

Five boxers from the 660th Bn. will participate in the battalion's weekly boxing show to be held tonight at the 64th St. Rec. hall.

The 660th fighters scheduled to appear are: Pvt. Duncan, Co. B, lightweight; Pvt. Barbera, Co. B, middleweight; Pfc. Lawless, Co. A, heavyweight; Pvt. Paradiso, Co. A, welterweight; and Pfc. Bon-

### 761st Tank Bn. Leads Training Brigade Basketball League

The 761st Tank Bn. basketball team holds the top spot in the Training Brigade "A" basketball league, according to the following standings released this week:

	W	L	Pct.
761st Tank Bn. ....	3	0	.1000
374th Eng. ....	2	0	.1000
614th Bn. ....	2	1	.667
786th San. Co. ....	1	1	.500
784th Tank Bn. ....	0	3	.000
TDC Trk. Bn. ....	0	3	.000

## Tournament Planned

Camp Hood's Athletic Council, with Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer presiding, met early this week and mapped out plans for the forthcoming camp round-robin championship basketball tournament. Special services officers of all battalions were present at the meeting.

It was decided at the meeting that the big round-robin event would get underway next January 3, with the tournament to be run off on a battalion basis.

All battalion entries should be in not later than December 24, according to Lt. Varnell, who will direct the tournament.

The tourney will be held at the field house, which is now open to teams for practice. Winner of the forthcoming camp wide event will be recognized as 1944 basketball champions of Camp Hood.

trager, Co. C, heavyweight.

Their opponents are to be announced later. Other bouts will be added to complete the card by fight time tonight.

## 493 MP Team Wins Corker From RTC

In one of the most sensational games yet played in the North Camp inter-battalion basketball chase, the 493rd MP quintet nosed out the league leading Hq. "A" RTC team after the final whistle had blown on a technical foul.

A protest was lodged on the play, and as a result, the game will be replayed tonight, beginning at 8 p. m. at the 204 Rec. Bldg. court.

In last week's clash, Hq. "A" led, 14 to 8 at halftime, but lost the lead shortly after the second half got underway. However, sharp-shooters, T-4 Hugh Smith and Bud Marzulli went to work and put the league leaders back in front again. With but two minutes remaining and a lead of five points for the Hq. five, the MPs were not to be denied and on some deadly shooting by Taylor, they raced up to the protested decision over the league leaders.

The game tonight will be the official one to mark in the league standings.

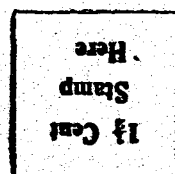
### Want Soccer Games

The 441st PW Co. soccer team challenges any team in camp to a game of soccer. The North Camp aggregation has been going great all season.

### Father Of A Boy

T-4 Louis Blinn, of the TDS Book Shop, was presented with a baby son in Belton this week, weight seven pounds, Mrs. Blinn is doing well at the hospital there.

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