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Officers To Be Schooled For Far East Civil Affairs

Under provisions contained in War Department Circular 136, dated 8 April 1944, a program has been instituted for securing and training qualified officers for detail in Far Eastern Civil Affairs. Officers selected for this detail must be under 50, in grades of 2nd Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel, inclusive, and physically qualified for at least limited overseas service. The assignment contemplated for officers successfully completing the training are in military government and liaison work in occupied areas.

Second Welcome To IRTC Rookies By Commandant

The second welcoming ceremony for IRTC trainees was held at the Field House last Saturday morning with the second increment of new IRTC soldiers hearing words of greeting from Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, Commanding General of the IRTC, and key officers of the IRTC staff.

Extending a warm welcome to the new recruits Gen. Bresnahan expressed the hope that they would become the soldiers they are capable of being under the type of instruction given in the IRTC.

He praised this training as excellent, in fact, superior, and said the facilities here, along with high calibre of instructors, made Camp Hood one of the best camps in the country.

"Don't allow a single minute to be wasted," he urged. "I want to impress upon you the importance of gathering every bit of information you can in 17 weeks and seize every opportunity to gain the maximum benefit from your training."

"Don't let yourself into the unbelievable position of asking yourself someday why you didn't learn when you had the opportunity. Discipline yourself thoroughly, harden yourself, physically, and learn thoroughly, the use of your weapons."

New Camp Staff Judge Advocate

Camp Headquarters announced this week the appointment of Lt. Col. Helbert Newcomb, JAGD, to the post of Camp Staff Judge Advocate. Col. Newcomb, educated at the University of Colorado and the University of Denver, has served the army since 1935. He was with the Judge Advocate General's Office for approximately 15 months; in Hawaiian Dept and from there proceeded to Australia, where he spent a year with a branch office of the JAG.

Col. Newcomb a native of Denver, practiced law in that city prior to entry into the army.

It's A Joke

Someone with a sense of humor prepared a shipment of captured enemy uniforms and other equipment from Army Ground Forces to the TD Museum at Camp Hood. They were packed in a wooden rough box.

PFC Alfred Mears likewise displayed a sense of humor when he stored silhouettes, painted to represent enemy soldiers, in the same rough box.

Panther Park, "Country Club" Open April 29th

Panther Park, Lampasas, the serviceman's 'country club' will open for the summer season, Saturday evening, April 29 with a dance and other activities on the program for GI entertainment.

Improved from last year will be the skating rink, with new floor and repairs. The swimming pool with cool, spring waters will again entice the heat sufferers.

Those not seeking skating, swimming or dancing will find 120 acres of wooded parkland for bicycling, strolling or just old-fashioned loafing.

Soldiers, or WACs, who wish to remain at the park overnight are housed in barracks complete with showers and shaving facilities. A charge of 25 cents is made and each soldier is issued clean sheets and blankets. Married couples, or parents of a soldier, are allowed to reserve one of the cottages for three days. They are complete with cooking facilities. These rent for \$1.50 per day.

Reservations for groups may be had from the Special Service Office.

The dance will be played by a Camp Hood orchestra. Admission is free. Regular bus transportation between Camp Hood and Lampasas will be provided.

through channels to the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces, Army Service Forces, defense commands or departments, as is appropriate.



These seven frisky fox terriers set a new high in acrobatic skill and comedy in a featured act of "What's Buzzin'" major USO-Camp Show attraction that opens tomorrow night at the Hood Road theater for dates on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights.

From the opening curtain at 8:00 until the seven novelty and comedy acts end, there will be a choice variety of big time entertainment.

Tap-dancer Marjorie Olman beats out rhythmic steps in interesting dance costumes.

Features also are the vocalizing Hylton sisters, who were encouraged to warble by none other than Connie Boswell, who heard them between acts in Boston. The Three Wyse Girls tap and acrobatic dancing . . . Ross & Stone head a fast-moving comedy patter act . . . Plato & Jewel have an entertaining bit of magic and comedy . . . Irving Victor, pianist and musical conductor, completes the 7 acts of entertainment in this fine USO-Camp Show production.

Austin Symphony To Play Hood RD Theater April 30

The Hood Road Theater will be the scene of an auspicious event, Sunday, April 30th at 8:00 p. m., when the Austin Symphony Orchestra of 80 pieces, conducted by Hendrik Buytendorp, will present a program of musical selections for the entertainment of Camp Hood's servicemen.

This distinguished orchestra rated on a par with the famed symphonies of San Antonio and Houston has toured many camps in Texas, and left musical memories with the GIs that they will long remember.

WAC Birthday Celebrated By Dinner-Dance

WACs of the 1848 Service Unit Monday night celebrated their first anniversary at Camp Hood with a dinner and GI dance at the 162nd Street Service club.

The company was originally the 159th Headquarters Company. The larger portion of the company of 150 women arrived here April 24, 1943, although a small contingent of 45, called a communications platoon, had arrived about a month before, on March 28, the first WACs to march through Camp Hood's gates.

Of the first 150 women, 61 are still here, 42 at Camp Hood and 19 at North Camp Hood. Included in that number are 12 members of what was the communications platoon.

Mrs. Lillian Norvell, club social hostess, congratulated the company on its year of service, declared the club was grateful to have the members as guests.

Company officers also spoke to the group, and 1st Sgt. Ivy Burditt cut the birthday cake which was a gift of the service club.

Afterwards, Sgt. Burditt, carrying the first 159th Company guidon, led the dinner guests in a grand march around the club dance floor, to open the dance at which Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, commanding general of the Infantry Replacement Training Center, was a guest.

AGF Needs WAC To Help Behind Lines Says Chief

In a recent report, Lt. Col. G. F. McDonald, District Recruiting Officer said:

"The Army Ground Forces in this country and in foreign lands need all the Wacs they can procure. The stronger our attacking armies are at the front, the sooner will come the day of victory. Every woman who joins the WAC adds new strength to our Army as surely as any soldier, because by taking over an Army job behind the lines, she frees a fighting man to join his fellow soldier on the road to victory."

"The activities of the Army will naturally become increasingly evident as land invasions near in all war theaters and those women who become identified with the WACs may well feel honored to be present when the peace is finally won."

"Yearbook"

Captain Govan Stroman's Headquarters & Service Co., Academic Regiment, TD School, has issued a colorful pictorial book to its enlisted personnel this week, which includes pictures of the officers and men of the company and their home addresses.

This book, unique for an Army

Maestro Buytendorp has been in the United States 15 years, following a profound musical education received at the Royal Conservatory in the Hague, in Leipzig and Brussels. He plays the cello. Since his arrival in Austin he has played a major role in fostering music appreciation in Texas.

"It is amazing," he says, "but the war has done much for the advancement of music to the actual dismay of the juke boxes."

The symphony appeared in Camp Hood last year and was well received.

Soloists will include a distinguished harpist, and pianist, Martha Mayfield Dalton, harpist, will play Harl McDonald's "Suite From Childhood." This suite was played for the first time by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and recorded for Columbia. This performance will mark the first time the suite will be performed in this part of the country.

Moissaye Bogulawski, noted Russian pianist, not a member of the symphony, will appear as guest artist.

The program will include the "Unfinished Symphony," "Intermezzo," "Tales of the Vienna Woods," "Oberon" (overture) and selected encore numbers.

The Austin Choral Group, an affiliate of the symphony appeared March 28th and the recorded it was such that rehearsals are now in progress for a return date soon.

The Junior Auxiliary for the Symphony-14 lovely Austin girls will serve as usherettes for the orchestra's appearance at the Hood Road Theater Sunday.

There is no admission for servicemen and they are advised to be in their seats by 8:00 p.m.

WAC Hits Dallas Radio Bullseye

All of you corporals who find \$66 a month too meager for even pin money will do well to consult Georgia Robinson, corporal in the WAC Det. at the North Camp Hood Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center. Corporal Robinson recently swelled her \$66 with \$13 cash and a War Bond.

How'd she do it? She won it playing a game (not the popular GI dominoes or cards). Georgia participated in a "Darts for Dough" show at a Dallas radio station and wound up by answering \$13 worth of questions and nailing enough bullseyes with the darts to net a \$25 War Bond.

"Simple as that," beams Georgia, P.S. Corporal Robinson hails from Dallas.

Co-eds To Play

Twenty-one coeds from Mary Hardin Baylor college will present a variety musical program and a Gay Nineties revue Friday, April 29 at the 162nd Street Service club at 8 o'clock.

camp, is a GI version of a college yearbook.

Paper Bullets Are Added Enemy Assault Weapon

Pvt. Bernard R. Gray, IRTC

When the going gets tough for us on any of the front lines, the enemy adds new impetus to the assault by using "paper bullets." These bullets are propaganda tracts inviting surrender and tending to show the hopelessness of fighting such superbly (?) equipped enemy.

The men of the British 6th Tank Division in Africa were situated in a strategically strong position, when the following "bullet" was dropped down on them by plane:

"SOLDIERS OF THE 6th TANK DIVISION!

"You are surrounded and enclosed by strong German forces.

"You won't find it possible to get out. Further resistance is useless and would mean certain annihilation for you.

"PUT YOUR WEAPONS DOWN
"WE ASSURE YOU GOOD TREATMENT"

The British didn't put their weapons down; and as Hitler has since found out—they weren't annihilated.

Most of the tracts that were dropped behind our lines at Faid, Sidi bou Sid, and in general throughout the African and Italian campaigns ran along the same lines:

"German troops are fair. They treat you decently. Do not waste your life. Preserve it for your country's sake and your family's sake."

Or: "Do you really believe that your country's freedom is at stake upon the outcome of this battle? The Big Shots would want you to believe it does. 'But WE AMERICANS' know that the freedom of America is not at stake."

Jap Leaflet

Following is the wordage of a Japanese leaflet used against us in the Malayan campaign. Any similarity between this and the English is purely coincidental:

"To the British army:

"The conduct, which you the British soldiers behave badly to the Japanese, is never forgiven by both the God and humankind. That is, you imprisoned the Japanese and put them into the leper house. Into the oil tanks, and moreover slaughtered the Japanese noncombatants.

"Impress on your mind that you expect to be revenged fifty-one hundred times as many as you behaved once.

The Nippon Army"

In plain English—revenge is threatened for supposed ill-treatment of Japs.

There is little doubt that the Nazi propaganda mill is infinitely

more dangerous than the crude Jap machine. The main Jap inducements seem limited to the display of dirty pictures and inviting the soldier to come help himself. As John Roy Carlson, author of "Under Cover", pointed out the main reason for this superiority is that servicemen are apt to view with suspicion the promises of the Japs because of their record against the Chinese people during the last ten years.

Nazi Wiles

One of the German specialties is distorting the captions on pictures that appear in our national magazines and newspapers. For example, last year Life printed a picture of Sgt. "Slim" Harons, YANK photographer in the middle east, and an English girl lying in a punt with the caption of "Don't do this with a Tommy's girl."

The Germans got hold of a copy of that picture and changed the caption, saying: "This is what American soldier is doing to Tommy's girl while he is at the front."

Whether operating on the psychological or the military battlefronts, the Germans use the same military strategy—they attack at what they think are our weakest points. It isn't overly difficult breaking down psychological motives behind either their "paper-bullets" or short wave propaganda broadcasts.

Goebbels is counting heavily on short wave broadcasts of sentimental American music, with equally effective entertainers, to arouse our nostalgic feelings . . .

But when Lilly Marlene, a really talented singer, was used for that purpose in North Africa, she became so exceedingly popular with the GIs there that she proved a morale builder rather than breaker, and Goebbels was forced to take her off the air. The Tripole Times, an army paper there wrote an editorial in protest of the Germans poor manners in depriving them of their favorite

RTC Shown Identification Of Friendly Planes

An impressive, realistic demonstration of the importance of recognition of friendly aircraft by ground troops was witnessed by soldiers of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center Tuesday, April 18, at North Camp Hood.

The show was staged by the Third Air Force for all RTC cadre and trainees, grouped in a natural amphitheater in the Fourth Regiment training area.

The realism was provided by the airmen as they swept close to the ground in four different types of fighter planes and two bombers most frequently used for low-level attacks. The planes repeatedly passed a few score feet above exact reproductions of their types set up before the audience on huge charts. The silhouette charts were prepared by the Silk Screen Training Aids shop of the RTC Plans and Training Section to point out principal recognition features of U. S. planes to the soldiers. Impromptu air shows staged above the audience near the conclusion of the demonstration kept the officers, trainees, enlisted cadre and WACs craning their necks at the sky.

Lt. F. X. O'Connor of the Third Air Force supplied a running commentary on the demonstration over a public address system, emphasizing the extreme importance of recognition by ground forces. He said pilots of damaged ships report fire from friendly troops as the source of their greatest fear.

Seventy percent of total casualties suffered by U. S. planes returning from combat are caused by small arms fire knocking them down as they hug terrain features while flying back to home bases from combat, the commentator said.

The planes used by the Air Force were the P47 Thunderbolt fighter, the P51 Mustang fighter, the P40 Warhawk fighter, the P39 Airacobra, the B25 Mitchell medium bomber and the A20 Havoc attack bomber.

singer. No reply has been received yet.

Goebbels is looking to the "real" American spirit as voiced by his "true" American radio commentators: Robert Best, former foreign correspondent; Paul Revere, any similarity, etc.; Otto Koischwitz (OK), one time professor at Hunter College, N.Y.; Kaltenbach; Janborn; and Jane Anderson the ex-Atlanta peach . . .

But what he neglected to point out is that these six native born Americans have been indicted for treason by our Department of Justice and will be tried on that charge after the war.

(Part three next week.)

Best Mess Hall

The 128th TD Bn of the North Camp Hood Replacement Training Center topped messhall ratings last week with an average of 97.2 percent. The 136th was runner-up in the enlisted messhall competition. The Fourth



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

CHIEF OF STAFF: Colonel C. G. Dodge, assigned last week as TDC Chief of Staff, replacing Colonel G. S. Meloy, who was transferred to Camp Howze. Col. Dodge, who received promotion from Lt. Col. just prior to appointment is former director of Weapons Dept., TDS.

German Ambush Tactics Told By McCloskey Vet

By Lt. L. R. Barnhill

The infantrymen threw themselves into ditches on both sides of the road as German machine guns opened up from 600 yards at the right front, Cpl. Ramon Rodriguez of the 3rd Division recounted at McCloskey Army General Hospital in Temple.

"They didn't hit any of us, they just pinned us down. Our point, advance guard, and the whole first platoon had already passed the German machine gun before it opened fire. That's just like the Jerries. They'll try to suck us right up the muzzles of their guns before opening fire, and even then, they will let the advance units get ahead so they can take a crack at the main body of troops.

"I was lying there listening to the zing of the machine gun bullets going over head when I heard the company commander tell a runner go get back to the mortar section. A few minutes later I heard the corporal of our mortar section give a range of 600 yards and the first round was arching overhead.

"They got off four or five rounds before the Germans began laying artillery and mortar fire on us. They knocked out our mortars and then quit firing. As soon as it was quiet, we were ordered to continue our advance. As soon as we got up the Germans opened up again with artillery fire. The second round injured my foot and fractured my right hip. Aid men carried me back to the aid station. From there I passed through several hospitals in Italy and Africa before I was brought here to McCloskey.

In Sicilian Fight

"We fought through the Sicilian campaign before we went into Italy. It was there that we learned a lot about German methods of fighting. I saw one of our sergeants blown to bits

Regt. Officer's Mess led messhalls in that category, scoring 99.3.

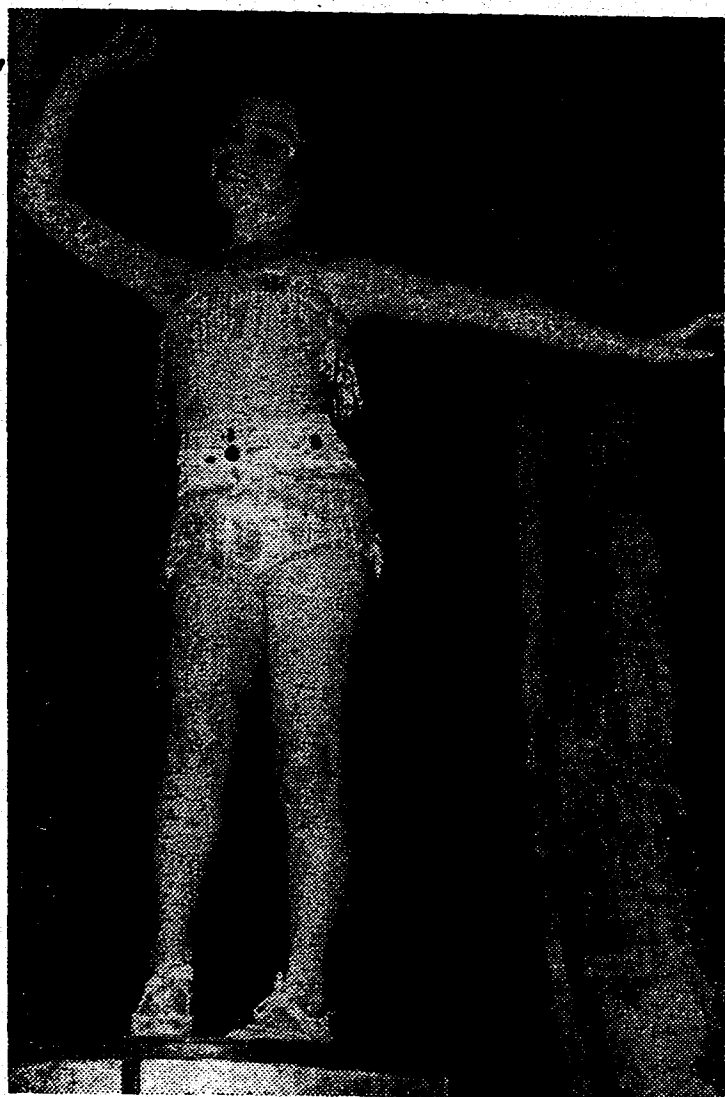
by a booby trap explosion when he tried to open a gate in a fence rather than trying to go over the fence or finding a break in it farther along the line. You soon learn that you don't open gates or doors in areas that have been occupied by the Germans. That's a sure way to run into a lot more trouble than you can handle.

"You've got to be wide-awake all the time when fighting the Germans. One of our sergeants spied four Germans dismount from a truck on the opposite side of the hill on which he was posting outguards one afternoon. He let them come within 15 yards of him. He wanted to get them alive if possible for the G-2, but at that close range he saw they were armed with machine pistols, so he didn't take any chances. He cut them down with his tommygun.

Take Prisoners

"We had been told that paratroopers would be operating ahead of our lines in Sicily, and to make sure of our identification of troops before opening fire. Shortly after this we saw two soldiers coming toward us while we were out on a night patrol. Thinking they might be two of our paratroopers, we dropped into ditches beside the road and allowed them to come through. Then the sergeant ordered them to drop their guns and raise their hands. They weren't paratroopers. They were two Germans who had become lost. We sent them back to the regimental CP to be questioned by G-2.

"At another time when we were in the advance guard at night, we spied two soldiers walking down the road toward us. Again we ducked into ditches on the sides of the road and kept them covered as they approached. This time when the sergeant jumped up and demanded their surrender, one acted like he was going to open fire. He probably thought the sergeant was alone. That was his last thought; we killed both of them where they stood and then continued our advance. You don't stop when you are in an advance guard unless you run into more opposition than you can handle."



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Carmen Hinds, 10 year old dancer, who, as a feature of the Fort Worth Players Group, has been a steady visitor to Camp Hood for the past nineteen months, entertaining GIs.

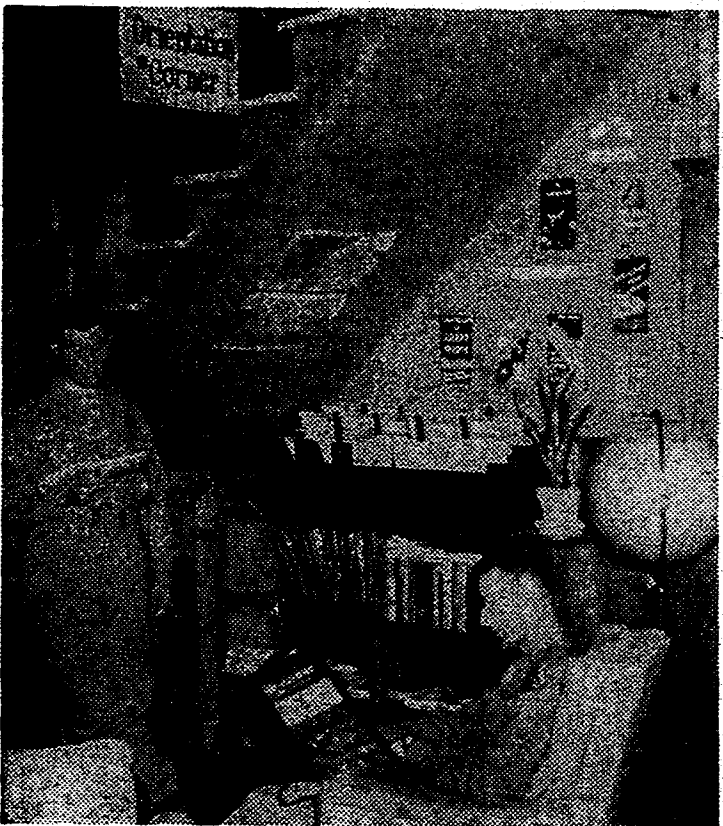


162nd St. and 37th St. Theatres
Sat.—The Girl in the Case.
Sun.—Mon.—Pin Up Girl.
Tues.—The Cowboy and the Senorita.
Wed.—Thurs.—Up in Mable's Room.
Fri.—Between Two Worlds.
Hood Road & 24th St. Theatres
Sat.—The Cowboy and the Senorita.
Sun.—Mon.—Her Primitive Man.
Tues.—Moon Over Las Vegas.
Wed.—Girl in the Case.
Thurs.—Fri.—Pin Up Girl.
72nd St. and Brigade Ave. Theatres
Sun.—Moon Over Las Vegas.
Mon.—Girl in the Case.
Tues.—Wed.—Pin Up Girl.
Thurs.—The Whistler.
Fri.—Sat.—Up in Mable's Room.
Avenue D and 24th St. Theatres
Sat.—The More the Merrier.

Sun.—Mon.—Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble.
Tues.—The Whistler.
Wed.—Thurs.—Her Primitive Man.
Fri.—Moon Over Las Vegas.
18th St. Theatre
Sun.—Weird Woman.
Mon.—The More the Merrier.
Tues.—Wed.—Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble.
Thurs.—Charlie Chan in the Chinese Cat.
Fri.—Sat.—Her Primitive Man.
4th & 10th Street Theatres
Sat.—The Whistler.
Sun.—Mon.—Follow the Boys.
Tues.—Weird Woman.
Wed.—The More the Merrier.
Thurs.—Fri.—Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble.



NOT BOMB-SHY—Lady, three-year-old Fox terrier, shown here with her master, PFC Robert Kenyon, Co. A, 151st Bn, 91st Regt., IRTC is an Alaska "vet" and this dud bomb in the Pioneer area at Camp Hood doesn't give her the least worry. "Lady" and Pfc Kenyon were at Dutch Harbor when the Japs bombed there two years ago and took the raid unflinchingly.



Pictured above is the Orientation Corner of the 37th Street Service Club Library. Seated is Lt. Wayne C. Eubank, of the Tactics Department Tank Destroyer School, reading Major General Orlando Ward's 'Report on the Tank Destroyers' Part in the War' which appears in the Army Navy Journal, The United States at War, Dec. 7, 1942 to Dec. 7, 1943.

Standing is PFC Robert Bettencourt, of Hq. Co. 662nd Bn. in a pensive mood, Orienting himself with the Infantry Journal, Penguin Edition of The Jap Soldier.

Quarantined Men Meet Relatives

A serious problem for incoming trainees has been solved in one Regiment of the IRTC through the ingenuity of 1st Lt. James R. Smith, Special Service Officer of the 92nd Regt.

With new trainees placed under a two week quarantine, unable to leave company areas, after their arrival in Camp, many have found it difficult to meet relatives or friends who came to visit them. Lt. Smith, seeking means to circumvent the problem found an unused building near the 92nd Regt. Chapel.

He immediately set about to furnishing and decorating the building so it would offer comfort and privacy for trainees and their visitors. Cpl. Marion Alch, Chaplain's Assistant, will have charge of the new reception quarters.

Other Regiments in the IRTC are now planning similar arrangements for their men.

In the background is the excellent Orientation Section arranged by Miss Catheryne Settle, club librarian. An abundance of Fact Sheets, and booklets and literature such as: 'The History Of The War,' 'The War In Outline,' 'The United Nations,' 'Your Part In The Peace,' 'Post War Peace Planning,' and many other items adorn these shelves, offering for those Orientation Officers and Enlisted Men a background of reference for Orientation subjects.

Bugle Calls

"Pucker up your lips and turn a switch" is the novel reaction expressed by the Cpl. James R. Duerling, Hdq. Det., 96th Regt., IRTC who finds that blowing a bugle is easy work if you have phonograph to mete out the music.

Cpl. Duerling is a member of the detail which plays the calls via means of a phonograph and public address system at the 37th St. Chapel.

The synthetic buglers assisting him are Pvt. Frank Dale, 90th Regt., IRTC and Pvt. Edward Trynza, 93rd Regt., IRTC.

GI Saw Alaska In Transition

Another IRTC soldier who saw the transition of Alaska into an important military area and took part in the development of the Dutch Harbor base is Pfc Robert Kenyon of Co. A, 151st Bn, 91st Regt. IRTC.

Pfc Kenyon's exciting occupation as a jockey was transcended by his experiences in Alaska. As a civilian he lived in Owatonna, Minn., and rode mounts in state fairs and rodeos in the midwest.

He went to Alaska in the spring of 1941 and was driving a truck when the Japs struck Dutch Harbor. He took for cover and was unscathed. With him now is his three-year old canine pal, "Lady" a fox terrier. "Lady" took the bombing in stride, according to Kenyon. Born in Alaska she was attuned to life in that region as much as a native Malamute.

Officers' Wives Get Acquainted

A "Get-Acquainted Party" of the officers and ladies of the 97th Regiment was held last Saturday evening at the 50th St. Officers' Club.

Mrs. W. H. Fisher, wife of Lt. Col. William H. Fisher, Commanding Officer of the 176th Bn, and Lt. Col. Paul D. Connor, Regimental Commander, host and hostess, extended the cordial welcome of the 97th to the guests of honor Brigadier General Thomas F. Bresnahan, IRTC Commander and Colonel Maurice C. Bigelow, IRTC Executive Officer, who was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Florence Harvey. Dinner was followed by an evening of dancing.

Promotions

Promotions of the following men were announced this week at the 97th Regiment IRTC:

To 1st Sgt.—Sgt. Harold W. Roggow, Co. A, 176th Bn, Lansing, Mich.

retd, Hq. Det., 177th Bn, West Orange, New Jersey and Sgt. Edward Senko, Hq. Det., 177th Bn, Holyoke, Mass.

To Sgt.—Cpl. Ernest Rheiner, Jr., Co. A, 176th Bn, Haledon, New Jersey.

To Tec 5—Pvt. John H. Jessor, Hq. Det., 177th Bn, Hudsonville, Mich.; Pfc. Arthur J. Lange, Co. A, 177th Bn, Cascade, Iowa; and Pvt. Walter Goldstein, Co. A, 176th Bn, Bronx, New York.

IRTC Cadremen Tell Of Life In The Aleutians

The chief climatic disadvantages of the Aleutians are wind, fog and rain while the cold weather is not too unbearable, according to three IRTC cadremen among a large group that were transferred here after a long stay in the far Northern country.

All assigned to Co. A, 171st Bn, 95th Regt., the trio, S-Sgt. Reece Holcomb, Ulvah, Ky, Louis J. Kohout, Schuyler, Neb., and Sgt. J. W. Tucker, Jefferson City, Mo., all saw action when the Japs attacked Dutch Harbor early in June, 1942. Sgt. Holcomb came into the Army in 1939 and was on duty in Alaska two years. Sgt. Kohout entered the Army in Sept., 1940 and Sgt. Tucker in Feb. 1941. Sgts. Kohout and Tucker were in the same battalion since leaving the states in June, 1942.

The latter two got their baptism of fire a few hours after arriving in Dutch Harbor. Early on their first morning at the Alaska base they were awakened by sound of gunfire. They believed that gun crews were practicing but soon learned otherwise and found themselves rushing to positions for the "real business." Swooping up ammunition they ran to the hills and after climbing a mountain, spread out. Jap dive bombers were attacking installations a few hundred yards below them and the two soldiers could look right into the cockpit of one Jap plane as it came in low to drop its lethal cargo.

After the attack was over the men went to chow, then moved farther back into the range country. The next day the Japs visited again. Kohout and Tucker both spent some time at bases west of Dutch Harbor and were aboard a boat load of reserve troops in Massacre Bay when Americans dislodged the Japs from Attu in June, 1943.

Sgt. Holcomb was a "pioneer" at Dutch Harbor arriving there in May, 1941 when a mile-long road was the only evidence of civilization. He saw many changes transpire at this installation, and was strafed by Jap planes while manning an outpost during the Dutch Harbor attack.

After Dutch Harbor his itinerary was similar to that of Kohout and Tucker with the exception that he left the Aleutians just a few days previous to the Attu operation.

The three men agree that the cold in the Aleutians is not as forbidding as is generally believed. The country is black and mountainous but diversions are offered by moving pictures, softball, indoor sports, skiing, fishing, and tracking down fox.

Living arrangements are comfortable. There are two types of quarters, the quonset, a rounded, tin, hut, and the Pacific Hut, built of prefabricated wood ma-

terials. These are simply heated by oil or coal stoves and lighted with electricity.

Paratoops Open To IRTC Men

According to latest advices received by the IRTC Classification Division, the ranks of the Paratroops are still open to men who want to join in the vertical attack on the enemy, it was announced yesterday. IRTC trainees who desire to volunteer for this exciting branch of service may now apply for duty.

It is pointed out that in addition to the excitement offered by the Paratroops there are attractive inducements of a lucrative nature. Pay for a Paratrooper is \$50 over his monthly base pay in the Army. There are also numerous opportunities for advancement for those who prove qualified.

Rigid requirements have been set up to insure proper quality of membership. The principal requirements are that a man must not have reached his 33rd birthday; should be under six feet in height; should weigh somewhere between 130 and 185 pounds; must have good eyesight with no color blindness, and since this type of service calls for men of rugged physical build, trick knees, recent operations and old fractures are disqualifying defects.

Volunteers must make application before the start of their 13th week of training. If accepted the applicant must complete his basic training here at Camp Hood, whereupon he is sent to the Parachute School at Fort Benning. There he learns the use of a wide variety of weapons (both American and enemy types), receives rigid physical training, instruction in demolition, and most exciting of all practices parachute jumps.

Trainees may start their applications through their First Sergeants. A large number in the IRTC have already signed up both here and at their reception centers.



On Top of the Globe—Miss Lois Dennis, Cafeteria Hostess at the 162nd Street Service Club is being given an account of life on the Aleutians Islands, not far from the very top of the globe, by Sgt. Clyde Tucker (1), S-Sgt. Reece Holcomb and S-Sgt. Louis Kohout. The three soldiers, all in Co. A, 171st Bn, 95th Regt., IRTC, recently arrived in camp from a long tour of duty in Alaska. They were at Dutch Harbor when Japs made an aerial attack on that base.

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Service Forces

There is a service tradition—though we don't know how or where the tradition got its start—that there is a boiling animosity between services, arms, branches, and even similar organizations. We think it's a rather pointless tradition. What's to be gained by soldiers and marines throwing punches at each other? Or by slugging with the air corps? Or by AGF heaving brickbats at Service Forces?

We see the latter around here every once in a while, and we marvel at it. You'll see a GI go far out of his way to get nasty about "chair borne troops." He's certainly not being very bright about it. Perhaps they are chair borne—though it certainly isn't true of many Service Forces troops—but it isn't because they're shirking, because they sought a soft spot, or because they asked for.

No Soft Touch

Given choice, probably, a good many men in the Service Forces would choose some other branch. It's not as soft a touch as it appears to be from the other side of the road.

ASF men, generally, have had as much training as any troops in the army; and their training continues—for them it's a full day's work and then several hours of drill and training.

The men in station complement get no special favors or treatment—it's the reverse, in fact. They're the guinea pigs for every experimental rule, regulation, and official whim that blows over the horizon.

Shuttling DEML

Does someone decide a new barracks is needed, the answer is a cinch—move the station complement. Calling them "permanent party" is an ironic misnomer. The only thing permanent about them is that every time there's a twitch, they'll be moved.

Nobody is going to get decorated for smashing a hand while shifting cases around the QM; but this army would find it rather tough functioning without the men in the quartermaster section. True, there aren't newspaper-heroic deaths in any of the DEML jobs—but those jobs have to be done.

The ASF is anything but a snug harbor. The hours are long, the pay is short, the job is important. Overseas they don't even get a chance to protect themselves—other troops can shoot back, ASF men don't have the chance or the means.

It doesn't call for a TS ticket or an appointment with the chaplain. They're in there doing an assigned job, to the best of their ability, which is as much as needs be said for any man in the army.

An Infantry Rookie

"Welcome," said the Sergeant of the first platoon to us, As we stood upon the drill field in the good old Texas dust. "We're going to work together," said the Sergeant, "Cause we must."

Yeah, that we are we thought, in despair and all disgust.

And so we had arrived in Camp and were ushered to our quarters.

"This is where you'll live," he said, our dear friend Sergeant Corders,

"This is your home, you'll keep it clean, you're not just here as boarders."

And that we weren't so we found out, in time and very short orders.

A corporal pulled me out of bed, I yawned as in the night, "Reveille has blown," he yelled, and "click"—on went the light.

Yeah, reveille had blown and we would have been all right, But some dumb "goon" from the third platoon said "Ye gods, for the love of Mike."

Well the Sergeant didn't like that particular tone of voice, So he shouted with no mercy, "I'll have your 'hides'" by choice, If you're not the men I think you are I'll treat you all as mice. And this he did I'm telling you—we scrubbed the barracks twice.

Then out upon the drill field where the wind was blowing strong,

We had P.T. and T.P.* too, but of course we did it wrong. The Senior Sergeant told us that the day looked mighty long, But he hoped that we would "show some snap" before the time was gone.

So thus it went just on and on, the days seemed never ending, From dawn to dusk we worked like hell and details not withstanding.

"The first few weeks weren't bad at all," we cried with thoughts extending, To the bivouac we would go quite soon with all platoons attending.

And it was there that a Corporal said, "Hey you, lend a hand,

Panther Poll

DO YOU THINK WE'RE GETTING A GOOD PICTURE OF OUR ALLIES.



Sgt. Frank Janos, 662nd TD Bn.

I doubt it. I think that story in the Panther recently gives you the best idea of the way we treat our allies—we abuse them as soon as they join up. They probably do the same to us, but either way it's a hell of a way for allies to act.



Pvt. John Mercier, 662nd TD Bn.

I'm not sure. It's pretty hard to know what they're doing. Some of the stuff you read makes you think they're fighting against us—so I'd say it's the newspapers' fault, the ones that print that kind of stuff.



T-4 Herbert E. Slauker, 633rd TD Bn.

Probably not. Most of the time you get the idea that they are our rivals instead of our allies. It seems to me we ought to get together and try to understand each other. The way we're acting now, it's a funny kind of allies.



T-5 Albert Schwartz, 665th TD Bn.

I guess not. The picture we get is something like you see in a musical comedy—just the way they think of us as cowboys and gangsters. We're both wrong—and it seems to me that it's about time we both got set right.

Hot And Heavy

Competition on the range between the companies of the 137th Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Battalion this week has been exceptionally hot and heavy. The reason—at week's end the enlisted men of the top company will be fed breakfast in bed by NCO's of the losing companies.

Your buddies here are "digging in", now let's see if you can." Now, I "swing" as mean a shovel as a leader "swings" a band, But why I dug that latrine alone I'll never understand.

The bivouac was over and we ate our full surpassed, The fourteen days out in the field had been a mammoth fast. And so our cycle ended, it was all just in the past. We looked ahead to things to come, the worst was done at last. *T.P.—Tent Pitching.

—By Cpl Bob DeMaat
Adj. Section, Hq. IRTC



Cpl. Franklin Folger, TDS
"BLOW IT OUT WHERE?"

Red Cross Sets Up New Workshop

Utilizing one of the two dressing rooms back stage in the Red Cross Recreation Hall of the Station Hospital, the patients in the hospital now have a work shop in which to spend time while convalescing. A variety of usable tools have been supplied by the Central Texas Camp and Hospital Council, said Miss Ramona K. Coghlan, Assistant Field Director, Station Hospital.

Very little new materials are now available for use in a work shop, but scrap and salvage materials have been used with satisfying results. Wood from apple and orange crates has been made into attractive book ends, ash trays, decorated boxes and scrap books. Old felt hats and jewelry have been used in making belts and other accessories. Miss Helen Filtingsrud, Recreation Worker, is in charge of all patient activities.

Model airplanes and boats, reed for basketry and yarn for weaving have been supplied by the American Red Cross for the soldier patients' use. Also paper and charcoal, paints and chalk are available for those wishing to paint and sketch. Even a variety of useful articles have been made with a pair of tinsnips and discarded tin cans. Many unique birthday, Christmas and anniversary gifts have been made and sent home from the craft shop. For the past two weeks, a display of arts and handicrafts from the shop has been on display in the window of Sutton's Department Store, in Killeen.

In addition to the work done in the shop itself, materials are taken by the Red Cross workers to the patients who are not ambulatory, but are confined to beds in their wards, added Miss Coghlan.

Opera At Austin

The University Opera Company will present its spring attraction, "Bastien and Bastienne," April 27, 28 and 29 at Hogg auditorium, Austin. Tickets may be obtained from Reed Music Store, 805 Congress, Austin. Reserved seats are \$1.20. General admission, 30c.

138th TDTB Qualifies

A training group of 130 men from the 138th TDTB at the North Camp Replacement Training Center last week qualified 97.7 per cent on the range with the carbine. Only three men in the group failed to qualify.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Bob:

When the Panther reached me this morning, I glanced through it looking for a pic of you announcing some fights of the boys, but after looking through it twice, I finally saw you up on the masthead. The paper looks real sock. It's really alive. I was comparing it with another paper that just hit our desk, and, compared to the Panther the other sheet looks like it just came out of the morgue.

You probably know what happened to the ASTP. In fact my roommate is now at North Camp. We were all sent to Camp Robinson to join the 66th Panther Division. Their insignia looks similar to the TD. We were immediately started in a basic training program that was plenty rugged. After eight days of the training I was switched to the Division SSO and will try to do as good a job up here as I can. Major Goodwin, in charge of the office is an ex-athlete, and coach.

This camp is very similar to Hood. The buildings are about the same.

Are Major McGregor and Major Tidd still there? The boys in the SS Office, etc.?

ASTP and Air Corps men are pouring in here for a basic infantry training course.

How about putting me on your regular mailing list?

Sgt. Martin Snyder,
Camp Rucker, Ala.

Reading "Pool"

Something new in the direction of gaining more reading material at a very nominal cost, has sprung up in the first platoon of Co. "C" 138th Bn., RTC, North Camp.

A plan has been agreed upon whereby each member of the platoon will contribute five cents weekly. The pool thus accumulated will be used to provide magazines and other reading material favored by the majority of the platoon.

Credit for this idea goes to Pvt. John R. Wehrle.

Attention all patch collectors!

Anyone in Camp Hood—in fact any Panther reader—may have a part in the Tank Destroyer Museum by donating duplicate patches for a permanent collection, to be made a part of the museum.

Captain W. T. Tardy, curator, is starting the collection by donating a large number of duplicates from his collection. Patches, mailed to: Curator, TD Museum, Publications Dept., Headquarters, TDS, Camp Hood, Texas, will be acknowledged weekly in these columns.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

SPRING FEVER—The new soldier show being prepared by the Post Special Service Section, under the direction of Lt. John Slezinger, takes shape in these rehearsal pictures. The show will offer a change of pace from comedy routines to light classical music and light music. In these pictures Pfc. Shirley Ladda, 1848th WAC Unit, loosens her lungs accompanied by Cpl. Howard, 217th Army Band. Cpl. Ballard, IRTC, struggles into a feminine binding instrument. Pvt. Art Mee, 1848th SU, and Pvt. Billy Reeves, 662nd TD Bn., go through a snappy dance routine. In the chorus line are Mrs. Ida Mae Heffington, hostess of the 37th Street Service Club, who has been directing the dances, T-5 Louise Yocum, Pvt. Norma Tremelle, Pvt. Joe Passiatore, Pvt. Avonne Markwart, Pvt. Betty Lilly, and Pvt. Caroline Brewster. The show opening will be postponed until May 17th, at south camp.

TDS Sergeant Discovered Lethal S Mine In Africa

Cpl. George Dillon, TDS

Sergeant A. W. Peevy, soft-spoken Arkansan from the tiny village of Stamps, was a perfect man for the job he had with the TD's in North Africa and Italy. Peevy, now in Hq. and Serv. Co., Academic Regt., Tank Destroyer School, was the leader of a pioneer section which specialized in mine clearing.

After a year and half overseas, he's now in Camp Hood, with memories of Kasserine Pass, Sbeitla, Bizerte, and Oran in North Africa; Cassino and Anzio in Italy; London, England, and those days many months ago when he was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Although he has seen men in adjacent units blown to bits by the explosion of mines and booby traps, not one man of his squad was hurt and, in Africa especially, they often worked with other units than TD's. The S mine was something new and, in the village of Sbeitla, cleared but a short time previously of German troops, Peevy and his men made its acquaintance.

The usual mined souvenirs, placed to attract the eyes and hands of the unwary, had been found and made harmless, and a careful search was being made in a small courtyard. Peevy's mine detector indicated something was amiss. Carefully, he looked the ground over. Three small prongs protruded about half an inch above the surface of the ground.

Finds Mine

"Then," Peevy said, "even though I'd never seen or heard of an S mine, I knew I'd found something. Time stood still as I dug carefully with a pocket

knife to loosen the mine. I got it out and examined it with extreme care, for I had an idea of its power. Soon we were finding these in every field of antitank mines.

"They're terrible dangerous. Undue haste and carelessness have no place when a mine removal crew is at work. Just when you think you've encountered your last booby trap in a mine field, another is recovered. It was only through extreme care that my men and I escaped unscathed."

In North Africa they went ahead of reconnaissance parties, clearing paths along roads and through open country. Preceding these parties, Sergeant Peevy and his men cleared mile after mile of roadways so the tank destroyers and other units might pass through with impunity.

Peevy noted that whenever a road was badly damaged by shell-fire or purposely to delay pursuit, or when a bridge was blown out, the shoulders of the road were always heavily mined.

Booby Traps

Booby traps also were prevalent

at these points for there dismounted reconnaissance of probable bypasses was necessary.

Anyone who was heedless or unwary almost invariably paid the penalty.

Mines in the fields outside of Bizerte, in a grass covered valley, were the hardest to find, Peevy indicated. The Germans had done a good job and the turf was grown over and apparently undisturbed.

When a suspicious area was found with mine detectors the blades of grass had to be pulled carefully by hand, for there were S mines and the tiny prongs barely showed in the grass.

Antitank mines were also treated with respect, for, as often as not, they were booby trapped.

Though not in the initial wave of troops which landed in Italy, Peevy's unit was among the first to land at Anzio. As in North Africa, due to his section's experience in removing mines, he again led his men out on beach clearing missions.

After a stay at Anzio, his unit went to Cassino where he was stationed for 25 days. After being relieved, he was soon on his way back to the United States.

Yank Derivation

NEW YORK—In order to speed delivery of YANK, The Army Weekly, to isolated outposts in the Pacific, a miniature "Air Edition" is now being published in Hawaii. Though this small-size YANK is about 40 per cent smaller than the regular issue, its content is identical to the standard pages.

You Don't Need White Tie And Tails In Society Isles

Society is rather informal down in the Society Islands these days, except on occasion, such as the time when Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt visited there.

Then, things were quite different, although the president's wife wasn't in favor of too much formality when she ate at the enlisted men's mess, according to Private Edgar C. Finney. Finney now is in Co. E, Student Regiment, at the TD School.

Finney says that when Mrs. Roosevelt's visit impended, they were prepared for almost anyone from a party of four-star generals to a bevy of Hollywood beauties and didn't know which it might be. They were greatly surprised when they were reviewed by the president's wife. He has Mrs. Roosevelt's autograph to show for her visit.

This occasion and a brush with the Japanese while on a reconnaissance patrol near Bougainville were probably the high spots of Finney's stay of almost seven months in the South Pacific.

Though he went "down under" with an antiaircraft outfit, he was given quite a different job almost immediately on his arrival there. It was found that as a civilian he had operated deisel-driven grading equipment, cats, tractors and what not, so he was put on a bulldozer, and shipped from island to island in the group, cutting out gun positions.

While stationed most of the time at Borabora, on one of the lesser islands of the Societies, Finney was at Tahiti for a time, saw Papeete and, in addition, went to the Fijis. It was while part of his outfit was in the Solomons that they had the brush with the Japanese. Finney also made seven convoy trips to Australia.

Even though most of his time was spent doing engineer work, Finney's main forte was gunnery—he was on the crew of a 40-MM antiaircraft gun, and still holds that rating.

The Polynesian inhabitants of the Societies were quite friendly, this veteran says, and always were



Pvt. E. C. Finney

ready to entertain visitors with their native ceremonies.

A number of photographs of the men and women of the islands, dancing for the visitors, pictures of the remarkable breadfruit tree, the crater of an extinct volcano, geometrically lined copra groves, all are in Finney's pictorial record of his stay.

Finally, after he suffered from filariasis, also from the effects of a knee injury, he was hospitalized, later returning to the United States to complete his recuperation and for reassignment.

He's from New Orleans, and hopes to return there one of these fine days; meanwhile he's awaiting another assignment. He hopes to be placed with an antiaircraft outfit, where some of the tricks he learned while in the South Seas, especially regarding gun positions, can be imparted to tyro gunners.

TDS Museum Already Has A Large Battle Collection

A tank destroyer museum, to secure and preserve tank destroyer projects and developments, has been established in Classroom 19 in the TDS Area, near 24th and Park Avenue.

Although the order of the museum was issued but a short

time ago by Major General John H. Hester of the Tank Destroyer Center, already hundreds of exhibits, from a giant 88 millimeter captured German gun to tiny snapshots of TD's in action in Africa and Italy, are on display.

Among the exhibits are one of the first TD's, the old Fargo, a half-track with its small 37 millimeter gun; German uniforms, captured radio equipment, models of planes used in TDS classes, many early training aids developed by the school personnel, photographs of the officer candidate classes, and many other items of interest.

To further the development of museum displays the aid of TD's in Camp Hood and at other posts, at home and abroad, is being enlisted.

Anyone having knowledge of items of interest, from enemy material down to pictures of training or combat action, is urged to contact the School Publications Department, phone 2184—and arrangements for collection will be made.

Already the museum is taking on a fine appearance as more displays are being received and suitable back drops are being arranged.

It is anticipated that a complete history of the TD's will be shown in the various exhibits at the museum grows.

For the present the museum is open daily to visitors until four o'clock.



Lt. Robert W. Goff, Adj., 320th Ord. Bn., and Miss Emma Kate Richey, Georgetown, Tex., civilian employee at North Camp Hood, were married Sunday, April 23, at Belton, Texas. Chaplain Elliott S. Ritch officiated.

Announcement was made of the recent marriage of 1st Sgt. Clyde T. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellis, of Olive Branch, Mississippi, to Miss Geneva R. Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams, of Belton, which took place on Saturday, April 15, Belton.

The wedding was at 9 o'clock in the evening at the Austin Avenue Methodist church in Waco, with the Rev. Dr. A. Norman Evans, officiating. Mrs. Fred W. Smith played "I Love You Truly," "Ave Maria" and "Ah, Sweet Mystery Of Life," during the double-ring ceremony.

Pvt. and Mrs. Stanley J. Zaboroski of Co. C, 138th TDTB at TDRTC, North Camp, will observe

their third wedding anniversary in the near future. Their home is in Meriden, Conn., and the couple has one daughter.

Pvt. Charles E. Westrick of the Med Det 662nd TD Bn announces his forthcoming marriage to Miss Ruth Peterson of Chicago, Ill. The event will take place sometime in July.

There Will Be Plenty Of Blowing Around The IRTC

"Say it with Music," goes the old song title, and music will have a strong voice in the training program and other activities of the IRTC.

During the past week three crack military bands have joined the infantry organization at Camp Hood to assure the training center of music that is tops both for military and social purposes.

A colorful musical lineage is brought to the IRTC by the 214th Army Band. Rich in tradition this band, was formerly the 4th Infantry Band with an interesting history dating back to 1815. Its history begins in the Deep South when the 4th Infantry battled the Creeks and Seminoles and carried on through the Mexican War, the Indian Wars, the Civil War to Santiago in 1898, thence to the Philippines when Aguinaldo was the scourge of the Islands. I continues through Vera Cruz in 1914, the Rhineland, Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel.

During the war against Mexico, the 4th Infantry Band was cited for valor when its members tossed aside their instruments and joined in pursuit of the enemy. As a special honor its members were awarded red breast cords still worn by successors.

Since 1940 this Band has been in Alaska, the first military musical organization to arrive in that territory. It has provided music for all branches of the Army, the Navy, Seabees as well as the civilian population. It journeyed a healthy distance to take part in the famous Ice Carnival and Dog Derby at Fairbanks and besides its musical duties has engaged in hard labor in post construction work. Boasting many talented and experienced musicians it can handle classics, popular, and military music with equal facility. For the past five months it has been attached to the 411th F.A. at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The Band is led by CWO Ernest B. Gentile, who enlisted in the Army in 1919 after studying in New York's Institute of Musical Art under the famous Walter Demrosch. In 1926 he completed the Bandmaster's Course at the Army Band School.

The 187th Army Band has two enviable distinctions. As the 505th Parachute Band, it was the first band to be assigned to that branch of service. Since its activation this Band has never had an AWOL, nor has any company punishment been dealt out to its personnel. It was reactivated in March 1943 and has been assigned to numerous camps since its beginning. Led by CWO Angelo La Mariana of New York City, there are many noteworthy highlights in its annals. It was chosen for the nationwide Willkie broadcast from Mt. Rushmore and participated in a South Dakota bond rally that raised \$155,000.

It numbers 155 marches in its repertoire.

This band also abounds with versatility. Within its ranks is a 14 piece dance orchestra, and other popular music units. It also has a choir and a concert orchestra which renders, Debussy, Stravinsky, Beethoven, Gould, and Gershwin in highly acceptable style.

Mr. La Mariana has studied the art of music at N.Y.U., Columbia U., and Julliard School of Music. He received his Masters Degree in music at NYU and was an established teacher for some time. His instruction list included the violin, piano, cello, bass, and reed instruments.

He has concertized in the Gotham area with the violin and has played in string quartets and symphony orchestras over NBC and Mutual networks. He has also appeared in Carnegie Chamber Music Hall as a conductor and has composed symphonettes and Catholic Mass music. He has a nucleus of several top musicians along with younger men who previously played in high school and college musical organizations.

The third group, the 135th Army Band, is well known at Camp Hood. For the past year it has been stationed at North Camp Hood and has won acclaim for its performances here. During the past several weeks it has been the unofficial Band for the IRTC.

Ambitious Rookie

They're still chuckling over this one in Co C, 138th TDTB at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp Hood.

One 138th trainee, while driving an open jeep as the lead vehicle on the driving obstacle course, plucked a deep orange-colored daisy during a pause and placed the flower in the hole at the front of his helmet liner.

Two lieutenants observing the incoming vehicle threw snappy salutes in the direction of the trainee as he breezed into the finish of the driving course. The trainee obliged, of course, by returning a salute just as snappy.

P. S.—His role of "major" was short-lived, because soon thereafter he was informed by a sergeant that it is against regulations to place anything in the hole of his helmet liner.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Major C. T. Nunley, Post Engineer, is shown presenting Certificates of Award for completion of courses in Job Methods Training and Refresher Course in Military Correspondence to (left to right) Jean Hardin, Herschell Roach, Irene Watson, L. G. Mayo, and Ida Jean McIntroe, Post Engineer office employees as Lt. W. D. Forschler, Chief Civilian Personnel Branch, looks on.

Chow, Trueheart, Come Home, You Will Be Forgiven

The men of the Reproduction Department, Tank Destroyer School, have taken to walking in circles and talking to themselves; and they are not bucking for section eight discharges. For the past four or five days, no civil word has been heard from these men. They move in a daze, and the only understandable words they utter, are the mysterious "Chow, Trueheart, chow." These words are not part of a secret ritual, nor are they the passwords to any secret inner sanctum. They simply echo the true feelings of every member of the Reproduction Department. For the past four months, these mysterious words, resounding in any part of the school area, would bring a reply in the shape of a hustling little bundle of brown and white fur, that would come scooting around the nearest corner, tongue hanging out, answering the GI's dearest call. The call to chow.

But no more does Trueheart answer the call to chow, and therein lies the answer to the dispirited manner of the Reproduction Department men. On Thursday, April 13th, Trueheart disappeared, and has not been seen since. Should anyone know the whereabouts of this little brown and white female dog, (vaccine tag No. 41, Camp Hood, 1944) will he please get in touch with the Reproduction Department, by calling 2305 (day or night), and earn the everlasting, undying gratitude of every member of the department. And to you Trueheart, wherever you may be, or whatever you may have done, please come home, all is forgiven.

Every Monday night Lieutenant Warner of the 138th Communications Bn instructs the Wacs of the 1848th and TDRTC Detachments at North Camp in the intricacies of radio code. The class is grouped to the results from the code aptitude test given April 17.

N. Camp WACS Study Code

The North Camp Wacs are studying code-dit dit dah dah dah dit dit dit!

The Wacs march to the classroom (this replaces the regular weekly drill period) and, with the exception of the more sturdy, return to quarters by truck. The class was made possible by Major Haberman, TDRTC S-3, Lieutenant McCreary of the 138th Bn, and Lieutenant Kargard, TDRTC WAC Det. CO.

TDRTC Radio Show Makes Bow At Baylor U

The first edition of "Hoodwinks at Baylor," a new radio series by Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center entertainers, was presented Saturday evening at the Baylor Little Theater, Baylor University in Waco.

The program, which is to be staged weekly from 1800 to 1830 on Saturdays at Baylor, was piped to the university's radio outlet KWBU at Corpus Christi for broadcast. The range of the Corpus Christi station does not reach the Camp Hood area.

A high spot on the program of nonsense and song's was a race between three Baylor coeds thru a miniature obstacle course on the stage. The students, Misses Thelma Moorman, Doris Holland and Dode Cohn, were selected from the audience and clad in regulation TD full field outfit, without weapons. They scrambled over berries, through obstacles and wire entanglements and ended up in a "portable foxhole, M2" which turned out to be a lyster bag.

This feature of audience-participation, called "Do It the GI Way," will be a permanent part of each broadcast.

Another Baylor student with a part in the show was Miss Edwina Emshoff, a national song contest winner who gave an enchanting rendition of "On a Little Street in Singapore," backed up by Sgt. Bill Fischer's 18th Army Band dance orchestra.

The program was sparked by S-Sgt. George Hall, of the TDRTC Office of Special Services, as master of ceremonies. Sgt. Hall around buffon. Sergeant Hall handled the first of another regular weekly feature spot—"How Has College Benefited Your Army Career?"—this one dealing with an episode in the sleuthing life of a screwball MP.

Lt. George Thomas of North Camp Hood Headquarters provided the continuity as announcer and Lt. Larry Knopp, who formerly sang with Johnny Long's orchestra and is now a member of the TDRTC entertaining staff, heated the airways with his version of "The Music Stopped."

Fischer and the band had two numbers during the program. The series is being written and produced by TDRTC men under the supervision of Lt. Thomas E. Wilhoit, SSO entertainment director. Complimentary tickets for the broadcasts are available at the TDRTC Office of Special Services for military personnel and their friends and families, up to 11:30 each Saturday.

Man The Pumps

"Can I borrow a bicycle tire pump," asked the Pfc of Sgt. Charles R. Kinney at the IRTC Motor Pool.

"Sure. Over there," answered obliging Sgt. Kinney.

Fifteen minutes later the private approached the sergeant

Civilians Trained As Replacements

An organized training program is functioning at Camp Hood to improve the skills of the approximately 2,500 civilian employees as an answer to the current shortage of trained help.

Certificates of Award have been given clerks, stenographers and typists for the completion of the 10-hour Refresher course in military correspondence. In addition, approximately 100 certificates from the War Manpower Commission have been awarded Camp Hood supervisors for completion of a 10-hour course in Jobs Training Methods. Another phase of training is the Primary, or new employee training. This four hour course for new employees is intended to create a sense of pride, obligation and importance in their new jobs.

"The need for training at Camp Hood is now greater than ever," says Lt. Col. Harry M. Carroll, Director of the Personnel Division, "due to the conversion of the military personnel to civilian personnel at an early date."

Mrs. Irene Gibson, Chief of the training section, is assisted by Miss Honore Miller at North Camp Hood. Supervision of the program is by Lt. W. D. Forschler, Chief, Civilian Personnel Branch.

Ten-Day Furlough For North Camp TDRTC'S Who Complete Training

Henceforth all trainees at the North Camp Hood Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center will be granted a ten-day furlough plus travel time upon completion of their basic training. Those transferred in unassigned status to special service schools will be granted this furlough at the completion of their basic if time permits, otherwise the furlough will be received upon completion of service school training. The memorandum was published last weekend over the signature of Brig. Gen. Alexander O. Gorder, TDRTC commandant.

TDS Men At OCS

Three Tank Destroyer School men have left for Officer Candidate school and a fourth will be leaving shortly.

The three men, Staff Sgt. Robert E. Washburn, Cpl. Jack H. Davis and Pvt. Myron S. Fishburn already have left for the Quartermaster School. Tech. Sgt. Albert Cobbett, the fourth man, will be leaving soon for the Transportation School, New Orleans. Quartermaster school is at Camp Lee, Virginia.

with the "pump" in his hand and another plea for help. The pump just wouldn't work.

"Heil, you've got a fire extinguisher there, not a tire pump," kindly explained Kinney.

The Wolf by Sansone

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"I love Swing. If you boys want anything else—speak up!"

Words Without Music

Dating from Edison's first nervous flicker, motion pictures are 50 years old this month....EARL CARROLL advertises his new "Vanities" as For Whom the Bells Toll.... WALTER WINCHELL reports Henry Ford's grandsons annoyed with him because he refused to sponsor T. Dorsey radio program.... FRED MACMURRAY will sing in his next, "Nob Hill," a musical in technicolor.... ORSON WELLES reported dealing for a picture with MGM, in which he will do everything except sell tickets.

J. CAGNEY's next picture will be "Blood on the Sun"—meaning Tokyo... JOE BESSER, flappy-wrist recruit in the Olsen and Johnson madhouse, signed a contract with Columbia... B. CROSBY will sing the JOHNNY MERCER-HAROLD ARLEN "Black Magic" in his next, "Here Comes the Waves."

FANNY BRICE will move her broadcasts to NY—getting set for a BILLY ROSE-GEORGE S. KAUFMAN musical... GYPSY ROSE LEE signed for five years with International Pictures... BING CROSBY and DICK AR-



SARONG—NBC's Patricia Dunlap is wearing a sarong but the engraver cut it. What's wrong about that?

LEN planning a golf match for the championship of movietown—proceeds to Army and Navy Hospital Fund... Sgt. GENE AUTRY with the Third Ferrying Group in Michigan is recruiting WACS... KAY KYSER takes his first vacation in six years—he'll tour overseas... PHIL HARRIS will probably replace Kyser, for July and August, on the musical quiz.

SHEILA ROGERS whose energetic gyrations gave a big USO show here last August a pace like a vitamin-fed rabbit, just got back from a tour of the Italian front with JOHN GARFIELD'S troupe—she reported the GIs hungry for entertainment, but shy—except those from Brooklyn.

The new hitkit features "Easter Parade," "Take Me Out To the Ballgame," "California Here I Come," "Home on the Range," and "When They Ask About You"... Major JIMMY STEWART is flying again... HUMPHREY BOGART is celebrating a quarter of a century in movies... "Take

Post Hospital Has Vets Aid

The United States Veterans' Administration has opened an office at the Post Hospital, under the direction of Mr. Charles A. Green.

The purpose of this office is to advise discharged soldiers of their rights and prerogatives. All men given a CDD will be interviewed, and the service available will be explained.

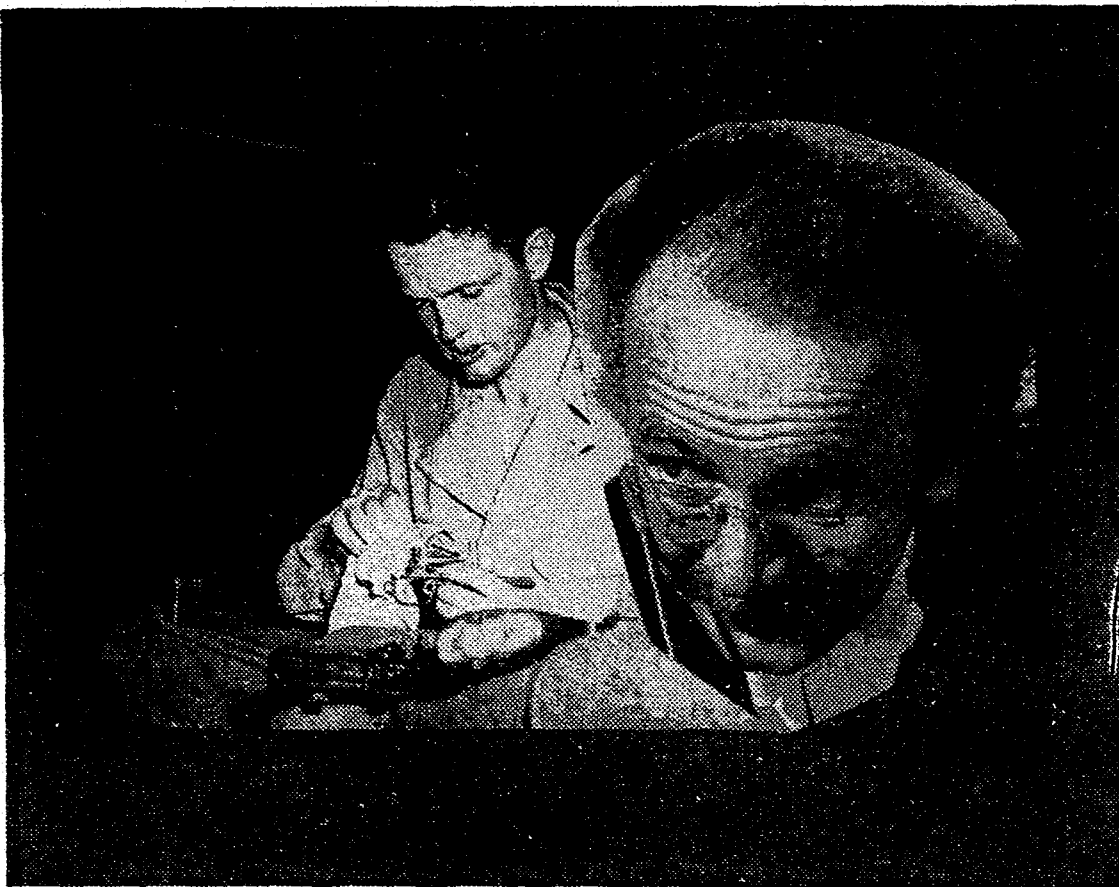
Generally these services are: pension qualifications, rights to treatment in government hospitals, rights to general hospitalization, vocational training and retraining, insurance conversion, and burial benefits.

It is to the benefit of every soldier who leaves the army with an honorable discharge, Mr. Green stated, to investigate what the Administration offers.

"It Easy" is credited to one Albert de Bru, but, according to Winchell, was actually written by XAVIER CUGAT... TYRONE POWER is a 1st Lt. in the Marines... practically every magazine on the news stands in July will feature a bond on the cover.

According to HOLLYWOOD VARIETY, top tunes plugged on the radio this week are:

Amor, Amor
And So Little Time
Besame Much
Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me
Don't Sweetheart Me
Easter Parade
Easter Sunday With You
Goodnight Wherever You Are
Holiday For Strings
I Love You
I'll Be Seeing You
I'm in Love With Someone
It's Love, Love, Love
Long Ago and Far Away
Louise
Marianne
My Favorite Song
My Heart Isn't in It
My Love You Haven't Gone away
Polcianna
San Fernando Valley
Someday I'll Meet You Again
Take It Easy
When They Ask About You



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Hollywood's glamour and thrills pale in comparison to the sensations enjoyed in hooking a belligerent steelhead trout or bringing down a racey mule-tail deer in the opinion of Pvt. Arthur W. Brennan, (left), whose father is none other than the noted movie actor, Walter Brennan (inset at right).

Although his father and sister, Ruth, are well known on the movie lots, Pvt. Brennan, now a trainee in Co. A, 146th Bn, 90th Regt., IRTC, is virtually a stranger to Hollywood's leading industry. His last visit to a film studio was nine or ten years ago, he says.

Despite his apathy for Hollywood's glamour, Pvt. Brennan is a regular movie-goer like any other average American and enjoys all types of screen fare. Resembling his father to a certain degree, his dislike for the extracurricular life of Hollywood is also similar. Both the actor and his wife evade the much-publicized night life of the film capital.

Since graduating from North Hollywood High School young Brennan, now 22, has spent most of his time as caretaker of his father's 25,000 acre ranch in Eastern Oregon where cattle and grain are the chief products. Six months ago he married an Enterprize, Oregon, girl and after the war he expects to own his own ranch in the same territory. This, he prefers to the hustle, and bustle and nerve-wracking clamor for livelihood in Hollywood. His eyes attain a bright sparkle when the conversation drifts to hunting and fishing, and his one desire while in Texas is to reel in a catfish.

Pvt. Brennan reports that his father, who has won three Motion Picture Academy Awards, plans to reduce his picture making activities in another year or two and more or less settle down on the ranch. He will travel occasionally to Hollywood for work in films when the old urge prevails. The actor also has another son, Walter, Jr., 21, now with the Navy somewhere in the Pacific. The latter also looks forward to ranching.

His outdoor life on the hills and plains of Eastern Oregon have given him a jump on Army life, but he isn't sure how the change in climate conditions will affect him.

As for Texas, it is important

Grunt And Groan Staged For TDS

Dick Raines and John McGinnis, North Camp men, gave a classic demonstration of grunt and groan tactics when they staged a wrestling bout for Company B, 662d TD Bn., at TDS recently.

Lt. George Stautz, who had previous experience in trying to keep Raines and another big time opponent from maiming each other in the TDS amphitheater last fall, was again the third man in the ring. He got a good workout too.

McGinnis and Raines, are co-partners in dirty fighting instruction at North Camp battle conditioning course, both are former pro wrestlers. Raines, because of his appearance here last fall, already was known to school fans, while McGinnis, from Chicago and Notre Dame, made his debut in Friday's match. The 20-minute, no decision bout provided plenty of action.

Staff Sgt. Sid Katz of the Athletic Department and Pvt. Bill Reeves, the 662d's former night club master of ceremonies, bursqued Raines' and McGinnis' exhibition with a match which was neither wrestling nor terpsichorean, but had the worst elements of both.

In the history of the Brennan family for Walter Brennan won an award for his performance as the judge in "The Westerner," starring Gary Cooper. This vehicle was based on events "West of the Pecos" in the early days.



Chapel Services

Protestant
Sunday 9:30 A. M.
Chapel 53—50th & Hq.
Hospital—Red Cross Bldg.
10:15 A. M.
Chapel 321—37th 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—37th St. East.
Chapel 2833—70th & Bn.
Chapel 218—37th St. West.

6:30 P. M.
Post Chapel—52nd & Hq.
Chapel 4416—268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 413—School Area.
Chapel 3425—170th & Brig.
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.

Chaplain's Directory

Chaplain	Chapel	Phone
F. L. Blackman (P)	3425	644
Douglas Crow (P)	321	2654
H. Hall (P)	413	643
R. T. Heacock (Cld)	3406	702
R. K. Helm (P)	4416	638
B. H. Lavine (J)	53	643
R. B. Meyer (C)	218	639
B. E. Moll (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

MPEG Men Qualify

The swan song of the ten month old 489th Military Police Escort Guard Company began with a proud blast as they finished the 1944 Carbine record fire season by qualifying 132 men in 135, with an average score of 152, for a percentage of 98. The company finished with eight experts, forty-six sharpshooters and seventy-eight marksmen. During their brief service as Escort Guards, the members of the 489th have received commendations from numerous sources for having a model PW Camp and also have a record of no PW escapes.

Male Call

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



Son Of The Beach



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

THE LITTLE FOXES: This mother cat, belonging to Co. C, 664th TD Bn., gave birth to kittens last week. When the kittens were destroyed by a tom cat, the First Sgt. of Co. B came to the rescue. Finding five little foxes in Copperas Cove, he brought them in to the cat, who immediately began mothering them as though they were her own! Above may be seen the foxes at their noon repast.

League Opener Set For Friday

Brig. Gen. Alexander O. Gorder, TDRTC commander, and Col. Christian Hildebrand, his executive officer, will form the battery for the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center baseball team for the first pitch of the first official game of the season tomorrow at 1800 at North Camp. Col. Donald Dunkle, Army Service Forces exec. at North Camp, will be the first batter.

The TD School team from South Camp will be the first opponents of the TDRTC. TDS beat TDRTC 2 to 0 in the practice game at South Camp last week. The game will be played on the new TDRTC diamond between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets on Park Avenue.

Trainees To Learn

Twelve enlisted men from Co. "C," 141st TDTB at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp Hood, will attend the Tank Destroyer Enlisted Artillery Mechanic's Class No. 6 at Camp Hood. The men were chosen on the basis of excellence in performance as armorers-artificers, qualities as instructors and high scores in AGCT and mechanical aptitude tests.

The trainees are Pvt. Floyd A. Becker, Raymond Binkle, Ralph Bult, James Campkin, Felix Collins, Steve Fedor, Donald E. Kocher, Donald Krill, Earl Manning, Wallace Rockwood, Jack E. Rowe and Thomas Sheridan. 1st Lt. Otho S. Pumphrey commands Co. "C."

Ride Sharing Slacked

A recent survey of civilian and military "share-the-ride" cooperation at Camp Hood has revealed that only 50% of the rider capacity is being utilized.

Enlisted men show the highest rider-per-car average, while civilians and officers showed many seat vacancies. Capt. Wm. R. Lacey, Tire & Gas Rationing Board, Camp Hood, who made the survey has asked that drivers cooperate in securing more riders, in a voluntary effort to alleviate the acute tire situation.

Rcn. Co. 656th Wins

Rcn. Company of the 656th Softball team recently played its first game in the 22nd TD Group Softball league, defeating Company "A" of the 660th TD Bn. by a score of 10-2.

869th Ordnance Outslugs 308th Ordnance, 6 To 3

Fielding its newly organized baseball nine, the 869th Ordnance Company, H.A.M., won its first game of the season recently by outslugging the 308th Ordnance Company by a score of 6-3.

Although his teammates accounted for five errors, pitcher T-5 Dean S. House of the 869th struck out five batters, allowed but one walk, and held all his opponent's hits to scattered singles.

TDS Weapons Hits The Mark

After two hours of instruction in Lt. I. L. McAllister's 81mm. mortar class for TD officers, at the TD School, one team got to the "core" of things and put one right down the old "apple barrel." Lt. E. R. Drade, S-3 of the 664th TD Bn., was the proficient gunner.

Other members on the team were Capt. S. R. Kramer, Baltimore; Lt. W. B. Harwood, Lawrence, Kan.; Lt. Vern Mason, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Firing the practice shells over 200 yards with surprising accuracy was the smooth side of the program. Proper method of handling a touchy subject—such as removing a round after misfire—was demonstrated by Sgt. G. P. Bennett, instructor.

Lt. Dan S. Durham, San Antonio, took over the tube carrying job of his crew when class concluded while Pvt. Jack McDaniel, instructor from Columbus, Ohio, showed with an assistant, the proper two man carry of the tube, bi-pod and base plate.

662nd TD's Dance

The 662nd TD Bn. gave a Battalion Dance on the evening of April 21st. The west wing of the Battalion Mess Hall was decorated in night club style under the supervision of Pvt. Chris R. Christoff, Hd Co. The music was furnished by the 134th Army Band. Pvt. Billy Reeves emceed a gala floorshow and a comic auction. Appearing in the floorshow were Pvt. Jink Doerner of the 1848 WAC Det. and Helen Mannheim, singers. Comedy sketches were handled by S-Sgt. Sid Katz and Pfc Art Mee. During the comic auction Reeves offered a dollar for a GI tie and had three plunked under his nose. 2nd Lt. Donald H. Murray, Special Service Officer, and Pfc Robert J. Bettencourt, program director, were responsible for staging the dance.

749th FA Sets Up Double Win

Winning its first two games with ease, the 749th F. A. Battalion softball team is ready to take on any or all comers.

Headquarters Battery, 224th FA Group was the first to suffer defeat at the hands of the 749th, losing 7 to 2. The 224th team led up to the 6th inning, when a 5 run rally sparked by the hitting of Sgt. Bernard Romanowski and Pvt. Bergamo put the 749th out ahead.

Headquarters Company, 24th TD Group proved to be easier shooting for the Artillerymen. The score in this game being 6 to 0. Outstanding for the winners were Pitcher Harvey Friedrichsen and Catcher William O'Dell. Sgt. Friedrichsen allowed only 2 scratch singles and set down 13 of the TD men via the strikeout route. Pvt. O'Dell gave fine support behind the plate throughout the game.

Manager Romanowski of the 749th team has issued a challenge to all softball teams on the post.

Giardano Racks Up Second Win

With Pfc Frank Giardano again taking the spotlight, the softball outfit of Hdq. Co. No. 1, IRTC racked up its second triumph over Hdq. Co. No. 2 by a decisive 14 to 0 count last Thursday evening.

Giardano's "rocket" ball again zoomed over the plate as he pitched a one-hitter and set down 12 men via the strikeout route. M-Sgt. Mark Cummings tapped him for a single in the second inning but the opposition failed to connect otherwise. Hdq. Co. No. 1's outfielders had a restful evening due to Giardano's fine control.

Meanwhile Hdq. Co. No. 1 found Sgt. Vernon Connelly's mound deliveries much to their liking, rapping out 18 hits. Giardano also shone with the willow with two triples and two singles in five tries. Wallach got a pair of doubles for the winners with Thayer and Burbine also getting a two bagger apiece.

Wins Close One

In service firing of the 37mm gun on the range last week, the second platoon of Co. "A," 140 Bn, TD RTC, was declared the winner of an inter-company match - by the skin of their teeth.

When the holes were counted in the target it was found that the platoon had nosed out the first platoon by 7-10 of a point. As a reward the men of the second platoon will be guests at a party to be given at a later date.

Added Sports For TDS

Organized sports, principally softball and volleyball, have been added to the athletic program of the men of the Tank Destroyer School who have been taking a rugged calisthenics course for several weeks.

Improvement in physical proficiency, shown through tests which were conducted, made the change possible.

TDS Nine In Waco Play

The Tank Destroyer School baseball nine will be entered in the Waco Army Amateur league, according to announcement made this week, and, in addition, will play in the Post league race.

Boxing Classes At TDS

Boxing classes are under way at TDS, with several instructors on hand. A series of matches again is planned for the TDS Amphitheatre, the boxing classes being arranged with this in view.

SPORTS

Plans have been completed for broadcasts and shortwave recreations of major league ball games to the troops overseas this summer. Play-by-Play of many games will be funnelled out, in some cases hours after the games are over so that the men can receive the broadcasts at convenient times in various localities.

The Santa Anita Race Track, near Hollywood, California, has been given the green light by the War Department for racing to start during the Christmas Holidays. This will mark the first sport at the Arcadia track since Pearl Harbor. The Army has abandoned plans to use the plant as an internment camp for German prisoners. The course, it is understood, will be put back in the shape it was when taken over by the Army. The work will be done by the government as it would be difficult for the track management to get priorities on needed materials.

Sgt. Barney Ross receives his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, any day, now . . . "What's the first thing you're going to do after your discharge?" Ross was asked. . . "Well, Father Frederick Gehring, the chaplain who was our hero at Guadalcanal, is coming home this month," said Ross. "The first thing I'm going to do is earn enough money to build a parish church for him."

CBS is focusing attention upon the 1944 outdoor season. As an exciting opener . . . Ted Husing will describe the Jamaica Handicap on Saturday . . . This event is to be followed a week later by the exclusive CBS presentation of the 70th renewal of the Kentucky Derby on May 6th . . . Thereafter, from 4:15 to 4:30 p. m. on Saturdays, Husing will cover the ace horseracing events at the Belmont, Aqueduct, Empire, Saratoga and other nationally famous meetings.

TDS played baseball host to North Camp's RTC on Friday, for a tune-up game. The School nine won 2 to 0. RTC tried out five complete sets of pitchers and catchers. TDS discovered it had a slick new infield. Dick Williams, recent TDS football, baseball, and basketball star, appeared on third base for the visitors and received an ovation by his former buddies. John Zuber and Bill O'Malley took turns on the mound for the School. This boy O'Malley has got what it takes! He's a south-paw holdover from OCS, with a fast ball, a peach of a roundhouse, and good change of pace. He proved to be a good fielding and hitting pitcher as well. He'll play an important part in TDS games this season. Slugger Newman didn't have much of a chance to show his wares for the School, walking twice. That RTC gang has got the makings of a ballclub of real promise. The boy who pitched the first three innings stopped TDS in its tracks; and with second and third base positions filled with two good men, they'll eventually shape up as a camp threat to anyone. Watch Kermit Ward at shortstop for TDS. There's a fast, fighting, hustling, capable team-player who will make all the difference in that infield this season!

At this writing, the major leagues have launched the first week of play in usual topsy turvy fashion. Detroit roosts in the American League cellar, and the St. Louis Browns are on top. In the National League, the Giants are on top with the St. Louis Cardinals right on their heels.

Gus Mancuso, vet catcher for the Giants, goes to the Phillies this week in exchange for pitcher Bill Lee . . . The Cincinnati Reds drew the top opening day crowd—30,154 cash customers.

Pvt. Donald Boegehold and **Lloyd Horton**, ex-college track stars are working out every day in preparation for a big meet to be held in Austin in May. Boegehold was Cornell's great distance runner a few years back, starring in the Penn Relays, also beating the great Campbell Kane of Indiana once. Horton starred at Hastings College Nebraska.

Remember—This Sunday, at 2:30, TDS vs Seven Up, on the 24th St. Field! It's the season's opener here. —RC

Co. A 662nd Wins

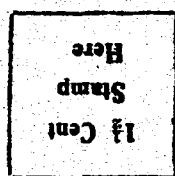
Co. "A" 662nd TD Bn's softball team has succeeded in winning its first two games by a good margin. It beat Co. 656th, 5 to 0, and kept them down to no hits and no runs. Pvt. Milford Ellerholz, "A" Co's pitcher struck out 15 men. In their second game with Co. "A" 660th Ellerholz again pitched a no hit game and struck out 12 men. The final score was 8 to 1.

Ping Pong Winners

Top honors in the first of a series of weekly Ping Pong Tournaments conducted April 12 at the 12th St. Service Club, North Camp Hood, were taken by Pvt. A. Zwerman of Co. "C," 128 Bn., RTC.

Pvt. Herb S. Comstock of Co. "C" 138 Bn. was runnerup and Pvt. Harry Gall of Co. "A" 130 Bn., RTC came in third.

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