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AGF CHIEF VISITS HOOD

Men Urged To Be Recruiters For WAC Drive

Everyone has been informed through radio, motion pictures, the nation's press, as well as by articles in the Panther, of the recruiting campaign now in progress to increase the Women's Army Corps, in order that enlisted men fit for overseas duty may be replaced and made available.

To that end, all officers and all enlisted personnel and all civilian friends of the Army, are urged to consider themselves "Recruiters" for the Women's Army Corps, and to get out in their spare time and urge women to join the Corps.

The need is great. Greater than it has ever been before. Two hundred thirty-nine jobs of every type and caliber await our patriotic American women, who will join the Women's Army Corps and fill these vital Army jobs. On enlisting, recruits may select their own station and type of work. Soldiers, it's now up to us, man-to-man—"Recruit a WAC!"

Captain Catherine Breneman is the WAC recruiting officer in Camp Hood. Officers, enlisted men, and friends of the Army, with WAC prospects are urged to contact Captain Breneman without delay. The entire induction process can be made at Camp Hood.

New Chaplain For 97th Regt.

The 97th Regt., IRTC, welcomed a new Regimental Chaplain N. G. Barron, recently with U. S. Troops in Ireland.

Chaplain Barron has had a varied and colorful military career which began in 1933 when he was a line officer in the infantry. During the course of his Army service, he served in 1936 with his present Regimental Commander, Lt. Col. Paul D. Connor, who was then a unit instructor with the 325th Infantry at Albany, Ga.

New Course For Officers

May 27th, the second training course held for officers who were attorneys or claim adjusters in civil life and qualified for overseas duty, will be held at Lebanon, Tenn., for duty in foreign claims service.

The third course will begin June 17th. Those who consider themselves qualified should apply to their respective commands at once.

Come On Home, Bennie

Captain John Maynhart received the following wire from an enlisted man on furlough last week, who was due at return to the Ordnance Dept.: "Capt. Maynhart, wonderful here in Los Angeles. No one sick at home. Have no excuse but would like extension of furlough. Thanking you in advance. Pvt. Bennie Salerno."

Whereupon Captain Maynhart replied: "Wonderful here in Camp Hood too. Everybody feeling fine. We have new home. Hurry back and enjoy it with us."



MEMORIAL DAY "MAY 30TH" and Old Glory will fly high. This is the Garrison Flag, 20 by 38 feet which flies over the North Camp Hood Headquarters Quadrangle.

Hood Personnel In Bond Drive

Plans are being completed this week for the participation of personnel in the nation-wide Camp Hood military and civilian Fifth war Loan Drive which will open for the Army June 1. Official opening date for the national drive is June 12.

"Camp Hood made a fine record in the Fourth War Loan Drive, when we raised a total of \$1,005,000.00 in War Bond cash purchases and pay deductions. We expect to do even better in the new campaign," said Capt. John H. Morris, Camp War Bond Officer, who is in charge of the campaign locally.

With the tempo of the war definitely stepped up and the need of equipment greater than ever before, the national goal for the Fifth War Loan Drive is the highest in history—sixteen billion dollars. That's two billion dollars more than the goal of the Fourth War Loan Drive.

IRTC Regt. Has Show

The 90th IRTC Regiment sponsored a show at the 162nd Street Service Club last Saturday, in which Cpl. Currie, vocalist, was accompanied by the 91st Regimental orchestra, conducted by Cpl. Virgil Nash.



AGF general on air visit here: Left to right Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, CG, IRTC; Col. Jones, pilot; Major Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, CG, Replacement and School Command; Lieut. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, CG, Army Ground Forces; Major Gen. John F. Lucas, Fourth Army; and Major Gen. John H. Hester, CG, TDC.

Mothers Honored

The 37th St. Service Club honored visiting mothers on Mothers day with a tea dance.

All the visitors were in camp

to see their sons. One GI escorted both his mother and 83 year old grandmother to the platform. A gift was presented to the mother from the most distant city.

Gen. McNair Inspects Camp's Training Units

A formal inspection of Camp Hood training facilities and the camp's various units was made this past week by Lieutenant General Leslie J. McNair, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces. In company with General McNair on his tour of inspection were two distinguished visitors, Major General John P. Lucas of the Fourth Army and Major General Harry F. Hazlett, Commanding General of the Replacement and School Command.

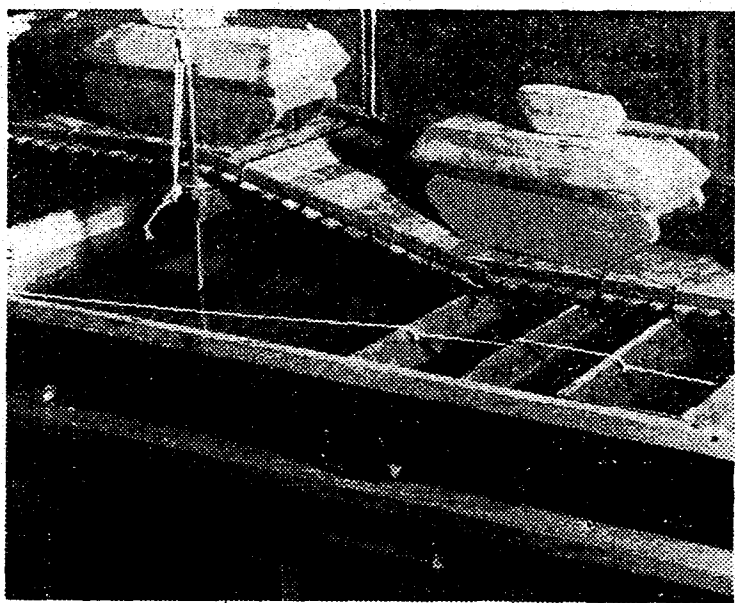
On arrival the first afternoon the visiting generals inspected the recently activated Infantry Replacement Training Center, commanded by Brigadier General Thomas F. Bresnahan. The tour proceeded to cover the activities of the Tank Destroyer School under the supervision of the school's commandant, Col. E. J. Dawley. An examination of material and observation of both direct and indirect firing problems completed the afternoon's program, the latter having been completed under supervision of the Tank Destroyer Center, Commanded by Major General John H. Hester and conducted by the Tank Destroyer School and Tank Destroyer Board.

Friday's tour of inspection encompassed units at North Camp Hood, namely, the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center under command of Brigadier General A. O. Gorder, the 224th Field Artillery group under command of Col. Louis J. Compton, the 220th Field Artillery Group, under command of Col. John J. Turner.

At a dinner in honor of General McNair's visit the General spoke briefly stressing the development at Camp Hood of Tank Destroyer Forces, a large part of which are now trained and ready for employment. Of note were the general's remarks in regard to the fine record that the Tank Destroyers have written as a result of their experiences in combat, a record clearly proving that the TD's have done the job expected of them. As to the Tank Destroyer Center it was General McNair's opinion that if it had done nothing more than develop this reservation with its present day training facilities at Camp Hood it had accomplished a very important task. In citing its accomplishments TDC was given credit for changing the thinking of the military in respect to German armor from a feeling of worry to a feeling of aggressive action.

He remarked on the gradual recognition by the public that infantry was to remain the fundamental arm in this war as in all others, that upon the Infantry rests the responsibility for the final decision, that air power and other arms and in many operations, naval power, all must work together to gain this decision, but that all are employed to enable the Infantry to obtain its objectives.

The General further stated that the infantryman has the primary task, he needs good training and good leadership to be properly fit so that he can accomplish that task without undue cost.



THIS MODEL PONTOON BRIDGE, actually floating in water, provides an interesting study for soldiers now in training at Camp Hood who may use a similar bridge when they reach the combat zone.

Replica Of Pontoon Bridge Used On All Battlefronts at TD Museum

Veterans of all branches of the service returning from the battlefronts praise the work of the combat engineers, the men who even get up in front of the infantry at times to repair shattered lines of communications.

One of the mainstays of the engineers is the pontoon bridge, a device that can be thrown hurriedly over streams to provide expedient crossings for foot troops and mechanized units.

An exact replica of one of these pontoon bridges, complete in every detail, even to a stream, is providing one of the chief points of interest in the Tank Destroyer Museum in Classroom 19 on Park avenue near 25th street.

The bridge is just one of the devices men now in training will use in battle that have recently been placed in the museum.

Unlike the usual run of staid, dull museums in other fields, the Tank Destroyer Museum is a living, working unit that is playing an important role in the training of combat soldiers.

Officers in IRTC at Camp Hood are finding the museum an easily accessible source of training material. Almost daily infantry and tank destroyer officers visit the museum to study foreign equipment as a part of their preparation for classes.

Mud No Obstacle

Neither wind, nor rain, nor the snow shall stop.....nor any amount of MUD. Companies "A," "B" and "C", 784th Tank Bn., hit the infiltration course last Wednesday night after a short lull in the deluge. They came through intact but skimmed off the top layer of an acre of mud. The down-pour started again after midnight, and Headquarters, "D", and Service Companies, victims for Thursday, requisitioned the Ark but the S-4 has had other things on his mind and could only offer a set of oars.

Pvt. Orville Thomas and Miss Florence Mae Ratcliff, Loganport, Ind. were united in rites at the First Methodist church in Belton, Sunday, 14 May. They are also living in Belton.

M-Sgt. Edward S. Barrett, Sgt. Major in the IRTC Hdq. Commandant office was married Sunday 14 May to Miss Charlotte Mendenhall, Columbus, O. The couple were married at the Seventh Street Methodist church in Temple and spent a short honeymoon in that city.

Pfc. Shirley E. Ladda, WAC, 1848 WAC Det., Pekin, Illinois, to 1st-Sgt. Carl H. Raab, Jr., 564th Ord. Bn. Co., Fond du Lac, Wis.



Entertainment
162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters
Sat.—Cobra Woman.
Sun.—Mon.—Two Girls and a Sailor.
Tues.—Slightly Terrific and Silent.
Wed.—Thur.—Make Your Own Bed.
Fri.—The Man from Frisco.
Hood Rd. and 24th St. Theaters
Sat.—Slightly Terrific and Silent.
Partner.
Sun.—Mon.—The Hitler Gang.
Tues.—Three Men in White.
Wed.—Cobra Woman.
Thurs.—Fri.—Two Girls and a Sailor.
Brigade Ave. and 72nd St. Theaters
Sun.—Three Men in White.
Mon.—Cobra Woman.
Tues.—Wed.—Two Girls and a Sailor.
Thur.—The Black Parachute & Follow the Leader.
Fri.—Sat.—Make Your Own Bed.
Ave. D & 24th St. Theaters
Sat.—Address Unknown.

Sun.—Mon.—The Story of Dr. Wasell.
Tues.—The Black Parachute & Follow the Leader.
Wed.—Thurs.—The Hitler Gang.
Fri.—Three Men in White.
18th St. Theater
Sun.—Bermuda Mystery.
Mon.—Address Unknown.
Tues.—Wed.—The Story of Dr. Wasell.
Thurs.—Yellow Rose of Texas.
Fri.—Sat.—The Hitler Gang.
4th and 10th St. Theaters
Sat.—The Black Parachute & Follow the Leader.
Sun.—Mon.—Gaslight.
Tues.—Bermuda Mystery.
Wed.—Address Unknown.
Thurs.—Fri.—The Story of Dr. Wasell.

Ambition Puts U. S. Atop Gen. Says

Pointing out that the ambition of Americans to excel in everything they undertake makes the American an outstanding soldier, Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, Commanding General of the IRTC, called upon new IRTC trainees to apply this spirit to their training as he officially welcomed new men in a ceremony at the Field House last Saturday morning.

The ceremony was the fourth in a series designed to acquaint incoming trainees with top officers of the IRTC to hear from them the duties that lay ahead and to become familiarized with services offered for the convenience of men at Camp Hood.

Gen. Bresnahan told the new trainees that dependances were being placed on their desire to gain every bit of information possible from the instruction given them in their training here.

He declared that there was nothing taught here that wouldn't prove valuable on the field of battle. The enemy is well-equipped and well-trained, he said, but whatever he throws against us we have something better to meet it. The rest depends on the soldier who must be able to use his weapons properly and attain alertness to the highest degree. Full cooperation on the part of the soldier during his training is the chief factor in his success against the enemy, Gen. Bresnahan emphasized.

66 Experts In Firing Test

Undergoing their first test in actual firing of the M-1 rifle, two groups of IRTC trainees displayed accurate shooting eyes last week in spite of the adverse weather conditions.

The 150th Bn. of the 91st Regt., riddled the targets at the North Camp Hood range and 35 men earned their medals as experts in marksmen with scores of 180 or better out of possible 210. Leading experts were Pvts. Vergil T. Millhollen, Co. B., and Vernon O. Halford, Co. D. tied for top honors with 188. They were closely pressed by Pvts. Douglas O. Brooks and Stephan B. Canon, Jr., two Co. B men who scored 187, and Pvts. William A. Griffin, Co. B., Victor M. Casarez, Herbert M. Williams, the latter two from Co. C., who scored 186.

With the lowest qualifying score set at 140, Co. A had 91.8 per cent of it's men qualified; Co. B, 94.2 per cent; Co. C, 93.66 per cent and Co. D, 93.2 per cent.

Firing on the Pilot Knob range, Co.'s A and B of the 146th Bn., 90th Regt., came through the test with 31 experts. Leading the Co. A men were Pvts. Richard E. McCall, 191, Albert G. Anderson, 189, Richard W. Wilcox, 189 Harry K. Pound, 188, Clifford J. Hamby and Bob H. Trojacek, both with 188. Pvt. Thermon E. Etheridge led Co. B. with 188. Co. A qualified 88.04 per cent; Co. B., 91 per cent.

As Mark Twain Said . . .

The following buckslip was received Monday by the Public Relations Office of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood from Col. Christian Hildebrand, TDRTC exec:

"Subject—Rain.
"Repeated weekend rains might well merit mention in publicity. "These Gov't. rains are hard on morale. The weather is clear until the weekend, when G I Joe has his open time. Then it rains.
"In Texas, no use praying for rain unless the wind is from the East.

"It seems that Mars, the God of war, and Jupiter Pluvius, the God of rain, got together. Mars wanted training, J. P. wanted rain, so they made a bargain. It rains on Saturday or Sunday or both.

"A good rumor regarding dry weather next weekend would be entertained enthusiastically. C.H."

USO-Camp Shows



Three Rays

"Step Lively," big USO Camp Show, opening at Camp Hood May 26th for a five-day run will bring one of the best cast of entertainers ever assembled for a USO unit.

The Three Rays, acrobatic knockabout act, have appeared in England, Miami, also with such well known orchestras as Shep Fields, Tommy Tucker and Vaughan Monroe.

Roberta Ramon, recently with the Ballet of Radio City Music Hall, appeared as feature dance soloist in the Broadway musical revue, "All In Fun."

Sam Hearn, better known as the famed "Schleggerman," who created his dialect character on the Jack Benny program, recently completed a tour of camps in the

United States and Canada with the entire Jack Benny company.

Then there are Stan Kavanagh, juggler, who has staged shows less than a mile from the fighting fronts in the Southwest Pacific; the Three Blair Sisters, delightful swing vocal trio; and Joe Lane & Pearl Harper, comedy singing and talking act round out the gay doings of "Step Lively."

The following performances are slated: Fri. May 26th, 24th St. Rec. Hall, North Camp, 2 shows: 6:30 and 8:30. Sat. 21st St. Rec. Hall, 8:00 p. m. Monday May 29th, Central Rec. Hall, North Camp, 8:00 p. m. Tues. and Wed. May 30th and 31st, "Step Lively" will appear at South Camp Hood, performing at the Hood Road Theater at 8:30 p. m.

News Studied By Trainees

Fullest emphasis is being placed on orientation in the 92nd Regt., IRTC, as trainees of the Regiment evince great interest in this part of their training curriculum.

An orientation program is being carried out on a Battalion, Company and Platoon basis to meet the growing demand from the men.

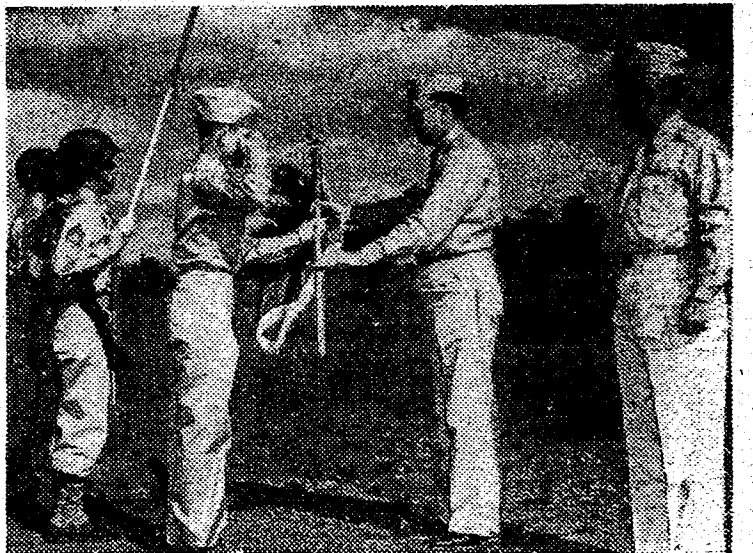
News is getting particular play in this program with daily discussions being held on events of the day. In addition there is an orientation corner in each company dayroom with a complete set up of daily news sheets, newspapers, newsmaps, general maps, books, pamphlets and other topical material prominently displayed. The orientation corners have been adequately furnished with

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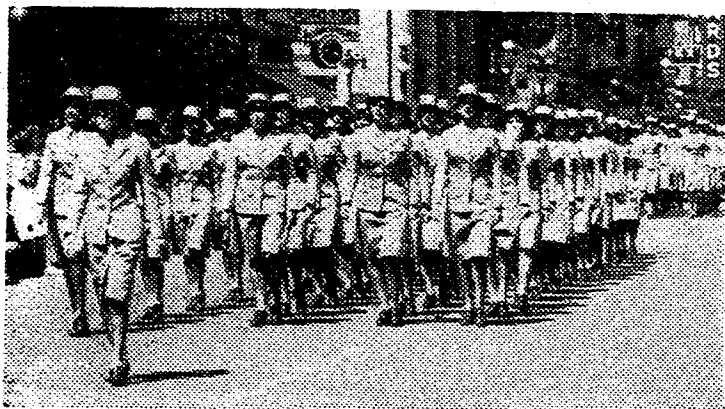
The June 6th issue of Pic Magazine carries the story of the Camp Hood Panther, "Uniformed Four Estate." By mistake the story is wrongly credited—all pictures were taken by Sgt. J. H. Chapman of the Camp Hood Army Signal Corps. The story was produced by Pvt. Wilfred Weiss of the Panther staff.

The magazine feature gives the background of getting out a newspaper, telling the story in pictures and brief text. The pictures were taken in the Panther's office in camp and the composing room of the Temple Telegram.

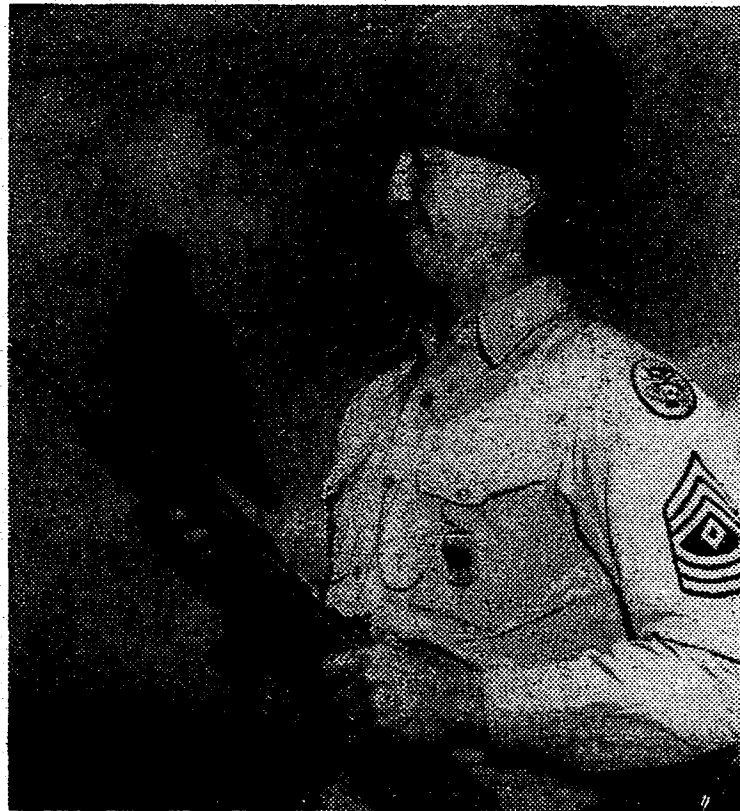
tables and chairs for the convenience of the trainees.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Brigadier General Jesmund D. Balmer, Commanding General of the 23rd Corps Artillery, presents the standard of the 529th FA Bn. to Major Lorenza D. Adams, commanding officer of the battalion, in ceremony, May 17th. Standing beside the general is Col. Louis C. Compton, CO of the 224th FA Group.



Lt. Josephine L. Maple, commanding officer of the station complement Wacs at North Camp Hood, leads her platoon of Wacs in the "WAC Day" parade held at Waco recently. Also in the parade were Wacs from the 1848 Unit at Camp Hood and the TDRTC and TDS.



Joe Crow figures no hunter can bag him if he perches on the gun, hence the pose above with 1st Sgt. Herman L. Lankford of Lubbock, Tex., topkick of Co. A, 139th Bn at the North Camp TDRTC. Joe is the latest of a series of pets Sergeant Lankford has trained during 12½ years in the Army, a collection which has included other crows and even a mongoose. The sergeant picked the fledgling crow up while in the field.

Weekly Record Program For Classic Lovers

"Long Hair" music enthusiasts are having their innings at Camp Hood with the start of a new program intended for everyone in Camp interested in classical music—symphonic, choral, operatic, chamber. The music is provided by means of records every Wednesday evening in the 37th Street Chapel.

Under the direction of 1st Lt. M. E. Grush, 160th Bn, 93rd Regt., IRTC, the second of these programs was held last evening and featured Beethoven's 7th Symphony, Mozart's 26th Piano Concerto and several other works

selected by the audience. The programs are designed to appeal to the longest hair listeners or those who are just learning to appreciate good music. The high fidelity phonograph in the Chapel assures fine reproduction.

The weekly musical sessions are sponsored by the 93rd Regt., IRTC and it is hoped that the outgrowth will be a classical music club that will gather each week for concerts which will include not only recorded music but also performances by talented enlisted musicians in Camp and concerts by artists from Austin, Dallas and other Texas music centers. This type of club has already proved highly successful at other posts, it sponsors point out.

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by Sansone

TD RTC Non-Coms Drill Nurses At Waco Hospital

Talk about your busman's holiday—Lt. Herbert J. Kitchenman and nine non-coms from Co. B 138th TDRTC Bn. really take one every Saturday morning in Waco.

Feeling a definite lack of opportunity to march and drill here at TDRTC the lieutenant and non-commissioned officers offered their services to the Cadet Nurses corps at Hillcrest and Providence Heights hospitals in Waco. The armed forces are asking the young women of America who are properly qualified to join the Cadet Nurse corps and don the snappy uniform they wear. Maybe it was the uniform that appealed to the drill-loving soldiers, but they gladly made the trip to Waco faithfully for four weeks.

Hours upon hours were spent teaching the young fledgling nurses the difference between a flanking movement and facing movement. The officer in charge and his able assistants taught the young women everything in the IDR.

Best Pinup Wins Phone Call For EM at Hospital

There's a pin-up girl in every soldier's heart and many are the pictures that portray this one and only. Portraits from tiny snapshots to the elaborate gilt-edged framed type will be found wherever you find a soldier. Station Hospital at Camp Hood is no exception, for there are practically as many pin-ups as there are beds. Last week the patients pooled their precious pictures for a Pin-Up Girl Contest. On large and beautifully decorated wall panels the pictures of female beauties from a few days to many years in age were pinned up. Wednesday afternoon the men gathered in the Red Cross Rec. Hall for the weekly Red Cross social and entertainment. Highlighting this particular party was the award of first prize to the soldier whose pin-up girl found greatest approval among the judges. In announcing the judges decision Lt. T. F. Ryerson, Hospital Adjutant, stated that greatest favorite of most soldiers is mother and that a mother was the subject of the winning photo. For his good judgment PFC Amos Beckley, Co. B, 158th Inf. Bn., was given the opportunity of calling Mom long distance at no charge. Runners-up were Cpl. Henry Trippe, Co. B, 771st F. A. and Pvt. Wm. D. Roderick, 293rd F. A. Obsv. Bn., second and third choice respectively. Second and third prize winners each received a carton of cigarettes.

The men were favored with delicious refreshments of cheeseballs, brownies and sherbet punch served with all the frills by ladies of the Temple Red Cross Canteen Corps.

Forums For 92nd Regt.

On the premise that men fight best when they know what they are fighting for, the 92nd Regt., IRTC has placed new interest in its orientation program by giving trainees on opportunity to hold forums in connection with orientation.

The men meet on a voluntary basis to discuss, talk, debate as to "Why the War Started", "Factors Causing the War", and "What Is Now Occurring On All War Fronts". A leader, with various orientation materials in his possession, conducts the discussions and many times enlisted men who have already had war experiences is called upon to talk on the lessons he learned in combat. Current news of the week is also fully reviewed by the discussion groups.

The meetings are conducted regularly, in dayrooms, on ranges, in the field, or wherever the trainees are located at the appointed period.

A week or so ago the Nurse corps paraded down Austin Avenue in Waco for their first and, supposedly, last dress review. But the instructors had done so well with their eager pupils that high ranking officers at North Camp heard of the accomplishment and decided that the work should continue.

Now Lt. Kitchenman, 1st Sgt. Joseph Papas, Sgt. Anthony Yerkic, Joseph Fortunato, Sgt. Wil-

liam Degnan, Sgt. Angelo Iannone, Sgt. Howard Snyder, Sgt. Tom Corley (Co. C, 138th), Cpl. Robert McManus, and Pfc. Taylor Higley, all of Co. B 138th Bn. are ordered to; "proceed to Waco, Texas and upon arrival there, conduct dismounted drill among the personnel of the Cadet Nurses corps, Hillcrest and Providence Heights hospitals each and every Saturday morning until noon."

And to make things harder for the instructors in their difficult tasks, the young ladies have already treated them to a couple of dinners and luncheons in Waco. There are only 175 young lassies in the corps . . . only 175.



Pfc. J. S. Baseline, Hdq. Btry, 547th F. A. Bn. and Miss Rex Gregory from Baylor University winners of the "Waltz Contest" at the Bluebonnet Formal Dance at North Camp Hood's Leon Drive Service Club are presented with their prizes by Miss Maggie Rose Earls, director of the Club. The dance was the first "formal" of the season and officially opened the club's new outdoor pavillion.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

The Gray Ladies from Lampasas often entertain the men at the Camp Hood Station Hospital, serving refreshments and performing a multiplicity of duties in the wards as these pictures show.

In the first picture above Mrs. Joe Bozart is seen discussing our favorite newspaper with Pvt. John L. Brozowski.

Below, present while books were being distributed among the patients, left to right: Mrs. R. K. Worthington, a patient Pvt. William D. Rodinick, Mrs. Joe Bozart, Anton A. Kirrickkon; and in the foreground, John O. Raby.

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Cover Them With Pretty Flowers

Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Deck them with garlands, those brothers of ours,
Lying so silent by night and by day,
Sleeping the years of their manhood away.
Give them the reed they have won in the past;
Give them the honors their future forecast;
Give them the chaplets they won in the strife;
Give them the laurels they lost with their life.

Cover the hearts that have beaten so high,
Beat with hopes that were doomed but to die;
Hearts that have burned in the heat of the fray;
Hearts that have yearned for the home far away.
Once they were glowing with friendship and love,
Now their great souls gone soaring above
Bravely their blood to the nation they gave,
Then in her bosom they found them a grave.

Cover the thousands who sleep far away,
Sleep where their friends cannot find them today,
They, who in mountain and hillside and dell,
Rest where they wearied, and lie where they fell.
Softly the grass blades creep round their repose;
Sweetly above them the wild flowret blows;
Zephyrs of freedom fly gently o'erhead,
Whispering prayers for the patriot dead.

When the long years have rolled slowly away,
E'en to the dawn of earth's funeral day;
When, at the angel's loud trumpet and tread,
Rise up the faces and forms of the dead,
When the great world its last judgment awaits;
When the blue sky shall fling open its gates,
And our long columns march silently through,
Past the Great Captain for final review.

By Will Carleton

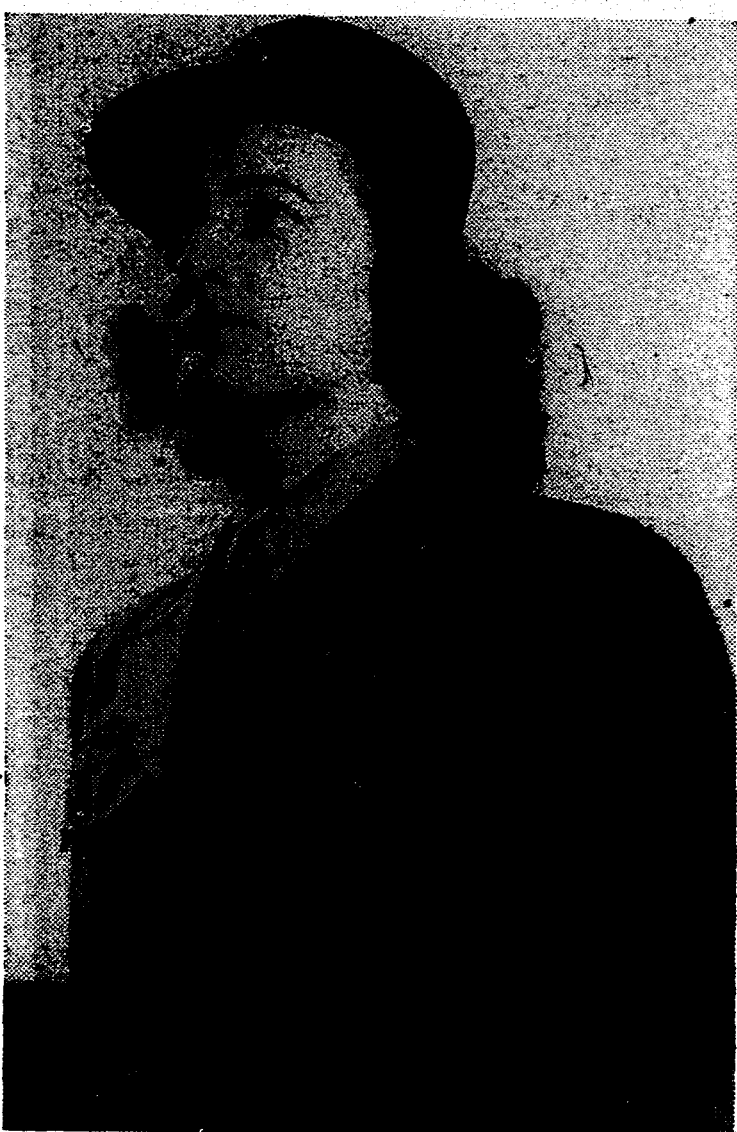
An abridgement of a Memorial Day poem used in our schools.

Ye Ed To Wed

The Panther learned today that Sgt. Robert Clemens, its editor, has announced his forthcoming marriage to Miss Irma Altman, recent New York University grad-

uate, and at present a reporter on the Temple Daily Telegram.

Miss Altman resides in Temple with her brother, Capt. Harold Altman, who is stationed at McCloskey Hospital.



SEEN ON BILLBOARDS: T-5 Anne C. Stedwell, who recently concluded her work of recruiting women into the WACs at the MGM booth in Times Square, and is now assigned the recruiting job at Grand Central Palace, N.Y., was selected by artists to be painted as "typical" WAC, with likeness to be distributed over nation in interest of WAC recruiting. Where does Camp Hood come in? Cpl. Stedwell is the wife of Lt. Hermon Stedwell, of TDRTC, North Camp.

Panther Poll

Question: As a training cadre-man what is your impression of IRTC trainees?



Cpl. Mansor Thomas, Co. B, 148th Bn, 90th Regt. IRTC:

If questions put to us by trainees are any indication of their prospects, these men are certainly making every effort to be well-informed, intelligent soldiers. Most of them are trying to get all they can out of their training, and they obey orders quickly.



Cpl. Edgar Turner, Co. B, 148th Bn, 90th Regt.:

Many of them are finding the transition from civilian status to military life not too easy a proposition. However, all are eager to learn and after five or six weeks I believe they'll be in the groove.



Sgt. A. A. Stubblefield, Co. B, 170th Bn, Regt. IRTC:

All in all these new IRTC trainees are a fine bunch of men in every respect. Their ingenuity is quite superior to any men I've ever handled. They are grasping their work rapidly and have advanced notably.



Pvt. Earl Ferquerson, Acting Corporal, Co. D, 151st Bn, 91st Regt., IRTC:

Teaching others in the army is rather a new game for me but one I am finding of great interest and enjoyment chiefly because the "pupils" are so eager to learn and catch on so quickly. The training program is pretty rugged but the men seem to take everything in a good mood.



Sgt. Lloyd McReynolds, Co. A, 176th Bn., 97th Regt. IRTC:

It's a revelation to see these new men, many of them taken away from their homes and families, dig in so conscientiously. The men under me have been here several weeks and I've seen them make outstanding progress.



Aerial Gunner Was In 36 Bombing Missions

I. A. L. R. Barnhill

Staff Sergeant Owen M. Tudor, top turret gunner on a B-25, considers himself lucky to be back, after being shot down over the Anzio beachhead on his 36th bombing mission from Italian and Sicilian bases.

Carrying himself unnaturally straight in a specially built brace at McCloskey Army General Hospital in Temple, Sergeant Tudor told how he bailed out of his plane at the dangerously low altitude of 1,000 feet, fell through a hail of German cannon and small arms fire, and landed on the Anzio perimeter.

Two members of the crew who managed to jump clear of the plane at 3,000 feet were carried behind the enemy lines and have not been heard from. The pilot and co-pilot rode the stricken ship down into the sea and were rescued, reports Sergeant Tudor.

A mild-mannered veteran who was reluctant to talk of his experiences in one of the hottest aerial combat theaters of the war, he said the first history-making raid on Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, was just a long, tiresome ride as far as he was concerned. "The flak was heavy over the target, but I didn't even get a chance to shoot my guns, except for a test burst." In like manner Sergeant Tudor passed over the mass bombing of Monastery Hill at Cassino in which he participated.

It was a different story on the morning of February 19, when he narrowly escaped from his shell-wracked bomber over Anzio.

Flak Heavy

"The flak was heavy and swarms of German fighters were waiting for us when we came in over the beachhead to bomb Jerry's supply dumps and bivouac area.

"First off a flak burst knocked out our left engine. That caused us to drop behind our formation where we were easy pickings for the German fighters. Three of them immediately pounced upon us with all guns blazing. One of the first bursts knocked out our pilot when a bullet creased the left side of his head and ripped the visor off his cap. Our tail surfaces were riddled and we began falling fast from 10,000 feet.

"I looked down beside me where I usually laid my detachable parachute. It wasn't there. About that time I was feeling pretty sick. I jumped out of the turret into the belly of the plane and began looking for my parachute.

"Already we were down to three or four thousand feet. The tail gunner and radio operator had jumped free of the plane. Then I saw my chute hanging on the wall. By the time I had fastened on my harness and cleared the plane, through my escape hatch, we were down to 1,000 feet and gaining speed. Already we had passed the two crew members who

were hanging below their spread chutes.

Under Heavy Fire

"German ground troops had been firing at us since we had dropped within small arms range. When I jumped they transferred their fire from the plane to me. Things were distinctly on the warm side, what with small arms fire and 20-mm cannon shells popping about me. Fragments from one 20-mm shell cut me up a little, but I was swinging so much those Jerries couldn't get a good bead on me.

"I hit the ground backwards and the shock of landing broke my back. For more than 30 minutes I lay there, paralyzed, unable to move. When I came to, I could see our troops in a stone house about 200 yards away. Farther away in the opposite direction I could hear German guns firing. I started crawling toward the house.

"As soon as I began to move, men in the house crawled out to help me back to their outpost. They were combat engineers who had been given rifles and ordered to hold a sector on the perimeter. For nine days they had been there, holding their positions and acting as "grandstand" coaches for our daily aerial dogfights. They said they cheered, yelled, moaned, and cursed as they sweated our pilots through battles with Jerry.

"First from Sicilian and then Italian bases we were continuously flying bombing missions in close support of ground troops. Often we would fly out of our way on return trips to drop low over our troops. Officers told us it helped the morale of the ground troops.

"Back at the hospital I was told that our plane was the only one lost in the operation over Anzio in which I was injured. Our two flights of 12 planes each knocked down six German ME 109 fighters.

Lucky, A Cat In A Coal Bin

"Lucky"? Indeed he is! Just two short months ago this fluffy black and white kitten, now mascot of the Wac Section, 1848th Unit, North Camp Hood, was a desolate little mite facing life from a coal bin at the North Camp Hood Stockade.

"Lucky"? Well, he's thanking his stars that he was born in a land where one of lowly birth can rise to splendid heights overnight. His success story is brief. Little Lucky was swept from coal bin to desk tray when one of the M. P. Officers took pity on him, brushed the coal dust from his glossy coat, and presented him to the girls of the 1848th Wac Section.

Each of the thirty eight Wacs in this unit fell in love with Lucky on sight. Sans ceremony he became mascot of the group. The girls democratically chose the name for their pet by drawing at random from the many names suggested. "Lucky" won over such descriptive monickers as Furlough, K. P., AWOL, and C. Q.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Distinguished visitors at North Camp Hood, Friday, May 17th were Mr. Daniel Upthegrove and party, received as personal guests of Col. Donald R. Dunkle, Executive Officer of North Camp Hood. Mr. Upthegrove, President of the St. Louis and Southwestern Railway Lines, was here to conduct a personal inspection of the Cotton Belt Branch Line which serves North Camp Hood.

Col. Dunkle and members of his staff: Capt. Robert A. Rogers, Capt. John L. Denson, and Lt. Robert A. Barr were breakfast guests of the visiting officials in Mr. Upthegrove's private railroad car.

Escorted by Col. Dunkle, the visitors enjoyed an instructive tour of the North Camp Hood cantonment area, and later witnessed an impressive display of firing by the 547th Field Artillery Bn.

Members of Mr. Upthegrove's party were Mr. F. W. Green, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. K. M. Post, General Superintendent; Mr. W. G. Hazlewood, Superintendent of the Texas Division; Mr. J. F. Montgomery, Assistant Superintendent of the Texas Division; and Dr. W. W. Cumberland.

FA Observation Battalion Activated, Training Here

The 293d F.A. Observation Battalion was activated at Camp Hood, Texas, March 15, 1944. It is a Field Artillery organization whose purpose is the location of enemy artillery and assisting in bringing friendly artillery to bear on their targets. This is accomplished with special equipment and employs two methods known as Flash Ranging and Sound Ranging.

Flash Ranging is achieved by observing the flash of a gun when firing with a telescope arranged to read angles in much the same way a surveyor measures angles. The angles held from three or more instruments are plotted to produce an intersection which discloses the location of the gun firing. This method is quite accurate, but depends entirely upon being able to see into enemy territory where their guns are firing. Results are effective day or night subject somewhat to the visibility afforded by the weather.

Sound Ranging depends upon the phenomenon of the passage of sound waves through the atmosphere. The sound of a gun firing is recorded by special microphones spaced at intervals across the front. The time the sound arrives at the microphone is then used for plotting rays which will intersect at the source of the sound. This method is not quite as accurate as the Flash Ranging, but complements it by working well in rainy, foggy weather and visibility of the target area is not required. The two methods together produce a great many targets for the medium and heavy artillery that the Observation Battalion is a part of and supports.

Survey Control to enable all the guns of the medium and heavy artillery, as well as the light, Division Artillery, is also furnished and carried forward by the battalion. Meteorological data for correction of artillery fire and for Sound Ranging is also obtained.

The history of organizations of this nature goes back to the World War I, however most of the battalions now in existence are relatively new. The 293rd is composed at present of officers from several older organizations and an enlisted cadre from the 288th F. A. Obsn. Bn., Fort Riley, Kansas. Battalions of this kind have already proved their worth in active theatres of operation, and as new theatres are opened the Observation Battalions will be used to an even greater extent.

received from Co B's officers and cadre, since none of the men had any previous experience with weapons.

Makes Good Record

Evidence of the superior training given the men in Co. B of the 138th Tank Destroyer Training Battalion came to the front last Friday when that company was out on the carbine range at North Camp.

A perfect record for qualification was racked up by 86 trainees, 2 cadre, and 6 officers of the company. Of the 86 trainees 11 qualified as experts, 30 as sharpshooters, and 45 as marksmen.

The trainees attribute their outstanding record to the instruction

Regimental Park Officially Opens At North Camp

The annual opening of the Fifth Regiment Recreation Park was celebrated on Monday evening, May 15, by officers of the regiment, with Brig. Gen. A. O. Gorder, Commanding General of the TDRC, Col. D. G. Dunkel, North Camp Executive, Col. H. B. Margeson, Commanding Second Regiment, and Col. Earl W. Bacon, Commanding Fourth Regiment as the principal guests.

The park, located behind the regimental BOQ, is one of the few grassy and shady spots in camp. Overlooking a broad valley, enjoying a breeze if there is one, the park is used by officers during the week and is made available to enlisted men and their guests on Wednesdays and weekends.

Program by Wacs At Gatesville

A group of WACs from the WAC Section, 1848th Unit, North Camp Hood, presented a program at a meeting of the Enlisted Men's Wives Club at the Gatesville USO recently.

Cpl. Catherine Higgins, Cpl. Doris Young and PFC Sally McCaffery modeled the new WAC uniforms, displaying the smartly tailored lines and trim styling of the new WAC attire.

Sgt. Patricia Duke, guest speaker, gave a vivid portrayal of life in the WACs. Dwelling briefly on duties and recreation, Sgt. Duke told the inside story of how the girls get along. She showed how they learn tolerance and understanding by sharing material things, troubles and joy with others. She explained that the girls are cemented in friendship by a common bond, the knowledge that there is a job to be done and the firm determination to let no selfish whim destroy that purpose.

The WACs of this unit have chosen as their motto a phrase which lends new meaning to the familiar abbreviation—WAC. To the girls of the 1848th Unit, WAC means, "Work And Conquer."

Army Wives In Killeen Meeting

Mrs. W. R. Nichols, wife of Brig. Gen. W. R. Nichols, commanding general of Camp Hood, met with a group of Army wives at the club house in Killeen, last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Nichols discussed the activities of the camp Personal Affairs Office and pointed out numerous ways in which the women might be of assistance. The need for more volunteer Red Cross workers was also discussed by Mrs. Nichols with emphasis on such activities as Canteen Corps, Motor Corps, Gray Ladies and Nurses Aides.

Most of the afternoon was devoted to wrapping surgical bandages. Any Army wife who would like to devote some of her time to personal affairs activities or Red Cross work is invited to contact Mrs. Nichols by calling Camp Hood, 669, and leaving names, address and telephone number.

659th Has Party

The 659th Tank Destroyer Battalion, under the command of Lt. Col. Donald McGrayne, celebrated the First Anniversary of the outfit at a Battalion Party, held May 17th at the 21st Street Recreation Hall, North Camp Hood.

The Battalion's own swing band wrote success to the evening's entertainment with their renditions of hot, sweet, and swing music.

The Tank Destroyer motif was carried out in the decorations, with orange and black streamers. A buffet supper was available throughout the evening

Audience Gives Approval To First Big Camp Show

The cast of "Spring Fever," Camp Hood's first big soldier show, took its final curtain call last Thursday night to the applause of a loudly enthusiastic audience. The critics who count, the GI audience dubbed it successful.

From south camp the show will move on to north camp, to McCloskey Hospital, and a special performance for the Lions' Club in Temple.

The show was smooth paced with rhythm and humor. For contrast there was the suave dancing of the Wac contribution to the show and the elephantine "ballet" of a bunch of Joes who needed a shave.

SSO Production

The musical part got a good start with the singing of Lt. John L. Slezinger, of the Post Special Service Office, who produced and directed the show, and Pfc. Shirley Ladda.

Another kind of singing, good for a sackful of belly laughs, was the burlesquing of records by Lt. Woody Romoff. Lt. Romoff, incidentally, received telegrams from Lawrence Tibbett and Gladys Swarthout just before the opening, giving him permission to use their records.

S-Sgt. Sid Katz, TDS, one of the camp's favorite comics, barged through a variety of sadfaced routines, assisted by straightman Robert Bettincourt, 662nd TD Bn., which gave the audience a shot in the laugh nerve.

WAC Note

Pvt. Don Cline, Signal Corps, did a fugitive from a minstrel show act on the banjo. Cpl. Edward T. Ballard, IRTC, with his Mrs. Pettybone really tossed 'em in the aisles.

There was a touch of glamor in the chorus line, composed of Wacs—Pvt. Betty Lilly, Pvt. Norma Trammell, Cpl. Louise Yokum, and Pvt. Avonne Markwart, escorted by Pvt. Joe Passiatore, TDC, and Lt. Slezinger.

Pfc. Billy Reeves, 662nd TD Bn., was MC of the show, and tapped out a couple of show stoppers. For a novelty act there was Pvt. Art Mee's one-man

band—he also designed the costumes. Also on the list of what made the show good was the deadpan comedy of Pvt. Frank Ferra, IRTC.

Dressing up the show was the smart scenery and makeup—a good job done by Pvt. Selwyn Kagan and Pvt. Marnie E. Miller, of the Station Hospital.

From North Camp

The north camp contribution came from Lt. Larry Knopp, vocalist, Lt. Roy Ross, whose dancing proved his professional status, and the comic antics of Sgt. George Hall.

The serious musical note was struck by Cpl. Howard Schuman, IRTC, violin soloist, and the only civilian in the cast, the wife of a soldier, Mrs. Fred Smith, whose singing has won a national Hour of Charm contest.

The next show on the Special Service Office's agenda, has been announced by Lt. Slezinger as a minstrel. Casting for this will get under way shortly. All types of talent will be needed. Anybody interested may contact Lt. Slezinger by calling 2669, or writing to him at the Special Service Office, Camp Hood.

Small World Dept --NC Division

Sgt. Patricia Duke has been acting 1st Sgt. of her unit for almost 13 months and has learned to issue a mean order. Pvt. Clayton Duke on the other hand. Her brother is a fresh trainee subject to all the hardships a yard bird must bear.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Mrs. Billy E. McPherson of Belton, Saturday received the Silver Star, awarded posthumously to her husband, Cpl. John D. McPherson, from Brig. Gen. W. R. Nichols, commanding general of Camp Hood. The award was made at the review of troops of the 1848 Service Unit by General Nichols.

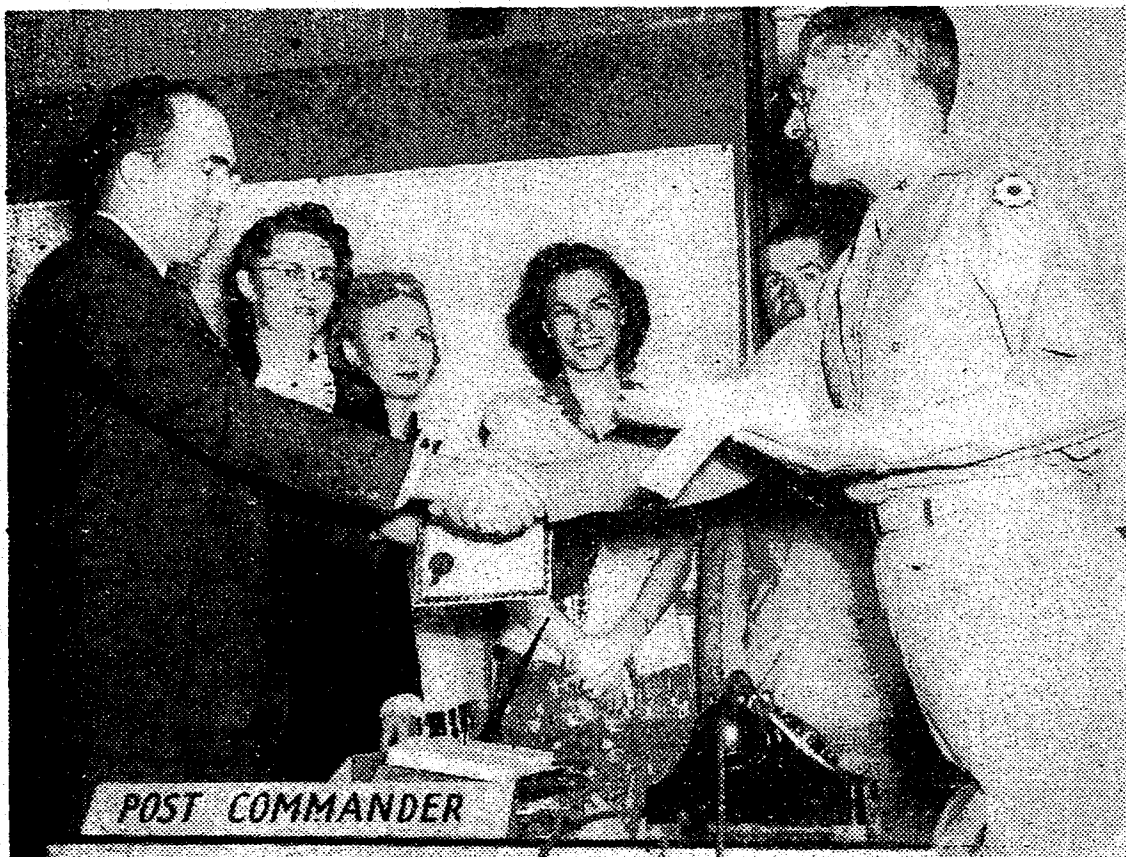
The citation stated that the award was given "For gallantry in action on 9 December 1943, in . . . Italy. On the morning after . . . was taken by our forces, the safety of the

1st Battalion was threatened by the enemy who tried to overrun our positions. Corporal McPherson observed the enemy trying to scale the lofty heights. Alerting his company, he moved forward from rock to rock in order to secure better observation, working his way cautiously to within eight yards of an enemy rifleman to his left.

"Corporal McPherson threw two hand grenades, wounding the enemy. He observed two more of the enemy crawling up the hill to his

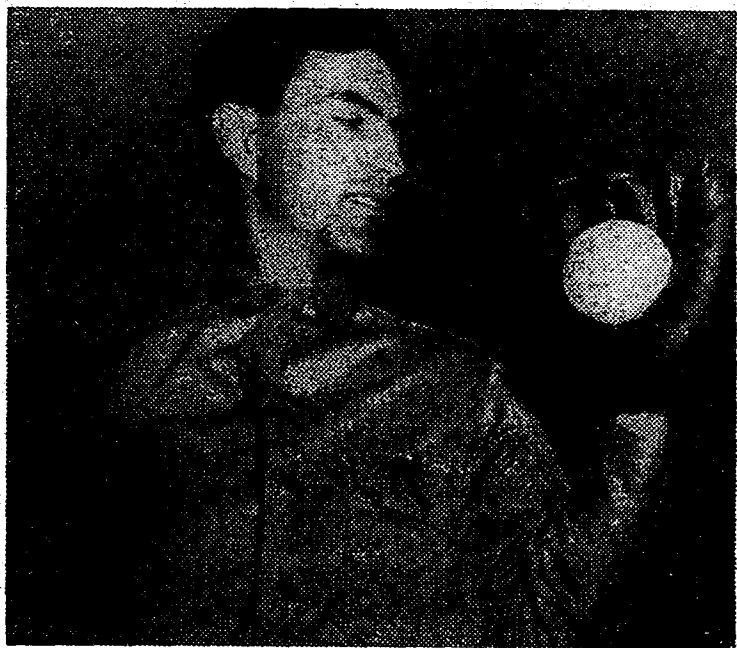
right. His rifle fire upon them was so accurate that they were forced to surrender. On the next day, while standing his post during a heavy artillery barrage, he was killed by a direct hit.

"Corporal McPherson's courage, calmness under fire and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed the deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."



Cpl. Franklin Folger, TDS

AWARDS: Under employment suggestion plan, among those receiving civilian employees certificates of award recently, from Camp Hood's commanding general, were: l to r Mr. William W. Sellers, Jr., Mrs. Edna L. Roming, Miss Myrtle L. Morgan, Miss Johnny Emerson, Mr. Robert Reynolds, Brigadier General W. R. Nichols, right, making presentations.



"STRIKE THREE, YUR OUT" that's a familiar phrase when Cpl. Frank Giordano assumes his duties on the pitcher's mound. Pitching for the Hdq. Co. No. 1, IRTC, softball team, Giordano has registered 87 strikeouts in seven games at Camp Hood, and was out to reach the 100 mark against the Station Hospital last night. His average is 12.4 strikeouts per game. When not setting records on the mound, Cpl. Giordano keeps Army records in the IRTC Payroll and Record Section.



It's a worthwhile investment, agrees Pvt. Donnis Turner left, and Denver L. Sander, right, as they admire their First Aid packets, part of the many items of equipment that can be furnished through War Bond purchases. Shortly after their induction into the Army the two soldiers did their part to assure an adequate supply of such vital equipment. Pvt. Turner bought \$2600 worth of War Bonds and Pvt. Sander, \$1,000 in War Bonds.

IRTC Roundup Spotlight Odd Names, Moonlight And Crooners

Odd names, moonlight marches, target busting, and a variety of other items come in for brief glimpses as the news spotlight is turned on activities and personalities throughout the IRTC.

Sympathy should be extended to platoon Sergeants in Co. C., 147th Bn, 90th Regt. who must contend with duplication in names among the trainees under them. One platoon has five Smiths, a pair of twins and three brothers to confuse the poor cademen. The company also boasts two Russells, two Morris

boys, two Hughes, two Fry's, two Bennets, two Cunninghams, two Daniels, two Campbells and a couple of Dial's. "Kitchen" is a leading candidate for K.P. duty, "Jump" leads the reveille and retreat dash for formation; "Bull" leads the best critique sessions with See, Blue, and Henry C. Kaiser sharing prominence on the oddity list. To add to the confusion are such names as Akramavice, Eka, Renchehauser, Kukulka.

Army beds reached a new high in popularity early the other morning as trainees of Co. B, 154th Bn. returned from their first night march. Heavily laden with full field packs, web belt and rifles the company trekked over hills and rough, wooded terrain on a seemingly endless hike. The

Graduation For 129th Outdoors

The 129th TD Tng Bn. had its outdoor graduation exercises Friday afternoon, 12 May 1944, in the field.

There were games in which officers and men of the 129th participated. Prizes for the winning teams (in volley ball, softball, boxing matches, etc.) were theatre coupon books.

Cadre and trainee softball teams played against officer teams and a keen competitive spirit prevailed throughout the afternoon.

The kitchen staff had barbecue pits going full blast with quarters of beef roasting on spits over charcoal fires. Close to 450 pounds of barbecued beef were consumed.

A complete radio show was put on over the PA system and there was no lack of entertainment. The "Happy Mountain Boys," led by T-Sgt. Pedino almost caused a riot with their rendition of "Brown Ferry Blues." When parched throats became too dry for singing the phonograph was connected to the PA system.

Trainees were never graduated from any training cycle with less pomp and ceremony and more fun than this one.

Wac Sees It Through

Pfc. Marjorie Clark, Wac Section, 1848th Unit, North Camp Hood has recently completed a three month X-ray course at the Army Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Civilian Employees Receive Awards From Gen. Nichols

Under the Employment Suggestion Plan, sponsored by the War Dept., eight civilian employees at Camp Hood have been awarded Certificates of Award by Camp Hood's Commanding General, Brigadier General W. R. Nichols. In the ceremony that took place May 16th. General Nichols congratulated those present and voiced his desire that the number receiving awards at this time be doubled in ensuing months. Depending on the value of the suggestion the cash awards were given for employees' suggestions which have had a

very tangible effect on increasing efficiency in various departments and offering economies which will tend to bring us closer to the day of victory. Names of persons receiving awards, their suggestions and amount of check are as follows: Mrs. Edna L. Roming, new efficiencies in QM clerical dept., \$10.00; Mr. Ira O. Pace, Hood Village victory garden, \$10.00 and machine for straightening bumpers \$50.00; Mrs. Dorothy H. McAlexander, improved procedure in posting Stock Record Cards, \$10.00; Miss Johnny Emerson, correcting Stock Records and Memo Receipts, \$10.00; Robert

Reynolds, shortening routes to and from work, \$5.00; William W. Sellers, Jr., filing improvements, \$50.00; Miss Myrtle L. Morgan, improved ventilation, \$5.00.

These awards were approved recently by the suggestion committee and forwarded to higher headquarters for final approval. The Camp Hood Suggestion Committee, composed of Capt. R. E. Griffin, Marvin W. Lovell Jr. and T. C. Williams, selects suggestions for approval from sub-committees representing all departments. At a recent meeting the committee announced that several new suggestion boxes have been constructed and placed at strategic points throughout the camp. It is urged that all employees be ever on the look-out for new and improved methods to increase efficiency. It will be the continued custom of the camp to give cash awards to those whose suggestions meet with approval. All suggestions should be mailed to Mr. T. C. Williams, Post Personnel, chairman of the suggestion committee.

The Certificate of Award carries the seal of the Service Command Suggestion System, which embodies the thanks of the Commanding General of the Eighth Service Command. It is indeed an award to be coveted by all who qualify and will serve as tangible evidence of a real and lasting contribution to victory.

men were thankful that the moon provided some illumination as they pitched and struck tents. After a few minutes they were repacked and moving along on the long, weary trek back to camp. Shoulders and feet aching they eagerly watched for sight of camp. Reaching their beds they made the final move in double time.

There was little waving of "Maggie's Drawers" when Co. C, 146th Bn, 90th Regt. went through its paces on the target range recently. "Maggie's Drawers" as many know, is the red flag waved when the target is missed. About the only difficulty encountered on the range was the reluctance of men to leave the firing line after completing the required number of shots. One ambitious trainee after firing on his target, moved down the line and began to pelt away at another target. Before he was finally halted he had fired six qualifying courses and was ready for more. He might have fired at

every target had he been able to obtain sufficient ammunition. The trainees made many complimentary remarks about the M-1 rifle after their experience in firing this valuable weapon.

Co. D, 147th Bn, 90th Regt., men hesitated by the Mess Hall the other day and wondered if Crosby and Sinatra had been taken into the Army and were on K.P. duty. They found, however, that the harmony holding them spellbound was being produced by three members of the Mess personnel: Pfc. Louis Fisher, Pfc. Dolby F. Ward, and Pfc. Carl E. McGill. The listeners claim the music was so good that they will give up listening to the famous crooners.

SWEET SIXTEEN



Now 16, Shirley Temple is becoming one of our most popular pin-up gals. Shirley plays the role of Claudette Colbert's daughter and Jennifer Jones' sister in David O. Selznick's new production, "Since You Went Away" released by United Artists.

Words Without Music

JIMMY McHUGH, who has turned out something better than 120 songs for B'way and H'wood, has written a new one—"I'm Euying A Bond For My Baby," for the Fifth War Loan Drive . . . Variety reports the Treasury being opposed to any cut in 30 per cent night club tax . . . GEORGE ADE, dubbed by ROBT. BENCHLEY the funniest of all humorists, died at his Brook, Ind., home . . . H'WOOD VARIETY says that another sponsor is flirting with

HE'S NO DUMMY!



W. WINCHELL, offering twice his current \$5,000 fee . . . T. DORSEY rumored to fill summer Bandwagon spot.

JACK HOINS, CBS, recites ED SULLIVAN as having had a touch of Texas and telling the following: A Texas officer in Russia let-tured his men, "Our job is to promote good will. Be friendly with the natives. If they say Russia's bigger than Texas, AGREE with them!"

KENNY BAKER replaces GROUCHO MARK for the summer. . . . CHESTER MORRIS filling with a summer "Boston Blackie" series — AMOS AND ANDY . . . Pat De Cicco Vanderbilt, tagged by LEE MORTIMER of the NY Daily Mirror as "assistant Wolf," was dubbed "dead pigeon" by RADIE HARRIS in Variety when clipped by a Tex-an who resented ex-gigolo's antics . . . GLEN MILLER, a major as of July 1st . . . if anybody cares, PAULETTE GODDARD married to BURGESS MEREDITH . . . "Vacation Serenade," with WIL-FRED PELLETIER, Met. Opera Conductor, and ROSE BAMPTON, Met Soprano, repeats as summer filler for "Information Please." "Charlie Chan" will be summer stand-in for BURNS AND ALLEN . . . MARLENE DIETRICH on the Italian Front . . . C.

Cadremen Join To Form IRTC Non-Coms' Club

Initial steps towards formation of an NCO Club in the IRTC have been taken and plans are being made to get the club underway in the near future, it has been revealed by a group of cadremen who have joined together to lead the movement for the organization.

The group, consisting of one chevron wearer from each IRTC Regiment and Headquarters Company, are preparing plans and by-laws to submit for the approval of Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, Commanding General of the IRTC.

A drive for membership and selection of a site for the club will follow this approval, according to M-Sgt. Jay B. Finley, 91st Regt. Sergeant Major, who heads the organizers.

Plans for the club were started when it was determined that non-commissioned officers of the IRTC many of them members of similar organizations at previous stations, strongly desired such an organization here.

In the planning group are men who have taken an active part in NCO Clubs at other Camps, and the plans for the IRTC club are based on the former experiences of these men.

News of TDs Now In Italy

News that tank destroyer units are in the thick of the allied smash through the German Gustav line in Italy appeared in week end editions of newspapers throughout the country.

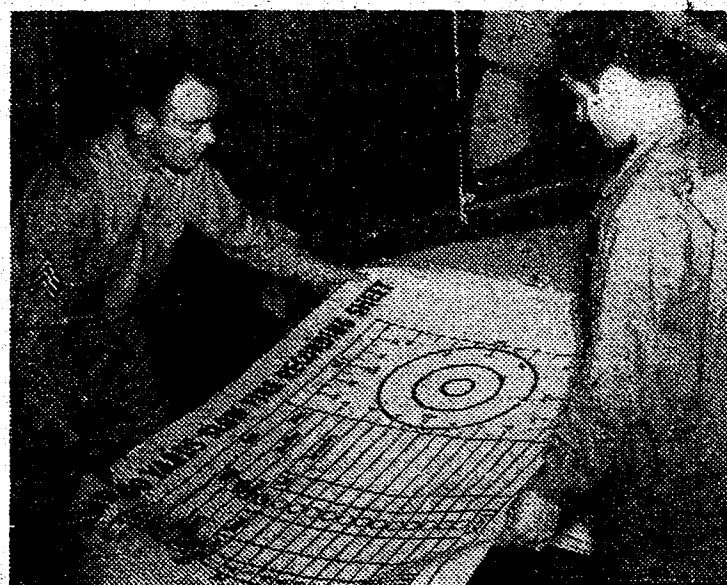
The news came in the form of an Associated Press wirephoto showing an M10 with a medium and light tank, and jeeps filling a road outside of Santa Maria Infanta, ready to move up in support of first elements of the Allied Fifth Army.

Tank Destroyer units landed at Salerno with the 36th and 45th divisions and fought northward in Italy to stalemate at Cassino. Other units made the leapfrog up to the Anzio beachhead where they have made an outstanding record in repulsing repeated German attacks on the Allied perimeter.

When the Allied forces from the south join with those on the Anzio beachhead, there'll be a happy reunion of tank destroyer units, towed and self-propelled that have been separated for several months.

GABLE sporting gold leaf on his uniform collar—currently editing an army film in Hollywood . . . GUY KIBBEE'S production of "The Old Soak" a hit on the road, heading for B'way.

GEORGE JESSEL'S first producing chore at 20th-Fox will be "M'selle Ginger" with GENE TIERNEY . . . Quiz Kid JOEL KUPPERMAN received \$2,000 a week to make a picture last summer, gets \$3,000 this summer, and according to his contract will get a \$1,000 raise each summer for the next two years.



Pictures Aid in IRTC's Program

It has often been said that one picture is worth a thousand words.

This has been found particularly true in training men in the Armed Services and it is with this idea that the IRTC at Camp Hood is making extensive use of visual training aids for the instruction of men learning to become well-informed soldiers.

These visual aids are popular both with instructors and trainees because they can be adapted to the teaching of a wide range of subjects with a large degree of effectiveness.

The story behind the preparation of these illustrations focuses attention on one of the busiest and skillful section of the IRTC—the Training Aids Section.

Manned by experienced artists this section in the IRTC produced the majority of the illustrations and graphs used in the IRTC. These artists apply their skill to producing training aid material on a large list of subjects ranging from detailed draw-

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photographs of weapons and their component parts, to less tactical subjects.

These charts are produced in the Training Aids Shop near 49th and Park Ave through the simple and speedy, Silk Screen process. In one day more than 800 charts can be completed by this method.

Another feature of the Training Aids Section is the carpenter shop which manufactures various working models, rifle boxes, function boards and a host of other items used in the training program.

96th Retains Award

Sadness prevailed in Co. B, 175th Bn, 96th Regt., IRTC, last week as it lost the IRTC'S BEST Mess plaque but received consolation from the fact that the award stayed within the 96th Regt. The new winner was Co. B, 174th Bn.

The competition between mess halls has been in effect for three weeks with companies holding the award on a weekly basis until some other company makes a better showing. Thus far the "Champions" have bowed to the challengers every week.



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT
Sunday, 9:00 A. M.
Chapel 2833, Bible Study, 76th & Bn.
9:30 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 53, 50th & Bn.
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn.
10:00 A. M.
Chapel 2806, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 218, Bible Study, 27th St.
Bible Study, Chapel 413, School West.
11:00 A. M.
Bible Study, Chapel 321, 37th St. East.

11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 4416, 268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 3425, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 2806, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 413, School Area.
Chapel 321, 37th St. East.
Chapel 218, 37th St. West.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq.
6:30 P. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 413, School Area.
Chapel 3425, 17th & Brig.
Chapel 321, 37th St. East.
Chapel 218, 37th St. West.
Chapel 2833, Lutheran, 70th & Bn.
7:30 P. M.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn.
Stockade, 2:00 p. m.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Episcopal.
Communion Sunday, 0800 & 1830.

COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 3406, 164th & Brig.
Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
Worship Service, 10:00 a. m.
786 Sd. Co. (Mess Hall), 9:00 a. m.
Chapel 3406, 6:30 p. m.

Weekday Services
Tuesday, Pre-Invasion Prayer Service, 1900.

In Every Chapel
Tuesday, Chapel 53, 1930.
Wednesday, Chapel 53 (Classic Mass Hr.), 1930-2100.
Wednesday, Chapel 4416, 1830.
Thursday, Post Chapel, 1930.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
Stockade, 7:30 a. m.
27th 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
a. m.
Chapel 2808, Wed, Thurs, Sat, 8:00
Chapel 218, Mon, Sat, 6:15 a. m.
Evening Weekday Mass
Chapel 2806, 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, 7:00 p. m.

CONFESSION
Saturday, as follows:
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 1500-1600.
Chapel 2806, 62nd & Bn., 1800-2100.
Chapel 218, 1500-1700 & 1830-2100.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Chapel 321, 37th St. East, Thurs, Sun., 2000.
Sunday, 0900.
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JEWISH
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Friday, 1930
Reform followed by Orthodox Service.
Shabbath (Yizkor) Service, Sunday, 28 May, 2000.

LATTER DAY SAINTS
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Sunday, 2000.

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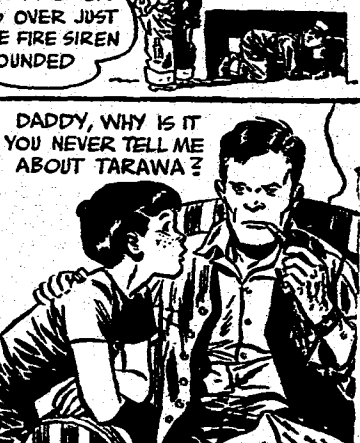
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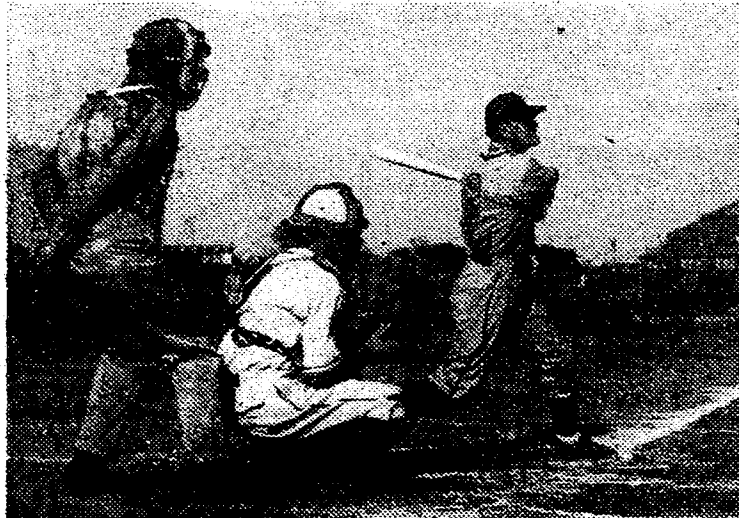


AND THE SECOND THING I'M GONNA DO IS GET INTO 'A PAIR OF LOOSE PANTS'



C. I. Geneva





Lt. Travis French, centerfielder for the TDRTC All-Stars, poles one out to the opposition fielders during a game with the Waco Army Airfield at North Camp. Behind the plate for the WAAF Wolves is Mike Popovich. Calling the balls and strikes is Pvt. Martin Shealar of Co C, 140th Bn, TDRTC, who was once affiliated with the Pacific Coast Conference.

TDRTC Loses Tough Game To Waco Army Air Field

The sound of wood against horsehide filled the air last Wednesday evening at North Camp when the TDRTC All Stars met the Waco Army Air Field Wolves in a nine inning baseball game on the All Stars' home diamond. A large crowd of interested sports fans gathered at the new park on the corner of 12th and Park streets to watch the RTC nine go down in defeat 8 to 4 after playing a splendid game of ball.

The All Stars took a one run lead in the second inning on a double by Wajick. The runner advanced to third base on an infield out and scored when Popovich, catcher for the Waco Army Air Field team, attempted to throw Armour out as he stole to second base.

In the third inning RTC increased to 4 to 0 their lead. This was done on a single by Harrison, a double by Cruces, a base on balls, and two fielders choices.

Waco came back in the fourth to score four runs and tie up the game. The Wolves accomplished this on a total of two hits after

Harrison had walked the first three men to face him.

In the sixth inning Waco scored two more runs on a base on balls, an error by RTC, and a triple by English. Waco scored their final two runs in the ninth on singles by English and Nelson and a hit batter.

The TDRTC All Stars are scheduled to play a return game with the Wolves soon. Other games on the ticket are Camps Wolters and Swift, McCloskey Hospital, Camp Bowie, and the 7-Up Bottlers of Austin. Games with Randolph and Kelly Fields are being worked on by the home team.

Games Wanted

Lt. I. Lewis, sports officer, Camp 4802 SU, S. Camp Hood, is seeking matches with softball teams to be played on the PW diamond. Transportation will be furnished if necessary. Telephone 2462.

The Lampasas Texas State Guard squad is also seeking night games at the Lampasas football field, under lights. John Whit Wheeler, Lampasas, Texas, manager, invites Camp Hood teams to write for night games for any evening except Monday.

Softball Challenge

128th TDTB undefeated softball team wishes to challenge any team of North Camp Hood. Any organization desiring a game call Special Service Officer, phone-3250 W.

Medics Win

The Camp Hood Medics from Station Hospital defeated the Lampasas civilian nine this week, 9-3. Cpl. Noles, Medics twirler, gave up only six hits and three passes.

Donliken, Unique Wac

T-4 Bessie V. Donliken, Wac Section, 1848th Unit, North Camp Hood, is the only Wac at Camp Hood who has received the special training which enables her to work in the Film Library of Visual Aids.

662nd TDs Get Nod Over IRTC

Pvt. Milford Ellerholtz, moundsman for the Co. A, 662nd T. D. softball team, was the big show last Wednesday evening as the TDs eked out a 3 to 2 victory over Hdq. Co. No. 1, IRTC.

Only two putouts were made in the field as Ellerholtz struck out nineteen of the 28 men who faced him and held the Headquarters outfit to three hits. Two of the opponents batters reached first base by walks and one hit. The losers got both of their runs in the first inning but were handcuffed the rest of the way. Ellerholtz struck out the side five times. Meanwhile his mates took advantage of wildness by Pitcher Frank Giordano and errors in the field to score their three runs.

Giordano lacked his usual effectiveness although he whiffed 12 men to run his season's total to 87. The Hdq. Co. pitching ace allowed seven hits. He kept these fairly well scattered but several wild pitches permitted runners to advance to scoring position. Sarver, catcher for the 662nd led the batting attack with three hits for a perfect night at the plate. "Yankee" Stringer got two of the Hdq. Co. three hits.

The two teams are planning a return game. Hdq. Co. No. 1, IRTC was scheduled to play the Station Hospital for the second time last night.

NC Station Hospital Wins

The N. Camp Hood Station Hospital softball team defeated TDRTC Hq. team 12-6 last Monday at the Hq. Co. diamond at N. Camp.

93rd Regt. Games

Softball rivalry got underway in the 93rd Regt. last Tuesday evening, 16 May, when Co. B, 158th Bn. trounced Co. D, 158th Bn, 13 to 7 in a free hitting contest.

The winners jumped to an early lead, scoring twice in the first inning and six more in the second. Numerous extra base hits were pounded out by the Co. B sluggers as they continued to pile up the score.

Co. D launched a big rally in the fifth with five runs but that was their only serious threat.

Track Star To Dallas

With an enviable college record behind him, Cpl Alfred Rush, clerk at the IRTC Motor Pool, will attempt to bring sports recognition to Camp Hood when he competes in the Southwestern A. A. U. track meet at Dallas tomorrow night.

Cpl Rush, 22, is entered in the high jumping event and should place high if his past record is a criterion of his jumping ability. He soared 6 feet three inches while representing Western Illinois Teacher's College in a dual meet last year and his average jump for 1943 was 6 feet 1 inch.

For four years he was an outstanding star in the Little Nineteen conference of Illinois, taking the title four years in a row. He also won first place two years in the Viking Olympics at Moline, Ill and placed in the Marquette Relays, one of the nation's top events. In addition he out-jumped all competitors at the Armour Relays in Chicago in 1940.

Before entering college, Cpl. Rush was a star performer at McComb, Ill., High School where he set four records in various meets.

An all-around athlete he has won medals in basketball, volleyball and boxing. On the track he has also performed well in hurdles and middle distance running. Last year he was timed at 51.5 in the 440.

His future is undecided between coaching or newspaper reporting. He worked his way through college as a reporter for the Peoria Journal Transcript.

SPORTS

Another week and another sports column. Sitting at our desk looking across the room at the ration board—the busiest office in camp these days, we spot Lt. George Stautz. And what do we see? The popular fight referee is now sporting an IRTC patch. This is a great boost for IRTC athletics. Lt. Stautz was referee of all the fight cards at the TDS amphitheater last season, of the Joe Louis fight program at the field house, of all the golden glove matches staged here—besides instructing novices in the manly art down at the TD School gym.

Sgt. Nick Grutis of the TD School drops by—fresh from his Detroit furlough. Although the Tigers were playing at home, Nick didn't get the urge to visit Briggs Stadium—not even once. Says he: "with the old faces gone, the roster of the club reads like a who's who of unknowns, and I just didn't get the feel of the club enough to claim it as mine. I was looking forward to enjoying our own TD team in action right here." Of course, the Tigers, new to Nick who was in town for just a week, by now have probably started to grow on the local gentry, and perhaps they, as permanent citizens have already adopted the present club as their own. Win, lose or draw, Detroit is a great sports town, and has turned up with some of the biggest gates in sports history, following the destinies of its baseball, hockey, and pro football teams.

Probably the highlight in the lineup of the St. Louis Cardinals, is the playing of Emil Verban, young second baseman. This boy is a second Joe Gordon, when it comes to fielding his territory. The only question is will he be able to hit major league pitching . . . For the St. Louis Browns, young Jack Kramer, who last year received a medical discharge from the Navy, and then finished out the season with Toledo in the American Association, has been helping to set the pitching pace in the American League. Nelson Potter and Steve Sundra have also been going great for Manager Luke Sewell.

Frances Laux, sports announcer extraordinary in the city of the Browns and Cardinals, is mailing "Sports Pointers" a little tab sheet of current sports news, to all who write to him at the Mart Building, St. Louis. Many overseas units and domestic special service men are receiving this very illuminating little paper.

Nelson Burton and Frank Mataya lost their bowling match game doubles championship of the world to Ruddy Pugel and Ned Day, but will be trying to win it back later on this month in Chicago. Burton, by the way is a former Dallasite, who at one time operated the Burton-Brentley Alleys there.

This column would like to be instrumental in bringing together the athletic offices of North Camp's TDRTC and the TD School, with the object of obtaining a meeting of the minds to form one strong Camp Hood team for outside competition. There is enough good talent on both teams to merge into a nine that would easily be the best ever developed at Hood, and could offer the finest college teams in the country all kinds of competition.

Lt. Barbara Price, WAC officer assigned to Morale Services (and so are we!) suggests a Wac tennis tourney. Sounds like a very fine idea. Given certain days when they could play on the four courts at TDS, the WACS might offer a tournament that would be interesting indeed—from the spectators' standpoint!

The TDS baseball team is in for a rough spell the next few days. Tomorrow, one of the best teams ever assembled in the service, the Waco Flyers come to Camp Hood, the game to be played on the 24th Street diamond at six p.m. This Saturday, the powerful Camp Bowie team plays TDS here—same diamond—at two thirty. On Sunday the Scholars trek to Austin for the return joust with the 7-Up nine, TDS having won the first game 3 to 0. Next Tuesday, the climax of this tough schedule will take place at Katy Field in Waco, in the night game with the Waco Flyers, likewise a return tilt, with the first pitch due to head toward the plate a eight sharp.

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HIGH BARRIERS DON'T BOTHER Cpl. ALFRED RUSH, IRTC Transportation Company. He uses them to keep in trim for his favorite form of athletics, high jumping. A former track star at Western Illinois Teacher's College, Cpl. Rush is entered as a high jumper in the Southwestern A.A.U. meet at Dallas tomorrow night.

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