

Italy Quits Unconditionally

Terms Signed Friday; Allies Still Fought

Eisenhower Reveals Italians Had Agreed To Surrender But Announcement Withheld Five Days For "Most Convenient Moment"

(Condensed from news service and radio reports by Panther Editors)

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today (Wednesday) announced the unconditional surrender of Italy in the greatest victory for allied arms in four years of war.

Gen. Eisenhower announced he had granted a military armistice—approved by Russia as well as Britain and the United States—to the Axis junior partner.

Italy Signed Friday

The truce actually was reached Friday at Allied advance headquarters in Sicily, the very day that British and Canadian troops swept across Messina Strait and invaded the Italian toe, but it was agreed, the announcement said, "That the armistice should come into force at a moment most favorable to the Allies."

What losses were suffered by the British and Canadian fighting men in their "token invasion" of Italy have not been revealed as yet.

Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio issued a proclamation saying the armistice had been requested and granted, and called on all Italian armed forces to "Cease all acts of hostility against Anglo-American forces wherever they may be met."

Badoglio instructed the Italians, however, to "oppose attacks from any other quarters,"—a warning that German attempts to interfere would be met by arms.

Nazis May Make Stand

It was not immediately clear whether the Nazis would agree to the surrender. It was possible that they would insist in making a fight for the northern region of Italy, without Italian help.

Badoglio ordered all units of the Italian fleet to desist from scuttling their ships, not to allow their capture, and to put in to the nearest Allied ports at once.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, both in Washington, had obviously known the news for some time, but from neither of the leaders was there immediate formal comment.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull likewise withheld a statement.

(News of Italy's surrender, first of the "big three" to fall, came to the office of the Temple Telegram where The Panther is printed Wednesday, in time to allow editors to obtain the complete story as released by news services in time for this week's edition. For further background details of this significant news, see HEADLINE REVIEW, page Seven.)



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

TD GETS NAVAL CITATION—Cpl. Harry F. Ruth, Jr., former crewman of the USS San Francisco, now a Tank Destroyer in the Recon Co. 660th Bn., UTC, reads the naval citation received from the President, surrounded by his interested buddies. From left, Pvt. E. R. Tudor, Pvt. S. Smith, Pvt. N. S. Owens, and Sgt. E. M. Treadway. Story below.

OC's Hear Col. Gregg

In an address before the 44th Officer Candidate Class graduating from the Tank Destroyer School Friday, Col. Clifford C. Gregg, G-1 of the TDC, told the new lieutenants that "An officer must dedicate himself with a singleness of purpose . . . and must except nothing short of a complete and perfect performance . . . in every act called for in your work."

Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, commandant of the TD School presented commissions to the new officers, former ROTC and enlisted men. The Tank Destroyer Band played for the graduates and the audience of relatives and friends.

All Co. A, 668th Bn. Scores On Machine Gun

Company "A" 668th Bn., UTC, completed its 30 cal. Machine Gun firing on the North Camp range this week. When everyone had finished firing it was discovered that the whole company had qualified.

Especially excellent records were made by Pvt. William Duff, with 127 out of a possible 128; T-5 Maurice Babie, and Cpl. John A. Smith, with 126. Also, at least 19 men made 120 or better.

657th Claims High Scores On UTC Range

Members of the 657th Bn., UTC, have challenged the scores set by the 655th Bn. Recon. Co. as company record for UTC on the .45 cal. sub-machine gun range.

The 657th Claims to have bettered their 86 per cent score with two companies, Co. C making 89 percent and Co. A, 87 per cent.

In addition, three men qualified with perfect scores, three with 98 per cent and 14 with 96 per cent.

TD Soldier Gets Naval Citation

He's the only Tank Destroyer soldier with a naval citation. For outstanding performance in action against Japanese naval forces in the Solomons, Cpl. Harry F. Ruth, Jr., Reconnaissance Co. 660th Bn., UTC, a former naval officer, has just received this honor along with other members of the ship, from the President through Navy Secretary Frank Knox. From Mechanicsburg, Pa., he was a member of the USS San Francisco, which disabled an enemy battleship, sank one destroyer, and damaged two other enemy vessels during the historic naval battle off Savo Island on November 13, 1942.

Saw Japs Go Down
Ruth, who was released by the Navy shortly after the engagement, had his narrowest escape when an enemy bomber was blown up by anti-aircraft fire directly over the deck of the cruiser, killing 18 sailors and wounding several others. During the fight he had the gratifying experience of seeing several of the 28 Jap ships sunk in the action go down.

Aside from this engagement, a disaster for Tojo's tars, Ruth also saw plenty of anti-submarine work. The San Francisco was attacked many times by enemy subs, but was successful in evading them, he declares.

Ruth is also the proud wearer of the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater of Operations ribbons. He likes the TD's, but says it's plenty tough in the field compared to his comfortable accommodations on the big cruiser. He hopes to attend Officer Candidate School.

New Warrant Officer

W. O. Resnick, personnel officer of the 668th Bn., UTC was appointed to his new rank recently. Resnick, formerly a sergeant with UTC, lives in Los Angeles, Calif. He came into the Army in 1942 and had been with UTC since last April.

If You Can Write Here's Your Chance

Attention all writers! A contest is now open to you who have writing ability. Material must be of a comic nature only. Write if you can — blackouts (comedy scenes about 8 minutes in length), monologues and dialogues (no more than 10 minutes in length).

Two prizes are offered — 1st prize—\$3.00, 2nd prize — \$2.00. Contest closes Midnight, September, 30. All manuscripts are to be submitted to Lieutenant Slesinger at RTC Central Recreation Hall, 11th Street and Park Avenue, North Camp Hood. Decision of the judges will be final.

The winners will be announced in the Panther and the prize winning skits will be presented on a "Habber Daber Night" to be announced. Since the Special Service Officer reserves the right to the free performance of any or all of the material submitted, none of the manuscripts will be returned.

Father Of Girl

T-4 Jose Bento, Recon. Co., 663rd Bn., UTC, is the father of a six-pound girl born August 25.

Promotions Listed In 20th TD Group

Promotions were the order of the week in the 20th TD Group, UTC, with the following increases in rank announced effective Sept. 1:

T-4 Walter A. Randlett to T-3; T-5 Andrew Bellas, Robert Bulard and Salvador Mancilla to T-4; Pfc's. George A. Kappos, Robert J. Kohl, John C. McPeck, George Muzik, Anthony Ross and Bernard H. Yorkunas, and Privates Arthur J. Denoncourt, Charles L. Havaich, Walter Payne and Harold W. Phillips to T-5.

Variety Featured On RTC All-Star Show

RTC "Habber Daber Night" presented a top-notch, soldier variety show Monday, featuring that dancing 'Molio cocktail,' Pvt. Tom Mahoney, Company E, 129th Bn., RTC, the yodeling tank buster, Cpl. Joe Riccio, Hq. 667th Bn., Miss Jean Cates from the station hospital and other selected acts. Every Monday is "Habber Daber" Night" at Central Recreation Hall, 11th Street and Park Avenue, North Camp.

Col. Dunkle Gains Rank

Col. Donald R. Dunkle, executive officer of North Camp Hood, was promoted to his new rank from Lt. Col. effective Sept. 4, the War department has announced.

Identified with the North Camp from the start, Col. Dunkle worked through the construction which began last January. He watched the camp grow into the present complete cantonment area and on April 15 assumed his present post in North Camp Hood Hq., a part of the ASF.

Col. Dunkle marked 27 years of service as an Army officer Aug. 15, continuing a military career which started when he entered the regular Army in 1917 after graduating from Bucknell U. He attended the Cavalry School Training Officers Course in 1922 and again for advanced work in 1934.

Col. Dunkle's home is in Marfa, Texas.

O.D.D. NUMBERS

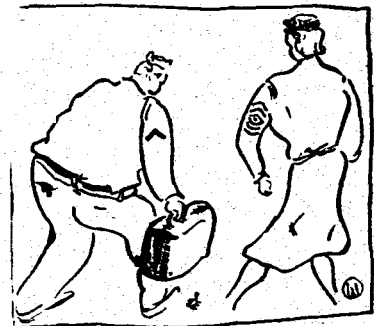
We aren't sure that the following communique shouldn't have been sent to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons instead of this nondescript office:

"1st Lt. Rodger H. Thorne was visited by the Stork Tuesday morning the 24th and was left a fine daughter as a going away present."

Albert, the office woodtick, remarks that the war sure has pressed wartime weekend guests to find suitable gifts.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau has his wartime troubles too—he just announced a shortage of \$10,000 bills. And Albert just called his favorite latrine lawyer to find out what the penalty for hoarding is.

Albert took a Creamer stage to Temple the other night where he appreciatively observed 1st Sgt. Margaret Munningham, WAC Hq. Det. RTC, returning from furlough—a couple of soldier friends (esprit de corps) in a fit of heat-born gallantry offered to carry her bag to the bus station. Albert swears he heard a shocked soldier mutter: "Them WACs sure learned to pull their rank."



Which reminds us, for no reason, of a discussion about the sudden, unpredictable, startling, unwarranted, unprecedented Texas weather, and the way it changes from broiling to freezing with the veering wind.

T-Sgt. Ivan Smith, who works for this paper, remarked absently: "This state doesn't even have weather of its own—it has to have it blown in."

Of course, it was said without malice, and to prove that we love Texas, we'd like to tell you about 1st Lt. Henry S. Chapman of the 135th Bn. RTC, who grabbed his helmet liner and hurried off about his business, pleased with the extra snappy salutes he received on the way.

The reason for the extra snap, he was embarrassed to discover when he took off the liner, was the glittering lieutenant colonel's leaf on it—he'd by mistake grabbed the topper belonging to Lt. Col. Edgar A. DeMuth.

Not accidental was a note of thanks we received from T-5 Richard A. Kahnweiler of the 635th Bn.—we published his thoughts on the German soldier recently, and S-Sgt. Hans Howard saw it and got in touch with him. It was a swell reunion; they hadn't seen each other since they left Cologne, Germany.

To end on a questionable note, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. informs us that married men live longer than single men. Sounds like propaganda.

Texas' Tornados' Play For Thursday Night Dance In Killeen USO

Music for the regular Thursday night dance at the USO in Killeen is furnished by the "Texas Tornados" of the 635th Bn. UTC, formerly known as "Sunshine Boys," in Arkansas, and "Golden West Troubadors" in California. Members of the band are: Cpl. Rex Gillispie, Cpl. Myers, T-5 Warren L. Burlingame, T-5 Bill Moul, Pvt. Leonard Ford, Pvt. Earl Fuller, and Pvt. Sofich.



THEY SALVAGE EVERYTHING—The Quartermaster Repair Shop, part of the Army Service Force, has a job without limits; their's is the job to salvage as much of everything owned by the army as possible. It may be anything from kitchen waste fat to ripped tents to egg crates or worn out vehicles. In the upper right photo T-5 Luther Mordaici is repairing a tent, in the lower left the women are repairing blankets and clothing, lower left, repairing shoes are T-5 Tony Culp, T-5 Alphonso Robertson, T-5 John T. Netherly and two civilians. The shop is under the direction of Capt. Edward T. Leutwyler.

DEML Hq. Can't 'Take Off'; Nerve Center Of Camp Hood

Editor's Note: D.E.M.L. is a unit whose function is so varied that even many of the men within it do not know the job it does. Believing that its story was interesting, Panther editors asked Lt. William B. Koons, commanding Hq. Det., DEML, a former newspaper man, to write the story, since he is in a position to see the overall picture.

Just south of Headquarters Avenue on Hood Road is a sign bearing the inscription "Hq. Det. D.E.M.L." which looms over the large side door of the last building on the right.

Now D.E.M.L., contrary to the belief of many who pass there daily, has nothing whatever to do with demolition. Neither does it stand for "Don't Ever Mention Labor," as many have been led to believe. Actually it stands for "Detached Enlisted Men's List," and that list contains the names of some pretty important people in Camp Hood, all part of the Army Service Force.

Men Operate Camp

As a matter of fact, if the doors of the three Hq. Det. D.E.M.L. barracks failed to open some morning this camp would be in a very bad predicament. The theaters would fail to open, the goings on at the post office would become very mixed up, the officers' clubs would be in a bad way, as would the service clubs, the officers' and civilian messes would be more than a little crippled, there would be no camp newspaper each week, there would be no big movie stars, and post headquarters, well, the roof would just simply come right off of the place.

As may have been gathered by now, the boys on the "Detached Enlisted Men's List," sort of make the wheels go 'round. A greater share of them are not qualified for field service, but the jobs they do are none the less important and these boys are doing them well. There are 511 of them in Hq. Det., 150 at North Camp. At

Lampasas, where they keep the "Enlisted men's Country Club," humming there are 12, while at Waco where the facilities of Cotton Palace Park take care of the men who visit in that city there are seven. At the Temple C.C.C. Camp, which is used by hundreds of men visiting there, are Hq. Det. men too.

These men live the lives of any other soldier except that instead of being in the field all day they go to their jobs. Some work the day shift, some work only at night, and a lot of them are on the swing shift, without the swing.

They are required to stand regular and rigid inspections, and while some of them have not seen a gun for a long time and may never see another, they are required to be able to handle one and to shoot it straight.

They spend several hours a week in drill and calisthenics where they are required to march well and do push-ups, too. They are fighting this battle back home, which is so vital in winning the one where they use the bullets.

One Of Camp Units

Hq. Det. is but one of many similar detachments on the post, the members of which operate the quartermaster warehouses the various ranges and do the thousand and one other things required of the service forces to keep the battle lines equipped and ready to win.

In command of these detachments which go to form the Provisional Battalion is Major Leslie Franklin. Upon his shoulders falls the important job of keeping everything going, and keeping the morale and spirit of those officers and men operating under him at high level.

The job of all these men and their commanding officers is highly important. They have no easy job, they work long hours and hard. They may never mention labor, but they do work hard.

Pistoleers Shoot Camp Perry Course; Lt. E. Ballinger Wins

The "Pistoleers" held their first shoulder to shoulder medal match over the Camp Perry Police Course Sunday. Scores were not outstanding but competition was keen.

In the Class B .22 caliber match medal winning scores were posted by Lt. Erne T. Ballinger with 580 out of a possible 600. Second place went to Capt. Ray H. Sullivan with 549.

The Class B .45 caliber match followed with Lt. Ballinger again coping first place followed by Capt. Sullivan and Major R. W. Sleator. High aggregate score was also won by Lt. Ballinger with the respectable total of 1110 out of a possible 1200. He was trailed by Capt. Sullivan and Lt. Garth.

The next club medal match for officers and enlisted members of the "Pistoleers" will be next Sunday, Sept. 26., at 2 p. m. This shoot will be for Class A, B, and C awards.

Pioneer Platoon Of Recon. Co., 658th Builds Tank Course

By PFC Edmond J. Burgess

The Pioneer Platoon of Recon. Company, 658th Bn., UTC has been doing a good job. They have been working at the Pioneer Area building bridges, road blocks, and doing demolition work. One Saturday morning they had the pleasure of watching tanks test their obstacles. The tanks had quite a bit of trouble getting through the obstacles and some of the obstacles the tanks wouldn't even attempt to start through because they knew they couldn't make it.

The 1st Platoon of Recon. Company has set the high score of firing the 37mm with the .22 mount, scoring 97.9 per cent with the 2nd Platoon running a close 2nd with a score of 97.5 per cent.

Men Of 672nd Have Dance

Six hundred enlisted men of the 672nd Bn., ITC, North Camp inaugurated the battalion's social career, Friday night with a dance and buffet supper, held at the 24th Group Recreational Hall.

About 270 girls from Waco, including Baylor University women, attended for the benefit of soldiers coming stag. A special military escort was provided for them from Waco to the hall, where they were received with music by the 1st. RTC Band, which later played for the dancing.

It. C. M. Thirkeld, battalion special service officer, was in charge of arrangements. Misses Dorothy Ellen Walsh, president; and Dorothy Pippin, of the Girls' Service Organization, Waco, aided in bringing the girls. Pfc. Warren E. Hibbs handled the elaborate decorations done in TD colors, black and orange. T-5 Walter M. Anderson and Pfc. Sidney R. Siegel set-up and special lighting effects.

Neat Kitchen Given The Nod In Company C, 663rd Battalion Mess

S-Sgt. Wiley Frasier, mess sergeant, Co. C, 663rd Bn., ITC, was commended this week for having the neatest kitchen in the battalion, following an inspection by the battalion executive officer, company commander and mess officers.

Promotions in Company C were also recorded this week with four men moving up to sergeants: Edward Goldberger, Carroll W. Jonas, James E. Medlin and Crisler L. Moss. All, with the exception of Moss, who was a T-5, were corporals.

Five men were promoted to corporal and one man to T-5. They were: Corporals James A. Lessel, Ralph G. Reesnes, Joseph S. Dunbar, Joseph A. Opalka, Walter J. Smyczynski, and T-5 Charles Hienberg.

Wedding Bells +++

Pfc. Felix LaRoche, Hq. Co., 648th Bn., UTC, and Miss Jean Montigne of West Warwick, Rhode Island, were united in marriage at the Saint John's Church in that city August 19.

Pfs. James Little, Hq. Co., 648th Bn., and Miss Anne Atkins of Proctor, Arkansas, were married in that city on August 14 at the home of the bride.

1st. Sgt. Elias Swafford, Hq. Co., 648th Bn., and Miss Mildred Burson, Carrollton, Ga., were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church in Carrollton, recently.

Sgt. Robert M. Welch, personnel technician in the TDS Classification department, on returning to camp from a furlough recently, announced that while home, he and his childhood sweetheart, Miss Eula Baldridge, had been married.

Sgt. Edmund Linehan, Co. B, 801st Bn., recently returned from furlough and brought his bride, the former Miss Ruth Mary Kellehner of Glen Falls, N. Y., to live in Temple.

Cpl. Stephen W. Bradley, Hq. Co., 801st Bn., and the former Miss Helen D. Salmon, Syracuse, N. Y., were married recently while Cpl. Bradley was on furlough.

Pvt. Ray Beacham, Co. C, Academic Regt., was married to Miss Betty Ruth Thomas of Cuyahoga, Ohio, in that city during a recent furlough.

5th Regt., RTC, Builds Recreation Facilities For EM And Officers

Relaxation has come to the RTC in the form of the 5th Regt's Grove and the 1st Regt's Officers Recreation Area.

The Grove is a recreation area set in a wooded knoll 200 yards behind the 5th Regt. Hq. Colorful green and yellow wooden tables have been built around large shade trees with reclining chairs to match. Here, too, are two horseshoe pitching setups, two volleyball courts, a screen for outdoor movies, a large stone barbecue pit and a wooden ice box for soft drinks. The Grove is shared by both officers and EM, with certain days designated for the officers' exclusive use and the rest of the week for the EM's exclusive use. Electric lights make it possible to use it at night.

The 1st Regt. Recreation Area's tables, benches, walk, bar and ice box are all made of stone and concrete. It is located about a hundred yards behind the Regt. Hq's.

Builds Flagstone Patio, Tables At NC

Building rock dams in the CCC gave Pvt. Felipe C. Valverde, Company A, 134th Bn., RTC, at North Camp quite a knowledge of stone masonry which he has applied in the 3rd Regiment.

From Valverde's deft hands has come forth a beautiful patio with stone settees and colored stone tables.

All the stone was obtained from the reservation. Practical work on stone in the CCC gave Valverde knowledge of the work that was coupled with hereditary talents handed down by his Spanish ancestors.

New Executive Named

Major Luzerne M. Tidd, former executive officer of the Academic Regiment, TDS, has been named assistant executive officer of the school. Capt. Cal S. Anchicks, who recently was transferred to Regimental headquarters, will have Major Tidd's former assignment.



NEW BUTTON—Made of plastic, no larger than a dime, this new discharge button is now being manufactured under direction of the QM Corps, ASF, for distribution to all members of the Army who receive an honorable discharge.

All-Stars, 827th Tie

By S-Sgt. James E. Haines
Substituting for Fort Worth in Sunday's game at Temple, the Temple All-Stars held the highly touted 827th "Destroyers" to a seven-inning deadlock, 3-3.

As most of the spectators complacently settled in their seats to enjoy the 823th run-away, the Temple Stars took the field with entirely different notions. For four innings, Lt. Zeigler held the All Stars in check with his two-hit pitching performance. In the meantime, 827th had gathered three runs via S-Sgt. Early's three-run homer.

Lt. Zeigler fanned seven batters and walked one in his four innings on the mound, and left the game with 827th leading, 3-0. Pvt. Goens relieved Zeigler and, thru a walk and three successive errors by the 827th, loaded the bases. Temple pushed across two runs, before Goens gave way to Leatherwood, who allowed the home towners to make another run before he settled down.

In this week's bill-of-fare the 827th Bn., UTC tangles with the 758th.

Company B Team Wins In 667th Bn.

The Company B softball team of the 667th Bn., captured top laurels in the inter-company league softball play last week, when they nosed out the Hq. Co. ten, 2 to 1, to ride the top notch of the league with 5 wins, 2 losses.

League standings are as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Co. B	5	2	.714
Hq. Co.	3	3	.500
Recon. Co.	3	3	.500
Co. C	3	4	.429
Co. A	2	4	.333

Boxing Shows Planned

With the erection of boxing rings and training equipment in each recreation hall, weekly boxing shows in the RTC area will be staged in the near future, featuring inter-battalion and inter-regimental competition and possibly matches with South Camp, according to reports from North Camp athletic directors this week.

WACS Plan Athletic Program

Under the direction of Lt. Elizabeth J. Stewart, the WAC detachment at North Camp is formulating plans for a well-balanced athletic program.

Courts for volleyball and badminton are now being constructed in the area and tournaments in these sports, as well as table tennis, will soon be underway. Sports equipment has been secured through the RTC Special Service office.

Basketball is also to be added to the WAC sports menu later on, site being the recreation hall on Avenue D. Some of the country's leading feminine cagers now dot the roster of the North Hood WACS, and a top-flight sextet is expected to take the floor once the season gets started.

Student Boxers Win

Five of the seven bouts on last Friday evening's fight card at the TDS amphitheater were taken by the Student Regiment boxing team, in which they competed against ringmen from the 13th Ordnance Bn.

One of the best bouts of the card featured Pvt. Lou Duva, former New Jersey professional, and Kid Mitchell, of the Student Regiment. Duva proved no match for the hard-hitting Mitchell, who forced the ex-Jerseyite to cover time after time, winning the bout by a wide margin.

The boxing shows are weekly events, being staged every Friday night. Another card is being lined up for tomorrow night, 10th. All bouts are held at the TDS amphitheater, everyone invited.

Fifth Regt., 145th Bn. Lead Field In North Camp Tourney

The RTC softball tournament is drawing to an exciting finish, with the 5th Regt. and 145th Bn. "B" teams having worked themselves into the final bracket.

Fighting for the other two berths are the 145th Bn. "A" club and the 143rd Bn. team, while RTC Hq. Co., with a victory over the 147th Bn., also is considered a favorite to gain the championship bracket.

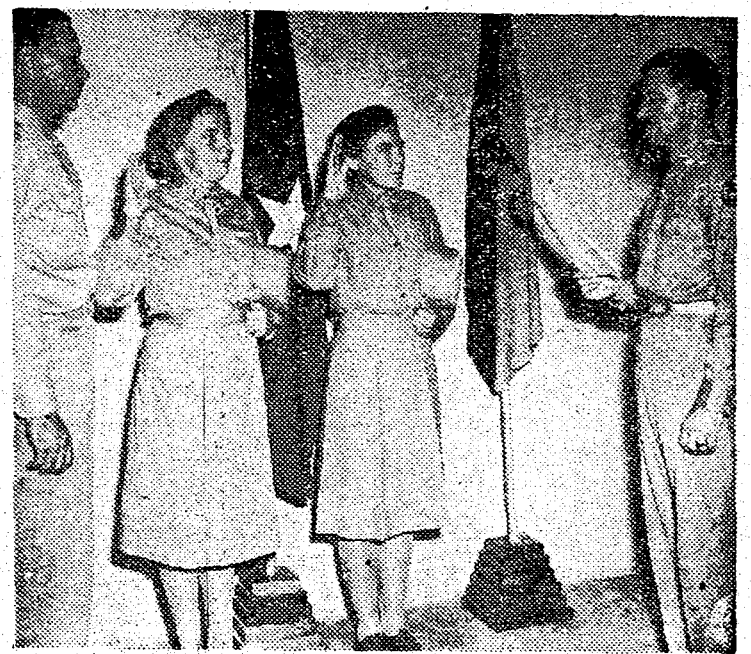
The championship bracket, a one-game elimination affair, will be played this week, with the Coca Cola award going to the winner.

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BECOME WAC OFFICERS—Former WAAC officers Capt. Margaret M. Phillips and Lt. Elizabeth Stewart become WAC officers as Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, far left, hears Capt. Thomas Denny, RTC Adjutant, administer the oath making them a part of the regular army. Story below.

North Camp WAC's Have Serious Work

Most of the members of the WAC Det., North Camp Hood have been sworn into the Army. WAC's in the Army have all rights of enlisted men.

The women work in the RTC, ITC, and the communications section. They do every kind of clerical and informational job. And they have their own "yardbirds," all sorts of housekeeping soldiers.

Have New CO

Capt. Margaret M. Phillips is the new CO of the Det., coming here Aug. 16. Before that Capt. Phillips, a graduate of the first WAC OCS, saw duty in Florida and with the First Separate Battalion. Women from this unit were sent to Africa and London. The Captain—she has a high rank in the WAC—taught school in Mass. She and other officers were sworn into the Army Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Lt. Elizabeth Stewart continues as executive officer.

Commenting on the work done by the women in the north camp, Capt. Phillips said, "North Camp Hood is really Army. The women have helped pioneer this place and officers are high in praise of their work."

A service cook with long experience, Lt. Helen Parish is the new WAC mess and supply officer. Lt. Parish came up through the ranks.

S-Sgt. Sara Lerner of Lynn, Mass. is the Lt.'s assistant. She has helped smooth the handling of incoming recruits and the preparations for expected arrivals. Sgt. Lerner came here with the first WACS.

Acting Mess Sgt. is T-4 Ann Lind of Tacoma, Wash., and Sgt. Lucille Heffner of Seattle, Wash. is acting first Sgt. Sgt. Heffner was a personnel clerk before her new assignment.

Awards Are Given

Awards are now made to the best wing of the barracks in the weekly Saturday inspections.

Not to lose out in entertaining the men soldiers, the detachment

635th Beats 670th

The 635th Bn. baseball team took to the road and continued its winning ways again recently, when they journeyed to North Camp and played the 670th Bn. nine, defeating them, 4 to 1. Bob Shepard was on the mound for the 635th, allowing only two hits and whiffing 14 men in the seven-inning melee. The 635th collected nine hits, Martin, Spiker and Foord getting two apiece.

Wins Three Of Three

Scoring their third win in as many starts, the Tng. Brigade Hq. Co. softball team took the measure of the 51st Armored Inf. softball team, 11 to 4 in a Training Brigade league game last week.

Pfc. Jimmy Barnes was on the mound for the Brigade ten, pitching effective ball all the way.

receives men in the day room Mon., Wed., and Fri. nights from 7 until 10:15 o'clock. Enlisted men call at the orderly room for their dates. Even the WAC PX is open to the men these nights.

And besides regular work, the women get a full dose of physical training, military courtesy, customs of the service and other real Army life.

He Wrote The Dialogue For Cuties' Lips

Around Co. C of the 668th Bn. they call S-Sgt. Bernard K. Straub the glamor boy of the outfit, because while most of the rest of the army sits around and dreams about the cuties who make love to Mickey Rooney, Straub writes the dialogue which the aforesaid cuties lip.

Straub before coming into the army wrote dialogue for several of the Hardy Family pictures.

He's now working on a play about the army, which he hopes to have produced if Hitler and Tojo don't throw in the towel before he finishes.

OCS Supply Men Blast 10 To 4 Win From Regimental Ball Club

Gaining sweet revenge for a defeat suffered recently, the "Gas House Gang" of the Regimental Supply blasted out a 10 to 4 win over the O. C. S. Regiment ten Monday night, leaving the club, including the manager, Joe "Curtis" Tomczyk, bewildered from the outcome.

T-Sgt. Vincent Sikora, on the mound for the winners, had the O. C. S. "sluggers" at his mercy throughout, and was backed up by some fine fielding on the part of his mates, while Pfc. Tom O'Malley, hurling for the O. C. S. was pounded freely throughout.

A feature of the contest was a home run clout hit by Pfc. Pete Herman that came with two runners on the base paths.

827th Baseball Nine Wins 7-4 From 614th

Following a 6-6 deadlock of their previous game the 827th and 614th Bn.'s baseball teams locked horns again last week, this time the 827th thundering home on the long end, 7 to 4. Heavy hitting and flawless fielding featured the victors side of the game, in which S-Sgt. Jess Haines handled mound duties.

Haines gave up only four walks and six hits, and accounted for 13 strikeouts during the nine innings.

The 827th has scheduled a number of games with Dallas and Marlin teams for this week.

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Why Are You Here?

OUR PAST IS not a very pretty picture. Now, how about the future.

Some have accused us of not knowing why we are fighting this war.

With them we cannot agree.

We'll admit it may be a bit difficult for us to express our ideals and aims in lofty terms. We'll leave that to the politicians.

But we're convinced that the majority of men in the Army believe that they are fighting for a better world. To some that may mean a chance to get a better job, a chance to obtain an education, and an opportunity, no matter what their color or creed, to pursue their life in unmolested freedom.

The Kind Of World

A better world for us, will be a world in which the little people have protection against those who would exploit them either for the purposes of war or commerce or industry. It will be a world in which the industrial nations will trade their developed goods to those nations which possess the raw materials; a world in which America sells "Model T" refrigerators to the Moslems. It will be a world of expanded markets, and industry; of higher living standards for all the Smiths and Joneses of the World; it will be a world without war for the cause of war will have been removed.

But we also know that we can fight a war for that world; and do a pretty good job of it, even as we are now doing, and we can win that war but lose the world.

Must Use Ideals

We can lose that world if we turn it back into the hands of those who are not interested in a higher standard of living, but higher profits; not in education, but indoctrination; not in freedom, but in slavery. Those who think thus are not confined to one nation, but prevail in all nations of the world. They must be held in check.

We are now coming to the stage in our thinking where we feel we must consider definite methods of preventing the loss of the new world after winning the war.

It's Our Job

Political observers have already indicated that an organization of the servicemen of this war would be the most powerful factor in the nation's history.

Perhaps it is not too early to consider the aims and purposes of such an organization, aims which will put into action the ideals of the men fighting this war, ideals for a new world.

Reminiscence

Dark as the future seems to be,
Counted in years of war-torn strife,
Lingers there still a memory
Fast in me grown—another life.

Uncertain is the road we trod
Yet march we on to Destiny;
For by our side there walks my God
Guiding us on to Victory.

Swiftly and sure this way is won—
Plows will be made from bloodied knife;
Faintly but close the horizon
Brings to my eyes—Another life.

—S-Sgt. Harry B. Roberson,
Hq. Co., 669th Bn.

Sounds Like Rank Injustice For Privates In This Company

Many a man has dreamed of it, but Hq. Co. of the 17th Group is seeing it—non-coms policing the area—and only non-coms of the first three grades at that.

Of course, there's a payoff—the usual RHP (rank has its privilege)—the privilege in this case being that 1st. Sgt. Daniel F. Pagmarle didn't announce the exclusive right of non-coms to police up until Pfc. George Roskos had found five dollars while bending and snatching. The week before Pfc. Frank Redding found two bits on the same detail.



Pulling rank, the non-coms have claimed squatter's rights to the potential payload.



This week the Panther's questing reporter asked five wayfaring soldiers:

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR PEACE AFTER THE WAR?

Pvt. William J. Mathews, 605th

Bn. — "I'd say after we get them down keep them down — patrol the enemy countries, do what ever we have to to keep them from starting again."

Pvt. Kent Tolbol, Co. H, 5th

Regt. — "That's as big a problem as winning the war, and there wouldn't be much use in winning the war if we don't do something to assure the kind of peace that will last this time."

T-4 Robert T. Moran, Hq. Co.,

RTC — "We must vote. There's too much talk about what we want to follow in the line of policy, yet many don't vote to back up their convictions. Idle talk doesn't reflect our views—votes will!"

Pvt. William Einbinder, Co. E,

129th Bn. RTC — "Keep a good standing army. Then any potential enemies will be afraid to start with us. In other words, keep prepared and we are safe."



Editor, The Panther:

My wife, Alyce Fassbinder, like every good American, has definite feelings and opinions about Hitler and the others of his like. The other day she wrote down a thought she had on the matter. I am enclosing it to you. On my part, I agree. Do you?

T-4 William Fassbinder,
Hq. Co., TDC.

When villains unleash their odorous schemes Upon a world of peace It is best they give careful thought To the might of them they would fleece.

The voice of the scoundrel is strong at first When embarking upon his crime. But wretched and meager is the tone thereof As the best finds his legions in slime.

How brave the robber fully armed Against unsuspecting prey, How bold and brazen is his mien;



"Now, How About The Future?"
(See Editorial At Left)

Army Quiz

1. Was Field Marshal Rommel taken prisoner in the last war?
2. Is the Coast Guard always a part of the Navy?
3. How many planes did Capt. Rickenbacker shoot down in World War I?
4. What is the highest award that can be won by a member of the Army Air Forces?
5. How many persons have been killed and injured in Axis air raids over Great Britain?
6. What is the cause of 80% of Army Aircraft accidents in the United States.

(Answers Page 7)

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Hitler and Tojo are learning that the world does not revolve on their Axis.

With the Allies attacking on all fronts they don't know whether they're coming or going. Tojo is trying to save face in the Pacific, while Hitler is worried about his assets in Europe.

Invasion of the continent was expected to be quite tough, but with Italy's surrender, Allied soldiers are getting a boot out of it.

RTC Master Sergeant Has Seen Growth Of U. S. Air Power During His Career In The Army

Air power has come a long way since Master Sgt. Ernest E. Chaswood enlisted in the Air Corps in 1919, and each day when he picks up his paper the names of air generals who then were lieutenants, captains and majors meet his eye.

Sergeant Chaswood is sergeant major of the 7th Army Specialized Training Regiment, RTC, and served many years with the Quartermaster Corps as well as the Air Corps.

He remembers 1st James H. Doolittle at Mitchel field. Maj. Carl S. Spaatz was at Selfridge Field when Sergeant Chaswood was there. Both are now generals, plotting more trouble for the European branch of the Axis.

Sees Dirigible Explode While in the service of the Air Corps he stood on a catwalk atop a Langley Field hangar in Virginia and watched the dirigible Roma explode February 21, 1922,

killing 34 men. The Roma, built in Italy for the U. S., was hydrogen-filled and came down on a high-tension wire.

While in the lighter-than-air branch of the Air Corps Sergeant Chaswood was one of a ground crew which literally hauled a free balloon all over New England. The Balloon was "hitch-hiked" from telephone to telephone pole by means of ropes and winches, traveling many hundreds of miles in this manner with the pilots in the basket.

Was A Grocerman

Sergeant Chaswood left the Air Corps in 1923 and went back to his home in Indiana Harbor, Indiana. There he operated his father's grocery business until joining the Quartermaster Corps in 1925. He remained with the Quartermaster Corps until coming to North Camp Hood as ASTP cadre.

Audacity his only way.

Such is the pattern of his life, Ferocity his only creed, He boasts of greatness greater than All other humans of equal seed.

But soft, what ails the superman? Where now the voice that bellowed so loud? Alas, the monster now crouches low, Mankind has risen, no longer bowed.

Editor, The Panther:

From the lips of the celebrated Napoleon, many an axiom has been uttered, however one of the most publicized is the following: "Moral force to the physical is as three to one." A highly successful business organization may outsell its competitors by a wide margin. This is probably the result of being well organized, proper selection of employees, continued training of the employees in key positions, and lastly a most important consideration, that of holding group meetings, and pep talks, combined with social activities which not only keeps up the morale of the employees, but brings it up to the highest standard.

The same reasoning of proper organizations, selection of soldiers,

and physical training can be applied to a group of soldiers, however the need for additional and continued psychological training could be emphasized. This thought of the moral force exceeding that of the physical by three to one is a very enlightening one, and brings on the supposition that one battalion well trained physically, and also receiving frequent instructions in military psychology, could be as potentially strong as three battalions which had not received the latter training.

It seems plausible to assume that during an intensified struggle, when the dark hour is possibly imminent, one's mental attitude toward the situation instead of the physical will generally decide the outcome of that engagement. Another reasonable assertion would be that the average soldier uses a fair portion of his physical endowments, but only a small fraction of his mental capacity. Here is where the additional training in Military Psychology covering characteristic qualities such as morale, fear, discipline, courage, fighting spirit, ideals, faith, leadership and character would unquestionably increase the fighting effectiveness, develop mental alertness and clarity of thought, and in general promote the all around efficiency of the soldier.

Cpl. Clarence F. Warras
Hq. Co., TDC.

General Ward Gets DSC For Valor In African Campaign

Major General Orlando Ward, commanding Tank Destroyer Center, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for exceptional valor in action. The citation was issued by General Eisenhower's Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa and announced by the War Department September 6.

The Medal, one of the most coveted by United States Army decorations, was presented General Ward Monday by Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding Army Ground Forces, in Washington, in recognition of his actions during an attack by elements of the 1st Armored Division (US) in North Africa. Present at the ceremony were many general officers of Army Ground Forces and the Secretary of the War Department General Staff.

Commended For Actions

The citation reads: "drawing fire upon himself to enable his infantry groups to advance on an enemy position at Maknassy," but with characteristic modesty the General denies any heroism. "I was where a division commander rarely has any business," he remarks. "but there are occasions

Making a personal reconnaissance of the enemy position during the night preceding the attack, General Ward visited the forward elements of his armored infantry and

tank units which were to make the assault. Throughout, he was under fire from high velocity guns and sweeping machine gun fire. He found hesitant reserves whom he organized into units and led forward. He came upon forward troops pinned down by enemy fire and unready to proceed with the planned attack. Again he walked calmly about the among the men, calling attention to their own supporting artillery fire, illustrating that he could move without being hit.

Reorganized Units

He reorganized scattered units, personally encouraged the wavering infantrymen, and then radio communication to the tanks being out, walked through enemy fire to direct the gun fire of his tanks upon the objects to neutralize the enemy machine gun fire and enable the assault teams to carry out their missions.

He was wounded by a machine gun bullet jacket but did not retire for medical attention until the attack was launched. Throughout the morning hours, his calm presence, words of reason and encouragement to his men, and unconcerned progress across terrain bathed in machine gun fire, brought order out of confusion, courage out of hesitancy, progress out of inertia, and inspired a coordinated attack.

Via Carrier Pigeon

The silly season is on, as our carrier pigeon brings a communique from Gracie Allen explaining that the early bird gets the worm, "unless, of course, it happens to be wormless Tuesday." Gracie, Herman, and George have started where they left off.

Eddie Gardner will take Archie, the 10th Ave. Chesterfield, and the rest of the "Duffy's Tavern" mob over to CBS beginning Sept. 30 at 6:30 p. m. Paul Whiteman may provide music for Archie's greasy-spoon grandeur.

Dinah Shore, who will do the singing at Duffy's Tavern, has been signed for eight weekly guest shots on the new "What's New" show—Saturday nights on the Blue Network.

The Andrews Sisters began a program for a wine company—Thursday nights over CBS.

Jimmy Blair who does the singing job for the "Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street," has written a ballad entitled "Rainbows, Roses and You."

Dick Haymes has also written a new ditty, "You I Love," which he'll introduce on his Sunday night "Here's To Romance" program on Blue Network. His press agent says he wrote it after meeting Joanne Marshall—he married her three months later—the song took six months of persuasion.

1st Man 'Steals' Car Owned By 2nd Man; Uses Key Taken From 3rd—Puzzle Solved

By CPL. JAMES BERGERS

When a man steals another man's car—that's not news any more. But when a man "steals" another man's car with still another man's keys—brother, that is news!

It all happened at North Camp just a day or so ago when Capt. Samuel A. Merzhon, who is adjutant of an Army Specialized Training battalion there, started for his car. But, alas—no car!

Right away he made for the nearest phone, reported his dilemma to the Provost Marshal, and soon scores of MPs were on the lookout for the culprit.

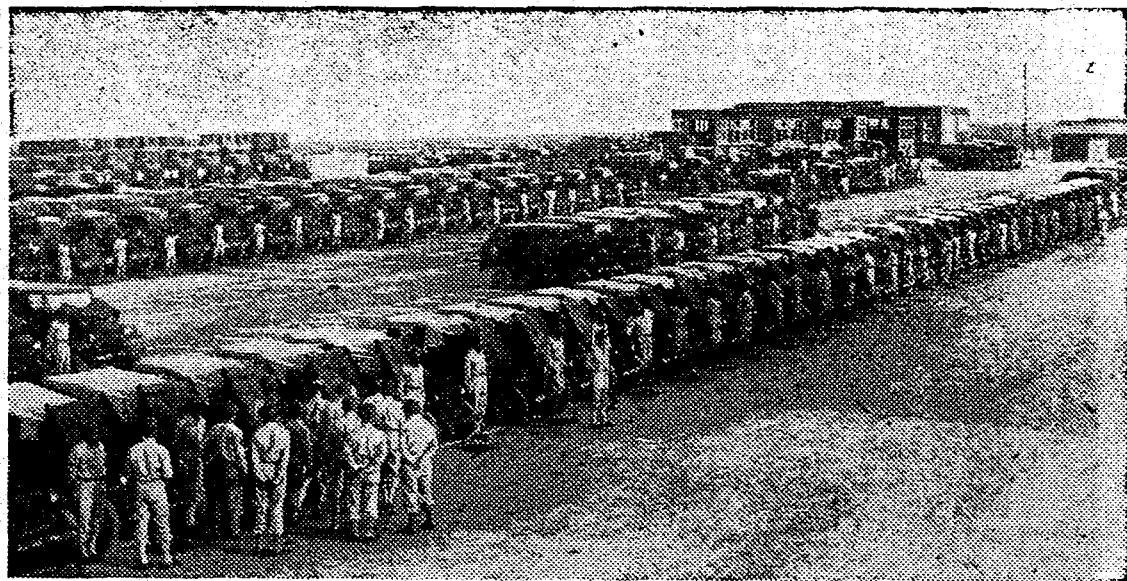
A half-hour later Capt. Merzhon happened to look out the window of a nearby headquarters build-

ing, to see his car go by. A staff sergeant was driving it. The sergeant pulled up on the parking lot, parked, rolled up the windows, got out, carefully locked the car and strolled nonchalantly into a mess hall.

Quick as a flash the captain was after the sergeant. Into the mess hall he dashed—just in time to see S-Sgt. Fred Holden hand the keys to Mess Officer Lt. Clyde L. Jones.

It seems that the lieutenant had given Sgt. Holden the keys to his car—same make, same model, same year, and same color as the captain's—and Holden had innocently driven off in the wrong auto.

Someone has estimated that once in 500,000 times will the same key fit the door and ignition locks of two different cars.



THEY DO A BIG JOB—Vehicles of the Truck Battalion, TDC, undergo inspection by Col. Lansing McVickar, commanding officer, Training Brigade, during a recent check on first and second echelon maintenance. Story below.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Antiaircraft Range Has Battle Thrills

The scream of diving Stukas, the slap and whine of bullets and the bursting of flak resounds in the ears of tyro antiaircraft gunners in the Tank Destroyer School when they grasp the spade grips of a .50 calibre machine gun and start offensive against an enemy "air attack".

Indoor Range

This all takes place in one of the Weapons Department classrooms, an indoor antiaircraft range, designed to give students real practice before they go out on the range for actual firing. The battle noises are recordings, and the .50 calibre gun is a special training device. However, it is all so realistic that the students are going for it in a big way and are benefitting thereby. Already, the instructors say, improvement in marksmanship has resulted.

Recent development of the de-

vice, which shots white pellets from a replica of a pedestal mounted machine gun, has caused weapons classes to seek further marksmanship practice which replaces to some extent the "dry runs" formerly used.

Like Real Thing

Several of the trainers have been secured by the school for at least temporary service. They are the student's first experience with a free-traveling machine gun—kick and all.

The target is a fast moving cardboard plane, so scaled that firing at it is practically the same as shooting at a zooming aircraft.

Students firing the training gun learn just how difficult it is to lead the target properly and get the idea of watching their tracer stream so they can fire effectively when they go on the range the next day.

Truck Bn. Program Is Huge

During one week's typical activity the Truck Battalion, TDC, traveled 48,451 miles, hauled 36,903 men and dispatched 1,384 vehicles.

Ninety-five percent of all the miles traveled were within camp, hauling the personnel listed, mostly students in TD classes. The unit has 440 vehicles of all types.

On Feb. 4, 1943, the unit was activated under the command of Major Ves W. Godley. Capt. Russell B. Johnson is executive officer.

Opportunity Given Poets To Submit Verses To Kaye

Attention, you incipient Long-fellows! Here's an opportunity to gain nation-wide publicity.

Sammy Kaye, who reads poems on his "Sunday Serenade" broadcast over the Blue Network at 2:30 p. m., CWT, is interested in receiving poems from listeners.

Sammy believes there is a heap of literary talent around the country and is anxious to encourage our embryonic Byrons. Kaye prefers poems of the sentimental, romantic types, such as he has been reading on his "Sunday Serenade."

New Story Of Dunkirk At TD School Library

Numerous current books have been added to the selection at the TD school library, two of the most interesting being "Through Hell to Dunkirk," by Henry de la Falaise and another of the series of stories on "Sergeant Terry Bull."

Recent reviews of these books indicate that Marquise de la Falaise has given an eyewitness account of 20 days with the Twelfth Royal Lancers at Dunkirk.

Terry Bull, the reviewers say, is an incarnation of a "grizzled old sergeant," who has young ideas. The stories are masterpieces of instruction in the tactics of small units.

Has Nine Silver Stars To Wear

Nine silver stars for major North African engagements represent the battle experience being brought into the tactics department, TDS, by Lt. Marvin H. Smith, recently assigned here.

In the African theater from the start, when landing operations were made last November, Lt. Smith spent seven months there, seeing the fall of Tunis and Rommel's vaunted army.

Lt. Smith was the leader of a reconnaissance platoon with a TD company, the first U. S. troops to engage the enemy in North Africa.

Obtain Information

In the Kasserine Pass engagement, Lt. Smith and his men were given up as lost by their company commander—in fact they were out of touch for two days. Due to skillful reconnaissance and secrecy of movement, they broke through the German lines and regained their company with a wealth of information concerning the enemy, his strength and dispositions.

There's a dramatic story behind the platoon's escape. Navigating entirely at night and bivouacking during the day to escape the watchful German observation planes, they worked their way into position to make a run for a little known pass their patrols had discovered. Going forward at full speed they were pursued by a party of from 12 to 15 German armored cars. Once they had gained the pass, they made a stand and laid down a barrage which discouraged further German pursuit until they had time to organize for the run back to their own main body.

Missing four days on another occasion, they were again given up as lost. Information they brought back of retreating German troops enabled the entire American force to make an advance of 50 miles. Going off on a long desert trek, they found they were just four hours behind the main body of retreating Germans. Try as they could, they were unable to catch up with the fleeing enemy. Communication lines were disrupted by the great distance they had traversed, and this, together with lack of food, water and ammunition, forced their return. It was on this trip that Lt. Smith and his men were introduced to camel steak. "It wasn't bad," the lieutenant says, "and I hardly would have known it from beefsteak if I hadn't been told."

Suffers "Near Miss"

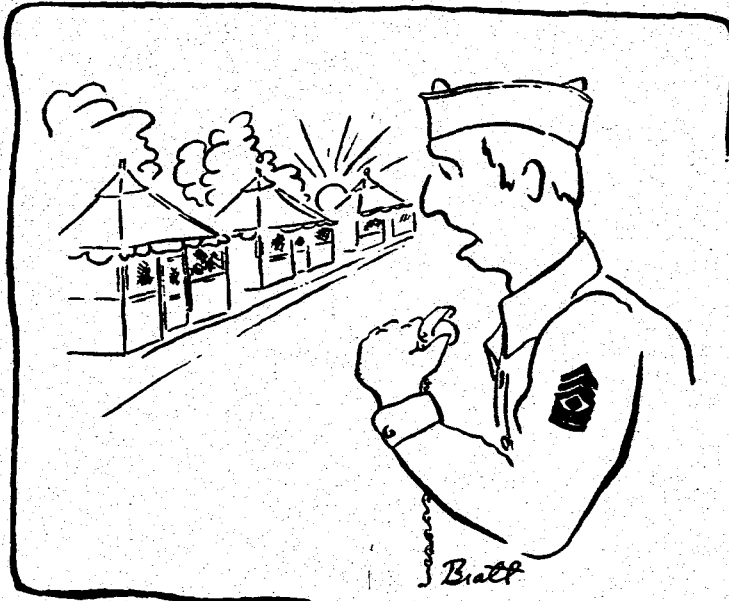
Lt. Smith is one of the few men to describe the sensation of watching the strike of a 150-mm. (almost six inch) projectile practically at his feet. That's where his luck comes in. The HE projectile was a dud and did nothing more than shower him with dust. His luck held good on another occasion. Driving along, he passed over a well concealed German Tellermine field and only later did he learn the wheels of his vehicle missed 12 mines by a matter of inches.

After the half-track equipped TD company to which Lt. Smith was attached landed in Arzen, North Africa, where the only resistance encountered was from German and French planes, it moved around Algiers and into Tunisia. Their first heavy engagement was at El Guettar. Here they knocked out three enemy tanks. Moving northward, they captured the town of Sbeitla, taking Italian prisoners and knocking out several more German tanks.

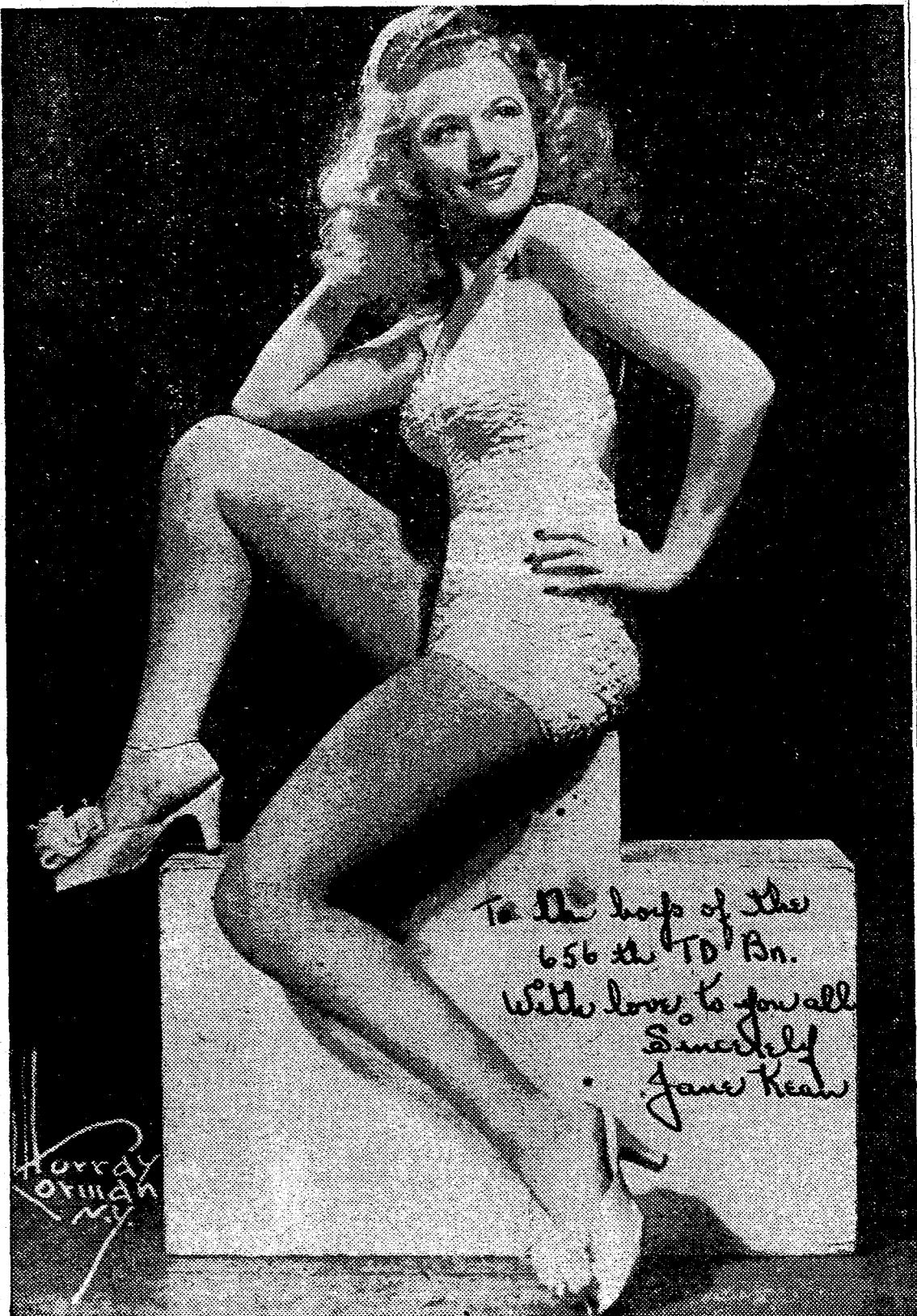
For three months after their landing, the entire force consisted of just the TD company, including Lt. Smith's reconnaissance platoon.

No Room For Stars

Returning to the United States on July 17, Lt. Smith flew here from Africa. He was still in Africa when Pantelleria fell, and saw preparations for the Sicilian campaign. A quiet and unassuming youth—he's but 24—Lt. Smith wears his pre-Pearl Harbor and his European and African theater ribbons, minus the stars; there's hardly room enough for all nine of them.



"Last One Out's A Rotten Egg"



SHE DOESN'T SMOKE OR DRINK—When a picture of attractive Jane Kean appeared recently in The Sporting News it seemed that she liked the Army in general. But Lt. John Smith, S-2, 656th Bn., UTC, wrote Miss Kean and asked her if she didn't have a soft spot in her heart for the 656th. Result: Above photo and a new name, "Jane" for the Lieutenant's scout car. Jane, who is 20, doesn't smoke nor drink and is a hit in "Early To Bed," Broadway musical.

'Thin-Skins' Broke Nozis, TD Battle Veteran Says

"The Nazis called us 'thin-skins' because of our light armor, and other, unmentionable, names because of what we gave them," said Lt. Colonel Herschel D. Baker, as he described the actions in which his outfit participated during the African campaign.

Lt. Colonel Baker was commander of the first Tank Destroyer battalion to land in Africa and now is assistant director of the TD School tactics department.

Still In Area

Colonel Baker's outfit arrived in Africa early in December, 1942, and continued in action until the close of the Tunisian campaign. These veteran TD's are still in the theater of operations, according to their former commanding officer who was returned to the States to give TD trainees at Camp Hood the benefit of his experience.

This TD unit, unnamed for obvious reasons, took part in four major engagements—El Guettar, Kasserine, Sbiletia, and Oussetia—as well as countless "small" encounters. In these actions, they accounted for a minimum of 60

enemy tanks, totally destroyed, many others that were disabled and a large number of enemy armored personnel cars, trucks, mortars, machine and antitank guns, and other materiel destroyed or disabled.

Turn Back Attack

The battle of El Guettar was the most intense action. Here, this one TD battalion turned back an attack by a German Panzer division, of between 100 and 150 tanks, and successfully defended the flank of an American infantry division.

801st Bn. Presents Movie Outdoors

Soldiers, and their wives and girl friends saw the movie, "The Great American Broadcast" outdoors when the 801st Bn. Trig. Brig. tried this kind of entertainment recently. Because the film met with such enthusiasm, it is planned to make this a regular weekly affair.

As a reward for long duty in the field, Co. B. had a fried chicken dinner last week with some of the 1st TD band providing music and entertainment. Guests included Lt. Col. E. B. Horsfall, battalion commander and Maj. W. F. Kaufman, executive officer.

Is Promoted

Sgt. Chas. O. Bergagna, Med. Det., 650th Bn., UTC, has been promoted to the grade of S-Sgt.

Tactics Dept. Is Godfather To New Artists

Latent artistic ability is being developed by many students of the TDS Department. Sketching is a big factor to our armed forces the world over today.

No reconnaissance mission is complete without definite information for which the patrol was sent out. Pictures, maps and sketches convey this information more clearly than words, and are often depended on to a great extent by various commanders. With a few simple lines representing various terrain features and military installations, and signs showing locations of enemy dispositions, a wealth of information is conveyed. All this is much better than an oral or written description, thus mapping and sketching is playing a prominent part of the TDS curriculum, which will eventually lead its many students to areas throughout the world.

Academic Regiment Men Will Transfer

T-4 Carl T. Seifert and T-4 Allen Robertson, Academic Regt. Hq's., are awaiting transfer to new units. The former will go to the enlisted men's school of the Adjutant General's Department at Fort Washington, Md., and the later to the Amarillo Air Corps base for basic ground training.

Privates First Class Ozero Goodwin and Paul Paris of TD School headquarters also are awaiting call to the Air Corps, and Sgt. Milburn F. Beaman, of the school headquarters staff, has been transferred to the Adjutant General's Department OCS at Fort Washington.

Saw Ocean War For Year; Joins Army For Action

By PFC ROBERT CLEVELAND
Action in the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, and the North African campaign are some of the experiences of Pvt. Bradford D. Tripp, Hq. Company 661st Bn., UTC. Tripp a former cadet midshipman in the U. S. Merchant Marine Naval Reserve, saw action during a year's service aboard a cargo vessel.

Private Tripp who is from Washington, D. C., was appointed to the merchant marine academy in February, 1942. After two months at the academy he was assigned to sea duty on a merchant ship as cadet midshipman. His first trip was to South America out of Baltimore. Two days out an enemy mine was spotted and destroyed by rifle fire. That was his first taste of war. The rest of that trip was uneventful.

Gun drills were the order of the day, and the men were required to wear life jackets at all times, even when sleeping. Tripp's duties were manning the anti-aircraft gun and as auxiliary captain of the deck gun crew.

Sunk By Sub

After their cargo of war goods was delivered they left for England and were picked up and followed by an Italian sub just off the coast of Brazil. Several days out and their ship was sunk by three torpedoes from this same sub. Only 85 men were able to get to the life rafts before she went down. Among the survivors were thirty marines, all spent an anxious 48 hours on the raft before they were rescued by a Brazilian steamer. The sub was sunk, by whom, Private Tripp doesn't feel free to say.

After being assigned to another ship taking war cargo to England Tripp was feeling like a veteran. This time his ship was ordered to a point off the coast of North Africa near Casablanca. Their cargo was Argentine beef—enough to feed an army, Tripp says. He saw the troops and troop ships pouring into North Africa, and saw the enemy bombers trying to destroy them. Three medium German bombers attacked his ship during the landign of their cargo, but were literally blown out of the air before they did any damage. One of the bombers received a direct hit from an anti-aircraft high explosive shell blowing it to pieces.

Is Injured

After leaving North Africa Private Tripp was injured by a cable that broke and knocked him around the deck. The cable had been weakened by enemy action. He was hospitalized for one week aboard ship.

Three weeks were spent in England while his ship was being repaired and loaded. During this time he visited Liverpool and London. While there German bombers were constantly over both places.

From England his ship sailed for the U. S. with a light cargo. Heavy seas were encountered all the way over. It was mid-winter now and the crossing was most unpleasant.

Reaching the U. S. Pvt. Tripp was sent ashore for one month because of loss of weight incurred by illness. When he reported back for duty he was sent to the navy air corp for several weeks. From there he was sent to the merchant

marine academy to wait for another ship. He waited for two months, and that was as long as he could wait to get back into uniform so he volunteered after resigning from the navy.

He learned only this week that a former shipmate of his was rescued after 30 days on a raft. He was the only survivor, and kept himself alive by drinking his own blood, and salt water for seven days.

Pvt. Tripp thinks the TD's are a fine branch of the service, especially the 661st, but of K.P. he remarks "I have nothing to say."

Hard Work Has Rewards; Lock EM In Office

T-5 Simon Crawford of the TD school Operations Department, is going to be on the watch carefully from now on.

One evening last week he was so engrossed with some work he was doing at the operations warehouse, that he didn't hear the rest of the men leave and was locked in. Windows in the building are screened heavily and the door padlocked from the outside. About an hour later, after a dozen calls to school headquarters, he was released.

Good Conduct Medals Awarded In 672 Bn.; Formal Review Held

Before a Battalion formation August 27, Lt. Col. C. E. Sargent, of the 24th TD Group, and Maj. F. F. Schweinler, commanding the 672nd Bn. ITC, presented the following Enlisted Men of the 672nd with the Good Conduct Ribbon: 1st. Sgt. Richard T. Clukey, 1st. Sgt. Raymond N. Russell, 1st. Sgt. Phillip D. Wilcox, 1st. Sgt. Paul A. Yankowich, T-Sgt. Joseph W. Humphries, S-Sgt. Edmund W. Allen, S-Sgt. Michael A. Buonomo, S-Sgt. Theodore F. Hague, S-Sgt. Earl O. Kimmie, S-Sgt. James McCabe, S-Sgt. Antonio Vitalo, S-Sgt. Daniel Wolk, Sgt. George W. Crunch, Sgt. Frank Fiore, Sgt. Joseph D. Graham, Sgt. Brony A. Pinger, Sgt. George J. Poritz, and Pvt. Grady Woods.

T-4 Japhet Adams, T-4 Joseph Barry, T-4 Vincent B. Skinyon, T-4 Elbert R. Park, Cpl. John P. Convent, Cpl. Raymond L. Hoyt, Cpl. Robert E. Quist, T-5 Armand Tartaglia, T-5 Julius Nawazelski, T-5 Robert S. Breland, T-5 Anthony Mastaka, T-5 Joe T. Walters, T-5 Robert Vierling, Pfc. Albert Goodman, Pfc. Lester Hammond, Pfc. Henry A. Leary, Pfc. Joseph P. Sova, and Pfc. Edwin B. Scharz.

Following the presentation the Battalion passed in review before the Group Commander, and the men honored, while the 688th Bn.'s Drum and Bugle Corps played.

661st Men Now Study At Three Colleges

The following enlisted men of the 661st Battalion UTC recently left for school: Pvt. Henry Newstein, Pvt. Henry N. Wichmanowsky, and Pvt. Ronald Thomas for Enlisted Radio Electricians and Technicians Course; T-5 Harold M. Berry, T-5 Earl I. Jones, Pvt. Thomas J. P. Napfel, and Pvt. Bruce E. Snyder have gone to Enlisted Automotive Course.

In the past two months approximately 40 enlisted men have left the 661st for ASTP. These men are now in the following colleges: Haverford College, Philadelphia, Penna.; Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.; Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Most of the men are studying Engineering.

Night Bivouac, Dance, Sports For 668th Bn. At Panther Park

Marching from the north camp through Lampasas, the 668th Bn. ITC, led by Lt. Col. Everett Lewy, commanding officer, went to Panther Park for an overnight bivouac recently.

The men walked the six miles to start a day of swimming and roller-skating and dancing at the "enlisted men's country club."



Chapel Services

Protestant Sunday 9:30 A. M.

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Chapel 63962nd St.
Chapel 90250th St.
Chapel 210937th St. East

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Chapel 115637th St. West

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Chapel 51364th St.

10:45 A. M. - 6:30 P. M.

Sunday School9:30 A. M.

Stockade2:00 P. M.

Enl Men's Bible Class

Chapel 639, 62nd St., 10:30 A. M.

Episcopal

Chapel 289170th & Brig.

Sunday - 6:30 P. M.

Lutheran

Post Chapel52nd St.

Sunday - 6:30 P. M.

Roman Catholic

Mass, Sunday

Hospital Red Cross

Building6:30 A. M.

Chapel 1156, 37th St.

West7:00 A. M.

24th St. Theater9:00 A. M.

Post Chapel9:00 A. M.

37th St. Theater11:00 A. M.

162nd St. Area, Field

Mass11:00 A. M.

Novena Service6:30 P. M.

Chapel 176, 164th & Brig.

Weekday Mass

Chapel 176-164th & Brig

Monday6:30 A. M.

Tuesday6:30 P. M.

Wednesday6:30 A. M.

Thursday6:30 A. M.

Friday6:30 P. M.

Saturday6:30 A. M.

Confession

Before every weekday mass

Saturday

Hosp. Red Cross Bldg. ...3-4 P. M.

Chapel 1156, 37th St. West 4-6 P. M.

Chapel 11566:30-9 P. M.

Chapel, 176, 164 & Brig. 6-9 P. M.

Christian Science

Chapel 115637th St. West

Thursday8:00 P. M.

Sunday8:45 A. M.

Latter Day Saints

Chapel 63962nd St.

Sunday7:30 P. M.

Jewish

Chapel 90250th St.

English, Sunday7:30 P. M.

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North Camp QM Office Climbs On Bond Wagon

The QM. office at North Camp this week joined the Civilian 100 per cent bond buyers club. That brings the number in the club to 30 offices, evenly divided between the two sections of camp.

	South Camp	North Camp
Ordinance PA	89.6	100
Ordinance PD	87.8	100
Medical	71.3	88.6
Personnel	100	100
Postal	100	100
Adjutant	100	100
Judge Advocate	100	100
Training Section	100	100
Claims Office	100	100
Intelligence Office	100	100
Fiscal and Budget	100	100
Purchase and Contract	100	100
Army Emergency Relief	100	100
Post Inspector	100	100
Public Relations	0	100
Ration Board	100	100
P. W. Camp	100	100
T.D.O.	98.8	100
Finance	97.6	100
Signal	90.9	100
C.W.S.	100	100
Quartermaster PA	88.5	100
Quartermaster PD	72.5	100
Laundry	99.6	100
Engineer Property	87.5	100
Engineer PA	37.9	31.5
Engineer PD	6.3	29.2
Special Services (C.S.)	100	100
C & E Repair	84.6	100
A. T. Rail	84.6	100
Auto. Advisors	75	33.3
Purchase & Contract QM	100	100

NC Officers See 'Family Night', At Club Show

The first "Family Night" was presented at the 8th Street Officers' Club at North Camp Hood recently.

Included in the show, emceed by Sgt. George Hall, Hq Co., RTC, were Pvt. Tom Mahoney, 129th Bn., agile tap dancer; Pvt. Tom Campbell, 136th Bn., baritone; Mrs. Walter Ives, soprano accompanied on the piano by Pvt. Walter Ives, 138th Bn., as well as several other clever acts.

The 2nd RTC Band played for the show and dancing, while bridge, whist and other games contributed toward making this a real variety evening for North Camp officers and their families.

658th Finishes Range Firing Course

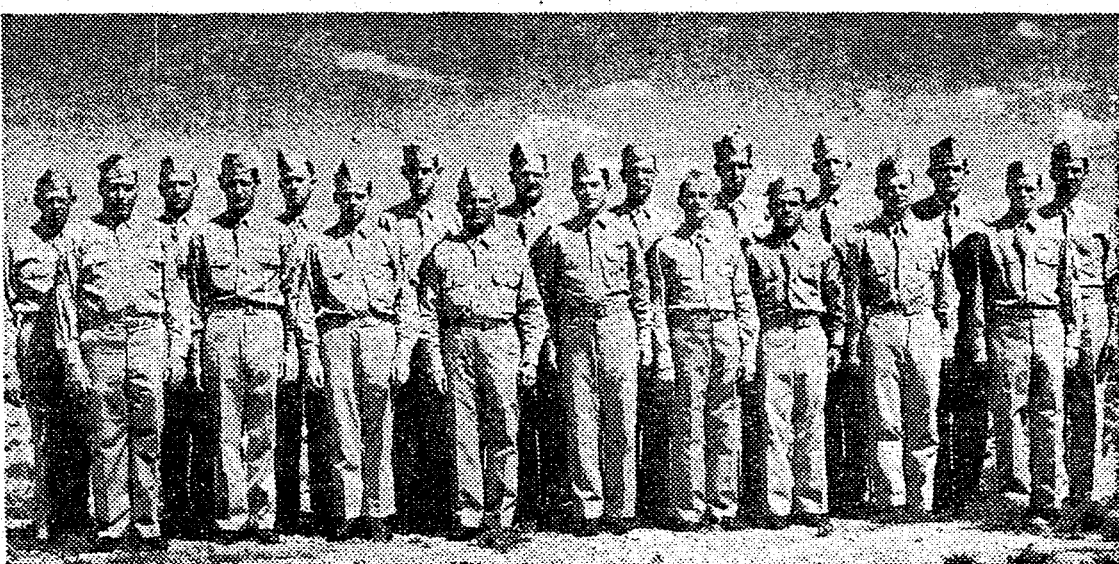
During the past week, the 658th's Company A. UTC, fired on ranges in the Camp Hood Area.

Most of the shooting has been done by the gunners of the Second and Third platoons and with the .30 and .50 caliber sub-monts.

Two weeks ago medals for marksmanship for the .30 caliber rifle were given out.

Quiz Answers

1. Yes Rommel was captured by the Italians, but escaped.
2. No. The Coast Guard operates under the Treasury Department in peace time. But in time of war, or when the President shall so direct, acts as a part of the Navy.
3. 21 planes, four balloons.
4. The Congressional Medal of Honor.
5. According to British Information Service, from Sept. 1939 to March, 1943, 103,477 men, women and children were killed and injured by air raids in Great Britain.
6. Human correctable failures.



GIVEN GOOD CONDUCT AWARDS—Col. Quigley, commander, 17th ID Group, UTC, recently presented good conduct medals to the following men of the 658th Bn.: From left, front row, M-Sgt. Raymond Kline, S-Sgt. Albert Miller, T-4 John Multzie, S-Sgt. E. Heider, 1st Sgt. Joseph Lee, S-Sgt. Anthony Ceselsky, Sgt. Albert Katch, S-Sgt. Warren Lewis, T-4 George Kennedy. Second row, from left, T-Sgt. Melvin Cupps, 1st Sgt. Paul Taylor, T-Sgt. Thomas Lauer, T-Sgt. Carl Appel, Jr., S-Sgt. Delmar Booher, 1st Sgt. Roy Holcomb, T-5 Olney Stringer, T-Sgt. George Burton, and S-Sgt. John Gebbart. Also receiving the medal, but not present for the photo, were S-Sgt. Robert Vaught, S-Sgt. Angelo Nese, S-Sgt. Mike Babuka, S-Sgt. Clarence Zimmerman.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo



(A summary of the week's news prepared by Panther Editors)

The surrender of Italy gave the United Nations their first chance to prove they meant business at Casablanca when they said only unconditional surrender of the enemy would be considered.

Italy's capitulation was complete. One clause in the terms binds the Italian government to comply with the political, economic and financial conditions to be set later by the Allies at their convenience.

While the news caused expressions of jubilation in Washington, it is suspected that it was not completely a surprise in all quarters. The fact that they may have felt certain that it was due soon, may account for the extension of Mr. Churchill's visit with Mr. Roosevelt.

Italy Then And Now

There must be many Italian people who are comparing Italy's position when she put down her arms after the first World War, and her position today. Then she was one of the victors; today she is defeated, at the end of a long string of self-inflicted humiliations.

Mussolini is generally credited with shaping much of the opinion that led to Italy joining the Allies the last time—his choice then was opportunistic, his belief that he personally had more to gain by joining the Allies. His choice this time was for the same reason; but it was a wrong choice, as the humbled Italians well know today.

In this war most Italians showed little desire for fighting glory; but Mussolini had enough confederates to force them along, and the promise of unlimited loot carried the war fever. In no case did Italy win a clear cut victory—typically in Greece and Albania she plunged in clumsily, get hope-

lessly involved in what might easily have been outright defeat were it not for the Nazi's face-saving rescue at the last minute.

Where Are The Yanks?

While the British and Canadians were accounting for Italy, the big question remains: Where are the American troops? For the answer to that, Schlickelgrubber and his associates would give tons of ersatz medals.

It seems to be part of the Allied "war of nerves" to let Germans stew over it for a while. Speculation puts the Americans everywhere from Greece to the Baltic Sea.

May Have Struck

It is possible that the American force has already struck, and the announcement—as of the Italian surrender—is being held up for strategic and psychological reasons.

One thing is evidently certain, an attack by American forces—probably within a matter of days—will fit with the Italian invasion as part of the broad picture.

Meanwhile, as if to emphasize to the Germans that their turn is coming up American heavy and medium bombers continued to step up their pounding of Munich and German industrial centers.

Russia Pushing On

The Russians chasing a beatup German army, killed some 2,500 Nazis, and captured the vital steel city of Stalino and the rail supply center in the Donets Basin area.

In Taganrog area the Russians sprung a trap which killed 35,000 German soldiers and captured 5,100 others.

Relentlessly, on all fronts the Russians continued to push back the Nazis faster than the Germans could think up "strategical excuses" for their stumbling retreat.

(Going to press: Marshall Stalin announced that the Donets Basin is cleared of Germans.)

Japs Worrying

The Allies are giving the Japs everything in the book, too. Field Artillery units were dropped by parachute behind Lae, and it seems only a matter of time until Americans from one side and Australians from the other close in and crush the Japs.

The Japs seem to be increasingly worried, as their official radio pointed out that the Allied fleet which battered the powerful Nip base or Marcus Island might have struck at Japanese mainland.

Further cause of Jap jitters can be found in the announcement by Secretary of the Navy Knox that one-third of Japan's total merchant shipping tonnage had been sunk by the Allies.

At Home

The Associated Press reported that "a key official" in the office of the coordinator of inter-American affairs resigned because of "interference, obstruction, delay and unintelligent dictation" by State Department officials.

Strips of serial numbered tickets will replace gasoline ration books in an effort to choke off the bootlegging racket.

In what was called the worst railroad wreck in U. S. history, the Congressional Limited cracked up outside of Philadelphia. More than 150 passengers were killed.

September 15th was set as the deadline for men in non-deferable jobs to change to war industry or be drafted.

Rubber Director William Jeffers told the President that his job was done, and since he was needed on his old railroad job, asked to have his resignation accepted.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates

Slight Snaf In Cupid's Path



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On The Ball

With PFC Keith Quick

Sportsmanship, says Webster, is the art or quality of being a good sport. Camp Hood's 635th Bn. baseball team took complete ownership of that definition in the recent Texas Semi-pro baseball tournament at Waco, when the fast-stepping Hood nine was awarded the team sportsmanship trophy over twenty-odd teams competing. Although they were eliminated, winning one game and losing two, the 635th nine boasted the largest rooting section in the eight-year history of the annual tourney. Beside copping the sportsmanship trophy, their ace moundman, Bob Shepard, pitched the first no-hit, no-run game in the tourney's history, when he subdued the Bryan Navigators, 18 to 0; making two big slices of bacon the Hood aggregation brought back to camp. The 635th is proud aplenty of its trophy. They will case it along with another trophy the team won while winning the Los Angeles City League championship in the summer of 1942 . . . Betty Jameson, Texas' nationally known golf star, has given up driving golf balls for championships to drive olive drab automobiles as a chauffeurette at the San Antonio Army Service Forces Depot. Comely Betty joined the ASF last month, after having spent several months working in a large war industry concern in Mexico City . . . The Camp Wheeler, Georgia, Spokes baseball team were winners of the 1943 U. S. Semi-pro championship at the national tournament staged in Wichita, Kansas, recently. The Spokes eliminated the strong Enid, Oklahoma, Flying School nine in the finals of the big annual semi-pro event. Along with their championship laurels, the Camp Wheeler nine collected a sum of \$7,311.86, which turned out to be the largest amount of cash ever paid a title-winning club in the nine-year history of the tourney. This corner had hoped that lots of skeckels and a title would go to the powerful Waco Army Air Field nine but the Flyers failed to enter the classic.

Has Spent His Army Career Fighting In The Square Ring

Sgt. Willie E. Hale, Co. B, 143rd AST Bn., a member of the North Camp's Tank Destroyers boxing team, is a ringman with a colorful boxing background.

Hale started his ring career in 1938 while stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. He won the post

championship in the 147-round class in his first year of fighting, and repeated his performance again in 1939. Also, in 1939, Hale captured the Southeastern A.A.U. title.

Hale held the Fort Benning crown until his transfer to Camp Wheeler, Georgia. He made numerous appearances in and around Macon, Georgia, where he threw the leather in a total of 28 bouts, losing only three. All told, the Sergeant has fought 53 battles, winning 47 of them.

Hale is now a cadremen in the 143rd AST, where he aids in the training of new soldiers, teaching them the technique and knowledge of self defense.

He has had two fights with the Tank Destroyers boxing team since his arrival at North Camp. The team takes on men from Waco and Blacklaid Army Air Fields in bouts held almost every week in Wright's Arena in Waco. Hale has won both of his appearances, one by a knockout and the other by decision.

Hale's next appearance will be with the All-North Camp team in a boxing show to be staged at the 12th Street open air boxing ring in the near future.

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145th AST Softball Pitcher Has Had Long Sports Career

By Cpl. James Bergers

Sports might well be the middle name of 1st Sgt. Robert M. West, a top-flight player on the 145th AST Bn., RTC, softball team at North Camp. Sgt. West, top noncom of Company D, has hurled his mates to seven wins in the North Camp Coca-Cola league softball chase.

Athletically inclined since 1930, Sgt. West first displayed his prowess as an all-around athlete while attending Columbus West High School in Columbus, Ohio, where he participated in baseball, basketball, football, track and golf.

He Won Letters

Entering Ohio University in 1933, West won freshman numerals in every active sport, and before leaving college in 1935 he won two additional letters in football and baseball. He also lettered in basketball.

After he left college the ser-

geant was employed as an inspector in a steel mill, where he worked until Uncle Sam said "let's go" in November, 1940.

After completing basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., in April, 1941, West took flight to Trinidad with a medical unit. While there he played an active part in every sports tournament conducted by Special Services.

Played In West Indies

On New Year's Day, 1942, Sgt. West played in the first game of football ever to be seen in the West Indies. The contest was between soldier and the civilian employees of the U. S. Engineering Dept., the soldiers winning, 13 to 0 under a temperature of 94 degrees.

West was chosen on the island all-star teams in basketball and softball. He returned to the States on May 3, and after a 30-day furlough spent at home he was transferred to North Camp for duty with the 145th AST Bn.

OCS Nine Wins 'B' League Title; Post Series Starts Friday Night

Camp Hood's "Little World Series" will get underway Friday evening, when two Tank Destroyer School teams meet in the first of a three-game Post pennant series at the 24th Street diamond.

Opposing nines will be the Student Regiment, winners of the "A" League, and OCS Regiment nine, which defeated the 603rd Bn. Monday evening, 3 to 2, for the "B" League title.

Either Karpel or Zuber, pitching aces for the Students, will draw the assignment for Friday evening's game, while the OCS manager probably will choose between O'Malley, a southpaw, and Madison.

By PFC Walter H. Glaser

Hurling a four-hit game, Cpt. Bill O'Malley again took the measure of the 603rd TD Battalion baseball team Monday night, as the OCS made it two in a row over their rivals to capture the play-off and the Class "B" league championship winning 3-2 in what was originally set for a two-out-of-three game series for the title.

O'Malley allowed singles in each of the first and third innings, and in the seventh and final frame of the ball game, gave up two hits good enough for a run, after giving up a single marker in the first, when an error let in a run. He held the 603rd hitless in the second, fourth, fifth and sixth frames.

Fourth Win In Row

It was O'Malley's fourth win in a row over the 603rd club. He failed to issue a single base on balls and fanned eight batters in hurling his club to the championship. In the second inning he retired three men in a row via the strike-out route.

The OCS, after being behind 1-0 for the first three innings, came up with two runs in the fourth to take a 2-1 lead and was never in trouble thereafter. Singles by Al Scanland and O'Malley and a long double to left by Charley Frank produced the two runs that put the club in front to stay.

In the sixth, Scanland again

led off with a hit this time a double to right center, and after Sgt. Angelo Mazzetta reached on error, Scanland moved to second, from where he scored on a single off the bat of Pvt. Guido Fenice for the run that really meant the ball game.

They Hit Well

Jimmy Newberry, Scanland and Fenice were the hitting stars for the OCS, each coming up with two hits apiece. Newberry and Scanland had a double and single apiece, while Fenice lashed out two singles.

Scanland was the fielding star of

the game, coming up with two difficult chances and handling two other grounders with ease at the keystone sack, besides lacing out two hits.

"Babe" Goforth, on the mound for the losers, was touched for nine hits, and was in trouble from the fourth inning on. A fast double play in the sixth frame got him out of plenty of trouble, after the first two men reached base with no one out.

The score by innings:

	R	H	E
OCS	000	201	0-3 9 1
603rd	100	000	2 4 2

Field Meet Held By 671st Battalion On Parade Ground

The 671st Bn., ITC, 23rd Group, commanded by Major Allerton Cushman, staged a track and field meet Friday afternoon on their parade ground at 24th and West Ave., North Camp.

Highlight of the afternoon was the high jumping event, with Pvt. Edward Stueber, Co. C, hitting the mark at four feet, eight inches.

The 100-yd. dash event saw

Sgt. Ray Stanford, Co. B, take the initial ribbon in 12.2 seconds. In the 120-yd. low hurdles, it was Edward Stueber again. He raced over the sticks in 21 seconds to take first place in the event. In the shotput event, Pvt. Howard Hurley, Co. A, tossed the iron sphere out over 37 feet, 6 inches of earth to take the gold offering.

In the last event of the day, the mile relay affair, Company C's four-man team raced to victory in four minutes, 35 seconds.

Company C won the meet with a total of 27 points. Co. A came in second with 9 markers and Co. B took third place with 8 points. Headquarters Co. failed to score in any of the events. Recon. Co. did not compete.

All men competed in GI shoes and fatigues. If enough interest develops, a track team will be formed and equipped with first-class track togs.

Other battalions desiring to compete with the 671st may contact Lt. James R. Zehner, Special Services Officer of the 671st.

Improves Play Program

Training Brigade recreational facilities now rank among the best in Camp Hood. Col. L. McVicker, commanding the Brigade, initiated an extensive program

At this particular time, the Brigade has approximately 30 ball diamonds, 60 volley ball courts, four tennis courts, two quarter-mile tracks, numerous horseshoe pitching courts, and a two-and-one-half mile conditioning course.

Efforts are being made to improve all day room facilities, and in the near future, a boxing ring will be constructed in the all-purpose building in the brigade area. Many good bouts are being planned for the fall and winter campaign. Football and basketball teams will soon be made up and regular play is planned.

On the social side, unit parties, movies and dances, plus other forms of activities at the Service Club serve to keep the men of the Training Brigade in a jovial mood.

Has 43 Runs To Foe's 12

Co. A's, 635th Bn., baseball team has amassed a total of 43 runs to their opponents 12 in their last three games in the 635th's inter-company league.

Company B was victim number one of the fast stepping A nine, when they were defeated in a recent game 18 to 6. Powerful hitting by S-Sgt. Delmar Senne, Cpl. Rueben Bender, Lt. Earl Proctor, S-Sgt. Alfred Wofford, Pvt. James Black and T-4 Charles Jacox, featured the Co. A team's wide margin of victory.

Company C was the next club to suffer defeat at the hands of the A club. In this game, Sgt. Bernard Carroll belted a pair of long homers to lead the onslaught. When the hitting was all done and the last marker was across the plate, the Co. A club was on the long end of a 14 to 2 score.

Hg. Co. was the next victim of the A team, falling by a score of 11 to 4. S-Sgt. Jerry Workman was the big noise of the game, slamming out a home run to clinch the win for the A men.

Pvt. James Black and Pfc. Curtis Prevost were the winning hurlers in all the A club's victories.

Gets Photo Award

Sgt. E. L. Nichols, Hq. UTC, recently completed a course at Western Reserve University in screen reproduction and allied subjects. He was commended for the excellence of his work by the Graphic Art War Efforts Training Division and received a certificate of merit from the University.

NC Fighter Wins Again

Cpl. Joe Muscato, North Camp Hood's ring expert and heavyweight title threat, stepped out of military air Thursday night to take up the other end of a main event bout at the Dallas Sportatorium.

In the top fight of the evening, Muscato was pitted against J. D. Turner, rugged 215-pound Texas heavyweight slugger, now stationed at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, in a 10-round go.

The towering Buffalo, New York, 186-pounder belted Turner all around the ring, winning via decision in the ten torrid rounds. The only knockdown of the melee came in the eighth stanza when Muscato caught Turner open near the ropes and landed a looping right that put the Air Corps battler on the canvas. However, Turner was up at the count and managed to hold on until the bell.

In a six-round semi-final bout, Chick Hirst, a welter-weight contender, won by a technical knockout over Sgt. Willie Hale, North Camp battler.

Training Brig. Wins 17 To 0 Game From 651st Battalion

Behind the five-hit tossing of Sgt. Ray Stephenson, the 635th Bn. baseball team romped to a 17 to 0 victory over the 651st Bn. nine in a recent game played on the 651st diamond.

Stephenson, aside from his permitting the opposition only five scattered singles, blasted a long run to aid in the lopsided score. Foord, 635th right fielder, also hit a round-tripper.

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