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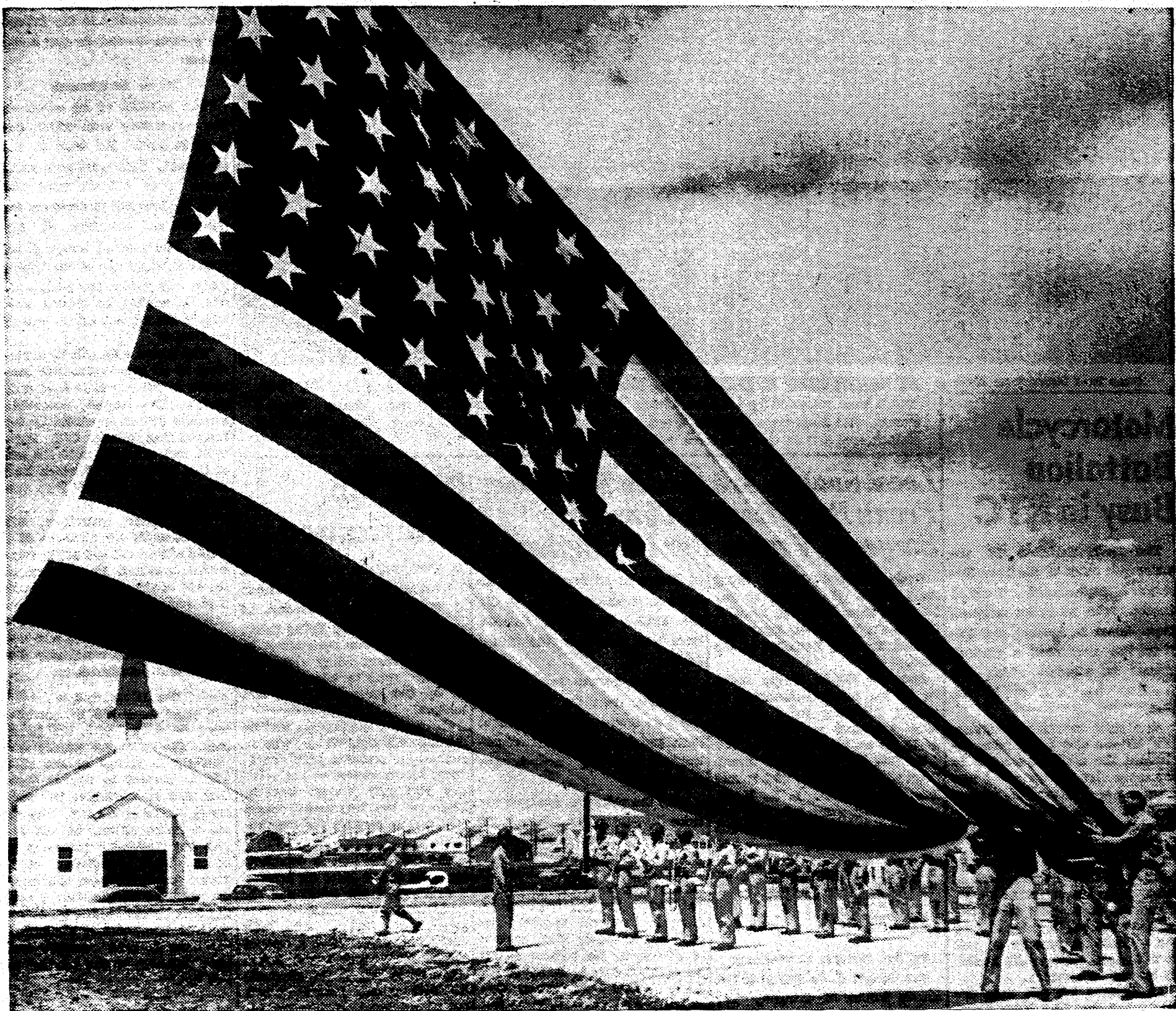
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The unfurling of Camp Hood's huge garrison flag, 20 by 38 feet, officially marked the opening of Camp Hood on September 18, 1942.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

One Year Nearer Victory!

TWELVE MONTHS AGO, September 18, before a group of Army and civil officials including Colonel John Bell Hood, son of the Confederate General for whom the camp was named, the garrison flag was raised to symbolize the occupancy of Camp Hood, by the Tank Destroyers, just 120 days after its construction commenced.

During that short four months, the reservation had been secured, roads and ranges constructed and the cantonment built. An equal attainment in training was celebrated. Prior to occupancy of the cantonment area, the organization of the Center had been set up, Tank Destroyer doctrine and tactics developed, the School instruction put into practice, training schedules for the units created and tested, school troops assigned and practiced, and nine Tank Destroyer Battalions trained in the field as units.

Undersecretary Speaks

Later in the day, Undersecretary of War Patterson, speaking from an M-3 Destroyer, dedicated Camp Hood to the Tank Destroyers as he presented them their distinctive shoulder insignia. Much of his address was prophetic: "... you have heard this described as an all-out war ... there are still a few Americans who think they can coast to victory ... it can't be done ... here at Camp Hood, you are all out for victory. You are a heartening example of American determination to see this thing through. I wish these people who complain about the gas shortage and the rubber shortage could spend a day here; it would open their eyes; it would open their minds. You have equipment and I assure you it is rolling out faster every day ... a new model is in production ... two new mounts are under development ... the Army looks ahead ... it believes in experimentation. Right here at Camp Hood is an example of the Army's spirit of progressiveness."

"The rigorous training which you are getting here will pay dividends when you get into action. This war will be won not

This Edition Marks First Year Of Hood

This is a special edition of the Hood Panther marking the first anniversary of the official opening of Camp Hood, home of the Tank Destroyers.

Material for this edition largely supplants regular features and stories prepared by regular correspondents and staff editors of The Panther. Most of the stories explaining the functions and detailing some of the growth of the various units and offices of the Tank Destroyer Center and the 1848th Service Command Unit were prepared by members of that unit or office under the direction of the Post Public Relations Officer.

Panther editors planned the layout of the edition, utilizing the material submitted.

Purpose of the edition is to record the history of the growth of Camp Hood and the Tank Destroyers.

so much by the best equipment as by the best brains and I mean individual initiative, individual enterprise, individual ability to size up a situation and to determine the best course to follow all the way through from the high command down to this morning's recruit. In whatever corner of the world you are ordered to seek out the enemy, I know that you will fight valiantly."

Much Work Done

The men and officers of the Center have built well upon Secretary Patterson's words during the past year. The TD Board has examined many products of scientific research agencies of the Army from the field soldier's point of view. It has actually worked on 190 projects including everything from tests on helmet liners, rations, clothing and sights to the Bazooka and M-10. Its recommendations for a 3-inch gun with high muzzle velocity enabled Tank Destroyers to obtain the additional striking power of the towed 3-inch gun and the M-10 self-propelled.

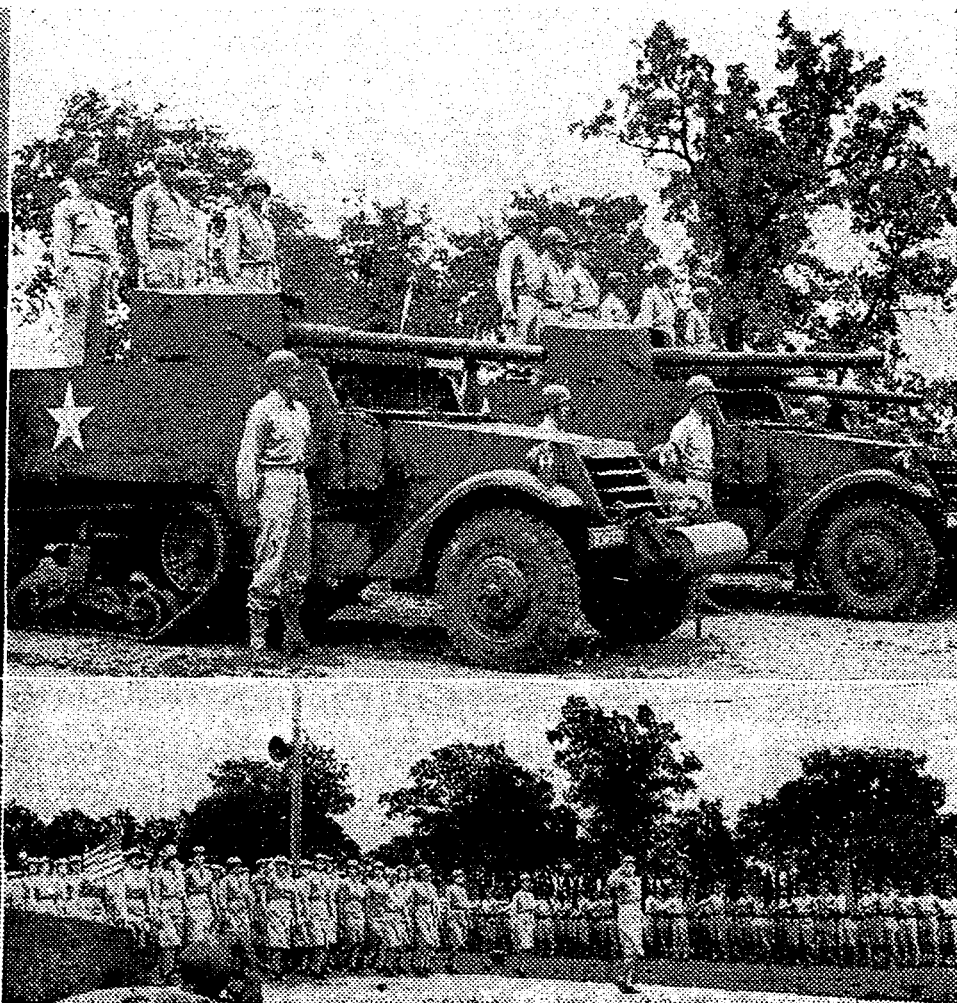
Of the original Board only Colonel Montgomery, now President, Colonel Hoyt, and Major Adams remain. Four, Colonel Heavey, Major Cushman, and Colonel Thompson have visited the North African Theater of Operations and have returned to TD Center to impart the benefit of their observations. Others are furthering TD progress in new assignments.

Tank Destroyer School

The TD School, under direction of Brigadier General Hugh T. Mayberry, has prepared several thousand enlisted men and officers for their Tank Destroyer functions. In fact, the urgency for trained personnel brought about a six-fold expansion above the initial quotas set by the War Department.

It has graduated more than 4,800 second lieutenants from its Officer Candidate School which was initiated in Gatesville to hurry along its mission prior to the completion of facilities within the cantonment. In addition to the thousands of enlisted men

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Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Motorcycle Battalion Busy In RTC

The 135th Battalion is the motorcycle outfit of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center. With 84 cycles assigned, Capt. James B. Stewart, S-3 Officer, has announced a planned change in schedule which will facilitate the training of the men.

Heretofore battalion headquarters officers and cadre have instructed the cycle specialists in the companies, but under the new plan the two motorcycle platoons in each company will have experienced officers and cadremen attached.

New trainees will not mount "bikes" until their eighth week of training. In the meantime an officers and cadre cycle school has been carried on, in order to keep the veterans in practice as well as to instruct the "greener hands" in the art of wheeling.

An unusual job has been accomplished by Lt. Allison G. Irish, recently with Co. B, 135th Bn, and T-4 Chester G. Van Keuren, Hq. Det., 135th Bn, in taking salvaged motors and reconditioning them for instructional purposes. Eight motors have been put in shape with an additional 12 in the process of repair. These will be divided into three categories: live, dead and cutaway. The live motors are in running condition and mounted, while the dead ones are to be taken apart and put together by the trainees, who thus will become familiar with the nomenclature of the cycle. The mounted cutaway motors, operated by cranks, show a cross section and have been so cutaway that all moving parts are visible on one or the other of these motors.

Headquarters Company, Training Brigade Wins

Continuing their merry clip at the top of the TB Softball league, Hq. Co., Tng. Brigade Ten took the measure of Troop F, 106th Cav. (Mecz), 7 to 5, in a game played last week T-5 Lester Ole was again stingy with hits, allowing only one Cavalryman to hit safely, although a streak of wildness in the fifth inning gave the opponents four markers. The TB batters amassed a total of eight hits.

Score by innings:

Troop F,	R H E
106th Cav.	000 041 0-5 1 3
Hq. Co., Tng.	R H E
Brigade	222 010 x-7 8 6

AT NORTH CAMP OPENING—When North Camp Hood was officially opened May 29, 1943, troops were reviewed by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general, Army Ground Forces, and Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, commanding general, TDC. Lower photo., the WAC Detachment passes the half-track reviewing stands.

Local Snakes Are Sissies To Former Frank Buck Reptile Charmer; Sergeant Yearns For Big Python

Snakes around North Camp Hood won't attack you if you let them alone, says Sgt. Louis J. Pistoia, Co. "C," 147th Army Specialized Training Battalion at the RTC.

Sergeant Pistoia should know, for he has handled thousands of snakes, including some of the most poisonous reptiles in the world, as an herpetologist.

In 1937 he worked for Frank Buck at the explorer's wild animal farm at Amityville, L. I., N. Y. and for three years before he entered the Army the sergeant was

in charge of all reptiles for Luis Ruhe of Woodside, L. I., N. Y., the largest importer of animals, birds and reptiles in the United States.

Sergeant Pistoia has handled everything from big pythons to the little brown snake half a foot long, and has been bitten countless times—by nonpoisonous snakes.

With the poisonous ones you are more careful. I've never been bitten by a poisonous reptile," he says.

The sergeant began collecting snakes when he was 16, and while he worked for the importer he often had several varieties, including the deadly black mamba of Africa, in his bedroom at his home in Corona, L. I., N. Y. His family is used to it, he says. One of his house pets was a 12-foot python.

Snakes in this area are easily identified, he says. Anyone can tell a rattlesnake. Others are the copperhead, moccasin and coral snake. The moccasin is seen in eastern Texas but Sergeant Pistoia says he has never seen one around the camp area although there may be some.

The rattler, copperhead and moccasin all have elliptical pupils like a cat and all have sensory pits between the nostrils and eyes, used as heat detectors, says the snake expert. The coral snake cannot be identified as poisonous by its pupils but there is one sure way.

The coral snake is striped with bands of red, yellow and black, and each black band is bordered on each side by a smaller yellow band. Other snakes whose coloring imitate the coral snake do not have the bands arranged in this order.

The black snakes inhabiting the Leon river Sergeant Pistoia described as water snakes and harmless.

137th Battalion Wins 'Best Mess' Plaque

The 137th Bn., RTC, mess won the plaque for the best mess during the week ending Sept. 12, nosing out 139th battalion for the prize given weekly in the RTC.

Best Company messes were Co. D, Third Regt. 133rd Bn.; Co. D, Sixth Regt., 145th Bn.; and Co. A, Seventh Regt. 148th Bn.

Playwright In 663rd Bn.

By Pvt. William H. Robinson

Pvt. Joseph A. La Penna is the morale builder of Company "C", 663rd Bn.

Born in New York City, in 1919, he has a background of 16 years of theatrical work. He was graduated from two dramatic schools—"The Theatre of Foundation", and "The Leighton Rollins School of Acting". Before attending these schools, he was a member of the "Children's Theatre", for eight years. There he was Speech Instructor and Assistant Director to Helen Murphy, for three years. He gave readings, recitations, and performances of scenes and soliloquies from the works of Shakespeare. He also worked for Cooperation College as Narrator, and Announcer, doing a six months series of radio programs.

Outside of being a good actor, Pvt. La Penna has also composed, directed, and acted in two plays of his own, "Ghost" and "Candle Light." Both of these had successful runs on Broadway.

Pvt. La Penna's talent extends to music also. At 11, already an accomplished pianist, he composed his first musical composition.

Variety Review Shows Planned At 162nd St.

Friday Night Review, weekly variety program of soldier talent, had its initial performance last week at the 162nd St. Service Club.

Entertainers of all types are welcome to participate in the program which will be held weekly.

PWP Co. Entertained

By PVT. SAL J. MIRAGLIOTTA

Members of the 441st Prisoner of War Processing Company, as well as the Military Police Escort Guard Co., were entertained in the internment camp recreation building Friday by talent furnished by the Gatesville USO and soldiers.

Community singing was lead by the MPEG's Cpl. Wilbur, who in civilian life tooted a trombone in dance bands. Emcee of the evening was PFC O'Day. Captain Blake of the Internment Camp Hq's was responsible for the program.

The USO did well in establishing itself in our favor for offering a composit of fair talent and attractiveness. For example, there was Wanda Stevens, who sang "Body and Soul." Then a colored couple, J. B. and Louise Snow, cut a mean rug to the rhythmic beat of the Boogie Woogie. Later on, Pearl Mundragon interpreted the gay, musical spirit of Mexicans in her dancing of the Mexican Hat Dance.

The Army contribution, on the other hand, was fine. Pvt. Maloney gave a tap dance, while Sgt. Marx, a ventriloquist, presented some "Bergan-McCarthy" dialogue.

A few men were "shanghied" from the audience. Capt. Blake obliged with a song. Then, through connivance of a buddy, Pvt. Duffy, 441st PWP, was called to the stage. He led the emcee to believe that he would sing the "Figaro" aria, but the name "Duffy" and "Figaro" didn't seem to click, as we soon found out when he sang the immortal ballad: "When the Mush Begins to Rush Down Father's Vest." Some copies of the lyrics were requested, and Pvt. Duffy seemed willing to oblige.

Another "selectee" was Sgt. Fogarty of the MPEG, who sang two songs in a Frank Sinatra style. Cpl. Vosberg supplied piano accompaniment for the performers.

After the program, door prizes were awarded, among them a carton of cigarettes and a phone call to any part of the U. S.

Refreshments were served in the company mess hall.

Weapons Expert

S-Sgt. William E. Lewis, Platoon Sgt. of 2nd Rcn. Plat, 635th Bn., UTC, has just concluded a series of tests with MG mounts for the TD Board. Sgt. Lewis was in the Marines before coming into the

OC's Learn Army Honor, Book Says

The Officer Candidate School Handbook, distributed to incoming candidates at the Tank Destroyer School, presents them with a picture of what is in store during the 17 weeks ahead. Particularly noteworthy is the following section devoted to the honor system:

Honor Is Stressed

"The HONOR of an officer is the cornerstone upon which our army is built. His word is unquestioned. This trust and confidence in an officer's word and upon his integrity is necessary for the efficient operation of our army. The code of honor of an officer in the Army of the United States will govern the honor system as applied to graded tests and to the conduct of the officer candidates.

"The honor code will be supervised by an honor committee consisting of one candidate from each platoon. The initial committee members will be appointed by the commanding officer, OCS Regiment, and will serve until the end of the fifth week, at which time the candidates will elect their own representatives.

"This honor committee will function under the guidance of a school officer who will act as committee president. It will meet at the call of the president, at which time suggestions and recommendations for its operation and development may be made and any violations by the candidates discussed and considered.

Use Honor System

"Graded tests will be administered in accord with the honor code. The instructor usually and regularly in charge of the class will be present to answer questions and to administer the necessary details of the test. Though not a police officer, he will report any noticeable violations of honor. Upon completion of a graded test, candidates will make the following certification: 'I certify that I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance; nor have I used unauthorized texts or notes in the solution of this test.'

Mobile USO Unit Now Available To Bivouaced Men

A mobile USO Unit is now available to organizations bivouaced in the field, the Special Service Office has announced.

This unit goes right to the men with a new movie each week, games, phonograph records and other entertainment. The unit may be obtained by telephoning the Post Special Service Office.

Chart Making Is Job Of 128th Battalion

Chart making is one of the specialties of the 128th Bn, RTC. During the last cycle their chart committee, with Lt. Johnson in charge, made 80 charts, chiefly on the 30 caliber, 50 caliber, 75 MM, and three inch gun.

An interesting angle in connection with these charts is the fact that two of the Enlisted Men who worked with Corporal Hawthorne in the making of them are now officers in the same company in which they took their basic training. They are 2nd Lts. Charles A. Meyer and Douglass R. Temple.

cycle the 128th has prepared 27 Preparatory to starting its new more charts dealing with general subjects.

Army at the start of this war and has seen considerable service in China. He is considered a weapons expert.

TDC Comes Of Age In A Year Here

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who have received technical instruction in communication, pioneer work and automobile maintenance, hundreds of officers have received refresher and advanced training in tactics and other school courses. Indicative of the expanded facilities of the TD School are the completion of an outdoor amphitheater, concrete terrain plots and a greatly enlarged reproduction plant.

Unit Training Center

The Unit Training Center, capitalizing upon the experience gained in training nine battalions in field camps, kept pace with the needs of an increasing flow of units through its program. The primary instruction in gunnery and tactics was rounded out with advanced individual training, field expedients, physical conditioning and battle inoculation. The latter was so strikingly successful in preparing soldiers for combat that General McNair, Commanding Army Ground Forces, ordered it be made part of the training of every soldier under his command.

The Army's "Bazooka" was early tested by the TD Board and proficiency in firing developed under the Unit Training Center.

Expanded facilities and equipment have made possible the training of 33 TD Battalions simultaneously.

Training Brigade

The increased activities of the Center brought about a parallel expansion of the Headquarters charged with demonstrations and supplying opposing troops in tactical training. From an initial strength of one tank destroyer battalion and one battalion of medium tanks, it has been expanded to a force of some 12,000 men with the current designation of "Training Brigade," under command of Col. Lansing McVicker. Today the multitude of requirements of the School and UTC are fulfilled by composite units from a tank destroyer group, a mechanized cavalry regiment, a tank group, an ordnance group, an infantry or truck battalion, or an engineer company.

Commencing late in 1942, preparations were made to complete the Center and provide for training of Tank Destroyer men from the time of induction until they departed as members of a tactical unit or as replacements required to bring to full strength units in the theatres of operations.

The reservation was enlarged to include 50,000 additional acres. A portion of this added terrain was purchased near the School to economize in time necessary to reach the tactical areas. The 35,000 acres extending the original reservation northward, provided a camp site and training areas for an Individual Training Center and a Replacement Training Center now known as North Camp.

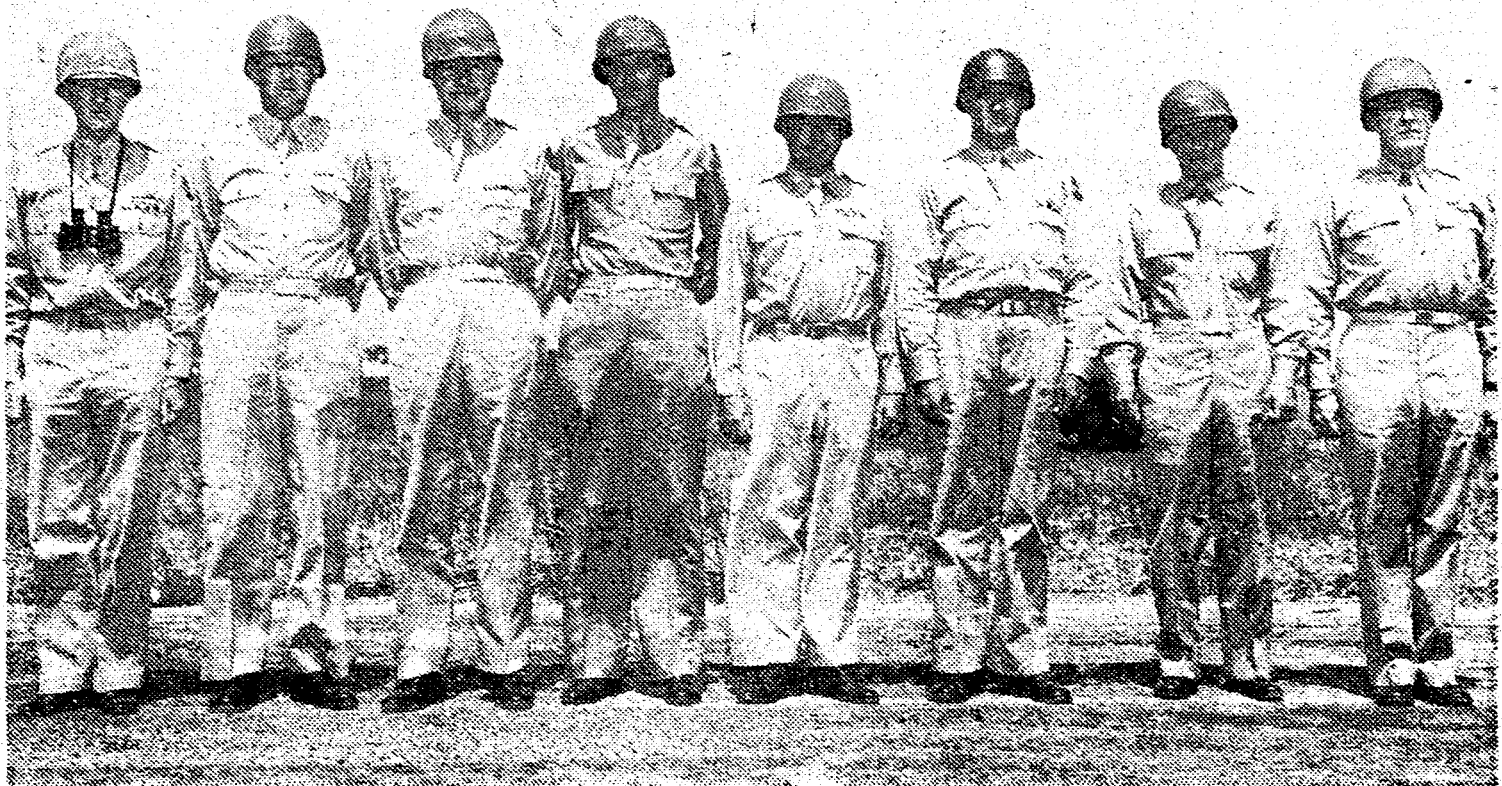
Individual Training Center

The Individual Training Center was activated at Camp Bowie pending the completion of facilities in the north area. Its training schedules provided basic instruction for Tank Destroyer personnel from the time of induction until they were assigned as a unit for tactical training under UTC. Brig. Gen. Harry F. Thompson and his staff preceded the units from Camp Bowie to their new facilities and no training time was lost when the battalions were transferred to Camp Hood.

Replacement Training Center

The Replacement Training Center, initially organized in the original cantonment area under command of Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, carried forward its courses of instruction with expedients in buildings, training aids, and vehicles until it joined ITC in the second cantonment area to be known as North Camp Hood.

Five regiments were activated in December, and by middle January trainees from every state of the Union were received at the rate of 1,100 men a week. The



THEY COMMAND HOOD'S UNITS—These eight men command the major units in Camp Hood. From left, Major General Orlando Ward, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center; Brig. Hugh T. Mayberry, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer School; Brig. Gen. Harry F. Thompson, Commanding General, Individual Training Center (North Camp); Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, Commanding General Replacement Training Center (North Camp); Colonel Lansing McVicker, Commanding Officer, Training Brigade; Col. Ray C. Montgomery, President, Tank Destroyer Board; Col. Charles M. Thirkeld, Camp Commander; Col. Jack Heavey, Commanding Officer, Unit Training Center.

organization was again expanded last June with the advent of the Army Specialized Training Program which increased its strength by an additional two regiments.

Many of the men who have undergone RTC training are now serving in the theatres of operation and the calibre of instruction enables them quickly to find their place in the units to which they are assigned.

North Camp Hood upon its completion was dedicated by Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, Commanding Army Ground Forces, on May 29, 1943. He remarked the advantage of a complete Tank Destroyer Center and the accomplishment of its creation, organization, and development during the preceding months.

Finest Training Area

With the addition of land and the North Camp cantonment, which in capacity approximates the original cantonment, Camp Hood in total became one of the largest and undoubtedly the finest training area in the world.

The opening of the North Camp marked another transition. Major General A. D. Bruce who had been charged by the War Department with the mission of creating the Tank Destroyers in mid-summer of 1941, was ordered to command of the 77th Infantry Division. Commenting upon the development of Tank Destroyer Center, General McNair remarked that "he knew of no war training agency which was conceived, planned and built and put into operation with greater speed and skillfulness."

Major General Orlando Ward assumed command of TDC, bringing to it the benefit of his combat experience in the North African theatre as commander of the U.S. 1st Armored Division. Formerly secretary to the Chief of Staff, his long military record was quickly reflected in emphasis upon the intimate relationship between training and the battlefield.

Leadership Unusual

Leadership has been the good fortune of the Tank Destroyers. Both of its Commanding Generals have won high awards for valor on the battlefields; both hold the care, comfort, and security of the men under their command, as well as their training proficiency in readying for combat, as a paramount responsibility of command.

But Tank Destroyer leadership has not been confined to its generals; the officer personnel includes experience and capacity unusual to any similar training center. Hundreds have participated in the successful development of the Tank Destroyer Center—a few only are mentioned. General Tindall, who organized

UTC, has been recently awarded the Legion of Merit for his accomplishment in the development of Tank Destroyer tactics; he is our present Military Attache at Ankara. Colonel Heavey, who assumed command of UTC, is one of several Tank Destroyer Officers who has served as observer in North Africa. General Sawbridge, formerly Chief of Staff, Tank Destroyer Center, is now G-1, Allied Force Headquarters. Colonel Ross, the first President of the Board, is on the American Staff in England. Lt. Colonel Casey, who developed the gunnery Training Group of UTC, is on the Staff at Allied Force Headquarters. Colonel Charles M. Miller, another former Chief of Staff, is on special duty with the War Department. General Earnest and General Gordor, formerly Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer of the Training Brigade, now command the 1st and 2nd TD Brigades, respectively. Colonel Wheaton and other former department heads are now TD Group commanders, and Colonel Douglas McNair, who headed the School Weapons Department, is Chief of Staff of the 77th Division. Lt. Colonel Kimbrell, who, as the first American officer graduate of the British Commando Course, established a Tank Destroyer Battle Conditioning Course, and Lt. Colonel Frank D. Miller, former G-3, are battalion commanders of the 77th Division.

The list is woefully incomplete; new assignments which have subtracted officers from the Center also include an increasing addition of experience and ability. Colonel Hains, now G-3, commanded the 1st Armored Regiment in North Africa. Colonel Comfort and Colonel Quigley, respectively training inspector of TD School and Group Commander, were, until recently, Command and General Staff School instructors. Battalion, Company, and Platoon Commanders from TD Units which have seen action in the North African Campaign, now exert their influence upon training at Camp Hood.

Records Are Good

Tank Destroyers are battle tested and their records prideful. The first American unit to see action in Tunisia was a Tank Destroyer company. The score of enemy tanks and anti-tank guns destroyed has been favorable in every action. Many unusual missions have been ordered; TD units have carried them out with credit.

The spirit of the Tank Destroyer personnel in action has been high; their courage has been remarked by Theater Commanders. There are other actions to come in which Tank Destroyers will be engaged. The training

Battle Trainer In UTC Culls From Own Experiences

The man who heads battle conditioning training of Tank Destroyers in the Unit Training Center is one who knows the realism of battle—and teaches it.

He is Major Ralph W. Sleator, who became an Army man when he enlisted in 1917 at the age of 16. With Lt. Col. Gordon T. Kimbrell, who went through commando training in Scotland, he originated the battle conditioning course here.

Realistic Course

It has proved to be invaluable, because, difficult as the training under fire may be, it accustoms soldiers to what they face under actual combat conditions.

There are now three such UTC courses at Camp Hood and the Army Ground Forces has duplicated them at virtually every major training center in the country. Major Sleator in his effort to give TDs a taste of real fighting problems, has combined in his battle conditioning course, the lessons taught by World War I and this war, in Tunisia, Russia and the South Pacific.

In the last war, Major Sleator learned much. He spent 16 months overseas, was in the Second Battle of the Marne and five other major engagements. He specialized in raids between the German lines and when the Armistice was signed, spent eight months as part of the Army of Occupation.

Then he joined the United States Border Patrol, working along the Canadian border, studying, meantime, under Ed Mc-

Givern, who holds the world record for drawing and firing five shots from the hip in two-fifths of a second.

Developes Combat Firing

One of Major Sleator's most notable contributions to the success of the battle conditioning program has been his development of close combat firing of individual weapons.

His "shooting by ear" gets off an accurate shot in less than a third of a second. Two or three seconds are required for a shot aimed by eye—a time difference which in actual combat can mean and has meant the difference between killing and being killed.

106th Band Plays Here

PFC KENNETH W. SANTEE

After an absence of about two months from their saxes, drums, trumpets, etc., the band of the 106th Cavalry is rapidly regaining its fitness, which it was generally reputed to have in Louisiana. Under the direction of W. O. Madden, the band will soon be able to compete with the best that Camp Hood can offer in military and dance music makers. Every morning the band is present to serenade the boys prior to reveille, a custom which was followed when the organization was stationed in Louisiana.

The dance band, known as the Cavaliers, has made its presence and ability evident at several local functions. Many of the personnel of the band have had, in civilian life, experience with first-rate name bands throughout the country, such as Hal Kemp, Whitman, and other famous organizations. Sgt. "Red" Beck leads the dance orchestra and specializes in vocalizing. Its versatility is recognized by the ability to play both sweet or hot music, whichever the occasion requires.

They Couldn't Find Him To Commission!

Because the War Department couldn't find him, James Benjamin Coulston served in the Army's ranks more than a year after his commission as a second lieutenant had been approved.

For months, Coulston was overseas with the 804th TD Bn. Recently he returned home on a furlough and found out what happened to his commission.

He had postal experience in civilian life and a commission for him in the army postal service was approved Aug. 19, 1942.

His orders have not been issued, assigning him to duty as a second lieutenant.

they have experienced at Camp Hood and their pride in Tank Destroyers will assure success against the enemy in battle.

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One Year

It is just one year ago that the Army officially opened an area in central Texas, declared it the Army's Tank Destroyer Center, and named it Camp Hood, after the famous Confederate General John B. Hood.

One year in infinity is a mere snap of the fingers; in the Army it's long enough to go from the defensive to the attack, it is long enough to turn an open prairie into a full running Tank Destroyer Center, thriving and throbbing with activity.

First Steps Taken

The silence of ages that covered these plains has been broken by Tank Destroyer vehicles; the coyotes, the jackrabbits, and gophers have taken off to the horizon before the roar of TDs in training.

In that year the first steps in the training program have evolved into the streamlined, knifesharp action that has brought the Tank Destroyers down to quick fighting edge.

In that year as the Tank Destroyer Center grew into a finely equipped and built training camp, the TD's in the field grew in fighting stature, they flexed their muscles and hit their fighting stride—and everybody will remember "First in Bizerte—the TD's"

During that year Major General A. D. Bruce, whose leadership and planning helped originate the center and plan its program, relinquished the reins as commanding general of TDC to Major General Orlando Ward, just back from the African theater where his courage and tactical genius won him the DSC.

Event Is Significant

This anniversary has more significance than merely a birthday, even more than the usual importance of a first year of activity—it marks more than a year of the Army's newest force, a force created to meet the tactical necessity of a vaunted enemy, it marks emphatically the successful answer of the enemy's challenge.

In that time the Tank Destroyer Center has won itself a reputation in military circles for the keenness, the lean essentials of its training regimen. It has won a reputation for its adherence to Spartan military ideals.

In that year the black Panther's face on the orange field has become well known, he has stalked his way across the land and sea and proven his right to be called a full-fledged fighting man in so short a time.

And so, one year ago TDC at Camp Hood was the lair of a cub, today it is the training ground of a fully mature fighter.

This Is Our Job

What ever the future may hold, no matter how soon or how far into the future the war may end, history will know of the TD's and Camp Hood. We who have had a part in that year, too, will remember, remember with pride that we had a part in creating and shaping one of the Army's proudest forces.

But as soldiers we are not concerned with prognostication, our job is the one at hand—to train for the fight which is our job and our duty, to give ourselves completely to that training, with singleness of purpose and completeness of mind. That's what we'll do.

The next year at Camp Hood will be even prouder than the first. We have the officers and men to make it so.

AMERICA MUST WIN!

Has anyone ever stopped to think
What would happen to our land,
If Americans ever begin to shrink
And give in to enemy hands?
Our lives would soon come to an end
In poverty and despair,
And we could never make amends
For failure over there.
Our freedom and our liberty
Our forefathers gave to us
Must be upheld safely,
We can, we will we must.
Our soldiers on the war fronts
Are doing the best they can,
They are bearing all the brunt
In helping to save our land.
People at home in war plants
Should labor day and night
And soldiers in our many camps
Must train with all their might.
Let's all work in unity
And get in this big foray,
And we will bring a victory
To the good old U. S. A.

By Pvt. William Cranmer, Co. B, 136th TDTB, RTC.

Father Of Daughter

A daughter was born last week to Lieutenant and Mrs. Henry O. Bass, of Killeen. The child has been named Janice Marilyn. Lieutenant Bass, before being commissioned, was first sergeant of Headquarters company, O. C. S. Regiment, T. D. School.

Goes To AG School

Cpl. Francis F. King, of Detroit, Mich. recently was transferred to the Adjutant General's Department Officer Candidate School at Fort Washington, Maryland. King was with the classification department here several months.

Wedding Bells

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A Camp Hood romance was culminated recently in the marriage of S-Sgt. Norman Miller of the School Operations Department to Miss Margaret Behrens, at Waco. The bride formerly was with the WAC detachment here.

There was a real touch of the military to highlight the wedding Saturday afternoon, August 14, of Sgt. Vincent Cogliano, Company A, 126th Bn., RTC, to Miss Frances DeYeso, of Boston, Mass. Sergeant Cogliano and his bride were completely surprised when his platoon of ASTP trainees arrived en masse to form a bayonet arch for the newlyweds to walk under as they left the Chapel after the wedding. Following the ceremony, which took place at the Leon Drive Chapel, with Chaplain Neil officiating, the couple were taken on a noisy ride through North Camp. The former Miss DeYeso travelled to the wedding, from Boston, where she and the Sergeant had been schoolyard sweethearts.

Cpl. Richard A. Davidson, Hq. Co., 635th Bn., UTC, and Miss Sarah Rae were married in Gatesville September 3.

Engagement of Cpl. Edward J. Barker, Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt., to Miss Eileen Gilmore, Rochester, N. H., was announced recently.

Commanding General Armored Command Makes Inspection Here

By S-SGT. E. O. DAY

Major General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., Commanding General, Armored Command, visited Camp Hood on September 9-10th. General Gillem inspected the normal training program being carried on by 747th Tank Battalion (M) and in the 7th Tank Group by 758th Tank Battalion (L).

The separate tank battalions, General Gillem stated, being used overseas have won the confidence and respect of infantry commanders who are asking for more separate tank battalions to support them in their operations.

General Gillem was accompanied on his tour of inspection by Colonel H. V. Dexter, Commanding Officer, 7th Tank Group.

'Snafu College' Night Featured In RTC Show

A 15 soldier group from an RTC battalion highlighted the "Snafu College" edition of Habber Dabber Night Monday at the Central Rec. Hall North Camp.

Snafu College satirized the Special Service Officer in his quest for talent. Sgt. George Hall, Hq. Co., RTC, emceed the revue in which soldiers, both male and female, as well as a civilian or two, appeared.

Among the characters were: Jack and Sidney, harmony singers, Bud Jacobson, Magician, Sgt. Albert Hoy, Post Ordinance, imitations, Roy Ross, tap dancer, Cpl. Sam Finn, N. C. Post Office, eccentric dancer and Jean Ivis, singer and imitator. The show was paced by a unit from the 2nd RTC Band, led by Sgt. Adam Fischer.

Promotions Are Lsted In The 22nd Tng. Group

Promotions were the highlight of the week in the 22 TD Group with the following increases in rank announced effective September 9:

T-5 Earl W. Brackett to T-4, T-5 Frank W. Tesarek to T-4, Cpl. Terak A. Usry to T-4, Pfc. Robert L. Hurlbut to T-5, Pfc. John M. Kozicki to T-5, Pfc. Donald M. Wonderly to T-5.



Army Quiz

1. Who was Camp Hood Named for?
2. How many trees are there in North Camp Hood?
3. How can you find the location of and complete information about any soldier in Camp Hood?
4. How large is the whole of Camp Hood?
5. Where is the only place any soldier or group of soldiers can have photographs made within Camp Hood?
6. How many second Lieutenants have been graduated from the TD Officer candidate school?

Monday Night Swing Club Formed At 162nd Street Service Club

Monday Nite Swing club has been organized for weekly appearances in the 162nd Street Service club.

Members of the 1st and 2nd TD bands and of the 106th Cavalry have been especially invited to attend. These swing sessions will serve as a get together for bands, groups and individuals to afford them opportunity for an exchange of ideas, and practice to participate in Camp activities and entertainments.

Quote Of The Week

One of the things which becomes clearer every day is that this present war is only a phase in the job of clearing the world of the Fascist-Nazi mentality. It becomes clearer every day that Fascism is not simply a disease confined to nations. Some people are Fascists by mentality.

—Louis Bromfield

19th Group Now In UTC

The 19th TD Group commanded by Lt. Col. Beverly St. G. Tucker completed its ITC training with a 46 mile road march out of their former bivouac area recently. The Group is now in the south camp.

Following the march, the men were reviewed by Brig. Gen. Harry Thompson, commanding general ITC.

Field problems and terrain plot instruction were part of the activity of the men while on the march. Temporary bivouacs and early sudden departures were also features of the problem.

The 662nd Bn. commanded by Maj. Robert H. Mitchell and the 663rd Bn. commanded by Maj. Leo A. Swoboda were the units taking part in the long hike.

16th Group Hq. Co. Does Commando Course In 10 Minutes Flat

By T-5 H. E. WHITT

The 16th TD Headquarters company UTC, recently smashed all records for Group Headquarters Detachments by "doing" the Commando course in 10 minutes and 5 seconds from the first obstacle to the last sprint.

The record was unofficial, Group Headquarters not having sufficient numerical strength to officially qualify for the record run. The Group was attached to "A" Company of the 655th Bn. but ran the course for record as a separate unit.

He Has Good Reason To Look Ahead To Complete Defeat Of The Nazis

By T-5 Elliott H. Feldman

Although Pvt. Richard Wodzynski, Co. B, 664th Bn. can't speak English well, he, nevertheless, epitomizes the things we are fighting for today. Private Wodzynski walked the streets of Warsaw when the German Luftwaffe first swept down, releasing their bombs. For hours he gazed up at the sky, hoping perhaps divine intervention would remove these mechanized birds. But this was only a prelude to what awaited those who couldn't successfully resist the Nazi tyranny.

Soon Pvt. Wodzynski was rounded up with many others and confined to a concentration camp. The interrogation was swift and thorough, but Pvt. Wodzynski considers himself fortunate. He only received a broken nose. He spent the next six months in a concentration camp. In his broken English, Pvt. Wodzynski can relate unbelievable tales of these six months, but all speak highly

for the ruthlessness of Himmler's tactics. Pvt. Wodzynski is probably the only American citizen in Camp Hood to be released in exchange for German Nationals.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Pvt. Wodzynski was but three years old when his family decided to move back to Poland. At the time of the Polish invasion, he was engaged in the cracker and biscuit business with his father. Being only 15 years old and of American birth, his father was able to obtain a visa for him. Going first to Portugal, Pvt. Wodzynski finally reached the United States.

Today Pvt. Wodzynski is attending school at North Camp, learning to get an elementary knowledge of his native tongue. He has two ambitions he would like to see fulfilled. First he would like to see his parents alive and well and then he would like the privilege of being a member of the first Allied Army which marches through Warsaw.

Army Service Force Has Huge Job

One year ago Saturday, September 18th, massive Camp Hood, home of the Army's only Tank Destroyer Center, was formally opened. To thousands of citizens of Bell and Coryell Counties the vastness of the enterprise came as a complete surprise. They knew the Army was building a military plant in the area, but it wasn't until the gates were thrown open, and automobiles loaded with civilians began to throng the roads, that they realized just how much work had gone into the construction of Camp Hood. Twenty-five thousand spectators visited the camp that day; hundreds of automobiles packed the highway solid to Belton.

The building of Camp Hood as conducted by the United States Army Engineers, follows to the operation by the Army Service Forces who, through the camp commander, Colonel Charles M. Thirkeld, are responsible for the physical property such as barracks, mess halls, buildings of all types, recreational facilities, warehouses, the hundreds of miles of roads, paved and otherwise, all utilities including the vast telephone system, railroads and grounds, and operation and maintenance of the camp.

In February, 1942, temporary headquarters were set up in Temple, Bell County, Texas. Major Gerald R. Tyler, Area Engineer, took over buildings there to house the Army offices. An office was located in Gatesville, Coryell County, for the purchase of the necessary land.

Construction on the cantonment was rapid, but months before the plant was ready ASF troops began to move into Temple and Gatesville.

On March 31, 1942, Major Tyler moved his headquarters to Killeen and set up a field office at the encampment, and on April 8th construction began on the barracks.

The Quartermaster Corps—store-keepers of the Army—arrived and set up operations; the finance section, ordnance, medical department, signal corps, military police and the many other sections necessary to operate and maintain a military camp took up quarters in the region.

As rapidly as office buildings were completed Army Service Forces troops, under jurisdiction of the Eighth Service Command, staffed the many specialized positions in Headquarters—personnel, finance, postal, investigators, claim adjusters, lawyers, warehousemen, chemical warfare, public relations, photographic, communications, clerical workers, ordnance, utilities—all professional men who had specific civilian and military qualifications.

Camp Hood marked its formal opening as a military installation with the unfurling of the huge garrison flag, 20 by 38 feet, with elaborate ceremonies in which the camp was turned over to Brig. Gen. A. D. Bruce, for Colonel C. M. Thirkeld, Camp Commander, who was unable to be present.

Shortly after the formal opening of Camp Hood the Army expanded the Tank Destroyer training program, and it was decided to enlarge the encampment. Government officials called on the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce, which presented plans it had drawn up for an encampment near the city. Thirty-five thousand acres of land south of the town were purchased. Soon another military installation, North Camp Hood was under way.

Colonel Donald R. Dunkle, appointed executive officer of the new camp by Colonel Thirkeld, personally supervised the development of the new cantonment from the start.

On May 3, 1943, the first troops began to move into their barracks and on May 29, 1943, North Camp Hood had its official opening.

Offices staffed by the Army Service Forces in operating and maintaining the camp include:

Public Relations

The Camp Hood Public Relations Office acts as a liaison branch between the Army and the public.

Its main function is telling the people who live near the camp about the activities going on here; but one of the most important jobs of the PRO is to tell the people in home towns about the activities of native sons.

The PRO also works with TDC G-2 to prevent the release of any tactical information of aid to the enemy.

The Public Relations Officer, Lt. Col. Crawford H. Booth, is in close contact with the battalion S-2 officers to receive information about individual progress, so that news of it may be released to newspapers and magazines.

Claims Office

The duties of the Claims Officer as prescribed by Army Regulations are the prompt and efficient investigation of all service connected accidents or incidents that may result in claims in favor of or against the government. However, in actuality the duties of the Claims Officer extend far beyond what one would expect from a superficial reading of Army Regulations. For example the Claims Officer has been called on to investigate anything from the complaints of an irate farmer that some soldiers had invaded his watermelon patch to the tracing down of reports of buried treasure on the camp reservation.

Capt. J. D. Abney is the Claims Officer, assisted by Lt. William H. Cox and Pvt. H. Kahn at the North Camp.

Ordnance Office

The development of the Ordnance office in the north and south camps in the past year is another example of the army taking care of its own.

The personnel of the office has increased with the volume of work. There are now 11 warehouses instead of two. Shops have blossomed out and more and more vehicles have been serviced by Ordnance.

Some of the major accomplishments of the Ordnance have been the large number of inspections made of arms and automotive equipment, fencing in of the area, enclosing of the parking lot to accommodate 2,000 vehicles, drainage facilities completed, railroad tracks built to the ammunition supply point for loading and unloading, and North Camp Hood Ordnance facilities set up.

Camp Chaplains

During an average week in Camp Hood some 85 religious services are conducted by the 22 post chaplains. While this is the basic job of the chaplains, they do as much work outside the chapel.

Whether it be trouble in the army or worry about folks back home, it's the chaplain the soldier can turn to with assurance that he'll get service and practical help every time.

And on the battle line the chaplain is right there, to cheer the men, encourage them, comfort the wounded, and prove their right to the name given them in the first war "sky pilots."



Post Engineer

The office of the Post Engineer at Camp Hood has the responsibility of maintaining all buildings, roads and other physical property on the reservation. Once the Area Engineer has completed construction of the camp and it has been accepted by the Camp Commander, it is the duty of the Post Engineer to see that light bulbs and fire extinguishers are supplied; doors, windows, walls and roofs are kept in proper repair; that roads are properly maintained; that utilities are in good working order—in short, that all physical property is kept at the peak of operating efficiency.

Lt. Colonel Homer G. Olmsted at Camp Hood, and Capt. Byron G. Kollenborn at North Camp Hood, are the men responsible for the maintenance of the cantonments.

Signal Office

Supplying a vital link in the camp's communications system, the signal offices at the north and south camps have seen a tremendous growth, particularly in the telephone and telegraph operations. With the aid of WAC's and civilians the military personnel has put into operation, a telephone system comparable to that of a big city.

Switchboards are largely handled by WACs and civilians. In the north camp, eight position switchboards now replace the earlier two position board. Twenty-three hundred calls are cared for hourly in the north camp.

Both camps have made preparations to handle excess long distance calls in the evening and on weekends.

Just repairing all the equipment, keeping the units in camp supplied with new signal methods, is a big job.

Add the visual aids center, the photographic laboratory, the Signal property warehouse and it is seen that signal work is varied.

A new training film library with projection rooms has been occupied at the north camp and a new building is being built for the south camp unit.

More and more WACs are being used in this type of work.

Billeting Office

One of the biggest problems in Camp Hood is housing for the civilians and the families of the military personnel. This is all handled through the billeting office in both camps. In the south camp, barracks are assigned to civilian women and men, rooms and living space in Hood Village are allotted to families of military personnel.

Of course the office also assigns quarters for troops.

But the big job is finding room to house the wives and families of servicemen and civilians. And naturally the billeting office must arrange for the maintenance of these quarters.

Capt. W. H. Yancey is Billeting Officer and Capt. J. L. Denson is Billeting Officer at North Camp Hood.

Importance Of M.P.'s Stressed By General

The military police are second to none in importance in the army, Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, commanding general TDC, said in a recent talk to the MPs. Gen. Ward spoke from his experience as the commander of an armored division.

"I have always felt that the Military Police represented a soldier on duty who would help me if I were in difficulty," the general said.

The MPs, he added were selected men, specially trained. They are the men a soldier turns

to at the front for directions whether it be to relocate his outfit, find a first aid station, or when looking for ammunition, rations, gasoline or any of the many things a soldier on the line might need.

The general told the MPs that they have one of the most important jobs in camp, he appealed to them to conduct themselves in a way worthy of their important position, and promised that the troops in Camp Hood would be educated to appreciate the work being done by the MPs.

Camp Commander Has Charge Of 'Housekeeping'

Col. Charles M. Thirkeld, a veteran of the First World War, is Commanding Officer of Camp Hood.

As commanding officer of Camp Hood, Col. Thirkeld has charge of all the "housekeeping" units of the Eighth Service Command 1848th Unit stationed here.

He came to Camp Hood from Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, where he was instructor in artillery.

Colonel Thirkeld entered the

army during the first World War and served with the Seventh Division. During the training period, he was with the 80th Field Artillery at Camp MacArthur, Waco.

He later served with the 12th FA Fort Sam Houston, had two tours of duty in foreign service in Hawaii.

He is a graduate of the field artillery school, battery officers' course, of the chemical warfare service school's line and staff officers' course, and of the field artillery school, advanced course.

Ration Boards

To most of the personnel of this Post, gas and tire rationing was something that was supposed to be in effect back along the Atlantic Seaboard, but nothing like this could happen down in Texas where there were oil wells everywhere.

However, with the announcement in October of national gasoline rationing to begin in November things began to happen.

On November 19, 20, 21 the car owners of the Post went to the Transportation Advisory Committee at the Field House to register their cars and receive their Basic or "A" gasoline ration for their cars.

Separate office for the Transportation Advisory Committee (Tire and Gas Ration Board) was set up in Post Hq. the latter part of November and applications were received for supplemental gasoline rations. The Local Committee acted only as an Advisory Committee and all requests for additional gasoline rations were forwarded to the Local Civilian War Price and Rationing Boards. This plan did not prove entirely satisfactory. So the Committee applied to the State O.P.A. for approval to set up a separate board to handle the Gas and Tire Rationing for Camp Hood. This was granted and on April 1, 1943 the separate board was established to handle all applications by military personnel and their families and all civilian

employees of Camp Hood. This was the first separate board set up on a military post in Texas and the Southwest.

Approximately 6,700 cards to apply for Food Ration Book 3 have been distributed to the personnel.

On May 17 an office was established at the North Camp under the direction of Lt. Turner D. White and three enlisted men.

To date the following gasoline rations have been issued by the Committee:

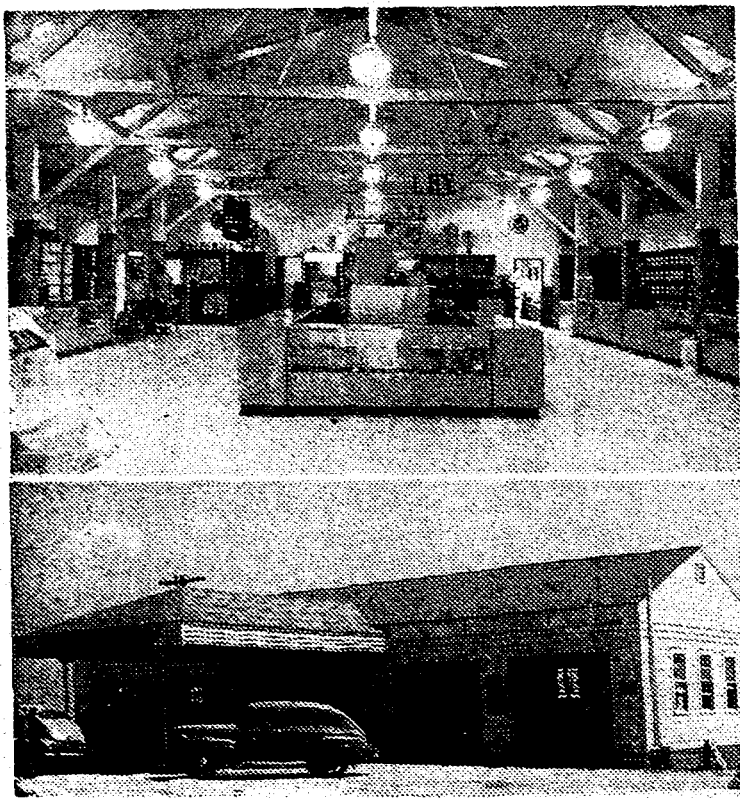
Basic "A" Rations 4341
Basic "A" Renewals 3356
Supplemental "B" Rations .. 4707
Supplemental "C" Rations .. 5892

At the present time the Committee is composed of Major C. A. Quinn, President, Major R. J. Steckel, Lt. W. R. Lace, Secretary, Lt. Turner D. White, Asst. Sec'y., and Mr. Herbert E. Oehler, Civilian Member of Tire Panel.

Special Services

Since the opening of the Camp Hood cantonment and North Camp Hood, Special services have opened and are operating seven Service Clubs, and Cafeterias, five Guest Houses, 12 Theaters. In addition all camp entertainment is handled by Special Services, which includes USO Shows, Theatricals and mobile movie unit for troops in bivouac. Special Services for both camps is under the direction of Major C. M. Adams.

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Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

TWO EXCHANGES—Interior of the Main Camp Hood Exchange, Headquarters and Circle Drive, carries a large assortment of goods, and is completely modern throughout. The new Camp Exchange Service Station was recently completed to serve civilian vehicles belonging to military personnel.

Post Engineer

The Camp Hood cantonment area covers 4,000 acres, as does North Camp Hood. Since that day early in April, 1942, when construction actually began, Colonel Olmsted watched the camp grow to its present size of 2,700 buildings, with 175 miles of road running to the edge of the North Camp cantonment. North Camp at present has 2,600 buildings, with more rising daily, and a little more than 25 miles of roads—so altogether the entire Camp Hood reservation now has over 5,300 buildings and 200 miles of roads. It is impossible to calculate the miles of glass and wire screening that have gone into the building of these two encampments; only a mental wizard could even begin to estimate the number of light globes in the camps.

But these are only minor parts of the job done by the Post Engineers. Every building, as it is completed, must be checked for construction features before it is accepted by the engineers. Sewers, fuel yards, cold storage and steam plants, the water system, and heating plants all are under their jurisdiction.

Range Firing

Intensifying the training of the enlisted personnel of the Station Complement in line with a memorandum from A.S.F., Colonel Thirkeld, Camp Commander, directed construction of two new anti-aircraft ranges—one in South Camp and one in North Camp. In the first three weeks of firing, 2,059 men became adept at hitting climbing, diving, and overhead targets.

The best score to date was hung up by Pfc. Paul E. Scott, of Headquarters, DEML, with 23 hits out of a possible 30. Since only direct hits are recorded and hits that would be equivalent to 4's, 3's, and 2's on the rifle range are omitted, this score by Pfc. Scott is of ultra expert caliber.

Camp Training Section, directed by Major F. M. Parker Jr. has also initiated rifle marksmanship classes, Chemical Warfare Demonstration and Basic Training Schools to step up Station Complement training.

Because of its spectacular nature, the Chemical Warfare Demonstrations under the direction of Major Harry Sloane, C.W.S., has perhaps created the greatest interest.

The fighting spirit of Station Complement was demonstrated by the fact that more than 56 per cent of the men qualified in rifle marksmanship with only three days of instruction.

Station Hospitals

Since September 24, 1942, when the first patient was admitted, the Camp Hood hospital has expanded from one ward and 50 beds to 51 wards and 1516 beds. A sister hospital containing 1500 beds has been built at North Camp Hood for the Replacement Training Center and Individual Training Center. Under direction of Col. Frank V. Cole, post surgeon, both hospitals now have adequate staffs and complete facilities for diagnosing and treating a soldier's illness.

As a patient, the soldier may spend his convalescence reading, playing games, or seeing movies in the Red Cross building. A post exchange carries his favorite cigarettes and magazines. There's a place for him to meet relatives and friends and to chat with fellow patients. He has plenty to eat from his bed tray or at the mess hall. On the Sabbath, he may attend worship.

Establishment of seven dental clinics—four at Camp Hood and three at North Camp Hood—has been a highlight in the hospital expansion. Under Colonel F. H. Bockoven, dental surgeon, complete and highly efficient dental service is now available, and every new soldier coming to North Camp Hood is examined to determine possible dental needs. Most soldiers receive dental care averaging \$50 in value it is estimated.

In addition, a new Ear, Nose and Throat building has been completed and placed in use at Camp Hood.

Col. Cole is assisted by Lt. Col. Harry D. Clarke, executive officer at North Camp, and Major John V. Blake, Jr., executive officer at Camp Hood. Capt. Dorothy M. Kurtz is chief of nurses.

Enlisted personnel from the medical detachment and WAC's staff the hospitals and dispensaries.

Chemical Warfare

Since its inception at Camp Hood, the Chemical Warfare Section has been efficiently supplying Chemical Warfare material to the various organizations stationed here.

The services of this section have expanded from routine supply functions and inspections of equipment to a program which includes assistance in training of troops in the use of Chemical Warfare equipment.

The Chemical Warfare Sectioning was PFC O'Day. Captain offers advice and technical aid. The ever increasing number of officers and enlisted men who consult this section is an heartening indication that our objective of complete service to Camp Hood is at hand.

Maj. Harry Sloan is chief of the Chemical Warfare Section. Lt. Alfred Silfen is in charge of the North Camp office.

Camp Hood Men Given Huge Sums In Dividends From Hood Exchange

Enlisted men of Camp Hood have been paid \$154,127.12 to date, and will receive a probable distribution this period of \$29,000 more in dividends from the Camp Hood Exchange, one of the largest in the Eighth Service Command, and one of the five largest in the United States.

Dividends are paid to troops from a sales volume which has grown from \$22,002.25 in June, 1942, to a peak of \$366,471.30 in June of this year.

In addition to these cash dividends, another dividend was made possible in September, 1942, by a reduction in price of essential merchandise to cost and some items below cost. Items such as shaving materials, writing materials, bath towels, etc., are sold at cost and below cost, and matches are given free to military personnel. Merchandise such as soft drinks, candies, and beer are sold at regular profit, and these items carry the expense of the exchange and make surplus profit for dividends distributed as mentioned above. Freight and express are not added into the cost of merchandise before making selling mark-up, but are handled as a direct expense item; thereby the merchandise is sold at the lowest possible price.

Value Is Increased

With this operation the exchange has a net worth and surplus of \$518,463.42 after 14 months of business. Starting originally with \$80,000.00 borrowed capital and increasing to \$300,000.00 the loan to handle the rapid expansion of the exchange, this loan has been reduced each month until the remaining balance is \$112,000.00 with the original note of \$80,000.00 paid in full. Installment contracts in the amount of \$69,000.00 for cash registers, beverage coolers, adding machines and such equipment have been reduced to \$8,000.00.

At the close of business August 25, 1943, the exchange had a quick asset value of \$884,367.83, comprised of cash and merchandise, with a total asset value of \$1,095,101.43, and a total liability of \$576,683.01, the difference between the latter two amounts giving the net worth of the exchange, \$518,463.42, as previously stated.

In addition to 58 exchange outlets there are 26 barber shops owned and operated by the exchange, five portrait photo shops and one five pump filling station, employing more than 800 civilians.

Other items that are allocated for exchange use are: Beer, Fountain Pens, Mechanical Pencils, Sun Glasses, Flashlights, Ice cream, Cakes and Cookies.

Almost all of these items use critical materials in some form.

Personnel Office

The military section of personnel unit handles all personnel matters of enlisted men, thereby relieving burdened Company Commanders of administrative duties so that they may get down to the business of training their men for the job that Uncle Sam has in store for them. This section also handles camp strength, AWOL's, Officer's clearance, and Ration accounts for both EM and Officers.

Unit personnel offices in the South and North Camp are also staffed with civilians. Every possible record is kept of the men. Lt. Col. A. Tabachnik, camp personnel officer, has seen his staff grow until now the large group occupies the old post office building near camp headquarters.

Capt. W. V. M. Lemens is in charge of the North Camp office. The men and women in that office pioneered at the new cantonment area, moving from such temporary quarters as garages and warehouses until they were finally settled in their own part of North Camp Hood Headquarters building.

and the production by manufacturers is limited by W. P. B., who in turn limit the number of each item available to exchange in any one month.

Supplies More Limited

In the case of beer and soda water, items of malt, sugar, bottles and bottle caps have been limited to brewers and bottlers, and the loss, especially of bottles by breakage or hoarding of same, limits the number of bottles of beverage which can be shipped to exchange for the benefit of military personnel. The brewing companies and soft drink bottlers will ship to the exchange only as many full bottles as the exchange ships back empty bottles.

Month	Number of Outlets Operated	Sales
1942—June	14	\$ 22,002.25
1942—July	18	80,169.93
1942—August	25	107,007.33
1942—September	29	191,918.26
1942—October	23	323,074.67
1942—November	27	398,968.14
1942—December	29	435,901.99
1943—January	25	398,607.24
1943—February	24	498,747.42
1943—March	33	528,176.82
1943—April	36	782,883.60
1943—May	48	730,136.12
1943—June	51	866,471.30
1943—July	59	859,675.85
1943—August	58	742,265.13
TOTAL		\$6,936,006.05

Quartermaster

The following information on activities of the Quartermaster Section during the past year shows the big job of the QM at Camp Hood.

Item	Equal to
Beef Carcass	3094 head of cattle
Butter	34 carloads
Potatoes	Trainload 2 1-3 miles long
Bread	1870 tons
Fresh Milk	77 tank cars full
Oranges	20,716 crates

In connection with the issue of food to all of Camp Hood, the QM Commissary operates the Post Bakery, Cold Storage Plant, Sales Store, and 11 warehouses. During the past year, the Bakery was set up and started operations; the issue of perishable products was made from refrigerator cars until the Cold Storage Plant was ready for occupancy, and the Sales Store grew from a bare warehouse to a thriving business.

The Quartermaster Repair Shop began operation Nov. 20, 1942. The monthly statement of operations shows net savings to the government during that period of \$210,693.14. During this period 64,805 pairs of shoes and 143,923 items of clothing were repaired.

The Repair Shop serves the Blackland Flying School, the Waco Flying School at Waco, Texas, and the McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas, as well as North and South Camp Hood.

Kitchen wastes play an important role in salvage. Besides the many thousands of pounds of TNT, pork, soap, glue and animal feed, a tidy amount of money finds its way to the Finance Office each month.

Postal Section

One of the concrete ways in which the growth of Camp Hood can be measured is by marking the expansion of the Postal section.

Today thousands of pieces of mail and packages are handled every day by the enlisted men and civilians under Lt. H. P. Grounds, postal officer. The volume of mail is more than that handled by a city of the same number of people.

Recently, the main office in the south camp outgrew its original building and was moved to a new building near the warehouse area. This allows for even more efficient operation and unloading directly from trains.

Every type of postal service is available at the main office and at the branch office in North Camp Hood, under Lt. Hugh S. Noonan. War Stamps and money orders can be bought at these offices.

QM Laundries

A \$150,000 laundry building, covering a city block and equipped with more than \$250,000 worth of modern machinery—that was the Army's initial investment to meet the pressing laundry question at Camp Hood.

The Camp Hood Quartermaster Laundry, built according to plans of the U. S. Engineers and the Quartermaster Corps, is designed to handle the work of 20,000 men by operating six eight-hour days a week.

It was an item of headline news for entire Camp Hood when the laundry rolled into action Jan. 4th.

The real story of the laundry's rapid progress with inexperienced employees lies in two places—the simple, easy-to-understand, straight line production methods built into the plant's design, and the fact that half a dozen people experienced in Army laundry operations were available to start the ball rolling.

Lt. Chas. A. Palmer was on duty with a background of 20 years' laundry experience.

By the first of February the new laundry was operating one complete shift.

Work is received at the rear of the plant, flows in straight lines through the building to be finally loaded on trucks at the front.

Flatwork is handled in bulk by entire organizations.

Along the west wall of the building are the pant and shirt pressing units with a capacity of 1,200 shirts and 1,200 pr. of pants per hour.

July 1st a new laundry of the same type and size began operation to serve North Camp Hood thus relieving the load from South Camp allowing a clean bundle of laundry every three days for officers and enlisted men.

Finance Office

When the finance service for Camp Hood was inaugurated April 6, 1943, by Col. F. C. Netcher, F. D., and 11 enlisted men, the office operated in a bank building in Temple, Texas, until the Camp was completed.

The finance office, under Lt. Col. H. D. Cragon now has three officers, 44 enlisted men, and 33 civilians at the main office at the south Camp, and under Capt. N. L. Murchison, two officers and 26 enlisted men at the branch office at North Camp. Complete finance service is rendered, which includes payment of all military and civilian personnel for the Camp, and the payment for all miscellaneous purchases such as gasoline, oil, telephone service, lumber, nails and the hundreds of other items required in the operation of a large camp. In addition finance service is rendered to the Prisoner of War Camps. War Savings Bonds are issued each month to civilian employees under the payroll deduction plan.

Camp Hood WAC's

The 1848 WAC detachment pioneered Camp Hood, the first members arriving on March 28, 1943, under Lt. Louise Wescom.

"They called us the 'Lost Platoon!'" says one of the WACs. And we earned the name. There were only 45 of us."

When we arrived at Camp Hood we got a great welcome. It was Sunday morning, and it seemed as though all the G. I.'s at camp were down to stare at us and exchange a word.

At 10 a. m., we were back at the barracks with a 15-day measles quarantine.

The following week the 164th WAC Company came in.

Members of the "Lost Platoon" are now members of the WAC Detachment, 1848 Unit, serving at both Camp Hood and North Camp Hood. The 164th WAC Company has become the WAC Detachment, Tank Destroyer Center, stationed at North Camp Hood.

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Say It In French, Chinese Or Danish; UTC Hq. 'Savvy's'

Headquarters Company UTC, claims the most international and, at the same time, most national unit in Camp Hood.

In a recent informal census it was found that every state in the country has a native son in the company with the single exception of South Dakota. More remarkable is the fact that some 49 different men from the company can speak read or write (and in many cases all three) 17 different foreign languages as well as several dialects.

Revue Here Tonight And Friday

"Thumbs Up!" Post Special Service's perennial, rib-tickling musical revue, makes a two night stop this week in the RTC Truck Battalion area, playing the 161st St. Rec. Hall tonight and Friday evenings.

Lt. Dick Hepburn supervises the long-running production. Pvt. James V. Perkins is dance director.

The revue features several burlesque sketches, the 2nd TD orchestra under the baton of Sgt. Charles Dandrow and some of the best talent in Camp Hood.

On the bill will be Pfc. Art Mee, oneman band; the TD Twins, dancing sisters; "Professor Alex Schmeercase"; Lt. James Reggio, inimitable impressionist; Pvt. Carleton Fogle, Pvt. Chico Rodriguez, Pvt. Robert Bettencourt, Pvt. "Ace" Passiatore, a bevy of beautiful girls, with Cpl. Sammy Lilly-bridge as master-of-ceremonies.

"Thumbs Up!" longevity, it has been on the boards and touring since it premiered at the Station Auditorium in April, is no doubt due to the provoking, nonsensical skits that chase those G.I. blues away.

Pvt. William E. Hoffman and Cpl. James Pagano, of Post Special Service, direct and stage manage the revue, respectively.

Judge Advocate

The office of the SJA while not permitted to go to court to try cases, does give legal advice to enlisted men who request it. Advice is given to all enlisted men who contact the SJA office concerning their business and professional entanglements. Hundreds of soldiers have been given able and competent advice on legal matters through this office and there is no fee of any kind charged in connection with this office. It is the soldier's office to seek aid and assistance on any legal question.

Assisting soldiers is only a part of the duties incumbent upon the SJA as the legal department of Camp Hood and as personal Judge Advocate to the Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center and of the Commanding Officer of Camp Hood. The Staff Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Walter Hunnicutt, is ex officio the legal adviser to the Camp, and he construes and interprets the various Army Regulations, War Department Circulars and Bulletins.

He advises on filing of charges under the several Articles of War against soldier violators; aids and assists in drawing the charges to be filed; passes on the sufficiency of evidence in the charges; reviews the evidence and makes recommendations as to whether a case should be tried before a Special or General Court Martial, and reviews all cases where the question of whether a soldier is injured in "line of duty" may effect his permanent status.

Enlisted men, some lawyers in civilian life, assist in the duties of the office. M-Sgt. Cyrus Weller is chief clerk.

The office of the Staff Judge Advocate was opened in North Camp Hood on May 18, 1943.

If the United States ever needs linguists to send all over the world after the war to help establish a New League of Nations, Uncle Sam couldn't do much better than investigate Headquarters Company. He would find men who can speak every major language on the face of the globe with the exception of Japanese.

Tech. Sgt. James Ach for example, speaks Czechoslovakian while T-4 Louis Chesurin speaks, reads and writes both French and Italian. For languages on the other side of the globe, there are Pvt. Edward Lee, who speaks, reads and writes, Chinese, and Pvt. Alejo Macaraeg who is fluent in Philippino. Good representatives to the northern countries of Europe would be Sgt. Gunner Petersen who speaks, reads and writes both Danish and Norwegian, and T-5 Edward Pitkanen who savies the Finnish lingo.

Pfc Joseph Dickman, Pvt. Henry Eichman, as well as several others, are fluent in German. Pvt. Stanley Janczak speaks, reads and writes Polish and T-Sgt. Joseph Fiala can speak Bohemian. Several men are capable of carrying on both correspondence and a conversation in Spanish, among them are Pvt. Curtis V. Corn and Pvt. John A. Gaile.

Pfc David Dingilian has the unusual accomplishment of being proficient in both the Turkish and Armenian tongues. Prize linguist of the company is Pfc Lionel Sainer who is fluent in four languages, French, German, Yiddish and Hebrew.

As for dialects there are some men who have a Texas accent. Aside from them is Pvt. Mathew F. Maloney, a native of the "ould sod" who hails from Tipperary, Ireland, and can summon forth a rich Celtic brogue on demand.

Headquarters Company is also proud of its brain trust which numbers more college degrees than a professor's convention. Pvt. Ralph Waterman is a B. M. (Bachelor of Music and a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Pvt. Richard Tomke is a Bachelor of arts, Pfc Howard Meiera, B. S. (Bachelor of Science) as is Pfc Max Felder. Pfc David Dingilian, a graduate of the University of Southern California, can tack A. B. and M. A. on after his name, while Pfc Lionel Sainer has three college degrees, B. A., M. A., and LL.B. Pvt. Sainer is a graduate of the London (England) School of Economics and Political Science.

Adjutant's Office

Capt. Guy F. Aldrich, Camp Adjutant and his staff of Officers and enlisted men, WAC's and civilians are charged with keeping the records of the camp. All the records of correspondence, new war department orders and instructions are received through this office. The flow and organizing of the personnel in Camp Hood is the responsibility of this office and of the similar office in the North Camp, under Capt. Shull Irwin.

A thorough understanding of the Army way of doing things is the key to the efficiency of the work of the adjutant's office, the first and last office an individual of a unit has contact with in the ASF.

Headquarters for the North Camp were set up in a small tin shack and a tent in the woods near Leon Drive and North Range oRad intersection. April 15th marked the day headquarters was officially opened to transact business. One telephone, located in the headquarters tent, serviced the entire cantonment. But early in May Headquarters moved into its new building in the North Camp Hood Quadrangle while construction still went on. Troops for the ITC and RTC began to arrive and found practically everything ready. When North Camp Hood was officially opened on May 29th visitors found a smoothly operating camp.

827th Bn. Party Held In Temple

By S-SGT. JAMES E. HAINES

It was a big night for Hq. Co., 827th Bn., UTC, Thursday — a party at Temple, with girls from Temple and wives lending a decorative note, in addition to being some of the best dancing partners.

Lt. Carmen E. Dajutolo, company commander, gave the party the once-over, and stayed to enjoy it.

Later in the evening a succulent chicken dinner was served by the mess staff.

MP Detachment

During the past year Military Police from the M. P. Detachment, 1848th U. E. S. C., Camp Hood, Texas have performed many duties which have varied from routine interior and outpost guard duty to the escorting of important Army officials and public figures.

The spirit and efficiency in which the men performed their duties, as the camp slept in the long hours of darkness, in guarding the Service Command Area and numerous outposts of Camp Hood is to be commended.

Officers and Enlisted Men notice with pride the thorough manner in which the Motor Patrols, Gate Guards and Town Patrols handle traffic and other problems of the military personnel.

One of the most enviable duties of the Military Police is the escorting of high Army officials and renounced public figures, of which Camp Hood has had many in the past year. Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimpson—reviewing Camp Hood. Lt. General Leslie J. McNair at the opening of North Camp Hood. Major General Orlando Ward, Major General A. D. Bruce, and many foreign officials. Public figures included Bob Hope and party, Red Skelton, Bob Burns and many other popular celebrities.

The north camp has a similar office with the same general duties.

Intelligence Branch

The Intelligence Branch furnishes the Counter Intelligence Service for all tactical and non-tactical units at Camp Hood. Headed by Maj. Charles M. Huey, it is the representative of the Military Intelligence Division at the Camp and maintains liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of Naval Intelligence, Treasury Department Intelligence Agencies, The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, and other law enforcement agencies.

Any acts of sabotage or subversive activity and safeguarding military information are within the jurisdiction of the Intelligence Branch.

1st Lt. Clifford O. Lawrence is

Showing Of Prints Now At 37th St. Club Library

A group of prints, black-and-white and in color, have been hung at the 37th Street library. The prints are by members of the Associated American Artists, a group of the best artists in the country.

The pictures are etchings and lithographs, and a new process called "gelatone."

An etching, of course, is printed from a metal plate, directly on which the artist has drawn his picture. The lithograph is similarly drawn, with a special crayon, on a stone slab. In both cases the pictures are "originals."

The difference between these processes and drawing directly on paper is that more than one copy may be made, all of equal quality.

There is no predetermined number of copies that can be pulled, but at the first sign of an inferior copy the plates are destroyed.

The "gelatone" process reproduces oil painting or water colors in full, natural color. This is a recently developed process, which artists have acclaimed as one of the most faithful methods of color reproduction to date.

The Associated American Artists' Gallery has grown famous in recent years for the job it has done in taking art out of the stuffed shirt class, and bringing it within the financial reach of everybody who cares for good pictures.

Their prints have been exhibited and sold all over the world. Collections of their prints have been purchased by top-ranking museums such as the Metropolitan, United States Library of Congress, Carnegie, and others all over the world.

First Showing Here

Though they have had requests for information from soldiers in camps all around the country, and overseas, and have sold prints to many soldiers, they have exhibited in only a couple of camps near New York, and this represents the first such showing off the Atlantic coast.

The show at the 37th Street Library will include work by Thomas Benton, Raphael Soyer, Luigi Lucioni, John Costigan, Peggy Bacon, Georges Schreiber, Thomas W. Mason among about 40 artists represented.

The exhibit will be held at the 37th Street Library until next Wednesday; and from there will probably be shown at North Camp for a week.

At the exhibit there will be ballots on which the men may indicate their preference. Those pictures most favored will be bought and hung in the libraries permanently.

in charge of the North Camp Hood office, which was first located in one of the TD Bn. buildings.

Training Is Good Motto, OC Men Told

An address by Col. E. M. Quigley, was the highlight of graduation exercises of the 45th Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School Class Friday.

Sharply defining the necessity of hard training, Colonel Quigley said:

"I once saw hanging in the office of one of our distinguished generals a sign which read,—NO GHOST OF A SOLDIER SHALL BE ABLE TO SAY IT WAS THE FAULT OF MY TRAINING PROGRAM. I believe that all of you could well make that your motto during the training days ahead,—and if you follow it whole heartedly,—you will have nothing with which to reproach yourselves after the war is over."

Following the address, Brigadier General H. T. Mayberry, Commandant of the School, presented the commissions and certificates of graduation to the new second lieutenants.

Quiz Answers

1. General John B. Hood who was a West Point graduate and who became one of the leading generals of the confederacy in the Civil War. He adopted Texas as is home and led "Hood's Texans" in many battles.

Gen. Hood fought at Gettysburg and Chickamauga, suffering wounds at both fights. After his retirement from the Army he became a commission merchant in New Orleans.

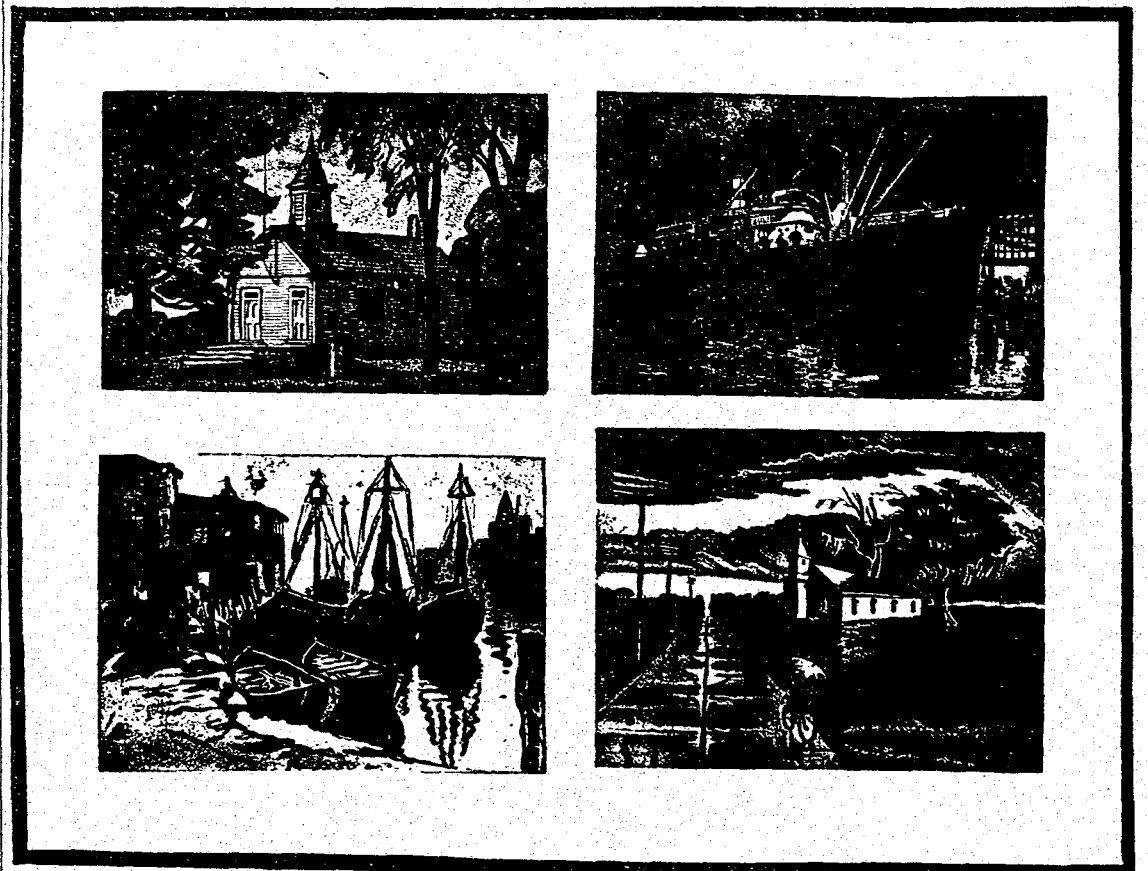
2. More than 10,000 in the cantonment are alone, including many pecan trees.

3. The 90th Machine Records Unit can locate and describe any man in Camp Hood in a matter of minutes.

4. There are 160,000 acres of land in Camp Hood.

5. At any of the Camp Exchange studios.

6. More than 4800 officers received commendations from the TD OCS.



Student Regt. Camp Champs

On The Ball

With PFC Keith Quick

Camp Hood has set many startling records and chalked up tall figures in practically every department since her birth from the womb of gopher-punched hills a year ago. And the angle this corner has had to look upon and deal with, the sports panorama, boasts one of the greatest bulges known to any Army site. About 75,000 greenbacks have been shelled out for her glamorous sports attire during her one year of age. Hood's sports dress, from shoulders to knee-cap hem, is dotted with a stupendous array of eye-catching athleticana. 140 softball diamonds, 15 baseball diamonds, one dozen tennis courts, a couple of swimming pools, (under construction), a trio of handball courts, uncountable horseshoe layouts, boxing setups, table tennis, basketball and football make up Camp Hood's sports apparel. And bearing the brunt and major responsibility for this colossal piece of calico, is the Post Athletic Council, consisting of five worthy athletic moguls from Hood's top-flight organizations, UTC, Training Brigade, TDS, Station Hospital and the Station Complement. These five loyal athletic lovers have seen Camp Hood spring from a single pair of boxing gloves to a 160,000-acre sports arena. Sports personalities from every corner of our 48, Maine to California, Seattle to Miami, have played an all-important role in making Camp Hood, not only a globally-known Tank Destroyer site, but also a vast and adopt body-building enterprise. Camp Hood should feel proud of her sports, for some of the first men to disrobe the filth of Bizerte were men who had batted runs across the plate or swung a wicked Spalding eight-ouncer right here in Hood. Although, this corner came to Hood as a culled member of "Blood and Guts" Patton's steam-rolling 7th, we've seen almost every form and fashion in the way of sports take hold and grow to full bloom. And nobody's been sorry or hurt for the 75,000 Washington face's that's been turned loose for our sports layout and all the equipment that goes with it! Men of this Tank Destroyer masterpiece have become bigger and better men, they've reaped the true meaning of sportsmanship which has served to mold them into an unconquerable fighting machine. Yes, sports play just as important a role as the rifle—ask General Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower—he best knows the answer!

It Might Be Giese Catching, Or Giese Pitching, Or Both

Batteries for today's game—Giese, pitching; Giese, catching, or it might be just the other way around, for when one tires of

pitching or catching the other relieves him.

That's the story of the Giese brothers, Roy L. and Kervin L. Giese. Most people would gather that they are twins, but they are not. However, their likes and dislikes, studies and activities have run a curiously parallel course through the years.

The Giese boys are members of the 51st OCS class, and although Roy is more than a year older than Kervin, they have attended the same schools, took the same studies at Texas A&M and both were ROTC lieutenants. The jovial pair even came into the Army at the same time and were enrolled in the same OCS.

The 51st OCS, of which the brothers are members, is probably the youngest ever to be enrolled in TDS. All but three members are ROTC men representing 12 colleges and universities. Texas A&M and Oregon State contributed 14 each, while Michigan State College yielded 13 and the University of Illinois rendered 11.

Brigade Team Wins

T-5 Leslie Oie, Hq. Company, Trn. Brigade, led his fellow-softballers to a 3 to 0, no-hit, no-run victory over the Co. B, 747th Bn. softball team last week in a game played on the Trn. Brigade diamond.

It was the first no-hit, no-run game this season in the Trn. Brigade softball league.

The stocky Oie was in fine form all the way, walking only three men. He whiffed eight.

Sgt. Bud Walling, had a perfect day at the plate, collecting three hits in three trips to the pan, which accounted for two of the three Brigade runs. One of Walling's blows was a timely two-bagger.

The score by innings:

	R	H	E
Co. B, 747th Bn.	0	0	0
Hq. Co., Trn. Brig.	3	0	0

Recon. Co. Team Wins From Co. C

Scoring six runs in the third inning, the Recon. Co., 648th Bn. baseball team defeated the Company C nine, of the same battalion, 12 to 1 in a game played last week on the 648th Bn. diamond.

On the mound for the victors was Pfc. Joe Beville, who pitched effective ball all the route. Beville fanned 13 men. First Sgt. Joe Gumpetro tossed for the Co. C club and was pounded for 14 sa-ties.

The score stood 3 to 0 at the beginning of the third stanza, but T-4 John Coleston, husky left fielder for the Co. C nine, caught hold of one of Beville's slants and patted it far into centerfield for a four-ply run, the only run chalked up by the losing team.

T-5 John Craig of the Recon. Co. also clouted a round-trip-per.

Score by innings:

	R	H	E
Co. C	0	0	0
Recon. Co.	12	1	1

Station Hospital Wins From 106th Cavalry

The Station Hospital softball team defeated the 106th Cavalry softball team, 2 to 1, in a game played last week which featured the no-hit pitching of Cpl. Coy Noles, ace slabman of the Hospital ten.

The Cavalry club was unable to touch the offerings of Noles, their only run, an unearned one, coming via errors on the part of the Hospital team.

T-5 John Tawney, ex-pro star from Baltimore, helped himself to some timely hitting which proved a big factor in the Hospital victory.

Hood All-Stars Lose Ten Inning Game To Airmen

By PFC. WALTER H. GLASER

The Camp Hood All-Stars, composed of players from leading baseball teams in the camp, lost a heart-breaking ten-inning affair to the Waco Army Air Field team at Katy park in Waco Thursday night, bowing 5 to 4 in an interesting battle throughout.

Sid Hudson, who pitched for the Washington Senators before giving way to Uncle Sam, scored the deciding run of the contest. He led off the tenth with a lusty double to right center and after the next two men walked to load the bases, he stole home with

the winning run, after two were out on two strikes on the batter.

Although the game was played for the benefit of the American Legion Forty-and-Eight Cigarette fund, the crowd was small, but a large advance sale was reported. All proceeds will be used to buy cigarettes for soldiers overseas. The park, umpires and ball were all furnished to help the worthy cause.

Herby Karpel, star pitcher of the Student Regiment club, Potter of the 520th Ordinance, and Lefty Bob Sheppard, ace south-paw of the Company B outfit of the 635th, shared the pitching for the Hood Stars, and between them, they gave up only three hits during the ten-inning struggle, while their teammates collected nine. Six errors proved very costly to the Camp Hood nine.

Nick Popovich, on the mound for the Waco club, chalked up his nineteenth victory in twenty-four starts for the Flyers, but he had to win it the hard way. Although he retired fifteen men via the strikeout route, he was in trouble plenty throughout, as he was hit freely, especially in the seventh, when the visitors pounded him at will.

The score by innings:

	R	H	E
All-Stars ..	0	0	1
Flyers	5	4	3

Headquarters Training Brig. Team Wins 6-5

The Hq. Co., Trn. Brigade, softball team staged a three-run rally in the bottom half of the closing frame the other evening to nose out the Hq. Det., 320th Ord. Bn. team, 6 to 5.

Pfc. Jimmy Barnes started on the hill for the winners, but ran into trouble in the third inning and gave way to T-5 Lester Oie, who finished the game and received credit for the win. Oie whiffed six men and allowed only one hit in the four and one-third innings he worked. Sgt. James Rizzo, formerly of the TB, pitched good ball for the losers, but had to be relieved in the fifth when he suffered an injury to his ankle.

T-5 Buddy Vann was the big noise for the victors. It was Vann's long home run that decided the game.

Defeats OCS Nine, 3 To 1, In Last Tilt

More Than 7000 See Karpel Scatter Six Hits As Team Takes Series

By PFC Keith Quick

Camp Hood's "Little World Series" came to a rousing finish last Tuesday evening, when the Student Regiment baseball club took the measure of the OCS nine, 3 to 1, in the final game of a three-game series to determine the 1943 baseball championship of Camp Hood. The game was played at the 24th Street diamond.

Seven thousand, five hundred wildly cheering spectators, plus a top-flight band, were on hand to see the two top-ranking Hood nines wrestle for the right to wear the 1943 baseball crown of this Army camp.

The three-game championship series which began last Friday evening, opened with the Student Regiment club winning, 7 to 0, behind the masterful two-hit pitching of Herb Karpel, all-season mound ace of the Studes.

Count Tied

The second game of the series, played last Monday, saw the OCS nine knot the series count at one-all, when Candidate James Madison, gangling OCS righthander, mastered the Studes, 5 to 0.

Getting back to the final game, a nip-and-tuck affair, all the way, Herb Karpel again toed the slab for the champion Studes, allowing six well-spaced hits. Karpel was never in any particular hot water throughout the contest, however, OCS drew first blood when they moved over the opening marker of the game in the third stanza via a pair of timely singles. But this one-run margin lasted for only an inning, as the Studes came back to dent the platter twice in their half of the fourth frame off the slants of Booher, who started on the hillock for the candidates. At this point, Booher gave way to James Madison, second game conqueror of the Studes, who finished the game and held the champions pretty well in check, save one run in the fifth, which was the final marker chalked up by the Students.

Newberry Slugger

James Newberry proved to be the big noise for the candidates, collecting a double as his part of the title-try game. Big George Velton, first sacker for the victors, was a great annoyance to the OCS club, stealing two bases and placing himself in scoring position.

David Wheeler, Stude maskman, was great help with his rifle-like pegs from behind the platter, catching several runners napping during the game.

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Exhibition Bout Features TDS Boxing

An exhibition bout between Cpl. Joe Muscato, of the 149th AST Bn., and Pvt. Lou Villante, 128th Bn., RTC, highlighted the weekly boxing event at the TDS amphitheater last Friday evening. Muscato, fifth leading national contender for the Joe Louis throne, stepped three lively rounds with Villante, a battler who has kept pace with Fritz Zivic, top-flight welter and mid-dleweight mixer, prior to his Army leather lashing.

The Muscato-Villante exhibition drew wide applause from the large crowd on hand for the fight card. Both battlers are North Camp Hood ringmen and merely came down to put on the exhibition as an expression and interest to make boxing one of Camp Hood's outstanding assets, especially for the combat soldier.

In another bout, Pvt. John Romano, a lightweight from RTC's 134th Bn., punched out a decisive win over Pvt. Bud Exidine, of the Student Regiment.

Another card will take place at the TDS amphitheater tomorrow night. Capt. Leslie Wood, TDS athletic director, has charge of all fight arrangements.

RTC Headquarters Co. Team Enters Finals Of North Camp Tourney

The RTC Hq. Co. softball team moved into the finals of North Camp's Coca-Cola tournament by ousting the 147th AST Bn. team, 7 to 1 last week.

Pvt. Robert Miller toed the slab for the winners, allowing only one safe blow and striking out 14. The 147th's lone run came via four consecutive walks, after which Miller settled down and struck out the remaining hitters. Only two balls reached the outfield against him.

Sgt. Harry Sandridge was behind the plate for the victors, and was great aid to Miller when his rifle-throws caught two men napping on second and two coming in at the pay station.

Boxing Classes Held In Academic Regiment

Boxing holds the spotlight in the Academic Regiment now. No less than 150 men from the various companies are now taking a fling at the manly art of self defense.

Boxing classes are being conducted by Capt. Leslie T. Wood, athletic director of the regiment.

It is hoped that several good fighters will be developed from the program. However, the general intent is to supplement the physical program of the regiment, and also provide recreation.

Co. A, 644th Bn.

Co. A's softball team, of the 644th Bn., took the measure of the 664th Hq. Co. team, 3 to 2, in the opener of a three-game series for the battalion championship last week.

Winner of two games out of the three-game set will be softball champions of the 644th Bn.

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