



**NEW COMMANDING GENERAL**—Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo  
Maj. Gen. John H. Hester assumed command of the Tank Destroyer Center Sunday. Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, former commanding general, has been assigned to duty elsewhere. General Hester saw action in the Pacific theater of war and was CO of Camp Blanding, Fla., before coming to Hood.

## Austin Pistol Matches Set For Weekend At Zilker Park

The 3rd annual Ada Zilker Robinson Pistol matches will be fired on the Austin Police pistol range in Zilker Park, Austin, Saturday and Sunday, October 30-31. The range may be reached by turning off Congress Avenue just south of the Colorado River bridge onto

Barton Springs boulevard and follow that road into and through Zilker Park to the range.

The firing point is covered and the matches will go on rain or shine.

### Registered Tournament

All matches have been registered with the National Rifle Association as a class C tournament. Competition is limited to individual members of the National Rifle Association and to non-members who purchase a twenty-five cent N. R. A. membership credit stamp from the official referee.

The National Rifle Association fee of twenty-five cents must be paid by all competitors. All 20-shot matches will be seventy-five cents, and all 30-shot individual matches and aggregates will be \$1.

Winning awards include: Ten floating trophies; the beautiful Ada Zilker Robinson Trophy which will be awarded to the grand champion, and other prizes such as silver medals and War Stamps or cash.

For directions and information not included in this program, call at Austin Police Headquarters, Municipal Building, 8th and Colorado Streets, Austin, Texas.

The Austin Rifle Club is sponsoring the two-day event.

## New Service Shoes More Water-Proof

New specifications for chrome-vegetable retanned upper leather, issued by the Quartermaster Corps, will result in the manufacture of a new type Army service shoe that is materially more water-resistant and comfortable than the old style shoe, the War Department announced today.

The new Type III service shoe manufactured according to the new specifications, which is now replacing all other, except special purposes, service shoes, is made with the flesh side of the leather on the outside. This permits the absorption of more "dubbing," or waterproof dressing, and affords greater comfort to the wearer, who has the smooth, grain side of the leather toward his feet.

## \$8,000 A Year

Both three and four star generals in the U. S. army receive the same base pay, \$8,000 a year.

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## Holiday Furloughs Are Reduced

### Only 10 Percent Of Command To Be Given Thanksgiving Leaves

There will be fewer men on furlough during the holiday seasons this year than last because of a War Dept. ruling which cut the amount of men who can be absent from posts from 15 to 10 per cent of strength.

Furloughs will still be granted to men for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.

For the Christmas period, furloughs of 14 days may be authorized up to 10 per cent of strength. Enlisted men can't commence travel from either their home or station on Dec. 24 or 25.

A one day pass is authorized for Thanksgiving Day.

Between Dec. 11 and Jan. 11, three-day passes for enlisted men will not be granted over weekends to exceed 10 per cent of a station's strength. Weekend passes will not be consolidated with the special holiday passes.

Station commanders will reduce the quota of passes or furloughs if railroads are unable to provide sufficient transportation for established quotas.

## Hood Men Entertain At Dance

Camp Hood's officers and men took a big part in the welcome given to Gov. Coke Stevenson of Texas when the executive was guest of honor at the Governor's Ball in Temple last Friday.

The First TD Band opened the ceremonies with a fanfare while two platoons of men from camp formed an honor guard for Stevenson.

A special choir from the Fifth Tank Group offered a program of spirituals before the dancing. Cpl. A. G. Williams director of the group of singers is a member of the National Musicians Association. The choir of 20 men was supervised by Chap. G. W. Williams.

Other entertainment presented by Hood soldiers was handled by Lt. George Thomas and Sgt. George Hall. This included stage talent and skits.

Military personnel from McCloskey Hospital were also present.

Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, and Col. C. M. Thirkeld, camp commander attended the ball along with other ranking officers from camp.

## ODs Will Be In Fashion November 1st

It's time to shake the mothballs out of ODs. Nov. 1st is the date when Camp Hood personnel changes from summer tans to winter uniforms. Everything will be OD except helmet liners, which change not with season nor the imprecations of the men who wear them.

## Axis Soldiers Won't Eat Like This, We Wager

If you're in Camp Hood Thanksgiving Day this is what you'll have to eat in your mess hall, according to an announcement of the War Department this week:

Fruit, cup, roast turkey with dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, corn, tomato and lettuce salad, celery, pickles, pumpkin pie, apples, grapes, candy, nuts and coffee.

Every effort is being made to provide the same courses for men overseas, the Department said.

## FDR Asks Free School For Veterans

President Roosevelt has asked congress to provide now for one year's study at college, or other educational institution, after the war for all men and women who serve at least six months in the armed forces and want additional education.

This is similar to the bill proposed by Senator Pepper, reports of which have appeared in the Panther in recent weeks.

Under the President's proposed bill specially qualified men and women would be permitted to go to college for three years at government expense. In both categories the government would pay tuition and fees for full-time students, plus \$50 a month living expenses for single person; married students would receive \$75 a month plus \$10 for each child.

Part time students would receive tuition and fees.

## Grenade Toss Held For Men In 758 Tk. Bn.

All the sports in the 758th Tank Bn. have not been confined to extra training activities. Last week, a Grenade throwing contest was staged on the grenade course north of the battalion's headquarters. The possible score was 45.

Cpl. James Mines, Company C, was the winner, scoring 36; Sgt. Luckie, Co. A, was second with 32 points; Pvt. Millsap, Hq. Co., third with 30 points, and fourth place went to Sgt. Marshall, Co. B, who came in with 28 points.

The total composite scores do not actually tell the tale of competition. The most outstanding performance came from the arm of Sgt. Marshall, who hit the exact target twice from a distance of 50 yards. Cpl. Mines also had one perfect throw.

## Trophy Given To Student Regt. For Baseball Champions

A beautiful sports trophy was presented to Lt. Fred A. Murphy last week for the Camp Hood baseball championship won by the Student Regiment, TDS, team this past season.

The camp Special Service Office presented the trophy, and miniature baseballs for each member of the championship team, commending them for their fine showing and superb teamwork.

## Eighth SC Sends Four To MG School

### Will Attend New Class Starting About Nov. 15th At Ft. Custer

Four enlisted men from the Eighth Service Command will be selected for assignment to the second enlisted course of the Military Government School at Fort Custer, Mich. The men chosen will report at the School not later than Nov. 13 for the two months course beginning on or about Nov. 15.

Requirements for attending the school still make it necessary for a man to be on military police duty with an MP organization in order to be considered for this course. Camp Hood officers pointed out that it would be possible for qualified man in the Service Command units to be temporarily transferred into the MP's to fill this requirement.

### No Way To Transfer

However, no provision is made for transferring men from the Army Ground Forces into the Military Police, such transfers being against Army rules. It is not known now whether separate quotas have been allotted to AGF units or whether the course at Ft. Custer was intended only for Service Command and similar personnel.

More trained soldiers are needed for the military government program, both officers and enlisted men.

College graduates who speak, write and translate at least one foreign language, who are 35 or under and who have traveled in foreign countries are sought for the 8th Service Command quota for the enlisted course. Stress is laid on the first and second qualifications.

Travel for dependents and private transportation is ruled out for men attending the school. There are no accommodations for dependents in the vicinity of Ft. Custer and men won't be allowed to live off the post.

### SCU Men May Reply

Interested enlisted men who can fill the requirements and who are in the Service Command units at Camp Hood should make immediate application to their CO's for assignment to the school.

Further information on any quotas for Army Ground Force men will be published when it is received.

It is believed that classes will be small and only highly qualified men chosen.

Officers from Camp Hood have been sent directly to the School at Ft. Custer after their applications have been sent through channels to Ft. Custer.

## Variety Show, Pageant Presented At 37th St. Service Club Tuesday

A variety show and pageant "Pillars Of Democracy" was presented Tuesday night at the 37th St. Service Club by members of the Security Section, Weapons Dept., TDS, North Camp WAC Detch., and camp entertainers.

Sgt. Sid Katz was master of ceremonies and music was furnished by the First TD Dance Band.

## Group Will Discuss War And Post-War Aims At Meeting Tuesday Night

A panel and discussion group to discuss war aims and post-war problems will meet in the 37th St. Service Club room Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

The group is meeting under the supervision of Kay Settle, 37th St. Club Librarian, who is providing background reading on such problems in a new "orientation corner" recently opened in the library.

WACs and civilian girl workers have been especially invited to meet with servicemen to discuss these problems and participate in refreshments to be served at the close of the meeting.

# Spent Year With Byrd In Antarctic

Fifty-nine carefully picked men made up the United States Antarctic Expedition commanded by Admiral Richard E. Byrd which sailed out of Boston Nov. 16, 1939.

Several months before S-Sgt. Charles W. Sharbonneau, now in the Prov. Ord. Repair Co., No. 1, here at camp, had submitted application to go on the expedition when an Army order was received at his garrison requesting volunteers. Sgt. Sharbonneau had been in the Army 13 years and was at the moment supervising the construction of CCC camps by WPA workers. On Aug. 24, 1939, he was notified to report to Admiral Byrd's headquarters.

## With Forward Party

The expedition reached the Antarctic Bay of Wales two months after it left Boston. While the

supply. Finally the leader radioed to Boston and obtained the dates of birth of all the men and so it was that the men resigned themselves to the fact that they had only been born once and deserved but one drinking toast a year.

Like most members of polar expeditions, Sgt. Sharbonneau allowed his beard to grow until May, 1941, when the expedition returned to Yankee soil after 37,000 miles of sea voyaging.

Ninety days after his arrival in Boston, he was assigned to the 4th Arm'd. Div. at Pine Camp, N. Y. He arrived at Camp Hood on Sept. 13, 1943.

## 'Nightclub' Party Held In TD School

One of the most novel and ambitious dinner dances conceived by Army personnel was staged Saturday night by the Communications and Pioneer Departments of the TD School, as approximately 100 couples danced to the music of the First TD Band, and enjoyed floor show, food and refreshments.

Printed invitations were sent out to the girls, each invitation bearing the name of the soldier who was to be the young lady's escort. She was called on by her escort—just like back home with your best girl—and brought to the dance, and returned afterwards to the Guest House, her home, if nearby, or the bus designation, if she came in from Dallas or Fort Worth.

Curtains and drapes, which hid the walls, and a huge canopy over the entrance gave the classroom a real metropolitan aspect. Arrangements for the dance were managed by 1st Sgt. Ray DeVenuto, M-Sgt. John Magellis, and T-Sgt. William Thomas and T-Sgt. Hubert Siuda.

ships were being unloaded a forward party went to stake a camp site four miles from the Bay. This was West Base or Little America.

Until the shell of the main building was up, the men lived in tents with temperature at 40 degrees below zero and winds at 100 miles per hour. It took 11 days to put up the main building which was 60 feet by 24. Then followed quickly the science building, the machine shop and an outpost building on skids; windows, skylights and ventilators were all in the roofs of the buildings because the accumulation of snow covered the sides completely.

As carpenter, Sgt. Sharbonneau's domain was the machine shop which not only contained two generators, but the dog drivers. The science building housed the meteorologist, surveyor, radio operator and base leader. Here plans were made that governed their one year and 11 days in the Antarctic.

## Appreciated Underwear

Sgt. Sharbonneau said he never appreciated GI underwear as much as he did in the South Pole area, particularly when he made one flight by air to deliver the first trail party from Graham Land to Shako Island, 150 miles toward the Pole itself.

Except for frozen meats and canned potatoes, all their food was dehydrated. Water for drinking and cooking involved trips to distant glaciers where chunks of ice were dug, transported back to camp and melted into water. For washing clothes ordinary snow around the camp was suitable.

One may stay a year "on ice" but life and work need the relaxing influence of recreation. Skiing and snowshoeing were fun. The 15 movies which they had furnished amusement for a long time, but when they had all been shown and shown again, the only amusement possible was to run them backward, which they did.

## Too Many Birthdays

One drink of whiskey every month on each man's birthday was a rule strictly carried out. Sgt. Sharbonneau relates that the base leader of the camp suddenly became suspicious when it appeared that some of the men had been born five and six times in one year. All these extra birthdays threatened to deplete the whiskey

## Halloween Parties Are Set For Service Clubs In NC

Traditional goblins, witches and black cats of All Hallows' Eve are riding high at the North Camp Hood service clubs.

Both the Leon Drive and Twelfth Street clubs are bedecked for Halloween frolic.

The Twelfth Street Service Club launched the Halloween season Tuesday night with a dance. Favors and paper hats were distributed to servicemen and girls from Waco who served as junior hostesses. The 1st RTC Band furnished the music.

Saturday night the club will be the scene of a servicemen's party which will feature games, a "chamber of horrors," fortune telling, etc.

Tonight formally-gowned young ladies from Waco, McGregor, Hamilton and Gatesville will be the dancing partners of RTC men at the Leon Drive Club to the music of the 2nd RTC Band. The hall has been elaborately decorated with streamers and big lanterns of orange and black and each serviceman and his partner will be supplied with serpentine ribbon and confetti.

## TDS Men Get Unusual Gift From Boston: Home Town Papers

Enlisted men of the Academic Records Section, TDS, this week exhibited an unusual Christmas gift which a large Boston firm is sending to its 600 employees in the service.

It consists of a "Liberty Overseas Edition" of an entire issue of the Boston Herald, photostatically reduced on smooth paper to small pocket size. On the back in the form of an advertisement is the Yuletide Greeting from the firm to its boys.



**THREE-INCH GUN EXPERTS**—Holders of a new record for the towed three-inch gun are members of the crew from the 1st pl., Co. "A", 635th Bn., who set what is believed to be the first perfect official record when they fired on the Tamar Gas Car Range. Left to right, Kneeling: Cpl. Lawrence Heim, T-5 Nicholas Cenimo, Cpl. William Rens, Cpl. Lawrence Oetting, and S-Sgt. Gerald Workman; left to right, standing: Sgt. Robert Poor, Sgt. Willis Jacobs, Sgt. Ellis Smith, Sgt. Nicholas Kunts, and 1st Lt. Earl Proctor.

## Jap Deception Didn't Fool These Soldiers

Sergeant James Terry of the Operations staff, TDS, has a cousin in the Marines, serving somewhere in the South Pacific. In a letter, the marine reported the following incident:

Pfc. Sandy Aiello of Monessen, Pa., raised up on one elbow and yelled: "What company's on our left?" From out of the jungle of New Georgia Island came the answer: "This is Company B. Come on down!"

Aiello and his squad opened fire. They killed 23 Japs. "We knew it wasn't our men," Aiello explained later. "You see, we're Company B."

## NC Habber Dabber Nights Wind Up With Big Show

A series of weekly Monday night shows in the Central Recreation Hall, known as "Habber Dabber Nights" were wound up Monday night Oct. 11th. These were soldier variety shows with different stage settings and new talent each week.

The last presentation was known as "G. I. Cafe" and was a typical night club scene with a stage setting of glamor created by the use of simple expedients as tables and chairs covered with target cloth and stripes of colored crepe paper on a back drop of solid black. Table lamps were effected by the use of pieces of metal, some rubber, lamp sockets and extensions. The cast included the following:

Emcee Lt. Bud Jacobson, 145th AST Bn.; tap dancer (formerly in cast of "Dubarry was a Lady") Lt. Roy Ross, Hqs., RTC; vocalist Helen Manheim, Leon Drive Service Club, North Camp; magician Pvt. John (Zuko) Pritchett, Co. B, 144th AST Bn.; RTC; vocal duo, Lt. John L. Sizinger, TDRTC Hqs., WAC Det., North Camp; comedy sequence "Two Cups Coffee," "The Messrs. Schubert" Lt. Woodrow Romoff, Hqs. RTC, Lt. John L. Selzinger, Hqs. RTC, Lt. George Hall, Hq & Hq Co., RTC; violinist: Pfc. Peter A. Giannone, Co. B, 142nd AST Bn., RTC.

The reason for "Habber Dab-

ber" shows presenting a final bow at the Recreation Hall is so that the entire group of entertainers available for talent shows may be used for a musical production to be presented during the Thanksgiving Holidays for the entire North Camp.

The RTC Special Service Office, headed by Capt. S. Howard an Dyke, has put on the shows which are produced by Lt. John L. Elbinger, assisted by Sgt. George Hall, Hq. Co.

## 656th Joins 22nd Group

This week the 656th TD Bn., which was activated at Camp Bowie April 3rd under the command of Lt. Col. John C. Meador, was assigned to the 22nd TD Group, Training Brigade.

Since the battalion was born at Camp Bowie its career has included a footsore trek half way to North Camp Hood in May, and another "bunion burner" to Shell Camp No. 3 in June. Under BUTC this was home until on June 12th when the Bn. moved out with the 16th Group again on foot for South Camp. On July 28th Advanced Training began under UTC where the unit will be remembered for the fine records it left. UTC was finished on October 20th.

Every one is busy right now house cleaning in their new area. Aside from a full training schedule, many other activities are in the making. Sports have always been out of the highlights and the basketball team is practicing.

## Major Ira Richards New CO Of 663rd Bn.

Major Ira B. Richards has succeeded Major Leo A. Swobada as Commanding Officer of the 663rd Bn. Major Richards received an honor graduate commission in the regular army on graduation by the University of Arizona in 1939.

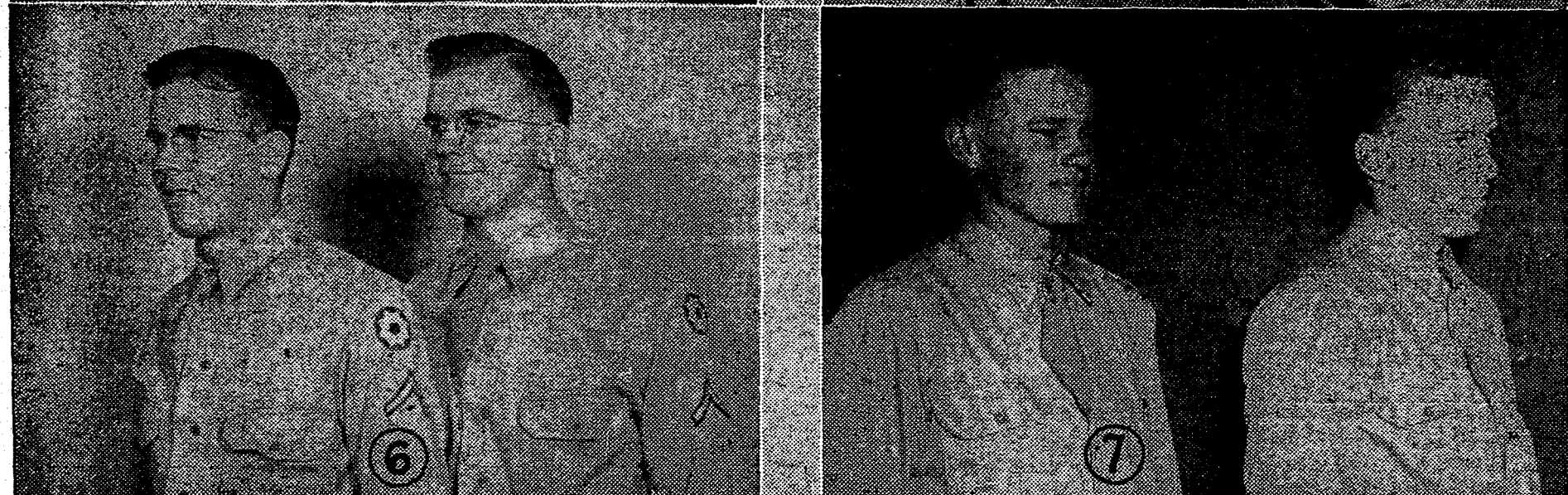
Commissioned in the Cavalry, he served as platoon leader and troop commander in the 91st Rcn. Squadron. After graduating from the command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, he was assigned to the 827th TD Bn. where he served in the capacity of S-2 and S-3. He then joined the 2nd TD Brigade as a staff officer, participating in the Tennessee Maneuvers in 1942. In June of 1943, he was assigned to UTC and became Assistant S-3.

One of his hobbies is rifle marksmanship and he is a qualified expert, firing left-handed.



"He does everything so well!"





## Many Twins Found Here

The Army has announced the policy of keeping twins together whenever possible. Some of the brothers which have been kept together and are now stationed here are presented on this page.

**NO. 1:** Albert and Pvt. Adolph Haschke, Co. B, 692nd Bn. Inducted at Grand Island, Neb., on April 4, 1942, these two brothers were separated in the service until a year later when Adolph was transferred to the 692nd Bn. to be with his twin. Both are five foot seven inches in height, have brown eyes and black hair. Adolph

is married; Albert single. They were born Jan. 22, 1908.

**NO. 2:** Privates Leo G. Becon, Co. and Lawrence T. Dove, Co. C, 661st TD Bn.

**NO. 3:** Privates First Class John C. and Kohn T. Whitley, Co. B, 655th Bn. UTC: These boys were born in Proctorville, Ohio, June 18, 1923. They have as a companion in their company, Jimmy G. Whitley, a cousin.

**NO. 4:** Privates Robert F. and Allan M. Mancill, Co. C, 144th AST Bn., ETC. A joint letter from home interests these twins from Kennett Square, Pa. They are 19 years of age. Both have been ac-

cepted for engineering course of the ASTP.

**NO. 5:** T-4 Willis Gentile, Co. C, Academic Regt., and T-5 Wilford Gentile, Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt., TDS. These twins are from East Palestine, Ohio. They are 22 years of age, have been together all of their life. Although not in the same companies now, they are happy to be in the same camp.

**NO. 6:** Privates First Class Ray A. and Roy G. Taute, Det., Medical Dept., 1848th Unit, ASF. These boys were born October 14, 1921 in Nebraska, but now call Erick, Oklahoma, home.

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## Susanna And Soldiers

GI Joe is a khaki-clad wolf, no doubt. But don't let anyone tell you that he is solely a sex-obsessed character out of a pseudo-Freudian novel.

This is the purple-patched and hyphenated conclusion we've reached after reflecting on the recent visit of Susanna Foster.

We expected that some of the men would like Susanna. She has a lovely voice, and she sings semiclassical songs that are familiar to many men. But she's frankly not an oomph girl, her costume was non-revealing and non-suggesting. Susanna sings like a Victorian angel, she's as pretty as that girl next door who doesn't jitterbug, but you'd never expect Sansone's Wolf to leer at her.

There were plenty of pinup fodder on the rest of the program, and we hoped the "wolves" would give Susanna a break and not be too obviously restless while she sang.

She didn't need our hopes. Give her a break? Enthralled is the word. For two nights running a Field House packed with GIs sat there listening, held completely by the spell of Little Star, Ah Sweet Mystery of Life, Chiri-biri-bin and such familiar, non-suggestive, non-torchy, non-rugcutting songs.

When she finished the men clamored, demanded, refused to let her go until she sang encore after encore.

Susanna Foster received the greatest ovation ever given an entertainer at Camp Hood.

The rest of that program was swell entertainment—Sheila Rogers was dynamic, the Mandel brothers exciting, the McNeil Sisters, Diane Berry, Bee Sothern were bangup good fun—but when Susanna sang, everybody stopped and listened.

The men applauded the whole show enthusiastically, but the show stopper was Susanna, who is much more like an illustration from Thackeray's Vanity Fair than a Petty drawing.

The point of all these words is that the bluenose viewers-with-alarm are wrong again.

GI Joe is human enough, with an appreciative eye for a wiggling hip and a sleek ankle, but he's not obsessed—he can be as easily inspired to write a poem about Susanna Foster as he can about a Petty girl.

Don't sell Joe short, he's a pretty solid guy—he'll flirt with your sister or your girl if he gets a chance, but you needn't be ashamed to introduce him to your wealthy old aunt.

## Ode To Susanna (Foster)

Oh, Girlie with the Golden hair,  
When you sing sweet and low,  
"Pistol Packin' Mamma" songs,  
Don't appeal to me no, mo'.

Oh, Suzanna—  
You remember me,  
The soldier with the khaki suit,  
Up in the balcony!

And let me further state my case,  
I like your songs, it's true,  
But I'll confess—I like your face,  
And like your figure too!

Oh, Suzanna—  
You may not cry for me,  
But, I could really like the ARMY.  
With Suzanna on my knee!

Cpl. W. Bingham  
Tank Destroyer Board.

## Universal Supplication

As I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul shall keep.  
To stop those wars on foreign shores,  
And cease those killings by the scores,  
To make this world all peace and quiet,  
And stop this lust and greed and riot.  
To make this world a place to live,  
With naught to take but all to give.  
To realize sunshine, air and freedom,  
And bless in full thy heavenly kingdom.  
A place where man can love his neighbor,  
And dig his hands in peace-time labor.  
To build a home, a family,  
In peace to live, in love to be.  
If such as those could begin to be,  
A place to live, a world of the free.  
How much finer things would be,  
If only man would begin to see!  
So grant us God, this heavenly prayer,  
Don't make us realize such despair.  
And make this world a place to live,  
With naught to take but all to give.  
A place where man can live and be  
And honor IN PEACE in his own country.

—T-4 John W. Davis



The Panther's Polling Reporter asked three soldiers and a WAC: WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED IN THE ARMY THAT WILL BE OF VALUE TO YOU WHEN YOU RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE?

Pvt. John L. Hamilton, Co. B.,

133rd Bn.: "For

one thing I've

learned to dis-

cipline myself.

Also I better

realize now the

value of taking

care of my be-

longings. I've

learned, too,

how to get

along better with other people. I

am sure those things will be of

value to me in civilian life."

Cpl. Paul E. King, Co. D, 142nd

AST Bn.: "The

experience of

handling men

has increased

my confidence

greatly. Train-

ees often ask

my advice and

in helping them

I've helped my-

self, as contact

with many different types and

problems has increased by ex-

perience and knowledge."

Pvt. John W. Roth, Hq. Co.,

RTC: "I had

many different

jobs before

coming into the

army. Right

now I'm a driv-

er and have

learned much

about taking

care of vehicles.

I've also learned to judge and

understand people better through

living so close with others from

all over the country.

T-4 Ruth Mitchell, Personnel,

RTC: "I have

become more

proficient as a

typist and at

shorthand I've

also learned to

be more tolerant

of others. I in-

tend to be mar-

ried when this

is all over so

perhaps my learning tolerance

will be of most value to me in

civilian life."

## Army Quiz

1. What is the average annual interest payment on the U. S. National debt?

2. How many square miles in the Atlantic?

3. How many rooms are there in the White House?

4. What part of every retail dollar is spent by women?

5. What does the average person spend per year at the movies?

6. What is the average income per family in the U. S.?

Answers On Page Seven

## Goes To Air Corps

After serving in the Operations Office TDS as a film projectionist for the past eight months, Private Simon Crawford leaves for the Air Corps Wednesday to receive training as an air cadet. He hails from Everett, Pennsylvania.

## Quote Of The Week

You are doing something worth while when you take things as they are and make them into what they ought to be.—H. M. Stansifer.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

## Susanna Signs For Soldiers

## Basic's Rifle Course Should Be Easy Mark For Pvt. Small; RTC Man Teethed On One

That the army is capable of making efficient riflemen of inexperienced men is a fact which our enemies have learned the hard way. However, as we all know, this takes considerable time and patience. So, when Pvt. Charles F. Small, Co. "A," 128th RTC Bn., came to grace our midst it was like money from home. For here was a man whose trigger finger began itching at the tender age of four. It was then that, taunted by a cousin considerably his senior, young Small, armed with an air rifle, a present from his dad, neatly placed three BB shots through his tormenter's summer straw hat, unraveling the entire skimmer in the process. But for the fact that the hat was in the air at the time, this affair might have ended on a decidedly tragic note.

Pvt. Small first attracted atten-

tion in his primary competitive shoot by placing second in the New England Sportsman show in Boston. This was in 1927. He was on the Massachusetts State team sent to Camp Perry, Ohio in 1938, 39, 40 and 41. He is a graduate of the Small Arms Firing school, at Camp Perry and qualified as marksmanship instructor in 1938. He further was certified for the advanced course in 1940. In the National Garand matches also held in 1940, he finished 11th against the best shots in the nation.

Pvt. Small claims the "small" success he has achieved is due to (1) concentration on the sight picture (sight and target), (2) complete relaxation, (3) will power not to flinch or to be too anxious to get off a shot and, (4) the coordination of eye, mind and trigger finger.

## Two Companies, 635th Bn. Engage In Battle Problem

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, companies A and C of the 635 TD Battalion-Towed, engaged in a swiftly moving battle problem on the northwestern part of Hood reservation, in the vicinity of Bald Mountain, Twin Mountains, and Round Mountain.

"Dakota 6 and Dagger 2, this is Dagger 3. Move out." At this curt order from S-3 Major Burt Scott's radio, the two companies raced out from their respective assembly areas several thousand yards apart. One quarter-ton security vehicles darted ahead of destroyer columns to seize the ridges and hilltops. Contact was made almost immediately. Company A's 1st platoon security sergeant barely saved his unit from blundering into the field of fire of Company C's guns by a timely radio transmission. On the south flank opposing platoons hurtled around different sides of the same ridge corner. The speeding columns were just a few hundred yards apart before contact was made. The fluid situation provided by two TD companies striking out from established lines of departure and colliding brought the many phases of TD action into consideration. During a critique conducted by Lt. Col. Smith SO of the 635, for officers and NCO's after the problem, the battalion commander commented.

"We staged this problem just to see what you men would do when you weren't opposed by tanks, but by TD's. Each man sees from his

own particular viewpoint. I saw only a small part of the action. In baseball, the umpire calls 'em as he sees 'em. One platoon made fine use of cover in this problem. Some men did silly things. One security section took a commanding ridge. Then instead of holding their position, they left. The other side got the ridge then and used to good advantage."

## New Revue Comes Here

A new "Stardust Revue" will be presented in camp this week-end by the Southern School of Fine Arts, Houston, under direction of Homer F. Springfield.

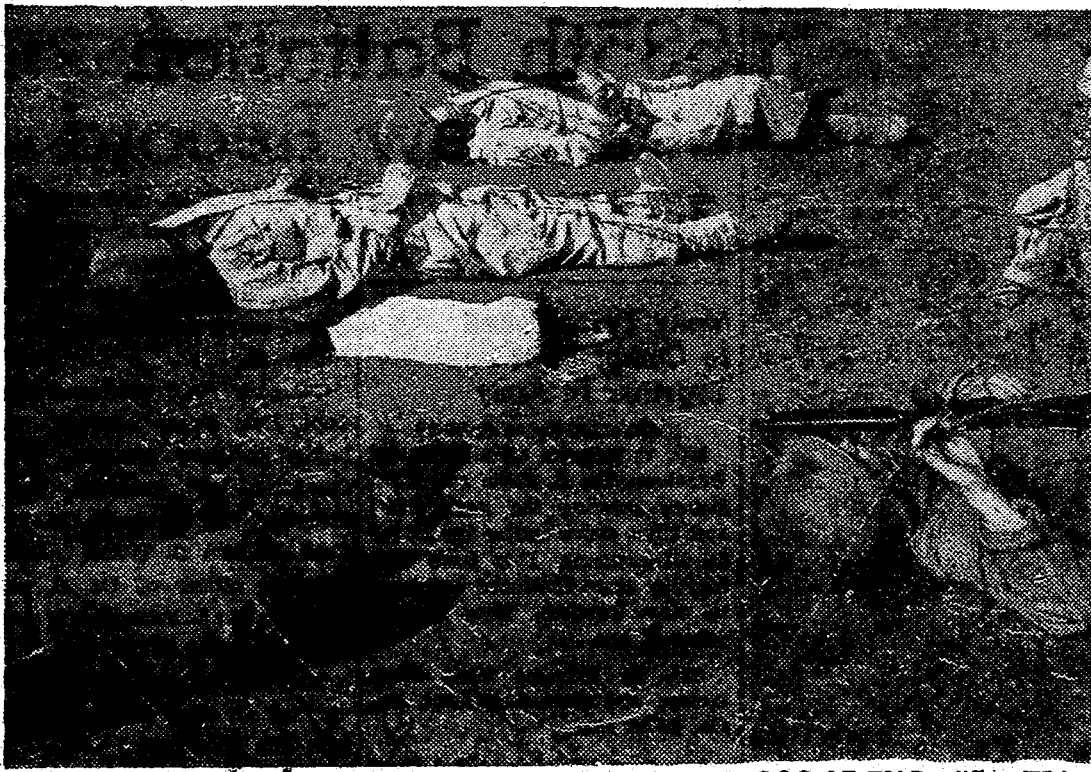
Featured in the cast of the show are 17 girls and numerous singing, dancing and novelty acts.

The show will open tomorrow night at North Camp and will play at the 37th St. Service Club Saturday night and the 37th St. Service Club Sunday night in South Camp.

## Halloween Dance For Officers At Austin Club

The AWVS is planning an officers' Halloween dance for the night of Oct. 31st at the Officers' Club in the Austin Hotel. All officers with their wives, dates, or stag are invited. Miss Dolly Harris is in charge.

The dance is for officers exclusively.



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## Twenty-Nine Offices Here Buying Bonds 100 Percent

Twenty-nine civilian offices in North and South Camp Hood are now participating in the purchase

of War Savings Bonds through payroll allotments 100 percent, according to a report from the camp war bond officer this week.

Following is the table of percentages for the week ending Oct. 23:

	South Camp per cent	North Camp per cent
Ordinance Pa .....	100.	100.
Ordinance PD .....	100.	100.
Medical .....	100.	100.
Personnel .....	100.	100.
Adjutant Section ..	100.	100.
Postal .....	100.	100.
Adjutant .....	100.	100.
Judge Advocate .....	100.	100.
Training Section .....	100.	100.
Claims Office .....	100.	100.
Intelligence Office ..	100.	100.
Fiscal and Budget .....	100.	100.
Purchase & Contract ..	100.	100.
Army Emer. Relief .....	100.	100.
Post Inspector .....	100.	100.
Public Relations .....	100.	100.
Ration Board .....	100.	100.
Billeting Office .....	100.	100.
P. W. Camp .....	100.	100.
Tank Destroyer Center ..	98.7	100.
Finance .....	100.	100.
Signal .....	100.	100.
C. W. S. .....	100.	100.
Quartermaster PA .....	100.	100.
Quartermaster PD .....	100.	100.
Laundry .....	100.	100.
Engineer Property .....	100.	100.
Engineer .....	88.3	94.4
Special Services (C.S.) ..	100.	100.
Reclamation, Salvage and Classification .....	100.	100.
A T Rail .....	100.	100.
Auto Advisors .....	94.6	100.
Purchase & Contract ..	100.	100.
QM Section .....	100.	100.

teams fought each other with a great array of power and drive on the part of the backfielders as well as the linemen.

The first half got off to a slow start, being hampered to a great extent by penalties on the part of both teams. Smith, at end, Cook at guard, and Crawford, at the halfback post were other stars for the 829th. Tyler played a good game although suffering from a knee injury.

The 829th team is coached by Lt. Alex Miressi, former line coach at Central College, Iowa.

A tentative game has been arranged with the 614th Bn. for next Friday. The game will likely be played in Gatesville High School Field, according to Coach Miressi. Game time is 8:15 p. m. The 829th is also interested in games with other teams.

## 656th Bn. Moves To New Location; Now In 22nd Gp.

By SGT. JOHN JAROSCAK

Men of the 656th TD Bn. have moved into a new area. This Battalion moved from 57th and Battalion Ave. to 162nd and Battalion Ave. They are now in the 22nd TD Group.

Men of Co. C. have thrown their hats into the basket ball ring. This Company has quite a number of enthusiastic men who are getting themselves ready for a busy season on the basket ball floor. At a later date they will be in a position to take on all comers.

At the present time you will find the 656th TD Bn. busy getting their new area in shape and getting equipment settled and ready to start their program which promises to be a full program for all concerned.

Some of the companies have taken it upon themselves to make some interesting designs in their respective areas. These designs are made of stones of different colors. This work was done on their own time and the men are proud of their efforts.

## 829th Wins From 549th

The 829th Bn., North Camp, football team opening its gridiron season last week by turning back the 549th Eng. Co. eleven, 12 to 0 in a game played on the 549th's field here.

Sgt. Collecte and Sgt. Green chalked up the two touchdowns for the 829th, both scores coming in the second half of the game. Throughout the second half both

**DOG OF WAR—"Sgt. Whitey"**, mascot and pet of Co. B, 664th Bn. UTC, not only goes through the battle-conditioning course with the men of the company, but displays some of the best form seen on the infiltration course. At top, the white spot in the center of the picture is "Whitey", keeping his head down and hugging the ground as he crawls through the infiltration course. At right, he rides out to the course in a jeep with his friends. Story at right.

## Watched TD's Blast 88's In Tunisia

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the second story obtained from Sgt. Raymond Fuller, now in McCloskey Hospital, Temple, by Lt. L. R. Barnhill, TDS, for publication in The Panther. Last week Sgt. Fuller praised TD marksmanship in another instance which occurred in Tunisia.

In an interview with Sgt. Raymond Fuller, a patient in McCloskey Hospital, recovering from wounds, Lt. L. R. Barnhill, Tank Destroyer School, learned of a platoon of TD's that scored a shooting triumph which brought applause from all within shouting distance.

The engagement took place in the hills surrounding Meknassy in central Tunisia. The light tanks, which included the sergeant, were taking cover in dry creek beds when the M10 Tank Destroyers pulled into the area. After looking over the situation, the Tank Destroyer lieutenant decided to pull his platoon near the crest of a hill and engage the German 88's visible in the valley below. But, before he could get set, violent bursts from the 88's sent them back out of the field of fire. Undismayed, the lieutenant went forward on foot to the crest and shouted fire orders to his destroyers.

### Made Direct Hit

"I remember clearly," Sergeant Fuller recalls, "The lieutenant called for indirect fire at 4500 yards, and that first shot made a direct hit, at least the gun was lost in a huge cloud of dust and no more fire ever came from that position. That elicited a mild cheer from us spectators, but the lieutenant wasn't finished. He spotted a second position and called for fire at 900 yards. The first shot knocked the tail of the German gun high into the air. The second was an over, and the third sliced right through the barrel of the 88."

That was enough. Soldiers swarmed about the lieutenant, slapping him on the back shouting their congratulations."

card was between the Student Regiment's Ray Mariucci and Bud Lemke, who put on a fine exhibition under intercollegiate rules.

Several boxing bouts rounded out the show, which was arranged by Sgt. Jack Schlegel and Pvt. Mickey Fagan, of TDS.

# Dog Demonstrates Correct Form On Battle Course

Company B, 664th TD Bn., UTC, has a new non-commissioned officer not listed in the table of organization. This new non-com has the unusual distinction of having risen through the ranks from buck private to buck sergeant within a period of two weeks.

The Sergeant's name is "Whitey" (NMI) no middle initial and (NLN) no last name. In fact Whitey's antecedents and parentage are somewhat in doubt, a fact not even his best buddies in Co. B would deny. This does not detract from Whitey's character, courage or mentality—in these departments he's tops for a pooch.

### Has Mixed Pedigree

That's what he is, just an ordinary looking black and white pooch, with a very mixed pedigree. His long chassis hints of dachshund blood, his coloring denotes fox terrier ancestry, and his general conformation hints of an airdale strain. Not by the wildest stretch of imagination would "Whitey" ever take the blue ribbon at a dog show, but when the chips are down the men of Company B will choose this nondescript "pup" over any of his blue-blooded canine brethren every time.

The "Sarge" showed up or maybe enlisted is the better word, about a month ago. He got off on the wrong foot by reporting in to the mess sergeant instead of the first Sergeant, but after this slight difficulty was cleared up "Whitey" very rapidly lost his "rookie" ways. He hasn't missed a formation since.

When the 664th headed for their week on the Battle Conditioning Course Whitey still a buck private, went along for the ride or so his buddies thought. But Whitey had other ideas. He went out to the Commando Course with a very definite plan of absorbing all the battle-training he could get—he was bucking for those stripes and wasn't going to let a thing like live machine gun bullets or land mines stop him.

### Goes Through Infiltration

The first day Co. B went

through the infiltration course Whitey was told to stay in the bivouac area, but for once the little dog disobeyed orders. He went right along with the outfit. When the men of the company began to creep across the mine torn area with machine gun bullets cracking overhead, Whitey was right up in the front ranks. Exploding mines, whistling bombs, and other battle noises did not phase the pooch in the slightest. He went right along crawling on his belly under the barbed-wire and when one of the charges exploded nearby he flopped flat on the ground until the flying chunks of dirt had settled to earth. After Whitey had successfully completed the course he was appointed honorary corporal by acclamation, and was also praised by the Battle - Conditioning Instructors for his perfect form in freezing to the ground, as well as for the low silhouette he presented to snipers.

Now an ordinary dog would have been satisfied, but not the new corporal. He was on hand when the company reported for their grind on the obstacle course. The 14-foot walls, and the rope climb had him somewhat baffled, but the rest of the course was "duck soup," including the eight-foot ditches and the swim across a creek.

He accompanied his pals and comrades through "village fighting", woods fighting, and night firing, and in addition, pulled guard every night at his own request.

For night fighting Whitey's color scheme is not so hot, his predominant coloring as his name indicates, is white, and white shows up all too well at night. This problem was solved by a bit of personal camouflage. Whitey was given a mud pack which made him invisible for after dark work with the "commandos."

### Doesn't Mind Training

At the end of the strenuous week on the Battle Conditioning Course, the dog had gone through the infiltration course three times. Some thought that the noise would make him "gun-shy" but they didn't know what a "battle hound" they had. Whitey was always ready and willing for more. He is normally noisy and scrappy in play-sessions, but is quiet and stealthy as a TD panther at night.

The "Sergeant" got his other stripe after he completed the five mile run in full pack with the other members of his company. He is now official "war dog" for Co. B, 664th TD Bn. The TD soldiers of this outfit are a rugged lot. They say they're going to take Whitey along with them when they make the big trip, and that he'll be right up there fighting when the going gets toughest. "Sergeant Whitey" himself doesn't say a thing but a wagging nub of a tail, and cocky lift of his head indicates complete approval of this program.

## Headquarters & Service OCS Regt., Entertains For New Officers In Co.

Headquarters and Service Company, Academic Regiment, TDS, held a party last Monday night to welcome new officers in the mess hall, and the new company officers.

Added cause for celebration was the new ratings of members of the regimental mess, as Tech. Sergeant Herschel Crow was made master sergeant; Staff Sergeant Michael Sablich made tech. sergeant; and Sergeants Venezia and Bennett made staff sergeants.



Sgt. George Hall

Sgt. George Hall, in civilian life a radio announcer, has been doing MC chores at the various "premiers" of the movie version of "This Is The Army" in surrounding towns.

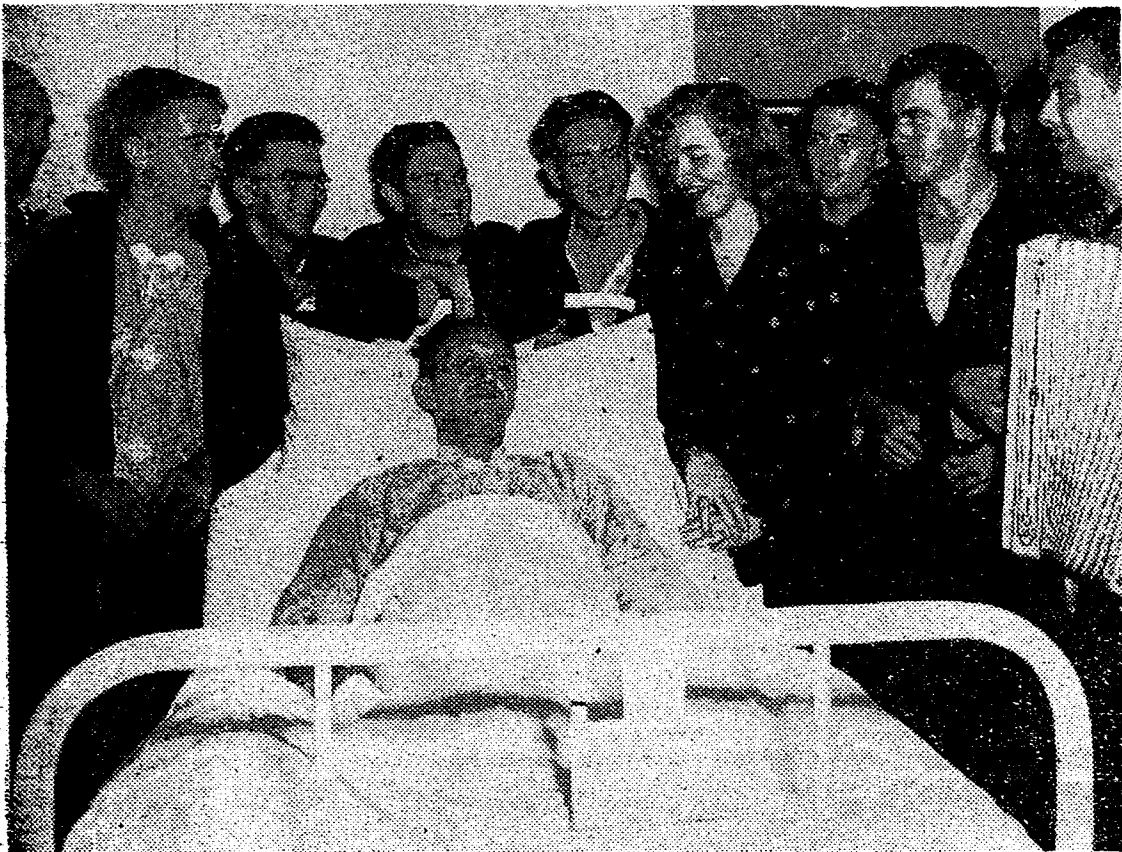
In addition to introducing the acts of singer Cpl. Sidney Hedges, the piano recitative boogwoogy of Sgt. Eddie Robinson, and the exciting calypso rhythms of John Mason, Edmond Mason, Frank J. Worth, Elmo Peete, and Arthur Caple, Sgt. Hall did a realistic skit of a sad sack trying to catch a dance at the service club.

Sgt. Hall was a seasoned trouper in Canada and the United States before joining the army.

## WAC Det., Mess Hall Champs At No. Camp

The WAC Detachment, at North Camp Hood, has set an all-time record for mess halls at the encampment, for they have held the plaque for the best mess at North Camp four weeks out of five.





**SUSANNA SINGS FOR THE SICK**—While in camp for her appearances at the Field House, Susanna Foster, Universal Studio's singing starlet, journeyed to North Camp where she visited the Station Hospital. There, accompanied by one of the patients on his accordin, she serenaded the men.

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## Theatre Schedule

	162nd St. 37th St.	Hood Rd. 24th St.	72nd St. 272nd St.	Brigade Ave.
Oct. 28	"Good Fellows" "Submarine Alert"		"Good Fellows" "Submarine Alert"	"Tornado"
		"Princess O'Rourke"		
Oct. 29th	"Is Everybody Happy?"		"Man From Down Under"	
		Same As Oct. 28th.		"Young Ideas"
Oct. 30th	"In Old Chicago"		Same As Oct. 29th	
		"Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case"	"Princess O'Rourke"	
Oct. 31st.	"True To Life"		"Is Everybody Happy"	
		"Man From Down Under"	Same As Oct. 30th	
Nov. 1st	Same As Oct. 31st	Same As Oct. 31st		"Dr. Gillespie Criminal Case"
			"In Old Chicago"	
Nov. 2nd	"Dr. Gillespie Criminal Case"		"True To Life"	
		"Is Everybody Happy?"	"Man From Down Under"	
Nov. 3rd	"Crazy House"	"In Old Chicago"	Same As Nov. 2nd	Same As Nov. 2nd.

### "STARDUST REVUE"

Homer Springfield brings another of his familiar scintillating shows to camp, featuring songs, dances, and "17 beautiful girls."  
At North Camp Oct. 29th at 8 p. m.  
At South Camp: 37th St. Service Club, Oct. 30th.  
162nd St. Service Club, Oct. 31st.  
Admission free.

### SERVICE CLUB SCHEDULES

72nd St. Service Club

Oct. 28th—Game night.  
Oct. 29th—Dance at TO Bldg.  
Hostesses from Austin  
Oct. 30th—Informal Fun  
Oct. 31st—Prize Quiz Bee. From 4 to 5.  
Nov. 1st—Prize Bingo

37th St. Service Club  
Oct. 28th—Halloween Dance  
Oct. 29th—Games; Swing Records.  
Oct. 30th—Show  
Oct. 31st—Game; Classic records. P. M.; Movie.  
Nov. 1st—Prize Bingo  
Nov. 2nd—Show  
Nov. 3rd—Sing Song

162nd St. Service Club  
Oct. 28th—Prize Quiz  
Oct. 29th—Dance at TO Bldg.  
Oct. 30th—Movie  
Oct. 31st—Songs; Chaplain Williams  
Nov. 1st—Dance  
Nov. 2nd—Prize Bingo  
Nov. 3rd—Juke box music and games

## 635th Battalion Sets New Record

A new platoon efficiency record by the 635TD Bn, commanded by Lt. Col. Wint Smith. The nine firing platoons averaged a score of 85.56%. The firing test was conducted on Tama Gas Car Range Number 3.

### Many Twins Found In Camp; Most Are Together In Army

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NO. 7: Privates Cliff and Clint Burnham, Co. A, 130th Bn, RTC. Before entering the army, Cliff and Clint drove trailer trucks for an oil company. They have been together since childhood and hope to stay together. They are 19 years of age.

NO. 8: Privates First Class George and Gerard Nadeau, Hq. Co., 661st Bn.

NO. 9: T-4 Rufus and Sgt. Robert Sims, 374th Eng. Regt.: These twins have been in the same outfit since May, 1942. They wear the same size shoes and differ in height by one inch. Their weights are the same. They have the same first letter in their names and the beginning and end of their serial numbers are the same. The only way that either can be fed is for both to go into the mess hall together, for the mess sergeant can't tell them apart and usually sends the last one away contending, "I fed you before."

NO. 10: Privates Bernard J. and Leonard W. Switzer, Co. B, 130th Bn., RTC. Before joining the army these twins worked at a brickyard setting tile. They are 19 years of age. Bernard plays the trombone, while Leonard plays an alto sax. Their home is Hampton, Iowa.

NO. 11: Privates Claude N. Nodurt and Ralph F. Nodurt light up in their barracks at Co. C, 129th Bn., RTC. They were inducted at Wheeling, West Va. They were born May 20, 1925.

building. Games are to be played at this site every Thursday night and everyone has been invited to attend the games.

Company "A," commanded by Capt. Dale Page, attained the highest company average, 95%; Company "B" averaged 80%; company "C" averaged 81.57%. Capt. William O. Wikoff, is commanding officer of Co. B, and Capt. Harold L. Pellegrino is commanding officer of Co. "C."

The first platoon of company "A" led all other firing platoons with the phenomenal score of 105%. Key members of this platoon are:

Platoon leader, 1st Lt. Earl L. Proctor; platoon sergeant, S-Sgt. Gerald C. Workman; sergeants, Sgt. Willis B. Jacobs, Sgt. Nicholas G. Kuntz, Sgt. Robert H. Poor, Sgt. Ellis W. Smith; gunners, Cpl. Lawrence H. Oetting, Cpl. Lawrence A. Helm, Cpl. William Rens, T-5 Nicholas T. Cenimo.

The second platoon of Company "A" and also the third platoon of Company A, led by Lieutenants Daniel T. Nusse, and John B. Thompson, respectively, each fired 90% accurate.

The accuracy of the firing was reported by the Commanding Officer of UTC, Col. Thomas J. Heavey.

Each three inch gun fired five rounds of armor piercing ammunition distributed in this manner: one round in a stationary target and four rounds in a moving target. The stationary target represented an overwatching "hull down" tank while the moving target simulated a tank withdrawing from a TD's field of fire.

The score of 105% was given due to the fact that there were two moving targets, and hits were registered in each of them.

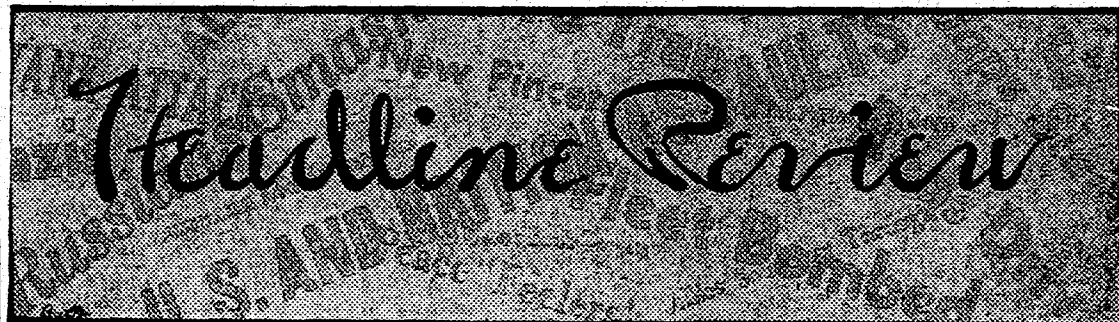
### Co. A, 614th Bn., Takes Lead In First League Hoop Game

The 614th Bn. basketball league, which includes the Service Company of the 761st Bn and the Medics of the 786th, got off to a big start this week, with Co. A running roughshod over Hqs. Co., 51 to 14, the 761st trouncing the 786th, 71 to 20, and the 549th Pontoon Co. nosing out Co. B, 38 to 30.

In the first game, Williams and Parks were high scorers for the victorious Co. A team. The second game saw Bronson, of the 549th, and Johnson of Co. B, 614th turn in high point honors.

Bud McNeal, of the winning 761st team, was high scorer for the night with 28 points.

All games were played in the Training Brigade all-purpose



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

The news is good on all fronts—so good that it's a sound idea, superstitious or not, to keep our fingers crossed and not let ourselves become over optimistic.

The tipoff is indicated in the solemn warning delivered to the Nippinese diet by Emporer Hirohito that "the present situation is truly grave."

#### Japs Clipped Hard

Last weekend the American air force destroyed 123 Jap planes in raids on reinforcements at Rabaul....Japs attempting to escape Finschhafen, New Guinea, were hemmed in and had no choice but to fight and die or surrender....American planes and submarines are knocking off Jap commercial shipping all over the southwestern Pacific with happy regularity....Vice Admiral F. K. Ika disclosed that "quite a few" Jap submarines trying to escape Kiska were sunk; enough, he said, "to make it hurt" the Japs.

#### Russians Push On

The Russian army continues to roll on, pursuing, with growing momentum, a bleeding and disordered Nazi army retreating from the Dnieper bend.

As they withdrew from Crimea, the Nazis admitted that this phase in the war is a "deciding" one.

Russian power is piling it on, and a German broadcast call-

ed a "steamroller."

Meanwhile the foreign ministers' conference at Moscow moved into position to draft specific terms of their agreement. A new military mission, from the U.S., was announced, the purpose of which is to unify our efforts to cooperate with the Soviet army.

#### Germans Berserk

Reports from Stockholm and Switzerland suggest that the Nazi homefront situation is getting out of hand, and that Butcher Himmler is resorting to terrifying measures at home, too.

In Italy the Germans seem to be going completely berserk, as reports such as "Germans slaughter 8,000 Italians," grow commonplace. All along the line of their retreat in Italy the Germans are burning and pilaging, killing cattle and refusing to let the Italians use it for food, inflicting torture and senseless punishment on the civilian populations they overrun.

Pushed back by the relentless Allied armies, the Germans are paying their retreat with brutalities.

#### Allies Gain

In taking 10 towns, the 5th army moved within 15 miles of the large transport city of Isernia, while the 8th struck up from the southeast also to within 15 miles of Isernia.

Mediterranean-based American bombers escorted for the first time by longrange fighters based in Italy, struck at Austria in part of the campaign to crack the German southern wall.

Tito Bros' troops battered German forces throughout Yugoslavia and captured about 2,000 Nazi officers and men.

The RAF struck at Leipzig, a key railroad junction for supplying German armies in Russia. They gave factories and railroad yards a through blasting.

#### Demand U. S. Pledge

Higher payments for servicemen's dependents became effective when the President signed the bill passed by both Houses.

A group of senators demanded that the U. S. pledge itself to join in an international military force to prevent future wars. Sen. Ball (Minn.), predicted that World War III would be inevitable if we didn't.

Congress hiked postage rates, which among other things means that air mail cost 10 cents an that air mail will cost 10 cents an three cents an ounce.

Liquor taxes were upped. The House of Representatives passed legislation requiring Selective Service to take unmarried and childless married men before drafting fathers.

Erol Flynn is being sued again.

# 'Babe' Is Darling Of Men In Company

By PFC Thomas A. Dundon

To "C" Company, 670th TD Bn., "Babe" is more than a pet and mascot—she's a tradition.

It all started when Capt. Walter C. Shirley, Executive Officer of the 670th, forwarded a request to a lumberman friend of his, requesting a mascot. Within three days, a small box arrived at the Camp Hood Post Office containing a fuzzy little ball of fighting female raccoon, fresh from the Mississippi woods, in high dudgeon and full of sharp-tooth-

ed ill will toward all things, human or constructed, because of rough treatment en-route. She felt that she had learned about

men the hard way and she didn't like what she had learned.

A few days after being drafted into the TD's Babe was paddling along near Co. "C" with Captain Shirley, just minding her own business and concentrating on whatever a lady in a fur coat concentrates on, when there occurred that low whistle familiar to all in Army Camps, when something of the gender neither masculine nor neuter minces by. Babe was indignant at the familiarity and she expressed her disapproval with a few choice ladylike squaks at the men of Co. C. As they crowded closer, she fairly bristled as she bared her teeth and indicated that she was a lady, who would stand for no trifling from men. The boys liked her fiery spirit and pleaded with Capt. Shirley for her custody. He agreed and, thus, Babe became the sweetheart of Company "C".

Since that fatal day in June, Babe has gone, like any other recruit, wherever the company has. Her feats are legendary and she's a constant source of amusement to her buddies. For instance, the time the lads made dog-tags for her and she ate them up. She has a Service Record, too, which shows an entry for AWOL earned when she spent three days hiding behind a pile of barracks bags in the supply room. First Sergeant Tautkus is her big affinity, which has instituted the vile rumor that this is the reason for her escape from guard duty and K. P. Sergeant Tautkus states that it isn't so, and cites the recent occasion when she ripped the entire breast pocket from his shirt to get some candy he had put away.

## Through With Basic

Babe has completed basic training with her outfit, made the epic 60-mile hike from North Camp, and she's been on the range and in the field with the company almost daily. She's not at all gun-shy and right now she's acting as a good luck token, as the boys are making a crack at firing records.

She and "Butch", the 670th's Belgian Shepherd mascot, may often be seen frolicking with each other or exchanging gripes on the lack of trees in Texas. More than likely, however, Babe will be hiding behind the Co. "C" orderly room. Like any other goldbrick and ducking for cover at the first syllable of any word like detail.

## Awaits Famous Cousin

Corporal Kenneth Ward, Co. A, Student Regiment, TDS, is now home in New York City on furlough, awaiting the transcontinental air-trek from Hollywood to Manhattan of his favorite young cousin, the former model, and now a contract player at MGM, Miss Frances Ward.

# 22nd Group Signs 1197 For Bonds

Signing up eleven hundred and ninety-seven Class "B" War Bond Allotments in three days isn't a "bad job."

That's what the 22nd TD Group, commanded by Lt. Col. Severn T. Wallis, did last week during a three-day War Bond drive sponsored by this Group.

The battalions which took part in the drive were the 614th, the 801st, and the 603rd. Seven companies finished 100 percent strong and the others followed closely behind.

Credit for this showing goes to Lieutenants Herbert King of the 614th Bn., Jack Robinson of the 801st Bn., Edward Synder of the 603rd Bn., and the "Minute Men" of all the battalions who contacted every enlisted man in the Group and explained the advantages of having a Class "B" allotment in force.

Hq. Co. of the 614th and Reconnaissance Co. of the 801st were decided on as having done the best job of salesmanship on the basis of the number of men in the outfits, and they were duly rewarded.

The 614th Bn. made the most progress during the drive having secured 630 allotments, and the few that did not sign up were those that could not be reached because of furloughs.

# UTC Talent Plans Shows

A recent War Department circular stated that USO shows will appear in Army camps less frequently from now on, because so much of the talent that has been appearing in the shows has been inducted into the Army. Consequently, Army camps must look forward to producing much of their own entertainment in the future.

Special Service officers in UTC have started to uncover some theatrical talent, and soldier shows are appearing in the Rec. buildings of the TD Group and Battalion areas.

Encouragement has been so pronounced that Capt. Wilson T. Betts, Special Service Officer of UTC asked Major Adams, Post SSO, what he thought about presentation in the Field House of an All-UTC variety show. Maj. Adams' reply was that the sky is the limit. So the organization of a production staff is scheduled to start soon.

# Quiz Answers

1. \$2,700,000,000.
2. 41,321,000 square miles.
3. 53 rooms.
4. 85 cents.
5. \$7.13.
6. \$2,855.

# Parents Of A Girl

A girl was born to TDS assistant classification officer, Lt. and Mrs. Russell B. Teeter, at Belton, last Tuesday. She has been named Nancy Joan Teeter.



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**AFFECTIONATE PET**—"Babe", pet, mascot and tradition of Co. C, 670th Bn., looks for a comfortable spot on the shoulder of 1st Sgt. Alex Tautkus. Story at left.

# The 663rd's Guard House Is Littered With Itches

Mascots are not unusual among the Tank Destroyer battalions at Camp Hood and pet dogs are no unfamiliar sight along company streets, but seven pets is somewhat of a record and one of which the 663rd Bn. Battalion, UTC, is proud.

Until last week the battalion numbered only one canine in its ranks, a brown and white animal of uncertain origins known as "Itch" to the members of the organization; but last week a police call in the vicinity of the battalion headquarters building revealed that "Itch" had added six new faces to the unit overnight. The newcomers were immediately adopted by the battalion guard and installed in comparatively luxurious quarters in

the guard room, where they have added new interest to the formerly tedious hours of duty.

The pups have not yet opened their eyes, but the proud mother has already put them on display and welcomes the attention of visitors that have been attracted by news of the latest additions to the battalion roster. Feeding the newcomers has proven no problem, although the six variegated pups have been obliged to become accustomed to a strange menu provided by solicitous members of the guard. Each new mount is unofficially assigned the additional responsibility of pup tenders and as a result the family is thriving and already showing a tendency to become overweight.

# Civilian Occupations Of 53rd Class, OCS Include Real Variety

Various and sundry, to say nothing of odd, were the civilian pursuits of men now in the 53rd TD OCS class.

Here is a cross-section of former careers now shelved for the duration and six months: Thomas

Baiocchi was a Treasury Department investigator in New York; Glen Hattery was an undertaker's assistant; Arthur Heinrich designed parts for X-ray machines; Frederick Schultz was a veterinary technician for the New York State Health Department; William Schwochow inspected bathtubs for a living; Warren Steinfeldt was a commercial fisherman; and George Sloan was a monument salesman and carver.

# Promotions In ASF Limited

Because the Army's strength is becoming fixed and because of surpluses, the ASF is going to be strict with promotions of non-commissioned officers.

It is becoming more difficult, according to an ASF circular, to absorb individuals in grade.

High standards of performance will be required of all non-coms. Men who fail to keep up will be reduced and T-4's and T-5's in the ASF will be reduced when they leave the assignments from which they earned their ratings.

# 667th Bn Starts Basketball Squads

The 667th Bn., UTC, has recently organized two fast basketball teams which are interested in arranging games with other outfits that have teams already lined up and ready for competition.

Teams desiring games with either of the two 667th teams are urged to contact the Special Services officer of the 667th Bn.



# Chapel Services

## PROTESTANT (NON-DENOMINATION)

- 9:30 A. M.  
Chapel 176—164th and Brig.  
Chapel 639—62nd St.  
Chapel 902—50th St.  
Chapel 2109—37th St. East.  
Hospital—Red Cross Bldg.  
11:00 A. M.  
Post Chapel—52nd St.  
Chapel 115—268th St.  
Chapel 289—170th and brig.  
Chapel 639—62nd St.  
Chapel 2209—School Area.  
Chapel 1156—37th St. West.  
6:30 P. M.  
Chapel 115—268th St.  
Chapel 639—62nd St.  
Chapel 1156—37th St. West.  
Chapel 2209—School Area.  
Chapel 2109—37th St. East.  
**COLORADO TROOPS**  
Chapel 513—70th St.  
Worship Services  
10:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.  
Sunday school—9:00 a. m.  
Musical hour, Tuesday, 6:30 p. m.  
**EPISCOPAL**  
Chapel 902—50th St., 6:30 p. m. Sunday.

## LUTHERAN

Post chapel—52nd St., 6:30 p. m.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Chapel 1156, Thursday, 8:00 p. m. Sunday, 8:45 a. m.

## ENL MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Chapel 639—62nd St., 10:30 a. m.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass, Sunday 31 October 1943

- Hospital, Red Cross Bldg... 6:30 p. m.  
Stockade... 6:30 a. m.  
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West... 7:00 a. m.  
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig... 8:00 a. m.  
Post Chapel, 52nd St... 9:00 a. m.  
24th St. Theater... 9:30 a. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St... 11:00 a. m.  
37th St. Theater... 11:00 a. m.  
162nd St. Area, Field Mass... 11:00 a. m.  
Mass, All Saints (1 Nov. 1943)  
Chapel 2209, School Area... 6:25 a. m.  
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg... 6:30 a. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St... 6:30 a. m.  
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig... 7:30 a. m.  
Field Mass, 162nd St. Area... 6:00 p. m.  
Field House, Hood Road... 6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 2209, School Area... 7:00 p. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St... 7:30 p. m.  
Mass, All Saints (2 Nov. 1943)  
Chapel 2209, School Area... 6:30 a. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St... 6:30 a. m.  
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig... 7:30 a. m.  
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg... 6:30 a. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St... 6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig... 6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 2209, School Area... 7:00 p. m.

## NOVENA SERVICE

- Friday 29 Oct., Chapel 2209... 7:00 p. m.  
Sunday 31 Oct., Chapel 176... 6:30 p. m.  
Tuesday 2 Nov., Chapel 902... 6:30 p. m.  
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**MORNING WEEKDAY MASS, 6:30 AM**  
Chapel 176, Wed, Thur, Sat.  
Chapel 902, Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat.  
Chapel 2209, Mon, Tues, Thur, Sat.

## EVENING WEEKDAY MASS

- Chapel 176, Tuesday, Friday 6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 902, Tues, Wed, Thur, 6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 2209, Friday... 7:00 p. m.

## CONFESSION

Before Ev. Weekday Mass & Saturdays

As Follows:

- Hospital Red Cross Bldg... 3-4 p. m.  
Chapel 902, 50th St. 4-6 & 6:30-9:00pm  
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig... 6-9 p. m.  
Chapel 2209, School Area 6:30-9:00 p m

## JEWISH, Chapel 902, 50th St.

Friday 29 Oct... 8:00 p. m.

Chapel 176, Tuesday, Friday 6:30 p. m.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, Chapel 1156

Thursday 28 Oct... 8:00 p. m.

Sunday 31 Oct... 8:45 a. m.

## LATTER DAY SAINTS

Chapel 639, 62nd St. Sunday—7:30 p. m.

## Male Call

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

## It Was Rank







### With PFC Keith Quick

Pvt. Joseph M. Fagan, more intimately known as "Mickey", is doing a great piece of work down at the TD School. "Mickey" is with the School's athletic department, and his job is that of training the many boxing aspirants which pop up every day in the School's roster. Fagan lines the pugilists up for daily workouts, carefully watching over them, and pairing them off for sparring practice. Fagan selects those who reach peak condition and arranges matches for them in the weekly boxing events staged at the TDS amphitheater. "Mickey's" judgment in matching the fighters has brought many rounds of comment and approval from ringsiders who attend the weekly TDS fight cards.

Gundar Haegg, the great distance runner who recently toured the United States, has returned to his hometown of Stockholm, Sweden, where he is going to write news as well as make it. The Swedish fireman has signed a one-year contract with the sports paper, Idrottsbladet. "Gundar the Wonder" will return to the U. S. sometime next February to wed pretty Dorothy Nortier, a Piedmont, California, school teacher. . . . We've heard of a lot of things being a flop but about the biggest to come along of late was the play of one Lou Klein, second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals. Looking at Lou's play all season was something to marvel at; he was brilliant, but when this year's World Series came around, Lou just wasn't there with the essential punch—he was the "goat" of the series. In the championship series, Lou batted a puny .136. In the five games he left 13 runners stranded on the bases, and twice made the final out in an inning with the sacks loaded. Gypsy Rose Lee could have beat that swinging at the pelota with her fan! . . . "Pistol Packin' Mama", that man is here again—the one that makes them thor pigskin piks every week! Yep, out of the 28 games on our card this week, we reaped 25 victors and took the bounce but 3 times, for a hitting average of .893. Cornell, California and March Field let us down, otherwise we would have had a "bullseye". This week we're out to hit the exact target; pickin' Notre Dame to erase Navy, Army to roll over Penn., Duke to make a wreck of Georgia Tech., Northwestern to nip Minnesota, Texas to stomp SMU's Mustangs, and Texas A&M to eat plenty of pork at Arkansas.

## 65th Eleven Reats UTC Team, 13-7

In a thrill-a-minute game played last week, the 65th Bn. "Red Devils" football team came from behind in the last quarter to nose out the UTC "Panthers," 13 to 7.

The opening quarter saw both teams play at a standstill, neither team being able to move much beyond midfield. However, in the waning minutes of the second stanza, the Panthers got a break when Rose intercepted a "Red" pass and carried the ball down to the 8-yard line, after a brilliant 30-yard run. Strosser of the Panthers hit Blaine with a perfect aerial in the next play to gain the only score for the Panthers. Kucher booted the extra point.

In the second half, the Red Devils were out to get revenge; moving from the kickoff they marched down field to hit pay dirt on a 15-yard off tackle jaunt. Rowan, Devil fullback, carrying the ball over. Adams, star quarterback of the Devils, missed the try for extra point and the third quarter ended, with the score 7 to 6 in favor of the Panthers.

The final period was a thriller,

as both teams played fine defensive ball. However, late in the closing quarter, the Red Devils started another power march which ended with a 30-yard toss from Adams to Senkulics, who, aided by superb blocking, galloped on over for the money marker and the ball game for the Red Devils. A pass, Adams to Howard was good for the point after touchdown, with the Red Devils out on the long end, 13 to 7.

The Panthers, though they lost proved themselves to be "iron men," as six of the starting grid-ers played the whole 60 minutes.

### 4th Regt. Officers Retain Softball Claim Against 829th

The Officers' championship softball team, 4th Regt., RTC, upheld their championship honors last week by trouncing a challenging team from the 829th Bn. by the wide margin of 23 to 1.

Lt. Jack Coberly was on the hillock for the winners. His fast ball baffled the 829th hitters throughout the game. Lt. Coberly was aided by the heavy stick work of his mates, who pounded the ball to all corners of the lot.

The 4th Regiment team continues its challenge to play any officers' team from both North and South Camp.

# Part Of Supply Warehouse Remodeled Into A Gymnasium

By PFC WALTER H. GLASER

Transforming a section of the Regimental Supply warehouse into a gymnasium, has attracted considerable interest in the Officer Candidate School Regiment to officers, enlisted men and cadre of Headquarters & Service company as well as the officer candidates who are in the regiment, all of whom have a special time allotted to conditioning purposes.

Through the combined efforts of Lt. Jesse R. Ivy, athletic and recreational officer of the regiment, Lt. Forest C. Armintrout and Sgt. Sidney Katz, who are in charge of the physical training program of Headquarters & Service Co., the gymnasium was made possible. Lts. Ivy and Armintrout, and Sgt. Katz, have been working on the project for weeks and it is now in first class condition and open to all men of that regiment.

### Have Indoor Arena

A portion of the warehouse, measuring in size, 50 by 70 feet, was converted into an "indoor arena", with all the necessary paraphernalia available to make it an ideal gym. The purpose of the gymnasium is to get those who are out of condition back into shape and those who are in shape, it affords them an opportunity to keep physically fit.

Officers of the O. C. S. Regiment will use the gym from 5 until 6 o'clock in the evening, the enlisted men and the cadre will work out from 6 until 9 o'clock in the evening, and the officer candidates will have an opportunity to use it from 9 until 11 o'clock, after classes are completed for the day.

Lts. Ivy and Armintrout announced that Sgt. Katz will be on hand to assist in any way possible at the gymnasium, from 5 o'clock on, with Cpl John Scroggins, T-5 Harry Martindale and PFC Walter Ogrosky, instructing after 7 o'clock in the evening.

The gym is composed of a handball court, basketball net and backboard, shuffle board, and the following equipment for boxers and others who want to get in shape: five speed bags, two heavy bags, six sets of wall-pully weights ranging from 15 to 50 pounds, four sets of bar bells, 14 sets of boxing gloves, numerous skipping ropes, chest and hand-grip exercises, seven medi-

cine balls, rubdown table, boxing headgear, set of horizontal bars, two high bars, weigh-in scale and several mats.

### ING TO BE INSTALLED

A boxing ring will be installed in the near future and boxers who are rounding into first class shape and show promise will be given an opportunity to show their ability in the ring. The handball and basketball netting is already getting plenty of action by various men of the regiment, including the officers, who have

already used the gym quite frequently.

Class instruction in all the equipment in the gymnasium will be started under the direction of Sgt. Katz and his assistants as soon as a certain quota of men can be formed for one. The gym is large enough so that at least 50 can work out in it at one time, while the handball court may be in use at all times, regardless of whether or not the gym is occupied by those seeking instructions.

## Inter-Platoon Shoot For Best Riflemen In 635 Bn.

The 635th Bn. held inter-platoon rifle matches at Pilot Knob Range recently. Each platoon within the battalion was represented by its best riflemen.

Pit details and scoring officials were so arranged that no company firing was scored by a member of the same company. In order that the greatest number would participate, two matches were held. The first match consisted of a 10-man team from each of the firing and reconnaissance platoons. The second match was made up of a six man team from each company's headquarters platoon.

First place of the first match was captured by the 2nd Platoon of Co. "A". The average score for the ten men participating was 207. Pfc Elmer R. Larbrough led

Bn. In a previous meeting Alexander won a close decision.

In last Friday's go, after three torrid rounds of slugging toe to toe, each fighter throwing caution to the winds, Alexander again emerged the victor. This time the decision was unquestioned, as Alexander's margin was a big one. It is probable that the two slug-gers will be matched for a third time, since they are both crowd-pleasers.

Another boxing card is on tap for next Friday evening, with the first prelim scheduled to start at 9:15 p. m.

### Ring Bouts Staged At Red Cross Bldg. In Station Hospital

Exhibition wrestling and boxing matches were staged at the Station Hospital Red Cross auditorium last week by the TDS athletic office.

The program was enthusiastically received by the men in red robes, who warmly indicated their desire for further events of this kind.

Feature wrestling event on the

### Lots Of Generals

There are more than 6000 generals on active duty with the U. S. army, an article in Pic magazine reveals.

### Large Turnout For 665th Bn. Hoop Squad

The 665th Bn. "Red Devils" launched their first basketball session last week. A total of 45 aspirants turned out for the opening whistle, and all candidates for the team appeared to be in tip-top physical form as the result of a week spent on the Battle Conditioning Course.

Two basketball courts are available in the battalion area, and a schedule is being worked out which will pit the team against the best Hood has to offer.

Teams desiring pre-season games with the newly-formed "Red Devils" may contact Lt. Emanuel, Special Services Officer, 665th Bn., phone 2478.

## Alexander Wins In TDS Rematch

A large crowd was on hand last Friday night to witness the weekly sports card at the TDS amphitheater.

In the opening event, Wally Burroughs won the wrestling match against Ray Mariucci of the Student Regiment. Burroughs scored a fall in the first round to automatically win before the time limit was used up. The match was conducted under intercollegiate amateur rules. Burroughs, the victor, is a 106th Cavalry boy.

### Decision Was Close

A couple of Student Regiment lightweights, Buddy Birdsell and Jimmy Dunlap raced through three fast rounds of boxing, with Birdsell getting the nod on a close decision. Dunlap beat himself via a series of unintentional low blows.

A tall, rangy redhead, Bob Klang, from the 635th Bn., making his first appearance in an exhibition bout, showed up so well that Capt. Leslie Wood, TDS athletic director and matchmaker, is now in search of a worthy opponent for the big heavyweight.

### Return Bout Feature

The feature bout of the evening was a rematch between Grant Alexander of the Student Regiment, and Al Speaker of the 635th

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