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## Motor Speed Regulations Announced

### Punishment Listed In Camp And Without For Exceeding Limits

Speed of all motor vehicles travelling on the military reservation was fixed for given areas in a memorandum from the office of Capt. Guy F. Aldrich, Adjutant, ASF, released this week.

All vehicles, including private automobiles and buses, may travel at a maximum rate of 20 miles per hour on streets or roads within the reservation which pass adjacent buildings where personnel is housed or employed.

#### Heavy Vehicles Stopped

Tanks, tank destroyers, wreckers, towed guns, 2 1-2-ton trucks, vans or trailers and heavy material are restricted to 20 miles per hour in all other areas on or off the reservation.

Peeps, jeeps, touring cars, 1-2-ton trucks, including pickups and carryalls, 3-4-ton trucks, 1-2-ton trucks and motorcycles were limited to 30 MPH on or off the reservation.

Private cars and buses were limited to 30 MPH in uninhabited areas on the reservation and must adhere to government speed laws on public highways.

Military personnel driving private vehicles who violate these speed limits, for the first offense, will be prohibited from operating a vehicle in camp for one week, and for a second or subsequent offense, for one month. Military personnel driving government vehicles who violate these speed limits will be punished in the following manner:

#### Punishments Listed

Officers and Warrant Officers under 104th Article of War.

Enlisted personnel: 1st offense, 104 AW or summary courts martial; second offense, summary or special courts martial.

Enlisted personnel of the third, fourth and fifth grades, inclusive, who object to trial by summary court will be tried by special court.

Officers will be reported to the office of the Camp Commander by name, grade, and organization, and their names published in the daily bulletin.

## Platoon Hits High Scores

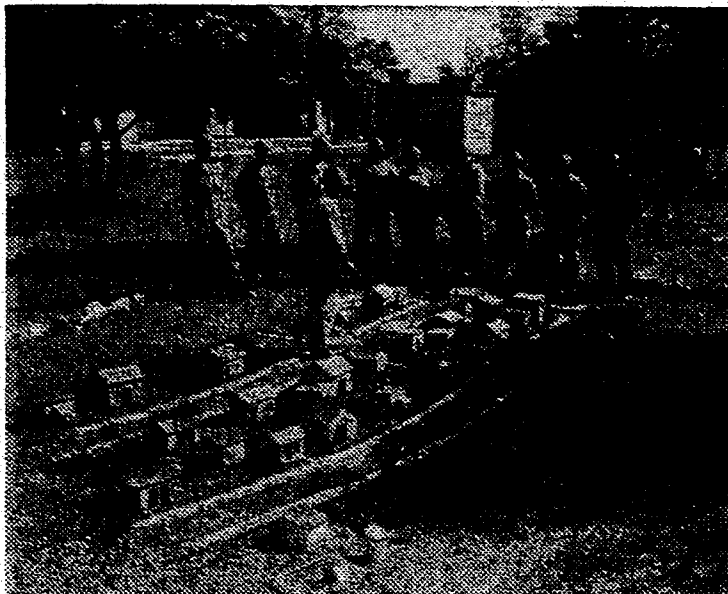
By T-5 TOM DUNDON

Men of the second Reconnaissance Platoon of the 670th Bn., led by Lt. John D. Wilson and S-Sgt. Wiley Loftin, really gave other outfits something to shoot at, when they on the 50-caliber, Field Firing, machine gun range recently.

UTC officers, who officiated and supervised the firing, believe that the platoon's 56% was the highest platoon score ever registered on the Brown's Creek No. 3 Range.

When landed on their performance, the men expressed the unanimous opinion that their score would have been closer to 100% with live Japs or Nazis as targets.

LOST—billfold containing pass and other papers. Will finder kindly return to owner. Reward.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**BIRDS-EYE VIEW**—This scaled miniature of the "Nazi Village" phase of the RTC Battle Conditioning Course is demonstrated to BCC cadremen by Lt. Eugene C. Clark. The novel model will be used to orientate RTC trainees before they actually proceed through the village. Note comparable buildings in background.

## 'All Is Well' New USO Show Coming

The new USO show, "All Is Well," will be at North Camp November 9, 10, and 11; and at South Camp 12, 13, and 15.

"All Is Well" is a colorful revue, with a balanced ration of action, comedy and song.

Taking up the comedy line is Diane Moore, who has been doing

her routine at night clubs and theaters around the country for several years.

Starke and Dorne were one of the first acts to be televised, a medium made-to-order for their comedy singing and dancing act.

Betty Lee calls herself an acrobat, and though she is just out of high school, goes through her acrobatic routine with the ease and poise of a veteran trouper.

Kathleen Harris sings popular songs with a personalized style; Sid Slate and Marty Barrett do a surprise comedy turn which surprises more than the audience; William Davis takes care of the music.

In North Camp the show will be at the 12th St. Rec Hall, starting at 8 p. m. In South Camp it will be at the Field House, starting at 8:30 p. m.

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## 'Axis' Men Have Lunch In 667th Bn.

Men and officers of the 667th TD Bn. were astonished to see a Japanese and four German soldiers march into their mess hall at noon, October 24th.

Before riotous shouts turned to murderous blows, Lt. Graham, Bn. S-2, explained that the soldiers were men of his Intelligence class who had come to show what the well dressed Nazis and Japanese are wearing. Included among the display were a Panzer Unit private, and an engineer private, both in dress uniform, two Africa Corps Lance Corporals, and a corporal from a Japanese Tank Unit. The men posing as Axis soldiers were Sgt. M. W. Kiester, and Corporals, N. Miccolis, and H. J. Black of "Company C," and Corporals Griffith and Berne of Company B.

## She Studies Finance

T-5 Rose Siegelberg of the WAC Detachment, 1848 Unit, has reported to the Army Finance School at Wake Forest, North Carolina, for a three-month course in finance. She has been working in the camp finance office, enlisted men's pay section, since arriving at Camp Hood, April 24.

## Is Father Of Boy

Sgt. Raymond D. Stephenson has just passed around the cigars in honor of the visit from the stork. It is a boy, seven and one-half pounds, born on Oct. 15.

## AGF Soldiers Not Included In MG Quotas

Enlisted men in the Army Ground Forces are not included in quotas assigned to the Eighth Service Command for attendance at the Enlisted Military Government School at Fort Custer, Mich.

At present, no information is available as to the scope of the military government school, and no AGF quotas have been announced from TDC for the course referred to in recent Panther stories.

Soldiers in the AGF would not be governed by the requirements set up for Service Command personnel who apply for the schooling. It is hoped that new, pertinent information for soldiers in the AGF will be available in the next issue of the Panther.

There have been no changes in the procedures for officers who try for assignment to either the Military Government School at Ft. Custer, or for those interested in the Civil Affairs course at that post. Officers of all rank are being sent to the Michigan post for training under the Provost Marshal. Indications are that officers are processed there for future assignments.

## TDS Adjutant Given Promotion To Captain

Capt. William R. Bowdin, TDS Adjutant, and the first graduate of any Officer Candidate School to report to the Tank Destroyer School for duty in its early days, was promoted to that rank from Lieutenant October 29.

## New Classes Have Courses For Hood Men

### Camp Educational Program Cooperates With Army Institute

For the ambitious and the curious there is a chance to learn or brushup on everything from simple arithmetic to physics in classes which have been started in various parts of camp, under competent instructors, to teach English, Spanish, French and German, in addition to bookkeeping, military correspondence, arithmetic, algebra, physics, and other classes in planning.

Information about the classes can be obtained from Lt. Louis M. Wescom at the Post Special Service Office.

Language classes are making use of specially prepared records, which with synchronized texts, simplifies the learning process.

#### German Class Meets

One German class, which started a couple of weeks, meets Monday and Thursday evenings at the 162nd St. library, under the direction of Pvt. Harry Kennedy of Training Brigade. Just getting started are a French class at 37th St. library, a Spanish class, tutored by Cpl. Maurice Leavitt, 1848th Bn., and a second German class at the Station Hospital under the direction of Lt. Lackman.

The program is being carried out under the general plan of the army's Special Service Section.

## TDS Lt., Noted Violinist, Appears In Temple As Soloist

The Weapons Department at the TD School may well exclaim, "Shades of Mozart!" Next Thursday evening, in the Municipal Building in Temple, at the Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholarship Concert, the guest artist who will play Fritz Kreisler's "Allegro," and



other renditions, will be violinist Lt. Frederick Vincent Kruse of the Weapons Department.

That's our news item. And Lt. Kruse is the guest artist for a very good reason. He started playing the violin almost as early in age as Mozart did. At eight, he began taking lessons, and at nine he gave his first violin performance at the May Music Week Festival sponsored by the City of San Francisco. This recital rewarded him with a five-year scholarship at the Oakland Conservatory of Music, headed by Dr. Arley See, former conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Or-

chestra. At the age of eleven the boy gave a superb performance of the intricate and difficult Mendelssohn Concerto in E Minor. He made musical history with this concert. At the age of fifteen, with Dr. See conducting, Kruse appeared as guest soloist with the Oakland Symphony Orchestra.

His genius with the violin became an accepted fact, when, at the age of sixteen, Frederick Kruse became a full fledged member of the Oakland Symphony Orchestra, and at seventeen, he was made assistant concert master. Then he appeared as a soloist for the next few seasons. Later he was made concert master.

Since that time Lt. Kruse has appeared under many great conductors and teachers. The great climax of his career came after studying one year with Leon Sametini in Chicago. He was to have made his debut in Symphony Hall in Chicago, and to follow that up with an engagement at Town Hall in New York—when he entered the army.

The violin which Lt. Kruse will play next Thursday is a "Gagliano" valued at \$10,000. It has had the same varnish on it for two centuries. A collector sold it to Lt. Kruse for \$700 as a token of friendship. There are only 140 of these violins left in the world.

## Lieutenant Transferred

Lt. Robert R. Morris, formerly with the 635th TD Bn. is now on duty with the 657th Bn. He was transportation officer of Hq. company 635.

## RTC Hq. Co. Goes All Out On Party: Show Presented

Almost a thousand men enjoyed the Hq. Co., RTC party, given last week in the area patio, the bright lights and public address system attracting soldiers from nearby units.

A solid show wowed the audience but the highlights of the evening were the eight encores demanded of Helen Manheim, versatile songstress from the Leon Drive Service Club. Finally, Sgt. George Hall, who em cee'd, asked the men if he could nominate Helen as the Hq. Co. Pin-Up Girl. The spontaneous response elected the attractive and personable young lady vociferously.

One of the quietest chaps in Hq. Co. is Pvt. Steve Radaszewski. It was he who spent two days in building a stage, on which he installed footlights. Steve also built a spotlight stand and strung up overhead lights from tree to tree for the al fresco affair. S-Sgt. Carl L. Knelly and T-5 Norman Endthoff set up the PA system which was so clear that virtually all of North Camp heard the show!

All the cooks from both the Hq. Co. mess halls pitched in and with the aid of the RTC Rations Section men (who did most of the meat cutting), put out a fine spread. The cooks reported that

the KP's from Co. D, 132 Bn, despite extra hours, worked smoothly.

Sgt. Ervin C. Schweig and T-5 Louis Baragona made a colorful 10' by 4' sign which proclaimed "Goldbricks' Convention."

The show included, aside from the Hq. Co. Pin Up Girl, WAC Cpl. Sidney Hedges, Personnel, RTC, Lt. John Slezinger, Pvt. Tom Mahoney, Co. E, 129 Bn, who tap danced and Cpl. Irvin Manheim, 147th AST Bn, who played several numbers on his bass fiddle, one of which, "Montis Czardas," was a classical piece written for the violin.

Sgt. Fischer and his Fine Five from the 2nd RTC Band played for three solid hours.

## Col. O'Laughlin To Address OCS Grads.

The 48th TD Officer Candidate School Class, graduating Friday morning at the 24th Street Theater, will have as the guest speaker at its exercises, Col. William J. O'Laughlin, retired, of San Antonio.

Col. O'Laughlin has had a long, distinguished career in the Army, dating from his service with the 3rd New York Infantry in the Spanish American war, through a period of action in the Philippine islands.

The 48th class is the first to graduate in several weeks, the lapse being due to its 17-week curriculum replacing the 13-week courses formerly employed at the Officer Candidate School here.



**LADY OF NOTE**—Helen Manheim, civilian employee at the Leon Drive Service Club, North Camp, has been selected by Hq. Co., RTC as their No. 1 "Pin-Up Girl." A versatile songstress, she wowed the headquarters cadre-men when she sang in a show at the party last week.



**DANCING TEAM**—Starke & Dorne, comedy singing and dancing team, are featured with the USO-Camp Show which appears in Hood from Nov. 9 to 15th inclusively. Story on Page One.

## Old Timers Didn't Expect To Get Paid When They Joined The Army Back In The "Good Old Days"

"We didn't even know the army paid a man!"

This from T-Sgt. Jesse J. Dodson, sergeant major of the 148th AST Bn, RTC, North Camp, upon the occasion of his enlistment Dec. 1, 1921, when he was 18 and fresh out of school, down home in Somerset, Ky.

Sgt. Dodson clarified his statement by explaining that when he and his buddies enlisted they were motivated by a "feeling for the army" and knew nothing about the pay situation.

Army life has apparently agreed with Jesse, for, despite his grey-

ing hair, he's a most youthful appearing chap.

In his 22 years of service 39-year-old Dodson has traveled all over the United States. After taking recruit drill (it's basic training now) at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., he served two hitches with the 23rd Infantry and was then transferred to the 10th Inf. at Ft. Thomas, Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1928 Sgt. Dodson was on duty in the recruiting office in Oklahoma City, Okla. and a year later assigned to like duties at Memphis, Tenn. From here Jesse headed for Ft. McClellan, Ala. to join the 69th Coast

## Friday Night 601st Band Concert Draws

By Pfc Kenneth Santee

It was Friday night and concert time again and providing entertainment was the 106th Cavalry band under the direction of Warrant Officer Madden. The program included a selection of marches and overtures.

Starting off with some ever-popular marches, the band went on to play a medley of three waltzes including "The Champagne Waltz," "The Naughty Waltz." Cpl. Kellogg Howard had solo honors in Victor Herbert's "Kiss in the Dark." Although the next song was titled "Starlight," it was played in a new arrangement of a martial tempo and was phrased like "Moonlight and Roses."

The band then took their audience on a make-believe trip to the far East as they played "In a Persian Market." Spain was next on the make-believe trip in tango tempo, the band rendered "Rosita." The strains of Sigmund Romberg's "The Student Prince" was played next.

Ending the program was the introduction of the xylophone virtuoso, Cpl. Benz, who played "The William Tell" overture with the band.

In the orchestra session, the Cavaliers led off with the "920 Special" and then Sgt. Ada Sullivan of the 1848th WAC Detach, sang "Melancholy Baby" and encored with "All of me." Sgt. Sullivan had to sing another song before the boys would let her leave, so she complied with the "Shiek of Arabia."

Pfc. Ralph Strauss did a swell job swinging and singing out with "Mary" and for an encore sang "Paper Doll."

Another concert will be held Friday night in the 172nd street Rec' hall.

Artillery from where he went back to recruiting duty at Memphis and then on to Shreveport, La.

T-Sgt. Dodson came to North Camp July 1, 1943 landing back, 23 years later, in the state where he took his recruit drill.

# History Of 801st Bn. Goes Back To 1893

In February, 1893, a group was organized in Albany, N. Y., as a Signal and Telegraph Corps of the Third Brigade. This group marked the origin of the 801st Tank Destroyer Bn., now in Camp Hood.

During January of 1902, this Corps was designated as Troop B, Third Squadron Cavalry, now Co. B, 801st. Between the years 1902 and 1911 two more troops joined Troop B to form the First New York Cavalry, these were troops C of Utica and D of Syracuse, N. Y., now Co. A and C of the 801st.

The First New York Cavalry was called to service on the Mexican Border and stationed at McAllen, Texas, during 1916 for approximately nine months. October of the following year brought another change in the regiment. It was transformed into the 104th, 105th and 106th Machine Gun Battalions, all a part of the famous 27th Division of World War I fame. These units served in Belgium and France, participating in the Diekeburg, Lake Scherponberg sector, (Flanders Ypres Lys and the Somme Offensive). After returning to the U. S. in 1919 the Division was demobilized and shortly thereafter the First New York Cavalry was redesignated to form the 121st Cavalry of New York State. This regiment functioned as such until October, 1940, when again a change took place in the organization. It was broken up to form the 101st Anti-Tank Bn., consisting of the three companies from the old regiment.

### Benning Original Station

Fort Benning, Ga., was the battalion's original station and here they learned their anti-tank tactics

under tutelage of the 94th Anti-Tank Bn., now the 894th TD Bn., serving overseas. June of 1941 the battalion was ordered to Louisiana for extended maneuvers. While here the 101st, 94th and the 74th Anti-Tank Battalions were formed into the First Provisional Anti-Tank Group and operated as such through this and the Carolina maneuvers of 1941. That Provisional Group was the first of its kind formed in the U. S. Army. Late in November the group disbanded and its units moved back to their original stations. The 101st returned to Ft. Benning Dec. 5th, 1941, after nearly five months in the field, one of the longest periods of maneuver and active field duty in the army at the time. On Dec. 15 the battalion was redesignated, this time as the 801st Tank Destroyer battalion (heavy), one of the four original TD battalions formed. March of 1942 brought about a change of station, Camp Sutton, N. C. Here the 801st was equipped with the new 75 MM S. P. M. Through the fall of 1942 this battalion participated in the Carolina Maneuvers, operating under control of the First Provisional TD Group, again one of the originals.

### Come To Camp Hood

Following the maneuvers was a move to Camp Hood for advance unit training. Lt. Col. E. B. Horsfall took command of the battalion in October, 1942, being succeeded in his position as Battalion Executive Officer by Major William F. Kaufman, both officers from the 101st Cavalry, parent of this battalion. Upon completion of the AUT, the 801st was assigned to TD Training Brigade and performed the duties of school troops for almost a year. While here a number of eventful tasks were accomplished, among them the development of the rocket launcher (Bazooka) for the Tank Destroyer Board. The test of the three inch towed gun to prove its value as a TD weapon, and the best tactical method for its employment. The 1000 mile test of the M-10 TD vehicle, the filming of numerous training films, and more recently, the test of the new T-70. These and many others were in addition to the problems and demonstrations for the TD school students. The battalion boasts of having sent more than 200 men to OCS and Air Corps in the past two years.

The battalion standard which flies three battle streamers, those of Flanders, (Somme Offensive and Ypres Lys) was presented to the battalion by the Troop K Association of Syracuse, N. Y., and the National Standard was a gift of the Troop B Association of Albany, N. Y. Hendrik Hudson's ship "Half Moon" on a wreath of blue and gold is the battalion crest, the authorized crest of all New York National Guards. The shield is three-quarters the shield of the 121st Cavalry, the parent organization. The shield of gold indicates cavalry origin, a wavy chevron of Infantry blue signifies the Rio Grande for Mexican Border service, the white star for station in Texas. The Fleur-de-Lys is significant of action in France, the Black Lion Rampant for service in Belgium. The motto of this coat of arms was "Swift

and Dependable," the motto of the present battalion crest is "Always Up." Origin of this dates back to the anti-tank days when in that battalion the loader of the gun called "up" to inform the gunner that the piece was ready to fire. The 801st Tank Destroyer

Battalion, being a battalion that is always ready to fire, is a battalion that is "Always Up."

Latest development in the career of the 801st is their transfer from the Training Brigade Nov. 1 to enter a period of training in the Unit Training Center.

## Training Films In RTC Shown To 125,000 TDs In One Month

"This office has booked films which have been shown to as many as 125,000 TD's in a single month."

T-Sgt. Melvin S. Falck, Hq. S-3 Operations Sgt., RTC, volunteered this information.

The S-3 section, headed by Lt. Col. Benjamin G. Berry, is in charge of Plans and Training for the RTC, one phase of which includes the showing of training films.

It's a big job to keep a schedule running correctly so that all required films will be seen by all trainees within their respective basic training periods; here's how it's done. Each company has a catalog listing available movies. A requisition for time and title is sent to the battalion, which in turn passes it on to the regiment. The regiment then consolidates and coordinates; that is, the requests of the various companies are arranged so that there is no conflict as to time and place. Hq. S-3 then receives all regimental schedules, making changes where necessary, noting the time, subject and location on a master chart

Aside from the basic films, such as "The Articles of War", "Personal Hygiene", etc., there are a number of newer films which are just as interesting and exciting as a regular outside movie show. A notable example is a British feature film, "Next of Kin", which shows actual action, raids and fifth column activities. This one is shown to all men in their last week of training. Then, too, there have been no complaints about sleepy GI's viewing "Prelude to War", "The Nazis Strike", "Divide and Conquer" or "The Battle of Britain."

A Visual Aids Center has been in operation on Ave. D, near 16 St. The new building, which houses the Training Film Branch, Sub-Library, has two preview rooms, where the RTC instructors are able to view the films in advance, in order to become familiar with the newer subjects as screened. The cooperation of the V. A. C., under the direction of Mr. Richard N. Watts, has been instrumental in coordinating schedules, and has resulted in reducing waste of training time.



## Halloween Party At NC Club

The Twelfth Street Service Club at North Camp Hood held its Halloween party and dance on Tuesday, Oct. 26th, with a hundred girls from Waco, McGregor, Gatesville and other communities in this area in attendance. The girls were all in costumes, and Miss Doris Kirby, dressed in a Gypsy costume, won first prize. Sharing in the honors was Pfc. Chuck Hendricks, of the 2nd TDRFC Band, who escorted Miss Kirby.

The service club was decorated with colored paper streamers, jack-o-lanterns and other symbols of Halloween, and the patio had simulated oak trees in each corner, one bearing a ghost.

Miss Ruth Madison, hostess at the club, has announced an honor list of girls who have been most faithful in attending the service club dances since the first event, which was held on June 1, 1943.

## 4th Regt. Officers Blank Dental Clinic Softball Team

Lt. Jack Coberly's pitching again proved too much for challenging opponents, as the 4th Regt. officers' softball team, RTC, blanked the 12th St. Dental Clinic officers' team, 9 to 0 in a game played at North Camp last week.

Lt. Coberly's hurling, which has brought the 4th Regt. ten an enviable record this season, was the outstanding feature of the game.

## Sky Pageant

There's a parade

Everyday in the sky.  
Of clouds.

Silently they steal—  
Still as death—  
Changing shape.

This thought had I.  
As prone I lay,  
Gun in hand gazing up.

War seemed distant,  
Hollow mockery  
In face of God's artistry.

They rolled on,  
As life does,  
Laughing at our gunfire.

Clouds have been,  
And will be,  
But wars will cease.

Thus God did paint.  
Majestically,  
His message to me—Peace.

And I did see,  
From this day on,  
Brotherhood, everlasting.

—Pvt. Galen Davis,  
Station Hospital.

# TDS Newscast On KTEM 10 Months

Radio Station KTEM, in the Kyle Hotel, Temple, has been serving more than 200,000 service men in this area with the kind of radio entertainment that has brought the station a huge Army following.

A weekly feature every Sunday, at 10:45 a. m. (140 on the dial), is the Tank Destroyer School News, now broadcasting in its 10th month. Commentator on this show from its beginning has been Sergeant Robert Clemens, who has brought to this program experience as a Hollywood film commentator and writer. He also writes the news and announces the sports events at the TD School. His weekly descriptions of the men and activities of the Tank Destroyer School, have made this unusual news-cast one of the most popular local features on KTEM.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**RAIN NOR SLEET**—The Post Office Department Brags that not rain, sleet, hail or the darkness of night can stop the postman on his appointed round, and in her quiet way T-5 Eileen Gilleo maintains the tradition—picture folders can not be mailed free, and when these are returned for postage many of the men have left camp, at which point T-5 Gilleo supplies the postage at her own expense.

## WAC Det. Moves Quarter

The WAC Detachment, TDC, North Camp, has moved from the temporary buildings in the WAC Area to the permanent two-story buildings on the corner of Eighteenth Street and Avenue D, Lt. Jeanette E. McGowan, executive officer for the detachment, announced this week.

The WAC orderly room now is in Building 8502. The telephone number is unchanged, 3172-W.

## Only 1,065 Generals

Due to a typographical error, the Panther made a mistake last week in noting the number of Generals in the U. S. Army.

According to General Marshall's report, quoted in the U. S. News, there were 1,065 general officers on duty in the army as of June 1943.

## Are Transferred

Cpl. Eades and Cpl. Vantine of the Hq. Co., 660th Bn., have been transferred to the Army Air Forces flexible gunnery school at Harlingen, Texas.

## She Plays Records

Another weekly show, also broadcast on Sundays, which has been on the air many months and is steadily growing in popularity, is "Records For Soldiers," a chatty program that answers the soldiers' requests for song recordings.

This program features the charm and personality of "Bobbie" Harrison, a University of Texas graduate, 22 year of age, a young miss who has had a great deal of radio experience. "Bobbie" answers the written requests of the soldiers, and replies to their letters over the air.

The many months these two "Soldier" shows have been on the air is a record in the State of Texas, at least, for service programs devoted to the interest of the soldiers, yet, whose interest is far reaching enough to likewise include a vast civilian audience.

## Words Without Music

Bob Crosby will sub for brother Bing for the five weeks the groan is on vacation.... Duke Ellington will do another Carnegie Hall concert Dec. 11 .... Guy Lombardo always chooses Thursdays for openings, which is the day he chose for his down-beat at N. Y. Hotel Roosevelt.... Charlie Dant, on the Jack Carson show, is scheduled to make music for the Judy Canova show, too.

Carl Hoff is waving the Gracie Fields "Victory Show" (Fridays 6:15, Mutual)....

Cab Calloway got his idea for his new tune "Geechy Joe" from the name of a guy he knew 15 years ago and something Lena Horne happened to be humming on the set of "Stormy Weather."

Mae West is in the British dictionary—a lifebelt which fits over the chest and has a Westian silhouette.

Mayor LaGuardia heard about the opening of Billy Rose's Carmen Jones in Philadelphia, and asked Rose to bring it to N. Y.'s new civic theater for four weeks. "Not for four weeks," Rose replied. "But I'll do it for four years."

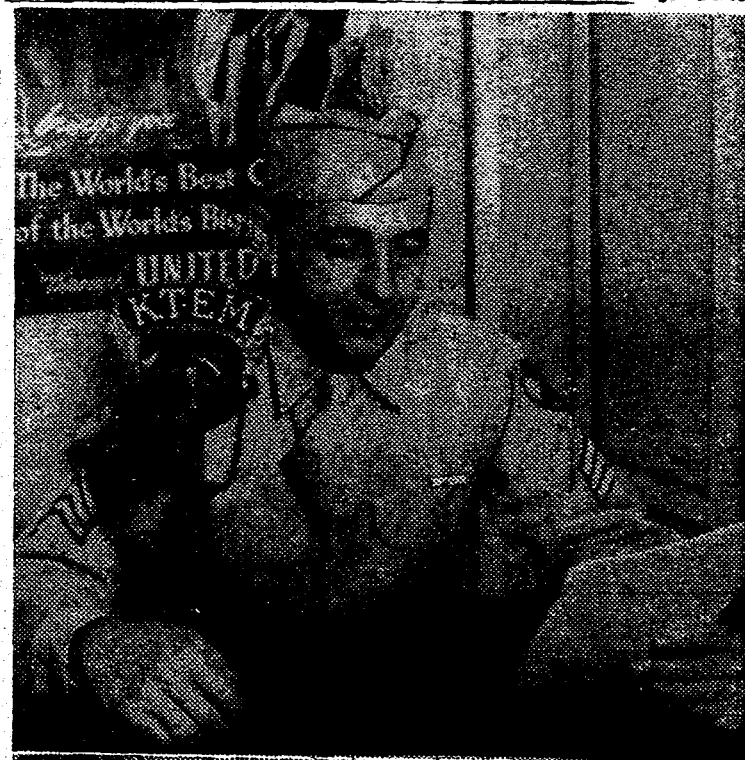
Dinah Shore gets the lead in the picture "Belle Of The Yukon" ....The radio program "National Barn Dance" is making a movie under the same name...."One Man's Family" is finally to be made into a movie....A non-commercial 16 mm. movie of the "Spotlight Bands" is being made for army distribution.

**SOLDIERS WITH A YEN FOR—**  
Soldiers with a yen for wenches  
Usually are found on benches.

Soldiers with a yen for sin  
Usually begin with gin.

Soldiers with a yen for vice  
Find their week-ends very nice.

Soldiers with a yen for trollops  
Soon regret the usual follow-ups.



**INFORM, ENTERTAIN**—Sgt. Robert Clemens, Publications, Dept., TDS, has presented Tank Destroyer School News on Radio Station KTEM, Temple, for the past 10 months. He is heard Sunday mornings at 10:45. "Bobbie" Harrison, below, handles the "Records For The Soldiers" program. Story at left.

## Tank Destroyer Crew Demonstrates Fine Aim On Italian Battlefield

A newspaper dispatch received this week by Staff Sergeant Slade of the Reproductions Department, Tank Destroyer School reveals a recent battle on the Italian front in which a six man American crew of an M-10 destroyed five Nazi tanks, one ammunition truck, a half track, a pill box, and a house harboring German troops!

## Chaplain To Preach

Chaplain A. A. Blomquist, Camp Hood, will preach at the Church of the Nazarene, Pearl and Eighth Street, Belton, Sunday at 7:30 p. m., according to the pastor, Rev. Charles B. Dickerman.

## Gen. Hester Reviews The Acad. Regiment

The enlisted men of the Academic Regiment, TD School, marched in review before Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, last Monday on the OCS parade ground. An order of the day signed by Maj. Joel I. McGregor, CO of the Academic Regiment, cited 524 men for good, conduct awards.

## Change Of Duties

Lt. Justice G. Daniel, Co. B 663rd Bn., was this week transferred to Headquarters Co. where he assumes the role of assistant S-4. The vacancy is being filled by Lt. James W. Gullett, who transferred over from Company C.

## The Wolf

by Sansoni



"Thanks awfully for helping me. Isn't there some way I can repay you?"



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## HE SERVED

He was not very good at football when he was in school. He only ran the mile in 5:15. His brothers stood higher than he did in the class. He was just a usual small-town boy. His father drove the taxi in the town.

"Why did the old man make so much of those parades for?" he thought. He was always talking about the 78th Division. A lot of old timer's crap.

But when the time came, "I guess I'd better go", he told his father. Could he make good with all those other guys?

He thought the Army chow was mighty good. The drill, the beating of a thousand feet against the street, found him one of them. He was a member of a giant team. The power of it made the flesh creep on his spine.

He drove deliveries after he'd left school; he had stood around the drugstore in the evening, had taken his girl to walk by the river. "Nothing ever happens here," his father said, and it seemed most likely nothing ever would. He got a little bored with his small-town sometimes.

But now here he was. An M-10 of his own to drive. The power of this great machine was his. He moved a lever and thirty-two tons sprang at his touch. The gun would shoot a light mile. He looked after his Tommy Gun like a baby. It was "we" with him: oiled sleek and deadly. He grew proud.

Yes, it was tough, the work he had to do; long marches, clean the guns, maintain the vehicles, his uniform creased spotless, hair cropped, shaved, the way it should be though not always so. But he grew proud.

Proud of himself, his uniform, his weapons, his vehicles, his service—

"Say'd you know," he told his father on a furlough once, "You'll think I'm kiddin' but our platoon is really the best in our battalion—and I believe we've got the best battalion" . . . Our Lieutenant—he knows his stuff—you know we work in our platoon just like a good ball team."

The soldier-habits grew and at Retreat as those oft-repeated strains brought the flag down, his heart came in his throat; that he was one of those who served that these United States should never perish from the earth.

He went to fight. But all he feared was fear—that he might be the one who failed to do his part. He fell, was wounded or survived, it matters not. He's legion this young man. He only asked to serve. He is a soldier of the United States.

But when the victorious parades stretch mile on mile you'll find him marching with the foremost rank. And when the names are chis'ed into stone you'll see his there writ in immortal letters and proud words, "I served the United States."

—T-4 Leonard G. Friel  
Hq. Co., Training Brigade.

## A Soldier's Dream

When early morning stars shine bright,  
And he wishes for his home-fire's light,  
He knows that somewhere in that sky  
The Lord looks down as he looks high.

He longs for his Mother's smiling face,  
And asks Him to bless her with His grace.  
His Dad and loved ones, he prays, may stay  
With the grace of God upon their way.

He thinks of a girl with flowing hair,  
Such beauty he knows is so rare;  
How much she meant he never knew  
Until between them distance grew.

The church at home he hopes to see  
Where little children look to thee.  
This war he asks his God to end  
That countries may act as friend to friend.

His courage comes from source unseen,  
While to God he lifts his heart serene;  
In Him he can all things confide,  
From Him nothing can he hide.

Where'er he goes on land or sea,  
His heart he knows belongs to thee;  
To keep his family safe at home  
He trusts to God while he must roam.

Today, my boy, make your hopes stay high,  
Let none your thoughts and dreams defy;  
For the prayers you offer from bended knee  
Will send you safely home to thee.

—Pvt. Willard A. Randorf  
Co. A, 144th. Bn. ASTB.



With the Moscow Conference in the news, and the interest in Wendell Willkie's suggestions for the post-war world, the Panther's Polling reporter asked:

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE POST WAR PLANS?

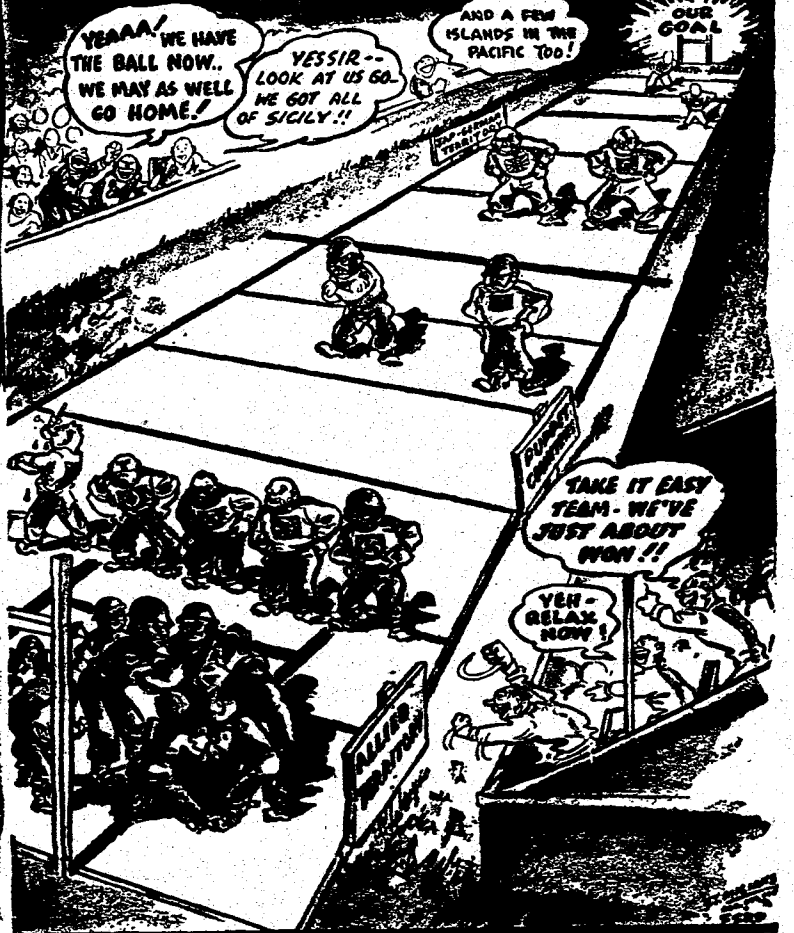
T-5 Robert Quebedo, Co. C, 671st Bn.: "I think it would be wise to give it some thought now. We ought to have some idea about what we're going to do by the time the war is over. Personally, I'd like it to be settled down a bit by the time I get out of the

Pvt. Eargen M. Randles, Trans. Co., 670th Bn.: "I believe so. I've been thinking about it all along. It will certainly make post-war adjustment easier if we plan now. You can't do much of anything at any time without a

plan for getting ourselves back to settled living when the war's over." Pvt. George Foster, Hq. Co. 666th Bn.: "Yea, I think so. I haven't thought about it very much personally, but I do think that the leaders should be thinking about it—so they'll have some sort of plan prepared by the of the war.

Pvt. Thomas Campbell, Co. A, 663rd Bn.: "Darned if I know. I think so, but I haven't thought about it seriously myself. Washington probably ought to be thinking about it—and it'd be better to do it now than the last

minute.



## Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Nazi forces, ruling over old France, think the "Free French" have a lot of nerve to turn against them. Naturally, they have De Gaulle.

The Germans have issued ration cards to their conquered people which allow them to eat cats and dogs. We presume the Nazis think it kind to give them their pet diet.

Here at home bituminous coal miners are on strike. We can't see why. They were getting it soft.

Everyone must help pay the cost of this war, government officials point out. We knew everybody would have their roll in this struggle.

## Not So In The Army

Opening its annual men's wear style show in Dallas, manufacturers were painfully short of shorts and shirts. (C'est la guerre!)

## Army Quiz

1. Is training received in the Army good for college credits?
2. What is the retiring age for officers in the Army?
3. What type of United States fighter plane has been converted to carry a 1,000-pound bomb?
4. Where did General Eisenhower make his headquarters for the Sicilian invasion?
5. Which one of the United Nations is sponsoring classes to "orient" girls who have married its soldiers in England?
6. In wartime is fraudulent entry into the Army considered grounds for dishonorable discharge?

Answers Page Seven



Editor, The Panther:  
I think your paper's a honey and I've written a few lines about it:

I get the Panther from Camp Hood,  
It's good as good can be,  
I get it from my uncle,  
Who rides a big TD.

The Panther has swell writers  
In Smith and Private Quick  
They're part of our great army  
Which'll make the Axis sick.

This paper goes to press  
During rain and even thunder.  
It hopes, just as you and me,  
To put Hitler six feet under.

There's one thing I'm sure of,  
And it's not that I'm a jerk,  
But I am positive,  
The Panther'll keep up the good work.

And now I lay my pencil down,  
But not before I say,  
Let's give The Panther at Hood  
A big, big hooray!

P. S.: My uncle is Cpl. M. Barash, Hq. Co., 666th Bn. I apologize to Associate Editors Cpl. Norman Perlstein and Pvt. Wilfred Weiss whose names I just couldn't get to rhyme

## CODE OF THE TDs

We are the sons of victory  
Fighting in this war  
We know that victory's waiting  
On that Foreign shore.  
We seek, and strike, and destroy  
All evil lords of hate  
For this will be their destiny  
And death will be their fate.  
On the bloody fields of battle  
The TDs shall appear  
And undo in a moment  
What's taken them a year  
These loyal sons of Victory  
Never will yield  
Until the blood of beasts shall flow  
Upon the battle field.  
Their shells shall scream warning  
To the dragon and the beast  
That on their dirty, bloody souls  
Theimps of war shall feast.  
For they are near immortal  
These loyal daring sons  
And shall never give quarter  
When they get them on the run.  
But shall keep on ever driving  
Until that victory day is near  
That light shall penetrate the dark  
And peace once more appear  
As man is created equal  
So should life's joys all be  
For every man who fights for right  
On land or on the sea  
For God has said to every man  
"Vengeance shall be mine."  
And the TDs are here to help him  
Keep this valiant award of time.

—Pvt. Robert Copp Co. D., 129th Bn., RTC.



# Injured Armorer Tells How To Avoid Dangers Of Nazi "Booby Traps"

This is another in a series of stories obtained by Lt. L. R. Barnhill, TDS, from wounded veterans of action in this war now undergoing treatment in McCloskey Hospital, Temple.

By Lt. L. R. Barnhill

The youthful air force armorer, the stump of his right leg swinging over the edge of his bed at McCloskey Hospital, talked of German mines and booby traps. And therein lies a profitable lesson for soldiers who expect to join in the chase of German troops through Berlin.

"You'll find mines and booby traps hidden everywhere in the wake of German retreats," Staff Sgt. Eldon F. Heistand, a veteran of the African campaign, warns. "You tank destroyers are nearer the front than we are at the advanced air bases and hit the 'boobies' even before we do.

"The best advice I can give is to lay off the souvenir hunting. Sooner or later all souvenir hunters lost an arm, hand, foot, or leg. It is just a matter of time.

## Always Use Bait

"The Germans always bait their booby traps. But they don't do it in any ordinary manner. A lot of times the bait is 10 to 15 yards from the explosive charge. Often there is no connection between bait and booby trap. That's the way it was when I lost my leg.

"We had just moved into a new advance base only recently evacuated by the Germans. The engineers had cleared the flying strip and main roads of mines. After that it was up to us. The engineers never have the men or the time to examine bivouac areas.

"The first thing we always did upon moving into a new area was to dig foxholes. At this place a concrete-like clay, that you couldn't even nick with a shovel, lay beneath a six-inch layer of sand. Under these circumstances we blasted our foxholes with dynamite. To get the explosives from the engineers required filling out a lot of forms and two or three days of waiting. So we got the dynamite as best we could.

## Drives Onto Mine

"My lieutenant returned from a salvage dump with word that a box of German dynamite was lying a short way off the road about 15 miles away. So we hopped into a 3-4-ton weapons carrier, the officer, another soldier and I, and went off to get the dynamite. When we arrived the officer and other soldier jumped down to get the explosive while I turned the truck around. As I headed onto the shoulder of the road, the left front wheel hit a mine. The explosion wrecked the truck and threw me into the back end, heading toward the rear. My right foot was smashed. I realized now the Germans must have anticipated our move and had mined the shoulders of the road for several yards in each direction opposite the case of explosives. While this hindsight doesn't help me, I hope it will save other soldiers from meeting a similar mishap. Stick to mine-cleared areas and never travel on the shoulders of roads that have been used by the Germans.

"Field telephones are another favorite German bait. I saved a buddy from being blown to bits by grabbing him as he reached for one of the abandoned phones lying beside the road. If you look carefully, you can see the trip wires leading to booby traps. In this case we got down low and looked all around the phone. Sure enough, we found a thin wire running off about four feet to a small clump of brush. The mine, or whatever was in that brush, was further hidden under sides of a collapsed ammunition box. We reported our find to headquarters. You don't fool with booby traps. They are left for the engineers.

"Other men in our area lost hands when they reached for

German rifles only partially hidden in clumps of brush. In one instance the trip wire was fastened to bushes and the booby trap was exploded before the soldier could reach the rifle.

"I saw a whole truck load of pleasure-bent British soldiers injured when their truck hit a mine as it approached a swimming hole, another choice place for German mines. A few days later, another truck filled with British soldiers approached the lake from the opposite side and met the same fate.

## Many On Vehicles

"As far as my particular unit was concerned, our biggest trouble was with booby traps rigged in vehicles abandoned by the enemy. Doors, hoods, and even the wheels were wired to explosive charges. Abandoned foxholes also were frequently 'wired for sound.' The Germans have covers on their foxholes. Sometimes the trip set off wires were fastened to these. At other times the explosive charge were set off only by digging around in debris in the bottom of the hole. One or two pound blocks of TNT were used in the foxholes with either pull or push type igniters. We ignored the German foxholes after one of the men in my outfit was injured by jumping into one."

"Tell your men about duds, too," pleaded another soldier who entered the ward. He was missing a left leg. "I lost my leg right here in the United States before I got a chance to see action because a Joe Blow in my outfit didn't know any better than to pick up duds on the range.

## Leave Duds Alone

"It was down to Camp Claiborne, La. We had been firing the 37-mm. Unbeknown to me, one of the fellows had brought in a dud and placed it on a shelf above my bunk. When I reached up to pull my field jacket off the shelf, the dud fell to the floor and exploded between my legs. For God's sake tell them to leave duds alone!"



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**RELAX IN NIGHTCLUB SETTING** — Classroom 14 in the Tank Destroyer School, was recently converted into a nightclub by the Communications Dept. for a party. Top left, guests enter under a canopy of a GI truck top, through a giant Panther mouth drawn on cloth. Inside, guests enjoy refreshment at sheet-covered tables. Below, some of the enlisted men and officers who worked directly on arrangements: 1st Sgt. Ray D. DeVenuto, T-Sgt. William Thomas, Capt. Horace Wright, S-Sgt. Glen Cummings and T-Sgt. Hubert Siuda.

## Temple USO Plays Host To Many GIs

The Temple USO has been visited by almost 600,000 service men, their wives, and families since the club was first opened in Temple July 4, 1942, according to a recent announcement.

Soldiers visiting the club find a variety of facilities offered for their entertainment, with a bowling alley, swimming pool, billiard room and library among the features. For photography fans there is a well-equipped darkroom, and for those who appreciate good music, there is a complete stock of symphonic recordings.

There is a weekly stag dance at the USO and a date dance at

## Sergeant Wounded In Action In Burma Still Wants To Fly

It takes more than battle injuries to curb T-Sgt. Donald C. Glenn's interest in flying. In fact

the Elks' club to provide Saturday night entertainment for service men in Temple.

## Various Functions

The USO sponsors three servicemen's welfare operations in Temple: the USO club, the Travelers' Aid, and the Negro USO, which, opened last August, is the only club for colored troops and their families in Bell county.

For the wives of officers and enlisted men there is a weekly luncheon and get-together, from which have stemmed various activities, such as the soldiers' wives bowling league.

The USO activities are directed by a committee of which Lionel L. Campbell, Temple business man and Dr. R. K. Harlan are the heads.

As an additional service to soldiers wives and relatives who are strangers in Temple a committee under the direction of Mrs. Myrel DeMunn offers advice and aid in everything from finding a place to live to finding a soldier at Camp Hood.

the sergeant, now at the McCloskey hospital in Temple, is determined to fly after his discharge from the hospital where he is recovering from injuries sustained in an air crash in Burma. Not even the loss of a leg is going to stop him.

Sgt. Glenn was an aerial gunner and bombardier on a B-25 and in 28 months overseas, he saw plenty of action in Burma, India and China. The 21-year-old hero looks anything but the veteran of 48 bombing missions and a couple of crashes. He compared his aerial experiences to the days when he played football back in high school.

The Sgt. is one of many men at the big hospital who have more than thrown their share of lead at the Japs and yet are ready to get at it again.

It was while he was on his 48th mission that Sgt. Glenn's plane crashed. He and the navigator were the only survivors.

For his part in the battle of Burma and China, the sergeant wears the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, and the Pacific Service ribbon.

## TEN MINUTE BREAK

The lecture had progressed some time On points it took long to define The minutes sped, the hour grew late The Sergeant said, "Ten minute break. A drink of water, boys, a smoke. A little stretch, a little joke. But to prevent lagging behind, The subject must be kept in mind. Remember well what we have said, And keep this lecture in your head." And so the cigarettes are lit We all lean back to stretch a bit, And soon the spirals start to curl: The picture of a pretty girl The one I left behind I see Within that drifting tapestry Of Smoke. Those eyes of azure blue, That hold for me a promise true, The fairy-painted tints that grace Each curving cheek, the lovely face In tresses brown so softly framed, All this I've seen since first has flamed The magic match, I look upon The vision of the one I long To see once more, the drifting shades Of smoke and Mem'ry dwindles, fades Upon a vagrant, dancing breeze As Sergeant Smart sings out "At ease!" Lo! and behold, my name is called, I rise and stand there, quite appalled In vain I try to recapture The gist of that forgotten lecture. "What are the most important things," The sergeant asks, with voice that rings "The items you remembered most?" As stiff and stupid as a post I wonder what else I can do But give the answer, Eyes of blue, Red lips, brown hair, a face divine I have remembered all this time.

PFC Erwin W. Wickes  
310th Ord. Maint. Bn.

## The Wolf by Sansone

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"I feel so much safer, sitting near a soldier!"

# Hood Men Recall Previous Service With Gen. Hester

Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center, does not come to Camp Hood unknown. On the contrary, many soldiers at the post, from high ranking officers to privates, have served under him before.

There's Lt. Colonel John F. Farnsworth, Commanding Officer of the Student Regiment, TDS. He was a second lieutenant in the old 51st Infantry Regiment stationed at Chickamauga National Park, Georgia, when General Hester commanded the 1st Battalion, and later, when as a major, General Hester commanded the regiment. Colonel Farnsworth recalls that General Hester was a troop instructor. "As a teacher of the basic principles of Infantry combat, he was the best I ever saw," said Colonel Farnsworth.

## Recalls Slogan

Another angle on the Commanding General was presented by a private, who had served under General Hester's command at Camp Wheeler, Camp Blanding, and Camp Shelby. This soldier recalls the slogan of General Hester's 43rd Infantry Division: "Watch the 43rd in '43!" The slogan became widespread even before the outfit took an ocean voyage on business with the enemy. Originally called, "The Yankee Division," General Hester renamed the 43rd "The Yankee Cracker Division." The men themselves once dubbed this division: "The 4-H Club—Hester's Hustling Happy Housekeepers."

Away back in September, 1927, Major John H. Hester assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, at Ft. McPherson, Ga. One of the men in his organization, at that time, was Pvt. Kennon J. Ward of Co. F.

## They Meet Again

The ensuing years found these men in many different posts, but last week they were reunited, when Maj. Gen. John H. Hester

succeeded Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, as Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center. One of his earliest visitors, after his arrival at Camp, was Captain Kennon J. Ward, now S-2 of the 663rd TD Bn. This was the first meeting of the two men since 1927.

Tank Destroyer units have been used in the Southwest Pacific, where General Hester saw much service. He spoke of their employment there, in highly favorable terms.

The new General of the Tank Destroyer Center isn't new to the men of the 672nd TD Bn. They served under him back in 1941 in the tent city, Camp Shelby, Miss. That was when the 43rd Division was going through the hardening up process for the great job they've done, and are still doing, on the Russell Islands in the South Pacific.

A great thrill was experienced a short time ago by many of the 672nd boys when stories of the gallant fighting down there broke in the newspapers. There were pictures of General Hester and many of the 43rd men in the islands. There were surprise shouts of "That's Billy Skidd" or "That's Lt. Bush."

Here's why; the 643rd TD Bn. was activated in Dec., 1941 and attached to the 43rd Division of which General Hester was commanding officer. When the 43rd pulled out of Camp Shelby for the long trek to the fighting front, the 643rd stayed back for the Louisiana maneuvers. After the maneuvers, the battalion came to Camp Hood for its own hardening-up process. When that training was finished, they moved on, leaving the cadre that formed the nucleus for the 672nd Bn.

## Coin New Slogan

The men are recalling the slogan that was coined during those days of hard training in preparation for combat: "Watch the 43rd in '43."

They have a new slogan now in the 672nd: "Watch the Tank Destroyer Center this Winter."

## Baylor University At Waco Is Oldest College In Texas

By PVT. J. A. Bowman, Hq. and Hq. Co., TDETO

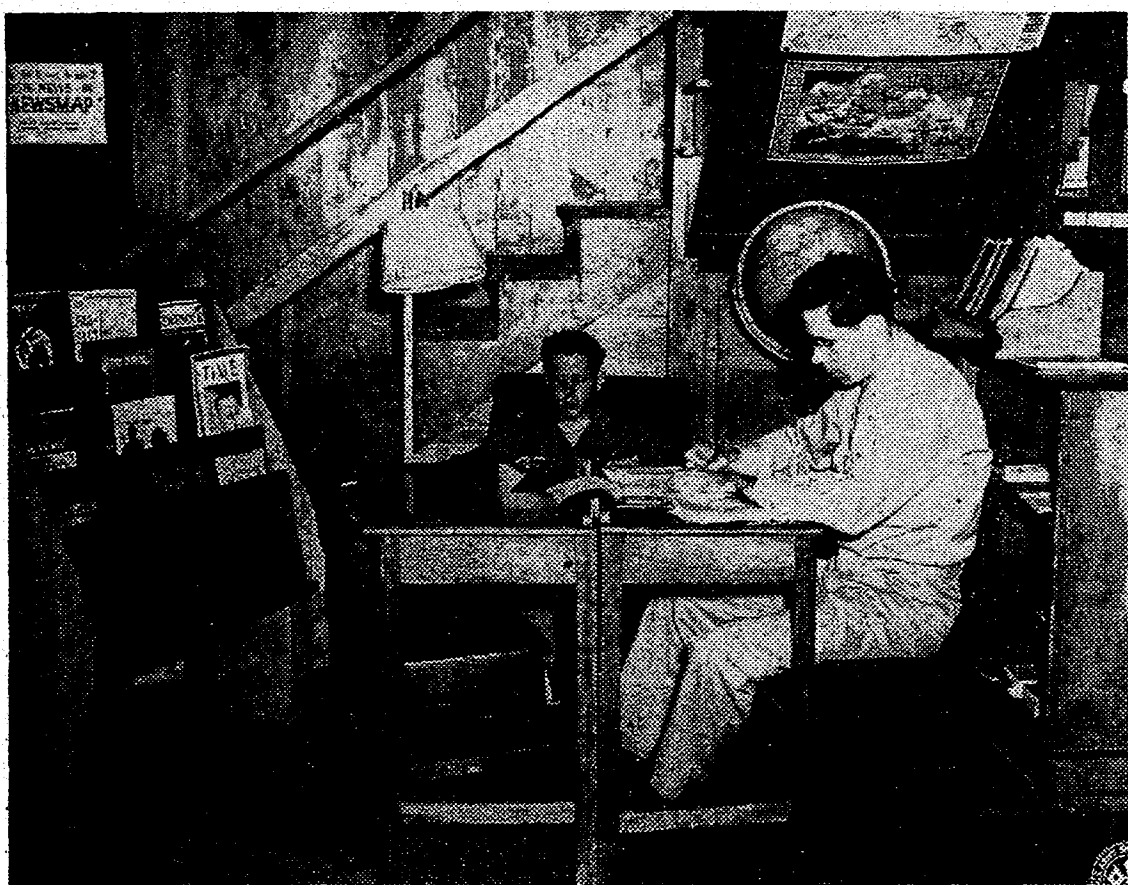
Baylor University at Waco, Texas' oldest college has the second largest "Texas" collection in the world.

The collection contains of thousands of books, manuscripts, and maps, and many relics which show to the history and development of Texas. There are editions of rare Americana by such early notables as Captain John Smith, Cortes, and Hennepin. Some of these volumes have a value of several hundred dollars. This Baylor collection supplements the greater collection gathered by the State University.

The Baylor exhibit is attractively housed on the second floor of Pat Neff Hall on the campus. Although the research material brings many persons there, the interest of the casual visitor is heightened by the display of many curios of early Texas.

## WACs Entertain Civilians

Camp Hood WACs will entertain the civilian women workers with whom they work at a party in the WAC day room Monday night. The WAC barracks, mess hall and orderly room will be open for inspection.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**WHY, WHAT, AND HOW**—The new Orientation Corner at the 37th Street Library, where officers and men have the use of selected books, maps, and periodicals to prepare syllabus on how we got into the war, what we're fighting for, and how we're fighting to win it.

## Theatre Schedule

72nd Street  
Nov. 5th, 6th—Crazy House.  
7th, 8th—Lassie Come Home.  
9th, 10th—The Iron Major.  
11th, 11 Ya Sailor, and  
The Texas Kid.

162nd St. and 37th St.  
5th, 6th—Lassie Comes Home  
7th, 8th—The Iron Major  
9th—Hi Ya Sailor, and  
The Texas Kid  
10th, 11th—Northern Pursuit  
12th—Never A Dull Moment

Hood Rd., 24th St.  
6th—Hi Ya Sailor  
7th, 8th—Crazy House  
9th, 10th—Lassie Comes Home  
11th, 12th—The Iron Major

### USO SHOW

North Camp  
Nov. 9, 10, 11  
South Camp  
Nov. 12, 13, 15

161st St. Service Club  
Nov.  
4th—Motion Picture  
5th—Dance at T-O Bldg.  
(Girls from Austin)

6th—Informal Fun  
7th—Music  
4:00 to 5:00 P. M.  
Chap. Williams  
72nd St. Service Club  
Nov.

4th—Progressive Whist  
5th—Dance at T-O Bldg.  
6th—Free Movie  
7th—Song Program  
8th—Dance  
9th—Prize Bingo  
10th—Prize Quiz  
11th—Juke Box Music  
and games.

## 564th, 521st Ordnance Companies Will Complete In Drill Tourney Soon

By T-5 HARVEY WARD

Intense rivalry between the two ordnance companies, 521st and 564th, has broken out into an open challenge. The 564th has challenged 521st to a drill meet. The winner will be decided next month.

The 521st drill team is directed by Lt. Lloyd Nelson, aided by First Sergeant McKinley.

Army Ordnance is composed of good technicians and good soldiers as the drill contest will testify.



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

In a simply worded statement, the Moscow conference threw a punch at Hitler and his Germans that promises to be as lethal as an all-out bombardment.

The agreement, signed by America, Britain, Russia and China, vowed to crush the Germans into unconditional surrender, and pledged cooperation toward an equitable postwar world setup that would assure lasting peace.

The statement also reiterated the determination of the Allies to punish the perpetrators of Germany's second inning of world war.

Reaction to the agreement in Washington and London was quite optimistic. President Roosevelt declared that the conference had achieved tremendous success.

### New Pacific Landing

The Allies made a new landing in the northern Solomons. Allied airmen continued pounding away at the Japs, while Gen. MacArthur challenged the Japs to send their fleet out to fight.

After American ground forces captured Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island—a key base, the loss of which threatens the entire Jap position in the south Pacific—American warships intercepted Jap ships and forced them to withdraw from the Solomons Sea.

### Russians Push On

The Russians continued to push the Germans back, literally into the Dnieper River, where thousands of German soldiers were drowned. Aiming at cutting the Nazis off behind Dnieper Bend, the Russians captured Kalanchak, and several Black Sea towns which gave them control of that area...

Moscow radio was quoted as announcing that "The battle of the Dnieper is ended and the battle of the Bug river has begun" as the Russian army lunged across the Ukraine, pursuing the German army in its disorganized retreat.

### Italian Drive Slow

While the Allies were moving slowly in Italy, their advance continued to be steady. Allied casualties were admittedly high.

The Germans were reported to be laying extensive minefields along their Italian line, a possible indication of a plan to retreat.

Charging that the Italian government's attitude seems inspired by Mussolini's words, "Italy ought to be in the winning camp," the Fighting French committee at Stax, Tunisia, assailed the Allied recognition of Italy as a cobelligerent.

### King Must Go

Benedetto Ciriaco and Count Sforza, famous anti-fascist Italian leaders, refused to enter the Italian government as long as King Emanuel remains in power. Until the King abdicates, reports indicate, Italy is not likely to have representative government.

Intended to increase the striking air power in the Mediterranean theater, a new U. S. 15th Army Air Force was created, which has begun battering at Austria and the back door to Germany.

### Radio Roundup

Louis Lochner, former Berlin Correspondent, suggested on NBC, "Just try them (the Axis Criminals) under their own laws, and they'll be wiped out in no time."

An unprecedented pledge was received from the Federation of Argentine Newspapersmen by Re-

berto Unanue, CBS shortwave dept.:

"The Federation of Argentine Newspapersmen hereby expresses its earnest desire to cooperate wholeheartedly with the press of the United States, and is in complete accord with the ideals for which it is striving. It is our sincere hope that the war will end soon in complete victory for the forces of freedom and human dignity."

Raymond Clapper (on MBS) predicted the possibility that as a result of the successful Moscow Conference, the U. S., Britain, and Russia might have a joint group to handle political matters just as we have a combined Chiefs of Staff on military matters.

Walter Compton (MBS) reported Sen. Pepper predicting that a third world war is inevitable unless the Senate is willing to adopt a foreign policy with teeth in it. He also relayed a statement from Sen. Lodge that he (the Sen.) had been misquoted, and that now is not the time to ask Russia for Siberian bases.

Reports from various sources indicate that the U. S. will be relatively dry by Christmas.

Production of a record-breaking 8,362 planes in October, including the largest number of heavy bombers ever turned out in a month, brought aircraft output up to 61,619 for the first 10 months of this year.

The U. S. was reported by the Associated Press to have frozen the funds of two or Argentina's largest banks, as a war measure.

Max Reinhardt, 70, noted theatrical producer, died in New York.

## He Has Only Himself To Blame For This

Former First Sergeant Otto L. Marcucci is really what you can call a self-made man.

The former topkick, late of Headquarters Company, 670th TD Bn., and now a student at aerial gunnery school, had the doubtful distinction of preparing the necessary papers reducing himself to a private, as well as those bouncing himself right back up to Corporal, which was the highest rank he was authorized to carry in his transfer to the Air Corps.

Then, to top things off, it was he who prepared his own transfer to his new station.

## Hood WACs, First TD Dance Band Featured In KTEM Broadcast

WACs from North and South Camp Hood, and the 1st TD Dance Band were featured in a WAC recruiting program broadcast on station KTEM Tuesday night.

T-5 Sidney Hedges, WAC Detach., North Camp, sang. Other women soldiers, who had speaking parts in the 15-minute broadcast, included T-5 Eleanor Woodruff, Pvt. Marjory Lively, S-Sgt. Lucille Heffner, Sgt. Margaret Ghio, Cpl. Eleanor Erskine and S-Sgt. Sara Lerner.

The program was produced and presented by the Camp Hood public relations office, cooperating with the Temple WAC recruiting office.





## 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.

### COLORED 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.  
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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.

### CONFESION

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.  
JEWSISH, Chapel 902, 50th St.  
Friday 29 Oct. 8:00 p. m.

## OC's Play Hosts At Own Dance

The officer candidates of the 51st Class entertained at a dance in the OCS Regimental Recreation Hall last Sunday evening. The candidates had as their guests fifty-one co-eds from the University of Texas, who came in two special buses for the occasion.

Music was by the First TD Band and several candidates put on a program of entertainment during the intermission. An impromptu note was added by co-eds who gave several vocal selections. Lunch was served to the guests at 6 o'clock. The hall was decorated for the occasion.

This was the first dance of its kind to be conducted by an officer candidate class, and its success suggests that other classes may follow suit if and when the time may be found for it.

Lieutenant Colonel E. J. Howell, Commanding Officer of the OCS Regiment, and his wife, were guests of the class.

## Quiz Answers

1. In some cases, yes. When you are discharged, contact the Armed Forces Institute. By taking tests you may receive college credits for what you learned in the Army.
2. At present, the retiring age for major generals is 64, for brigadier generals it is 62 and for all other officers it's 60.
3. The P-40.
4. In a Malta cave.
5. Canada.
6. No enlisted man will be discharged because of fraudulent entry unless at the time of his entry he concealed a previous desertion or an unauthorized absence from the armed services, concealed a previous separation from the armed forces with a form of discharge certificate other than honorable, or concealed a criminal record.

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.

## Wedding Bells

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T-5 Peter P. Forde, of the OCS Regiment, was married on Sept. 25, 1943, to May Fitzpatrick, of Dallas, Tex., in that city. Both are former natives of Ireland, coming to the United States in 1926. Mrs. Forde coming here to make her home in Dallas with her uncle, while T-5 Forde was a resident of New York City, and will now be a Texan. Although neither knew each other until a meeting in Dallas, they came to this country from Ireland at the same time. T-5 Forde met his wife in Dallas while a member of the Armed forces after coming to Camp Hood.

A wedding ceremony took place last Monday morning at 9:15 at the Post Chapel, McCloskey Hospital, at which Miss Joy Hauptfleisch, of the Tank Destroyer School Headquarters civilian staff, was married to Sergeant James Ziegler, assigned to medical supply at McCloskey.

## Madison, Wisconsin Boys Plan Group Photo For Christmas Gifts

S-Sgt. Bert E. Cray and S-Sgt. George H. Mooney, two of Madison, Wisconsin's favorite sons, who are now tank busters with the 670th Bn., have hit on a novel Christmas greeting for the folks back home. In this connection, they would like to hear from you other citizen-warriors, who hail from Madison and its environs.

Briefly, the idea is to have a group photo taken of former residents of Madison now in Camp Hood and send it to Madison newspapers as a collective greeting to their friends and neighbors.

Interested Madisonites may contact S-Sgt. Cray at Dispensary No. 4, or phone 2392. S-Sgt. Mooney is located in the 670th's Bn. Supply Building, the phone number of which is 2228.

The bad man wants to kill those who disagree with him; the good man merely wants them to go to hell.—Anonymous.



**FLORIDA EYEFUL**—This young lady is allegedly a Miami Beach, Fla., high school girl. Her picture appeared in Life Magazine recently, in controversy with a Conover model as to who is photogenic. We have no argument about the matter. The picture was sent to Pvt. Leo Reinemr, here in Camp Hood.

## School Men Are Ready For Air Raids, Fires

All the departments at TDS are literally the School's guardians, ready, in the event of serious emergency, to work with the post plan of defense and evacuation. For example, the Weapons Department, and its duties in safeguarding "all government property in view."

Supplementing the regular regimental guard on duty at the School every day of the week, a guard detail is assigned by the Weapons Department to protect valuable property. A duty officer, equivalent to an officer of the day, and a non commissioned duty officer, equivalent to a sergeant of the guard, are in charge of these daily details which are assigned to duty from dusk to dawn.

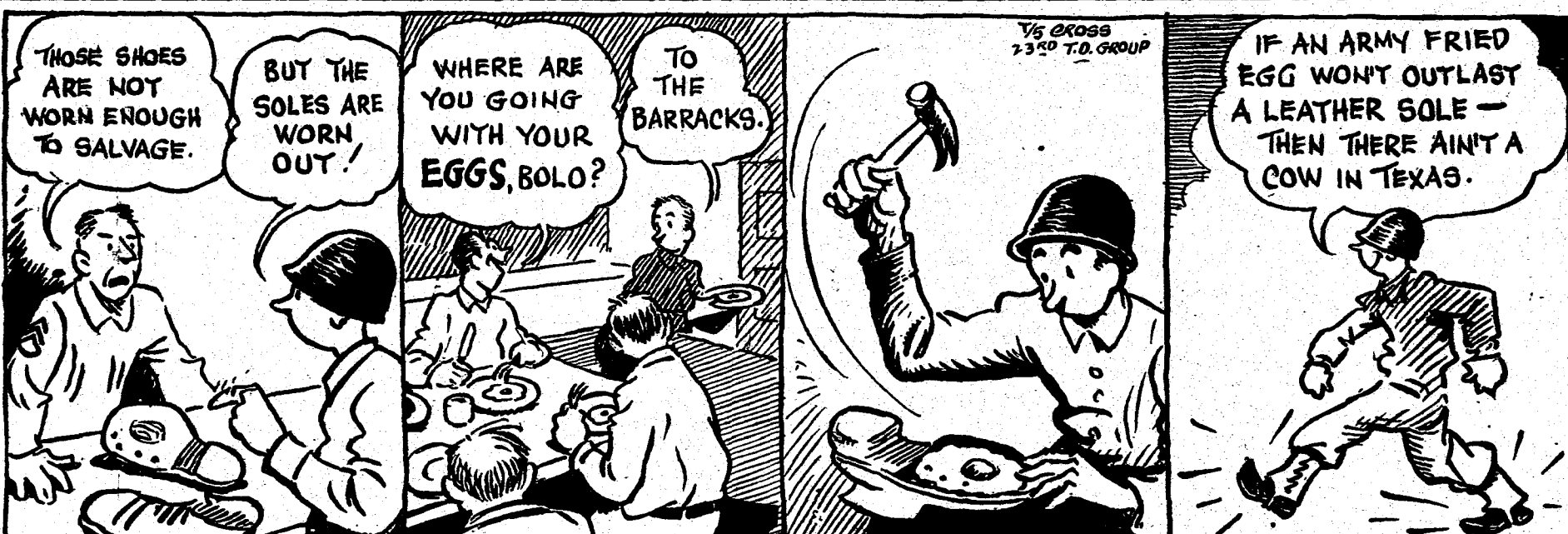
The guards are instructed to make forceful challenges. Each

man is an expert in the handling of all firearms, and in case of a raid, mans a machine gun at a certain station. The officer and non-com make out a daily joint written report to the department director.

Anyone trying to prowl around the area is instantly challenged with a raised pistol to further emphasize the sentry's "Halt!"

The guards also check the unnecessary use of light and conserve other utilities.

In the event of an air raid or other alert, each watchman automatically becomes a warden, and the duty officer remains in command until the department director arrives. Scout cars armed with machine guns are dispatched to vital sectors of the school area.



## Male Call

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

## Like A Fetter From Home





With PFC Keith Quick

Lt. John Kerr, a star tackle on Penn State's big teams in 1925, '26' and '27', is assisting Lt. William Willard in coaching the TDS football squad this season. Lt. Kerr has a world of confidence in the TDS gridiron aggregation, and beams with a special word of praise for Cpl. John Scroggins, former all-conference backfielder in the Missouri State Valley circuit, now of the OCS Regiment . . . Lt. Murrell Miller, former athletic director of the Student Regiment, TDS, is now attending an officers' special services course at Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Virginia . . . This corner sat in on the Killeen-Cameron grid encounter last Friday night, and we'll have to admit that ball totter named Gale Toliver is no powder-puff when it comes to carrying the pigskin. He really showed his heels to the Yoemen—scored all three of the Kangaroos' touchdowns and booted one extra point. Dana Bible might do well to grab this boy, but Uncle Sam will no doubt be the first one to sign him . . . Released from the Army because of his height, big Clint Wagner, six foot six inch Chicago Cardinal end, literally knocked himself cold upon his return to pro football. Drawing his foot back for a punt in a practice game, Wagner missed the ball and kicked himself in the head with his knee. Doctors said he suffered a minor concussion of the brain . . . Sgt. Joe Louis, who is making a 100-day tour of Army setups, is now doing his stuff for the boys out at Camp San Luis Obispo, on the beautiful Monterey peninsula in California. Joe's California jaunt will terminate Nov. 15, with his appearance at the Santa Ana Air Base. The dusky heavyweight champ is expected to enter his tour of the Eighth Service Command camps, beginning the latter part of this month. Joe should bounce into Hood sometime next month . . . Only a Texan could perform as brilliantly as all that! We're speaking of those six touchdown aeriels that Slingin' Sammy Baugh pitched last Sunday for the Washington Redskins' 48 to 10 triumph over the Brooklyn Dodgers. Sam's six target hits of last Sunday broke all existing forward pass scoring records. Yes sir, when it comes to football, there's none better than Texas' Sammy Baugh. If Sam only had Don Hutson to pitch to, the Redskins would shatter every pro record in the books . . . 33 grid games appeared on our football card last week, of which we rode 29 winners home and fell off on 4, for a Musial average of .879. VMI, Princeton, Yale and Colgate couldn't beat Killeen; those four kept us from hitting the "bullseye." Shootin' again Saturday, with Notre Dame, minus Bertelli, to roll over Army. Johnny Lujack is the boy we're counting on; he has been groomed to step into Bertelli's shoes. Purdue will take Minnesota, and Navy will come back to erase Penn.

## Three More Civilian Offices Sign 100 Percent Bond Club

Three more civilian offices joined the ranks of the "100 percent club" this week when the Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Engineers, South Camp, and Camp

## QM Workers Have Party

Civilian employees of the Quartermaster Corps staged a party and dance at the all-purpose Rec hall last week with War Bond prizes to holders of lucky tickets.

Men of the QM furnished their own entertainment, with music for dancing played by the 106th Cav. Orchestra.

Every kind of costume was worn, men coming in overalls, Army personnel in uniform, women in formal and street clothes and others in military uniforms.

The Quartermaster section, under Maj. Albert S. Roberts, came thru with plenty of food, entertainment and a community sing. Programs containing words to song favorites were handed out.

Miss Eris Smart and Mr. Guy Stennett were winners of twenty-five dollar bonds which were bought from the proceeds of the ticket sale.

## Ping Pong Tournament Opens November 9 In

A ping pong tournament, open to all colored troops, will be staged at Rec. building No. 511 on Battalion Ave., Nov. 9th and 10th.

Tilting will start each night at 7 o'clock; and prizes will be awarded the winners.

Men interested in competing should apply to their organization special service officer, who will forward the application to Lt. Woodruff at the Post Special Service Office.

Engineers North Camp signed their personnel 100 percent for payroll allotments for the purchase of War Savings Bonds.

Civilian personnel war bond purchases for the week ending Oct. 30:

	South Camp percent	North Camp percent
Ordnance PA	100.	100.
Ordnance PD	100.	100.
Medical	100.	100.
Personnel	100.	100.
Postal	100.	100.
Adjutant	100.	100.
Judge Advocate	100.	100.
Training Section	100.	100.
Claims Office	100.	100.
Intelligence Office	100.	100.
Fiscal and Budget	100.	100.
Purchase and Contract	100.	100.
Army Emergency Relief	100.	100.
Post Inspector	100.	100.
Public Relations	100.	100.
Ration Board	100.	100.
Billeting Office	100.	100.
Tank Destroyer Center	100.	100.
Prisoner of War Camp	100.	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	100.	100.
Special Services (C.S.)	100.	100.
Reclamation, Salvage and Classification	100.	100.
A T Rail	100.	100.
Auto Advisers	84.6	100.
Purchase & Contract	100.	100.
QM Sec	100.	100.
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## 100,000 Brooms Used

Though most 1st sergeants may argue the fact, approximately 100,000 brooms have been issued in camp during the past year.

In line with the army's salvage program, an old broom must be turned in before a new one will be issued.

## Seeks Court Tilts

The Headquarters & Service Company basketball team of the OCS Regiment would like to arrange a practice game with any team in camp. Teams interested may contact the company orderly room, telephone 2173.

## Basketball Team Slated For OCS Rgt.

By PFC WALTER H. GLASER

The call for basketball has been issued at Headquarters & Service company, OCS Rgt., and 20 candidates for the team have been working out for about a week, going through the usual paces in order to get into condition for the season's opener, which is expected to be soon.

The team, has been working out under the direction of Sgt. Sidney Katz, who, well known as an entertainer here in camp, shifts his technique to the court, where he once was a star for Long Island University in New York City before coming into the Armed forces.

Forming the nucleus of what appears to be another good team, are several holdovers from last year, including PFC Joseph Kolodziej, one of the team's leading point-getters last year, T-5 Richard E. Langdon, T-Sgt. Ronald W. Lambert, Sgt. Wiley W. Wells, T-5 Ward L. Carlson and T-5 Franklin P. Graf, all of whom have had several years experience in the game.

The newcomers to the 1943-44 team include, Sgt. Andrew Whyte, 1st Sgt. Stanley O. Young, S-Sgt. Joseph P. Paradiso, T-Sgt. Willis J. Bredfield, S-Sgt. William P. Jenkins, T-4 Angelo A. Mezzetta, T-5 Chester W. Oberg, Cpl. Michael J. Serrian, T-5 Harold E. Gehring, PFC Thomas J. O'Malley, PFC Virgil R. Grenhagen, PFC Walter H. Glaser, and Privates Earl J. Lentz, Jr., and Robert F. O'Brien.

The club holds its practices at the new gymnasium recently erected in the Regimental Supply warehouse of the regiment and although only one basket is available, it serves the purpose to get the players in shape, before switching to the camp field house where strenuous workouts will be held within a few weeks.

## 829th Wins From 614th

In a game played Friday night at the Gatesville High School field in Gatesville, the 829th Bn. football team defeated the 614th Bn. gridiron eleven, 19 to 0.

The winners scored in the opening quarter, when Sgt. Green intercepted an enemy pass and raced 40 yards to the 2-yard line, where he plunged over the goal on the next play. Again in the second quarter, Sgt. Tyler of the 829th, aided by superb downfield blocking, carried the ball over for the second score.

The 614th played better ball during the second half, but weakened again in the fourth period, when the 829th team opened up an aerial attack. Sgt. Tyler heaved one into the end zone to Stell, who raced the remaining yards and scored the third touchdown for the victors.

Cook, Stewart, Stell, Tyler, and Smith and Green played outstanding football all the way.

The 829th is interested in further games, and any teams desiring to compete against them may contact Lt. Alex Miressi, phone 3193-W, North Camp.

## Company A, 635th Bn., Leads Firing With First Platoon's Score

The 635th Bn's Company A's first platoon's security section led the second and third platoon's security section in the recent field firing on Brown's Creek Range No. 2.

The conduct of firing enable each man to fire his individual weapon and one other. Three weapons are used including the TSMG, 30 Cal. MG, and M1 rifle. The first platoon fired on 87%, the second 76%, and the third was a close second with 85%.

## 106 Cav. Eleven Spills Hearne Warriors, 20-0

By PFC Kenneth W. Santee

Displaying championship form, the 106th Cavalry football team rolled over the Hearne Warriors, 20 to 0 in a game played at Hearne last week.

The Warriors, an MP outfit, put up stiff resistance for the first three quarters, but proved no match for the invading 106th in the fourth and final period, when the Cavalry eleven hit pay dirt three times, scoring all their points in this quarter.

Playing under excellent weather conditions, the Cavalry aggregation, coached by Capt. "Buzz" McCarthy, displayed championship form throughout the encounter, showing up extremely well on both defensive and offensive. No single player on the 106th could be pointed out as the star and winning factor in the game, as the whole eleven worked together like a Bulova timepiece. Sherrod, McGraw, Floyd, Snyder, Spier, Pivonka and Thompson were in fine fettle all the way.

The first three quarters rocked on to a scoreless tie, both teams nudging into the other's territory time after time, but neither was able to cross the paying chalk line. However, early in the fourth period, the Horsemen marched 60 yards down field for their first six-pointer, with Spier lugging the ball over. A line plunge by McGraw netted the extra point, as the Cavalrymen went into a 7 to 0 lead.

A few minutes later, it was Spier again, who intercepted a Warrior pass and skirted 75 yards to rug up the second touchdown. Spier was aided by Floyd's excellent blocking.

The final marker was scored by

Snyder, who snared a Hearne aerial and sprinted over the goal line. Pivonka kicked the extra point to make the final count, 20 to 0.

Statistics revealed that the Cavalrymen rolled up 12 first downs against 8 for the Hearne team. The winners completed two out of three passes and intercepted six, while the Warriors completed two out of five aeriels and intercepted one.

The Hearne High School band, directed by Mr. Harmon, furnished music for the game.

## RTC Hoop League To Start Play

Basketball will get underway within the RTC at North Camp Hood next Monday, Nov. 8, when 24 teams begin an inter-regiment and inter-battalion round-robin tournament which will extend into the latter part of February, when a four-bracket tourney will be held to decide the championship of North Camp, with the winner challenging the South Camp champion for an all-Camp Hood championship series.

Eight recreation buildings throughout the RTC area will find the various quintets in action on Monday and Friday nights, with such other sports as Badminton, volley ball, shuffle board, boxing and gymnastics holding the spotlight on other evenings.

Each recreation building is fully equipped for basketball, and floor lines are being painted for badminton, volley ball and shuffle board. Floor plates for the boxing rings are being installed and training facilities as well as exercisers will be available to the men.

Inter-regimental and inter-battalion bouts will be held in boxing, with the eventual winners being eligible to compete in the District Golden Gloves tournament to be held in the near future.

## Headquarters Quintet Wins In 635th Bn.

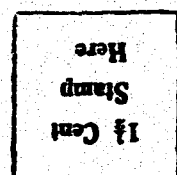
In the opening game of the 635th Bn's inter-company basketball circuit, Hqs. Co. defeated the Co. C quintet, 41 to 25.

At halftime, Co. C led 18 to 14, but fine goal tossing by Cpl. Ray Martin and Sgt. Robert Herring of the Hqs. Co. team proved too much for the C five in the last half. Martin hit the loop for 19 points, while Herring rang up 10 points. Lt. Ray S. Klein was high point man for the Company C team, tossing in 9 points.

## 667th Wins Four

The 667th Bn's Co. C basketball team has won four games to date, two by forfeit and two by scores of 37 to 7 and 37 to 23. The team boasts a fine array of talent and is interested in arranging games with other teams.

## Mail Your 'Panther' Home!



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