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Uniform Rules For AGF Men Announced

In pointing out proper uniforms for military personnel last week, The Panther was mistaken in reporting that all enlisted men can wear either the service cap or garrison cap when off the post. The AGF and the ASF have different uniform regulations. TD enlisted men and all other enlisted men under the Army Ground Forces may not wear the service cap (with vizor) at any time. Either type of head gear can be worn by Army Service Force enlisted men when off duty.

On duty on the post, the helmet liner is required of all AGF men while it is optional with ASF men.

Each branch of the army has always had distinctive articles of clothing, different branches being represented by different colored hat bands and other distinguished marks. All men, regardless of their organization, should wear the prescribed uniform correctly, and take pride in so doing.

TD's wear the TD shoulder patch and ASF men wear the Eighth Service Command patch.

Just one more note on headgear. The garrison cap is prescribed for all enlisted personnel except those who have their own uniform regulations.

2nd Regt. To Stage First Full Parade

The 2nd Regt., ETO, North Camp, will hold its first regimental parade Saturday, Dec. 4, 11:00 a. m. to 12 noon.

The reviewing officer will be Lt. Col. P. H. Ringdorf, commander of the Second Regt.

At the adjutant's call at 11:00 a. m., troops from the 129th, 129th, 158th and 131st Battalions, will march on the parade scene, which will be the area on West Avenue between 16th and 17th streets.

The battalions will pass in review to an inspection parade and to the tune of the Second ETO band.

Friends and relatives of officers and enlisted men will be guests at the review.

Former Commanding General Praised For Work With 77th Div.

Hood personnel will be interested to learn that former commanding general of the TBC, Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, now commanding the 77th Inf. Division, recently received the following letter, according to "The Liberty Torch," 77th Div. newspaper:

"It was a great pleasure to have had the opportunity to visit the 77th Division last Saturday. I was tremendously impressed by the training and demonstrations that I witnessed and I am confident that the division, under your leadership, will strike powerful blows against the enemy when the occasion arises.

"Wishing you and the officers and men of the 77th Infantry Division every success, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Robert P. Patterson
Under Secretary of War."



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

A NICE SUGGESTION—Mardell Huseby, civilian employee in the Camp Mess Supervisor's office, stops long enough to smile for the Signal Corps cameraman as she drops a Victory Suggestion into one of the boxes provided for that purpose throughout camp. Special prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded civilian employees who submit money-saving, practical ideas before Dec. 10. These prizes are in addition to those ranging from \$5 to \$250 which will be awarded at the Civilian Employees' Dance in the Field House Dec. 18. Suggestions should offer a practical method of saving time or money in the conduct of any army office.

Women Symphony Here Next Week

Women from some of the foremost symphony orchestras in America have contributed musicians to the Kryl Women's Symphony which will play in the Field House Dec. 9 and at North Camp Dec. 10. Both concerts begin at 8 o'clock.

Composed entirely of women, except for the conductor, Bohumir Kryl, the orchestra has been making a tour of cities in Texas and of Army camps.

The conductor, Mr. Kryl, began a varied career with a circus

Grads Will Hear General

Major General John H. Hester, Commandant of the Tank Destroyer Center, will address the members of the 50th Officer Candidate School Class in graduating exercises to be held in the 24th Street Theater Friday.

This will be General Hester's first address to an OCS graduating class at Camp Hood.

A large audience is expected to hear General Hester, and see the members of the 50th OCS Class receive their commissions as second lieutenants.

band, and has come a long way since then. He is now recognized as one of the foremost innovators in the field of symphonic conductors. Kryl is best known for his experiments in employing both color and contrast in his interpretations of the works of the great masters.

He is also known for his work as a cornet soloist.

Members Are Pretty

The orchestra, besides having a sound reputation for its clean musicianship, is especially appealing to soldier audiences because its members are pretty enough to be in more glamorous professions.

Cottie LeBrun, first string harp soloist, would probably have little trouble with Hollywood standards of beauty. Mary Lane Morris could pose for fashion work any time she tires of playing violin and acting as concertmaster. And Arlene Kruse doesn't need any second calls when it comes to looks.

So if there's a chance of not enjoying the kind of music the orchestra plays, you can't go wrong on the women.

Joint Christmas Worship For Chapel 513, Dec. 19

Chaplain D. W. Williams of the Fifth Tank Group (L), and Chaplain L. Q. Brown, 374th Eng. General Service Regiment, are planning joint Christmas services to be held in Chapel 513, Battalion Avenue and 70th Street December 19.

Sunday School will be held at 9 a. m.; combined worship at 10 a. m.

Roosevelt, Churchill, Chiang Meet To Plan Jap End; Stalin Next?

President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and President Chiang Kai-Shek, flanked by their full General Staffs, met in an unusual five-day session in North Africa, Nov. 22 to Nov. 26, and agreed on plans for smashing Japan as a military power stripping her of all territory acquired since 1894, and freeing Korea, it was revealed this morning.

A Washington dispatch said it was assumed that further conferences to discuss the European phases of the war would be held with Premier Marshal Stalin of Russia present. Since Russia was not at war with Japan, the conference in North Africa was not attended by Stalin.

All the conference figures left the heavily armed area where the meetings were held for unannounced destinations at least three days before news of the meeting was made public.

Second Front Talked

It was reported that the British and American general staffs engaged in a long discussion and argument on details of a second front.

Throughout the five-day period, filled with constant morning afternoon and night sessions, reporters were not permitted to see a principal. Entire conference area was surrounded by barbed wire and thousands of soldiers. No non-participants were allowed near.

President and Mrs. Chiang were first to arrive and last to leave. They arrived the morning of Nov. 21 after a four-day flight from Chungking. Mr. Churchill arrived that evening and Mr. Roosevelt the next morning. News men were not permitted to say where the conference was held, but could say that Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill and the Chiangs visited the Sphinx and the Great Ghizeh Pyramids, which are close to Cairo.

Communique issued at the close of the conference said, in part: "The three great Allies are fighting this war to restrain and punish the aggression of Japan.

"They covet no gain for themselves and have no thought of territorial expansion.

Japan Will Lose

"It is their purpose that Japan shall be stripped of all the islands in the Pacific, which she has seized or occupied since the beginning of the first World War in 1914, and that all the territories Japan has stolen from the Chinese, such as Manchuria, Formosa, and the Pescadores, shall be restored to the Republic of China. Japan also will be expelled from all other territories which she has taken by violence and greed."

(Other News In Headline Review, Page 6)

Language Courses Now Open

New introductory language courses arranged by the Post Special Service Office are open to all interested officers and men in camp.

The course in Portuguese will start Dec. 2 in the 162nd St. Service Club at 7:30 p. m. meeting every Thursday for about four weeks.

New Spanish students will meet Monday, Dec. 6 in the 162nd St. Service Club.

In addition to the beginner's French courses now in session a new class in that language will begin Tuesday, Dec. 7 in Bldg. 777 at 7 p. m. The present class meets Wednesday nights at the 37th St. Service Club room.

A German introductory course will start Friday Dec. 3, at 7 p. m. in Bldg. 1001.

These classes are easy to attend; just come to the first meeting of the class in which you are interested.

At A New Station

T-4 Esther E. Hurwitz, formerly with the 1648th WAC Detachment here, is now stationed at Daytona Beach, Fla. on a new assignment.

He Looks For A Fire With His Flashlight

A regimental plans and training sergeant of the 6th AST Regt. at North Camp built a fire in a space heater in his barracks the other night. After the lights were out he decided to check on the fire.

So he went to the heater and carefully shined his flashlight in to see if the fire was still burning. How about that, Sergeant Mueller!

ASF Officers Change Jobs

Three major changes in Army Service Forces personnel at camp headquarters were announced here today.

Lt. Col. A. Tabachnik, camp personnel officer, has been named camp supply and service officer to succeed Col. James A. Murphy, who leaves next week for Camp Berkeley. Major G. F. Aldrich, adjutant and chief administrative officer, will become personnel officer to succeed Col. Tabachnik.

Lt. W. S. Townsend, assistant training officer, liaison officer for the prisoner of war camp, and responsible officer for the Army conservation program, will become acting camp adjutant.

Show Plans Underway In 660th TD Bn.

Members of the 660th Bn. are busy preparing the minstrel show they are scheduled to present to the 20th Group Dec. 9. The show will be one in a weekly series presented in turn by the battalions of the 20th Group.

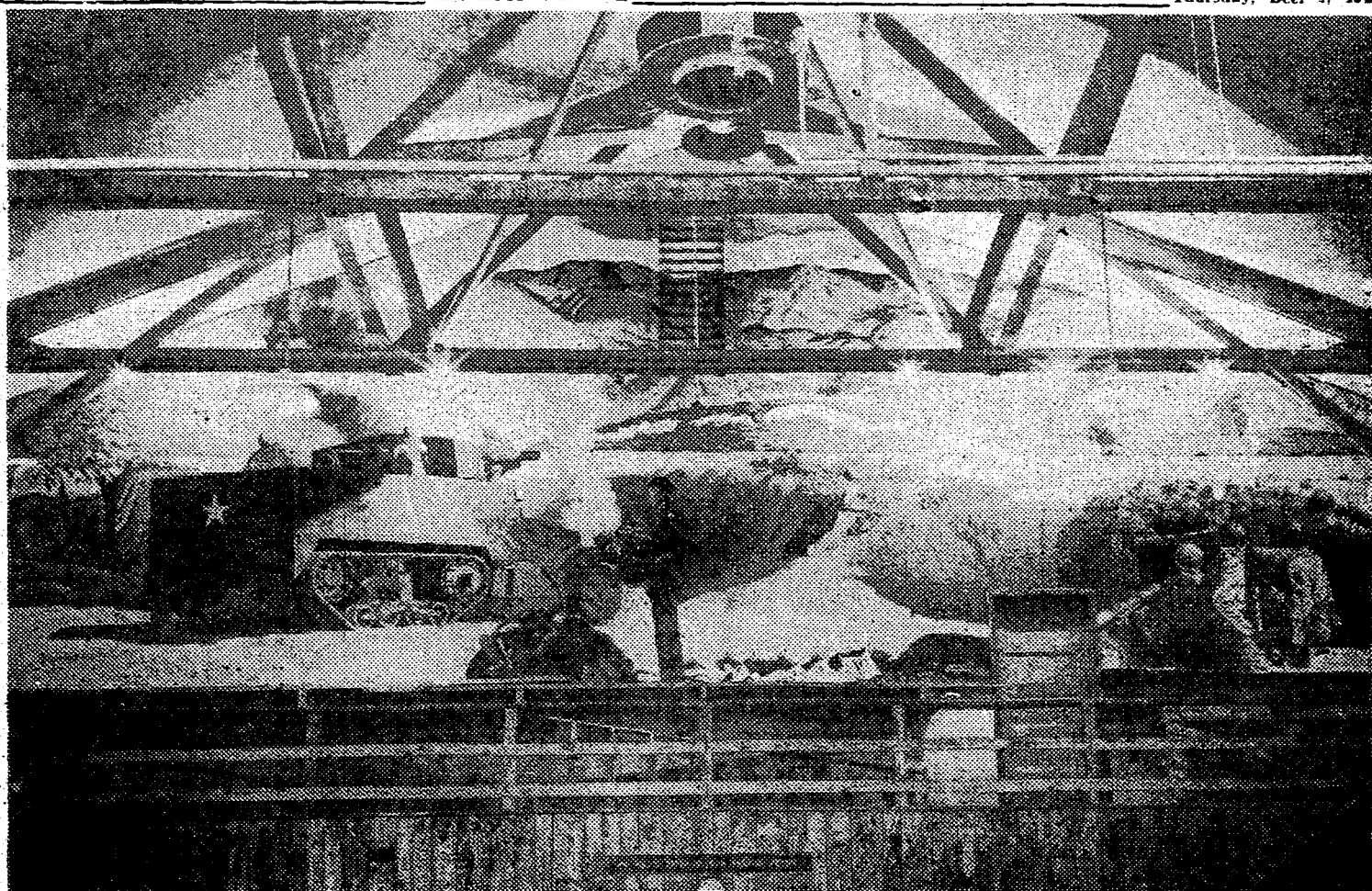
The show will follow as closely as possible the old time minstrel show, with the traditional music, gag-men, specialty acts and chorus, all presided over by the interlocutor.

The part of the interlocutor will be taken by Sgt. John A. Folster, Co. "C" a full-blooded Sioux Indian, who has had a year's professional experience in minstrel shows.

Cpl. Joseph C. Cua, Co. "C", is scheduled for a specialty number on the piano-accordion. Cpl. William R. Hiembach, Hq. Co., who has had six years experience in classical music and two years in jazz, will present his own version of "Dark Eyes" on the piano. Several numbers will be presented by Pvt. Charles H. Martin, Co. A., who has played his hot harmonica in several shows in his home town.

An unusual novelty act, a series of chalk talk skits, will be presented by Pvt. Bernard Rosenberg, Hq. Co. Rosenberg, a professional commercial artist with a sense of humor and keen wit, will use only a blackboard and chalk in his novel, humorous presentation.

The inevitable end men will be present in the persons of PFC Herbert Sheer, Pvt. William M.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

NEW SERVICE CLUB MURAL FINISHED—Picturing Tank Destroyers and their vehicles in action scenes, second mural to be painted in Camp Hood's service clubs was completed this week by Sgt. Stanley Farnham of the Camp Special Service Office, in the 162nd St. Service Club. The mural, painted from photographs taken of men and vehicles in training activities here, covers the entire east end of the club lounge from balcony to ceiling. Mural in the 37th St. Club was painted by Sgt. Farnham and Sgt. Arthur Bratton, also of the Special Service Office.

Smullen and Cpl. Carl M. Symons of Recon Co., Pvt. Ralph Napolillo, Co. "B", and Pvt. Herbert Marchner, Co. "C".

Additional acts are being planned to fill out a full one hour show.

The show is being organized by Lt. Joseph S. Liebovitz, and will be produced by Pvt. Powell, 20th Group Entertainment Director, who has had many years professional theatrical experience.

Jap Jungle Tricks Shown To 128th Bn.

By PVT. A. E. SMITH

A veteran of the South Pacific battlefronts is showing Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center trainees at North Camp just what they may be up against if they face the cunning Japs.

Jap ingenuity in blind night machinegun firing was demonstrated to men of his command last week by Lt. Col. Harry D. Bishop, who has recently taken command of the 128th TDB after 18 months on the fighting fronts in the South Pacific. Lt. John R. Smith of Co. B staged the impressive show for the colonel with the aid of Lts. Joseph Basile and Atlee Hummel.

Trainees who were studying the 30 caliber machinegun were

shown how the Japs mark their firing positions with sticks and erect notched crossbars for the barrels of the weapons to rest on, with exact aim down jungle paths and on other places where our troops might be expected to pass at night. Colonel Bishop says that many such positions are thus prepared by the enemy days in advance so they can simply place their guns in advance and fire whenever the Yanks approach.

Co. B. officers also demonstrated that the American method of night firing by predetermined elevation and traversing bar readings is equally effective, except in certain jungle fighting where we have shown the Japs that two can play at the same game.

Words Without Music

Raymond Clapper, famous writer and commentator, will give his analysis of the Soldier Vote situation on his broadcast tonight on the Mutual Network 5-5:15....

Xavier Cugat, who has made the rhythms of Latin-America so popular that even the Latins like it, brings his conga-conscious caravan to the Mutual network tonight, 8-8:30 on "Your Dubonnet Date".... Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands pays tribute to a hush secret American air base in Canada where American fliers are hard at work training and fighting in its broadcast tonight at 8:30 on the Blue Network....

Friday night at the same time the show goes to Mexico to entertain men in the Mexican Army at Camp Militar, Mexico City.

Robert Cummings, who played an airplane pilot in "Princess O'Rourke", is now instructing his third class of student pilots as an AAF Reserve Lieutenant.... Mary Pickford, "America's Sweetheart" during World War I, starts tour of Army camps to help entertain present-day GIs.... Gig Young, who enlisted in the Coast Guard, following his completion of "Old Acquaintance", is seen in the final sequences of the film as a Navy officer about to report for duty.

Pat O'Brien's role in "His Butler's Sister", now playing here in Camp Hood, is high comedy which is a complete departure from the dramatic character roles enacted in recent pictures.

Carl Hoff's orchestra plays their own arrangement of "Boo Hoo" tonight when Gracie Fields sings "Please Leave My Butter Alone," "We're All In The Same Boat Now", and "Sister Susie" on Mutual tonight at 8:15.

Shopping, Postage And Mailing Service Offered By Waco Store

Extra shopping hours for servicemen with free wrapping and mailing to any point in the United States or any of its possessions is offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of this week by Sears Roebuck & Co. store in Waco. The store will be open exclusively for Servicemen from 7-9:30 p. m. Thursday and Friday, and for everyone until 9 p. m. Saturday.

This is the second year the store has offered this service to men of the armed forces.

Joe Louis Exhibition Heads Week's Program

By PFC Keith Quick

Joe Louis—the famous Krys Women's Symphony Orchestra—and USO-Camp Show's "Thanks Loads" is a stupendous array of entertainment! Camp Hood is opening her doors to all that next week, in what will no doubt be the greatest assortment of morale-building events ever to enter this camp.

Blasting the lid off of the gala week is the Monday night appearance of heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, who, accompanied by his touring fight party, will stage an exhibition in the Field House ring.

The Brown Bomber will arrive in Camp Hood sometime Monday morning, and will journey to North Camp for a brief appearance at 21st Rec Hall at 2:30 p. m., returning to South Camp for his main schedule debut at the field house Monday evening.

Louis, who is getting along near the end of his scheduled 100-day tour of this country's Army setups, has entertained thousands of troops. Boys throughout the country, in the grim business of preparing for war, have marveled at getting a peep at the world's foremost ring celebrity.

Is Heavier Now

Incidentally, Joe is much heavier now. He tips the scales at around 225 pounds, which is well beyond his normal fighting weight of 200. Even Joe doubts he could last three tough rounds as he is today, but some say that he still packs the same dynamite he put big Abe Simon to bed with, March 27, 1942, which was his last professional appearance in the ring.

Accompanying the champion is Ray "Sugar" Robinson, perhaps the best welterweight mixer in the country, Jackie Wilson, Jimmy Edgar, and Sgt. George Nicholson, famous sparring partner of the Brown Bomber. All the party will don the gloves, Louis being paired with Nicholson, which will be the main and final event; Robinson and Wilson will step several rounds, and an opponent will likely be named for Jimmy Edgar.

Will Have Preliminaries

And Camp Hood will unfold some high-classed ring talent in a card to precede the champion's appearance. Some four or five bouts will be on deck to entertain the crowd before Joe is announced by Sgt. Robert Clemens, of TDS, who will serve as the evening's microphone master.

The big show will get underway at 7:30 p. m., and one of the largest crowds ever to file into Hood's field house is expected to be on hand.

Tickets for the Monday night event will be issued through the

Basic Training Just Old Stuff To These Two

Two new trainees in the 141st TD Bn. at the North Camp Hood Replacement Training Center had some of their training problems licked before they started basic.

Long marches are a cinch for Pvt. Merle F. Burkhardt of Wheeling, W. Va., who was a mail carrier before he was a soldier.

And the U. S. Rifle Cal. 30, M1917, popularly known as the Enfield, is all too familiar to Pvt. Lester Omerod of Chicopee Falls, Mass. Private Omerod spent his working hours before the war assembling thousands of the Enfields in the arms plant.

Five Companies Get New Day-Room Radios

The day room equipment of all five companies of the 660th Bn. was augmented Friday by the acquisition of five new radios.

The large seven-tube table model sets were obtained by Lt. Stephen Tenke, Special Services Officer, through the Post Special Services Office, and were paid for by WEMA funds.

Special Services Office, all tickets being based on the current strength of Hood organizations.

Dec 18
Field House
Civilian Employees
Dance & Floor
Show

Get your tickets and reservations now at Camp Personnel Office.

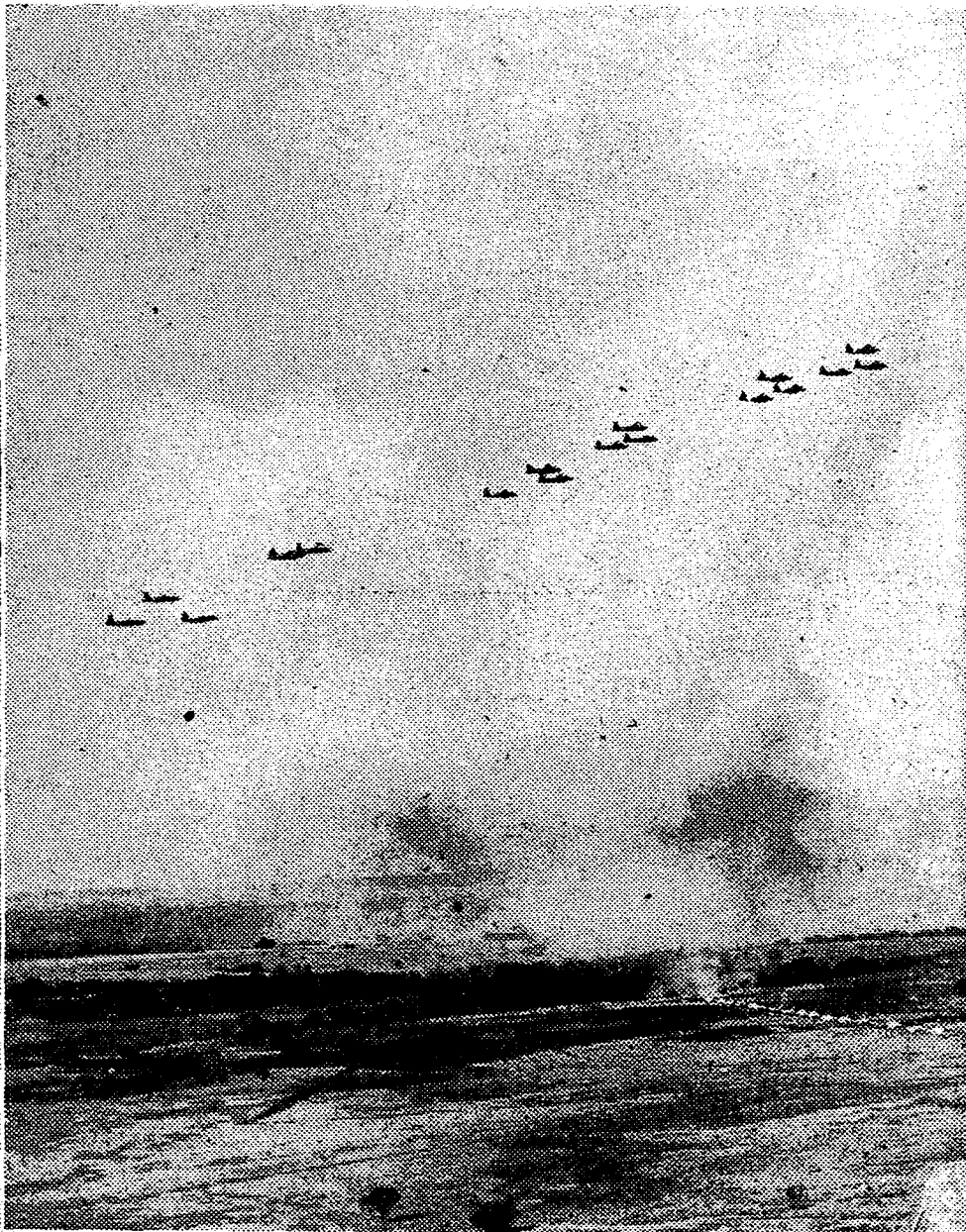


162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters
Fri.-Sat.—There's Something About A Soldier
Sun.-Mon.—The North Star
Tues.—Henry Aldrich Haunts A House and Gildersleeve On Broadway
Wed.—Thurs.—The Heat's On
Hood Road & 24th St. Theaters
Fri.—Thousands Cheer
Sat.—Henry Aldrich Haunts A House and Gildersleeve On Broadway
Sun.-Mon.—His Butler's Sister
Tues.-Wed.—There's Something About A Soldier
Thurs.—The North Star
Brigade Ave. Theater
Fri.—Yankee Doodle Dandy
Sat.—Sun.—Thousands Cheer
Mon.—Henry Aldrich Haunts A House and Gildersleeve On Broadway
Tues.—Wed.—His Butler's Sister
Thurs.—There's Something About A Soldier
72nd St. Theater
Fri.-Sat.—His Butler's Sister
Sun.-Mon.—There's Something About A Soldier
Tues.-Wed.—The North Star
Thurs.—Henry Aldrich Haunts A House and Gildersleeve On Broadway
Avenue "D" & 24th St. Theaters
Fri.-Sat.—In Old Oklahoma
Sun.-Mon.—Old Acquaintance
Tues.—The Falcon and The Co-eds and Smart Guy
Wed.-Thurs.—Whistling In Brooklyn
15th & 18th St. Theaters

Fri.-Sat.—Riding High
Sun.—Gangway for Tomorrow
Mon.—Yankee Doodle Dandy
Tues.—Wed.—Old Acquaintance
Thurs.—The Falcon and The Co-eds and Smart Guy
4th & 10th St. Theaters
Fri.—Old Acquaintance
Sat.—The Falcon and The Co-eds and Smart Guy
Sun.—Mon.—Riding High
Tues.—Gangway for Tomorrow
Wed.—Yankee Doodle Dandy
Thurs.—His Butler's Sister
37th St. Service Club
Thursday, Club dance.
Friday, Swing records, games.
Saturday, Surprise program.
Sunday, Afternoon: radio, recordings, games. Evening: Old-fashioned Hymns, movie.
Monday, bingo, Art, Group meeting.
Tuesday, Discussion Group meeting.
Wednesday, sing-song, Christmas carols.

161st St. Service Club
Thursday, USO Blue Circuit show troupe.
Friday, dance at T-O Bldg., girls from Waco.
Saturday, bingo party, prizes.
Sunday, favorite tunes on the piano.
4-5 p. m.: games, 8-10 p. m.
Monday, bingo party, prizes.
Tuesday, Dramatic play, 8-9 p. m.
Wednesday, sing-song, Christmas carols.
Wednesday free movies, 8-10 p. m.

TD's May Learn Much From Air Show



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

HERE THEY COME AGAIN!—(At Left). Second flight of A-20's release 'chute-born, 27-pound fragmentation bombs directly over the target. Bombs dropped by first flight explode across target. Closely grouped dummy vehicles and standing silhouette targets were well riddled, showing what happens when vehicles are not dispersed and personnel does not take cover.

SKY PARADE — (Above) A squadron of B-25 bombers (Marauders) soars back over the smoking targets, as part of the aerial review that closed the demonstration.

TARGET FOR MEDIUM ALTITUDE BOMBERS —(Below). B-26's dump 500-pounders in precision bombing demonstration, obscuring the target area with smoke and debris. Camouflage, widely dispersed vehicles, and prone shelters will afford protection against such bombing attacks.

When the War Department authorized the staging of an expensive and impressive air demonstration like that witnessed recently by all Camp Hood personnel, it is safe to assume that there is a more logical reason for it than a Sunday afternoon's entertainment. And so there is.

The specific reason the Air Force employed more than 100 planes and expended 24,000 pounds of bombs and more than 10,000 gallons of urgently needed high octane gasoline is so that all TD soldiers here at Camp Hood could see a practical demonstration of two highly important points in our training—one, that our own Air Force can be effectively employed to further the success of ground troop missions—and two, that the enemy air force, whose tactics closely resemble those of our own airmen, has both weaknesses and strong points which we, as tank destroyers, can exploit or avoid, as the case may be.

Point One—our Air Force is available to ground troops in combat for a variety of missions and will be increasingly available as allied air supremacy increases in all theaters. In a theater of operations, the air and ground forces are both commanded directly by the theater commander. The Air Force will be employed first to obtain and maintain air superiority; secondly, to attack

enemy supply lines, troop concentrations, and disrupt his organization; and thirdly, to give direct support to the ground troops as it is needed.

Will Get Support

As an integral part of the ground forces, tank destroyers will come in for their share of air support when the situation warrants such action. The Tactical Air Force in a theater might give tank destroyers a plane-laid smoke screen like that shown at the demonstration. In specific situations, aerial smoke screens will be more effective than smoke laid by the organic TD smoke devices. As an example, plane-laid smoke would be useful when an entire TD battalion is moving into position in the face of heavy enemy ground fire; in the event of a contemplated withdrawal; or during an enemy tank attack when the heavy smoke curtain would confuse the advance of the enemy armor and silhouette the oncoming targets.

Tank destroyers will benefit also from far-reaching air reconnaissance employed in their sector. Information of particular interest to TD's that is so gathered will be relayed directly through channels to tank destroyers. Other general information will reach the TD's through regular liaison and intelligence channels. And, vice-versa, TD reconnaissance units will be able to aid the Air

Corps in the completion of their missions. Parachuted demolition and incendiary bombs should be the first thought of a tank destroyer reconnaissance platoon that locates an enemy truck column, personnel column, or supply dump.

Under recent ground force reorganization plans, it will be remembered that tank destroyers are employed primarily in support of the main bodies of ground troops, and thus will receive the full emphasis of available air support.

Use Similar Methods

Point Two—the enemy air force will employ tactics very similar to those demonstrated by our own flyers. Knowing this, tank destroyers should be able to predict what enemy air tactics will be used against them and plan measures that will give TD's adequate protection.

Based on the results of the recent demonstration, and on reports from the battlefronts, the most common type of air attack that will possibly be used against tank destroyers will be low level strafing and bombing. Tank destroyer columns on the march, battalions in bivouac, destroyers in firing positions might provide a suitable target for enemy strafers and parachute bombers.

The personnel silhouette targets and dummy vehicles subjected to low level bombing and strafing

during the demonstration here were well-perforated with .50 caliber and bomb fragment hits. That's what happens to GI's who close up their vehicles and stand around during an air attack. However, only five of the 20 vehicle targets burned, despite the fact that they were constructed of inflammable materials and soaked with kerosene.

Under normal field conditions and with well trained men, very few personnel and vehicular casualties would have been suffered. Those targets had been strafed by two squadrons of fighters, glide-bombed by one squadron, and bombed and strafed by a squadron and a flight of light bombers. Successive attacks employing such large numbers of planes would seldom, if ever, be encountered in the field. The dummy vehicles were closely bunched, and the silhouette targets were placed in the immediate vicinity of the vehicles. All targets were immovable. Most important of all, no ground fire had been thrown up by the targets to annoy the air attackers and throw them off their aim.

Can Avoid Losses

Had the vehicle targets been spread out as a tank destroyer column would be in combat, had the personnel targets been moving men, widely dispersed, and in prone shelters, and had an umbrella of antiaircraft fire been

thrown up, few hits would have been recorded. Tank destroyers who avoid bunching their vehicles and personnel and who man their AA guns and dig other personnel in, will suffer no great losses from either strafing or glide-bombing attacks.

The demonstration further showed that strafers will invariably attack a column from the side rather than expose themselves to the heavy fire thrown up from one end of the column to the other. The attack is completed swiftly, the plane's fire is concentrated along fixed lines, and only a comparatively small area is covered. Again, dispersed vehicles, efficient air warning guards, and ready anti-aircraft fire will largely obviate the threat.

Medium altitude precision bombing and parachute bombing might conceivably be used against tank destroyer bivouac and assembly areas. Precision bombing depends on massed formations of planes, an accurate bomb run, and a concentrated target. Parachute bombs, likewise, are effective only against massed targets, and the success of both types of attack depends largely on the absence of hostile fighters and ground fire. Bivouac areas that are well concealed, widely dispersed, where personnel have full protection of prone shelters and heavy

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We Remember Pearl Harbor

TUESDAY is December 7, 1943.

None of us need to be reminded that on that day, exactly two years ago, Japan attacked us.

None of us need to be reminded that no that sunny Sunday morning, as Japanese planes dropped unexpected death and suffering from the skies, that it was our friends and relatives who were wounded and who died; that it was American naval vessels which were turned into heaps of scrap and twisted metal, that it was American planes which burned on the ground at Hickam Field.

We remember Pearl Harbor, and we remember it not as the slogan-makers remember it, lightly and commercially. We remember it as death and suffering and irreplaceable loss fixed it in our memory.

But that was two years ago. How it happened; how Japan was able to place her forces in the Pacific so secretly that none of us knew what was coming; how she was able to prepare for the long struggle ahead without our realizing it until too late are things which history alone may reveal.

What we are here concerned with are the gains against the enemy which we have made in those two years.

We all need to be reminded of those, for they portend as nothing else the victory which the Allies will score over the Axis on a day not too far distant.

Last week, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced that the numerical strength of America's fleet had been doubled in the past 11 months. He added that he hoped the Jap fleet would come out of hiding to do battle.

Our amazing construction record was emphasized by Knox when he said that the new 25,000 ton aircraft carrier "Wasp" was the 419th new warship completed this year. Within the next two weeks, he said, new construction also will replace the 21 warships lost by the U. S. since January 1.

Two years ago Dec. 7, our entire fleet consisted of 17 battle-ships, seven carriers, 37 cruisers, 171 destroyers and 113 submarines. **TOTAL: 345.**

Today's total: 817 warships.

The Army, as we personally know, has not been idle. In 1941, total strength of the Army was in excess of 1,500,000 men who could only be retained in the service for a period of one year unless a national emergency existed.

Today's United States Army has an announced total strength of nearly 7,000,000 men and they are well trained, completely equipped and engaging the enemy on-fronts around the world.

On the production front, War Production Board's Donald Nelson reported at the close of October that overall output scored its biggest monthly gain since April; 5 per cent over September. Aircraft production was up 10 per cent in number and value. A total of 8,362 planes rolled off the line. One year's production at this rate would be more than 100,000 planes.

Space does not permit a complete listing of the progress this nation has made during this two-year period of war. In truth, there is no way of showing in cold figures the progress in branches of the service, in production on the home front, in the political and morale front as well as in the actual battle fronts which is bringing victory nearer each day for us and our allies.

But it is two years of the greatest progress against a common enemy ever undertaken by this nation. It is a supreme effort in which we are all a part and of which each of us can be profoundly proud.

We remember Pearl Harbor!

THE TD'S MARCH

We're in a Tank Destroyer crew
We have quite a job to do
Each one of us an American boy
And we seek and we strike and destroy!

We're always ready on the guns
To get Tojo and The Huns,
The shells we use are the real McCoy,
As we seek and we strike and destroy!

We bring the fight to the foe,
We never stop; we're always on the go.
And when we hear the battle cry,
We hope the Lord will be our guide,
To fight the enemy we employ
As we seek and we strike and destroy—

—Pfc. Frank Martorella,
Co. C, 774th TD Bn.
APO 402, % Postmaster,
Nashville, Tenn.

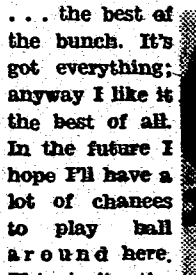


You can do everything but go ice skating in the way of sports at Camp Hood (may even get that), so this week's poll question was: **WHAT SPORTS DO YOU LIKE MOST AT CAMP HOOD?**

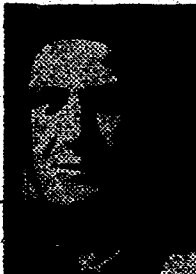
Pfc. Carl E. Coble, Co. F, 166th Inf.; "I don't go in for sports much myself... just never had the urge I guess. But when I get some time off, when I have a few minutes to spare, I'd rather read... a book or anything like that. Still, if I were home, or if I could around here, I'd go hunting. I like hunting quite a lot."



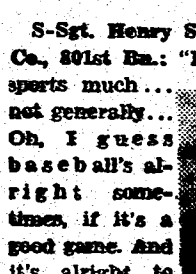
Pvt. Chad Shoope, Rcn. Co., 655th Bn.; "Baseball is my sport... the best of the bunch. It's got everything; anyway I like it the best of all. In the future I hope I'll have a lot of chances to play ball around here. This isn't the season now, but spring is not too far away and there are lots of men who want to play; you can have lots of teams and there're plenty of good diamonds here in camp."



Pvt. Michael Seavene, Hq. Co., Tag. Brig.; "I play football whenever I can... it's got all the color and thrills to watch. And it's the one sport I play the best... maybe that's why I would rather play or watch football anytime... lots of excitement and hard action. This camp has a lot of football teams and there are chances to see other games around here. You can get a lot of football around this place... this is the time of year."



S-Sgt. Henry S. Kowalski, Rcn. Co., 801st Bn.; "I don't go in for sports much... not generally... Oh, I guess baseball's alright sometimes, if it's a good game. And it's alright to play a little baseball once in a while. But I'd rather shoot a little pool. We have some tables in our outfit. When you only have a little free time, you can always go over and shoot pool."



Army Quiz

1. When the Allies invade western Europe they will be armed with maps of the enemy's defenses and installations. Can you tell the chief source of information from which the maps were made?

2. At the peak of the World War I, a little more than a quarter of American productive output was being used for war purposes. How much of it is being used in the same way now?

3. Corisicia fell to the Allies recently 26 days after the first patriot uprising. Do you remember how many days it was after the first Allied attack before Sicily was captured?

4. What country in the Mid-



TDS Sergeant Worked Way Up

The theme is Americana. The subject a soldier, a typical, not a sensational American soldier, who, by perseverance and hard work found himself rising toward the opportunities for advancement that only an unfettered birthright such as ours offers to normal ambition.

First Sergeant Ray De Venuto is administrator over 109 enlisted men in the Communications Department, TDS. He was inducted in 1941, received two months of radio training at Fort Benning, became a senior radio operator, and was transferred to an anti-tank battalion which was later activated into a TD battalion. His earnestness to get ahead was rewarded when he was selected to proceed to Fort Monmouth for a special radio electrician's course, after which he reported to the TD School, coming here as a buck sergeant and ultimately working his way to the top of the ranks and the post he now holds.

Radio New To Him

But before he saw a uniform Sergeant De Venuto couldn't have held his own in the smallest conservation about radio sets. He could have talked plenty about railroads and vegetables though.

Following a high school education, Ray left his home town, Bayonne, and took a job at Greenville, New Jersey, working for the Fruit Growers Express at the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot. This is a main railroad yard through which passes most of the traffic that supplies the east and west coasts with edibles. Here the cars are iced or heated and the temperatures of food stuffs are taken. Starting as a laborer, Ray fixed cars and installed heaters. He chopped ice for seven months, leading two and one-half tons at each end of the refrigerated cars. Then he was promoted to assistant inspector, which entailed much book work, and the checking of cars that came into the yard.

His job included sticking thermometers into meat for temperature readings, and inspecting heaters in the cars that held potatoes and beer (beer is heated in the railroad cars in the winter time).

Found Dead Men

Soon Ray's application to his work rewarded him with another promotion—this time to inspector. More book work and more assistants. Two experiences stand out vividly in the sergeant's mind. One night he was making a routine check on a heated car holding beer. As he swung open the door and flashed his light down, he caught the staring eyes of two men. Both were dead, and had been for many hours. They had been asphyxiated by the fumes from the charcoal heater, and locked within the air-tight car, there had been no chance of escape.

On another occasion, a train came in late. The tower man called De Venuto before the train pulled into the yard. He advised that 21 cars of peaches were coming in. These cars had to be iced and rushed to New York. They were included in a train of 107 cars pulled by two engines. When the long train pulled in and the cars uncoupled, in order to line up 11 of the peach cars on one side and ten on the other, six men went to work and iced the 21 cars in exactly 21 minutes—with an average of 4200 pounds of ice per car. The yardmaster later claimed it was a railroad record that would probably stand a long time.

The company is still doing the same job for Army food, checking and rechecking the cars, careful to see that the food retains its best condition, rushing carloads of cigarettes through in practically non-stop trips, to avoid the old railroad nemesis, "the cigarette hi-jackers," who have preyed on the roads for years to nab this valuable cargo.

Supplies Army Food

De Venuto's experience on the railroad in peace time found meats, fruits, and vegetables going to Army posts in their best



state, just as they are today, due to the men who are on the job filling in for Ray and others who are now in uniform.

The story of Ray De Venuto is truly a case in point of the opportunities open to men in the service, which permits them to pursue many interesting kinds of work, entirely foreign to their experiences as civilians.

Gun Totin' Ma Makes November Army Hit Kit

"Pistol Pacin' Mama" is in the Army now. This Texas-conceived popular ditty is listed second among the seven songs included in the November Issue of the "Army Hit Kit" of popular songs that has arrived here for distribution among the men.

Other songs in this issue are "I Can't Give You Anything But Love Baby," "If You Please," "We're Shovin' Right Off Again," which is listed as a hit kit extra, "The Marsellaise," "I Heard You Cried Last Night," and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

These kits are issued monthly by the special service division of the Army Service Forces for distribution throughout the Army, in training camps and on the fighting fronts. One copy of words and music only are included in each kit.

ASF Officers Here Get Promotions

The following promotions of officers in the 1848th Unit, Army Services were announced this week:

Promoted to Major: Capt. Guy Aldrich.

Promoted to Captain: 1st Lieutenants (Chaplain) D. R. Kulp, Samuel Gingold, MC, Constantine Veremakis, MC, David S. Lackman, Sn-C, O. D. Buck, DC, I. C. Goldberg, DC, Pat Lyddan, DC, W. P. Mills, DC, R. H. Craft, DC.

Promoted to 1st Lt.: William H. Dobbs, QMC, Joseph H. Leahy, MAC.

Hermione Made Her Pump And That Made 'Chuting History

By Sgt. Bob Clemens

The big air show at Camp Hood last Sunday reminds us of an aeronautical experience. Of course our experience was in no way connected with the demonstration. Mentioning it is just an excuse to tell you about "Hermione."

Once upon a time we were publicity director of an aeronautical good-will tour of two large trimotored planes, sponsored by Henry Ford. An aeronautical achievement was created out of it all when we discovered "Hermione," a well behaved miss who thrilled many thousands between halves of the Southern-Howard Colleges annual gridiron struggle in Birmingham, Alabama, when she made her debut via a parachute from a height of only 500 feet, to the 30 yard line.

New Buying Plan Related

The Clothing Division of Army Exchange Service has recently printed 200,000 copies of an informative brochure which explains the advantages of the Army Officers' Uniform Plan activated by the War Department in 1942 to provide advantageous uniform facilities for all commissioned personnel.

Addressed to Army officers and officer candidates, the booklet tells in question-and-answer form how the plan operates. It explains how, as a result of working with leading woolen mills and men's wear manufacturers, like Society brand, Hickey-Freeman, etc., Army Exchange Service has been able to put on the market, at \$44.50, a ready-made uniform which would retail at more than \$50. The booklet further states that each garment must meet the highest standards as to quality and workmanship and, naturally must conform strictly to regulations.

AES uniforms are sold only by authorized dealers and Army exchanges. Each uniform bears an identifying label.

Transportation Old Problem To Sergeant In TD School Here

Controlling the transportation problem out of the Operations Office at the TD School is not altogether a new line of work, as far as T-Sgt. Albert Cobbett is concerned.

Prior to turning in his civvies for a set of khaki's, Cobbett was employed by the Pennsylvania Conduley Tank Line in Pittsburgh, and his job was to direct and instruct the train men in the movement of cars and locomotives to certain tracks and sidings. He managed the movement of every car run by his company, just as he manages the movement of every jeep under his jurisdiction today.

Three In 635th Bn. Given Citizenship

On Saturday, November 21, at Austin, T-5 Richard J. Kahnweiler, Pfc. Erich Stein, and Pvt. Bernhard Peterson all of Headquarters Company, 635th TD Battalion, became naturalized citizens of the United States.

These men have been members of the army for quite some time, and due to moving from one federal district to another, their applications for citizenship have been pending for a long period.

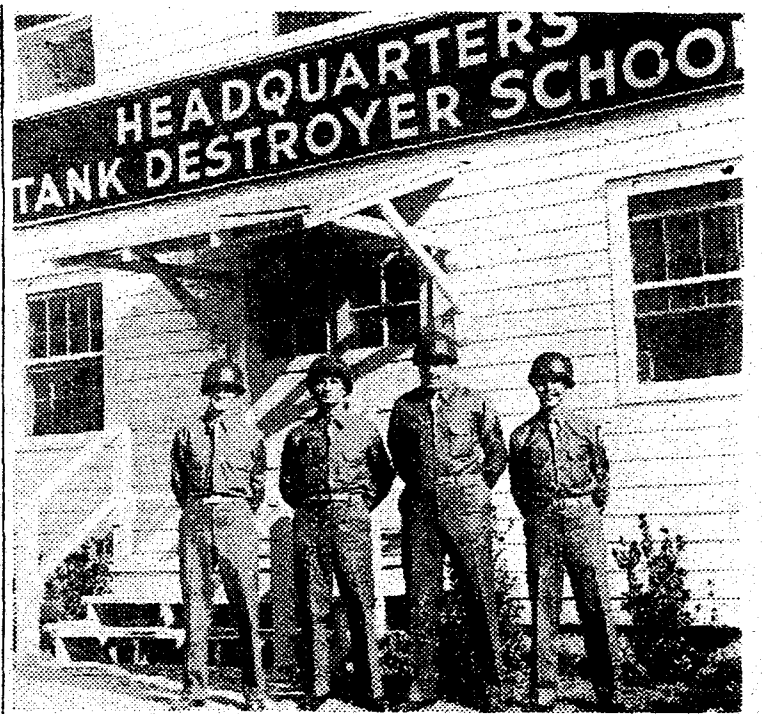
Promotions Given In 660th Battalion

The following promotions have been announced recently in Co "A", 660th Bn.:

PFC George Matijevich Jr. and Pfc. Orlando J. Salonia to the grade of Corporal; Pfc. Russell C. Berger to T-5; Horace E. Hixon to T-4; and T-4 Perry P. Poissant to Staff Sgt.

A 500 foot jump impossible? We proved that it wasn't. The day following the game was designated "Hermione Day," and the lovely lass, bedecked fine feathers, held court in a department store window for the admiration of all. "Hermione" is dead now. But we can never forget her great dancing. The night before the game a special parachute was made for her by a tailor. It took two of us to launch her from the plane. One to drop her tenderly, and the other to throw the open chute quickly after her, so it wouldn't get caught on the tail of the plane. Yes, "Hermione" made her contribution to aviation history.

She was the first hen to make a parachute jump.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

TDS POST OFFICE VETERANS—These four non-coms who represent the heart of the post office service at the Tank Destroyer School, have served in their present assignments as mail clerks for more than a year, and having experienced the last GI Xmas mail rush are ready, willing and able to handle the big holiday mail this year. Left to right: Sgt. Robert Harris, mail clerk at TDS Headquarters, Sgt. John D. Miley, Academic Regt. Hdqts., S-Sgt. George Velten, Student Regt. Hdqts., and S-Sgt. Fred Eschner, OCS Regt. Hdqts. In unison these boys caution us not to forget to place our serial numbers on that Free Mail!

133rd Bn. Practices For Dance Contest

Men of the 133rd TD Training Battalion at North Camp have been breaking loose from the usual storetyped Army cadence on off duty hours during the last week—all in preparation for a terpsichorean showdown tomorrow night.

All companies in the 133rd have entered contestants for the big amateur night program at the 21st Street Rec. Hall from 7:30 to 8:30.

Instead of "Hup, tup, hip, haw!" the cadence will be that of the jitterbug, the tapdancer and the barbershop quartet. The 133rd talent will also compete in buck and wing dancing and a prize will likewise go to the best original entertainer who keeps the crowd with him for four minutes.

Officers of the company have raised a purse for cash prizes. In the case of the jitterbug contest, each contestant will divide the prize money equally with his partner, young ladies from Waco and Gatesville of the dancers' choosing. The ladies will be brought to camp by cars from 133rd Hq., and for the evening will be guests of the companies they will represent in the contest. Refreshments will be served at the amateur entertainment.

The contestants have been selected from each company by a committee of five NCO's appointed by the company commander. Pvt. John Martin will be pianist.

Two novel twists have been added to the preliminaries which have needed the competition to extraordinary intensity.

Besides prize money, the best jitterbug among the trainees in each company will be privileged to stand at the head of the chow line for a week. Each company has also chosen four privates to buck for the job of orderly to the judges. What the prize for this will be has not been announced but there are numerous rumors of a pass and a day off.

The Amateur Night events will

16th TD Group Now At Ft. Jackson, S. C. Featured In Articles

The 16th TD Group, under the command of Col. Harry J. Wheaton, is now undergoing training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, according to a recent issue of the Columbia Record, Columbia, S. C. daily newspaper.

A front page article in the issue of Nov. 19th features a story on the 16th Group and their training at their new station, and a feature article inside the paper was written about Col. Wheaton.

The 16th Group left Camp Hood a short time ago.

Hot Or Cold No Long Hair RTC Warned

Cold weather is no excuse for long hair on a military man, an RTC administrative memorandum warns trainees at North Camp. The proper length of a haircut is not exceeding 1 1/2 inches, the memorandum says.

General Dumas Has Birthday Party Event

Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, RTC commanding general, noted a birthday anniversary last week and was a guest, with Mrs. Dumas and wives of the officers of his staff, at a dinner in Headquarters Co. officers' mess.

The dinner party was Tuesday night. The general's birthday really fell on Thursday, Thanksgiving, so he celebrated again with a turkey dinner, as did the rest of the Army.

Stork Busy Bird In 660th Battalion

That big bird has been busy in the 660th Bn. recently, having visited the wives of five officers.

1st Lt. Robert C. Clay started things off with a boy, but was followed closely by the new daughters of Lt. Robert M. Terrell, 2nd Lt. Charles S. Zimmerman, and 2nd Lt. Richard W. Sullivan. The most recent was the baby born to the wife of 2nd Lt. Walter J. Marxer.

Concert Singer Goes To Air Corps

Lt. Edward Roselle, a graduate of the 14th OCS Class at the TD School, who has been serving as an instructor on the battle conditioning course in Camp Hood, was transferred to the Air Corps this week, and reports to Kelly Field as a cadet-officer. Lt. Roselle reached prominence on the concert stage in New York, before entering the service, and on his leave there two weeks ago made two appearances.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

FAITHFUL 'MINUTE MEN'—Termed "Minute Men" because they've been pressed into service for a number of programs and dances the last minute, men of this orchestra are shown here playing for a recent dance in the T-O Building. Men in the group, who have volunteered their services for a number of programs in camp and without, are Pvt. Walter B. Anderson, 133rd Bn.; Sgt. Eddie Martin, Trk. Bn.; Sgt. Willard Herbert, 614th Bn.; Pvt. Dewey Farr, 133rd Bn.; Pfc Justin Adam, Trk. Bn.; Cpl. Sam Woode, 614th Bn.; Bates McKinley, 614th Bn.; Pfc Sam White, 758th Bn.; Rozelle Claxton, 374th Eng.; Pvt. John Goosby, 374th Eng.; Pvt. Allen Miller, 374th Eng.; Pvt. Edward Martin, 133rd Bn.; Cpl. Merlin Jeffries, 614th Bn.; Pfc Virnas Allen, 758th Bn.; Pfc LaFora Nelson, 614th Bn.; and S-Sgt. William S. Clark, 133rd Bn.

New Tune Boon For Telephone Users In Red Cross Rec Room; May Be Plugged On Air Soon

Timely and topical is the new song, "Three Minute Limit on the Phone," which is being sung and whistled these days in the Red Cross recreation rooms of Camp Hood Station Hospital by TD's recovering from illness or injury.

If the song catches on on a national scale—as it may, a copy of it having been submitted to a famous network band leader—it can prove a boon to the telephone companies who are spending vast sums trying to impress the public with the war-time important communication facilities.

Credit for the creation of the new hit number is shared by at least four of the soldier-patients with the major part going to Pvt. James Pardeen, formerly of Camp Hood but now at Camp Cook, Cal. In civil life he was a professional singer and master of ceremonies in New York City. Others who collaborated on the lyrics or the melody were Pvt. Orville Dingus of Comanche, Texas; Pvt. Frank Walker of Temple, and Pvt. Francis McIntosh, until entering the Army a student at Ohio State University.

The theme of the song deals with the plight of a soldier try-

ing to reveal, within the three-minute telephone limit, how much he loves his sweetheart at the other end of the line. The song concludes with these hopeful lines:

"Some day this war will all be over
And some day I'll be coming home.
Then we'll always be together
And we'll never worry whether they ever
Put a limit on the phone."

OCS Regt. Has New CO

With the transfer of Lt. Col. E. J. Howell to another assignment this week, Major John W. Cameron, executive officer of the OCS Regiment, assumes the post of commanding officer of the regiment.

Major Cameron is from Winchester, Tennessee. A graduate of Oklahoma University, he was a corporation and civil practice attorney from 1931 to 1940. He came to the OCS Regiment as its executive officer in April of this year.

Income Tax Problems Will Be Discussed At North Camp Meet

Enlisted personnel of the RTC and BTC at North Camp will have a chance to untangle their income tax problems Monday at a discussion period to be conducted by Lt. Buford C. Taylor, assistant RTC S-2.

Lieutenant Taylor will meet with members of the 2nd AST and RTC regiments, headquarters and schools staff and WAC Det. personnel at Bldg. 204 opposite Headquarters Officers' Mess on 16th Street from 7-8 p.m.

635th Bn. Men Live In Combat Conditions During 3-Day Problem

Four hundred men and officers of the 635th TD Bn. recently returned from a three day tactical problem which was held in the vicinity of Buchanan Dam, near Burnet, Texas.

Company A, acting as one force, occupied the north side of the lake, and Company B, together with the reconnaissance platoon from headquarters company, was in concealment in the wooded area on the south. Throughout the problem, neither of the forces attacked in any strength, but the security sections and reconnaissance platoons of each company made frequent and effective raids.

Lt. Robert E. Carlson led Company B's reconnaissance platoon against Company A the first night of the problem, and was captured by the security section of Company A. Sergeants Arthur F. Hanson, Kenneth F. Baxter and Gale W. Williams, of Company A led

the security sections across the lake in a raid on the opposing force. The lake was crossed by boat, and a landing was made on Company B's left flank. During the ensuing raids, two complete gun crews and one security section were captured.

Radio Kept Up

Radio communication was kept at all times; OP's were established on commanding terrain rises; and small patrols were sent out frequently. In this manner enemy action was reported and the position of the enemy was fairly well known.

Actual conditions of combat were prevalent throughout the three days and nights. Men slept in "fox holes" and ate tinned rations. A small gasoline stove was issued to every fifth man, and those who preferred to have hot food were able to do so, however no camp fires were allowed at any time.

He Has Spent Four Years In Army Collecting Stamps, Headlines

Pvt. Walter O'Grosky, Headquarters & Service Co., OCS Regt., TDS, has utilized his four years in the Army to collect things.

Some men have but one hobby, but Pvt. O'Grosky boast four, all collecting. He collects stamps, newspaper heads, match covers and shoulder patches.

His stamp collection is now valued at around \$1,500, but he's still looking for new and odd stamps and is particularly anxious to collect more foreign stamps. He has a large number of first day issues, first flights and first day covers.

His newspaper head collection contains approximately 4,500 mastheads from 40 states, and he would like to add foreign

newspapers to the list.

Approximately 2,000 match covers have been gathered together by Pvt. O'Grosky from all states in the union for his cover collection.

Collecting shoulder patches is a relatively new hobby for him to date he has gathered about 50. He would like to get more for this part of his collection.

Army camps are no novelty to him. During his period of service he's been stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky.; Ft. McCallan, Ala.; Ft. Benning, Ga.; Camp Beugaard, La.; Camp Robinson, Ark.; Ft. Harrison, Ind.; Camp Grant, Ill.; Ft. Custer, Mich.; Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; and Camp McCoy, Wis.; in addition to Camp Hood.



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

Slashing straight into the main German defenses along the Sangro river in Italy, the veteran British Eighth Army seemed to be opening its new offensive to push the Nazis back toward Rome. Gen. Montgomery's men launched bitter night stabs at the reinforced German lines, widening their footholds along the river. The long-awaited British attack could force the Germans to abandon part of their winter line, if successful. American units of the Fifth Army marked time with patrol thrusts into enemy lines, also resisting spirited German counterattacks west of Venafro.

One-Third Ruined

Bomb-gutted Berlin finally got a night's sleep, but reports seeping out of the city showed that the Nazi capital was one-third in ruins, other parts of Germany were not spared as a powerful fortress fleet smashed at Bremen, losing 13 bombers and downing 38 German planes. Two raids hit Bremen, with no evidence being reported that the raids will be decreased either in size or force. Hitler's Europe was rocking under Allied air pounding.

Following capture of the key Nazi base at Gomel, Red armies surged northeast in an attempt to bottle up the escape corridor for German troops in the area. Soviet attacks pushed closer to the old Polish border, although Korosten was retaken by the Nazis and threatened to cut off the whole enemy supply line in White Russia.

As the Russians continued to revenge the German conquests, a report from Kiev told of the Nazi massacre of 52,000 men, women and children, one of the worst atrocities of the war.

Although the Marines who landed on the atoll of Tarawa in the Gilbert islands suffered the worst losses in the history of the corps, Maj. Gen. Holland Smith, commanding the operation, reported that valuable lessons had been learned which would be used in future Navy operations.

Coming on shore with what was termed insufficient preliminary bombing, the Marines wiped out the Jap garrison, killing thousands of the enemy. Gen. Smith said that the operation was brilliantly carried out despite desperate enemy resistance.

Fighting Bitter

Navy Secretary Knox told a press conference that the fighting was bitter but that the invasion was well planned. He blamed weather difficulties for some of the losses. But with the atoll in American hands, the way was paved for an all-out assault on the rest of the Jap island bases.

Adding to the confusion of the Italian political situation, a meeting of new political parties asked for the resignation of King Victor Emanuel.

Lt. Tommy Harmon, Michigan's all-American football back, is safe for the second time in a brush with death in the Army Air Corps. Harmon crashed in the jungles of So. America in April and again

over China recently. It appears he parachuted to safety.

Hints of Feelers

Hints of peace negotiations being started by the Nazis spread all over Europe. Diplomat Von Papen was termed the Key figure in these reports. Appeals were said to have been made to use the Pope as some sort of an intermediary.

With the release from prison of Sir Oswald Moseley, British fascist, 30,000 persons protested the action in London which freed the pro-Nazi Moseley from an English jail.

Venezuela seemed nearer to joining in active war against Germany with the nation's leaders studying the adoption of a declaration of war.

More Censorship

British Broadcasting Company programs will be sharply censored with new taboos against many subjects, including jokes about American soldiers, Army officers (although not enlisted men), black market, southern accents, and the bombing of Germany.

Marshal Rommel, whose soldiers lost the battle of Africa, has been given another setback by the Partisan guerrillas in Yugoslavia. Rommel is being forced to use more and more troops to match the followers of Tito, guerrilla leader.

Congress still debated the different provisions of a bill to make soldier voting more practical.

And in the biggest sporting upset of the year, Notre Dame's football team lost to Great Lakes, 19-14.

The Wolf

by Sansone





Chapel Services

PROTESTANT (NON-DENOMINATIONAL)

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
Chapel 289-170th & Brig

11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel-52nd St
Chapel 115-268th St
Chapel 289-170th & Brig
Chapel 639-62nd St
Chapel 2209-School Area
Chapel 1156-37th St West

6:30 P. M.
Chapel 115-268th St
Chapel 1156-37th St West
Chapel 2209-School Area
Chapel 2109-37th St East
Chapel 289-170th & Brig
COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 513-70th St

Worship Services
10:00 a. m.-11:00 a. m.-6:30 p. m.
Sunday school-9:00 a. m.
Musical hour, Tuesday-6:30 p. m.

EPISCOPAL

Chapel 902-50th St
Sunday-6:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Chapel 1156, Thursday-8:00 p. m.
Sunday-5:45 a. m.

LUTHERAN

Post Chapel-52nd St Sunday-6:30 p. m.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Chapel 639, Sunday-6:30 p. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass, Sunday
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg-6:30 a. 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-7:00 a. m.
37th St Theater-11:00 a. m.
Chapel 115, 9 a. m.
Confirmation, Chapel 176, 11:45 a. m.

Evening Weekday Masses

Friday, Chapel 2209-7:00 p. m.
Sunday, Chapel 176-6:30 p. m.
Monday, Chapel 1156-6:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapel 176-6:30 p. m.
Wednesday, Chapel 902-6:30 p. m.

Confessions

Before every Weekday Mass.
Saturdays as follows:
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg-3-4 p. m.
Chapel 902, 50th St-4-5:30 & 6:30-9 p. m.

JEWISH

Chapel 902-50th St
Friday, orthodox-7:30 p. m.
To be followed by a Reform Service.

STOCKADE

(Protestant)-2:00 p. m.
NOTE: Watch weekly chapel bulletin on company bulletin boards for additions to schedule of Catholic masses.

131st Bn. Cops Mess Honors

The 131st Bn. at North Camp last week repeated its achievement of a week before by carrying off honors again as the best battalion mess hall in the RTC.

Headquarters officers mess again led the officer mess hall ratings, while Co. D of the 145th AST Bn. was high company mess hall in the Sixth Regt., and Co. B of the 147th AST Bn. took the plaque for company messes of the Seventh Regt.

The WAC Det. mess rated best among the TD battalion mess halls.

TD's Learn From Bombs

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antiaircraft fire, will not suffer greatly from bombing attacks.

Remember Concealment

The importance of good camouflage was amply emphasized by the speed at which the reconnaissance planes flew. Only the most glaring errors in concealment could be possibly observed by the pilot, and good camouflage will baffle the aerial camera that many such reconnaissance planes carry. During the demonstration, observes from the Tank Destroyer School who were riding one of the slow-flying bombers, had great difficulty in locating the masses of green-dressed Camp Hood personnel who were scattered along the sides of Blackwell Mountain with no attempt at concealment other than the color of their fatigue clothing. An official recently returned from the Italian front has remarked that our troops there were not taking full advantage of their supporting forces. The demonstration here at Camp Hood should have impressed on every tank destroyer soldier the kind of support that the Air Force can give TD units and how this support is easily available to meet specific situations.

The demonstration should also have proved that attack from the air is swift and concentrated, depending for the greater part of its effect on the demoralization of ground personnel. The airplane pilot, like a good poker player, seeks to bluff his opponent into revealing his weak spots before putting on the pressure.

Tank destroyers are trained to

Wedding Bells

T-4 Peter E. Keenan, clerk in the service section of the personnel office of the Officers' Candidate School Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Keenan, of Redwood City, Calif., was married recently to Miss Katherine E. Bock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bock of Waco.

The couple were married November 13, at 3 o'clock in a Roman Catholic church, in Waco, with Cpl. Joseph C. Nickolas, a cadre in the 4th Company of the OCS Regiment acting as best man, and Miss Katherine Powell, of Waco, the bridesmaid. A reception followed in the Roosevelt hotel in Waco for immediate friends, while on Sunday, November 14, a dinner was enjoyed at the home of the bride's parents.

Pvt. Bernard Rosenberg, of the 660th TD Bn., and Miss Sandy Shiller, recently arrived from Philadelphia, were married recently at the 50th street chapel. The ceremony was executed by Chaplain Levine. Corporal Theodore Cramer and Pvt. James Mullen were best men.

AMG Faced With Many Problems, Officer Writes

All efforts to secure more information on Army training for military government overseas have not produced any facts which can assist in actually getting into some phase of this work. At present, it is necessary to make routine applications through channels, officers not being affected by any quotas, and service command enlisted men being eligible for definite quotas. There is no provision for enlisted men in the TD's for these courses at this time.

Work Is Described

Some of the detailed phases of the work which one might find in military government are evident in excerpts in an article which was printed in the Princeton Alumni Weekly magazine. The article uses letters from a captain who wrote home about his activities in military government. This gives a broader picture of the plan.

"My particular job (in the Sicilian campaign) was that of planner in the military government section-known as AMG, Allied Military Government. This work entailed writing a complete

plan for the military government of Sicily from the policy, financial, fiscal, supply, property, legal medical and police points of view... This type of thing had never before been done on so large a scale by the U. S. . . .

"Today there is little that I don't know about greater Italy. On one occasion I had to work out all food and petroleum product needs for the island . . . By breaking down the daily diet of Sicilians, fitting it to the existing ration and transportation it would require I was able to arrive at a figure which feeds the people of Sicily . . .

Take Over Duties

"Civil Affairs Officers, the name of our military administration, were attached to various divisions . . . The CAO came on with the first wave (in the attack), a very tough position because they have no troops under their command and if the going gets too hot they fight alone . . . The job these officers do is to take all the civil worries from the commanding general concerned. They post proclamations establishing the military government, closing banks, control prices, kick out the Fascists, and reestablish law and order . . .

"In one town the CAO has started street cleaning on a decent scale. A former filthy place, the town is now quite charming . . . He (the CAO) has given the people the best available without running them into debt . . .

"I think our work has been a tremendous success. The people . . . have a better government with more able administration than they have known in years. The greatest handicap we had to overcome was the feeling that a golden door from heaven would open and shower them with luxuries when the Allies came. Once they realized this was not true, they started going about business as usual-which is not usual here."

Quiz Answers

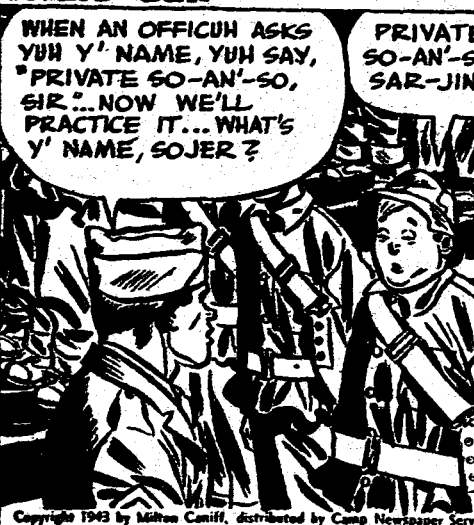
1. At least 75 percent of the information is said to have been gained from photo flights and reconnaissance.
2. One-half.
3. 36.
4. Iran.



Male Call

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

Nick In The Tool Of War





With PFC Keith Quick

Camp Hood couldn't have made a better choice when it chose Sgt. Robert Clemens, Publications Dept., TDS, to handle the microphone duties at the Joe Louis appearance here next Monday night. For almost a year, Sgt. Clemens has broadcast Camp Hood news via the air lanes on radio station KTEM in Temple, appearing every Sunday morning with a highlight picture of what goes on in this Army setup. Sgt. Clemens' work has been very commendable, and that's why we say Camp Hood made a popular and pleasing selection. Jovial Robert will do a bang-up job at the mike come Monday night, when Joe Louis and his party of ring experts step up for introduction . . . Sgt. John T. Brown, Co. A, 665th Bn., after completing a fine season with the 665th "Red Devils" football team, has lined himself up for another leather tossing job. This time, Brown is throwing leather in the boxing ring, where he just recently came out the victor in a match on the 20th TD Group's weekly fight card . . . And speaking of boxing, we'd like to see the Waco Army Air Field boxing team come over and compete against Camp Hood's mittmen in a preliminary card preceding the Joe Louis debut Monday night. The Air Field boys boast some of the best fighters in the southwest. Such pugilists as Bob Dutcher, Glenn Tilley, heavyweights; Lee Oakes, Ronnie Rongitsch, Tom Kuzma and Stan Young, all middleweights; Bill Robinson and Benny Urso, lightweights; Claire Dunmore and Ray Hickey, welters; and Jack Johnson and James Franklin, a couple of fast-stepping light heavies, dot the Waco ring roster. The Air Corps boys really go all-out for boxing, and if such an event could support next Monday night's attraction it would add great color and enthusiasm to the Brown Bomber's showing . . . With the exception of the forthcoming New Year's Day Bowl games, the football season came to a close last Saturday. It was an ugly curtain for big and powerful Notre Dame, as she bit the dust 19 to 14, at the hands of a never-give-in Great Lakes outfit, in what may well be pronounced as the greatest upset in all football history. Two guys named Steve Lach and Paul Anderson proved that 3 seconds was ample time to win a ball game, and via a 46-yd. Lach to Anderson aerial, Notre Dame's unblemished record melted away. On a closing card of 25 games, Kay Cue chalked up 22 winners, three defeats, for a willow mark of .880. We won't say it's the best in the nation, but this corner's all-season pigskin picks totaled 254 out of 300, which figures into a percentage of .847 . . . And so went the 1943 football season, exciting all the way, despite heavy handicap of WAR!

Hq., RTC "A" Squad Leads Hood Tourney

The inter-battalion basketball circuit at North Camp continues at a fast pace. Leading the loop at the present is the Hq. RTC "A" team, with five wins against no defeats.

Setting the pace for the league leaders to date in individual scoring is their stellar guard, Bud Marshall, who now owns a total of 59 points.

A new contender for top honors in the league is the 493rd M. P. quintet, which was only recently organized and entered league play. This team has two wins against no losses and has totaled 109 points against their opponents 37.

Last week's individual scoring star was, Cyganick, of the 143rd

AST Bn., with 22 points. Other leading scorers in the loop are: Provost, of Hq. RTC, B team, with 42 points; Heizman, 140th Bn., 41 points, and Ratigan, 145th AST Bn., with 39 points.

Results of other games reported are as follows:

149th ASTB, 30 146th ASTB, 21
493rd MP, 74 128th Bn., 12
129th Bn., 35 Hq. "B" RTC, 31
Hq. "A" RTC, 46 139th Bn., 29
145th ASTB, 62 147th ASTB, 31
143rd ASTB, 45 147th ASTB, 26
144th ASTB, 27 139th Bn., 21
141st Bn., 33 140th Bn., 28
Hq. "A" RTC, 52 138th Bn., 28
Hq. "B" RTC, 28 148th ASTB, 23
145th ASTB, 40 149th ASTB, 18
143rd ASTB, 50 149th ASTB, 31.

Broad Athletic Program Now Underway In 660th Battalion

An intensive athletic program is being pushed forward in the 660th Bn. as rapidly as the training schedule permits, with the eventual idea of including every man in the battalion as a participant in some form of exercise, either company or battalion.

Already more than 500 men have signified their desire to take part in some type of athletics. The big program, sponsored by Lt. Col. Fred L. Platte, commander of the 660th Bn., and under the direction of Lt. Stephen Tucker, Special Services Officer, will include basketball, soccer, softball, boxing, volleyball, track and football.

Football has attracted 122 men, despite the current nearness of the season. Almost 100 men have turned out in the five companies for basketball teams. Workouts are already in progress, both at the field house and the battalion's out door court. Over 100 men have answered the call for an inter-battalion round-robin softball tournament. 37 men have been signed up for soccer, 50

are all set to sweat the ball over the net in volleyball, and about 25 men are now trying their speed and jumping ability in track and field events.

A boxing team of five men from Co. "B" have already carried the 660th veterans into inter-battalion competition, when they participated in the first of the 26th TD Group's weekly fight cards last Thanksgiving night, a show in which the "B" men produced one win, a draw, and two losses.

The boxing program is being directed by Lts. James C. Meek and Clyde W. Whipkey, of the 660th Bn. Boxing teams are being organized in each company, and it is planned to stage inter-battalion ring tournaments within the near future.

Was Blocking Back

Jack Steele, right halfback on the TDS football team, was a great blocking back at the University of Oklahoma from 1938 to 1941, and at school he accounted for 30 consecutive successful place-kicks after touchdowns!

Four Teams Remain In BB Tourney

The Camp Hood single elimination basketball tournament, being staged at the field house, continues at a fast pace. Only four teams now remain in the running for tonight's semi-final games.

Last Monday night's games saw the 635th Bn. five eliminate the 264th FA Bn. quintet, 55 to 32; Co. D, Acad. Regt. was ousted by the fighting 656th Bn. team, 39 to 33; Co. "B" 635th Bn. nosed out the 90th MRU quint, 25 to 22; 664th Bn. won over the 166th Infantry five, 25 to 18; Student Regiment met defeat at the hands of the 635th Hq. Co. team, 30 to 28; 264th FA Bn. ousted the 20th TD Gp. team, 22 to 16, and the Acad. Regt. Hq. & Serv. Co., 667th Bn. and Acad. Regt. Co. C teams won on forfeits from 666th Co. A, 666th Co. C and 665th Bn. teams, respectively.

Tuesday night saw the winners go into the quarter-final round play, results of which were not in time for the current issue of the Panther.

Tonight, four teams will tangle at the field house in the semi-final round, after which there will be left two teams, the finalists, who will battle tomorrow night for the championship.

Consolation honors will also support Friday night's championship game, which will get underway about 8 p. m., at the Field House.

New Book Suggested

One of the new books recommended by the TDS Library, and now in circulation there is: "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," by Captain Ted Lawson.

It takes high rank among the personal narratives of air fighters so far in this war. It is, of course, a great story, and the writing is restricted by hard hitting. It gives us not only the spirit of the Army Air Forces, but the spirit of China, and it should settle in the minds of Americans that air warfare, like ground warfare, is an intense, serious, bloody business that calls for the highest type of American manhood and sacrifice.

Even more stirring than the part that deals with the Tokyo bombing, is the description of the experiences of Captain Lawson, and those of his crew who survived, in reaching a safe place in China in the face of the advancing Japanese.

Sports Program Now Underway In FA Battalion In Hood

The 264th Field Artillery Bn., Camp Hood's newest arrival, introduced its sports program last week by conducting a single elimination touch football tourney. Battery "C's" "Reds" capped top honors by ousting the Service Battery aggregation, 18 to 6, Headquarters Btry., 13 to 6, Battery A, 19 to 0, and Battery "B", 7 to 6.

With the conclusion of football, the various teams in the 264th are looking forward to basketball tournaments, several teams already having entered the Brigade tournament and the camp single elimination tourney.

Hq. Co., UTC Seeks Basketball Games Now

The Hqs. Co., UTC, basketballers have issued a challenge to all basketball teams in desire of fast competition.

Although the UTC quintet is still on the untried list, they feel that keen competition will take care of their becoming one of the best teams in camp. Teams interested in a game with the UTC five may contact M-Sgt. Fiala, phone 602.

106th Cav. Eleven Plays TDS In Major Hood Tilt Tonight

TDS vs 106th Cavalry! Tonight, at Killeen Field, 7:45 p. m., the two top-notch football teams of Camp Hood will lock horns in what may well be pronounced as "The Game," for the two powerful elevens will be slamming at one another for the 1943 pigskin title of Camp Hood. Tonight's clash will mark the second meeting this season between the two potential grid champs. In their first encounter, more than two weeks ago, neither team could best the other and the game ended in a draw, 6 to 6.

The TDS team appears to be the stronger, having rolled over every team in camp except the opponent they battle tonight. Only last week, the TDS power was exhibited when they run roughshod over the 166th Infantry gridders, 34 to 0. It is a well-established fact that TDS has always produced about the best athletic material and teams in the history of Camp Hood, and they'll be out there tonight to uphold their long string of athletic achievements. Already they own the 1943 baseball title of this Army setup, and to grab the football crown tonight would add much to their domination of camp sports events.

Plenty Of Opposition

However, the Scholars must expect to meet bitter resistance from the Cavalrymen tonight, as they too, will be out there gunning for camp football honors. In Stevens, the Cavalrymen have one of the best punters in camp, and their line is on par with any eleven they have battled this year.

Fans may expect much from Dick Williams, John Scroggins and Lloyd Horton, of the TDS backfield, for these boys have been piercing enemy lines all season. All are excellent field generals and play the 60-minute brand of football.

Expect Large Crowd

One of the largest crowds ever to witness a football game in this vicinity is expected to be on hand tonight. A band, plus cheer leaders and rooters from both teams organizations will be there backing their team to the limit.

Who'll win the football championship of Camp Hood? This is the "game of the year"—so be there!

Remember, the kickoff is 7:45 p. m.—Tonight, Killeen Field!

635th Bn. Five Bests Its Co. C Team, 51-23;

The Co. C, 635th Bn., basketball team came in on the short end of a 51 to 23 score in a game against the regular 635th Bn. five last week, while the Co. B, 635th Bn., quintet ousted the Hq. Co., 666th Bn. team in a fast game, 64 to 14. Both games were a part of the current camp single elimination tournament being run off at the field house.

Co. A, 635th Team Out

The Headquarters Co., 635th Bn., basketball team defeated the Co. A, 635th Bn., quintet 42 to 19, in a game played last week at the field house. The game, a contest involving both teams in the single elimination tournament, eliminated the Co. A five from the championship race.

140th Bn. Basketball Team Routs 145th AST Men In NC League Game

Led by the sharp-shooting of forward Heizman, who threw in 14 points, the 140th Bn., RTC, basketball team scored a rousing 33 to 32 win over the 145th AST Bn. quintet in last Friday night's feature basketball game at North Camp.

Trailing by a score of 16 to 10 at halftime, the 140th five with Heizman, Goldberg and Smith as spearheads, came back to produce the necessary points for the narrow-margin victory.

Ratigan, 145th's center, collected 15 points to lead his mates scoring onslaught.

Gatesville Football Game Tonight Should Draw Large Hood Crowd

The Gatesville High school football team, undefeated in district play this season, will play host to the Corsicana State Home eleven tonight at 7:45 p. m. in Gatesville.

The game, a bi-district encounter, will determine who is to meet the Taylor Ducks for Regional honors a week hence.

Tonight's game is expected to draw several thousand fans.

656th Basketball Team Wins 45-34

The 656th Bn. basketball team defeated the 666th Bn. quintet, 45 to 34, in a game played last week.

The 656th aggregation has won six games thus far this season, defeating the 801st, 603rd, Tng. Brigade, 666th, 667th and the 666th officers' five. The team has suffered one setback, that at the hands of the 635th Bn. in a close one, 31 to 29.

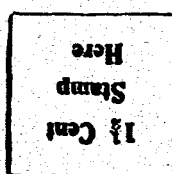
Sports, Entertainment Planned In 133rd Bn.

A full sports and entertainment season appears to be in store for Co. C, 133rd Bn., TDRSG. This one company has formed a gloe club which rehearses almost daily for its first social shortly.

On the athletic side Coach Albert Adams of the company basketball team, who is carrying on since the discharge of Pvt. Art O'Brien, an Olympic champion, reports that the players are getting ready to go.

The company basketball team is proving fast and accurate on the floor, reports say.

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