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**RECORD TO END RECORDS**—Although the entire 671st Bn. shared in breaking the camp records for proficiency gun firing, top honors went to the men of the Second Platoon of Co. "C" who raise the broom showing their clean sweep. Left to right, bottom row: S-Sgt. H. Marchinkowski, Sgt. A. Pecchenino, Pwc. V. Hubbard, T-5 R. R. Davis, Pfc. W. McGary, Pvt. J. McCall, 2nd Lt. D. Shambau; second row: Sgt. L. DeSena, Sgt. L. Poto, T-5 Watson, T-5 J. Bell, T-5 E. Bedaw, T-5 B. Heltzel; third row: Cpl. T. Proctor, T-5 Anderson, T-5 F. Renjevich, Pvt. J. Levendoski, Pvt. J. Hayes; fourth row: Pfc. C. Hoffman, Pvt. T. Minot, Pvt. T. Wiseman, and Pfc. R. Hudson. (See story right; additional picture page three).

## "Thanks Loads" In NC Rec Hall

Packed with pretty girls, lots of popular music, and fast moving skits, the new USO-Camp Show Victory Unit, "Thanks Loads," will be in the Field House at the South Camp Friday, Saturday and Monday.

## Gen. Hester Urges Pride In TD Arms

Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, urged graduates of the 50th Officer Candidate class Friday to use their knowledge to help make the Tank Destroyer force "one that will instill fear in the hearts of the enemy and pride in our troops."

Speaking before an audience of about 600, at the 24th Street camp theater, he declared: "You have learned here what to do and by virtue of your studies you have learned how. With your commissions will go a very important assignment, a very important duty—that of leading."

"And, men, there is nothing more important in the world than to lead men properly. You will be responsible for the men under you."

Of the soldiers of this war, General Hester said, "These men are the finest in the world. They are entitled to the best in leadership, and it is up to you to give them that leadership."

Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, presented commissions to the 72 members of the class.

## Lt. Col. V. Smith Now Commands 668th Bn.

Lt. Col. Vivian D. Smith took command of the 668th Bn. from Lt. Col. Everett Lewy who has been assigned to the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill, Okla.

In a ceremony at the Hood Road Theater Col. Smith addressed the men in the battalion, acknowledging his pleasure on being with the 668th Bn. The men responded with a welcome to Col. Smith, who has worked on and tested new tank destroyer for the TD Board.

day at 8 o'clock. The show plays North Camp in the central rec hall tonight.

The entertainment is a blend of songs and comedy routines, built into a smart revue.

Hardeen and Co. magicians take top billing on the show, Hardeen being the brother of the world famous magician, Houdini. Like his noted brother, Hardeen is a tricky escape artist, defying handcuffs, straight jackets, packing cases, and all sorts of locks. And to complete their act the company has a complete stock of sleight-of-hand tricks.

With a slap-stick routine that has been getting laughs all over the country, Professor Brilliant holds down the comedy side of the show.

Another comedy team is Faye and Mason who work along with the magicians, in addition to taking their own spot. This act runs through the whole show with Miss Mason doing the Mistress of ceremonies role.

Pretty Alice Tyrrell is just as worthwhile seeing as listening to her music.

Musical director and pianist for the show is Milton Sherman.

North Camp show will begin at 8 p. m. in the 12th St. Rec Hall at Park and 12th St. The show will pull curtains in the Field House in South Camp at 8:30 p. m.

## New CO For RTC Named At North Camp

Col. Christian Hilderbrand, executive officer of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood, has assumed command of the RTC.

Brig. Gen. Walter A. Dumas, who commanded the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center since Nov. 12, 1942, has received another assignment.

Colonel Hilderbrand was a member of the board which set up the RTC and was its executive officer for a brief period before General Dumas assumed charge.

## 662nd Units Cited For UTC Problem

Maj. Robert E. Mitchell, Commanding Officer of the 662nd T.D. Bn., presented the two Reconnaissance Platoons of Headquarters Company with their Battle Pennants and commended them on the exceptionally fine record they have established throughout their last fourteen UTC problems.

These banners represent the high achievement in the field of reconnaissance work and bear the shield of their Battalion with the emblem of Headquarters Company in its center.

This group of men has completed the UTC small unit problems with one of the highest records ever made by any group going through this training. The grades made on the fourteen UTC problems just completed are as follows: two superiors, nine excellent, and three very satisfactory.

These problems were under the guidance of Lt. Bill Rinkle, Reconnaissance Officer for the 662nd and Lts. Jerome J. Sacks and Lee A. Kincaid, platoon leaders of the first and second reconnaissance platoons respectively.

## Symphony To Play Tonight

Prepared to furnish an evening's entertainment for ears and the eyes, Bohumir Kryl will lead his Women's Symphony Orchestra in a concert at 8 o'clock in the Field House tonight and at the same time in the North Camp tomorrow.

This is a unique orchestra, not only with excellent musicians and brilliant soloists, but with more than a good measure of good-looking girls.

The program for tonight and tomorrow will include: Overture To "The Bartered Bride" by Smetana; "Rondo Capriccioso" for violin and Orchestra by Saint-Saens; Symphony No. 5 by Beethoven; "Scheherazade," by Rimsky-Korsakov; Legende for Harp and Orchestra by Thome; "Tales from the Vienna Woods" by Strauss; the "Cara Nome" aria from Verdi's "Rigoletto"; and the Prelude to the "Mastersingers" by Wagner.

## 671st Bn. Gun Crews Shatter Proficiency Records For Firing

Flying a broom stick at the mast head of his jeep signified to everyone that Col. Allerton Cushman's 671 Battalion again had made a clean sweep—another victory gained—another record had been broken—this time the Proficiency Test for Destroyer Gun Crews.

Last Sunday "German armor" received its heaviest set-back in the history of Camp Hood. Yes, a clean sweep had really been made, for out of the 180 rounds fired that day 150 of them had found their Marks (III's, IV's, and VI's) virtually wiping out the opposing "German force."

This isn't the first record to be broken here at Camp Hood, nor the first record broken by the 671 TD Bn., yet it is significant in that the record, previous to last Sunday, had just been broken two weeks ago. The old record of 88.9 points out of a possible 120 points was held by the 670 Bn. The present record, held by the 671 Bn. is 100 out of the possible 120 points. Both battalions belong to the 23rd Group commanded by Col. A. J. Chrystal.

Co. "C" was high in the 671st Bn. with 105 points. Lt. Shambau's platoon firing 110, Lt. Schiebor's platoon 105, and Lt. Bruce's platoon 100. "A" Company was next with an average of 100 points. Lt. Griechens platoon firing 100, Lt. Grime's platoon 85, and Lt. Hendricks platoon firing 105. "B" Company's average was 95. Lt. Booth's platoon fired 110, Lt. Parravanis platoon 95, and Lt. Griffith's platoon fired 80.

### Top Performance

Typical of the performance of the gunners in breaking the record was that of Private Joseph C. Cihonski of "A" Company.

Three times in less than sixty seconds the destroyer in which Cihonski was the gunner fired and each time a hit was scored. The number of hits is not unusual, but Cihonski set a record of his own because his target was the turret of an overwatching Mark VI in hull defilade; only three feet by five feet at 1200 yards, yet every round of the three fired went home.

Most gunners would be satisfied at hitting this tank once, but Cihonski was selected as gunner on Number One Gun, and he had to prove worthy of the assignment. By now Cihonski's position in his platoon is secure.

### Destroyers New To Outfit

The 671st Bn. received the first of their thirty-six new destroyers only thirteen days previous to the firing of the test; twenty-one out of the thirty-six gun crews fired perfect scores—a record within a record. This was the first time that a battalion had received an excellent rating for this firing; and every gun crew actually fired from their own destroyers.

The gun commanders whose crews fired perfect scores are For Co. "A" Cpls Welton, Martindale, Hodges, Hrasch, O'Quin, and Szarka. For Co. "B" Sgts. Adkins, Fridy, and Gazzana; Cpls. Floyd, Layton, Bosler, Mullikan, and Meccia. From Co. "C" Sgts. Gutshall, Poto, and De Sena; Cpl. Niceswanger, Proctor, Dilts, and Patterson.

### Men Worked Smoothly

Lt. Col. Cushman, commander of the Battalion, remarked at the ease with which the various platoons moved from the assembly area into well camouflaged firing positions. He commented on the coolness of the platoon leaders as their voices guided their crews at all times during the engagement. Commands were given and executed with a deadly precision that was rewarded by the fine results that were obtained as shot after shot penetrated the simulated Nazi tanks. Radio voice procedure was spotless, in fact the performance that day set a terrific record.

Each man regards his destroyer as his ship, and nautical terms fly thick at all times causing many Brooklynites to become homesick for their famous Navy Yard. The Golden Anchor is the sign of the 671 TD Battalion.

## Farewell Dinner For Col. Crane, Commander, 20th Gp.

Following a dinner of southern fried chicken, Col. Douglas L. Crane took leave of the officers and men of the 20th Gp. Hq. Col. Crane, who commanded the group, was paid a tribute by those present.

entertainment was furnished by Pvt. Clifford Powell, entertainment director for the group, PFC Arthur Mee, D., Pvt. Charles Martin, 660th Bn., Cpl. Heinbach, 660th Bn., and Cpl. Joe Biccio, 667th Bn.

## Permanent United Nations Discussion Group Topic Tuesday

Camp Hood Soldiers, WAC's and civilian workers will meet in the 37th St. Service Club room Tuesday night at 8:30 to discuss "United Nations Now, Why Not Always?"

The subject is a continuation of the discussion held last Tuesday night which has been deemed particularly appropriate due to the developing international situation.

All interested persons have been invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.



**TD-BLASTED ITALIAN TANKS**—These Italian light medium tanks were targets for TD's with Co. B, 801st TD Bn. in the battles near El Guettar during the early fighting of the Tunisian campaign. Maj. Gilbert Ellmann, 2nd Tng. Gp. who took the picture, was company commander of the outfit which hit the tank in the foreground center of mass with one 75 mm AP, decapitating the driver. A 75 mm HE tore the twin-mounted machine guns off the right sponson. The tank in the background was also hit by an HE and an AP. The terrain is the same type as described in Capt. Ralph Ingersoll's Book about Tunisia, "The Battle Is The Payoff."

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## First Group Of ASTP Grads Get Varied Jobs In Army

What happens to men who finish college courses in ASTP units? This question, which has resulted in letters requesting this information from the Panther, is answered in a new series of pamphlets, Army Specialized Training Bulletins, which are prepared by the AST division in Washington. Although not an official directive, the army bulletin gives authoritative, informal information about the program.

More than 1,000 men have graduated from ASTP. With few exceptions, they have received varied and interesting assignments. Most of these men represent soldiers who went into advanced levels of courses at the start of the program.

Now that ASTP strength is about realized, there will be an increasing number of soldiers who will finish ASTP each month.

### Get Specific Tasks

Graduates have been assigned to tasks in all arms and services performing either specified jobs or meeting unforeseen demands for technical skills. A survey of a sample group of graduates indicates that ASTP has justified its purpose in filling the needs of the Army.

Of several hundred men finishing the psychology course, 200 went to Air Forces psychological examining units as back sergeants. They process aviation students at basic training centers. More than 100 others are with the ASF as-

signed to units making a classification survey of the entire Army Service Forces. A number of these men went to OCS.

### Go To Engineers

A small group who were in Marine Transportation went to OCS. Some who completed work in Sanitary Engineering are now in the Corps of Engineers OCS.

There are many soldiers who, on the completion of one course, are put in another allied field or in an advanced course.

The upper 50 per cent of a class completing a course for special advanced technicians will be enrolled in another course after which they will go to the Medical administrative OCS. The balance of the men in this group will go to the Engineers with good chances for OCS later.

Because of its experience with ASTP men, the Sanitary Corps through the Surgeon General's Office is requesting a much higher percentage of graduates than before.

Part of the class of basic engineers have been sent to the Air Forces and the Army Ground Forces.

### Many Overseas

Although part of the Army's linguistic requirements have been filled from soldiers who have finished advanced language and area courses, this curricula will be turning out more men after the first of the year. Any arm or services can use these men. Many ASTP graduates are being given jobs overseas at present, and it appears this process will continue, especially in the language field.

While a number of the graduates have gone to OCS, ASTP is no sure road to a commission. The winning of a commission depends on the individual soldier, his ability, and the available openings in OC schools. Non-com ratings are affected by the same conditions.

Specialized training has justified itself to the Army; and successful graduates of the courses are obviously eligible for advancement.

## Help Of Hood Men Asked In Recruiting WAC's

The number of WACs at Camp Hood, and at other camps in the nation, is daily increasing. The women of America, in the Army, are being rushed from basic training, from administrative and motor corps and cooks and bakers school direct to the field to work.

They have proved they can fulfill the purpose for which they were intended. But more and more WACs are needed, and the War Department wants the men of the Army to help procure them.

The urgent need for women in the Army grows tremendously every day as more and more men are sent overseas to whip the Axis on the fighting fronts of the world.

Women are no longer needed to replace men who will be sent over. They are in great demand to replace the men who have already gone.

A streamlined Army—the American Army of today—organized to win World War II, and win it in a hurry—necessitates the co-operation of every man and woman in the country.

Hundreds of women who could enlist in the WAC or another women's service have not done so—perhaps because they failed to understand, as the men at Camp Hood do, that there's a job to be

done and somebody's got to do it. You, as soldiers at Camp Hood, have seen WACs at work. They have placed telephone calls for you, processed your service record, figured your pay and paid you, sorted your mail. They are filling more than a hundred different positions at this and other camps.

And every job in the Army is important because every job has to be done.

The War Department is asking you, TD's, DEML's, QM's—every man here—to tell your cousin, sister, sweetheart, wife, what she can do to help get this war over sooner.

When you go home on furlough, when you write, let them know they're needed. The big push is ahead, and you must have their help.

It's up to you!

Fill in a name below of a friend or relative who would be eligible to join the WAC's. Mail this coupon to Post Hq. thru message center.

Name .....  
St. No. ....  
City & State .....

## Discharged GI's Requested To Give Uniforms To Army

With an honorable discharge in his pocket, or framed above his bed, and the knowledge that he served his country faithfully and well; there is still something that GI Joe can do to carry the fight to the enemy.

Despite the Army's strict conservation and reclamation program, which finds a use for every piece of clothing and equipment, whether worn out through "fair wear and tear," or just in need of repair, the clothing supply situation is critical.

Every soldier discharged honorably from the service is permitted to retain in his possession certain articles of clothing including coat, trousers and shoes, and with each discharge supplies are dwindling. With materials scarce the government is sending out a request to these men.

Joe knows better than most, how important that GI clothing is to a guy—he knows that each soldier moving overseas must have ample clothing which will be guaranteed to wear at least six months—so he will understand best, Uncle Sam's request to return the uniform he wore when he was handed that honorable discharge. He will see that uniform, not tucked away in moth balls, but out on some battle

front on some other GI who is carrying on the fight.

The army is asking soldiers who were honorably discharged, to contribute the articles of clothing which might be used, to the nearest Army installation, or to ship them by railway express. If under 30 pounds the parcel may be shipped collect. Such clothing as is returned will be re-issued at once, if in a serviceable condition; otherwise it will be salvaged and repaired, then re-issued.

### Liaison Squadron Operates With TD's

The 47th Liaison Squadron operates the airport located just a mile from the TD School area. From its home base at the Temple Airport, a new flight comes to Camp Hood every week, to participate in the battle problems of the TD units. Reconnaissance and communications are the missions of these flights in the week they operate here.

### Son Is Born

Lieutenant Floyd M. Goslow, 672nd Bn., and Mrs. Goslow, have announced the birth of a son Dec. 2.



**162nd & 37th Street Theater**  
Fri.—Banjo on My Knee.  
Sat.—Women in Bondage.  
Sun.—Mon.—Happy Land.  
Tues.—The Falcon and the Coed and Smart Guy.  
Wed.—Thurs.—Government Girl.  
Fri.—Minesweeper.  
**Hood Rd. and 24th Street**  
Fri.—The North Star.  
Sat.—The Falcon and the Coed and Smart Guy.  
Sun.—Mon.—The Heats On.  
Tues.—Banjo on My Knee.  
Wed.—Women in Bondage.  
Thurs.—Fri.—Happy Land.  
**Brigade Ave.**  
Thurs.—Fri.—There's Something About a Soldier.  
Sat.—Sun.—The North Star.  
Mon.—The Falcon and Coed and Smart Guy.  
Tues.—Wed.—The Heats On.  
Thurs.—Banjo on My Knee.  
Fri.—Women in Bondage.  
**72nd Street**  
Fri.—Sat.—The Heats On.  
Sun.—Banjo on My Knee.  
Mon.—Women in Bondage.  
Tues.—Wed.—Happy Land.  
Thurs.—The Falcon and Coed and Smart Guy.  
Fri.—Sat.—Government Girl.  
**Avenue D and 24th St. North Camp**

Fri.—Gateway to Tomorrow.  
Sat.—Yankee Doodle Dandy.  
Sun.—Mon.—His Butler's Sister.  
Tues.—Hands Across the Border.  
Wed.—Thurs.—The North Star.  
Fri.—Sat.—There's Something About a Soldier.  
**15th and 14th Street**  
Fri.—Sat.—Whistling in Brooklyn.  
Sun.—Mon.—There's Something About a Soldier.  
Tues.—Wed.—His Butler's Sister.  
Thurs.—Hands Across the Border.  
Fri.—Sat.—The North Star.  
**4th and 10th St.**  
Fri.—His Butler's Sister.  
Sat.—Hands Across the Border.  
Sun.—Mon.—Whistling in Brooklyn.  
Tues.—Wed.—There's Something About a Soldier.  
Thurs.—Fri.—The Heats On.  
**37th St. Service Club**  
Thursday, Dec. 9: Social Dance, 8:30 p. m.  
Friday, Gift wrapping free for servicemen.  
Saturday, Variety Night.  
Sunday, formal open house with girls from Ft. Worth.  
Monday, Art Club Meeting; Bingo with prizes.  
Tuesday, Christmas Carols with Mrs. Benedict; French Class, 7:30 p. m. Club Room.  
Thursday, Weekly Social Dance.

**ATTENTION! ACTORS**—Post Special Service Office is anxious to contact men who want to act, those who have had no experience or who have had theatrical experience. Amateur theatricals in college high schools or churches, vaudeville, summer stock, burlesque, revues comedies, musical comedies, classics, Shaw, Shakespeare, Theater Guild, Pasadena Playhouse etc, floor shows in Ocean liners night clubs.

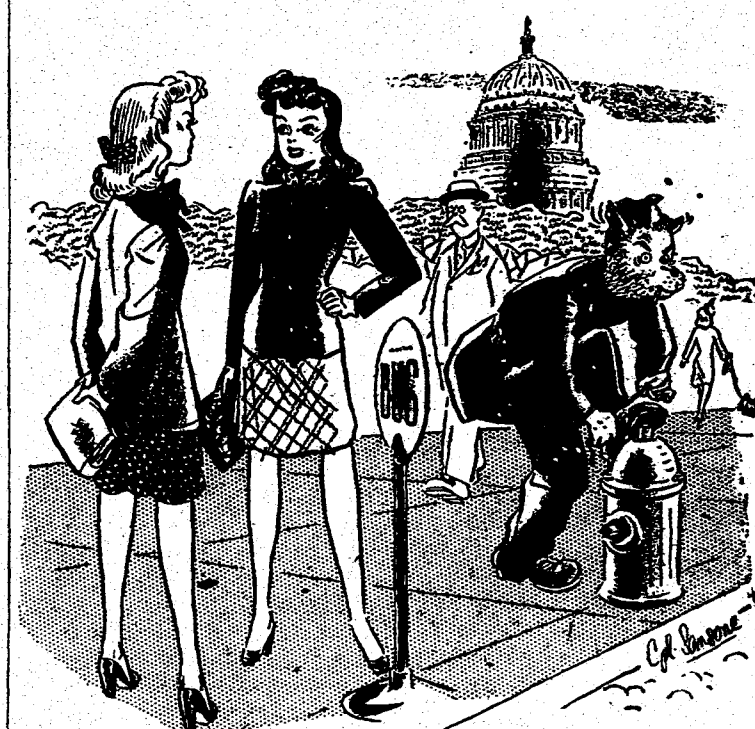
Persons interested contact Lt. Dick Hepburn at Special Service (opposite Post Hq. on Hq Avenue) or phone him 729, 2388; or see him at the Field House (tel 2385) opposite Central Bus Depot, or write him% Special Service, or leave your name and organization with hostess of the Service Clubs.

### Officer's Photos On TDS Assignment Board

The large roster of officers and enlisted personnel in the Weapons Department, TDS has caused a novel expedient to be put into use in the office. On a large board is the picture of every officer assigned to the department. Their likenesses and names are placed there to familiarize the enlisted men with all the officers of this department, and this has proven to be a great help in the time-saving phase of departmental work.

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## Field Commanders Like TD's Reports From Fronts Show

By LT. L. R. BARNHILL

The regard that field commanders have shown for tank destroyer units on the fighting fronts is reflected in a recent report of reorganization of the army's ground combat and supporting service units.

The report says in substance that the present need to conserve manpower makes it impossible to grant division commanders' desires for the full-time use of tank destroyer units.

This desire by higher commanders for attached tank destroyer battalions stems from the outstanding record scored by the TD's in every action in which they have participated to date in Africa, Sicily, and now Italy.

The first battalions to enter the African action were so sought after by French, British, and American commanders that it was no unusual circumstance for a tank destroyer unit to be sent from French to British and back to French control all in one day.

They moved up and down the Tunisian front so rapidly that the Germans began calling them the "American tourists." They had to move fast. There were only a few of them to answer the many calls for their help.

### Used Huge Trailers

The British thought so much of their tremendous striking power that they detailed huge tank-

carrying trailers to rush them from Maknassey in Central Tunisia to Bizerte at the northern corner of the country for the final push against the Germans.

The fighting tank destroyers performed all types of missions in Africa and they are doing it again in Italy. Their primary purpose is to destroy tanks. That's true, but when enemy tanks are now within striking range the tank destroyers are not idle.

They are used to supplement artillery in the assault, in support of infantry, and in attacks on strong points.

The French even called upon them in Africa to take Gafsa and Sbeitla, two towns held by the Germans. This the tank destroyers did, and then hurried off to perform other fire missions for the British.

Now comes the first news reports of the exploits of the tank destroyer units of the Fifth Army in Italy, in which 102 M10's were thrown in the battle to bolster the threatened beachhead at Salerno.

### Have Earned Spot

All of these battles, in Africa, in Sicily, and in Italy, have shown beyond doubt that the tank destroyers have earned a permanent place in military organizations. They are now, and will be in the future, used as effective self-propelled artillery units when a tank threat is not imminent.

Under the most recent reorganization of corps headquarters and organic troops, tank destroyer battalions are placed in pools for attachment to corps as needed to meet specific situations. Tank destroyers thus will not be spread throughout the army at all points where divisions are in action, but will be assigned to theaters in which they can be used to best advantage.

The reorganization emphasizes pooling of units. This is a step toward increasing the flexibility of the armed forces. With pools to draw from, the commanders who plan actions can organize balanced task forces to meet any demand.

The report says in part:

"While division commanders naturally desire defensive means such as organic tank destroyers to meet all situations, such provisions are considered impracticable from the standpoint of economy.

"A pool of tank destroyer units is provided under control of Army or corps sufficient to reinforce threatened points. For example, the infantry has organic anti-tank guns, and the pool of tank destroyer units provided affords a powerful reserve to meet a massed tank attack."



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**CALLED "BEST GUNNER"**—Pvt. Joseph C. Cihonski, center in photo, is shown being congratulated by Lt. Norman Griechen while Sgt. Frank Hof points to the pierced target which marked a new record set for proficiency firing by Pvt. Cihonski, "best gunner" and the entire 671st Bn.

## Nor Man Nor Planes Keep Her From WAC

"I'm going back to the Army routine..." run the words to a popular song. They proved prophetic to the last detail for one WAC in the RTC.

In mid-August when the WAAC was about to become the WAC, T-4 Mary Margaret Harris of Fort Worth was an office worker in RTC Headquarters. She was discharged from the WAAC and did not join the WAC, in order to be with her husband, whose duties with the Air Corps had made a reunion possible.

Early in November Mrs. Harris became Pvt. Harris of the Women's Army Corps. She found herself back at the same desk in RTC Headquarters, again with three stripes.

## Officers Now Dads In Fourth Regiment

Two 4th Regt. officers at North Camp are receiving the congratulations due new fathers.

A son, Daniel T. Workizer, Jr., was born to Maj. Daniel T. Workizer and Mrs. Workizer recently.

Another headquarters officer, Lt. Chester I. Johnson, is the father of a daughter, Shirley Jean, born Nov. 23 at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**FAREWELL DINNER**—Col. James A. Murphey, camp supply and service officer, who was transferred this week to Camp Barkeley, Texas, was honored recently with a farewell banquet attended by Army Service Forces officers and visitors. A veteran of 17 years as an infantry officer and 11 years in supply with the quartermaster branch, Col. Murphey has been connected with camp service and supplies since his arrival in March, 1942. He will be succeeded by Lt. Col. A. Tabachnik, formerly camp personnel officer. From left to right, Col. C. M. Thirkeld, Camp Commander, Col. Murphey, Col. Donald R. Dunkle, executive officer of North Camp Hood, and Col. Tabachnik.

## Conservation Aim Of Army Programs

Meatless Tuesday — butterless Wednesday—milk and sugar rationed—yes, housewives, feeding the family is a tough proposition right now, isn't it?

But pity the poor Army mess sergeant; he has hundreds of mouths to feed three times a day—and must conform to all ration regulations, too!

The Army insists its mess sergeants must see to it that the fighting men are fed well on good, wholesome, nourishing food, in sufficient quantities to keep them at the peak of physical fitness. It likewise insists that mess officials must conform to rationing policies, and therefore Camp Hood has set up a point "checking account" with a Temple bank, on which it draws checks for the requisite number of points needed for per capita feeding over a two months period.

### Menus From Washington

Master menus are prepared in Washington and sent to the headquarters of the various service commands for distribution to installations within the commands. Mess officers and sergeants must conform to these menus, from a dietary standpoint, but are authorized to make substitutions from local products whenever necessary.

In the meantime, new emphasis has been placed on the prevention

of waste of foods in mess halls.

Sufficient quantities of palatable foods are prepared to assure that each soldier will be well fed, but the soldiers are urged to "clean their plates". Kitchen police-men are placed on guard over waste receptacles in each mess hall to watch for carelessness, and offenders are warned. In cases of repeated offenses, disciplinary action is taken by the mess officials.

This is all a part of the Army's continuing program of conservation, which already has resulted in the saving of millions of dollars. Tons of munitions have been made from waste fats, and valuable fertilizers have been made from bones.

### Paper Is Saved

An intensive program for salvaging waste paper has begun. With the shortage of paper becoming critical, a campaign is underway to acquaint the soldier with the need for conservation of this vital material.

Soldiers have become particularly interested in the paper salvage program since learning that chlorine, used to bleach paper, is an ingredient of war chemicals. They have been taught that with Allied successes growing in number, the danger of Axis use of deadly gases increases in probability.

Army paper work" has been reduced to a minimum in line with conservation policies, but soldiers still save their old newspapers, package wrappings, etc., in a sincere effort to serve their country beyond the line of duty.

## Louisiana Primary Election Absentee Ballots Available

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Primary elections for the State of Louisiana will be held Jan. 18 and Feb. 29. All servicemen whose voting residence is in Louisiana and who wish to vote in these elections should request absentee ballot application post cards from orderly rooms. If unavailable these ballots may be secured by request from the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, La. Free mail privilege may be used. See War Department Circular No. 304, dated Nov. 23 for further details.

## Red Cross Moves

The American Red Cross office has been moved to a new location. Its new quarters are directly south of Hood Road Theater.

## Civilians To Be Decorated

Wednesday, December 8, marked a red letter day in the lives of civilian employees of the War Department on duty at military installations throughout the United States, when, in accordance with War Department orders, camp commanders presented newly authorized decorations for outstanding service to all such employees who have completed at least six months' service prior to November 1, 1943.

Col. Charles M. Thirkeld, camp commander, presented awards to approximately 924 civilians in exercises to be held at 4 p. m. at the Hood Road Theater. Mrs. Mildred Horn of the camp personnel made the address of acceptance.

Approximately 161 War Department employees at North Camp Hood honored with the emblems during a program at 1 p. m. at the War Department Avenue D Theater. Col. Donald R. Dunkle, executive officer of North Camp Hood, presented the awards and Mrs. Florence Lovell of the post engineer's office responded.

## Wins RCT Mess Award Again

For the third week in a row the 131st TD Bn., carried off the honors for the best battalion mess hall in the North Camp Hood Replacement Training Center last week.

The WAC Det. mess kept up its high standards by again annexing the plaque for the best TD company mess. Honors for the best officers' mess went to the Sixth Regt. and in the AST regiments Co. D of the 145th Bn. was rated best in the Sixth Regt. and Co. B of the 147th Bn. best mess hall in the Seventh Regt.

## 522nd Ord. Co. CO

1st. Lt. Stuart N. Davidson is the new commanding officer of the 522nd Ord. Co., 310th Ord. Bn. Lt. Davidson has been with the organization since its activation last January.

## 2nd Cousins Meet As Both Get Gold Bars

Two candidates of the 50th TD OCS Class met for the first time in this class, only to learn that they are cousins. On the first day he reported to TDS, Candidate Clarence H. Manly, spelled M-a-n-l-y, was informed that another Manly was registered in this class, who likewise spelled his name peculiarly without the "e," just M-a-n-l-y. They were introduced, and in five minutes traced their families to the juncture that makes them second cousins.

Clarence H. Manly, a second lieutenant since Friday, one of three sons, had attended the University of Georgia, where he was in the ROTC. Lt. John B. Manly, also one of three sons, was a graduate of Clemson, where he too was a member of the ROTC. Both twenty-one, they were born just twenty miles apart, near Augusta, Ga. Neither had ever heard of the other's existence until they met that first day at the TDS.

# The Hood Panther

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## An Informed Army

As an Army camp newspaper we were interested in a statement made recently by Brig. Gen. G. L. Van Deusen, Commanding General, Eastern Signal Corps Training Center, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey:

"I am gratified to see the interest taken in the discussion of current events as part of our training program. We are now engaged in the greatest war of modern history. It is only proper that we should follow keenly what is happening, not only the military operations, but also the political, economic and social development which so vast a conflict entails . . .

"The free discussion of current events under such conditions will go far toward removing those prejudices and inhibitions which obstruct the full realization of the advantages inherent in our form of government."

Here in Camp Hood, during our months of training, we have had every opportunity to know what's going on throughout the world in this chaotic period of change. Daily news bulletins have been read to the men in many organizations, and an up-to-the-minute news summary of world news has been published in some units. In addition, orientation lectures and current events talks have been presented throughout camp. A newspaper, containing pictures from the war front and explanatory maps, is distributed throughout the Army by the Special Service Division, ASF. All this is official army encouragement to men in the service to know what's going on in the world, why it's happening and what effect it may have on our life after the war as well as on the outcome of the war itself.

In addition to all these things there are many opportunities provided for us to do a little research on our own. Each service club in camp has a library stocked with an eye out for books significant on problems of the war and the post-war period, and every librarian is anxious to help in any research you may care to undertake. In our Post Exchanges, and in most dayrooms, you will find the latest news magazines which relate and analyze world happenings of all kinds.

It is gratifying to note that the fastest selling magazines in the PX's are not love story magazines of some sort, but the news magazines.

We are trying to do our part. For the busy trainee who may not have time to get to the libraries, purchase newspapers or magazines, The Panther carries a "Headline Review" each week in which news of significance to the serviceman is summarized.

Each week a servicemen's discussion group meets at the 37th St. Service Club at which time soldiers, WAC's and civilian employees meet to discuss "War Aims and Postwar Problems."

If you don't know why you're here it certainly isn't the Army's fault.

### THEY'RE CALLED MPs.

I'm sure that you have seen him,  
He's a chap like you or me,  
And with a job that is no cinch.  
You call him—MP.

His duties change from time to time,  
He never asks why,  
One day he spends watching cars,  
The next, chasing some guy.

Some guy that forgot why he was here.  
He's taken it on the run,  
But the MP will bring him back,  
The way he's always done.

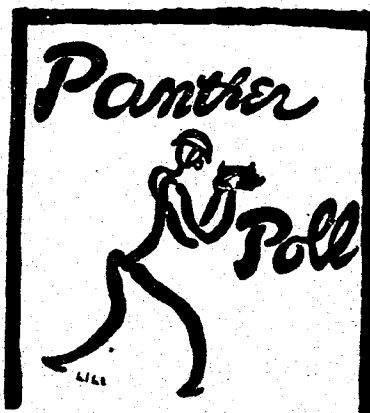
These MPs don't feel too keen  
On ordering soldiers about.  
But it's something that must be done,  
And they're carrying it out.

Before this war, they too were chaps  
Who had the world on a string,  
Until Hitler came along,  
And spoiled the whole darn thing.

You'll find them out all hours,  
No matter what the clime.  
For them, there is no such thing  
That EMs call spare time.

So when you see that arm band again,  
No matter where it'll be,  
Remember he's all for you, pal.  
Best of luck to you (MP).

—Pvt. Irwin B. Birnbaum  
Hq. TDC.



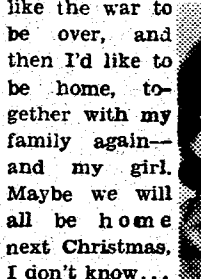
This week's poll question has an easy answer, but to make sure, we'll ask the same question in two weeks:

**WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THIS CHRISTMAS?**

Pfc. Eugene Lacey, Co. B, Trk. Bn.: "I'd like the war to be over, and then I could be home, all of us could be home again, and the world would be at peace so it would really be like Christmas, the way it ought to be. Peace on Earth, good will toward men."



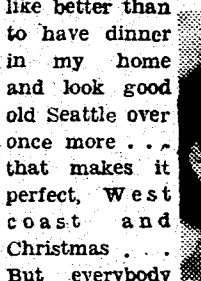
Pfc. Fred Macaluso, Co. C, 665th Bn.: "Home . . . I mean I'd like the war to be over, and then I'd like to be home, together with my family again—and my girl. Maybe we will all be home next Christmas. I don't know . . . but it'll be some Christmas soon . . . That's the kind I want to see."



T-5 Frank D. Ghiselli, Hq. & Hq. Co., 22nd TD Gp.: "I have one big wish for Christmas, one place I want to be more than anything else . . . I want to be in the Air Corps as an aviation cadet. I've got my fingers crossed. I want a chance to fly for this Christmas."



1st Sgt. Lucille Heffner, WAC Det., ETC: "There's nothing I'd like better than to have dinner in my home and look good old Seattle over once more . . . that makes it perfect, West coast and Christmas . . . But everybody can't be lucky enough to get what they want this Christmas."



## Army Quiz

1. The United States has printed "Occupation Money." Under international law which country pays the costs of occupation, the invader or the invaded?
2. How many American Indians are in the military forces of the United States?
3. The Army has designed a new insignia, utilizing the lamp of knowledge and the sword of valor on a yellow background. What men wear this emblem?
4. What does the War Department abbreviation MDW stand for?
5. Is it true that there have been 68 wars in Europe in the last 100 years?

### Nazarene Revival

The Nazarene Church at Pearl and Eighth streets in Belton is holding revival services each night at 7:30 p. m., according to the pastor, Rev. Charles B. Dickerman. Rev. J. D. Stafford, Louisiana evangelist, is delivering the sermons. The meeting will continue through Dec. 17. Soldiers and WACs are cordially invited.



## Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Panther:

Existing Army pass regulations limit the number of enlisted men leaving the post on pass to approximately 35 percent. Correct?

Then why in the name of El Guettar are the shows at our post theaters of such low caliber on Saturday nights and Wednesday nights? Hollywood is hard put to keep their standards up to a certain level, but the offerings on Saturday nights and Wednesday nights indicate the prevalence of many films which effectively demonstrate how mediocre movies can be!

Most servicemen on this post are kept well-occupied during the week with their intensive training. Wednesday night is a pleasant break in the week's schedule, and, of course, Saturday night finds the 65 percent who do not obtain passes, drinking their beer and taking in a show on the post.

Out of fairness to all of us—and most of us DO have a little taste regarding movies—could not the Special Services provide that films a little more like "Thousands Cheer" and a little less like "Murder On The Car Lot," be provided on Wednesday and Saturday nights?

S-Sgt. Alfred M. Auerbach  
Acting 1st Sgt., Co. G,  
Student Regt., TDS

Editor's Note: We're inclined to agree with the beef, soldier, but theater schedules for Camp Hood as well as for War Dept. theaters in all of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California are drawn up in Dallas by other authorities than those in charge of the program here.

Editor, The Panther:

While a patient in the Station Hospital at Camp Hood I came across an article in The Panther about honorable discharge buttons and a swell picture of same.

I am wondering if you would be so kind as to send me one or two of those clippings for myself and

### High Ranking Officer Camp Visitor; Sees Special Service Units

A recent visitor to Camp Hood was Col. West A. Hamilton, Headquarters, Eighth Service Command, Dallas. Representing Maj. Gen. Donovan, Col. Hamilton conferred with Maj. General John H. Hester and Col. C. M. Thirkield on matters affecting colored troops on the post.

Inspections of Special Service Activities were accomplished as well as witnessing a field problem by the 374th Engineer General Service Regiment. During his three day stay, Col. Hamilton was the honored guest at social affairs sponsored by the officers of North and South Camp Hood.

Col. Hamilton, the ranking Negro colonel in the Army of the United States, addressed the officers and men of the 795th Tank Destroyer Battalion urging them to put their best foot forward and keep it there in the interest of the complete war picture controlled by Washington.

my scrap book. I assure you that I will not print or use that item in any commercial way.

I was formerly T-4 Joseph I. Fox of Co. C, 664th TD Bn.

Joseph I. Fox,  
650 "P" St., N. E.  
Washington, (2) D. C.

## 660th Awards 54 EM Ratings

Fifty-four members of the 660th Bn. have been promoted in a first of the month order.

Three men were made staff sergeants: J. A. Lancaster, Co. C, Lester A. Dickson, Co. C, and Woodrow W. White, Hq. Co.

Those made sergeant are: C. C. Shofestall, Hq. Co., H. G. Wahlquist, Co. B, George Matijevich, Co. A, Woodrow Wilson, Co. B, J. E. Warner, Jr., Co. B, A. L. Boyd, Co. C, R. C. Bigam, Co. C, J. C. Cua, Co. C, C. A. Milbert, Co. C, R. D. Underwood, Co. C, C. M. Symons, Rcn. Co., W. J. Oswald, Co. C, O. H. Abrams, Rcn. Co., M. W. Frieders, Rcn. Co.

J. A. Deboe, W. H. Bellflower, Co. C, and R. G. Prestidge, Co. B, were made T-4.

Corporals: C. W. Toepke, Rcn. Co., E. J. Shafer, Co. B, H. G. Morrison, Co. A, E. E. Sewasky, Co. A, M. D. Garcia, Co. B, T. S. Groholski, Co. B, A. N. Athanasopoulos, Co. B, Earl M. Rinick, Co. B, H. C. Masters, Co. B, and D. F. Riggie, Co. B. From Co. C: C. R. Barber, B. C. Barnes, J. R. McAlister, J. H. Golota, H. O. Marschner, James Armstrong, and Pete Kovalsky.

The following were made T-5 in Headquarters Co.: E. A. Carmello, C. W. McKendres, Herman Cockerman, R. C. Kowski, R. C. Smith. Promoted to T-5 in Recon. Co. were: W. H. Smullen and Roy D. LeGrange. W. A. Kelley was made T-5 in Co. A, and in Co. B, Samuel Cramer, J. E. Taylor, E. J. Wisnanski, K. S. Taylor and V. L. Pickerel. The men from Co. C are: B. J. Alvin, Kemp Bullins, J. S. Simpson and W. D. Baird.

### Claims Youngest Top Kick In Camp

The 521st Ord. Co. claims one of the youngest Ramrod's on the post. (Ramrod is old army for 1st Sgt.) He is First Sergeant V. E. McKinley, who has yet to celebrate his twenty-second birthday.

### Now Warrant Officer

M-gt. J. M. Kilpatrick, of Hq. Detch. 310th Ord. Bn., has been appointed Warrant Officer (JG) AUS effective December 1st. Mr. Kilpatrick is designated as Assistant Adjutant and Personnel Officer. T-Sgt. Carl J. Sipple has been promoted to M-Sgt., filling the vacancy left by Mr. Kilpatrick. T-4 Donald J. McLachlan has been promoted to S-Sgt.



## Entertaining GI's In 133rd Battalion Win Many Prizes

Men of the 133rd Bn. at North Camp Hood cut loose with some plain and fancy footwork, vocalizing and instrumental capers which rocked the 21st Street Rec Hall last weekend.

The first amateur night program of the only colored outfit in the Replacement Training Center produced some amazing talent, according to the judges. Each company entered contestants for the jitterbugs, quartet, tap dancing and most original entertainer contests.

Co. A carried off the prize for the best company quartet with the number "Pearl Harbor," sung with swing by Pvs. John Mason Elmo Pette, Frank Worthy and Arthur Caples. Each contestant in the quartet received a cigarette case and \$3 in cash.

The flying feet of Pvt. Talmadge Robinson carried Co. C to victory in the tap and buckwing dancing events. Robinson was rated fast and versatile by the judges. His prize was \$5.

An original arrangement of "Honeysuckle Rose" on the piano won a prize of \$8 for Pvt. Robert Elkins of Co. A in the "most original entertainer" group. Runners up were Pvt. George B. Dozier of Co. B, with a reading entitled "Creation," Pvt. Leon Carter of Co. C, singing the "St. Louis Blues," and Pvt. Eddie L. Williams of Co. D, who presented an impersonation of a drunk.

"Masterful" was the term applied by the board of judges to the jitterbugging of Pvt. Homer L. Franklin of Co. C and Miss Pearl Mae Wells of Waco as they presented Pvt. Franklin with a billfold and \$3 in cash and Miss Wells with a similar cash prize and a compact.

Four other young women from Waco who were partners of the 133rd men in the jitterbug contest received a handkerchief with the TD emblem embroidered on it.

A bale of hay was the prize drawn by Pvt. Richard McRae of Co. A for the only added attraction of the evening, an unscheduled burlesque of a "jackass walk."

Pvt. Orah L. Wright of Co. B will stand at the head of his company chow line for one week. Private Wright won the competition for orderly to the judges. The judges were officers of the RTC Headquarters staff.

### On Duty At School

Capt. Raymond St. J. Sprague and 1st Lt. Frank O. Caw of the 660th Bn. are on temporary duty at the T. D. School to attend advanced Tactics Course.

## Fewer Men Will Be Let Out Of Army

All previous directives concerning discharges were rescinded in a war department circular, 293, Nov. 11, which will seek the best possible use of existing Army personnel and which will tighten the requirements for discharges from now on.

Fewer men will be discharged under this new directive, reclassification, reassignment and utilization of more training being ordered to make every man in the Army serve in the best capacity.

### No Loopholes

"The discharge," the War Department states, "of men who can render effective service is prohibited." But men who are unable to perform a day's work for the Army will not be kept in service. Every effort will be made to use soldiers in some capacity in any arm or service, and only when there is no useful job the man can do will he be let out.

EM's who can't give useful military service will be discharged under R 615-360.

When the term "Limited Service" was removed from Army records, some enlisted men were under the false impression that those who were LS would be eligible for discharge. The new circular is clear and specific on this point: only those whose disability prevents them from performing some military task will be let out. But first all attempts will be made to find some Army job for these men. Transfers between arms and services can be made for this purpose, but not until it is certain that there is no job in his arm or service that a soldier can't perform.

### Men Will Be Used

Because a man doesn't meet the physical standards for induction is no reason for discharge. Again, if there is any job he can fill, he will be retained in the Army.

This new sweeping circular comes close after the intensive survey being made by the personnel branch of the War Department to determine fitness of soldiers for their jobs.

Men who don't meet minimum standards for general service will still be inducted and will be used wherever possible.

### 19th Gp. Men Receive Good Conduct Ribbons

Eleven men of the 19th TD Group Hd. Co. were awarded good conduct ribbons by Lt. Col. Beverley St. George Tucker, group commander, at a formation held on Nov. 19. All officers and enlisted men of the group were present at the ceremony. Those awarded ribbons were, Technical Sgt. O'Connor, Staff Sgt's. Arnold, Bengtson, Schroeder, Sgt. Roberts, T-4's Larson, Nenstiel, Paris, Smith, T-5 Lee, and Pvt. Olcott.

### 671st Officers Upped; CO Now Lt. Colonel

Officers of the 671st TD Battalion who receive promotions recently are as follows:

Promoted to Lt. Col.: Major Al-lerton Cushman, Bn. Commander.

Promoted to Major: Capt. Millard L. Davis, Exec. Officer.

Promoted to Captain: Lt. Clyde B. Britton, Lt. Frederick W. Songer, Lt. James K. Adams, Lt. Rufus B. Baker.

Promoted to 1st Lt.: Lt. Charles Hixon and Lt. James Martin.

### Leon Drive Service Club Girls Feted

The Leon Drive Service Club at North Camp Hood was host Tuesday night (Dec. 7) to 35 young women of Gatesville who have attended the weekly Thursday night dances at the club since it was opened.

The Christmas season activities at the club will include an entertainment staged by University of Texas players.



**THE CORRECT UNIFORM**—T-5 Harold Woodley, Med. Detch. 667th TD Bn., demonstrates the correct uniform to be worn off post by men of the Army Ground Forces. Left, wool cap, sun tan cotton shirt, sun-tan tie, wool blouse, olive drab trousers. Right, the same uniform except the olive drab wool shirt has been substituted for the cotton shirt. Either may be worn but the blouse must be worn when not on duty off post. Black ties may not be worn. The same uniform regulations apply to men of the Army Service Forces who wear the blue and white shoulder patch of the Eighth Service Command, except that the service cap with vizor may be substituted for the wool cap.

## Mehitabel Is Gone But A Clue Was Left For Her Friends In The 670th Bn.

By T-5 Tom Dundon, 670 ED Bn.

Had the incident been merely a twenty-five cent "Whodunnit," it would have been entitled "Who Killed Mehitabel." As it was, the affair had the bitter flavor of a personal tragedy to the men of the 670th Bn. Maintenance Section. T-4 Johnny Lea was standing there with an untouched saucer of milk in his hand and a look of horror and disbelief in his eyes. T-4 Ronnie Fair lifted his welder's mask when he heard the news, reached disconsolately for his handkerchief, removed a greasy slab of ham from its folds and threw it into a nearby trash container. T-4 Ed Kimball was silent, but there was a noticeable tightening of his fingers around the heavy wrench he held in his hand. T-5 Buccel was telling the story. "I was walking down by 'C' Company's shop when I saw her. She was lying there in a pool of blood,—stiff and very dead. Boy, if I ever catch the guy—" His fingers described the sign of the vendetta across his throat.

The solemn gathering filed over to the scene of the crime and gathered in a circle around Mehitabel's remains. "It's a good thing you didn't disturb the body. There'll be clues," T-5 Johnny Bader said. What clues they found they have steadfastly refused to reveal. "For the press," Lt. Leon Stanley announced, "our only statement is that the investigation is continuing and we feel fully confident that the culprit will be brought to justice."

Mehitabel was a renowned creature in these parts, ever since the day she strode majestically into the Battalion Shop and surveyed the surroundings with a certain disdain. The people were noisy and at times a little coarse, but there was a friendly air about the place. She developed a real affection for her landlords and they returned the sentiment with food and attentions. She was puzzled

sometimes by the patch the men wore on their shoulders and wondered if she would get one of these mechanical contrivances to chew on, too.

They buried Mehitabel that morning, without ritual in the cold, grey Texas clay, but they still speak of her. As they returned to the shop, someone ventured a hopeful thought, "Say, ain't cats supposed to have nine lives?"

## WILCO For All On Roger Tare Charlie Phones

Hullo Panther, this is Roger Tare Charlie. Message for you.

Since Monday, Dec. 6, wun nine fo-wer thub-ree, all telephone communications between all headquarters and agencies of Tare Dog Roger Tare Charlie at North Camp Hood have been in accordance with voice radio procedure as outlined in Fox Mike too fo-wer dash niner.

Radio procedure phrases and phonetic alphabet used habitually. Various infantrymen, cavalryman, WACs shuffled into Tank Destroyer setup learning first time of interesting personalities Able Baker Charlie and everpresent Roger. Also new word not found in any dictionary, namely Wilco. Correction. I spell, William Item Love Charlie Oboe—Wilco.

Out.

### Post Exchanges Are Consolidated In NC

The North Camp Headquarters Avenue Main PX Officers' Clothing Store has been consolidated with the Leon Drive Main Post Exchange, located on 21st Street between Leon Drive and Headquarters Avenue. A complete line of officers' uniforms is now being carried at the Leon Drive PX, and shoes likewise may be purchased here. Shoes are not carried elsewhere on the post.

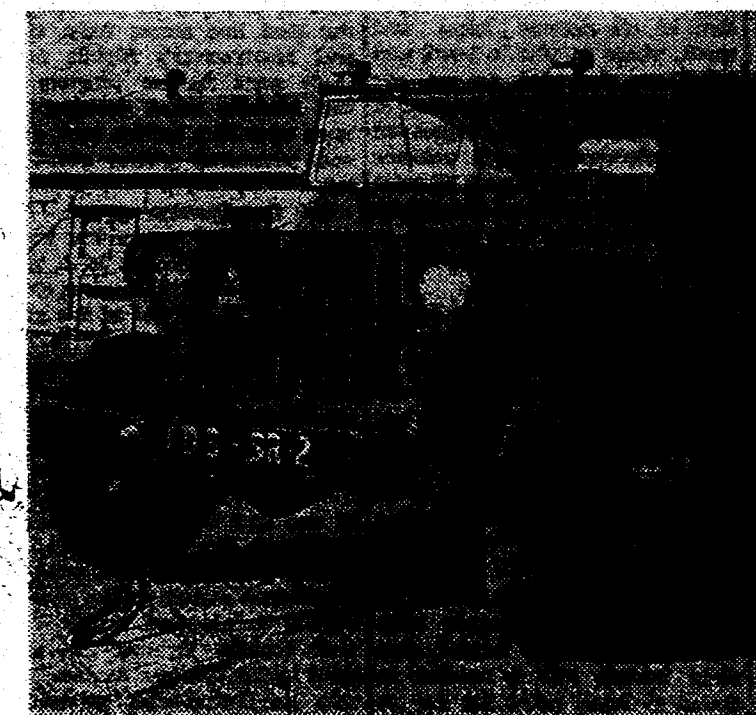
North Camp enlisted men who suddenly find themselves in need of an extra shirt, a pair of socks, or some like article, can find a complete stock of enlisted men's clothing at the Main Post Exchange at 7th Street and Headquarters Avenue.

### Gets Surprise Visit

Corporal William Ward, Company "D," Academic Regiment, received a three-day surprise visit from his wife this week.

A member of an Akron, Ohio Glee club that was making a cross-country jaunt, Mrs. Ward left the troupe in Arkansas, came to Temple, checked in at the Kyle Hotel, and called the corporal.

## Some Men Can Never Leave "Horse And Buggy" Even If Dobbin Is A Jeep Now



The days of "Hiyo Silver!" may have passed on to distant horizons from the environs of the TDS on the site of which, hoof-prints were so familiar in the days when the West was young. Even old Dobbin had his day then.

Today, the fast, modernized age has swept the jeep in on a tide of science and war, to replace the horse, at least at Camp Hood. Alas, the only signs of old Dobbin today are to be found on office desks—to put it bluntly—in the form of glue. But the hitching post has not left entirely. There is one jeep located in the School area, the

property of the Student Regiment Supply Office, which is tied up every night, just as old Dobbin himself.

A steel ring cemented into the ground, a chain drawn through the ring and over the front bumper of the vehicle, the ends drawn together by a forbidding looking lock, constitute the hitching post idea of the old West as exemplified today at TDS. It is not the fear of rustlers, naturally, which prompts this measure of safety. A Texan who knows the uncertainty of the local winds, and storms, and possibly anything else, is just using precaution.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**READY TO GO ON**—WACs in the 1848 Unit getting into their costumes behind stage at the Red Cross recreation hall, station hospital, before they performed for 375 patients last Wednesday night, in two short plays. In the foreground is Sgt. Edna Clark, who portrayed Hitler in the skit concerning whether or not Hitler should be sent to heaven or hell after he stole the key to the front door of heaven. Sgt. Dotie Middleton, as the judge, points to the crepe paper beard which helped Sgt. Elsie Tedford characterize St. Peter. In the background is Cpl. Audrey Irwin, property and costume manager for the troupe. Cpl. Eleanor Woodruff, not in the picture, played the devil.

## WACs Now In Camp Hood Came From Fighting Families

Volunteers in the Women's Army Corps come from fighting families—at least those do of the WAC Detachment at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center of North Camp.

Of 75 WACs surveyed at the RTC just two-thirds have at least one close relative serving in the armed forces of the United States—a brother, father, husband, son or sister.

Almost 10 percent of the North Camp Hood WACs have a husband in uniform and in several cases the husband is serving overseas. Thirty-three reported brothers in the Army, Navy, Marines or Air Corps and one WAC has a sister in the Marines. One has a brother at West Point and a husband overseas.

One of the 75 WACs is the mother of a fighting son. Two have fathers in the services, the father of one being a lieutenant colonel in the Army.

The most frequent reason given by the North Camp WACs for severing family ties and putting themselves under military discipline was a desire for a more direct part in the nation's military effort. One joined because her brother was reported missing in action in the Philippines. A WAC with seven male members of her family in service said she was dissatisfied with leading a "home life of leisure" when the men of her household were fighting.

"I have three brothers in uniform and I thought if they could be soldiers, so could I," said another.

The viewpoint of the 25 WACs included in the survey who did not report members of their family directly at war with the Axis was generally summed up by one of their number, who said:

"I enlisted because I don't have any brothers, and I felt it was up to me to represent our family."

## Camp Musical Revue Sends Call For Talented GI's

Lt. Richard Hepburn, Theatrical Advisor, Special Service Office, is now working on a new Musical Revue to be ready for showing January 10, the date opening a conference of enlisted men from the 8th Service Command on entertainment.

The show, like others of its character, in an alternation of a basic sketch with variety acts, the overall production consisting of exaggerated contrasts. An example of just how this works, imagine a lusty, grand opera tenor followed by a pair of tap dancers, or a Hamlet Soliloquy followed by a guitarist yodeler, who, in turn, preludes, a pretentious phoney reading a treatise.

The basic sketch is built around a male comic, yet to be found, who may be a writer and provide his own material and who, probably, has had a background in vaudeville or burlesque, revues, musical comedies, opera, operetta, night clubs, carnivals, summer stock, college dramatics, little theatre, or has played in floor shows, films, radio studios, movie sets, or, perhaps, the circus. He may even have been a newspaper man.

Anyone interested in taking part in the new show, has been asked to contact Lt. Hepburn by mail at Post Special Service, being sure to include your Orgn., and Phone No., or at any of the following: Field House, opposite Central Bus Station (tel 2385), Special Services Office, Hdqrs. Ave., opposite Post Hdqrs., (tel 2388 or 729).

### Armored Expert's Book In School Library

The TDS Library now has a volume which is recommended very highly. It is "Armored Warfare," by Major General J. F. C. Fuller. Ten years ago General Fuller was known and highly regarded by only a handful of high ranking officers in Great Britain and the United States. Today his extraordinary penetration and original genius are recognized. The events of May and June, 1940, when France was overwhelmed produced the first full-scale object lesson in support of Fuller's ideas.

### SSO In 660th Bn. Now

Second Lt. Joseph S. Lebovitz has replaced 1st Lt. Stephen Tenke as Special Services Officer of the 660th Bn.

## Freed By Japs, Dad Rejoins Lt.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 5th, a father and son were re-united in New York City. The war, which separated them, has brought them together again. Last Tuesday night the Swedish Liner Gripsholm, ablaze with lights to assure her safe passage, neared New York with Americans eager for home after long months in Japanese internment camps.

The 18,000-ton ship, given a safe conduct guarantee by all belligerents, carried 1236 United States nationals aboard. It reached Ambrose Light and anchored there before docking at Jersey City last Wednesday morning. Aboard the prisoner exchange ship was William Mayger. Mr. Mayger had been released by the Japs in an exchange of nationals, following almost two years of internment at Saint Thomas in the Philippines. Since Wednesday he remained in New York resting, and awaiting his son, Lt. William McCleod Mayger, who left following his graduation with the 50th OCS class Friday. Lieut. Mayger was scheduled to join his father Sunday.

### Stranger To U. S.

This young officer entered active service June 10th, fresh from the Harvard campus.

But Lt. Mayger is actually a comparative stranger to the continental United States.

Born in Manila in 1921, he was schooled in China, Korea and Manchuria, before coming to the States in 1937. His father was the sales department head for the Texas Oil company in that territory, and as a roving executive took his family with him as he moved from one Texas company

property to another. War and all that it implies was impressively graven on Lt. Mayger's mind, while he was still very young, and war has continued to pace his entire existence. He has had a thorough baptism of fire. He has already seen the horrors perpetrated upon helpless civilians by Japs. Having lived among them, he has learned much about the sons of Tojo.

In 1931, the Maygers saw Japan wrest Manchuria from China. They saw the Japs proceed to develop war industries in the seized territory.

### Bombed At Shanghai

In 1937, the Maygers survived the awful bombing of Shanghai, described by the Japs as an "incident" or "affair." While the Chinese soldiers displayed great courage, holding their positions during days and weeks of heavy bombardment, they fought under the disadvantage of having an opponent tremendously superior in artillery and air power. That was then.

Mrs. Mayger and her son made the trip to the States immediately after the fall of Shanghai, and Mr. Mayger returned to the Philippines, where he remained until the Japs' sudden attack and seizure of Manila, when he was interned.

The Red Cross, who advised Mrs. Mayger of her husband's presence on the Gripsholm, informed her that he had been taken to Portuguese India. It was there the exchange of prisoners had been made, there, that Mr. Mayger, a free American again went aboard the Gripsholm.



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

This has been a week of history-making conferences.

Just a week ago meeting of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and China's President Chiang Kai-Shek in Cairo was announced. It was then revealed that they had there plotted the complete military destruction of Japan and that the Japs were to be stripped of all possessions they had acquired during the last five years through aggression or trickery, from the Sino-Japanese War of 1894 to the present conflict. What provisions, if any, were decided upon to provide for the economic demands of the Japanese people were not revealed. Since Russia is not at war with Japan, no representative of that nation attended the conference at which military staffs of each nation involved conferred on details for pressing the war closer to Tokyo.

### Roosevelt Meets Stalin

Late Monday night the United States learned of the second history-making conference in the unusual week, and in some respects the most dramatic and important of the three—the meeting of Premier Josef Stalin of Russia, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in Tehran, capitol of Iran. It marked the first actual meeting of President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin. When it was all over the "Big Three" announced that they and their military staffs had agreed on a three-sided drive on Hitler from the east, west and south. "The common understanding which we have here reached guarantees that victory will be ours. No power on earth can prevent our destroying the German armies by land, their U-boats by sea, and their war plants from the air. Our attacks will be relentless and increasing."

the meeting's communique revealed.

As to the peace: "We are sure that our concord will make it an enduring peace. We shall seek the cooperation and active participation of all nations large and small, whose peoples in heart and mind are dedicated, as are our own peoples, to the elimination of tyranny and slavery, oppression and intolerance. We will welcome them as they may choose to come into a world family of democratic nations. We leave here friends in fact, in spirit and in purpose."

### Again In Cairo

Tuesday night, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill announced the conclusion of a three-day conference in Cairo with President Ismet Inonu of Turkey in which they studied the general political situation, "examined at length the policy to be followed," and found their nations are bound by "the closest unity."

Communique issued at the close of this latest conference was vague and strangely worded, and since Turkey, still a neutral in status at least, holds the key to the Balkans, may cover political and military manipulations and plans which will soon find the Balkans aflame with attack against that side of the Hitler-held European fortress.

As these military and political heads of the Allies met and discussed policy and plans in a precedent-shattering way, millions of people in each of their nations took heart for a clear-cut pathway to victory seemed closer.

Yet the millions knew that it remained for them to put into actuality in sacrifice, work and fighting the plans thus laid.

In Italy a break-through which would send American and British

troops spilling down into a wide valley leading to Rome appeared imminent with the announcement that Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army had won 25 square miles of dominating heights southwest of Mignano on the heart of the Nazi line across Italy. General Montgomery's Eighth Army made some further progress up the Adriatic coast, crossing the Moro river in a sudden tank drive and advancing within about 14 miles of the big port of Pescara.

On the Russian front, Red troops pushing across the snow-swept central Ukraine in a powerful new offensive aimed at clearing the Germans out of the great Dnieper bend, smashed to the railway station of Pantayevka, 10 miles southwest of the important railway junction of Znamenska.

In the Southwest Pacific heavy and medium bombers, together with dove-bombing fighters, blasted and shot up the northern arc of Japan's New Britain coast and nearby islands late this week in a relentless assault on the enemy's staging points and supply centers. Ground fighting has subsided in the Empress Augusta Bay area on Bougainville, where the Americans have enlarged their beach head to seven miles wide and five miles deep.

The Army announced that its policy of limiting Christmas and New Year furloughs to 10 percent of the strength of any post would be in effect again this year because of limited transportation facilities. Furloughs are limited to 14 days and post commanders are instructed to arrange them so that furloughed men will not travel to or from military reservations on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. One-day passes to enlisted men for the holidays will be counted as part of the 10 percent quota.





## 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-8:45 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.  
**Novena Services**  
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.  
**Morning Weekday Masses, 6:30 A. M.**  
Chapel 1156, Friday, Saturday, Monday  
Chapel 2209, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed.  
Chapel 902, Friday, Saturday, Monday  
Chapel 176, Saturday, Monday, Wednesday  
Hospital, Thursday  
**Evening Weekday Masses**  
Chapel 176, Tues., Fri-6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 902, Tues., Thur-6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 1156, Monday-6:30 p. m.  
Chapel 2209, Friday-7:00 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.  
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig-6-9 p. m.  
Chapel 1156, 37th St West-4-6 & 6:30-9 p. m.  
Chapel 2209, School Arch, 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.

## 4th Regt. RTC Tries Landscaping Job

The Fourth Regt. Area of the RTC is gradually taking on the appearance of a "country club," largely through the efforts of Lt. Walter J. Papajon and his tree-planting detail. With a few trees, some good ideas on landscaping and considerable spadework, the detail has changed the area from bareness to a spot more pleasing to the eye.

## Ordnance Company Wins

The 3525th Ord. MAM Co., 310th Ord. Bn. basketball team opened its season last week by defeating the Co. C, 264th FA Bn. quintet, 36 to 16, in a game played at the T. O. Bldg. court.

## Two Victory Suggestions Are Accepted

Two of 12 suggestions submitted during the past 12 days in the Camp Hood Employee Suggestion Program have been approved, and the opportunity for all War Department employees to receive awards of \$5 to \$250 or more for finding ways to save money and time and at the same time render a patriotic service on the home front was stressed again this week.

The two suggestions, approved for a total of \$30 and already placed in operation, are as follows:

1. device for reclaiming solvent, specifically designed for use at ordnance, which will reclaim an average of one drum daily.
2. A plan for stapling carbon and forms in packs, adaptable to any office, resulting in the saving of carbon sheets and speeding up administrative work.

### Large Savings

The process for reclaiming solvent will effect a saving of approximately \$5.39 daily and the plan for stapling carbon and forms an estimated \$200 yearly in materials and time. Persons receiving awards for these two suggestions will be announced after Dec. 18.

All of the approximately 2300 War Department employees of Camp Hood may participate in the program being given wide attention by the Army Service Forces, and the three best suggestions submitted before Dec. 10 will bring awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10, according to the Camp Hood Employees Suggestion Committee. The project has no time limit, however, and an employee may turn in as many suggestions as desired.

The amount of the award is based on how much money is saved through adoption of the suggestion, said Lt. A. D. Harrison, executive secretary of the Suggestion Committee.

### Awards Are High

From a total of 764 suggestions turned in by ASF employees in various installations of the Eighth Service Command for the months of August, September, and October, 30 were adopted with awards totaling \$1,065, according to a report just issued. The estimated saving to the Army as a result of these suggestions being adopted totals \$16,469.13.

Red and white victory suggestion boxes, with forms for describing the money-saving idea, have already been set up at TDC headquarters, Camp Headquarters, Signal Building, Quartermaster office, Post Exchange, 12, Ordnance office, and Headquarters, North Camp Hood.

## 3rd And 4th OCS Co. Cagers Are Victors

The 3rd OCS Co. basketball team scored a lopsided 44 to 8 victory over the 5th OCS Co. quintet last Wednesday night to continue its winning streak. It was the fourth straight win for the 3rd Co. five, a team which is composed of many former college stars.

On the same evening, the Hq. & Service Co. team, of the OCS Regt., went down to a 21 to 17 defeat at the hands of the 4th OCS

## Wedding Bells

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Cpl. Vincent Edmund Jung, of Company A, 603rd T-D Bn., was married Nov. 29th to Miss Elizabeth Firmina Sweeney of Elmira, N. Y. The ceremony took place in Chapel 176 with Chaplain B. E. Moll celebrating the nuptial Mass. Witnesses were Miss Ramona Coghlan, Assistant Field Director of the Post A.R.C., and Miss Maureen McNally, who is also a member of the A.R.C. staff at Station Hospital.

## High Scores Feature Of NC Tourney

High scoring featured last week's basketball games at North Camp. The goal shooting of Pvt. C. L. Milliken, former Washington State star, was the most outstanding individual performance. Milliken tossed in 32 points for the victorious 144th AST Bn. five, who turned back the 147th Bn. quintet, 60 to 18.

The 146th AST Bn. rolled over the 142nd AST Bn., 48 to 13, with Paulsin, 146th, leading the way with 24 points. It was the fifth victory for the 146th quintet, who are considered a stiff threat for championship honors.

Leading the individual scoring parade to date is Bud Marzulli, of Hq. A. RTC, with a grand total of 69 points. He is closely followed by Heisman, 140th Bn., and Milliken, 144th Bn., who have 63 and 62 points, respectively.

Results of other games as follows:

136th Bn. 24, 135th Bn., 19.  
142nd Bn., 43, 138th Bn., 22.  
146th Bn., 28, 129th Bn., 26.  
Hq. A. RTC, 52, 140th Bn., 39.  
141st Bn., 20, 138th Bn., 17.  
143rd AST Bn., 50, 149th AST Bn., 31.  
144th AST Bn., 45, 149th AST Bn., 26.  
148th AST Bn., 27, 146th AST Bn., 26.

## 656th Comes From Behind To Win 39-33

The 656th Bn. basketball team came from behind to whip the Academic Regiment quintet, 39 to 33, in a thrill-packed game played last week.

Both teams were evenly matched. The 656th five trailed for a greater part of the game, only to put on a final spurt to overcome the Regimenter's lead and go on to victory, a win that put them in the semi-finals of the recent single elimination tournament at the field house.

## 836th Ordnance Wins

The 836th Ord. Co. 310th Bn. basketball team defeated the Hq. Co., 264th FA Bn., quintet, 38 to 18, in a game played last week.

Co. cagers in a game that saw plenty of thrills.

## Sergeant Learned His Politics From Master

Under the sponsorship of Chicago's most venerable and popular politico, Staff Sergeant Howard LeComte was well on the road to political prominence in the Windy City, when the Army called.

Sgt. LeComte is in the Automotive Department at the TD School, an inspector of vehicles. He came here as a truck master, in the School's early beginning, working out of Gatesville. He is 27, active in regimental athletics and social functions.

### Had Early Start

Howard came to know the 83 year-old Michael Kenna, Alderman of Chicago's First Ward for fifty consecutive years. Over this long span of years Mr. Kenna has ruled the roost of Ward One, which is Chicago's Loop—its artery—and the most difficult to control.

Following their meeting, LeComte was encouraged to join the aged politician, and it seemed to be a good opportunity, so he went to work in Kenna's office. As ward committeeman, Kenna took care of his constituents, that is, he saw to it that the people in his ward received employment, and that families were properly cared for.

### Meets The People

Howard LeComte became Mr. Kenna's secretary, and the two worked together closely, as the older man began to lean more and more upon his youthful aide. Kenna soon started to send Howard to the city council meetings to represent him, and in this capacity LeComte was Chicago's only secretary ever to sit in on these meetings at the city hall, and to speak for an alderman.

A unique experience of LeComte's after joining the service, made him a national figure when newspapers all over the country jumped on a paradoxical situation in which the sergeant was concerned.

It seems that Alderman James Bowler bought a race horse, and named him "Private Howie," after

LeComte. On his furlough in Chicago several months ago, LeComte visited the Hawthorne Race Track, and on that very day "Private Howie" won his first race. As "Private Howie" was brought into the winner's circle, LeComte was waiting for him, and both "Howies" were photographed together.



## Sports Plan Now Started

A gigantic athletic program is in the making at North Camp, it was announced this week by athletic moguls of that sector.

With virtual completion of all badminton, volleyball and shuffleboard courts in the recreation buildings, teams from various battalions will be organized and play started on a competitive basis.

Further announcements will be made regarding the program immediately upon completion of all details by Lt. Bernard Tarabino, RTO athletic officer, who is in charge of the increased athletic setup.

## Athletic Equipment Received By 660th Bn.

A good supply of athletic and recreational equipment, including items ranging from ping pong balls to football uniforms and boxing bags, was recently acquired by the 660th Bn.

The arrival of the equipment is expected to increase the interest in the battalion's special services program and to provide facilities for training teams for inter-battalion competition.

## Quiz Answers

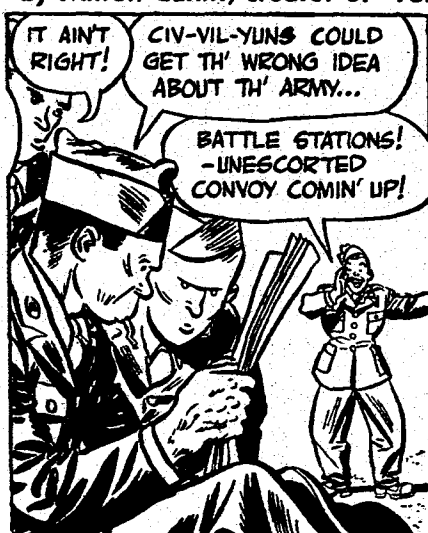
### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The invaded country must pay the costs of occupation, as well as costs of normal domestic functions in the occupied area. The "Occupation Money" will be used to pay immediate necessary expenses, in Italy, for instance, but the amount will be collected from that country later.
2. 18,000.
3. ASTP Students.
4. Military Division of Washington.
5. Yes. The Congressional Record of April, 1941, listed 68 from 1801 to that date.

## Male Call

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

## You're Ridin', Now, Red!





### With PFC Keith Quick

As a toast to their capture of the 1943 Camp Hood football title, members of the champion TDS grid team were treated to a big Victory Dinner last Tuesday evening at the Student Officers' Mess No. 1. A football, bearing an inscription of their 10 to 0 victory over the 106th Cavalry, plus the autograph of each member of the TDS team, and 1943 Camp Hood Football champions, was presented to Brig. Gen. Hugh T. Mayberry, commanding general of TDS, by Lt. William Willard, head coach of the 1943 grid champs. It was the second major sports crown to be grabbed by TDS, they having copped the 1943 baseball title earlier this year . . . **Big Bill Potts**, roving center of the TDS eleven, is a former Villanova star. Bill's play in the championship melee last Thursday night was something to marvel at; his brutal tackling and perpetual drive stood out all the way. And Jack Steele, the big right halfback, a former Oklahoma A&M grid great, got in a superb evening of play, too. Jack got off several beautiful punts, averaging 40 to 50 yards, that kept the Cavalrymen in deep trouble . . . **The 144th AST Bn.**, North Camp, basketball team has one of the most consistent hoop-hitters ever to wear a Camp Hood basketball uniform. He's Pvt. C. L. Milliken, former three-year basketball letterman at Washington State University. In a recent game at North Camp, Milliken chalked up 32 points all by himself. And that reminds this corner of last winter's performance of one Leo Gottlieb, ex-pro basketballer who strutted his stuff for the champion 774th TD Bn., quintet, winners of the 1942-43 Camp Hood cage crown. Fans here will never forget Leo's unbelievable accuracy of hitting the loop from every spot on the floor, mid-court or otherwise . . . **Sgt. Bob Clemens**, Publications Dept., TDS, turned in a fine job as microphone master at the Joe Louis event Monday night. When the Brown Bomber strolled out of his dressing quarters and headed for the ring, Bob was all set, eager and waiting, and when he reeled off the proper introductory words that gave the heavyweight champion of the world to Camp Hood, the huge crowd shook the Field House rafters with a tremendous roar of approval. Bill Stern, Don Dunphy, Clem McCarthy, Red Borber, Ted Husing, Bob Elson and all the bigtime sports casters couldn't have put the champion over any better than Camp Hood's soldier mike-master—Bob Clemens. Incidentally, the Brown Bomber will duplicate his Hood performance at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, tonight. His current tour will expire on Jan. 15, 1944.

## 635th Bn. Wins Elimination Camp Basketball Tourney

Paced by blond, gangling Bob Shepard, who poured in a total of 27 points, the 635th Bn. basketball team walked off with top honors in the camp single elimination tournament last Friday night at the field house by ousting the Co. C, 667th Bn. quintet, 62 to 42. Both teams had entered the final game via month-long play in the tourney that saw 50 teams strike out in the race for top laurels, when the event opened early in November.

Pvt. Ray Martin, flashy forward of the 635th five, also chalked up a stellar performance, while Hoppes and Antonio, the latter collecting 21 points, starred for the Co. C, 667th cagers.

Consolation honors in the tourney went to the Hq. Co., 635th Bn. team, who defeated the Co. B, 635th Bn. quintet, 41 to 27, in a game played preceding the championship go.

The recent tournament was not a camp championship affair, but was the first big step toward the

### Gatesville, Taylor Battle In Temple For Regional Title

The Gatesville Hornets and Taylor Ducks will battle for the regional Class A championship football honors at Wodson field in Temple tomorrow night, Friday, starting at 8 p. m.

Officials of the two schools met in Temple last week and agreed on Wodson field as a neutral site for the championship tilt.

Coach Madison Pruitt's Gatesville eleven recently scored a 39 to 0 victory over the Corsicana State Home team in a bi-district encounter, while the Taylor aggregation, under the generalship of T. H. Johnson, won their way to the regional finals by ousting Lampasas, 14 to 0. Taylor has won 21 straight games this season and last.

Bands from the two schools will be on hand, and a thrill-packed battle is in prospect. Gatesville's pep squad will also attend.

camp wide round-robin tourney to be held around December 27, a tournament which will determine the 1943-44 Camp Hood basketball championship, according to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, who is in charge of the forthcoming event.

## Recent Fight Card Here Is Big Success

In a boxing card staged at the field house recently, fans were treated to one of the best ring shows ever to be held in Camp Hood. Eight fast bouts were on tap, all of which were loudly received by a large audience of fight lovers.

The evening's feature match saw big Carl Klang, 180-pounder of the 635th Bn., score a technical knockout over Peralta, a heavyweight mixer from the 670th Bn.

In the semi-final go, a lightning affair all the way, Smith, hard-hitter from the 635th Bn., took the measure of Sufak, 657th Bn. mixer, in what proved to be the best bout of the night. Both fellows mauled each other with everything but the ring posts with Smith getting the nod via judges decision.

Other bouts and their results were as follows: Prescott, 1848th QM, the winner over Metoyer, TD Trk. Bn.; Lesjack, 635th Bn., won on decision from Dotto, 106th Cavalry; Stub, 635th Bn., outpointed Bottarri, of the Student Regiment; Brown, of the TD Trk. Bn., decisively Taylor, of the Student Regt.; Student Regiment's Jimmey Dunlap knocked out Edgar, of the 106th Cavalry; and Oocklogrossa, of the 106th Cav. nosed out Alexander, of the Student Regiment.

The card was a preparatory event for the Joe Louis show, staged here last Monday, in which several of the contestants saw action in the show's preliminary matches.

## Full House Sees Louis Exhibition

By PFC KEITH QUICK

Long before Joe Louis, the evening's top attraction, came through the doors at Camp Hood's Field House last Monday evening, people piled in by the hundreds. Some 5,000 fans, almost entirely soldier audience, gathered to see boxing's most famous personage and his touring troupe make their one night appearance in this Army setup.

Louis, arriving in camp from San Antonio, made two other appearances prior to his evening debut. Immediately upon his arrival, he gave a brief lecture at the field house, where he spoke on physical fitness and conditioning for soldiers, after which he left for a similar appearance at North Camp.

### New Partner

In his Monday night activity Louis stepped three rounds with Cpl. Bob Smith, a new sparring mate on the current tour. Sgt. George Nicholson, longtime friend and regular sparring partner of the Brown Bomber, was unable to appear in the exhibition match. However, Sgt. Nicholson was right back of Joe's corner, acting as the champ's second in his three-round display with Smith.

In his exhibition with Smith, Louis gave fans a fine replica of the stunning blows that have carried him to boxing's highest throne. He peppered the blood from Smith in the second round, when he landed several terrific rights and lefts that caught Smith square in the face. The three-round bout went over big with the crowd, and as Joe left the ring he was given another tremendous ovation by the huge throng of fight-hungry fans.

### Welterweights Fast

In an exhibition supporting the main attraction, Ray "Sugar" Robinson, one of the country's best welterweights, winner of 188 consecutive ring battles, exchanged leather with Pvt. Jackie Wilson, also a top-flight welterweight contender. Robinson won wide applause from the fans with his rhythmic and dancy fighting style, as well as with his comedy antics gathered since joining the Louis troupe.

Others appearing at Hood with the Louis party were; Sgt. James Edgar, and Cpl. Robert Payne, trainer.

Capt. Carroll Fitzgerald, who is managing the current tour as a representative of War Department's Special Services Division, announced that the tour was strictly exhibitional, and that the current morale-building jaunt would terminate January 15, 1944. The tour began last August 30, in the first service command.

### Camp Fights Please

In Camp Hood's five own-talented preliminary bouts preceding the Louis show, fans were treated to a fine hour of boxing.

Taylor, of the TDC Trk. Bn., started the gala evening off with a popular decision over Brown, of the Student Regiment, in a three round bout. Stubb, 635th Bn., lost a judges nod to Dotto, 106th Cavalry, in the second bout; Willey, 659th Bn., took the measure of Prescott, of the 1848th QM; Alexander, of the Student Regt., and Komeransky, 657th Bn., battled to a torrid draw in the fourth bout, and Smith, popular lightweight of the 635th Bn., was the winner in a slugfest over Sufak, 657th Bn., mittman. Smith put Sufak down for an eight count in the opening stanza.

Officials for the entire evening were: Lt. George Stautz, Tactics Dept., TDS, referee; Lt. Levine, TDS, and Lt. Black, 166 Infantry, were the two judges, and Capt. Betts, UTC, served as timekeeper.

Musical for the event was furnished by the First TD Band, whose arrangement of "Stormy Weather," a Duke Ellington composition, drew much applause.

## TDS Team Wins Camp Football Title From 106 Cav. Men, 10-0

They came from miles around, by convoy, on foot, in gasoline-hungry automobiles, buses, via motorcycle, bicycle, and every other possible means to see the Tank Destroyer School football team take home the 1943 Camp Hood pigskin championship last Thursday night at Killeen Field. Some 5,000 screaming spectators filled out to watch the TDS eleven romp to a 10 to 0 victory over the 106th Cavalry grid machine.

The game, fast and exciting from gun to gun, marked the close of the 1943 football season for Camp Hood grid teams, and marked the second straight sports title to be garnered by TDS athletic aggregations. They captured the 1943 baseball title last September.

### Two Bands Play

As the 106th Cavalry and TDC bands hushed their final note of "Hail, Hail, the gang's all here," big Jack Steele, TDS halfback, got his toe into the ball for the kickoff, and the pigskin, seemingly scared from the roaring crowd, took a mean course and hurried out of bounds. Put in play on the 106th's 35-yard marker, McGraw, right-half of the 106th, was the first to own the oval and failed to gain on a try through the TDS forward wall. After an offside deficit of five yards, Stevens, Cavalry fullback, punted and TDS took over, with Williams and Steele using the ball. Behind terrific blocking on the part of their mates, they racked up seven yards, but on fourth down Steele booted and the ball changed hands. Throughout the remainder of the initial quarter, the ball changed hands several times, with both teams driving and tackling like demons. TDS was penalized 15 yds. for unnecessary roughness near the end of the quarter, but the Horsemen failed to go further and Stevens punted to the TDS 28-yd. stripe as the quarter died.

### Scoggins Gets Free

As the second period bounced into action, with TDS owning the ball on their own 28, Bell ripped off 4 yards, and on the next play, Dick Williams took the ball and handed off to elusive John Scroggins, who tore around right end and on a beautiful cutback, raced all the way to pay dirt for the Scholars. It was a beautiful 68-yd gallop, supported by terrific blocking on the part of Scroggins' ten mates, all of whom went All-American style against the enemy styries to clear John's 68-yd. path to cash ground. With Jack Steele holding, Dick Williams placement kick split the uprights to make the count, 7 to 0, the Scholars on top. The half ended at this same count.

Halftime's rendition of "Pistol Packin' Mama" by the 106th Cavalry band put new life into the Cavalrymen, for early in the third quarter, they got their first real treat of the game. Steele, TDS, attempting to punt, fumbled and Sherrod of the Cavalry recovered on the TDS 12-yard line. It looked like a certain scoring setup for

the 106th, but on three line tries, it was no go—and a fourth down pass was too tall for its receiver as TDS took over.

### Cav. Misses Set-Up

In the waning minutes of the last quarter, with the TDS backfield and line functioning clock-like, the Scholars drove all the way to the 106th 11-yd. stripe via aerials and ground work. Here the drive bogged down, and with third down and eight to go, a first, TDS chose to try a field goal. With Steele holding and Williams kicking from back of the 21, the ball sailed squarely through the uprights for 3 points, making the score 10 to 0.

With about a minute remaining in the game, Stevens' punt was blocked by TDS and they took over on the 106th's 37. Lloyd Horton and Ray Jensen carried to the 23 yard line as the game ended.

Penalties were heavy on both sides. Clipping, unnecessary roughness and offside setbacks took their toll almost as often as the game's injuries.

### Rough, Hard Game

The play of Bill Potts, TDS center, stood out in the School's forward wall. Potts was in on almost every play, driving and tackling brutally. The entire TDS backfield of Williams, Steele, Horton, Jensen, Bell, and Scroggins worked with unsurpassable precision. Myers, Byrnes and Wolf were other demons in the TDS line.

Stevens, Sherrod, McGraw, Sadoris, Floyd, Maloney and Shaw played an outstanding game for the Cavalrymen.

TDS had 10 first downs, while the Cavalry chalked up five.

Officials for the championship event were; Capt. Pinson, TDS Weapons Dept., referee; Lt. Smith, 106th Cavalry, umpire; and Lt. Ebberts, TDS, field judge.

## Golden Gloves Tourney Set For Feb. 16

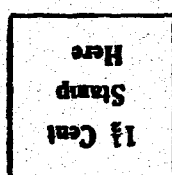
The Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Eighth annual Texas Golden Gloves tournament will be unraveled in Ft. Worth, beginning next February 16 and continuing through Feb. 21.

The event is Texas' top winter sports show, and only amateur fighters are eligible to participate. Soldiers, sailors, marine and coast guardsmen have special invitation to enter, and high school boys, collegians and other civilians may compete. All fighters, military or otherwise, must qualify through their nearest district tournament.

All district tourneys will be staged the last week in January or the first week in February. The Fort Worth district event is set for Feb. 5-7.

It is understood that Camp Hood will be one of the central Texas sites for district competition, time and schedule to be announced later.

## Mail Your 'Panther' Home!



Camp Hood, Texas

From: