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Service Clubs Planning On Big New Year's Eve; Sunday Is Open House

A full week-end of special New Year's entertainment at all service clubs will help those in camp give the new year a proper welcome. Although New Year's Day will be a regular work day, the clubs will all welcome the new year the night before.

The 37th St. Club's formal dance at the field house tonight will start the ball rolling.

New Year's night the 37th St. Club is presenting a variety program from Ft. Worth, an all-girl revue. There will be refreshments and dancing following the show.

Almost 3 Million In Bonds Sold Here In 11 Mos.

Almost three million dollars in war bonds were purchased at Camp Hood, from January to November, inclusive, Lt. John H. Morris, camp war bond officer, announced today.

The actual total was \$2,908,741. Military personnel, using the Class B allotment plan, purchased \$2,286,524 in bonds during the 11-month period; civilian personnel, under the reservation plan, \$312,100. The post office sold bonds amounting to \$237,867; the Camp Hood Fiscal agency, \$72,250.

Dallas USO Has Service Tickets For Cotton Bowl

Camp Hood soldiers planning to attend the Cotton Bowl football game in Dallas New Year's Day, between Texas University and Randolph Field, should keep in mind that they are to pick up their tickets at the Dallas USO 1808 Main St., the day of the game.

Ten thousand servicemen's tickets have been purchased by citizens of Dallas and are to be distributed free to servicemen who plan to witness the game.

The Cotton Bowl Athletic Association has made arrangements to handle distribution of the tickets through the USO, where a number of workers will be stationed to see that each man gets his duck.

Stars Coming To Hood For EM Theatrical Conference

Screen Star Paulette Goddard may be one of the "faculty," along with other leaders in the entertainment field, at the Eighth Service Command theatrical conference which will be held for nearly a thousand enlisted men from the command area Jan. 10, 11, and 12 at Camp Hood.

"Pupils" will come from the AGF, ASF, and AAP, enlisted men who will be given top notch instruction in Army entertainment by a special group of instructors, including dancer Ray Bolger, Cpl. Harold Rome, who wrote the musical hit "Pins and Needles" and the song "FDR Jones"; Perc Westmore, Hollywood make-up artist; Barry Trivers, screen writer; Danny Dare, dance director; Stev Wilson, quiz master; Norman Corwin, radio writer who pioneered in original writing for radio; and Jeff Donnell, screen actor.

January 2, Sunday, the club will have an open house with plenty of refreshments and informal entertainment. There will be dancing Sunday evening.

"Stardust Revue" Booked
Homer Springfield's "Stardust Revue" will top the New Year's Eve celebration at the 162nd St. club, with lots of girls in the cast and informal dancing after. A military conga is an added attraction. New Year's Day there will be informal entertainment with an orchestra for informal dancing after 7 o'clock. There will be constant entertainment Saturday evening.

Sunday from 3 to 10:30 p. m. the club will have an open house reception for soldiers, dates, Wacs and visitors. An orchestra and plenty of light refreshments will be provided.

Bingo Party Arranged
New Year's Eve the 72nd St. Club will have its Bingo Party and Saturday evening there will be the Quartet Hour. Open House Sunday will be kept lively with a musical variety program.

The 161st St. Club will feature a Song Festival New Year's Eve and a real Jam Session Saturday night. There will be informal dancing all the time. Sunday afternoon and evening the club will have its holiday open house.

Col. McVicker Will Address 51st OC Class

Colonel Lansing McVicker, Commanding Officer of the Training Brigade, will address the 51st TD Officer Candidate School graduating Class, next Friday at the 24th Street Theater.

The conference will be under the direction of Lt. Col. William H. Burns, chief of the special service division of the Eighth Service Command.

The purpose of this three-day conference is for the developing of soldier show directors capable of organizing soldier talent shows in their own units. Trained instructors from the Special Service Division, Washington, D. C., will be in charge of all instruction during the conference.

Recent reports from overseas indicate there is a need for trained personnel to direct and provide entertainment within their own units. The three day intensive course will give these selected soldiers a thorough course in developing and directing soldier talent shows.

The conference will be held in the 24th street Theater.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
LEGION OF MERIT—1st Sgt. James M. Wood and S-Sgt. Victor L. Spencer, both of the TDC Hq. receive the Legion of Merit Award from Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Commanding General, TDC, at ceremonies one afternoon recently. The men were cited for administrative work at the TDC.

Wac's Sorely Needed 8th S.C. Report Shows

While you're on that furlough, Soldier—recruit a WAC!

Give the Army a break for the New Year. Enlist one woman who can take her place, side by side with us, to help speed the day of victory. Tell her about the Army. Tell her that you think Khaki and olive drab are the most becoming colors in the world. Tell her you like the WAC hat the best.

Tell her what it's like to be in the Army. That it's tough and it's sometimes crazy and that it takes a guy (or a gal) with a sense of humor, but that there are rewards and compensations. Tell her you just feel better in uniform and she should understand how it is. She should see for herself.

More Women Needed

The Army needs women in uniform. Maybe you hadn't noticed it particularly. Everything seems to get done. But it is no longer a question of enlisting a woman to relieve a man to go to the front. It's a question of enlisting a woman to relieve a man who has already gone to the front. The need for women to replace men in Service Command jobs alone (and these are the words of Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan, Commanding General of the Eighth Service Command) is beginning to be an acute problem.

Recruit a woman for the WAC (your sister, your sweetheart, your cousin, even your mother maybe) and she will one day thank you for it. She will have learned what it is to serve her country in time of war. She will understand you better—your jokes and your gripes and that odd feeling of pride which you show sometimes.

She will have the same protection you have and the same re-

wards after the war that you have from a good and grateful nation. She will have a life-time health and accident policy, in that the facilities of the Veterans' Hospitals are open to her always. She will be eligible for all benefits and protection soldiers have. But more important than this, she will have that feeling of pride that men and women always have when they have served their country in time of war. She will have been a soldier, too.

A Woman's Business

Maybe you've been one of those guys who think War is a man's business—exclusively. We can't get away with it this time, fellows. It's the business of women, too. They can do at least 155 of the Army jobs that have to be done. Let's give them a chance. The war isn't quite over yet.

The old man may have said, "we got along without any women in our Army." But the old man didn't have a double feature on his hands like we have. We have a double feature with selected short subjects. We have a real World War to fight.

It's nice when you come to think of it that the women are in it with us this time. Give them a break and give the Army a break. Recruit a WAC while you're on that furlough.

264th FA Radio Crew Commended For Showing

Commendation from Brigade officer was recently by the radio section panel crew of A. Bty., 264th FA Bn., for their speed and exemplary team work in a recent demonstration.

Three day passes were awarded to the crew, T-4 Weinzimmer, T-4 Binni, Pfc. Tolson, and Pvt. Matheny.

Comedy Play Is New USO Presentation

Broadway Hit, "The Male Animal," Will Show Jan. 5 to 11

"The Male Animal," the new USO show, will play North Camp Jan. 5th, 6th, and 7th at the Central Rec. Hall, Park and 12th Sts. at 8 o'clock—at south camp, at the Hood Road theater, Jan. 8th, 10th, and 11th, at 8 o'clock.

This is the comedy written by cartoonist James Thurber and Elliott Nugent, Hollywood and Broadway actor and director. It had a long run on Broadway, toured the country, and wound up in Hollywood celluloid.

It's a three act play, concerned with the anguish and aches of Professor Turner, when, on the eve of the big football game with Goosecreek University, a former football hero and former boy friend of Mrs. Turner returns to the campus for the game.

To the professor's problem of jealousy is added the accusation, by the campus paper, that he is a dangerous radical. However, a transfusion of Superman blood, carries the professor through his trials to a triumphant conclusion as the sun sinks in the west over friendly natives.

The highlight of the show, probably, is the ex-All-American's explanation of the forward pass to a feminine audience.

EM Permitted Outside Work In Spare Time

In a clarification of purpose and what enlisted men may do while on furlough, the Post Daily Bulletin, quoted Section IV, WD Cir. No. 321:

"1. Routine passes and furloughs are considered essential for the efficiency of enlisted men . . . and are granted for the purpose of relaxation, recreation, health . . .

"Provided his actions are not such as to reflect discredit on the military service, the War Dept. is not concerned with the manner in which a soldier utilizes his free time . . .

"However, the War Dept. policy is to encourage military personnel while on pass or furlough to employ as much of their free time as they wish in agricultural or essential war industries, with or without compensation, provided that—

"A. An emergency exists because of a shortage of available labor.

"B. Such employment will not interfere with the customary employment of civilians.

"2. The War Dept. considers that in engaging in agricultural and industrial activities . . . military personnel would be acting in furtherance of the national interest and the military effort.

"3. The War Dept. will not approve for the sole purpose of engaging in work of the type described.

"4. A. Injuries while engaging in work . . . under the provisions of this circular, not the result of the soldier's misconduct, will be considered in the line of duty by the War Dept.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
FIELD HOUSE NIGHT CLUB—When civilians of the Camp Personnel office had a great holiday party with their guests in the field house recently, the entire floor was covered with tables in cabaret style. A huge Christmas sign (top photo), painted by Pvt. Bob Cole of Hq. Det. DEML, hung across one end of the building. Prizes were awarded at the dance to winners of the Victory Suggestion Contest. Col. C. M. Thirkeld, Camp Commander, inset, presents an award to one of the winners.

264th FA Bn. Working With All Arms At Camp

By SGT. J. N. MOSER
 Hq. Bty., 264th FA BN.

Tactical maneuvers are not new to the 264th FA Battalion having currently returned from Louisiana prior to assignment with the Training Brigade. Our respect for tanks originated in those low lands when they once successfully over-ran our Command Post. Tank destroyers came to our rescue but not before we had displaced.

Hostile Infantry cannot be ignored although only one battery fell into their hands during the maneuver. Frequently Artillerymen turned foot soldiers to protect their positions and on many penetrations Infantry forced withdrawals of entire Artillery Battalions from forward positions. In fact more often than counterbattery fire. However the latter is far from true in actual combat.

Indirect fire in direct support of Infantry is primary mission of Field Artillery. Both Hostile Infantry and Tank Destroyers have felt the impact of indirect fire on their positions, being conducted primarily by forward observers in advantageous observation posts. In fact on a recent Tank Destroyer

exercises, umpires credited a forward observer from a single artillery battery with having knocked out the TD command post, Infantry command post, took casualties on eight TD positions as well as neutralizing concentrations of Infantry. Yes, we're really enjoying fighting with all the arms.

Works So Hard He Didn't See The General

T-5 Erwin Schweig, Hq. & Hq. Co. RTC, North Camp, was busy doing a mural at the Leon Drive Officers' Club when a voice behind him exclaimed: "That's a nice job you're doing, Corporal!"

Schweig, intent on his work, mumbled incoherently without turning around to observe his visitor.

"That's a fine combination of colors you're using," persisted the onlooker.

Cpl. Schweig turned around. "I'm General Hester," the General said, holding out his hand. "What's your name?"

The Sergeant Has A Good Idea Of What Constitutes Tactics

Staff Sergeant Burns Rade-maker, Pioneer Department, TD School, has often been queried by various pals as to what "Tactics" are and the part they play in the conduct of warfare.

A brief military definition might describe tactics as the art of handling troops in the presence of the enemy or applying on the battlefield those things learned on the drill field. Sergeant Rade-maker has provided a written memo in answer to said queries, and he divulges the meaning of tactics without releasing a single military secret!

Tactics are not limited to the battlefield. Getting down to cases, tactics is the science practiced by chow hounds in maneuvering into front line positions. Tactics is the operative technique of a skilled goldbrick. It is the adroit management of a gigged buck private in obtaining a week-end pass from a tough top kick. Tactics is the art of catching forty more winks and still making reveille formation. Finally, tactics are the evolutions, convolutions, and de-convolutions performed by an over-exuberant week-end in eluding a watchful MP.

Any questions?

493rd MPEG Leading NC Net Tourney

Drawing to a close, North Camp Hood's Basketball League finds the 493rd MPEG Co. perched on top with no losses, to date, closely followed by the 136th RTC Bn. which tasted defeat once during the season at the hands of the hot and cold 145th AST quintet. One game remains for each of these teams when they face each other. Both units feature a number of smooth performers.

Headquarters Co., RTC, was easily the squad to beat at the start of the season but slumped badly in its late games to drop two verdicts and tie for third honors with the strong 140th five.

Individual honors during the season went to Milikan of the 144th ASTB who came through with 32 points in one game—closely followed by the solo work of Paulsin of the 146th with 24.

Marzulli, Hq. Co., ace forward, was the league's most consistent scorer, ringing up the highest total of points. He was closely followed by Heizman of the 140th and Taylor and Moneysmith of the 493rd.

RTC Will See Films Of Nation's Best Football Teams At North Camp

Motion pictures of the nation's foremost football teams will soon be flashed on the screen at RTC in North Camp. A program, instituted by the RTC special services office, has obtained the use of many outstanding football films from colleges and various commercial enterprises over the country. The films will feature highlights of the major games of the last few seasons, including the famous Bowl games, the Big Ten Conference title games and the Pacific Coast contests.

May Return To Italy With Allied Armies

By Pvt. Sal J. Miragliotta
 441st PWP Co.

There's a right spot for every man in the Army and sometimes it takes a long tortuous route to get there. Sometimes it means crossing oceans and fighting a new way of living . . .

It was a long time since Sgt. Mario F. Hutton decided that his sincere desire was to help in the rehabilitation of his native Italy. Maybe it seemed an almost impossible dream—to go back to Italy with Allied Armies. Only a short time ago he was with us in the Prisoner of War Processing Co. . . until he was selected as one of four men in the Eighth Service Command to attend the Army's Military Government School at Ft. Custer, Mich.

But back to the story of Sgt. Hutton.

Born In Italy

Born Mario Giuseppe Ferrari in Italy, he was the son of a well-known Italian painter and an English mother. His schooling was thorough, and in 1924, he was graduated from the Rome University Law School. From what he says, it appears that his anti-Fascist feelings were embodied in him for a good while, but merely that opportunity for them to be expressed was lacking. Hence, immediately after graduation, Sgt. Hutton joined the staff of "Il Mondo" (the World), the last anti-Fascist daily printed in Rome. However, at that time anti-Fascist dailies and Mussolini didn't mix, and in some enough time, "The World" was no longer a world.

When the paper closed, Sgt. Hutton turned his talents to other fields which assured him success. For example, he organized an art theater where American plays were produced for the first time. In addition, he managed a repertory company that toured 55 European cities. An accomplished linguist, it was only natural that a translating agency should attract his attention, and this attraction was realized. For several years he ran a translating agency, and he personally translated more than 50 books. Many American books occupied him as a translator, and hence Italians were afforded the opportunity of reading such works as "Looking Forward" by President Roosevelt, and "Man the Discoverer" by Van Loon. That Sgt. Hutton has business abilities is evinced by the fact that for two years, he held an exclusive position on the staff of the Export-Import Company. On the other hand, Marco Polo might well find a rival traveller in Sgt. Hutton, for the sergeant has travelled extensively in Europe, and North and Central America. He has realistically experienced the bitter cold of the Scandinavian peninsula, and the unbearable heat of North and East Africa.

Was A Lieutenant

In the Italian Army, Sgt. Hutton held the Commission of Lieutenant, and in this capacity was assigned to General Graziani's Intelligence Service in the Italian Somaliland in Africa. The ser-

geant's heart, however, did not belong to Daddy Fascism, for he later was court-martialed for anti-Fascist activities. It is interesting to note the amusing but ironical fact that this court-martial came at a time when General Graziani was recommending Lt. Ferrari for the rank of Captain!

Sgt. Hutton was sentenced to four years confinement, but he managed to escape after serving three years and eight months, of his sentence. It so happened that his personal appearance was required in England in order to claim some heritage. This afforded him the opportunity to escape to New York.

In New York, Sgt. Hutton's financial status was nil, but his go-getting abilities soon restored him to normal. He became program director of New York's radio station WOV, considered the most important foreign language radio station in the United States. This station caters to the Italian populace of Greater New York, and a most logical means to disseminate Fascist propaganda. Not without difficulty, Sgt. Hutton proved very instrumental in converting this station into an all-American one in patriotism, by eliminating all the Fascist sympathizers.

Lectured On Orientation

Very often we have listened to Sgt. Hutton's lectures on his experiences. He has lectured at Officers' and Non-Commissioned Officers' Courses. His talks have been scheduled in the orientation category. Sgt. Hutton volunteered his services in the United States Army, and his ambition to join the Allied Military School is well on its way of being realized. The fact that he's been selected speaks for his aptness. Not so long ago, he received his citizenship papers in Sherman, Texas, and he has adopted the maiden name of his English mother.

131st Adds To Victory String

The 131st Bn., RTC, North Camp, added another victory last week, when the battalion's mess hall was acclaimed the winner for the fourth time in five weeks.

The 4th Regt. officers' mess scored highest in the officers' mess category, and the WAC Det., RTC, took top honors for the best company mess.

Praised By Camp Fire Marshal For Putting Out Blaze In Truck

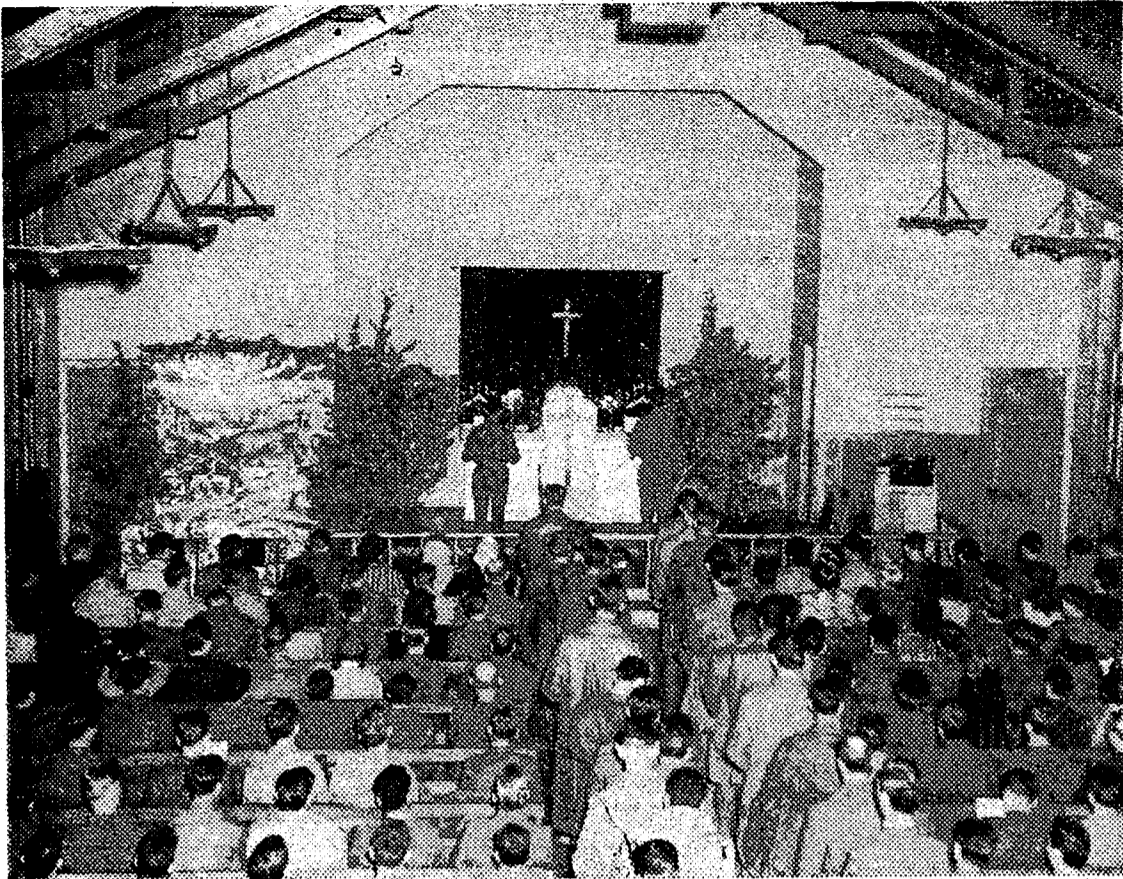
Pvt. Robert Pawlak and Pvt. Calvin Bard of Hq. Co., 662nd Bn. were commended recently by the Post Fire Marshal for quick thinking when they put out a fire of burning trash in the back of one of their trucks. Pawlak stopped another truck, borrowed its extinguisher and sent the driver to turn in the alarm. Bard used his own extinguisher in killing the blaze.



162nd St. & 37th St. Theaters
 Fri.-Sat.—No Time For Love.
 Sun.-Mon.—Higher And Higher.
 Tues.—She's For Me & Whispering Footsteps.
 Wed.-Thurs.—Around The World.
 Hood Road and 24th St. Theaters
 Thurs.-Fri.—Destination Tokyo.
 Sat.—She's For Me & Whispering Footsteps.
 Sun.-Mon.—Jack London.
 Tues.-Wed.—No Time For Love.
 Thurs.-Fri.—Higher And Higher.
 Brigade Ave. Theater
 Fri.—The Ghost Ship.
 Sat.—Sun.—Destination Tokyo.
 Mon.—She's For Me & Whispering Footsteps.
 Tues.-Wed.—Jack London.
 Thurs.-Fri.—No Time For Love.
 73rd St. Theater
 Fri.-Sat.—Jack London.
 Sun.-Mon.—No Time For Love.
 Tues.-Wed.—Higher And Higher

Thurs.—She's For Me & Whispering Footprints.
 Ave "D" & 24th St. Theaters
 Fri.-Sat.—Minesweeper & Holiday Inn.
 Sun.-Mon.—Lost Angel.
 Tues.—The Crime Doctor's Strangest Case & The Sultan's Daughter.
 Wed.-Thurs.—Destination Tokyo.
 15th & 18th St. Theaters
 Fri.-Sat.—The Gang's All Here.
 Sun.-Mon.—Tarzan's Desert Mystery & The Ghost Ship.
 Tues.-Wed.—Lost Angel.
 Thurs.—The Crime Doctor's Strangest Case & The Sultan's Daughter.
 4th & 10th St. Theaters
 Thurs.-Fri.—Lost Angel.
 Sat.—The Crime Doctor's Strangest Case & The Sultan's Daughter.
 Sun.-Mon.—The Gang's All Here.
 Tues.—Tarzan's Desert Mystery.
 Wed.—The Ghost Ship.
 Thurs.-Fri.—Jack London

All Around Camp Christmas Eve



SOLDIERS' MASS—Chap. B. E. Moll celebrates Midnight Mass at Chapel 176 for a large soldier and civilian congregation.



RAISE THEIR VOICES—The Choir, Mrs. Wilbur Sullivan and Pvt. Frederick Gross, with organist Pvt. Edward Hennelly, helped commemorate the birth of the Child at the Hood Road Midnight Mass.



CIVILIANS ENTERTAIN—Soldiers and employees of North Camp Leon Drive Service Club greeted Christmas Eve.



GENERAL'S GREETINGS—Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Commanding General, TDC, toured the camp, and personally wished the men a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



BY CANDLELIGHT—Christmas eve supper is served at the 37th St. Cafeteria by candlelight.



YULE GREETING—Chap. Charles Stinette, Jr., wishes his parishioners Merry Christmas after midnight services at the 50th St. chapel.



UNDER THE TREE—Soldier patients and ladies of the Red Cross place gifts under the huge tree Christmas eve at North Camp Post Hospital.



CAROLS FOR WACS—The Young People's Choir from North Hood Village sang carols for the RTC WAC Yule party at North Camp. Paul G. Downs, of the Red Cross, conducted the choir, Pfc. Ruth L. Jones was accompanist.



THERE WERE GIFTS—Gifts for soldiers at the parties at all the Service Clubs, as in this picture of the 162nd St. Club.

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Promise Of A New Year

Christmas, 1943, has passed, and, although it was nice to wish hopefully, the war with Germany isn't over, much less the Japs. It was nice, hoping that Christmas would find a beaten Germany, but with a new year just ahead, all the pipe dreams fade into the reality of the grim struggle for freedom still ahead.

Certainly, those Yanks in Italy at the front weren't dreaming when they fought a bloody Yuletide battle with desperate Nazi troops. And for those Americans who died this Christmas day, winning another peak in Italy, there were no illusions about a beaten Germany.

They say that men a bit behind those lines were optimistic to the last minute that Hitler's glamour boys were through. To the man in the lines there could be no mistaking the crafty, dogged Nazi whom he had to kill to win the hill.

Some of the most pro-Russian military observers refused to believe that the Red Army could continue its magnificent winter assault on the German line in the East. Yet even though that assault continues and threatens a mass German retreat, bitter combat remains before the Red soldiers even enter Poland.

No Easy Victory

There remains only one way to face the New Year. No easy victory either in Europe or Asia lies ahead. Our leaders have warned of the pain and sorrow. More men will die to make freedom secure for all of us.

No, those aren't hollow words, not empty phrases of the progress we have made, not uncomfortable warnings to those of us still training to meet the enemy. It's going to be a bitter trying new year.

Simply, America's fate lies in the New Year's bloody battles. It's going to cost us a hell of a lot, lives and property and money. It's going to tax every war-wrought fibre of the Allied nations. Sacrifice on the home front and war front, equally shared devotion of winning the war by every one of us—That's the price.

Hitler is being pushed back; but he's not whipped yet. The Japs have seen us wrest a foothold in the outer ring of their defenses; the Nipponese fleet still sulks at home protecting the Emperor—but still has plenty of fight.

If the promise of the new year holds much suffering, it also holds the flaming faith which has carried us this far in our war against tyranny.

War's Cost To Be High

There is no reason to be afraid of speaking too strongly here about the complacency which sweeps our side with each victory. Men who have met the enemy aren't talking of easy victory and no one else has a right to. It makes no difference if training is tough and uncomfortable. There is no substitute for a combat foxhole. It's a new year which is going to cost dearly for every dead Nazi or Jap.

We can't forget Munda, Tarawa, Hill 609, the beachhead at Salerno, Stalingrad, Oran, Guadalcanal, or the convoy route to the Arctic. Allied soldiers fought and died in those places. Each must be considered a family part of the tidal wave which will sweep the enemy before our armed forces.

That's why this New Year's thought is a curious paradox. We must be heartened by the wonderful progress made in 1943. We must soberly realize that each triumph in the new year will take its share of blood and pain. The enemy has had more than one "Christmas present" from us.

U. S. Power Mounts

America's might alone now staggers the imagination of even the best dreamers. We're sure of victory. But we aren't planning on upsets. Smart policy never figures on the unexpected.

We thank God for the success we have made. We ask His protection and guidance in the future. We know we're winning—but we haven't won yet. We're in the Army and are not supposed to need reminders about the dirty job ahead. Yet there is no separating any part of all the agencies massed to win the war. The home front is fighting against selfishness, against domestic fascism. We train to fight physical battles. We think of the hells as well as the joys of the coming year.

Surprise Party At 37th St. Service Club

The surprise of the holiday season was the unexpected arrival, Sunday afternoon, of a busload of girls from Ft. Worth—with 40 gallons of punch and hundreds of cookies—at the 37th St. service club. The girls were chaperoned under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Miner of Ft. Worth.

Entertainment for the afternoon was a show by men from camp and a group of children directed by Mrs. Dorothy Prandt.

Non-Coms Take KP For Pvt's On Christmas Day Dinner In Co. A, 662nd Bn

The privates of Company "A", 662nd TD Battalion got all the glory while their sergeants did all the work. "Believe it or not" this really happened at their Christmas dinner and party. The KP's and table waiters were relieved and their places taken by the non-coms.

Wedding Bells

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While on recent furloughs, the following men of the 441st PWP Co., North Camp, were married; Pvt. Charles R. Everdell was married to Miss Mary Loughran; Cpl. Wooten Bradley united with Miss Betty Ann Hutchinson; Cpl. Fred Berdass married Miss Margo Moses, and Cpl. Dominick Iadanza was married to Miss Mary Saghoco.

Capt. John Benjamin Hancock, 130th RTC Bn., North Camp, took as his bride, Mary Kathryn Carlile, Dec. 18, at the Grace Presbyterian Church, Temple, Tex.

662nd Joins 22nd Group

The 662nd Tank Destroyer Battalion which was activated May 1, 1943, at North Camp, joined the 22nd Gp. The Battalion was activated under the command of Major Robert E. Mitchell and under his leadership, and with fine cooperation between officers and enlisted men, has come along through basic training and advanced training with a record to be proud of. In early July the battalion was changed over to towed mounts from a self-propelled unit.

After completing basic training at Shell Camp No. 1 the battalion hiked 46 miles into Camp Hood to begin advanced training. The hike was made across country and with full field equipment.

A few of the outstanding achievements of the 662nd are: rated high in Army Ground Force Physical Fitness Test with a percentage of 96%, completing the four mile forced march in six minutes under the allotted time; completed the five mile Battle Conditioning Run in record time; never received lower than satisfactory in any problem under UTC.

TD Song "TD Men" On Airwaves Over Station WACO Wed.

A 15 minute radio program by the 1st. TDRTC Band, introducing "Tank Destroyer Men" as written by Capt. Thomas Denny, RTC Adjutant, will be broadcast by radio station WAO, Wednesday, January 5th at 12:30 p. m.

The program, directed by Warrant Officer Arthur Knopinsky, includes marches, a waltz and introduces "Tank Destroyer Men" for the first time on the air.

Don't forget. It's 1450 on your dial, station WACO, Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 12:30 p. m.

Is Father Of A Girl

To S-Sgt. William Wade of the Communications Dept., TDS, and Mrs. Wade, a 7-lb. girl, Sat., December 11th, at McCloskey Hospital, named Willetta Joyce. The Wades come from Muncie, Indiana.

Army Quiz

1. What use is the Army making of all confiscated slot machines today?
2. How do dependents of a soldier collect his back pay in the event of his death?
3. Are members of the Merchant Marine subject to court martial?
4. Do Army divers in salvage or repair operations receive additional pay?
5. What is the base pay of an aviation cadet?
6. What is the best way for servicemen's relatives to send money overseas?

(Answers Page Seven)



Panther's Man Of The Year - -

He Did Like Hollywood, But Never Quit Fighting

Editor's Note: This is part of a letter written by Lt. Irving Newman, Flight Surgeon with the Army Air Force, now in Italy, to his brother, S-Sgt. Marc Newman, of Camp Special Service Office. As a dramatization of the human element in the war, it struck us as being worth printing.

Even his name was like that of a magazine story hero—Cantwell—Bill Cantwell. Impatient to get into the war, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. Then his own country got into the imbroglio, and he transferred over into the Air Forces of the U. S. Army.

He was not altogether liked by his American flying comrades. There was too much "bull" about him. They all respected him for his flying ability, but there was a flashiness about it, something theatrical that they shook their heads caustically at. The pulp-fiction characteristics of the aviator—a cocky, black, well-kept little moustache; his half-smile carefully designed to show his nice, even white teeth; his impatience with the caution—or frank fear—of other men before or after combat missions; his supreme faith in his own flying; his imitation of British habits after what was actually only a brief association with the Canadians in North America.

He was young—24 years of age. He was cute—until he got into the big ship—his theatricalism was lost in a scene that was—and is—theatrical beyond all human production minds.

All these little things about Bill Cantwell irritated the other men who, remember, are themselves very young—from 20-26 years—so young to be engaged in their unnatural enterprise. Yet there was no actual dislike—you don't dislike a kid that comes down from a particularly tough mission, plane all shot up, calm, unworried about himself, but concerned about a member of "my crew, Doc. I don't know how to say it—I may be wrong—but—"

"Go on, Bill—" I said. "Maybe I can help."

"Well, Doc, it's this way. The way I look at this game over here, either you got it or you haven't. Call it whatever you want, but it's got to be here!" He rapped his chest over the heart significantly with his closed fist.

He didn't come in, as many before him have, and say, "Hey, Doc. Wish you'd talk to my gunner so-and-so—think he's scared—see what you can do, will ya, Doc?" and then walk off for donuts that the Red Cross may or may not have provided that day. Not Cantwell—this, he loved; this was part of the drama of war—human failures—these were important to Bill Cantwell. You couldn't dislike him—he made so much less drab the monotony of losing men

and machines, so much more appealing and less automatic the process by which ships come to be manned by certain types of men.

That's why, when Cantwell's ship—and I say his ship advisedly for he was the pilot, in command of that Flying Fortress—when it failed to return from a mission, we all missed him so much—Funny—to the end, he played the role with characteristic flamboyancy—

You see, it was his last mission, his 50th. After it, he was entitled to go back to the states. In that, at least, he conformed to more conventional patterns; he was happy and excited about it. Often in half-serious jest, men approaching their last mission say that all they're going to do on their last one is get over the sortie line, (which gives 'em credit for the mission) turn around and get back fast as they can.

Cantwell would always snort derisively on these occasions, "Hell! That last one is going to be just the one I'm going to be sure I get over the target on!"

Well, he did—the rest of the element with which he was flying were drawn back by a combination of bad weather and heavy concentration of enemy fighters. Cantwell did not turn back; he could have, with honor. He went on, alone, over the target.

His ship was seen to blow up—over the target. It is not known whether or not he dropped his bombs. Knowing him, I can well visualize him struggling to retain his strength and somehow drop his bombs; unless he did that he'd be out of character, and he couldn't stand for that.

So Cantwell's gone—only the remote possibility that he bailed out remains. Some say they saw five chutes open up over the Alps. It would be very typical if a be-whiskered, tired, bloody but unbowed Cantwell should stagger into an American camp in Italy—typical and most welcome. A small episode of this war—we are fighting—and winning.

Successful Party For Serv. Bty., 264th FA

Credit for the success of one Serv. Bty., 264th FA Bn., recent dinner party was voted to Ann contribution. Mrs. Hamilton, a Hamilton for her entertainment singer and pianist from station WLB, was made honorary 1st Sgt. of the battery, and now outranks her husband, S-Sgt. William R. Hamilton.

Aiding Mrs. Hamilton were Pvt. Joseph Wawrynial's hot boogie-woogie, Cpl. Ralph T. Wenning's songs, and Pvt. John Hobby in a hill-billy commentary on the state of the world.

He Saw Nazis Take Trondheim Port During Early Nazi Drive

EDITOR NOTE: Here is an unusual story. It is an eyewitness account of the Nazi invasion of Norway in 1940 by a Camp Hood Staff Sergeant, Herbert M. Lovell, as told to T-5 Tom Dundon.

By T-5 TOM DUNDON

There is no more enthusiastic advocate of the element of surprise in attack than S-Sgt. Herbert M. Lovell, acting 1st Sgt. of Company A, 670th TD Bn, Lovell, in addition to witnessing first hand, the events that transpired before the fall of the Polish Corridor port of Danzig, as well as the sinking of the German pocket battleship, Graf Spee, off Montevideo, Uruguay, was an observant spectator at the fall of Trondheim during the initial phases of the German invasion of Norway in 1940.

S-Sgt. Lovell, a native of the rugged Massachusetts sea coast, is the scion of a long line of sea-faring folk dating back to the colonial days.

The slim top-kick smiled as he recalled the cold morning of April 9, 1940 when, as an engineer aboard the American freighter, Mormacsea, docked at Trondheim, he received his introduction to Nazi warfare.

Crew Is Surprised

"It was 5:30 and chilly, even in the engineer's fockle, and we were all sleeping soundly. Our first mate stuck his head in the hatchway and bellowed, 'Stand by fore and aft! The mate had a voice like a tin gong and his first call awakened most of us, but he bellowed again as he came down the ladder. Then, in a matter of fact voice, he added: 'The Germans are here! Yeah, and the Yanks are coming, too,' someone answered, while the rest of us told him, in typical seamen's fashion, what we thought of him, his antecedents and his outlandish ideas for waking us at this weird hour. The mate laughed at our outburst. 'Well, if you bilge mechanics don't believe a God-fearing man, come on deck and see for yourself.'

"Just then, we heard the thunderous whine of a plane in a power dive. It sounded like it was directly overhead. You know, at a moment like that, you don't concern yourself with mere social niceties. No one bothered with pants or shoes. In a flash, we bounded from our beds and scurried up the ladder to the foredeck. We stood in stunned silence at what we saw.

"Out of several German vessels, which had been tied up alongside of us for several days, disguised as innocent freighters awaiting sailing orders, troops, equipment and vehicles were literally pouring in double time tempo. We asked the Norwegian guard aboard our ship what was going on, and were told that these were Norwegian troops. He was a Quislingite, of course. We were to encounter many such incidents of treason during our six-day stay.

"Then, we turned out attention to the German cruiser, Von Hipper, which had tied herself to our ship with two destroyers fore and aft. That's a story in itself. Captain McHale, our skipper, was awakened by a knock at his cabin door and a voice asked, in perfect Norwegian, if he had any objection to the speaker tying up alongside. You see, the docks were so crowded with ships that it was necessary for the small fishing boats who operated in these waters to, in a manner of speaking, double park. The Captain gave his permission and got up to see what was going on. As he dressed, he heard turbines and blowers and hastened on deck. You can well imagine his reaction when he saw the huge Nazi warship, with guns bristling from every porthole, pulling alongside.

Training Looked Thorough

"We saw plenty of evidences of the thorough training of the Nazi invaders, during the next few days. No, they weren't supermen. Most of them were downy-faced kids, but they knew their jobs, their weapons and their equipment.

They were in good shape too. I saw one of them unwinding field telephone wire from an improvised wheelbarrow travel a full half mile at a dead run.

"The Germans had completed unloading their transports in four or five hours the first day.

"Each man had a definite job and knew exactly where to go.



Some, with climbing spurs, climbed telephone poles and severed the city's communications. Others set up machine guns covering vital avenues. Traffic stopped and all transportation was commanded. Public buildings, hotels, dance halls, and theatres were taken over. We were puzzled when we first saw them piling the theatre seats in the streets, but when we noted that the theatres were being converted to barracks, it clarified the matter.

No Shooting

"The Germans took the town as though they were attending a social. Not a shot was fired. The only mishap during our stay was the shooting down of a German plane by an anti-aircraft battery of nervous Nazis, who had mistaken it for a British bomber.

"The majority of the city's residents were stunned; they lacked life. There was neither cheering nor booing nor tears. The people remained apathetic when the Nazis posted signs all over the city urging them to remain calm and notifying them that the soldiers had come to protect them. It failed to say from what.

"The Quislingites were everywhere, acting as guides, pointing out civic officials, acting as interpreters and, in a few cases, even manning guns.

"Within a few days, the people recovered from their initial shock and we began to notice a new determination and hope as they

Health Ass'n. Wants Military Personnel Help

The Central Texas Health Ass'n. covering six counties in this area, and under the direction of Dr. C. M. Covington, has appealed to the military personnel at Camp Hood for assistance. The Health Ass'n. is in need of graduate nurses.

There are many wives of military personnel who are qualified for this work. Pass this information on to your wife if she is a graduate nurse and is available to accept a position. If interested get in touch with Mrs. Hazel Johnson, supervising nurse at the Health Center in Belton.

Pvt. Terry MC At USO

Pfc. Lee Terry, of the Athletic Office TDS, was master of ceremonies at the Temple USO Christmas night, for the Christmas party staged there. Terry showed his musical versatility by playing a number of instruments.

TDS Planning Minstrel

Lt. Irving Cohn of the Academic Regiment, TD School, who is investigating officer, S-4 officer, fire marshal, transportation officer and special service officer, is planning an outdoor minstrel show for the TDS amphitheater in good weather.

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"We were at Homelvik, when the British struck. Believe me, it was a pleasant sight seeing that there were planes in the air that bore another emblem than the maltese cross.

Outwitted Nazis

"It was six days before Capt. McHale received approval from the State Dept. and permission from the Nazi commandant to sail. The Nazis, however, refused to give us safe passage through the mine fields and Capt. McHale was advised that we could sail at our own risk. The Nazis made several attempts to learn definitely about the \$4,500,000 worth of Swedish gold that we had aboard as return cargo but Capt. McHale outwitted them at every attempt.

"How we made it through the mine fields, I'll never know. We wormed through somehow and, you can take it from me, there was no more beautiful sight in the world than the Statue of Liberty when we hit New York."



DOES THE JOB—AND WELL—S-Sgt. John T. Tomko, Hq. Co. and T-5 Verna Bockelman, RTC WAC Det., working at the master file of the TD RTC, north camp. These soldiers have worked together for eight months on this intricate file system. When the WACs arrived last April, Tomko was skeptical. He's changed his mind. "She's efficient and valuable," the sergeant says.

Gen. Mayberry Credits TDS Inspection Mark

Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, the School's commanding general, has issued a New Year's memorandum for all officers, enlisted men and civilian employees. He says: "The report of the last general inspection of the Tank Destroyer School, by the Inspector General of the Eighth Service Command, has been received, giving the Tank Destroyer School a general rating of 'superior.' It is difficult to express adequately my appreciation of the

fine work each of you has done during the past year.

"The success of our School is the result of the cumulative efforts of each officer, enlisted man and civilian performing his or her own particular job to the best of his ability. There is little glamour or glory in the work you or I are doing. We all would prefer to be in combat. Our satisfaction must come from a personal sense of work well done each day.



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

The headline of the week was the appointment of Gen. Eisenhower, of the U. S. Army, to command the Allied armies' northern invasion of Europe.

The announcement seemed further indication of the United Nations' unified command and aims, and should have informed the Germans that the Allies are about ready to start for Berlin.

The appointment of Eisenhower came after persistent rumors that the job would go to Gen. Marshall. But the Chief of Staff is to remain in Washington, which has led many commentators to suggest that Allied global strategy will emanate from there.

British Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson was designated to succeed Gen. Eisenhower in the Mediterranean command, and British Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery will be in charge of Allied armies in Italy.

Scharnhorst Sunk

Making up somewhat for being caught flatfooted when the Scharnhorst escaped through the English Channel early in 1942, the British fleet finally caught up with the elusive battleship, one of Germany's biggest naval units, on the Murmansk, Russian, route, and sank her in a large-scale battle. Later in the week it was announced that three Nazi destroyers were also sunk. Damage to the British fleet (probably including American components) was very slight.

Russians Move Ahead

Recovering from their setback when Nazi Marshall von Manstein forced them into temporary retreat, the Soviet army continued to pound ahead steadily, regaining the territory lost and gaining additional ground.

Gen. Vatutin's first Ukraine army pounded forward to a depth of 25 miles on a 50 mile front west of Kiev, and then moved on to within 16 miles of Zhitomir.

A Nazi communique announced

that British and French commandos made a raid on the invasion coast of France. Press reports pointed out that the Allies have made many such raids which they never announced.

Biggest Raid

Keeping track of England-based raids becomes difficult as their size and force increases rapidly. The latest one by American and British air forces, on the west coast of France, was declared to be the largest single aerial raid in history. The exact target was a secret, but more than 3,000 planes of all types participated. So much a secret were the targets, that pilots and crews were told no more than that they were "military objectives." Conjecture ranged from "rocket gun emplacements" to advance barrage for invasion.

The actual makeup of invasion forces has probably been decided upon, but it a secret which the Germans would like to know but will have to learn the hard way, the joint Allied chiefs of staffs stated.

The Nazis are said to be throwing additional reserves into Yugoslavia, with Marshall Broz' partisans seeming to hold their own. Broz, Mihailovitch, and King Peter are still arguing as to which represents the Yugoslav people, with Broz being on the scene and fighting.

Allies Move In Italy

American troops occupied the last commanding heights on Mt. Samucro, in Italy, and prepared to storm the little village of San Vittore. The Nazis admitted to abandoning the flaming town of Ortona, a statement which the Allies did not confirm.

Japs Pushed Back

Allied airmen continued to rain bombs on the Jap outpost of Gloucester, on the western tip of New Britain.

The Japanese are being steadily driven back by American secret

weapons, plus the worlds' largest fleet of aircraft carriers, Navy Secretary Knox said. Confirmation of the statement can be found in reports from all the Pacific fronts, which indicate that while the Allies may not be doing anything spectacular, they definitely control the offensive initiative.

We're Not Soft

Returning from a six months tour of the Mediterranean theater, Col. Albert S. J. Stovall, declared that his observation had convinced him that the American soldier has proven that we are anything but a soft people, and that the Yank has shown himself to be superior to the German soldier on most counts. He said his statement was made in all sincerity, without thought to propaganda value.

The Pope offered a prayer for peace and "the employment of force to" achieve and maintain peace, but warned that true peace "can never be a harsh imposition supported by arms" alone.

Home Front

On order of the President, the army took control of the nation's railroads as efforts to mediate wage disputes failed.

Rumor had the Polish Premier, Mikolajczyk, on his way to see President Roosevelt.

The War Dept. announced that the production peak had been passed in several important parts of the military supply program. Both Vice President Wallace and Gen. Eisenhower predicted the defeat of Germany before the end of 1944.

A cold wave spreading an epidemic of flu across the country seems to be subsiding.

This is a leap year, meaning it is Sadie Hawkins Day every day, meaning that every unmarried female may consider it constant open season for unmarried males.



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TWO'S THE LIMIT—Although the Post libraries have complete stocks of the newest books, Miss Marcia Williams, librarian at the Leon Drive Club, NC, puts a retaining hand on Pvt. William van der Meulen, Co. C, 142nd Bn. who seems to want a whole cart full of new reading matter. (See story below).

Libraries Cater To All NC Needs

"Have you anything on the laws of aerodynamics?" asked the soldier.

"Certainly," replied the librarian, and the soldier left with two weighty texts under his arm.

Last summer about the best he could have gotten would have been a brace of dog-eared mysteries, but today the libraries at North Camp Hood do a brisk business in books on almost any subject.

The shelves of the three North Camp libraries are not exactly crammed as yet, but there are rows of bright-backed volumes where yards of space used to be a few months ago.

The Twelfth Street Library opened first at North Camp late in June, with about 90 books on hand, many of them gifts. The Leon Drive Library and the library at the Service Club at Eighteenth Street followed suit early in July, ready to circulate 301 and 75 books respectively. Today the Twelfth Street Library has a stock of 2,196 volumes, the Leon Drive Library 1,970, and the Eighteenth Street Library more than 600.

Writing Space Used

The two main libraries have reading and writing accommodations for 96 persons in their two wings. Space at the Eighteenth Street Library is somewhat smaller. All three buildings are finished with composition floors and pastel green walls and the Eighteenth Street Library boasts read-desks of light wood in modern design.

Miss Marcia Williams, librarian, said many trainees come just to write letters home (free stationery is available) and to read hometown newspapers. The Leon Drive Library has a file of 12 daily and Sunday papers from all over the nation.

The Twelfth Street Library has 65 different magazines in its racks, monthlies, weeklies, and all the service journals. In the lobby also are featured various orientation maps, a daily news bulletin published by RTC, and news of books.

Biggest call at Leon Drive is for mathematics texts, Miss Williams said, with German and French grammars a close second and fiction a poor third.

Read War Stories

War stories, both fictional and actual, get a good play, and mysteries are popular among officers. Trainees also like to read biographies.

Her assistant, Sgt. Kenneth Singer of the 1848th Service Unit, added that Wednesdays and Sundays were the busiest days.

The Eighteenth Street Library serves men of the 24th TD Group and the 133rd Bn. Its light-colored

furniture and potted plants make it an especially cheerful place to read or write. Around its walls runs a frieze of colored pictures of modern warplanes.

Skilled Librarians

The librarian is Mrs. Evelyn Regina Weaver, a young woman who holds degrees from New York University and Columbia.

Non-fiction is the most popular at the Eighteenth Street Library. Mrs. Weaver reported, with many calls for poetry and plays.

Among the TD trainees who are the clientele of the Twelfth Street Library, fiction, of the serious type, is the most popular, and language books and volumes on music are much in demand. So reported Miss Lenora Manning, librarian. Miss Manning said there is also a good call for textbooks and treatises, especially mathematics, at her library.

The librarian is assisted by T-5 Herman Adams of the 1848th Service Unit at North Camp. The Twelfth Street Library is also open from 1100 to 2130 each day, except during the supper hour on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Former Artists In Tactics Dept

Lt. Robert Larter, in charge of the art section of the Tactics Dept., TDS, is a graduate of the Yale Art School. Formerly a muralist and stage designer, he instructed art at Washburn Municipal College, Topeka, Kansas, and later at Bucknell University. Two former Walt Disney animators, Sgt. Ambrose Palawodi, and Cpl. Stan Green are in his unit. They were pals in Hollywood, separated by the Army. They were recently brought together again in the same section at TDS.

Another member of the group is Cpl. Franklin Folger, who studied art at the Art Cincinnati Academy for three years. Folger's first cartoons were sold to the Cincinnati Enquirer when he was 18. Since that time his work has appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, Judge, Esquire, Pic, and more than 50 other newspapers and magazines.

North Camp Rec Hall Stage Made Larger

The stage of the Central Rec. Hall, North Camp, has been enlarged by the utilities section of S-4, RTC. The augmented stage will handle much larger production with ease.

The shows will be more effective, accordingly, with better visual action for the GI's.

Good Conduct Awards Made To 667th EM

In recognition of having completed one year of military service, the following members of the 667th Bn. have been recommended for the Good Conduct Medal by their commanding officer, Maj. Degenhardt:

Med. Det.
Pfc. William J. Carey
Hq. Co.

T-Sgt. Garland I. Cantrell, S-Sgt. Joseph R. Johnson, Sgt. Merrill W. Kiester, T-4 Nathan T. Bailey, T-4 Frederick G. Bernard, T-4 Statesman W. Brooks, T-4 Kenneth C. Newcomb, Cpl. Richard L. Bartrug, T-5 William J. Coons, T-5 Theodore R. Greene, T-5 Albert W. Haffner.

T-5 Richard E. Hawley, T-5 Stanley L. Lampman, T-5 Stanley J. Ohler, Pfc. Alexander Cimaszewski, Sgt. Enoch S. Cook, Pfc. William F. Dunn, Pfc. Pasquale A. La Porte, Pvt. Edward K. Leibrandt, vt. Dominick T. Mazza, Pvt. Clarence E. Quilliam.

Co. A

S-Sgt. James C. Milstead, Cpl. Fred E. Rogers, T-5 Wilbur R. Jones, T-5 Victor J. Lewandowski, T-5 Harry Shapiro, Pfc. Robert C. Brown, Pfc. LeVern T. Dickerson.

Pfc. George L. Johnson, Pfc. Gerald McGee, Pfc. John Obuch, Pvt. Harold Castor, Pvt. Cecil C. Cole, vt. Eldred Lewis.

Co. B

1st-Sgt. James W. Boss, S-Sgt. Charles W. Schilling, Sgt. George E. Brackett, Sgt. Rex M. Helmick, Cpl. Harold B. Sheridan, T-5 Harry E. Marshall, Pfc. Robert R. Caltrider, Sgt. John R. Valentine, Pfc. Vincent N. Ferri, Pfc. Herbert H. Sierp, Pfc. Rupert R. Toothaker, Pfc. Harry C. Wytenback, Pvt. Raymond D. Bouslog, Pvt. Alexander A. Kennedy, Pvt. Samuel P. Morabito.

Co. C

S-Sgt. Werner A. Johnson, S-Sgt. William H. Pruitt, Sgt. Edward J. Burkhardt, Sgt. Nick S. Miccolis, Sgt. Ralph R. Petersen, T-4 John D. Beder, T-4 Samuel F. Ewing, Cpl. John D. Coyle, T-5 Conrad F. Mason.

Pfc. Joseph Caranda, Pfc. James L. Weese, Pvt. Vernon Calhoun, Pvt. John J. Eaton, Pvt. Delbert L. Gatiliff, Pvt. Cecil L. Jones, Pvt. Peter M. Krozel, Pvt. Lawrence C. Premore.

Recon. Co.

S-Sgt. Angelo A. Abruzzese, S-Sgt. Bernard J. Dolan, S-Sgt. Gilbert P. Springbrum, S-Sgt. Andrew C. Compie, T-4 Raymond E. Meyers, Cpl. Wesley E. Clement, T-5 Richard A. Aspron, T-5 John A. Sundrick, T-5 Charles W. Hair.

Pfc. Donald G. Galinder, Pfc. Cary L. Hodges, Pfc. Ray Nelson, Pfc. Joseph F. Rudinsky, Pfc. William A. York, Pvt. Herschel Freeman, Pvt. Cecil Mann, Pvt. Delbert W. Marshall, Pvt. George T. Patton.

Hood Soldier Mailed Shells; Courtmartialed

Even though the Daily bulletin has warned more than once against the mailing of explosives, even though most men who don't see the bulletin know that there are laws against this, some never learn.

A special court martial recently tried a T-5 in one of the TD battalion here at camp. The T-5 was charged with wrongfully and knowingly depositing for mailing in the United States mail a parcel containing among other things, 44 rounds of assorted live and blank ammunition and certain obscene literature.

The soldier was found guilty as charged. He was reduced to the grade of private, restricted to the camp area for three months and will forfeit \$33.00 a month from his pay for six months. Only his fine record as a soldier kept the sentence from being harder.

Camp regulations forbid the taking of ammunition or empty brass. Postal regulations forbid the mailing of explosives and obscene literature. Unit commanders ask men to check when they leave ranges to see that they don't have ammunition. To take the stuff is a violation of a direct order.

What could be clearer?

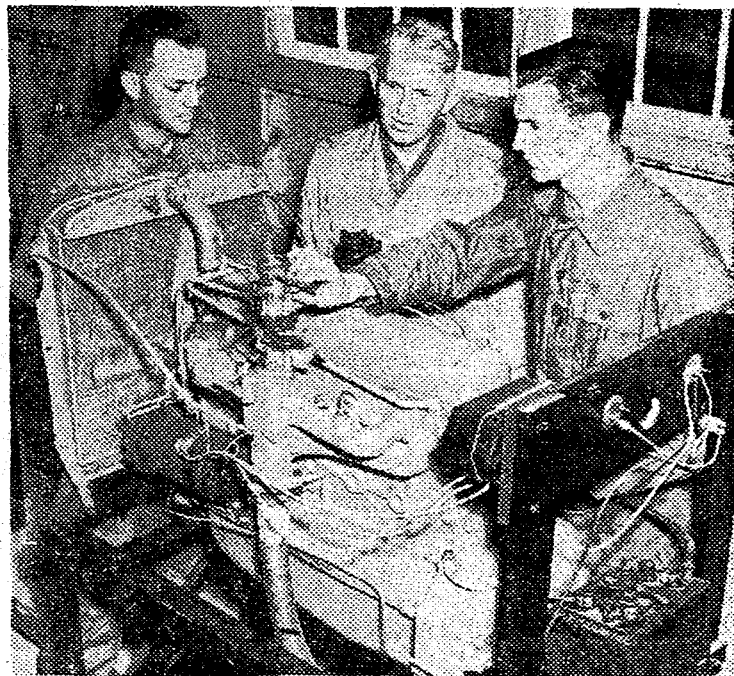
Vice-President Wallace Lists Talks Of Allied Leaders In Year's Poll

Vice President Henry Wallace listed what he considered to be the four outstanding events of 1943: 1—Start of the enemy into retreat on all fronts.

2—The Moscow-Cairo-Tehran conferences, symbolizing the ability of the four big Allied nations to work together.

3—The "remarkable" production record of our factories.

4—The food and relief conferences, pointing the way toward "understanding and cooperation among more than 40 nations for the sake of all humanity."



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LEARN FROM MODELS—Trainees in the 136th Bn. RTC motor school study parts of working motors in the only school of its kind in the RTC. Mechanics of motors are much easier to understand with working cutaway models of the actual equipment. (See story below).

New Mechanics Learn Specialized Jobs Of Motor Maintenance From Models In 136th Bn., RTC, School

Fledgling mechanics bend over rows of neatly-painted, smoothly-running motors in one building. In the next a class of more than 100 learns the intricacies of the gear box from a big cutaway training aid. Various mechanical noises come from four other adjacent buildings.

It's one of the busiest spots in North Camp Hood and one of the most self-sustaining.

It is the motor school of the 136th TD Bn., the only one of its kind in the Tank Destroyer Replacement Center.

Most of the motors, neat racks of tools and myriad training aids and working models are salvage or hand made from scrap. In the live motor shop and apparently brand new motor has probably been "cannibalized" from the wornout parts of a dozen others.

For the 136th motor school is the result of enterprise, elbow grease and—salvage. Every vehicle inspected and condemned is pounced upon by the trainees and the school staff and shortly new equipment turns up in the schools' six shops and classrooms.

The school opened its doors in May and last June "graduated" the first of 1,500 qualified mechanics who have either finished the course or are now in the process of training.

Each man gets 250 hours of instruction, practical work and field expedients on all types of

wheeled vehicles. Carburetion and ignition are gone into thoroughly, old chassis are rebuilt, in fact the whole field of operation and maintenance is covered.

Every trainee in the battalion's four companies takes the course in addition to his basic combat training.

Classes average 160 men and are taught by 1st. Lt. George Osterstock, head of the motor school, and a staff of officers and enlisted cadremen.

Hq. Co., 661st Bn. Has Yule Party

Members of Headquarters Company, 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion, ushered in the holiday season last Friday evening, December 17, 1943, with a Christmas party at the USO in Lampasas where dancing, refreshments and gay decorations combined to create a festive occasion.

Some of the more fortunate members of the outfit were privileged to enjoy the company of their wives and sweethearts. For the unattached, there were plenty of girls provided by the USO which rounded up a galaxy of Lampasas young ladies.

The refreshments, served buffet style, were made possible by Company Funds, and the excellent dance rhythms were furnished by the 106th Cavalry Band.

All-American Outfit

In the Rcn. Co. of the 671st Bn. there are representatives of 37 states, Puerto Rico, Norway, and Sweden among the nine officers and 123 enlisted men.

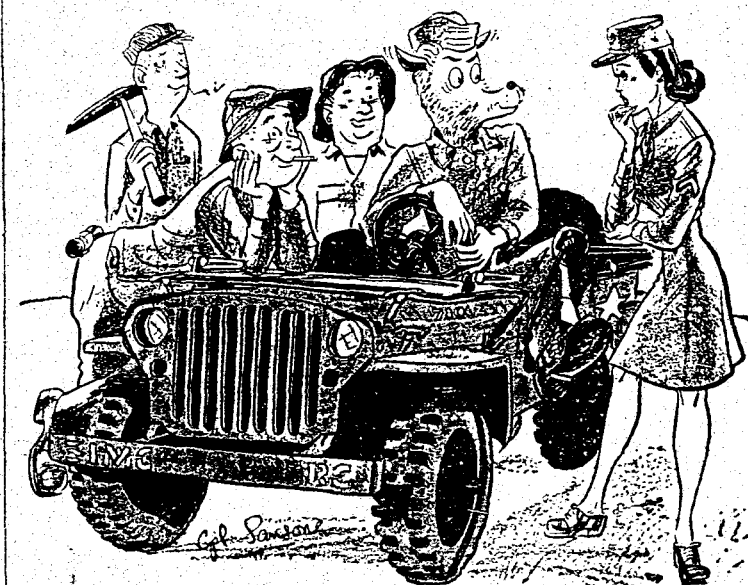
Decorating Day Room

Members of the cadre of Hq. & Serv. Co., Officers' Candidate School Regiment, have been busy all during the past week, decorating the company Day Rooms and mess hall to give them that Christmas-like atmosphere for the holidays.

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"—and what is a clutch?"

Red Devils From 665th Bn. Down Team From 660th

In a sort of post-season game, the 665th Bn. "Red Devils" football team came out of retirement and defeated the 660th Bn. gridgers last week, 19 to 12. Having officially closed their season after the TDS game about a month ago, the "Red Devils" played exceptionally good football, however, their timing was decidedly off, which accounted for numerous fumbles.

The Devils scored in the opening quarter just after taking the kickoff. A 30-yard aerial, Adams to Curley, was good for pay dirt, and the try for extra point was successful, putting the 665th out in front, 7 to 0. The 660th evened turned on the heat in the second stanza and pushed over a touchdown, but the extra point was no good and the half ended, 7 to 6.

In the third quarter, the Devils scored again on terrific line cracking by Rowan, Senkulics and Burr, plus a final toss, Adams to Curley, for the score. A few moments later, the Devils fumbled on their own 35-yd. line and the 660th recovered and marched the pigskin via line plays, on over for their second score. Their extra point failed.

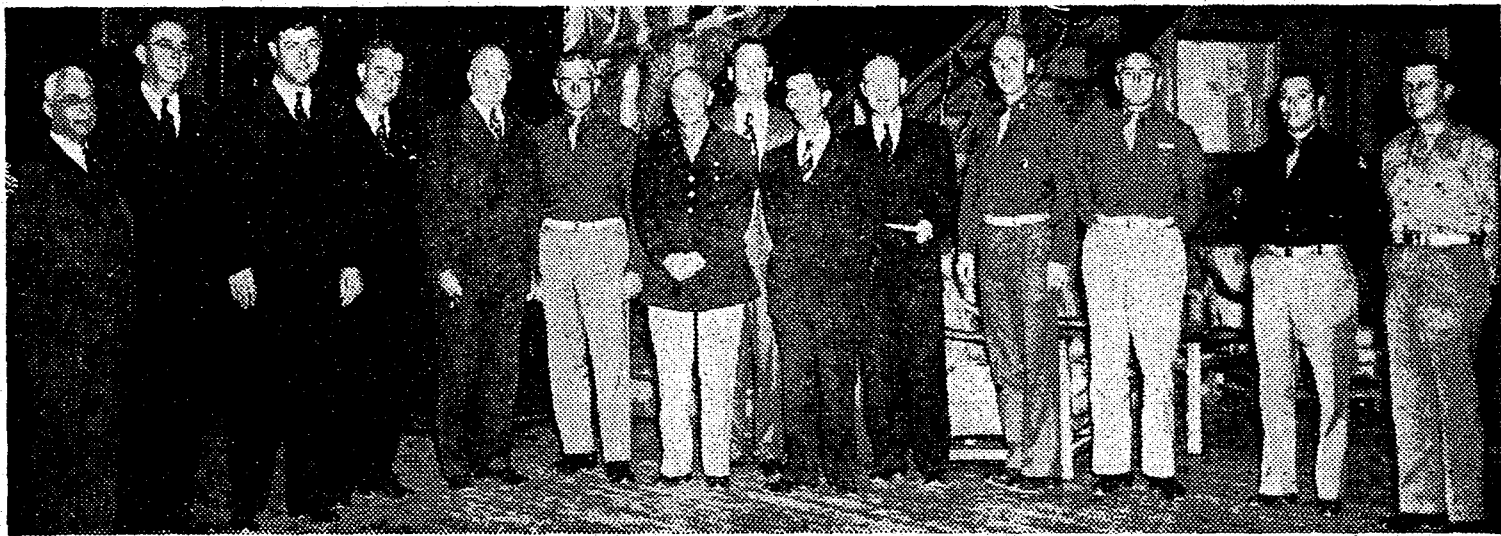
The final and clinching six-pointer came in the last period, with Adams handing off to Senkulics on a reverse, who raced over from the 30-yard line. Adams plunged over for the extra point to make the final count, 19 to 12, the Red Devils atop.

Extend Condolence

Condolence has been extended by B. Bty., 264th FA Bn., to the family of Pvt. Lawrence R. Taylor, killed in an accident recently while on furlough.

Quiz Answers

1. They are being transformed into booby traps.
2. The accounts of deceased Army personnel are settled by the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D. C. All claims for pay due the deceased at the time of his death should be made by his nearest heir, his executor or the administrator of his estate.
3. Although officers, petty officers and seamen of the Merchant Marine do not hold actual military or naval rank, they may in some circumstances, be tried by court martial. Officers may be tried by general court martial only, and petty officers and seamen by general, special or summary court martial, depending upon the nature of the case.
4. Yes. Enlisted men assigned to diving get extra pay at the rate of five dollars a month and not exceeding 30 dollars a month, provided that they are employed in operations in depths more than 90 feet.
5. An aviation cadet gets 75 dollars a month and an allowance of one dollar a day for subsistence.
6. The American Red Cross has advised relatives to send money to servicemen abroad by post office money order.



WAR CHEST SWELLED—Central Texas chairmen for the United War Chest Campaign received the contributions of Camp Hood at a luncheon recently. Left to right are: Rev. Michael MarYosip, A. R. Roland, Bascom Giles, W. Kelly McClain, W. D. Towner, Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Col. C. M. Thirkeld, C. M. Garner, Rev. J. Fuller, S. T. Curry, Col. G. S. Meloy, Lt. Col. C. J. Cronan, Chaplain T. H. Talbott and Major G. F. Aldrich.

Calling For All NC Boxers

A call is made to all North Camp Hood boxers, whether experienced or otherwise, to report any evening at Recreation Building 8536, located on Avenue D, just north of 18th Street, where they will find all needed training equipment.

Men who desire to work out in preparation for North Camp bouts which are planned for the near future in order to find contestants for the Golden Gloves Tourney which will be held in Fort Worth from 16-21, February, are asked to communicate with either Lt. Henry L. Mahley, Post Athletic Officer, phone 3011, or Lt. Bernard Tarabino, RTC Athletic Officer, phone 3292-W, at the earliest possible date.

Village Men Form Club

An enlisted men's club has been officially created at Hood Village, for which a charter has been drawn up.

Chairman of this enterprise is Tech. Sergeant William Thomas, Communications Department, TDS Three other members of the TD School are serving on the Executive Board. They are: Sergeant Glenn Gerber, Secretary; Staff Sergeant Glenn Summing, Treasurer; and Master Sergeant Hershell Crow, Board Advisor. The other officers are: Master Sergeant James A. Gorsuch, UTC, Asst. Chairman, and T-5 Willis P. Hogan, Ordnance Group Hqs., Board Advisor.

Purpose of this organization is to create a community spirit among the enlisted men residing in Hood Village, to obtain and create an interest in community activities for the enlisted personnel and their families.

An open meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month for the attendance of all the enlisted men of the village.

Son Is Born

A boy, Calvin Alex Pye, Jr., was born Dec. 9 at McCloskey Hospital to Mrs. Frances Pye and S-Sgt. Calvin A. Pye, Hq. Co., TDC. Mrs. Pye was formerly a secretary in the Special Service Office.

Wounded GI's Point Out Value Of All Training

By Lt. Donald G. Merritt

Not many of us can take the time or get the chance to visit a place like McCloskey Hospital in Temple, where men who are casualties from all the theaters of war are recuperating. Yet almost every man there has a story to tell from which men in training can benefit. These wounded soldiers learned their battle tricks and advice the hard way.

Those of us who gripe about the "uselessness" of digging prone shelters and fox holes in the training area could do with a word from Cpl. Vance, until a short time ago an artilleryman in Italy. Vance would tell you, as he sits up to tighten the two ropes that run from the stumps of his legs to a tension apparatus, "When you dig a slit trench, dig it twice as deep as they tell you—and twice as fast. Then, inside the slit trench, dig a fox hole."

"When the 88's started coming into our position, I took cover in a regular-depth trench. It wasn't deep enough. Shrapnel got both my legs. Another guy tried to slide into a prone shelter and take his rifle along. A shell burst before he could get the rifle down in. He lost an arm."

Clustered Together

There isn't one of us who hasn't complained of what we thought to be "wasted time" during training exercises when we had to gallop hither and thither over the Texas terrain to comply with directions to "Spread out." We'd all run faster and farther if we knew Pvt. Mose Hughes, who carried a chunk of Nazi mortar casing about with him in his limited travels through McCloskey wards.

"It was near Messina. We were advancing on some machine gun nests. Mortar fire pinned us down, and nine of us hit a ditch, the only cover in sight. It didn't take long for the Heinies to put a mortar shell into that ditch. Six of the nine were killed, three of us wounded. If we'd stayed spread out in the open probably all of us would have come through. As it was, I was lucky. I've still got my foot." Looking around at the men on nearby beds, you can see what Hughes means.

Hospital convoys from the southwest Pacific contain a large

percentage of malaria victims. Such is Pvt. Charles E. Albee, infantry machine gunner.

Malaria Victim

"I was in action on Guadalcanal for eight months. I caught malaria last April when we came down off the hills and into the lowlands. Every 30 days I have an attack of it now. It keeps me so weak that I can't do anything but lie here in the hospital."

"I never had the kind of training in malaria control they are giving you guys. That would have kept a lot of us healthy."

There isn't a man in Camp Hood who hasn't had at least 13 weeks of training. The majority of us have had six months, a year, two years.

We still must learn the most important thing of all the thing that these men at McCloskey know to be the crux of all training. That is, that on the battlefield it is too late to read training manuals—it is a soldier's chief duty to learn to do automatically all that he needs to do, before he goes into combat. That only taking advantage of our training hours will give us the advantage on the battlefield, win for us the war, and bring us home again.

May Prevent Injury

These men at McCloskey know that—now. They were ordinary GI's like the rest of us. Men who griped and cussed and maybe shirked a little in training. Today they'll tell you:

"Take it from us. Learn how now—while you can. If you don't believe us, go on across, half-cocked. Then learn like we did. The hard way."

It's A Small World For WAC Meeting Chum

It's surely a small world. At least such are the thoughts of Pvt. Marie Deaver, a driver from the WAC Det., RTC, North Camp.

Pvt. Deaver, who enlisted last February, comes from Redding, Calif. Last week she drove an officer to South Camp and stopped in at the Post Motor Pool to find her chum, Pvt. Catherine Quebetta, dispatching vehicles there.

Both worked for the Greyhound Bus Lines in Redding, before entering the service.

166th Inf. Eleven Defeats 660th Bn.

The 166th Infantry football team nosed out the 660th Bn. gridgers, 13 to 12, in a late-season contest played recently. An intercepted pass in the closing seconds of the game, plus a point after touchdown proved to be the margin needed for victory.

The 660th aggregation showed plenty of line power and displayed a good aerial game. Both of its touchdowns were scored via passes, the first on a heave from Athanasopoulos, quarterback, to Leflin, the right end. The second tally resulted from the same combination, only Leflin, seemingly stymied by opposing infantry line-man, lateraled to Zinc, the left end, who raced on over for the score.

The Infantrymen, after being held for no score throughout the first half, opened up in the third stanza and scored for their first time. Late in the final period, they added the clincher, when an infantryman snared a pass in the flat and raced 50 yards to pay dirt. The try for extra point, which meant the ball game, was good and the game ended, 13 to 12.

374th Eng. Cagers Lead Tng. Brigade Loop

The Training Brigade League "A" basketball standing for the current week are as follows:

	W	L	Pct
374th Eng.	3	0	1.000
614th Bn.	3	1	.750
761st Bn.	3	1	.750
786th 2	1	.667	
Truck Bn.	0	4	.000
784th Tank Bn.	0	4	.000

665th Bn. Cagers Defeat Officers Five

In the opening game of the 665th Bn. basketball season, the enlisted men's battalion team defeated the 665th officers' quintet, 45 to 30, in a fast hard-fought game, with high scoring honors going to Pvt. Cole and Pvt. Adams, who collected 12 points each.

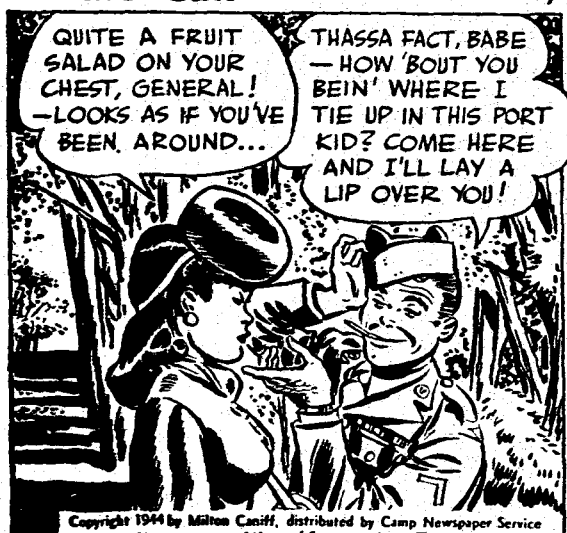
Lts. Hutchinson and Freed, with 6 and 4 points, respectively, led the officers' scoring.

Becomes A Father

Lt. Timms, 264th FA Bn., recently announced the birth of a son.

Male Call

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



Combat Report



With PFC Keith Quick

The Bowl Games: New Year's Day, Saturday, will see football bid bon voyage until September of 1944. Six outstanding Bowl games will be unreeled next Saturday, and this corner, though a bit rusty on its ability to pick 'em, will be out to shoot for a winner in each battle. Here's the way we'll be looking at 'em . . . **Rose Bowl** . . . at Pasadena, California—The University of Southern California vs. University of Washington. USC should win this one, since Washington has played only four games throughout 1943. However, in one of those four, Washington defeated the March Field Fliers, 27 to 7, while USC took a 35 to 0 rap from the Fliers in a game that saw USC minus about five of its key men. USC has further lost a number of star players via Army call, but it's our belief that she still has ample punch to rout the Washington crew—say USC 13, Washington, 6 . . . **Cotton Bowl** . . . at Dallas, Texas . . . Texas University vs. Randolph Field . . . Dana Bible's Longhorns will trounce the Fliers, but not by a wide margin. With All-American Joe Parker coming in for the day's play, we're bettin' Glenn Dobbs won't connect so often with his highly-touted aeriels. And Ralph Ellsworth, the Longhorn track star, will be one hard man to catch. Should be—Texas, 20, Randolph Field, 13 . . . **Sugar Bowl** . . . at New Orleans, La. . . Tulsa vs. Georgia Tech . . . Although Tulsa has the better won-and-lost status, Georgia Tech is a team that finished strong in its regular season run, and with a guy like Ed Prokop at the helm, it's foolish not to give the Rambling Wrecks the nod—say Georgia Tech, 26, Tulsa, 13 . . . **Orange Bowl** . . . at Miami, Florida . . . Texas A&M vs. Louisiana State University . . . Homer Norton's Aggies knocked off the LSU Tigers 28 to 13 in an early game this year, so it shouldn't be too hard for them to repeat. However, if LSU's Steve Van Buren is hot it'll be no easy afternoon for the cadets . . . Sez us—A&M, 25, LSU, 7 . . . **Sun Bowl** . . . at El Paso, Texas . . . Southwestern University, of Georgetown, Texas, should smear it on big against the University of New Mexico Lobos. Southwestern has had a good year; they were the only team that took the measure of the mighty Texas Longhorns the past season, and with such an array of stars throughout their lineup, Saturday's game should be a breeze. Make it—Southwestern, 33, New Mexico, 6 . . . **Oil Bowl** . . . at Houston, Texas . . . Arkansas A&M vs. Southwestern Louisiana Institute . . . The Louisiana eleven is double-tough, and if you have any odd change—let it jingle for them . . . Sez us—Arkansas A&M, 7, SLI, 14 . . . **The East-West All-Star** clash at San Francisco is always a corker. It's a charity event, and pits the best college picks of the East against the top performers of colleges west of the Mississippi River. Our guess—Western All-Stars, 21, Eastern All-Stars, 14.

Round Robin Cage Tourney Starts Soon

Basketball, the American spectator's favorite sport, will be cranked up in a big way next Tuesday night at the field house, when the annual camp round-robin cage tournament starts its long course of play. Thirty two quintets are all set to open the long trod for camp honors, which will eventually find the four best teams battling in a playoff series for the 1944 basketball title of this Army installation.

The 32 entries will be divided into four groups, 1, 2, 3 and 4, eight teams making up each group. The round-robin tourney play will be devoted to Tuesday and Thursday nights only. On other nights, teams that failed to qualify or enter the round-robin event will have the privilege of using the field house courts for play.

Groups 1 and 2 will take the floor on Tuesday nights and teams from groups 3 and 4 will see action

on Thursday nights throughout the course of the tournament, according to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post athletic officer, who is director of the annual cage event.

The 32 teams opening play next week have announced as follows:

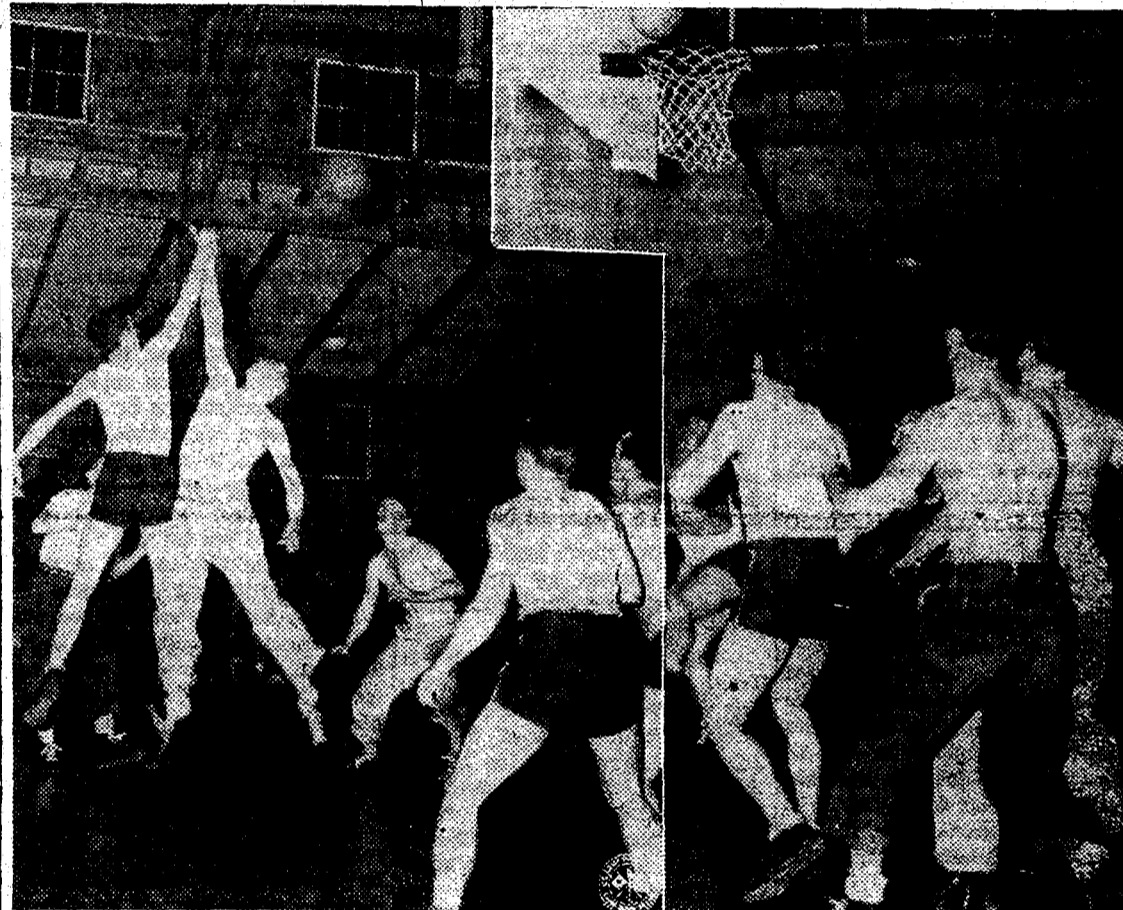
Group 1—Student Regt. 310th Ord. "A," 603rd Bn., 19th Gp. Hqs., 655th Bn., 661st Bn., 20th Gp. Hqs. and 264th FA Bn. Group 2 will consist of: OCS Regt., 106th Cav. "F" Troop, 656th Bn., 657th Bn., 670th Bn., 666th Bn., 660th Bn. and Hq. UTC. Group 3 will be made up of the Academic Regt., 106th Cav. "B", 662nd Bn., 663rd Bn., 672nd Bn., 667th Bn. Co. C, 664th Bn. and the Hq. Tng. Brigade teams. Group 4 is composed of the 310th Ord. "B", 90th MRU, 22nd Gp. Hqs., 801st Bn., 658th Bn., 668th Bn., 665th Bn. and Post Ordnance quintets.

556th Bn. Quintet Defeats Lampasas Five

The 556th Bn. basketball team travelled to Lampasas recently and nosed out the Lampasas high school quintet, 39 to 38, in a game that was close all the way.



TNG BRIG CHAMPIONS—Team members of the championship Troop F, 106 Cavalry, basketball team, winners of the recent Training Brigade cage tournament were: S-Sgt. Rowan Lach, Cpl. Samuel Noring, Cpl. George Kolb, Pfc. Harry E. Smith, Cpl. Robert Woehler, Pvt. Wilson Brand, Sgt. Thomas L. Fields, Sgt. Loren Wurtz, T-5 Ivan B. Harris and S-Sgt. Ivan L. Coonrod. The winning team was presented a plaque and a new basketball by Col. McVicker, Commanding Officer of the Training Brigade.

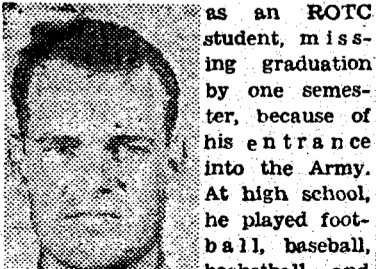


FAST ACTION—Above are shown a couple of fast action shots of the championship game, which saw the Troop F cagers nose out the Troop B, 106th Cavalry, quintet 16 to 12, for top laurels in the recent Training Brigade basketball event.

TDS Athlete Outstanding

Perhaps the most outstanding all-round athletic at TDS is Cpl. John Scroggins, a cadremann of Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt. Although he has only starred in baseball and football on Camp Hood soil, Scroggins, whose 68-yard touchdown sprint started the "fireworks" which eventually led to the 10 to 0 triumph for the TDS football team over the 106th Cavalry eleven for the camp championship, has many other great sports achievements to his credit.

Scroggins hails from Valiant, Oklahoma, graduating from high school there in 1940, and later attending Oklahoma A&M College,



as an ROTC student, missing graduation by one semester, because of his entrance into the Army. At high school, he played football, baseball, basketball, and performed on the track team. He was a member of the All-Conference football and basketball teams in 1938 and 1939. In the big conference championship track meet held at Idabel, Oklahoma, in 1938, Scroggins won first place in the 100 and 200-yard dash events, and

in the broad jump, placing second in the pole vault.

In 1940, Scroggins won the Bal-four Award in high school as the best all-round student. As the result of an Oklahoma City baseball tournament, he was rated as an all-state semi-pro player. Following his graduation, Scroggins was offered athletic scholarship at Southern Methodist, Centenary, and Oklahoma University, but because he preferred to study agriculture, he chose Oklahoma A&M. There he played football and baseball for three years.

And just to be different, John was also the champion steer rider in rodeo events for three years while in college. He took first place in a calf-roping contest conducted in Valiant, his hometown, at a 4th of July celebration.

Last summer, John played the outfield for the OCS baseball team, and with the Camp Hood all-star team, which played in Waco. He starred at halfback on the TDS eleven which recently completed an undefeated season.

TDS Tourney To Pick Teams For All-Camp Basketball Champs

An inter-regimental basketball tourney is now underway at the Tank Destroyer School, to select representative teams in the Camp Hood round-robin tournament which will get under way next week at the field house.

The Co. D, Academic Regt.,

656th Stages Fight Card

Promoted by Lt. Attebury, coach of the 656th Bn. boxing team, a seven-bout card was recently staged in the recreation building at 63rd and Battalion Ave, with the men of the 656th Bn. participating.

The show was staged in an effort to promote boxing interest within the battalion.

The bouts brought about two decisions and five draws, with results as follows: Pfc. Torbron won over T-5 Thoma, and Pvt. Tewksbury took the measure of Pvt. Scatone. Cpl. McCormick and Cpl. Linn; Pfc. Fisher and Pvt. Ingerham; T-5 Christy and Pvt. Sedoruk; Pfc. Meirs and Sgt. Ochoa, all fought to a draw in their bouts. M-Sgt. Kopa and S-Sgt. Areskog fought a three-round exhibition which went fast and furious from start to finish.

The show was well attended, and other shows of this type will be staged in the near future.

quintet appears to be the strongest candidate to date. Last week, they trimmed the Co. "C" cagers, 36 to 29, in a fast game.

All teams have been equipped with new uniforms and are getting in some fine practice sessions in preparation for the forthcoming camp round-robin event.

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