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DOUBLE-TAKE—These North Camp twins are not only identical in appearance, but came down with the identical illness simultaneously, while in training with the 137th Battalion. Nurse Lt. Stella Cole stands by to see if they'll make identical moves on the checker board.

1000 EM's To Take Course Here On GI Entertainment

With some of the brightest lights of the theater world, Paulette Goddard, Ray Bolger and others, showing off their tricks of the trade, nearly 1000 enlisted men coming to camp from all the arms and services in the Eighth Service Command area will take part in a big Special Service Theatrical conference Mon., Tues., and Wed., when they learn how to produce any kind of army entertainment with GI men and equipment.

The entire three day conference will be run as a soldier show, and members of the "student body" will make up a variety cast for a full-fledged show the last day.

Each of the big stars and artists is going to help get across the main idea of the show—that no matter under what conditions and with what material, special service personnel can provide fast-moving entertainment for the relaxation of troops in the field, either in bivouac areas or in overseas theaters.

Stars Will Teach

Norman Corwin, one of the early radio writers and today nationally known for his perfect radio dramas, will show the AGF, ASP, and AAF enlisted men how to put on successful radio skits. Instead of the sophisticated highly polished air shows of the networks, Corwin will demonstrate "Broomstick" radio, basic technique for getting the most from the simplest of GI set-ups, where the coast-to-coast hook-up will be a single mike with a P. A. system for the men out front. Corwin's advice will follow the general pattern of the course, that good entertainment depends, not on the expert cast or the special equipment used, but on making the most of what a soldier has, and by using any and all men, regardless of whether they have experience.

GI shows aim mainly at relieving the routine of training or fighting. The idea is to get as many as possible into the shows, with enough variety to keep the whole show moving. The conference expects to show the EM's attending that regardless of the difficulties, special service can keep 'em entertained by making the most of everything at hand.

To put into practice what they have learned, the conferees taking part in the big variety show Wed. will form a huge crew of actors, singers, and stage hands.

Ray Bolger, dancing star of Broadway musical comedies and the movies, will be the M. C. for this "examination" show.

To Use GI Make-Up

Perc Westmore demonstrates the use which small units S. S. men can make of GI ingredients for make-up. Westmore has made-up most of the big Hollywood stars, but for the conference he'll use a GI kit, containing stuff you could find in any mess hall. This same technique is used for costumes. (photos page.)

Reports from overseas show that there is a need for specially trained men to provide entertainment for troops. The value of good entertainment for morale is known to the War Dept.

Cpl. Harold Rame, who wrote Broadway Musicals, Betty Trivers screen writer, Danny Dare, dance director, Stew Wilson, quiz master, and Jeff Donnell, screen actor, will be "teachers" for the conference, which will be held in the 24th St. Theater.

Ranking army officers who will attend the conference will include Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general, TDC; Brig. Gen. Hugh T. Mayberry, commandant TD School; Col. G. Conrad, personal representative of Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan; Col. C. M. Thirkield, post commander; Lt. Col. Marvin Young, head entertainment section, Special Services Division, Washington, D. C.; Lt. Col. William H. Burns, Chief, Special Service Division, 8th S. C.

EM Promotions Given Out In Bty. A, 264th FA

The following men have been promoted in Bty. A, 264th Field Artillery Battalion. Pvt. Hal E. Fields has been made acting first sergeant while regular first sergeant Gerald Gailey is taking cadre training. T-5 Paris E. Lambdin has been promoted to T-4. Private first class Donald F. Rodolph has been promoted to T-5.

Passing Out Cigars

Although he has yet to smoke his first cigar, Lt. John Edwards, Co. "B" 662nd Bn. UTC, has distributed two boxes of cigars to the officers and EM in celebration of his recent marriage to Miss Martha Brown of North Carolina.

TD's Trained As Reinforcing Artillery In Secondary Role

Tank destroyers will be trained secondarily to reinforce field artillery units by accomplishing simple indirect fire missions according to the new War Department Training Circular 125 which states that TD's (and tank units) may be employed on secondary missions as reinforcing artillery "When it can be foreseen that they will not be needed in their primary role."

Primary Role

To fill the secondary role tank destroyers and tank units will be trained in simple indirect fire methods for their high velocity, flat trajectory weapons — after satisfactory training in the primary mission has been accomplished. Tank destruction comes first, indirect fire missions second. Four weeks of elementary indirect fire training will be given TD units after they have had maneuver or combined training and have proven their ability to perform true tank destroyer missions.

Training Circular 125 is the result of a lengthy history of experiment trial, and liaison between TD Center, the Field Artillery School, AGF headquarters, and the War Department.

Four months after the organization of the tank destroyers in December 1941, it became evident that TD units in combat would have comparatively inactive periods in reserve when their tremendous fire power would be lying idle. These periods would occur when no armored threats were imminent.

Based On Experiments

Experiments were begun to determine the practicability of employing TD's on such important secondary missions as indirect fire support of adjacent artillery units. In April 1942, Maj. (now Col.) D. C. McNair and Maj. J. W. Casey, now Lieutenant Colonel and antitank officer for the 5th Army in Italy, reported on indirect fire trials made at UTC. In January 1943 Brig. Gen. Balmer, Commandant of the FA School, expressed the field artillery's interest in TD reinforcement and offered the cooperation of the FA School in furthering the project.

Col. W. J. Thompson, now Inspector of Training at TDS, went to Fort Sill in March and conferred with officials of the Field Artillery School clarifying the artillery's concept of TD's. In April the TD Board reported on its year's study of the indirect fire project, recommending further cooperation with the field artillery and the preparation of training literature.

Conference Held

On Aug. 26, Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, then commanding TDC, Brig. Gen. R. P. Shubb, artillery officer for the Armored Command, and Brig. Gen. J. D. Balmer, commandant of the FA School, conferred in Washington on a working arrangement by which TD's and tanks could reinforce artillery units. A report was submitted to the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces. The final conference was held at Camp Hood on Oct. 11 when Gen. Balmer, and Colonels Ford and Bixby of the FA School met with Gen. Ward, Col. Peter F. Haynes III, G-3, TDC, and Col. Guy S. Meloy Jr., chief of staff, TDC, to iron out the remaining details.

On Nov. 6 an AGF letter, followed by the WD Circular 125 (Nov. 13) finally established the fact that tank destroyers would be trained secondarily to reinforce artillery units with indirect fire.

A training manual for high

velocity weapons with a chapter on indirect fire designed primarily for TD and tank units, and a gunners' examination are being prepared. These training features are the result of a conference held in Washington on Nov. 8, attended by Lt. Col. Charles G. Dodge, director of the TD School's weapons department, representing TD Center, and weapons experts from the Cavalry, Coast Artillery, Field Artillery, Infantry, Anti-aircraft Command, and Armored Force.

Position Set

The information contained in TC 125 definitely establishes the place that indirect fire will have in TD unit instruction and in TD combat missions. The principles for TD indirect fire missions set forth there are so elementary as to provide little complication in or departure from normal tank destroyer gunnery instruction.

Specifically, the circular states that the platoon will be the basic fire unit. Observed fire will be by the forward observer method. The use of time fire is not contemplated.

Any unobserved missions will be prearranged with the reinforced artillery who will also prepare the firing schedule. Organic tank destroyer liaison and observation will be only for TD purposes.

The reinforced artillery unit will survey the target area, coordinate the position areas, direct the fire, prescribe time of firing and number of rounds to be fired. TD's will be responsible only for the establishment of place marks for the guns and an orienting line, made by short aiming circle traverse from convenient control established by field artillery. The TD's will also maintain a fire direction center for computing their own firing data.

Wire Communication

Communications between the TD's and reinforced artillery will be chiefly by wire telephone.

The organic T ammunition load carried on the destroyers will not be disturbed while engaged in a secondary indirect firing mission. If the situation can be anticipated, the TD battalion ammunition supply vehicles will dump their loads near the indirect fire position and will haul ammunition for the secondary mission. If sufficient time is not available for this dumping and reloading, the higher commander will provide ammunition vehicles from other sources.

In other words, nothing will be required of the TD's that will interfere with the immediate dropping of the secondary mission in

the event they are needed to combat enemy armor.

No New Personnel

No additional personnel will be added to TD units for the accomplishment of the secondary firing mission. However, the following additional equipment has been authorized: one aiming circle per TD platoon, 2 aiming posts with night lights per destroyer, one command post and fire direction set per TD company, five telephones per TD company, three miles of wire and one wire axle per TD company.

Master Masons Form Club For EM's And WO's

On Tues. Evening, Dec. 28, the "Travelers" Hood master Masons, organized in Building 777 on Battalion Ave. There were good representations from the various units of camp present.

Maj. Ralph Sleator, UTC, was in charge of the meeting preceding the election of the club's own officers. The following officers were elected and took their respective offices for the evening: President—S-Sgt. L. D. Charlton—Stud. Regiment, Apple River Lodge 859, Illinois, 1st Vice President—Pvt. C. K. Robinson—Headquarters, T. D. Center, Courtlandt Lodge 34, Peekskill, N. Y. 2nd Vice President—Tech Sgt. J. D. Norton—Eighth Service Command, Oriental Lodge, Mass. Secretary—1st Sgt. O. K. Gritten, UTC, Killeen Lodge 1125, Killeen, Texas. Treasurer—Cpl. E. W. Slade, T. D. School, Center Lodge, 97, Meriden, Conn. Marshal—S-Sgt. A. D. Boatler, Stud. Regiment, Buffalo Lodge 554, Texas.

President Charlton welcomed the men present, followed by an informal discussion of the future of the "Travelers".

Major Sleator related experiences he has had in other lodges of various Army camps.

The next meeting of the "Travelers" which is comprised of enlisted men and warrant officers of Camp Hood who are Master Masons will be held at 7:30 p. m., Jan. 18 in Building 777 which is located just south of 52nd St. on Battalion Ave. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

Gives Men Benefit Of Medical Course

T-4 James E. Platz, medical detachment, Hq. Bty. 264th FA Bn, who recently completed the medical technician's course at Brooke General Hospital, gave a series of lectures during the past week to all the batteries on advantages and dangers in use of sulfadiazine, the miracle healer of World War II. The versatility and ease of using the triangular bandage was demonstrated together with numerous methods of application.

TD School Chooses Pair Of Pinup Girls

This week the Tank Destroyer School is nominating two young ladies as the School's "pin up girls." They are Kay and Rae Schwander, the 10-months old twins of T-Sgt. Louis Schwander of the Classification Office.

Men Receive Commissions

Seventy-five members of Officer Candidate Class Number 51—youngest in history of the Tank Destroy School—received commissions as second lieutenants during graduation exercises conducted here Friday.

The opportunity for advancement as officers in the Army, a "business which will require all your time," and the need for unremitting effort until victory is won were stressed by Col. Lansing McVickar, commanding officer of the Training Brigade, principal speaker.

Brig. General H. T. Mayberry, commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, presented certificates and commissions to the new officers.

Prisoner Of War Company's Work Has Peace Time Value

By Pvt. Sal J. Miragliotta

Purpose of this article, is to show briefly the progress the 441st Prisoner of War processing Co. North Camp, has made since it was activated. Its purpose is to process war prisoners, i. e., to interpret and photograph them, as well as take their fingerprints, in order that the U. S. Government will have permanent and accurate records. Such records have both an immediate and a remote value. Immediate, in so far as it will definitely facilitate the recapturing of a prisoner in the event of escape; and, more important, remote in as much they will be invaluable in postwar settlements, as for example, the exchanging of prisoners "et altera."

Platoon A Unit

The platoons work as individual units—each platoon being assigned to some prisoner of war camp. At the moment, for example, our second platoon, with Lt. E. R. Urban in command, is on detached service at the internment camp Joseph D. Robinson in Arkansas, while a portion of the third platoon, under Lt. William Rockar, is at the Camp Ruston Prisoner of War Camp in Louisiana. When not on special service, the platoons remain here in headquarters, where their time is spent either training or working.

The first platoon has recently returned from detached service, having processed prisoners at Camp Bowie and Camp Maxey respectively. The platoon's commander was 1st. Lt. John J. Hart, CMP, who, at one time was an established member of the New York Police Force. Officers in charge of the respective camps were very pleased with our work. Most certainly, we did alleviate a great responsibility from their shoulders, for our men are experts in their particular field. In regards to the interpreters, for example, their knowledge and background did prove an asset in many respects. Then too, our efficiency merits laudatory comments when you consider that since we started, not so far back, the first platoon alone processed an approximate 7,500 prisoners. A record was established by this platoon at Camp Bowie, when in seven hours, it processed 464 prisoners. This is indeed remarkable for it amounts to almost one man a minute, who is fingerprinted, his description taken down, interrogated and photographed.

Processing Is Fast

It is no military secret to give a brief picture of the manner in which the 1st. platoon operates. As soon as the prisoner enters the building, he is fingerprinted. Cpl. Warner Dutton is in charge of this section, and with him is an able staff. Some of his men also qualify as interpreters, as for example,

Pvt. Rudolph Olivi, LL.B., and Pvs. Domonic Solli and John J. Chirichar, whose knowledge of Italian and Polish has been used. Following this, Sgt. Earl Schwartz will rapidly call off the man's description, and Pvs. Bob Estop or Roland Hancock will type it down equally as fast. The prisoner is then sent to an interpreter who will ask him various questions. And, it might be added here, that it makes no difference what dialect the prisoner speaks, for the men are prepared for anything and everything. If the prisoner is Austrian, then Sgt. Alfred Zwerling will be on hand. If he is from Frankfurt, or from Naples or Sicily, the interpreters will most likely be either Sgts. Richard S. Ehrmann or Angelo DeMarco, or Pvs. Alphonse Croci or Alex Bruno.

Next section is the photography section, where the "muggers" work on two shifts—day and night—in order that the speed will be on par with the efficiency. "To sit and to mug"—such is the task of Sgt. Val Penna, and of Cpl. L. Wooten-Bradley and Pvt. Earl Elam. The final section is the record section, where, naturally, the records are filed. Here, the prisoner signs the forms—and by so doing, asserts the veracity of certain statements. Cpl. Leon Jackson and Sgt. Richard Straudt have done an efficient job in this section, not to forget Pfc. Bosholm, who is the interpreter in this part of the set-up.

With Capt. Ernest C. Wimberly, here at headquarters, is Lt. Camillo A. Draghi.

Leads Company Party

Pfc. B. Hennelly, Co. C, 662nd Bn., took the burden of his company's holiday chores when he helped decorate the day room, played the piano for Christmas carols and led the men in singing. The Christmas party was a real success.

It May Be Fun Driving An M-10, But You Hang On To Your Teeth

By Sgt. Robert Clemens

All the exhilaration of a roller coaster, with the wind in your face, more, the feeling of being something else, as you roll the terrain under you, and behind you are the first impressions you get when riding an M-10 Tank destroyer. Ditches, water-holes, hills. You snap your thumb. The sky overhead is the only never changing vista, seemingly your master, as you ride the wind and the trails and the soft earth.

The tracks of the vehicle cushion the rolling plain, but hang

TD's Praised For Italian Front Action

Praise of tank destroyers in the official review of the Italian campaign released this week comes as no surprise to men in training at Camp Hood. This report states that "American tanks and tank destroyers outdo German models."

This is a point taken for granted by men in training at Camp Hood who have a confidence in their weapons that is unbeatable.

Previous reports out of Italy related that Tank Destroyer units are doing their job and doing it well despite operations in some of the world's worst terrain for armored vehicles. Future reports will undoubtedly be in much the same vein. Just how well TD's have learned soldiering at Camp Hood will not be known until the final accounting of their actions against the enemy. Meanwhile sufficient reports are filtering back to this country to support the thesis that tank destroyers are beating the enemy where ever they meet him.

Individual Honors

Every member of one M-10 crew was awarded a Silver Star for his part in destroying enemy armor in Italy.

Infantry men at McCloskey Army General Hospital at Temple, tell how the big M-10's supported their action during the first critical hours at Salerno.

A captain in a Ranger battalion tells how his unit employed four M-10's to keep a superior German armored unit bottled up in a valley where it could not give support to units battering at the Allied Bridgehead at Salerno.

Will Be Other Successes

As the men continue to come back from the fighting fronts there will be other stories of tank destroyer exploits, paying tribute equally to the tank destroyer and the men who operate it.

Yes, praise for the tank destroyer, came as no surprise to men in training at Camp Hood.



KEEP 'EM ROLLING—TD vehicles roll over small gullies, like the one shown in these pictures, because of the "Pioneers", the handymen of the battalions, who build ramps. No. 1, men place the main supports for the bridge; No. 2, a start is made on adding a roadbed of logs; and No. 3, the bridge, nearly completed with strong supports, is almost ready to take traffic. Classes such as this one in bridge construction were among the important courses at the TD school last year.

Gardener Proves Varied Talents

The Stud. Regt., TDS, disclosed this week that the man responsible for the beautiful gardening in its area is the regiment's chief handyman, Pvt. ePter Petrillo, a former landscape gardener, PLUS an assortment of other civilian jobs that no doubt amounts to some sort of a record for one man, and at any rate, explain why Petrillo is such a handyman.

He once had the dangerous job of chimney and furnace cleaning, climbing roofs and steeples as high as 150 feet. He was an automobile mechanic for authorized agencies, and was an assembler in auto factories. He was a mangle in a hand laundry; worked in a soap factory; was a truck driver; bus-boy, clerk in a paint store, to say nothing of ball player on the Stud. Regt. championship team.

If Anyone Has Seen 'Trueheart', The Puppy Has A Home In TDS

The men of the Reproduction Dept., TDS, are feeling pretty blue this week. "Trueheart," the four-weeks old puppy, whom they fed and cared for, and bedded down in a corner, is gone. It is suspected that the naive puppy, who would willingly follow anybody, because it was so well treated by all the men, just wandered off after someone, thinking him one of his friends.

If you see him, please send him back.

Wedding Bells

New Year's day Miss Tommie Berry became the bride of Lt. Michael Nidositko in a formal military wedding in the 52nd St. Chapel. Capt. Alan H. McQueen of Camp Hood was best man.



162nd and 37th Theater
Fri.-Sat.—Gung Ho and March of Time.
Sun.-Mon.—Cry Havoc.
Tues.—Crime Doctor's Strangest Case and Sultan's Daughter.
Wed.-Thur.—What A Woman.
Fri.—The Woman of Town.
Hood Rd. and 24th St. Theater
Thur.-Fri.—Higher and Higher.
Sat.—Crime Doctor's Strangest Case and Sultan's Daughter.
Sun.-Mon.—Around The World.
Tues.-Wed.—Gung Ho and March of Time.
Fri.—Cry Havoc.
Brigade Avenue Theater
Thur.-Fri.—No Time For Love.
Sat.-Sun.—Higher and Higher.
Mon.—Crime Doctor's Case and Sultan's Daughter.
Tues.-Wed.—Around The World.
Thur.-Fri.—Gung Ho and March of Time.
72nd St. Theater
Fri.-Sat.—Around The World.
Sun.-Mon.—Gung Ho and March of Time.
Tues.-Wed.—Cry Havoc.
Thur.—Crime Doctor's Strangest Case and Sultan's Daughter.
Fri.-Sat.—What A Woman.
Avenue D and 24th St. Theater, N. Camp
Fri.—Tarzan's Desert Mystery.
Sat.—The Ghost Ship.
Sun.-Mon.—Jack London.
Tues.—Swing Fever.

Wed.-Thur.—Higher and Higher.
Fri.-Sat.—No Time For Love.
15th and 18th St. Theater, N. Camp
Fri.-Sat.—Destination Tokyo.
Sun.-Mon.—No Time For Love.
Tues.-Wed.—Jack London.
Thur.—Swing Fever.
Fri.-Sat.—Higher and Higher.
4th and 10th St. Theater, N. Camp
Thur.-Fri.—Jack London.
Sat.—Swing Fever.
Sun.-Mon.—Destination Tokyo.
Tues.-Wed.—No Time For Love.
Thur.-Fri.—Around The World.
Dance Field House
Tues., Jan. 11—Dance Field House, honoring visiting EM attending Theatrical Conference.
162nd St. Service Club
Thur.—USO Show, evening.
Fri.—Evening Band Concert.
Sat.—Musical Program.
Sun.—3-5 P. M., Music and Singing; 5-11:30 song recital conducted by Chap. Hall; 8 p. m., movies.
Mon.—Evening Bingo Party, Prizes.
Tues.—Dance Nite.
Wed.—Singing Ensemble.
Thurs.—Movies.
37th St. Service Club
Thurs.—Dance at Club.
Fri.—Games, recordings.
Sat.—Sing-song, show hits.
Sun.—Symphonic records, hymns, movies.
Mon.—Bingo.
Tues.—Ballroom class.
Wed.—Chorus, special program.

Words Without Music

Frank Sinatra, the man who took the squeal out of mouse-traps, and put it into little girls, started a new program—on CBS Wednesday nights.

Jane Froman and Carmen Cavallaro will be guests on the Bandwagon Sunday night—NBC at 5:30 p. m.

Arch Oboler is writing a new series of programs, starring Ron-



ONLY 21—But she has a repertoire of 4,000 songs. She's pert little Connie Haines, whose singing adorns the clowning "Abbott and Costello" program over NBC.

ald Colman, to be called "Everything For The Boys"—a variety of music, drama, and comedy—Every Tuesday at 9 p. m., start-Jan. 18th.

MBS, which puts on a regular show from San Quentin Prison, reports that the theme song is "Time On My Hands."

Raymond Clapper is heading for the Pacific war zones . . . ditto H. V. Kaltenborn.

In the "The Department of State Speaks"—NBC, Sat. 8 P. M.—previously unrevealed details of the Moscow Conference and similar diplomatic discussions will be revealed.

The Red Book Award for the best picture of the year will be aired over CBS Monday night—to "Watch On The Rhine," with Bette Davis and Paul Lucas starring in the radio version.

Sunny Dunham has followed Benny Goodman into the New Yorker . . . Vaughn Monroe, 4-td, is reorganizing his band . . . Red Nichols is recruiting a 16-piece job . . . Frances Wayne is the new singer with the Woody Herman crew . . . Helen Young vocalizing for Raymond Scott & Co. . . Shep Fields has added an amplified harp.

Gene Krupa—paroled from being prisoned on a narcotics charge—was given what was said to be a "tremendous ovation" when he appeared with Tommy Dorsey's band at the Paramount.

Betty Grable was reported, by the Motion Picture Herald, as the year's biggest box office draw.

Guadalcanal Meant Heat, Mud, Foxholes For 264th FA Man

By Cpl. Dan Carangi
Hq. Bty., 264th FA Bn.

Editor's note: While fighting as an instrument operator with an artillery firing battery on Guadalcanal, Cpl. Carangi contracted malaria and was sent back to the Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio. He was later assigned to the 264th FA Bn. He tells of his experiences a year ago on the Pacific island.

"When the transport first pulls into the cove, you peer through the grey dawn and you can notice figures moving on the beach and a couple of pyramidal tents pitched almost on the waters edge. Just like the pictures you saw.

"The place really looks peace-

Beard's "The Republic" Added To TDS Library

"The Republic," by Charles Beard is the newest book added to the TDS Library. In writing the book, Beard managed a balance between authoritative scholarship and easy informality.

The conversational form of the book might be called the historian's fireside manner. Whatever its term, the unique style is an effective means of accomplishing the purpose of the book.

The introduction presents two fictitious characters. Through conversation with them, Mr. Beard takes account of the confusion that arises from superficial and conflicting pronouncements about our government.

Mr. Beard agrees with his two friends that an organized, dispassionate study of our government is necessary to a clear understanding of its issues. They arrange to meet weekly and carry on among themselves an informal study of the subject.

There follows, in the form of dialogue, a critical examination of the Constitution and the elements that have contributed to its preservation. Popular myths are dispelled in the clear light of historical research, and some little known, rather astonishing facts are brought out.

The reader will close this book with a new knowledge of the Constitution and a feeling of more intimate acquaintance with the fundamental principles of our government.

52nd OC Class Relaxes At Formal Dance With Partners From Austin

Candidates of the Fifty-Second OCS class held a dance recently at the recreation building, which fifty attractive young ladies from Austin attended as dancing partners. With music by the TD Band, and luncheon served in formal style, the affair was welcome relaxation for the hard-working candidates of this class, the next one to graduate at TDS.

ful. "This isn't much of a war," you begin to think. Then way over to the west, from the shore, you hear a muffled sound. A geyser of water sprouts up off the port side. Then you realize they're shooting at you. The war begins to get personal.

No Time To Lose

"You're a little nervous but you get down the rope ladder alright and into one of the small boats.

"On the beach, almost immediately the Higgins boats and barges begin to come ashore with your equipment, rations, etc. From then on you're pretty busy . . . the sun comes up and gets hot . . . plenty hot. About mid-morning, from the direction of the fighter strip there comes the long shrill blasts of a whistle . . . Quitting time? Hell no. You look around you and men are dropping ammo. cases and boxes and running in-shore to where the slit trenches are dug. You get the idea and run in with them. You find a hole with comparatively few GI's in it, and ram yourself between a captain and a buck private.

Death Was Everywhere

"They are over you in a few minutes and begin to lay their eggs. Again the rapid shuffling noise, and a tremendous whacking sound. The ground shakes and so do you. You look into the face of the guy lying next to you and you can see that he's scared too. That makes you feel better.

"A few days later you're on your way up knee-deep mud, dense matted jungle and heat. You see heads of Japs alongside the trail, lots of them. The stench of death is almost intolerable. Then you see the jeeps coming back with the wounded American doughboys. Two litters are mounted on a jeep. A man in each litter. Suddenly you wish there were more dead Japs around.

"You get in the groove . . . dig in, fire, move on, dig in, fire . . .

Foxholes Mean A Lot

You realize the value of a fox-hole the day the Jap artillery opens up on you on Hill 118. There was the day your outfit was moving along a mountain trail and someone yelled, "Hit the dirt," and you sprawled face down in the mud. Out of the corner of your eye you saw them. A Nagoya bomber with a tiny Grumman on his tail, chattering after the larger plane like an angry chipmunk. Boy, but that Grumman looked good! Then you move on again, dig in, fire, move on, fire. Move on to Kakumhona, Doma Cove, the Begoni River. Then one day you're standing on a hill looking into the mountains of Cape Esperance at the extreme tip of the island . . .

"A notice from the Commanding General is posted on the tree that serves as a bulletin board. 'On this day—organized resistance has ceased. I congratulate all the men of this command.'

"Well, you're filthy, bearded, and dog-tired, but you feel pretty good. You know that this is one spot that the Japs were chased out of and you also feel good because, even though you're no hero and didn't earn any medals, you helped chase them out."

Hot Music Overcomes Cold Weather For 136th

The 1st RTC Band gave out with some scintillating solid stuff at a shindig the other night given by Co. B, 136th RTC Bn. at the 8th St.

It was a cold night but the music plus a group of girls from Gatesville and MacGregor as well as plenty of beverages and sandwiches made for a nice evening.

Become Parents

Lt. and Mrs. John D. Steelman became the proud parents of Miss Melenie Anne Steelman Dec. 27th.

Lt. and Mrs. Wallace E. Shafer announced the birth of a son, Jeffrey Packard.



RISKED HIS LIFE—Pvt. Edward Zawilla, 106th Cav. Regt. (Mec.) being awarded the Soldier's Medal by Lt. Col. William F. Kirby, then commanding officer. Pvt. Zawilla was a member of a class on the grenade course when an instructor dropped a live grenade—he might have thrown himself flat or taken several instinctive courses to protect himself, but was alert enough to observe that many members of the class had not seen the grenade fall. He dashed forward, grabbed the grenade and heaved it out on the course. The grenade exploded in mid-air—no one was hurt.

Theatrical Conference Show Program

Act I — 10 January

0800-0950—Conference Show Organization

1000-1030—Official Opening.

1045-1200—Objectives.

1330-1420—Basic Organization.

1430-1545—Facilities: Stages; Curtains; Properties; Make-up

1600-1730—Facilities; Costumes and G. I. Beauty Parade.

Act II — 11 January

0800-0850—Facilities: Scenery.

0900-0950—Facilities: Lights.

1000-1050—Informal Shows: Original Material; Spontaneous Acts

1100-1150—Informal Shows; Magic; Mind Reading; Fake Acts; Running Gags.

1330-1420—Music: Instrumental

1430-1520—Music: Vocal.

1530-1620—Informal Shows: Dancing; "Off the Record"

1630-1730—Informal Shows: Audience Participation.

Act III — 12 January.

0800-0845—Conventional Staging: Rehearsal Procedure and Technique

0845-0950—G. I. Pantomimes; Central Staging.

1100-1130—Shadow Plays.

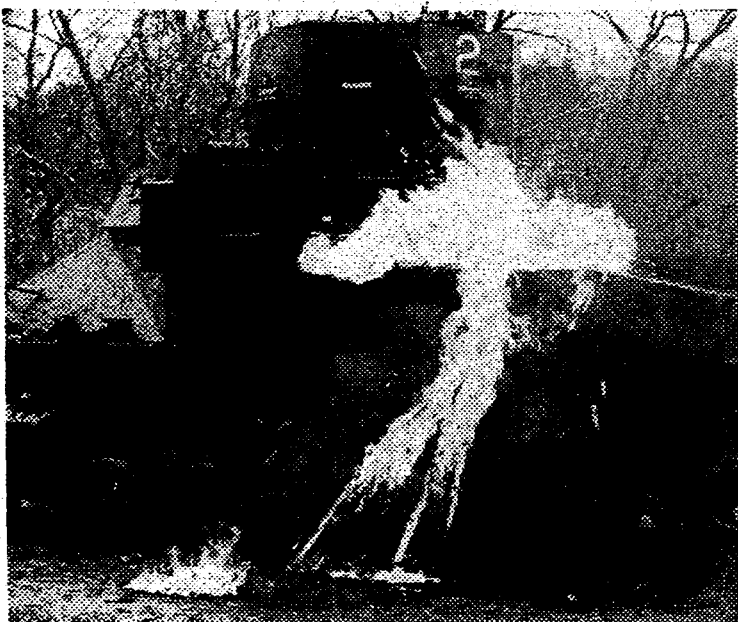
1140-1200—Minstrel Shows

1330-1450—Radio and P. A. Shows.

1500-1530—Forum: Overseas Soldier Shows Problems.

1530-1620—M. C. and Programming.

1630-1730—Variety Show.



RUSSIANS HAD A WORD FOR IT—When a Molotov cocktail, was hurled against this obsolete tank in a demonstration here, the resulting fire from the bottle of gasoline effectively covered the tank. In action, the men in the tank would have been more than warmed.



"Wouldn't you be happier dancing with someone your own size, Corporal?"

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The question this week was obvious:

WHAT EVENT OF 1943 STANDS OUT STRONGEST IN YOUR MEMORY?

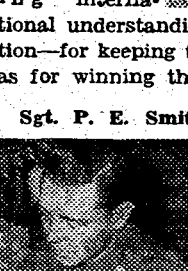
Pfc. Wallace Marshall, Hq. Det., DEML — "The



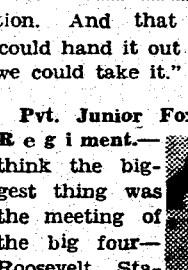
outstanding event, I think, would be the selection of leaders to carry out and make possible the fulfillment of the far-reaching plans for the prosecution of the war and the peace settlement to follow."

Cpl. Lewis Masters, Co. C, Stud.

Regt. — "Historically speaking, I think it was the Teheran conference, which definitely molds a future peace. It would seem to assure increasing international understanding and cooperation—for keeping the peace as well as for winning the war."



Sgt. P. E. Smith, Co. B, 671st Bn. — "Invasion of Africa stands out in my memory. That more or less started the real invasion, and it marked the beginning of active international cooperation. And that was when we could hand it out even better than we could take it."



Pvt. Junior Fox, Co. G, Stud. Regiment. — "I think the biggest thing was the meeting of the big four—Roosevelt, Stalin, Churchill, and Chiang Kai-Shek. They showed the world that they were going to work together to come in on Germany from all sides, to put the squeeze on the Nazis until they surrendered."



Pvt. William Gimaldi, Co. C, 774th Bn. — "The invasion of Sicily was the biggest thing as far as I am concerned. Because I have an uncle in Sicily. Now he and his family will be free. They'll have a chance to live again, which is something they haven't had since Mussolini took over."

UTC Officer Soloist On Camp Radio Show

Lt. Edward Roselle, UTC, former New York concert baritone, was heard locally for the first time, on KTEM, Christmas Day, when he was featured in a broadcast by Camp Hood personnel. Lt. Roselle sang Handel's "Largo," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Half KP For WACs

In order not to neglect their duties, the WAC Det., RTC and 1848th WAC Det., pull just a half day of KP and work in their regular capacities the other day. A full day, eh, what!



Drawing By Sgt. Stanley Farnham

Our Aim For 1944

The Kleenex Quest

A tale I will tell you of days of yore,
Twas nigh unto nineteen forty-four,
When o'er the face of the peopled earth
Battle and strife had conquered mirth.
But this is no epic in Homeric style,
But rather the tale of a hero mild
Who undertook a perilous quest
For a fair, young maid, sore distressed.

Now there was at that time a precious cloth
Of rosey tincture, velvety, soft,
Downy as the petal of the rose;
T'was used, I am told, for milady's nose.

Now among the dread horrors caused by war
This awful catastrophe leaped to the fore.
This cloth, t'was called Kleenex, 'most disappeared;
In fact, its utter extinction was feared.

Milady paced her boudoir in despair,
A wild look in her eye, disheveled her hair,
And time after time she uttered a cry,
"Alas, without Kleenex I think I shall die."

Then sudden me thought she of her errant knight
Whom straightway she dispatched off to the fight.
Sir George, for such was the gentleman's name,
(T'was destined that moment for immortal fame)
Arose with an oath, and by Jupiter swore,
To return with the prize or ne'er see her more.

Oh, though ye have read of the Argonaut,
And the fleece that Jason to Medea brought;
And Hercules, sent to the land of shade
To obtain a prize to appease his maid;
Ye ne'er have heard of aught to compare
With Sir George's quest for his lady fair.

From PX to PX he made the rounds;
Everywhere met by jeers and frowns:
"Kleenex, though fool, there's naught to be had."
At length, worn and weary, with demeanor sad,
The poor youth dragged himself to the door
Of central post exchange number four.
With dragging feet he entered the place:
To be met by the proprietress' hostile face.
But lo! an exultant gleam came to his eye
As high on a shelf a box he did spy.

"Oh Goddess of Fortune, being divine,
At last," he cried, "the victory is mine."
But the saleslady hostilely barred his way;
"One to a customer," he heard her say.
And once again he was plunged in despair;
He beat his breast, he tore his hair.
"Oh, lady, kind lady, I swear to you
By the goddess of love, I must have two."
And word by word he told of his woes,
His journeyings, sufferings, hardships, blows.

His tale moved the lady's obdurate heart:
"Here, take them, gentle sir, and depart."
He clasped in his arms the boxes blue
And back to his loved one's side he flew.
He came to milady's gay retreat
And knelt with his burden at her feet:
"Oh fairest angel, now thou canst blow thy nose
On tissues softer than any rose:
Wilt thou deign to be my sweetheart dear?"
She turned to him with a haughty sneer:

"Now go and get me some nylon hose!"

—Sgt. George Osman
Camp Personnel Office

Something For Victory

Army editorials are hard to write. Added to the usual problems of getting out a good editorial are ones peculiar to men in the service. Because besides the consideration of writing values, an editorial for a service paper has to keep in mind the problem of military discretion.

With a narrower field for anything we write, there is always danger of repeating, or boring the readers or both. And with us most editorials try to push causes about which there can be no two sides.

That's why the pieces which usually occupy this space aren't really editorials. They are devices which try to plug more earnestly than in our news columns, ideas upon which we all agree. We are, frankly, onesided. For us, most controversial questions are taboo.

A Voluntary Code

Not all the pressure used to keep things out of Army papers is applied because of military security. We have the same sort of voluntary code which governs civilian press in wartime. We, as much as anyone else, don't want to print anything that would in any way hinder our war effort or retard the day of complete victory. Maybe that's why we ourselves eliminate many subjects which would appear justified under normal conditions.

This voluntary code also helps us understand some of the military regulations. If efficient conduct of the war, even the normal course of things at Camp Hood, could possibly be interrupted or upset by any piece of writing, we would eliminate it at its source. Sometimes, as has been pointed out recently by Byron Price, director of censorship, there is a tendency to include too many ideas under the ban of military secrecy or discretion.

Rather than risk playing into the enemy's hands, we too have hesitated to talk on some matters; on others we couldn't begin to talk. We have complied with the necessary limitations imposed on press freedom. That's why so many times our editorials have to sing out the same news.

One Purpose

Our single purpose is to help in winning the war. If we must at times sacrifice principle to do this, we have no gripe. Our feelings sometimes have begged to be heard, to argue this or that cause. Yet we are constrained by the twin pegs of our own duty and the military necessities.

Two of the easiest things to write about—and two of the hardest—are selling War Bonds and WAC recruiting. On both there is no issue. Both are more vital to our success than many of us realize. Both have been the subject of much Army publicity. Both are hard to write about because we all look for a new angle, a twist to make these subjects appealing.

The Plain Truth

There is no need to make War Bond stories or WAC recruiting stories clever or novel. That's where much of this sort of canned publicity has failed. The message is simple. Buying bonds is making the best investment in the world to insure your own victory. Why sugar coat the idea? We need the money to finance the war. How much more sincere can we be in urging this upon you. Every dollar invested in a bond and kept there is a dollar for victory of the troops in the field. Money is fighting this war. Every penny is needed. Do you need fancy trimmings to trick you into helping yourself and your country?

WAC recruiting scores about the same way. More women are needed to take the place of men who have moved out. There is a place for American women. Each soldier has a conscience to decide how much he's going to go all out on getting civilian women into uniform. Do you have to have high powered features to tell you that we need more WAC's?

On these two subjects we can speak right out. It would be a hell of a situation if we didn't have enough horse sense to see that there is only one thing to do . . . get women into the WAC's and Buy Bonds!

Army Quiz

ARMY QUIZ

1. Did the Japs attack the United States any time prior to Pearl Harbor?
2. Could an American soldier stationed in England purchase a piece of the palace of Westminster?
3. What does the Army slang term "bluey woozy" mean?
4. The head of the Waves, Miss McAfee, has recently been promoted to a rank equivalent to that held by Col. Oveta Hobby, head of the WACs. What is her rank and

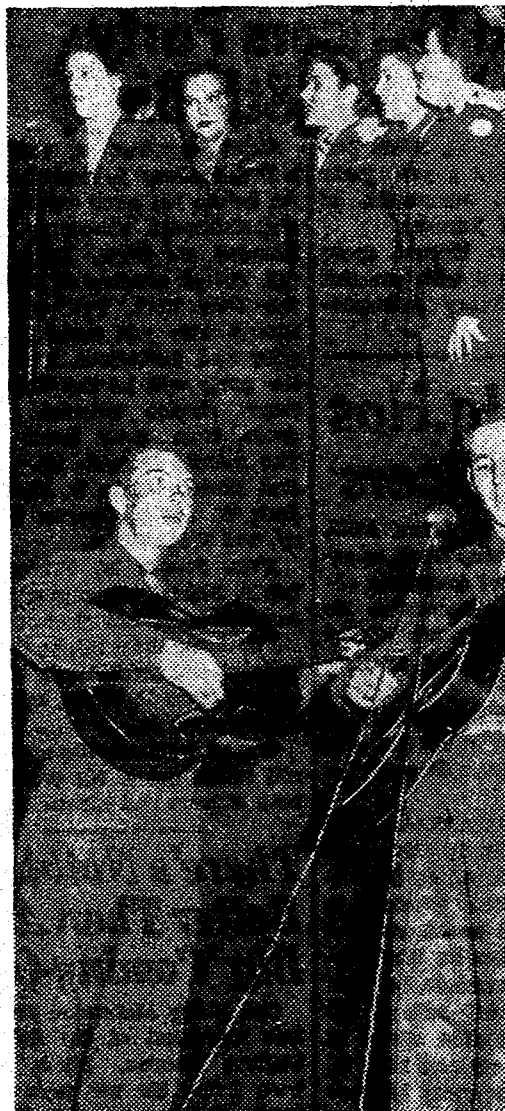
how is it shown on her uniform?

5. On their first anniversary, recently, the Spars boasted that they had relieved enough Coast Guardsmen to man a full fledged sea-going task force. How many Spars are there?
6. Why is the Navy's Admiral King known as a "sundowner?"

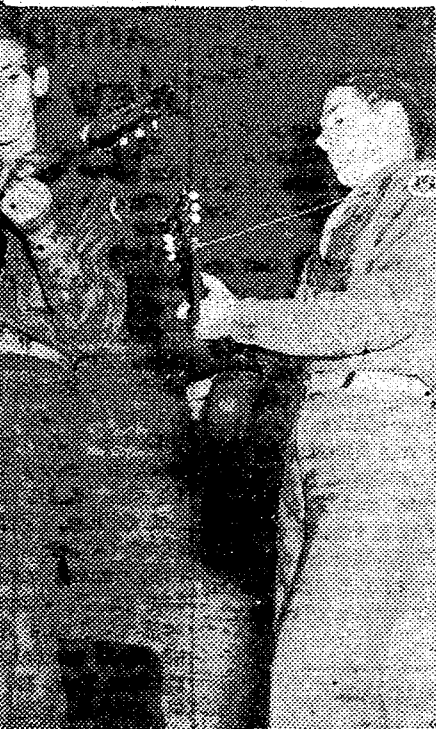
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New Fathers In 662nd

Pvt. Lew Mays became the father of a baby boy and T-5 Theodore Mathis is now the father of a baby girl. Both men are in Co. B, 662nd Bn



SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS—Some of the WAC's at camp helped the men in the 667th Bn. put on a holiday party recently, with the guitarists from the battalion providing the accompaniment. Top photo, singing WACs, left to right: T-5 Edelle Holmes, Sgt. Anne Zepp, Pvt. Virginia Arcuri, T-Sgt. Rosie Sevin, Pvt. Nan Barron, and out front, Cpl. Rose Prosen. Below, Sgt. Carl Frasco, Pvt. F. N. Downs, and T-5 Archie Baggett.



RTCTrainees Set Carbine Range Marks

Motor mechanic trainees in an RTC company at North Camp recently set up a marksmanship record which certainly equals—may even excel—top carbine qualification percentages for recruit units.

The 160 men of Company "C" 136th RTC Bn. scored higher than any previous cycle in that company to average 93.75 per cent in qualifications. Available records proved this percentage much greater than the apparent average for Tank Destroyer trainees.

Twenty-four of the men qualified as experts on the 100- and 200-yard target ranges. Of the remainder of the company, 84 shot sufficiently high to be ranked sharpshooters, while 42 qualified as marksmen. Only 10 men failed to meet the minimum for qualification.

The usual amount of marksmanship practice and dry firing preceded actual firing of the carbine.

High scorers for the company were Pvs. Joseph Nagy and Paul Satko, both of its fourth platoon, who shot 185 and 184 respectively out of a possible 200 in the 40-round qualification firing.

The enlisted cadre of the company also qualified during the week. T-Sgt. Albert J. Casper led this group, scoring 189, and Sgt. Joseph Janson ran a close second with a score of 188.

All Service Commands Will Conform To ASF T. O. By End Of Year

Headquarters of each of the Army's Service Commands by Dec. 31, 1943, have conformed as closely as practicable to the organization of Headquarters, Army Service Forces, the War Department announced.

The realignment is based on Service Command wartime functions. Service Commands are the field agencies of the Army Service Forces for performing Army administrative, training, supply, hospitalization, sanitation, housing, transportation, real estate, repairs and utilities functions. Posts, camps, and stations under the command of Service Commanders will be realigned similarly.

There are 18 staff divisions under the new organization.

It Was A Big Year In Sport, With Horse Racing Being The U.S. Favorite; New Stars Hit Stride

By Pfc. Keith Quick

The year 1943 saw practically every sport on the menu go full steam ahead, despite the heavy handicap of war. In almost every field, faces and names unfamiliar to the public a year ago blossomed into a titleholder.

In the early spring of 1943, just before the major league baseball campaign got set for the gun, it was predicted by many of the cigar-smoking moguls that the leagues would not get past the mid-season point, July 4. However, October 3 saw all 15 teams finish, although it found several of them hitting on about two cylinders. Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics staggered through a pitiful season, their worst in all history. At one time during the 1943 race, the Mackmen lost 20 games in a row. They won only 49 games the whole season, suffering 105 setbacks for a puny .318 average.

Baseball . . . It was the New York Yankees year, just as it was on the many battle fronts. Nothing could stop them all season, and when they waded into the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series, they made short work of the great classic—four games to one. However, the 1943 batting crown went to one Stan Musial, sensational St. Louis outfielder, who slammed the pelota for a .357 average to top both leagues.

Football . . . Notre Dame raced off with top laurels, despite a last game of the season setback at the hands of a surprising Great Lakes team. The Irish had mowed down every team on its schedule, and in the fatal game, were on top, 14 to 12, with only 30 seconds to go. That 30 seconds was enough, however, as Steve Lach, of Duke and pro fame, cocked his arm and hit Paul Anderson with a 46-yard heave that put the only blemish on Notre Dame's superb season, a 19 to 14 defeat . . . And the Chicago Bears made Sammy Baugh "cry" when they whipped the Washington Redskins, 41 to 21, for the world's pro title. Football had a great year, although many colleges were forced to abandon the game.

Golf . . . Patty Berg, now a Marine Corps lieutenant, winner of the Women's Western Open event and the Tam O'Shanter tourney in Chicago, was just about the whole show in the golf field for 1943. Patty was voted the outstanding women athlete of the year for her pair of major wins. Steve Wurga, who captured

the Miami Open event, is a newcomer that gained far prominence in the fairway game during the year, golf suffered from a severe shortage of balls throughout the year, and 1944 doesn't point to any further manufacture of the white pellet.

Horse Racing . . . Believe it or not, this was America's top sport for 1943. Betting odds ran at a higher clip than ever before in the sport's history. Count Fleet, Mrs. John D. Hertz' lightning colt, was the limelight horse of the year. The long-striding Count won six races in six starts and compiled winnings which amounted to \$170,000.

Boxing . . . The mitt game was strictly G. I. nearly all the way. There were few top professional fights. Army setups owned the limelight via the Golden Gloves events, and the Joe Louis tour kept the sport quite fresh in the minds of all. Manuel Ortiz and Beau Jack were the top pros of the year.

Track, Basketball and Tennis stood pretty well. The most outstanding of these appeared to be track, as the result of the masterful performances of one Gundar Haegg, the Swedish distance runner, who came over from Sweden and swept off all competition, winning eight consecutive races during his American stay. Gil Dobbs, who offered Haegg the best competition, won the 1943 Sullivan Award, while Gundar was voted the most outstanding athlete for the year.

Now that the Old has gone and the New is taking promising form, you can mark it down—America will never be without her sports. Berlin is the goal line, and America is now close enough to kick a perfect field goal, but with her homefront yelling "we want a touchdown," Gen. Eisenhower, with the greatest array of performers the world has even known, is gunning for that "touchdown"—and 1944 will see his tackles, ends, halfbacks, quarters and fulls take out all opposition and cross the once-boasted impregnable goal line.

Then the homefront can blow the whistle!

Church Of God Services

The Assembly Of God Church, across from the new school in Killeen holds services at 8 o'clock Tuesday, Sat., and Sun. evenings, and Sunday School at 10 a. m. J. P. Stubblefield is pastor.

TDS Man Worked For Chinese Press; Knew Chiang Kai Shek

Corporal Wing Chin, former Chinese Journalist, and now day room orderly of Company "D," Academic Regiment, follows closely the destiny of China through letters, magazines, and Chinese newspapers. As a student of history in the making, it does not at all seem strange to him to be as well versed on world affairs as he is.

Chin was a newspaperman until a fire caused him to acquire another career. In Canton, China, Chin studied journalism. His coming to the United States in 1931 was a family project. It seemed that every family near the Chin home had sent one son to the United States, with the object of spending a few years here and then returning to China. Just after Chin landed, however, the Japs raided Manchuria and the Jap-China conflict was underway.

On arriving in New York, Chin found employment as a reporter on the Chinese Daily News, which was published by the National party, led by Chiang Kai Shek. Chin had been there a year and one-half, finally as assistant editor, when a fire gutted the building to the ground. Lack of funds to start a new plant forced Chin to turn to the restaurant business prior to his induction.

In the day room this week he disclosed some intimate bits about Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, that were intensely interesting to his listeners. For example, Chiang Kai Shek received his military training at an academy in Japan, winning a tie for first honors in his graduating class. He later opened China's first military academy at Canton. Through the courtesy of Stalin, the Generalissimo went to Russia several years ago and made a thorough study of the Comintern. Like his wife, Chiang Kai Shek is Christian. The only word of English he speaks, he addresses to Madame Chiang Kai Shek. That word is "darling."

Hq. DEML Has Holiday Party

With the ranking non-coms as waiters and water boys, Hq. Det., DEML, drank beer and ate sandwiches at a party just before the New Year.

Lt. William B. Koons, detachment commander, who actively planned the affair and Lt. Col. Paul Jones, disbursing officer, were among some of the unit's officers who attended the party and the evening's entertainment.

Sgt. Sid Katz was featured in informal entertainment with Pvt. Irwin Birnbaum, Hq. TDC, accompanying him at the piano. The party was held in the unit's mess hall, which was specially arranged for the evening.

that other great Chinese leaders at one time, hearing the General say "darling" prior to his rapid flow of Chinese that followed, thought According to Chin, he would say "darling" to Madame Chiang Kai Shek in English and "please come here" in Chinese. It was known



this was a new and proper address for Madame Chiang, so, dutifully, they all called her "darling" when addressing the Generalissimo's wife. Madame Chiang was kind enough to explain the word to them, only after they had been using it for some time!

Wac's Get Good Conduct Ribbons

Special orders issued from camp headquarters Friday named 10 WACs in the WAC Detachment, 1848th Unit, as recipients of good conduct medals. They are the first WACs at Camp Hood to receive the ribbons.

Leading the list was First Sgt. I. M. Burditt "top kick" of the detachment since its arrival at camp. The others: Staff Sgt. Louise A. Smorol, Staff Sgt. Mayme Perkins, Sgt. Dorothy A. Middleton, T-4 Marie L. Duerst, Tech. Sgt. Rosie Sevin, Staff Sgt. Mary F. Scuetter, Staff Sgt. Alice C. Benton, T-4 Mary E. Nutt, T-5 Eileen M. Gilleo.

Officers In 1848th Unit, 8th SC, Get Promotions

Promotions to 1848th Unit Army Service Forces Officers were announced as follows this week:

Promoted to Captain
1st Lts. John H. Morris, W. S. Townsend, Mike F. Olive, Clifford Lawrence, C. Q. Speck, V. H. Bennett, E. K. Cherry, John R. Snell, and Audrey V. Murphy.

Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
2nd Lts. W. H. Cox, C. B. Fink, Eanes Brophy, T. F. Jordan, C. E. Siemonsma and Ivan C. Austin.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"What are you staring at, soldier! Haven't you ever seen Mae West's before?"



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

SYMBOL FOR WACS—Pfc. Mary Fielder, 1848th WAC Det., north camp, looks at the oil painting by Lt. William F. Rocker, 441st PWP Co. for which she posed recently. The poster will be used in the new WAC recruiting drive, having been accepted by the Army Recruiting Service, Washington, D. C.

Bonds Bought Now May Count On Fourth Loan

Although the Fourth War Loan drive doesn't actually start until January 18, the drive opens at Camp Hood immediately, with the announcement that any bond purchased by military or civilian personnel from Jan. 1 to Feb. 29 may be counted in our quota for the drive.

The intensified campaign lasts only 29 days, Jan. 18 to Feb. 15, but War Bond officers have two months to raise their share of the 14 billion dollars expected from the whole nation.

War Department objectives in the drive are four:

1. To bring percentages of civilian participation in Class A pay reservations to the required 90 percent with 10 percent.
2. To initiate new and to increase existing Class B. Allotments of the military.
3. To secure at least one cash-purchase bond from each commissioned and warrant officer and from each civilian. (Denomination unspecified; \$100 bond expected from officers and higher classification civilians.)
4. To provide opportunity for each enlisted man to buy at least one cash purchase bond.

RIGHT FEW, WRONG CHURCH

Sam Hayes, the NBC newscaster, recently disclosed that a favorite trick of German spies used behind the Allied lines is to bone up on the latest sports news from America and pose as Americans. One of the Nazis who tried this however was nabbed on the spot. He used the names of football players glibly, but had them playing baseball.

For The Gallant Sergeants, Not Mops But Cheers

It is a matter of historical knowledge that the C.P. of the 667th TD Battalion is given a very thorough sweeping and scrubbing every evening by a detail from each company.

One evening recently Co. C returned from the field somewhat later than usual, tired, dirty and unfed. 1st Sgt. Curtis, being unable or unwilling to add another detail on the shoulders of the already weary men summoned S-Sgt. Ralph E. Gregory and S-Sgt. Paul A. Jaber, and these three armed with mops, brooms and buckets marched in cadence with perfect military precision to the battalion CP to perform the necessary chores.

They reported to the Personnel Adjutant explained their mission. He believing such a task to be beneath the dignity of a 1st Sgt. or S-Sgt. congratulated the men on their fidelity to duty and dismissed the detail.

Army Uses Gloves To Meet All War Needs

About twenty-five types of gloves—from cotton-flannel hand coverings for thwarting the malarial mosquito in the Southwest Pacific to heavily reinforced gauntlets for coping with barbed wire in Italy—have been adapted or perfected by the Quartermaster Corps of the Army Service Forces to meet the widely varying demands of global war and have been adopted by the War Dept. The gloves are issued in various battle theaters, depending on the particular climate, terrain or duties involved. Some are military adaptations of commercial types available before Pearl Harbor. Others have been conceived to meet extraordinary conditions, such as those encountered in the Arctic.

661st Bn. Puts On "All Out" Show For 20th TD Gp.

With anything going, the show put on by the 661st Bn. for the 20th Gp. was well titled as "Anything Goes." Songs ranged from old to current popular tunes, sung by a chorus composed of Cpl. Joseph C. Skinner, Cpl. Lawrence Aldenhoevel, Pfc. Bernard Sitron, Pvt. William F. Glampse, and Pvt. William O. Olson.

Hillbilly flavor was imparted by the singing of Pvt. Charles W. Ester, Cpl. Walter W. Armour and Cpl. William T. Anderson and their guitars.

Additional guitar music was offered by Pvt. Carlin E. Martin and Pvt. Angelus Efantis. Impersonations of various famous trumpeters were sounded by Pvt. Dominic A. Altavilla, using only his hand to get the effects.

The drama was handled by Cpl. Skinner, Cpl. Aldenhoevel, S-Sgt. Frank A. Krebs and Pvt. Roland A. Thompson in a variety of skits.

Pvt. John E. Rickert was accompanist at the piano. S-Sgt. Charles E. Shearer was master of ceremonies.

GI's In Philippines Sent By Red Cross

American prisoners in the Philippines began receiving during the first half of December, the food parcels and other relief supplies trans-shipped from the exchange ship, Gripsholm, the American Red Cross has announced.

In Europe, American prisoners of war and civilian internees will receive 10,000 special Christmas packages containing the "makings" of a holiday feast.

For the third Christmas since Pearl Harbor, the American Red Cross will again play the role of St. Nick to American servicemen in overseas hospitals and in the front lines. They will receive 75,000 gift boxes of candy.

EM And Officers Party Planned For 128th Bn.

Members of Co. B, 128th Bu. RTC, are planning a gala party to celebrate the completion of their training in January.

Even while on bivouac spare moments are filled with practice for an extraordinary entertainment program.

Camp Hq. Has New Officers

Lt. Col. Adnell O. Acers, AGD, has reported at Camp Hood, to assume the duties of executive officer in camp headquarters. He replaces Lt. Col. K. S. White, who has assumed the duties of Provost Marshal.

Col. Acers has been in the army since 1913, serving in the last war at Camp Bowie, Ft. Sill and Hawaiian islands.

Other new assignments this week at camp Headquarters are Lt. Col. H. M. Carroll as Personnel Officer. Before coming to Hood, Col. Carroll served with the procurement section in Washington, D. C., commandant of AST unit at Texas A&I college, CO of WAC administration school at Denton, Tex. He replaces Maj. G. F. Aldrich, who resumes his former post as camp adjutant.

Lt. Col. F. C. Peters formerly camp quartermaster has been made chief, Supply and Service.

Lt. Dorthea, Heroine Of Bataan, Now Capt.

Lt. Dorthea Engle, Camp Hood Station Hospital, was promoted to the rank of Captain this week. Col. C. M. Thirkeld, Camp Commander, personally presented her with the new bars.

Captain Engle was married while on duty on Bataan during the early siege of the islands by the Japanese. Her husband, later listed as lost in action was recently located in a Japanese prison camp.

Chief organizer of the affair is Pvt. Anthony L. Lapinskas, lawyer before his army career began. Entertainment chairman is Pvt. Leonard H. Fink, formerly an "M. C." at country clubs around the New York. Pvt. Ohmer L. Knapp who will assist Fink in skits and imitations. Feature of the party will be the "Mountain Boys" singing colorful hillbilly songs from their home states. The quintet is made up of Pvs. Don Nesbitt, Alvin V. McKinney, Jack W. Lusby, Chester C. Penny, and Mark Russe.

Pvs. Joseph M. Ferreri, and Leo P. Simon, will sing and demonstrate some hot jitterbugging.

For music there will be a guitar, trumpet and accordion in the care of Pvs. Vito F. Greto, and Ustin S. Lewickas.

Special refreshments and stunts will round out a big evening for both officers and enlisted men.

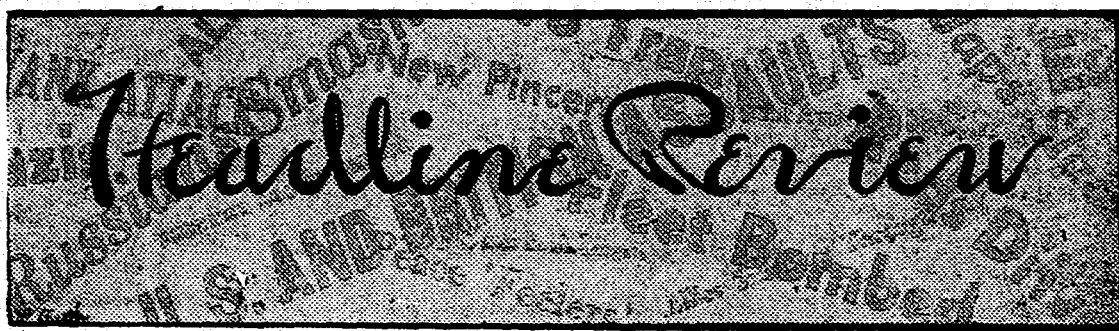
There's Nothing Better Than A Big 'Coming-Out'

Cpl. Henry McLendon and PFC Bob Townsend of the RTC S-4 Utilities Section, North Camp, were fixing the air vents in TD RTC Headquarters. Both lads went up into the vents placing themselves in a position between the ceiling and the roof. Cpl. Henry warned PFC Bob to tread lightly as the ceiling was constructed of thin plywood. Henry then slipped, plunged through the ceiling and hung straddled on a wire about 8 feet from the concrete floor. A rescue was affected with no casualty reported.

"And he told be to be careful," chuckled PFC Bob. "He pulled his rank and almost pulled the building down, too!"

Promoted At TDS

Lt. C. L. Nunn, Classification Officer, TDS, was promoted to the rank of captain this week.



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

The Russians have pushed across the Polish border, and are said to be rolling on in the general direction of Warsaw. They are now fighting on Polish soil for the first time since 1941.

On the southern flank of Vattin's army the Russians captured the important rail town of Belaya Tserkov, which the Nazis had been desperately trying to hold to protect their large forces in the southern Ukraine.

Satellites Tottering

The latest Russian success revived discussion of the Russo-Polish border quarrel. Polish Ambassador Chechanowski called on Secretary Hull, and afterward declared that the discussion had been "satisfactory," though he declined to say what it had been about.

The Russian drive combined with Allied air raids and partisan successes in Yugoslavia seems to have the Bulgarian cabinet tottering. There are reliable indications that Bulgaria and Hungary may be forced into unconditional surrender soon.

Berlin In Ruins

Reports based on stories told by refugees escaping from Germany suggest that Berlin is pretty much in ruins, and that a feeling of despair is spreading across Germany. However, the Nazis have been feeding their people such a strong and constant diet of lies, that it is not likely that there will be an immediate internal crackup. Also, any active rebellion would be the people with bare fists against sol-

diers with machine guns and sharp bayonets.

Kell and northwest Germany were the latest targets of the British and American bombing shuttle. Gen. Montgomery, leader of the British forces in western Europe invasion plans, arrived in London for conference and said, "I don't expect to be here long." The Nazis seem to agree with him as they sound jittery invasion alarms all over the coast.

Gen. Arnold, chief of the army air force said that the primary job of his command was to soften up Europe to make the invasion as "economical" as possible.

Hitler Unhappy

Infallible Hitler told his German supermen, in a New Year's address, that in this war there will be no victors and no losers, only survivors and annihilated—strongly contrasting with his arrogant bumptious speech last year, and with the growing feeling of confidence among the United Nations.

Still hampered by bad weather, including snow on the mountain heights in Italy, Canadian, American, and British troops are moving ahead slowly. The Germans fight a slow, bitter retreat, taking advantage of the worst storms in recent years.

Japs On Short End

In the Pacific the Japs are increasingly catching the short end of it. One of the Soviet trade journals declared that the Japs had lost the "strategic initiative."

Marines pushing along Cape Gloucester, New Britain, killed more than 1,000 Japs in one sortie. Hitting at Japan's strongest southern defenses, American planes hit three Jap warships and shot down at least 32 of the Emperor's fighters in the Bismarck Sea area.

Tojo Is Grave

In battles over the Marshall Islands, attacking Jap-held airfields, Allied airmen shot down about 30 Jap planes and made their targets.

Tojo told Imperial officials that Japan faces "a grave situation that will decide its rise or fall, victory or defeat."

Prohibition Again

Prohibitionists have been active trying to put a bill through Congress which would outlaw beverages containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol.

A Federal grand jury indicted 30 men and women for conspiring with Germany to set up a Nazi government in the United States—included in the indictment were Joseph E. McWilliams, Yorkville Bund leader, George Sylvester Vierick, author and Nazi press agent, and Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling who wrote "The Red Network."

Two American destroyers blew up off the coast of New York—cause undetermined.

Texas supplied one third of the oil for 1943.

Going into the sixth day of Leap Year no overt action has been reported, except for an anonymous bag of cookies and a cake received by the staff of the Panther.



Vet Notes Value Of Training Now

By LT. L. R. BARNHILL

"You can tell those men at Camp Hood they are lucky to be in training today instead of two years ago when we trained for the African invasion," said S-Sgt. Sam Rhoden, veteran of 26 years in the army, the last two of them spent in tank destroyer units in this country and in Africa.

"We trained during that dizzy period of dummy guns, dummy ammunition, and even dummy vehicles. The little shooting we did get to do was with blanks. Now they tell me you fire service ammunition on ranges that approach battlefield conditions. That's good. You'll be better soldiers after such realistic training.

"I'm here at McCloskey awaiting my discharge from the service. I'm getting too old to keep up with the youngsters. If you can't keep up with the men in your outfit, it's time to get out. In battle it's the team that counts. One weak member can cause the team to fail in its mission. Each man must carry his load.

Early Anti-Tank Man

"I was in the cadre at Fort Bliss in one of the first anti-tank units formed in the country. It was later changed to the 691st Tank Destroyer Battalion and sent to Camp Bowie for training. There I transferred to another TD unit and remained with that outfit through the African campaign.

"We were right up at the front during the action at Kasserine Pass and El Guettar. It was during an inspection trip to the front at El Guettar that Colonel Stevens, our commander, had a narrow escape from a German aerial bomb. It dropped so close to the colonel that the concussion shattered the ear drums of his stenographer who was accompanying him.

"One thing to remember when you are fighting the Germans is that you can't be too particular where you travel in an area recently occupied by the Jerries. They scatter mines and booby traps everywhere. Stick to roads and paths that have been cleared by the engineers. Always take heed of German signs of mine fields and don't hunt for souvenirs on the battlefield. Many men have lost feet and hands because they didn't heed this advice. I've seen them in the hospitals in Africa and even in this country.

Good Morale Overseas

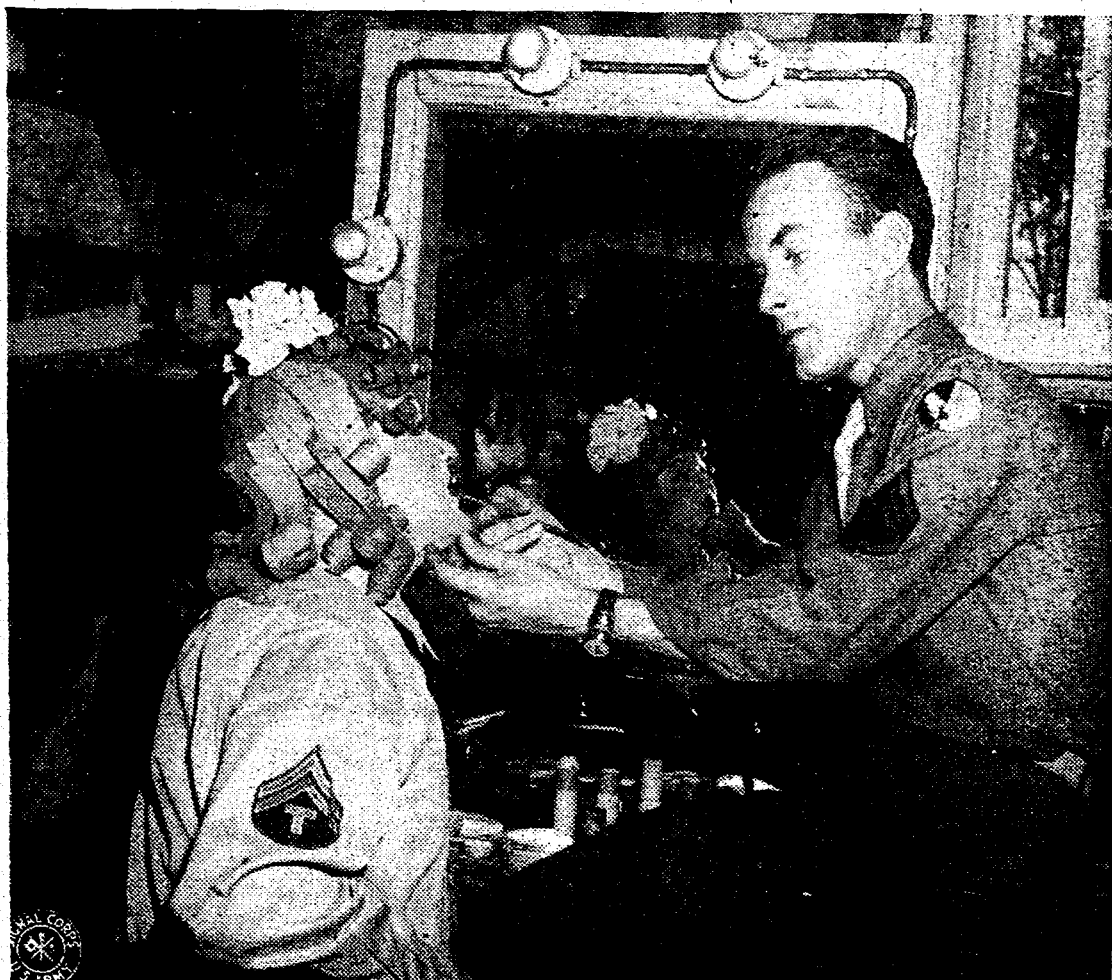
"Morale over there is excellent. You don't hear as much griping as you do here among troops in training. One reason is that you are too busy digging foxholes and erecting camouflage to gripe. Those are two things you will do automatically, once you have been under fire.

"We would have had a lot easier time of it overseas if we had taken our training more seriously. There were too many of us who were certain we wouldn't get overseas. We slipped through our training as easily as we could.

"I hope the men now at Camp Hood are not making that mistake. They should train each day as if it were the last chance before they go into combat. Only in that way will they be ready to meet the German soldier on equal terms. Don't kid yourself about the ability of the German soldier; he's smart, tricky, and above all, well trained. You've got to be the same."

Infantile Paralysis Drive Under Way Here Boxes Through Camp

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis begins its annual drive for funds Jan. 12, and continues through Jan. 31, 1944. All personnel, both civilian and



ALL FOR THE ART—Following the pattern used in many shows put on by an all male cast. GI's often "double" for the women in the play. Proper make-up, using any material at hand, as shown above, will be part of the course for men attending the Special Service Theatrical conference here next week. Perc Westmore, Hollywood make-up man, will be one of the instructors for the course.

military, are enjoined to give this drive their whole hearted support. Contributions will be strictly voluntary and bottles will be placed throughout camp.

Gets Promotion

Lt. Col. F. F. Schweinler, commanding officer of the 672nd Bn., has recently been promoted to this rank. The battalion is in the 23rd Gp., UTC.

"Volunteer Overtime Specialists" Serve Camp On Own Time

There is a group of men at the TDS who have become known as "volunteer overtime specialists." They assist Lt. Col. William R. Brown in the Operations Dept., working the public address systems for the various classes and lectures.

Almost daily, S-Sgt. Norman Miller, section chief, and the members of his crew: Lentzner, Grimm, Agricola, Haberman, etc. choose to work long after hours, and can be found individually manning their p. a. systems anywhere from the Field House to the EM's Service Clubs until late hours, so that others may enjoy the benefit of their services and equipment.

Maternity Care Available For The Wives Of EM

Congress passed an act providing for medical and nursing care and hospitalization of maternity cases who are wives of enlisted men in the Armed Forces.

Any women irrespective of legal residence and financial status, whose husband is an enlisted man (this includes men deceased or missing in action) in the Armed Forces who makes application for such care will be eligible for the medical and hospital services provided under the plan.

Any infant under one year of age whose father is an enlisted man as described above will be eligible for medical, surgical and hospital care provided under this plan.

Application forms for such service can be secured from the local health and welfare agency, all American Red Cross Chapters, and local physicians participating in the program. The application is to be completed and signed by the woman and by the attending physician (private or clinic) and will be forwarded by the physician or the clinic to the State Director of Maternal and Child Welfare.

Additional information concerning the program can be obtained from the Director of Maternal and Child Welfare at the State Health Department of each state, or Dr. Frances C. Rotherbert, United States Children's Bureau, 1048 Canal Building, New Orleans, La.

Quiz Answers

1. Yes, Dec. 12, 1937, the ship U.S.S. Panay was bombed on the Yangtze river.
2. Yes. Pieces from Westminster Palace, which was badly battered in the German bombings of London, are being sold as souvenirs for the benefit of British charities.
3. A girl who likes sailors.
4. Her rank is captain, indicated by four wide stripes of the naval captain on her sleeve.
5. There are 5,500.
6. The term "sundowner" is a Navy term for one who does not relax discipline from sunset to sunset.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" In Attacking, Never Take Terrain For Granted





With Pfc. Keif Quick

1944 . . . And this corner is not liable to forget how the Old went and the New came. When a guy travels some 200 miles to see a ball game, has a free ducat, meals and room paid for, and then sits in on the game via radio, he's not likely to erase the matter with lightning haste. Such was our trip to the Dallas Cotton Bowl game. Incidentally, the huge Bowl became a sea of mud and ankle-deep water, where some 20,000 rain-soaked spectators sat out in inclement-plus weather to see two teams battle for naught, a 7-7 deadlock. From our Adolphus Hotel seat by a Philco, it sounded rather boring all the way. Actually, it seemed that only about six men were playing the game. Glenn Dobbs, Martin Ruby, Tex Aulds vs Ralph Ellsworth, Joe Parker and J. R. Callahan, the latter trio of Texas, seemed to be the whole ball game. The rest of the day, in fact, all of it, belonged to old Jupiter Pluvius—a fellow who kept at least 15,000 people away from the annual classic via a 24-hour continual drip-drip. Dallas and this corner will never forget how the infant, 1944, came to life! . . . Sgt. Joe Louis, king of the world's boxing heavies, who appeared here early last month, meets the final stand of his current Army tour with an appearance at Camp Butner, North Carolina, January 20. Immediately thereafter, Joe will be granted a 30-day furlough, of which he plans to spend as the "third man" in the ring for a number of boxing tournaments. After his furlough, the champ will set sail for an overseas campaign of boxing exhibitions, which will carry him to the battle areas to entertain combat troops. Again the tour, a jaunt similar to his current one, will be sponsored by the Special Services Division, Washington, D. C. Whether Joe will first go to the Pacific or the European theater of action is not exactly known, but the great morale-builder is certain to reach all possible war zones in his effort to show a champion to Champions. . . . Camp Hood, site of the forthcoming Central Texas Golden Gloves boxing tournament, will be turned into a swarming hive of leather-slingers during the week of January 24. The Waco, Blackland and Bryan, Texas, military setups are sure to send some of the finest mittmen ever to participate in the annual district event. Fight fans here should turn out by the hundreds for the big affair, since it will be their best opportunity to witness scores of top-flight bouts, the like of which may never come again for this Army installation. . . . On the Bowl picks last Saturday, Kay Cue bowed out with 4 ins and 2 setbacks, for a puny .667 willow mark. The Randolph-Texas deadlock, plus the 19 to 14 whipping handed Homer Norton's kiddie korps by Steve Van Buren, shattered our hope for a perfect card.

Big Time Sports And Music Tell The Story Of TDS Sgt.

Athletics and music may not ordinarily be an unusual mixture, but if the ingredients of each are good enough, the blend might prove exceptional—as it does in the case of Sgt. Alan Rose of the Athletic Department of the Student Regiment, TDS.

It was Rose who rounded up the men of the Student Regiment last Spring, who formed the nucleus of the baseball team that won the Camp Hood championship. He conditioned the injured football players of the championship TDS team. At the moment he is teaching boxing and physical training, handles the athletic equipment of the regiment, and supervises the day room. Occasionally he also referees the boxing bouts staged by the School for the Station Hospital "Shutins."

Got Early Start

At thirteen, Alan affiliated himself with a settlement house in New York City, where he began to learn what workouts in a gymnasium meant to a person's physical condition. At fourteen he was picked up by "Doc" Wilson, Jack Dempsey's trainer, who, interested in Alan's natural ability, taught him boxing, and then launched him into the amateur ring. Rose fought eighty-four bouts as an amateur, and eventually won the national 126 pound title. He fought sixteen professional fights, before new horizons beckoned and he gave up active fighting. Perhaps one of the greatest factors that influenced his decision to quit the ring was the one occasion he sparred with Benny Leonard, one of the greatest fighters of all time. He felt that he could never attain Benny's perfection, and wanting no part of second money in anything, turned to his new interest, the study of weight lifting.

On the side Rose began to learn how to play tennis. He took to the sport rapidly and joined the Clifton Tennis club. He began to attract the attention of national

tennis experts, and his hard work at the game was vindicated when he was selected to play on the United States Olympic team in 1932.

Mixes In Music

He returned from the Olympics to join the YMCA at home, where he became the physical training instructor. This job he took in his spare time however, as his versatility sought a new endeavor. He was 29 now, and he formed a 13-piece band which he led, appearing also as its singer. With his band, Alan appeared at the New Yorker, the Pennsylvania, at yacht clubs, in road shows, and on the radio. He found time to form a children's orchestra for the Wuritzer Co. simultaneously, and run concerts for the Parent Teachers Association.

Following several seasons in the musical world, Alan turned back to athletics. He made a tour of the prominent country clubs in New York and Pennsylvania giving not only tennis exhibitions, but in the evenings boxing exhibitions at the same clubs!

Rose was inducted in June of 1942, and following his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. came to Camp Hood first as an assistant instructor in the Weapons Department of TDS.

667th Bn. Plans Fights

The 667th Bn. is planning to hold a company boxing tournament within the near future. Three boxers have already signed and started training for the event. Cpl. Leon Pellaton, Co. B, Pvt. Max Kezick, Recon. Co., and Pvt. Arnold Simon, also of the Recon. Co., are the three fighters getting all set to show their ring ability.

Becomes Father

Sgt. Robert Washburn, chief clerk at the TDS Bookshop, recently became the father of a son.

Many Entries Expected For Golden Gloves

The Central Texas District Golden Gloves Boxing tournament to be staged in Camp Hood, beginning January 24, is expected to attract a large number of participants. Entries from surrounding towns such as Lampasas, Belton, Temple, Cameron and other central Texas sites, from which civilian contestants are expected, will not likely run very high. However, entries from the Waco and Blackland Army Flying setups, where a sensational array of military talent has been groomed, is certain to swell the entry count for the forthcoming annual event.

Incidentally, play in the current camp round-robin basketball tournament will be suspended for the entire week of Jan. 24, in order to make way for the district gloves show, which will run throughout the week.

Deadline For Entries

All entries for the big fight-week of Jan. 24 should be turned in to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, not later than Jan. 21, since that is the deadline for acceptance of all participants. The evening of Jan. 21 will also be devoted to weighing in ceremonies for the eight weight divisions.

All contestants must be on hand for the weighing in and physical checkup the evening of Jan. 21, since that is the deadline for entries as well as getting the weights and fighting division of each fighter.

The eight weight divisions and their specified weights which will prevail at the coming district affair are as follows: Flyweight, 112 lbs.; Bantamweight, 118 lbs.; Featherweight, 126 lbs.; Lightweight, 135 lbs.; Welterweight, 147 lbs.; Middleweight, 160 lbs.; Light-heavyweight, 175 lbs., and the Heavyweight class which will be unlimited.

Trophies For Winners

Plans are being made to present the winning District eight-man team a trophy in tribute to their victory. The winning eight-man fight squad will be sent to Fort Worth, Texas, where they will participate in the State Golden Gloves tourney at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. The State event is being sponsored by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and has been Texas' top winter sports show for the past seven years. The eighth annual ring carnival will be held Feb. 16 through 21, it being strictly an amateur affair, with winners going to the National tournament in Chicago, Feb. 27 to March 1. All expenses will be paid for the Texas team going to the Chicago event by the Star-Telegram.

All district teams going to the Ft. Worth State Golden Gloves event will go at their own expense.

Mostly Servicemen

In last year's tournament at Ft. Worth, 132 fighters were entered, 81 of which were servicemen. 39 of those 81 reached the quarter-finals, 21 the semi-finals, and 11 battled their way into the finals.

Camp Hood is expected to have a reliable number of candidates out for the forthcoming Jan. 24 district event at the field house, and despite highly-touted fight competition coming in from other sites, Hood ring material is expected to produce winners in several of the eight divisions, from flyweight to heavyweight.

140th RTC Bn. Wins Mess Hall Award; Wac's Too

The 140th Bn., RTC, closed out the old year, 1943, by winning the mess award plaque for the best battalion mess in the RTC at North Camp last week.

The RTC WAC Det. again won top honors among the company messes, while the Hq. Officers mess took first place in their group.

Four Hoop Squads Pace Camp Tourney's Opener

Camp Hood's big annual round-robin basketball tournament swung into action last Tuesday night, with four fast games being reeled off at the field house.

The tourney, boasting a field of 32 teams, divided into four groups of eight teams each, saw eight teams from Groups 1 and 2 match hoop shots in the gala opening night's play.

The round-robin opener saw the classy Student Regt. quintet shoot to a 45 to 17 win over the 310th Ord. "A" cakers. Nolan and Brown, with 13 and 11 points, respectively, led the Studes scoring, while Kelly, with 6 points, took top honors for the Ordnance men. The Students exhibited some excellent floor work in the lopsided win.

603rd Bn. Victors

Second game of the night saw the 603rd Bn. five eke out a thrilling 24 to 23 victory over the fighting 264th FA Bn. cagers, in what proved to be the evening's most exciting contest. Both teams were very evenly matched. Christopher, who chalked up 8 points, led the 603rd scoring, while Christakis, also garnering 8 points, led the Artillerymen's hoop-hitting.

In the evening's third melee, the 656th Bn. quintet, behind the superb goal tossing of Cpl. Orling, defeated the Hq. Co., UTS, aggregation, 43 to 23.

Orling hit the mesh for 14 points. Tomke, with 8 points, stood out for UTC.

The night's fourth game, between the 657th Bn. quintet and the 660th Bn. team, went see-saw fashion up until the final quarter, when the 656th five, led by their ace, Bartel, shot out front and were never headed in a 34 to 22 triumph. Bartel threw in 8 points, while Rathbun chalked up 8 points for the 660th.

Win On Forfeits

Two other games on the opening night's card were forfeit affairs, the 661st Bn. winning over the 166th Infantry team, and the 666th Bn. quintet took the forfeit route in their victory over the 670th Bn., who failed to show up when game time was called.

Tonight's play, Thursday, will see teams from Groups 3 and 4 in action for their opening run in the round-robin, while Groups 1 and 2 will stand pat until their next

setto of action, which will be next Tuesday night.

A calendar of the various teams and their standings, won and lost, will appear in next week's edition of the Panther, since only Groups 1 and 2 have played games to date.

TDS Mechanics Get Course For Battle Needs

At the TDS last Saturday, Lt. Frederick Kruse addressed the second class of enlisted men graduating in the Enlisted Artillery Mechanics course.

"Weeks before the first Enlisted Artillery Mechanics Class began," he told them, "TD Center, upon our request, sent a questionnaire to all TD battalion commanders asking them to list any problems, whether they knew the answers or not, which had arisen in the use of the various TD weapons."

"Answers poured in from all over the country, some from overseas, and proved that Army Ground Forces knew what it was talking about when it said: 'There appears to be a great need for trained gun mechanics in TD units.' A schedule of instruction for artillery mechanics was drawn up in this department, and put to work some 12 weeks ago. Today we study all reports from the combat zones ready to add to, or change, the Enlisted Artillery Mechanics schedule to meet the demands of a rapidly changing military scheme of things."

Declination Station For Camp Set Up

The 264th Field Artillery survey section has replaced the first Declination Station for Camp Hood. Its purpose is to determine the declination constant for aiming circles. Each instrument usually has a slightly different constant.

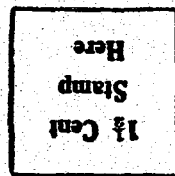
The station is located in approximately the center of the area bounded on the north of Battalion avenue; on the east by 162nd Street; on the south by Bridge Avenue and on the west by 172nd Street. Grid-coordinates of the station are (918.517-864.480). It is identified by being a 75MM shell case embedded in concrete.

Pertinent data for this station with Y-azimuth's to four chapel spires has been forwarded to all battalions and groups on the Post interested in its use for declination instruments.

If All Such Stories Were Laid End To End

Sgt. Elmer Smith and Cpl. John Wells, carpenters, attached to the Hq. and Serv. Co., Stud. Regt., TDS, estimated that if the miles of duckboards they have built in Camp Hood since June 1942 were placed end to end, they would almost reach Belton!

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