



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Commands BUTC

Colonel Harry F. Thompson, Commanding Officer of the TD Basic Unit Training Center, which has been stationed at Camp Bowie awaiting completion of North Camp Hood, has announced that his unit will soon occupy the new area.

Ft. Sill 28-Piece Band Assigned To RTC Here

A 28-piece band from Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, has been assigned to the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center where it will serve as the Second Band.

The unit is commanded by War-rant Officer Melville O. Chambers. T-Sgt. Robert B. Richardson is director.

Nucleus of the band is from Trenton, N. J., where they worked as a unit in civilian life since

1936. They were activated Jan. 27, 1941, and despite 14 months at Fort Bragg and a year at Fort Sill, 25 of the men are still Jerseyites. Two bandmen are from Oklahoma and one is from Dallas, Texas.

A 16-piece dance band, led by Sgt. William Fischer who also writes arrangements, has been formed within the organization, which according to advance reports, avoids "Mickey Mouse" arrangements and really swings.

Officers Promoted

Recent promotions in the Service Command include the following:

To be Lt. Colonel:—Major Wm. S. Holcomb, Post Executive.

To be Majors: Capt Joe Bassett, Adjutant, Station Hospital; Capt Doyle P. Ward, Station Hospital; Capt. J. W. Parrish, Commissary Officer.

To be Captains: Lt. C. S. Palmer, Laundry Officer; Lt. E. M. Yuliano, Station Hospital; Lt. Ira T. Goddard, Asst. Range Officer; Lt. W. H. Kulp, recently transferred to A. G. Office TDC.

To be 1st Lieutenants: Lt. Douglas H. Brown, Asst. Training Officer; Lt. Kermit O. Smith, Prison Officer.

Famed Brother Now Works For Uncle

Corporal Bill Mostel of the Weapons department, TDS, received word this week that his brother, Zero Mostel, the famed radio, screen and stage comic, has been inducted into the army and is at Camp Upton, New York. Zero relinquishes a three year contract with MGM, where he just completed work on "DuBarry Was a Lady."

Cartoon Ideas Sought For New Feature

Any ideas for a cartoon?

If you have, Pvt. Robert Cullen wants to hear about them.

This week Pvt. Cullen, of the 113th Cavalry band, starts drawing "Private Stuff," see page six, for The Panther. Each week he will illustrate some gag submitted to him by Panther readers.

Pvt. Cullen was a professional cartoonist in private life, is married and has his home in Bryan, Texas. He has done quite a bit of work for magazines and civilian newspapers.

Address your idea to "Private Stuff," The Hood Panther, Special Service office.

Steak Dinner Honors Excellent Firing

Company C, 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, served a steak supper for men in reward for their excellent firing on the 75 MM range recently.

Guests of honor were: Lt. Col. Robert O. Wright, Battalion Commander, Major Edward McC Danemiller, Executive Officer and Captain Stuart M. Dingman S-3.

Camp Gives \$16,423.79 To Red Cross War Fund

Proving their appreciation of the help given service men by the Red Cross, Military and civilian personnel of Camp Hood contributed \$16,423.79 to the 1943 Red Cross War Fund in the drive just ended. Although there was no actual quota set, Robert H. Watson, field director of the organization here, said the contributions were more than generous.

Director Is Pleased

"I am well pleased with the results of the campaign in Camp Hood," Watson said, "for it shows a genuine recognition of the many ways the whole Red Cross organization has come to the aid of soldiers and their families."

The drive in camp was handled by officers chosen in seven major groups. Station Complement gave more than \$1,380, TD School \$2,900, TDRTC \$5,350, Training Brigades \$4,514, AUTC \$2,086 and TD Board \$113. The returns from TD Center have not been tabulated. Civilians donated through some of the groups.

Enlisted men were not solicited, yet the Service Co. of the 744th Tank Bn. went over the top as 100 per cent contributors.

Provides Many Services

While helping to arrange emergency furloughs for soldiers whose families are ill is one of the better known phrases of Red Cross activity in camp, it is only one of the many Red Cross functions. The office here, which is nine months old, averages 1,000 to 1,200 cases each month. The field men are prepared to assist in locating soldiers or their families, to get relief for families of soldiers, to advise soldiers on business or family problems, to aid soldiers who are discharged in their contacts with veterans administration and in filing disability data.

Recently the Red Cross office here was asked to deliver a letter to a soldier in camp. Later the field officers received a letter from the soldier thanking them for locating his family. The soldier's parents had returned to Spain just before the Spanish Civil war. Drafted in the Spanish Army, the soldier was released and sent back to the United States through the efforts of the Red Cross. But until he received the letter here at Camp Hood, this soldier had lost track of his family in war-torn Europe.

Still Time To See Allied Invasion Film

The U. S. Signal Corps technical film of the Allied forces' invasion of North Africa, which has been showing at Hood Theaters this week, will be shown tonight and tomorrow night at the Hood Road Theater and the 24th St. Theater for the last times.

The film will precede the feature picture starting at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the Hood Road Theater, and at 7:15 and 9:15 at the 24th St. Theater.

Becomes Warrant Officer

Staff Sergeant David Kesselman, of the Secretary's office at TDS Headquarters, became a warrant officer, effective Friday (March 12). Mr. Kesselman hails from Dorchester, Mass.

Entire RTC Placed In Quarantine

Late last week the entire Replacement Training Center was placed in quarantine, due to an outbreak of measles. Officers and cadremen who have had the disease were not restricted.

Since one case was sufficient to quarantine an entire company, officials felt that a blanket quarantine would facilitate administration, recreation and training of all men in the RTC.

To provide recreation for the restricted men, Special Service officers converted Recreation Hall No. 2099 into a temporary Service Club. Leota Keyes, famous as one of the Keyes Quadruplets of Oklahoma City, has been nam-horess.

The 37th St. Theater has been reserved for all men of the RTC for the duration of the quarantine, and Chapels at 37th St. and Headquarters Avenue have been set aside for use of the quarantined men.

The RTC Area is guarded by sentries and motor patrols. Boundaries are Park Ave., on the North, 31st St. on the East, Headquarters Avenue on the South, and 48th St. on the West.

Qualify 88 Percent As Marksmen

Far surpassing their opponents, Company A of 130th Battalion, TDRTC, qualified 88 percent of their personnel in rifle marksmanship last week.

Three privates tied for top honors with scores of 178 out of possible 200. Company Commander 1st Lt. Patrick Joyce Jr. named Privates Oren E. Hill, Sidney E. Brook and Jones O. Wakefield for expert medals.

Prize money totaling \$25 and several cartons of cigarettes, which were contributed by officers of the company, were distributed among the winners.

Sharpshooters were announced as Pvt. Chester Tuckerman, with score of 176; Pvt. Tom Meyers, 171, and Pvt. Stanley R. Litzenberger, 169.

General Bruce Given Cross

Major General A. D. Bruce, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, was awarded the UDC Cross, (United Daughters of the Confederacy), before a joint session of the Texas House of Representatives and Senate in Austin last week, for distinguished military service.

General Bruce was awarded the cross as a descendant of Lt. Col. George W. Conner of the Fifth Kentucky cavalry in the Civil war.



In Film

PFC Wendell Hulett, former TD trainee at Camp Hood, appears in "Forever And A Day," now showing here. See story below.

Former Hood Man In Cast Of New Film

Lt. Richard R. Wadleigh of the 127th Bn. RTC was at the Officers Club, skipping through a movie magazine. He noticed a preview writeup on a movie called "Forever and a Day," which is showing at the 162nd and 37th St. Theaters tonight and the 37th and 24th St. Theaters Saturday night. Therein lies a tale.

Lt. Wadleigh, born in England, and Pfs. Wendell Hulett, from Pexton, Illinois, were buddies in civilian life. They met in Hollywood, roomed together, were in stage plays and about to break into the movies.

Then Lt. Wadleigh went into the Air Corps, March Field, California, and on to the TD OCS in January. Hulett went into the cast of "Forever and a Day"—his first movie part. Soon afterwards, he came into the service and was assigned to a TD outfit trained here, now stationed in Africa.

"Naturally I'm eager to see the picture," exclaimed Lt. Wadleigh. "Wendell has a fine part, that of a spoiled young man, film brother of Wendy Barrie and June Duprez and son of Edward Everett Horton. He is the only unknown actor in a cast which includes Ida Lupino, Merle Oberon, Brian Aherne, Anna Neagle, Roland Young, Robert Cummings, C. Aubrey Smith, Buster Keaton and countless others."

Was On Stage

Before his enlistment, PFC Hulett appeared on the stage on the East and West Coasts. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Hulett of Paxton, Illinois.

New Executive Named For 702nd

Captain Edward McC Danemiller, Company C, 702nd TD Bn., has been appointed major and executive officer, to replace Major Albert J. McCurdy, Jr., who was transferred to Camp Bowie, Tex.



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Rhythm Was Their Business, Also

Hot rhythms for the dancing feet of Camp Hood men was the specialty of the 1848th Quartermaster Det. Dance Band before transfers and changes in personnel broke up the combination. The photographer took this picture while they were playing at the Service Club.

Major Vander Zweip Heads Officer Preparatory School

Major Phillip J. Vander Zweip, Commandant of the RTC Officers Candidate Preparatory School, has been promoted from Captain.

The Major, from San Francisco, California, was commissioned FA out of Stanford University in 1931. He was an insurance agent

until 1940, at that time went to Ft. Sill as 1st Lieutenant from FA Reserve. Thence to Camp Roberts, California, attaining the rank of Captain March 13, 1942. The Major came to the RTC October 3rd, 1942.

"Purpose of the OCPS," states the Major, "is to provide means whereby VOC's and others in an enlisted status, may prepare themselves for the pursuit of studies in OC Schools."

"The purpose of the ORS," continues the Major, "is to provide means whereby newly-appointed officers become more proficient in the discharge of duties."

The Prep School students are quartered in their regular barracks and report for duty hours. The work covered includes classroom study, as well as practice in commanding and execution of close order drill.

RTC Officers Gain In Rank

Captain Charles B. Herrington Jr. of the 2nd Regiment has been promoted from first lieutenant.

Captain Herrington was originally commissioned Inf. 2nd Lt. June 4, 1937 out of the University of Tennessee, and was assigned to the 608th TD Bn. at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, April 8, 1942.

Other RTC promotions include: Captain R. E. Stephenson from 1st Lt. 1st Lts. J. E. Lamb, G. M. Tharel, T. J. Moore, R. W. Stult, D. H. Westlake, M. E. Goldston, R. E. Kaske, from 2nd Lt.

When You Miss Reveille, No Excuse, But—

No excuse is acceptable for being late to Reveille, but here is one of the best we have heard.

Pvt. Daniel Davis, Hq. Co. 822nd TD Bn., folds his fatigues at the head of his bed so he can get into them in record time come morning and reveille.

But a few nights ago Pvt. Fred Maize's clothes were substituted for those of Pvt. Davis.

In came the CQ and there was a mad rush with everyone dashing into his clothes to hit the line for reveille. Davis dressed as usual, but was a bit bewildered at the overnight expansion of his abdominal circumference.

It was not until he looked down at his feet that his countenance changed from amazement then to surprise and exasperation. . . . Who missed reveille?

Christian Science Lecturs Announced

A free lecture on Christian Science will be presented by Earl McCloud C.S.B., San Antonio, Texas, in the Church Edifice, 318 North Second Street, Temple, Monday at 8 p. m.

The same lecture will be given the Church of Christ Scientist, 11th and Columbus Sts., Waco, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

At The Libraries

Do you wonder what it's like out there on the battlefield in this war?

Both the 37th St. Service Club Library and the 162nd St. Service Club Libraries have a number of first-hand accounts written by men who have been there.

Catherine Sette, librarian at the 37th St. Library has suggested the following:

"Suez To Singapore" — Cecil Brown.

"Alaska Under Arms" — Jean Potter.

"Russians Don't Surrender" — Alexander Poliakov.

"Foot-Loose In The British Isles" — Harold Denny.

"Queen Of The Flat-Tops" — Stanley Johnston.

"Journey For Margaret" — W. L. White.

"They Were Expendable" — W. L. White.

"Europe In The Spring" — Clara Boothe Luce.

Those interested in a good taste of current books are offered the following new arrivals at the 162nd Street Service Club, according to Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, librarian:

"General Douglass MacArthur" — Francis T. Miller.

"Armies With Wings"—Peck.

"Mission To Moscow"—Joseph E. Davies.

"Victory Through Air Power" — Seversky.

The 72nd Street Service Club offers readers many current magazines and the following new book according to Mrs. T. Morris, Davis, librarian.

"Japan's Dream of World Empire"—Carl Crant.

"The Pageant Of Japanese History," and "The Pageant of Chinese History" — Ditts and Eeger.

"Inside Asia"—John Gunther.

"The Far East"—Treat, "Inside Introducing Dakar"—Gratton.

"Dakar"—Emil Lengyel.

The Libraries are open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Sergeant And Motorcycle Aid Search

T. Sgt. Ronald E. Myers, 137th Bn., RTC, aided in the recent search for two escaped convicts in the Killeen area.

Two Texas Rangers, searching for the escaped convicts, were waiting at a siding where a freight train was scheduled to stop, but it failed to do so.

At that moment, Sgt. Myers came by on his motorcycle, picked up the Rangers, and beat the freight to the next crossing, where they "flagged it down" and searched it.

Lt.-Playwrite Here Plans Post Revue

When Richard H. Hepburn was 13-years-old, he and his sister, Katharine, produced a play "Bluebeard."

Katherine, who grew up to be the famous actress, didn't act at all, but with the aid of an ardent red-haired beau, painted the scenes and shifted them between acts.

Became A Playwrite

Richard, who later became a playwrite portrayed the title role, and Robinson Smith, now a producer, was the leading lady Fatima. In the Hepburn-produced version, Fatima's wig fell to the stage floor just before her head was to be removed by the scheming Bluebeard, an event which nearly stopped the show.

Today, Richard is a second lieutenant, stationed at Camp Hood. He is theatrical advisor for the Special Service office.

He entered the Army June 28, 1942 and was sent to Ft. McClellan, Ala., for basic training. Later he attended the Army administration officer candidate school, Grinnell, Iowa, and upon graduation was assigned to Camp Hood. Mrs. Hepburn is living in Belton.

Home In Connecticut

The Hepburn family of five children lived in Hartford, Conn. It was here that Richard attend-

ed Kingsford school where his early interest in the theatrical manifested itself again, and he participated in activities of the Dramatic club.

After Kingsford, he attended Harvard, graduating in 1932. Since that time he has written a number of plays including "Behold Your God," an economic satire which caused quite a discussion in Hartford when produced by Jasper Deeter in the Hedgerow theater; "Sea Air," which was translated into Italian and produced in Italy, but from which Lt. Hepburn never realized any profit because II Duce froze all funds; "Love Like Wildfire," a re-treatment of the "girl meets boy idea, for which Paul Bowles wrote between-the-scenes music, and a comedy, "Valentine," his latest.

Plans Post Revue

Lt. Hepburn is now gathering material for a Post Revue, the first step of which is to contact all writers in camp who together will compile the basic script for the production.

Writers interested have been asked to see Lt. Hepburn at Post Special Service office, opposite Post Headquarters at 52nd and Headquarters Ave., write him at that office, or leave their names with hostesses at the Service clubs.

Four Increments In 140th Bn. Tie For Prize In Subscription Contest For 'Yank' Magazine

In a spirit of rivalry, six increments of Co. A, 140th BN, RTC entered "The Battle of the Increments" a company competition for subscription to Yank Magazine. Prize offered by Company Commander 1st Lt. Duane M. Witt was a "never before and probably never again" such a party.

Increment one under the leadership of Cpl. Francis X. Lau held a council of war and after a heated session came through 100 per cent. Cpl. Mark Sullivan, leader of increment three, gave his men a terrific selling with the help of "training aids" of beautiful gals photographed in Yank. The result . . . 100 per cent.

When the reports on increment four were finally tallied, 1st Sergeant Louis E. Kirby was baffled. His knowledge of percentages couldn't explain how a group of men can subscribe over 100 per cent. He called Cpl. Robert Erickson into the orderly room and asked for an explanation of how come a total of 101 per cent. Pencils were pulled out and after much checking and double checking they learned that one man had been so sold on the merits of Yank that he has signed for two subscriptions . . . one for himself and one to send home to his girl friend.

Increment six was also reported 100 per cent by Pfc. Puzant Kaschian. The grand total gave Co. A 140th TDTB a final count of 179 subscriptions out of 207 men or 86 per cent. Latest reports were that the C. O. was planning a gala event for the four winning increments.

Camp Hood Trio At Gatesville

A trio of Camp Hood entertainers, the "Military Aces," will entertain tonight at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The trio consists of Cpl. Norman Knuth, 612 TD Bn., accordion; Pvt. Durwood Curtis, 612 TD Bn., bass violin, and Pvt. Lloyd J. Coulier, 612 TD Bn., trumpet.

Officers Club Dance Raises \$256.80 For Paralysis Fund

"The President's Ball," presented in the 50th St. Officers Club raised \$256.80, which has been contributed to the Infantile Paralysis Fund, according to Lt. W. S. Townsend, secretary of the Officers Club.

The ball was an event of January 30.

Theater Schedules

Hood Road and 162nd St. Theaters

Thursday, March 18: Forever And A Day.
Friday, March 19: Lucky Jordan.
Saturday, March 20: Double feature: The Mysterious Doctor, and Let's Have Fun.
Sun.-Mon. March 21-22: Random Harvest.
Tuesday, March 23: Young Mr. Pitt.
Wed.-Thur. March 24-25: It Ain't Hay.
Friday, March 26: Frankenstein Meets The Wolf Man.

37th St. and 24th St. Theaters

Thursday, March 18: The Hard Way.
Saturday, March 20: Forever And A Day.
Sunday, March 21: Lucky Jordan.
Monday, March 22: Double feature: The Mysterious Doctor and Let's Have Fun.
Tues.-Wed. March 23-24: Random Harvest.
Thursday, March 25: Young Mr. Pitt.
72nd Street Theater
Thursday, March 18: "The Hard Way."
Fri. & Sat. March 18-19: "Forever And A Day"
Sunday, March 19: "Lucky Jordan"
Monday, March 22: Double feature: "The Mysterious Doctor": "Let's Have Fun"
Tues. & Wed. March 23-24: "Random Harvest"
Thursday, March 25: "Young Mr. Pitt"

Commended For Quick Thinking Which Saved Pilot's Life, Plane

In the early morning hours of February 28, a flying cadet from San Angelo, Texas, while on his first solo, night cross-country flight, lost his way.

An anxious inspection of his instruments informed him that his plane was nearly out of gasoline.

He had to find a spot to land, and quickly.

On the horizon he saw the glow of lights and guided his Advanced Trainer in that direction.

Finds Army Camp

Soon, spread out below him were the drill fields and barracks of an army cantonment. Perhaps by circling low while there was yet gas in the tanks, he could attract someone's attention who would help him find a landing spot. His watch told him it was 2:30 a. m. Probably everyone was asleep. A crack-up would not only mean possible severe injury to himself, or loss of life, but the loss of a plane valued at \$35,000.

Below, Major William H. Loker, Headquarters, 8th TD Group, Camp Bowie, heard the plane and guessed that the pilot was in trouble.

He ran to his car, followed the course taken by the plane, at the same time stopped all cars he passed, getting them to follow him.

When Major Loker reached a suitable open field near the circling plane, he lined up 30 cars he had commandeered along the route with their headlights covering the field.

The pilot eased his ship to the ground, undamaged and unhurt.

Is Given Commendation

This week, Major General A. D. Gruce, Commander General of the TDC wrote Major Loker:

"Your prompt action in coming to the assistance of the pilot who was in trouble and in serious danger, reveals the qualities of alertness, initiative, and prompt decision which are invaluable assets for an officer of the Army of the United States. Your conduct reflects credit upon yourself, the Eighth TD Group, and the Tank Destroyer Center."

Bond Show Changes Time

"What's Your Name, Soldier?" moved to a Saturday time, March 13, when the popular War Bond radio show of the Eighth Service Command was heard in delayed broadcast at 3 p. m. Saturday over the Texas Quality Network stations (WFAA, WBAP, WOAI, KPRC).

The Saturday time will prevail for several weeks while "What's Your Name, Soldier?" relinquishes its Friday night spot in favor of Elmer Davis, chief of the Office of War Information, for his series of Friday night broadcasts.

Theater audiences at WFAA, Dallas, originating studios, will still see the presentation Friday at 9:30 p. m.

Medicos Give Water The Old One-Two

Go ahead and drink dirty water, if it has been purified.

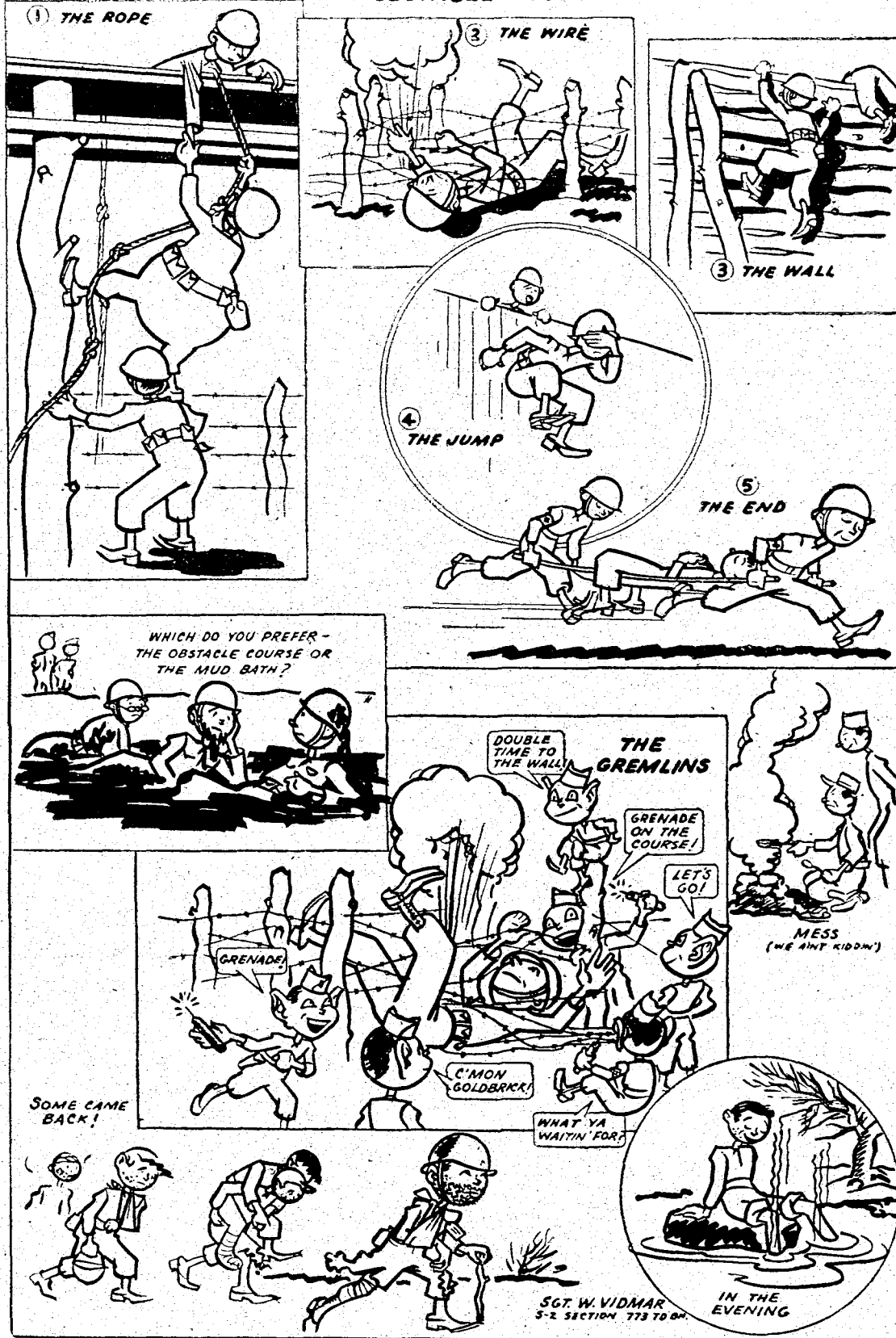
The Medics in HQ 822nd TD Bn. seem to have proven that at a chosen spot on a stream near Brownwood. As yet there have been no fatalities due to cholera, dysentery, typhoid or anything else, and they drank the water 10 days ago. They first gave it the one, two, three treatment of settling, calcium hypochlorite and orthotoluidine test.

Cadremen Become Dads

"Company 'C' 131st Training battalion is proud of two of its cadremen who recently became papas. Born to Corporal and Mrs. James P. Magers, a daughter Feb. 17, and Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond D. Trader, announce the arrival of a son Feb. 19th."

COURSE NO. 3

THE OBSTACLE COURSE



Machine Records Unit Here

A machine records department, special section of the adjutant general's office, has moved its equipment and staff to Camp Hood from Ft. Bliss.

Under the direction of Capt. Frank H. Gafford, the new department here, will keep a complete personal accounting of all officers and men in Camp Hood.

Records On Cards

Status records are kept on every man, on perforated cards which show name, serial number, grade,

organization, military occupational speciality, duty, main civilian occupation, etc.

In addition, a number of supplementary files are kept.

All of the cards are punched, sorted and classified by electrical machines, utilizing 25 wire circuits. The machines include key punchers, sorters, collators, reproducers, summary punchers, interpreters and tabulators.

Any conceivable type of information concerning any man in camp is available at a moment's notice.

In New Building

The MR Department is housed in a new building just northwest of the TDC Headquarters, and is staffed by 60 enlisted men and 12 civilians. Officers on the staff, in addition to Capt. Gafford, are Lt. John McWilliams and Lt. Charles Rawls.

The new building is insulated, has soundproof ceilings, and a concrete tile-covered floor.

Adjoining the machine records building is another unit nearing completion, an administrative building for re-classification work.

Corporal Commended

For being alert and preventing damage, Corporal Frank Peluso, Headquarters and Service Company, OCS Regiment, has received a letter of commendation from the Regimental Commanding Officer, Lt. Colonel E. J. Howell.

On noticing a fire in the boiler room of Regimental Mess No. 2, about midnight, February 18th, Corporal Peluso immediately called the fire department, awoke the officer of the day and informed the Mess hall personnel. His quick thinking and action were deemed to have saved government property valued at thousands of dollars.

Former Gopher Star

Lieutenant Arthur Moehlman, recent graduate of the OCS department, is a former Minnesota "Gophers" football star.

Rhyme And Reason For Lack Of News

An unusual contribution from Co. C, 137th TD Bn. was laid on the desk of Sgt. Bob Fordney, TD RTC S-2 non-com and "Generalissimo" of Panther news from the RTC, this week.

The paper, which was sent through channels to RTC Headquarters as the Company's news for the week read:

"Our hearts are weary and sad,

As a typewriter is not to be had,

Even if we had one

Of news there is none,

But we'll have some next week, by Gad!"

The reason with rhyme was signed by Corporals A. R. Hudachko and S. W. Smith, Company reporters.

Arrange Film Star's Visit

The recent personal appearance of Joan Blondell, famous motion picture actress at the Field House was arranged by two members of the Post Special Service Office, Pvt. Marcus L. Newman, who was a member of the Hollywood Victory Committee and personal representative for numerous picture personalities such as, Claudette Colbert, Marlene Dietrich and Charles Boyer, prior to his entry into the Army, and Pvt. W. L. Gordon, former Casting Director of Metro-Goldwyn Studios.

In selecting these two men for work on his staff, Captain C. M. Adams, Camp Special Services Officer, is hopeful that more Hollywood Motion Picture personalities such as, Dinah Shore, Kay Kyser, Betty Grable, Bob Hope and Red Skelton will heed the invitation to appear here in the near future.

Chapel Services



Protestant, Non-Denominational Sunday 9:30 A. M.

268th & Service Drive 162nd near Battalion 50th at Hqts. 37th at Hqts. Red Cross Bldg., Sta. Hqts.

10:00 A. M.

Rec. Hall, Bn., at 69th 52nd at Hqts. Brigade at 164th. Brigade at 168th. 162nd near Battalion 50th at Hqts. 37th at Hqts. Bn. in TD School Area

6:30 P. M.

50th at Hqts. 162nd near Battalion 37th at Hqts. (both) Bn. in TD School Area Bn. at 69th.

Bible School

37th at Hqts., 10 a. m. 162nd Bn., 10:30 a. m. Roman Catholic Mass, Sun., March 21. Hospital, 6:40 a. m. 37th at Hqts., 7 a. m. Brig. at 68th, 9:30 a. m. Theater No. 4, 9:30 a. m. Hood Road Theater, 11 a. m. 162nd St. Theater, 11 a. m.

Mass Weekdays

Morning Mass daily except Friday, Chapel 902-6:30 a. m.

Evening Mass: Monday, Stockade, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, 162nd & Bn., 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday, 268 & Ser. Dr., 6:30 p. m.

Friday, Brig. & 168, 6:30 p. m.

37th & Hqts., 6:30 p. m.

Saturday, Brig. & 164, 6:30 p. m.

Confession Before and After Weekday Mass

Saturday, 6:00 to 9:00 p. m. 50th & Hqts., Brig & 164th.

Protestant Non-Denominational For Colored Troops

Battalion at 69th-10:45 a. m.

6:30 p. m., Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

Episcopal

Brig. at 170th, Sun., 6:30 p. m.

Jewish

50th at Hqts., Orthodox, 7 p. m. Regular, 8 p. m. (Sunday.)

37th at Hqts., Saturday, Orthodox, 6:30 p. m., and Sunday, 8 a. m.

Chapel 2109, 37th & Hqts.

Lutheran

Communion Service, 52nd & Hqts., Sunday, 6:30 p. m.

Christian Science

37th & Hqts., March 18, 8 p. m., Sunday, 8 p. m.

RTC Plants Trees: Spring Must Be Here

Sure signs of Spring are indicated by the "mammoth" trees planted in the Replacement Training Center area.

The famous sticky Texas mud is apparently good for something other than resoling shoes, for shoots of grass are bravely making an appearance, too.

Send me on sick call, Sergeant, I've got Spring Fever.

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What Do We Think?

THERE HAS BEEN a lot of discussion among civilians about "what we are fighting for" and the thinking of the young men in America's Army.

We feel quite certain that there has been a lot of misunderstanding of the "soldier mind"; a lot of crooked thinking concerning our reactions.

Recently the Camp Grant Sentinel, publication of Camp Grant, Illinois, defined the "Soldier's Soldier".

Soldiers Misinterpreted

Editors pointed out, rather pertinently, that uninformed writers had pictured the soldier as something which he is not. They then went on to say that he might be any age from 10 to 50. "He is not the stupid soul caricatured by cartoonists, nor is he the wise guy portrayed by sensational writers. He is probably a likeable chap, fully capable of and willing to adapt himself as readily as possible to Army life."

The editors went on to stress that the soldier of today is an informed person. He is an intelligent man with a keen sense of humor. The quaking rookie, the hard-boiled sergeant, beans for chow, reveille at 4:30 a. m., delirious joy or despondent gloom at mail call, and all the other junk that is supposed to mirror the average soldier is, to put it mildly, "horse-feathers."

What About Hate?

"Horse-feathers," also, in our opinion, is the idea current in some circles that we are learning to hate every other human being in the world except our Allies.

The thinking of George Matthew Adams portrayed in his column "Today's Talk", comes close to mirroring the thoughts of men in the service, we would imagine.

"No war can be won, and no permanent peace established, upon the sole principal of hate. I do not hate the burglar that breaks into my house, for I don't know him, never heard of him and have no desire to know him—but I hate all burglars as such, and not because they happen to be human beings.

Hatred Of Things

"I do not believe that the marvelous display of courage on the part of the fighting men in the armed services is inspired by hate. I believe that it is inspired by a hatred of the things for which the enemy fights, to force upon free men. They fight to the death to preserve that freedom about which they know so much. It's in the blood and every fiber of their being.

"There is something spiritually indestructible in the heart of a man who fights to defend his homeland, his children and the children of the future. We are not going to rid the world of wars until the human heart has been reconstructed—and you can't reconstruct it with hate.

Fight For Freedom

"When a man fights for justice, for freedom of speech, religion and a free way of life, that's ammunition enough to spur and inspire his physical and spiritual being to fight to death, if necessary, for he knows why he fights. It's to defeat the hated things, whether lodged in books, men's minds, or in nations."

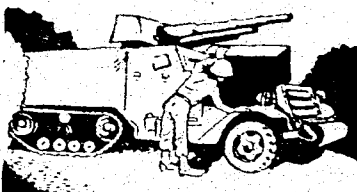
Had Mr. Adams gone on to say that most of Uncle Sam's fighting men realize that the end of the war will not be the end of their fight for justice and freedom for people everywhere he would not have been far from the truth.

Most servicemen realize that the end of the physical fighting will mark the beginning of the mental and moral fighting which ever marks the struggle for world brotherhood and peace.

Tank Destroyer

There may have been a famous steed,
At least so legend has decreed,
Who with his rider famous
Was responsible for informing all
To hurry up and "get on the ball."
As well as that animal of Troy
Whose insides really did annoy
Their enemy from without
Resulting in a victorious rout.
But gone are those days of the stallion
To be supplanted by the Tank Destroyer Battalion
For our machines can go where horses fear to tread
And aren't perturbed by onslaughts of lead.
We will seek the enemy, make them run
Destroy and harass him with our mighty gun
And it is inevitable, as in past history,
That we shall emerge with total victory.
—Pvt. Wilbur Harnash
Hqs. Co., 643d T.D. Bn.

Looking UNDER THE HOOD



Our ace political commentators have overlooked one juicy source of information in plotting the course of this war—the barbers of America.

I doubt if there is any source as prolific and, apparently, as well-informed.

Last Thursday we got a hot tip straight from our Texas tonsorial trimmer, to wit:

"Mussolini is fixin' to have a friction with Hitler."

You figure it out.

"Hit Kits" Provided

First shipment of the new army "Hit Kits" arrived at the Special Service office last week for the music-minded men of Camp Hood and have been sent to their units for distribution.

They are issued to meet the demand from the ranks for songs which soldiers play, and sing, especially for late popular numbers. The new kit contains the words and music to six popular songs, and will be distributed on the monthly basis of one to each 200 men. This provides one copy of the words to each four or five men, and enough copies of the music for accompaniment.

The first kit contained: "This Is The Army, Mister Jones," "There Are Such Things," "Move It Over," "I Had the Craziest Dream," "I've Got Sixpence," and "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

Twenty-one of America's outstanding names in radio and the popular music field have agreed to serve as a committee, with Fred Waring as chairman, to select the six songs to make up the kit each month.

Olive Drab Drawers

There'll be no more issues of snowy white underwear for the Army. It'll be olive drab instead, according to Maj. Gen. C. L. Corbin, acting quartermaster general.

Know why?
White wash lines make too good a target for the enemy!

Quote Of The Week

We are as much inclined to underrate our possibilities as to overrate our achievements.—Dean Inge.

'Camp Hood Capers' Appear At Hospital In Temple Tonight

"Camp Hood Capers," soldier show which has been touring the Rec. halls at Camp Hood, will appear tonight at McCloskey Hospital in Temple.

The variety show features the music of "Shakespeare's Hot Swing Band" of the 374th Engineers, and a number of feature numbers directed by Sgt. Albert Hoy of the Special Service Office.

'Observation Post' Published Weekly In 812th TD Bn.

The 812th TD Bn has a new publication called "The Observation Post." The paper deals with the various activities of the battalion and is published weekly for its personnel.

Staff members of the Observation Post are Editor, Cpl. Charles A. Hamilton, Jr., Assistant editor, Pvt. Harold Beerman Company reporters are, Pvt. Steve Hinson and Pvt. Anthony Michetti.

"The Observation Post" uses no government purchased paper or stencils. The 812 TD Bn. was formerly of Camp Bowie, Texas.



"No! You Should Have Thought Of It Before You Fell Out!"

Army Quiz

1. When did the German army go into action against Russia on Germany's Eastern front?
2. How many roads lead west out of El Aghella toward Homs and Tripoli that are suitable for movements of masses?
3. Did Wendell Willkie confer with Premier Joseph Stalin before or after the Germans entered Stalingrad?
4. Were our casualties during the first year of war less or above fifty thousand?
5. How long did the battle for Corregidor last?
6. Is it improper to wash the American flag?

Answers Page 7

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Despite rumors to the contrary, there is no connection between announcements made last week that a group of dogs would be sent here for guard duty and that 30,000 trees would be planted throughout camp.

We can't see why the nations of the world should come to blows. The farther apart their opinions are, the more room there is between to reach an agreement.

Did it ever occur to you how appropriate it was that the United States had a Hull to head it's Ship of State?

Add to appropriate items the fact that when FDR wants to get away from it all he retires to a place called Hyde Park.

This Soldier Really Had A Busy Week

Cpl. Tim Potter, Co. C, 138th TD Bn, RTC, became a citizen of the United States, was married, and was promoted to Corporal all during last week.

Cpl. Potter, originally from Niagara Falls, Canada, met Mary Jane Lowe at the 37th St. Service Club at a Christmas dance. From that point on, Tim was a frequent visitor to Cameron where Mary Jane was a reporter on the newspaper there.

'Lucky 13th' Has New Commander

The "Lucky 13th" TD Group is now commanded by Lt. Col. Leslie E. Jacoby, of Marion, Ohio, who assumed command March 6. Major Samuel S. Morse is Executive Officer.

Colonel Jacoby has served continuously in the Regular Army since graduation from the U. S. Military Academy in 1918.

Major Morse, of Manchester, New Hampshire, started his military career in 1926.

32nd OCS Class Is Processed

The 32nd Officer Candidate Class, registered and processed recently, has a total of 87 candidates. Twenty-seven States and 32 military organizations are represented among the new class of candidates.

Two candidates from ROTC, 46 from the TD RTC, 23 from other TD units at Camp Hood, and 16 from the Field Artillery, Infantry, Coast Artillery, Cavalry and the Air Forces make up the newly formed class.

Back On The Job

Captain William O. Wyatt, 605th TD Bn., is back on duty after recovering from a long illness. Captain Wyatt is one of the earliest members of the 605th.



Editor,
The Panther

Thanks to Major Sam Morse, now at Camp Bowie, Texas, with the 13th TD Group, for copies of The Hood Panther. We have seen several camp newspapers to date, and of those we have seen, we vote for the "Panther" as the brightest and meatiest.

Incidentally, the editors of the paper are all privates aren't they?

Staff
The Message Center
Publication Public
Service Co.,
Manchester,
New Hampshire.

Editor,
The Panther:

Through the thoughtfulness of Pfc. M. L. Wingate, Recon. Co., 607th TD Bn., I received today a copy of The Hood Panther.

It is indeed an interesting and well-arranged camp paper to be so young.

Good reading from front to back, all the way. I especially liked Pvt. Edwin Taggart's article.

The paper gives a clear idea of what is being done in the way of recreation to build strong bodies in fighting men, and when they see action they will need to be tough to operate Tank Destroyers.

Best of luck to all Camp Hood, and continued success to you and your staff.

May The Panther never be "hoodooed" by the Axis.
Mrs. C. M. Kaster,
U.S.O. Union Passenger
Station,
Jones Street, Ft. Worth,
Texas.

Jeep Drivers?

Corporal coming into the classification section at RTC recently asked: "Is this the place where they're holding the driver's altitude tests?"

Axis Provided Arms For Middle East Revolts

By PVT. EDWIN TAGGART

CHAPTER III:

Almost four years ago, the fine Italo-German hand was busy at work in the Middle East. The Arabs were being encouraged to revolt under Abdel Hamid (The Red Beard) and it was interesting that instead of fighting in their usual guerilla system, they practiced the fullest European strategy and technique, and when any of their arms were found they were of Italian or German manufacture. They never permitted their dead to fall into infidel hands, but I saw horrible pictures of some of the young Britishers who had fallen into theirs.

City Looked American

As I talked with a young British officer friend from Palestine I thought of some time spent in Syria and Palestine. Haifa, which looked so completely American with its modern buildings and autos of a well-known make, and the Neon signs and how one night while there I heard gun shots in the edge of town and the near-by barren hills. But the next morning Arabs and Jews alike went scurrying about town on their bicycles just as though there had not been another raid during that night. I read the other day of the piles of oranges lying rotting in Syria, and particularly in Palestine, and recalled the green hillsides of trees. It seemed at the time almost the only crop produced there and of course then there was a ready market for it—as long as oranges could be shipped instead of ammunition.

As the Britisher talked, I thought of the Germans in Greece and I remembered the delightful Berliner who had been so entertaining on the boat from Piraeus in Greece to Cyprus, and thence on to Tripoli in Syria. He it was who pointed out to me on the shores of Cyprus, the exact spot, marked even now by foam, where Aphrodite sprang from what must have been the world's first "bubble bath."

The Plan Had Started

He went over the town of Tripoli with me, and together we watched dark Arab women wrap green oranges in yellow paper in the shadows of a caravansary built for the caravans of Saladin. When a car came to pick him at the dock, it was an out-size monument of expense and I had already remarked how well known he was and how quickly the Frenchmen at customs sprang out of their torpor to attend him. On the boat he had told me he was a travelling salesman, and as he left he gave me a handsome little pocket-knife as a sample of "his line", he said. When I examined it, on it was printed, "Krupp-Essen!"

In Syria are great riches of minerals and oil, and through it runs the important oil lines from Arabia. Things were a-building then. Not long ago, Syria was held by the Vichy French, you know.

That night I went to a Fantazeeyeh given at one of the Embassies in celebration of the birth of a new Egyptian princess. All very gala, champagne and elegance, and you had to stop for a moment to remember why there were so many uniforms there. I had met the princess' father when he was a slender lad visiting in Brussels years ago with his father, Fouad I, and I saw him again at a garden party in Cairo, a plump gentleman looking a little self-conscious and bored; all gotten up in cut-away and fez.

American Advertising Shows

At another party in Cairo, I saw evidence of how American business covers the world and the ladies.

A woman attracted my eyes, and I kept wondering and staring at her trying to figure out what about her looked familiar, until finally it dawned on me that the print dress she wore was covered all over with Trylons and Perispheres of the New York World's Fair—the yet-to-be fair! When I talked to her later, I found she'd flown in from India the night before, and had bought the dress there, in Singapore. Such is the good old American advertising! Things like that happen in the East.

There is mystery there, too. Friends in Luxor told me of some inexplicable system the natives had by which they were able to send news to Cairo almost as fast as by our more orthodox telegraph, (they said FASTER, but I thought that was too much.) I had this happen, however:

A Real Mystery

Arriving in Luxor quite late one night, I put up with friends as traffic across the river stops at sun down, and there is no communication whatever after that. Yet the next morning after taking the first boat, a special one for me alone, across the river before traffic had begun, when I stepped on the bank, a native came forward saying: "I have a letter for you Mr. Taggart." No one ever explained quite how it was done!

To Be Concluded

747th Tank Battalion Publishes Unit Paper

First edition of an eight-page mimeographed newspaper for men of the 747th Tank Battalion was published this week.

Staff of the paper includes Pvt. Ray Greenberg, editor; Pvt. Ray Lesser, news; Pvt. Gunther Gammisch, gossip; Pvt. David Herschkowitz, sports; Pvt. Lew Simons, humor; Pvt. Harold Zipkin, art.

Captain C. A. Jordan is supervisor.

TD OCS Graduates Assigned To 825th

Two graduates of the Officer Candidate School Regiment at Camp Hood, recently assigned to Company "B" of the 825th TD Bn., Camp Bowie, Texas, are 2nd Lt. Frederick W. Moore and 2nd Lt. Maurice E. Rosell, who graduated with the 15th class.

Among the enlisted men of the 825th now attending the Radio Electricians' School at Camp Hood are Cpl. William P. Flanagan, Pfc. Denne R. Carver, and Pfc. Louis Kennemore, who is attending the Automotive School.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Beauty And The Steel Beast

When Joan Blondell visited camp last week she took time out to inspect the tank destroyers. Here she has on helmet, gloves and jacket and is riding in a half-track. She appeared at the Saturday night of Hellzapoppin, cast of which (inset) made an inspection tour of Hood's Ordnance Department. Here they wave gaily at the photographer from atop a new M-10 destroyer.

RTC Revue Rehearses

A sneak preview of the "Gay Nineties Revue," now in rehearsal at the RTC, indicates some uproarious, blackout skits, in addition to routined song and dance numbers.

The original hand-painted backdrops, as executed by Sgt. Erwin Schweig, will provide a setting for this musical comedy, scored by Pfc. Enrique Yurbino and directed by Lt. John L. Slezinger.

The cast, consisting of RTC personnel and young ladies from Post Headquarters and Quartermaster, is rehearsing practically every night in order to premiere the show late this month.

This GI CQ A Little KO'd

The most difficult of all Charge of Quarters duties in Headquarters Company of the 825th TD Bn., Camp Bowie, is the 11 o'clock bed check, which goes on through a maze of identically constructed hutments and requires a patient, conscientious soldier.

Such a soldier and such a CQ is Pfc. Edward Lapre. Toward the end of the 11 o'clock check the other night, Lapre panted into a hutment and noted all present but one. With vigorous shaking he awakened the soldier in the next cot. "Bed check," whispered the CQ. "Who sleeps next to you?"

"Lapre," obliged the sleepy soldier, "but don't mark him absent, he's CQ tonight."

Catholic Chaplain Now In TD RTC

Chaplain Raymond B. Meyer, who was a professor in St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., is a new arrival at the RTC.

The Catholic Chaplain, who came into the service February 25th, was "overwhelmed by the size of Camp Hood."

Chaplain Meyer will be at Chapel No. 2109, 37th St. and Headquarters Ave.

Commander Transferred

Lt. Col. Henry B. Margeson, lately 812th Battalion Commander and recently attending the Officer's Advanced Tactical Course, was transferred from the battalion last week to organize a new TD Group.

Three-Day Map Problem Staged By Tactics, TDS

In one of the most interesting and important problems staged at TDS, the Tactics Department conducted a three-day map maneuver, which included three class-rooms, with the students divided into Axis and Allied forces. Red and blue arm-bands were used to designate each. Lieutenant Colonel G. M. Dean, who directed the maneuvers, assigned the officers and students to jobs as commanders and staff officers of units. One room was set up as the Umpire Room, where issues of the battles were decided and notes from all the participating divisions compared.

The vicinity of Tobruk about 200 miles west of Matruh, provided the setting where the Axis forces had engaged the British 8th Army in offensive combat. The forward elements of the 8th Army were encircled by the Axis and forced to fall back. A fresh American force had been undergoing desert training and acclimation, west of Alexandria. It was necessary for the British 8th Army to receive replacements and reorganize. This was the problem and the results, according to Colonel Dean, exceeded his fondest hopes. He saw the men leap into

action as tactics were conceived to meet the varying conditions, and a see-saw affair between the Axis and Allied forces soon resolved itself into a great simulated battle for position and annihilation of the enemy.

Buy Bonds On Big Scale

War Bond purchasing for PFC Ralph Tebele, 479th Ordnance Evacuation Company, 13th Ordnance Bn., is a big business.

Total of his last month's purchase of bonds came to \$700, but that isn't all.

Each month he purchases a large amount of bonds here, and in addition, profits from a business on the outside are also invested in "the government."

How does he make that much money in the Army?

You'll have to ask PFC Tebele.

Trailer Units Will Be Ready On March 23

Trailer Units at Hood Village will be ready for occupancy March 23. Applicants who have already made application for these units have been requested to contact the Housing Manager at the Village to see if their names have been submitted.

Applications are still being accepted at the Post Billeting Office.

TD RTC Orchestra Plays At Hospital

March 15, the TD RTC Orchestra under the direction of Warrent Officer Chambers, and the supervision of Lieutenant Tom Naylor made its first Camp Hood public appearance in the Red Cross auditorium at Station Hospital.

The 19-piece orchestra, composed mostly of a band which originated in New Jersey, presented a musical program with many original arrangements.

ATTENTION Writers—Special Service Office is anxious to contact men who would like to contribute material (sketches, gags, skits, songs and lyrics, poems, plays one, two and three act, dialogue, monologue, comedies, tragedies, melodramas, radio and movie scripts, etc.) for an all-soldier musical revue.

Will you please see Lt. Hepburn at Special Service (opposite Post Hq. on Hq. avenue) or phone him 729, or write him % Special Service, or leave your name and organization and phone number, with the hostess of the Service Club.



Pretty Cute, Eh?

A dynamic and talented miss is Marjorie Cramer who plays Alice Sycamore in USO-Camp Shows' production of the Kaufman and Hart comedy "You Can't Take It With You," which will be presented here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Hood Road Theater. See story at right.

We Do The Work But Get No Credit, Complains 817th TD Bn. Members

Members of the 817th Tank Destroyers have expressed a justifiable complaint of the photo featured in the February 22 issue of News Week and the Army Orientation News-Map showing

troops of 817th crawling under live tracer machine gun fire at night. Both publications neglected to give any credit in the caption to the battalion that months ago "pioneered its own commando course" at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. The picture was made by a detachment from the 164th Signal Company, Camp Crowder, Missouri, and was given wide publicity in the Fort Smith, Arkansas, newspapers.

The 817th built the course entirely on its own initiative, back when such a thing was nothing more than a startling idea. The course was operated for combat practice under actual fire. Every man in the Battalion was required to experience the sensation of crawling over difficult terrain with machine gun fire whistling over his head and land mines going off all along the course.

Wins War Savings Stamps

Pvt. William Burnam, Co. C, 605th TD Bn., won War Savings Stamps on a recent broadcast of "What's Your Name Soldier?" Eighth Service Command broadcast presented each Friday night at 9:30 on station WFAA, Dallas, and the Texas network.

Academic Regiment "Camp Hood Capers" Will Appear Here

Academic Regiment's wandering minstrels in the guise of "Camp Hood Capers," have given a new lease on life to patients in the State hospital and McCloskey hospital on numerous occasions in the past several months.

Organized in January by Major Joel I. McGregor, regiment commanding officer, the group of entertainers have been the personal charge of Lt. Irving Cohn, SSO of the regiment, and his assistant, Corporal Bill Weinfeld. After the McCloskey hospital performance today, the troupe will be presented in the Camp Hood recreation halls, then they're scheduled for a trip to Camp Bowie and a tour of the hospitals there.

Deny Responsibility

The Medical Detachment latrine at Mitchell Field, Long Island, bears this notice: "Rumors originating from this latrine do not necessarily represent the opinions of the latrine orderlies."

'You Can't Take It With You' Comes To Hood Theater Stage

The three-act comedy masterpiece of George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU," Pulitzer Prize play, will be presented by USO-Camp Shows at the Hood Road Theater March 23, 24 and 25th. The Play from which was adapted the motion picture by the same name, boasts an all star Broadway cast and offers the very best of fine entertainment for lovers of theatrical performances.

The Famous Comedy

The hilarious three act brain storm has been acclaimed by press and public as the maddest and merriest comedy seen in years and is the work of two of America's leading playwrights, Kaufman and Hart, who already have to their credit a most impressive list of stage successes, which include "Once In A Lifetime," "Merrily We Roll Along," "The American

Way," "The Man Who Came To Dinner," and "Id Rather Be Right."

In "You can't take it with you," the two famous authors feature the daffiest family on Morningside Heights. They devote their time and attention to the amiable antics of the mad Sycamores and crazy Vanderhofs, contemplating the merry eccentricities of the interrelated clan with admiration and approval.

Has Merry Spirit

"It seems that not only did Grandpa Vanderhof have fantastic children and grandchildren and marry them off to their peers, but that all the other entertaining madmen of the neighborhood hovered about them in a haven of kindred spirits. Kaufman and Hart have wisely decided not to confine their rugged individualists to a regimented existence and so they permit them to run wild to

their hearts' content. The result is a merry and engaging riot of fun and hilarity, played to the hilt by an exceptionally capable cast.

SONGWRITER IS FEATURED

Jack Norworth, famous actor and songwriter, who wrote "Shine On Harvest Moon," "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and other all time popular favorites, will appear as Grandpa Vanderhof, head of the clan. Other members of the daffy clan and their curious friends are played by Marjorie Cramer; Johnny Stearns; Edwin Hodge; Charles J. Parsons; Dalsy Atherton; Saralee Harris; Patrick Fahey; MacGregor Gibb; Walter Armin; Elizabeth Brew; Norman Porter; Elsbeth Hofmann; Joan Croydon; Rosetta Le Noire; Charles Benjamin; Anthony Grey and Lance Cunard, an all star cast right off gay Broadway.

"You Can't Take It With You" will be presented free of charge.

OCS Graduate Comes From An Army Family

Lt. DeWayne G. Brown, who received his commission here recently, comes from a family of soldiers.

Both his great grandfathers fought in the Civil War, and his father has been in the Army for 26 years. He is now stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

Lt. Brown has been in the Army seven years, and at the time of appointment to OCS, was a sergeant in the 893rd Tank Destroyers Battalion.

Curtain Club Program Here

University of Texas Students' Curtain Club, composed of 19 beautiful girls and four boys, presented a musical and variety show at the Red Cross, 162nd and 37th Street Service Clubs Saturday, March 6. The show was composed of songs, dances and skits divided into three sections. Music for the program was under the direction of Art Kraemer. Mason Johnson was in charge of dances, and Martha Morgan directed the skits. Dorothy McLaughlin and Vivian Barker were two popular members also in the one hour and fifteen minutes of entertainment.

The Curtain Club is widely known and has made numerous appearances at other army camps. The entire show was written and directed by members of the Curtain Club and is especially designed for Army camps.

Men Decorate Their Own New Recreation Center

Formal opening of the OCS Recreation Bldg., at TDS, with the dedicatory speech being made by Commandant, Brigadier General H. T. Mayberry, was held Monday. Colonel Guy S. Meloy, Jr., Executive Officer, Lt. Colonel E. J. Howell, Commanding Officer, OCS Regiment, and the other officers of the regiment were present to help the non-coms and other enlisted men celebrate the opening.

Idea for this building was conceived by Captain John Wessels, Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Co., OCS Regiment, and the interior was constructed by his men

Two light fixtures constructed from old wagon wheels; semi-circular benches with a novel design; barrels constructed into tables; a mural over the bar, depicting a scene of tank destroyers in action, and the bar itself, makes the building a showplace. Inlays top the bar, showing tanks

and tank destroyers, and the scene of a tank being blown apart by a TD unit. Individual grain of various woods were used for the bar, tinted and glazed.

Those who contributed in creating this new building for the OCS Regiment were, Pfc. Glenn Davis and Cpl. Harvey Steiner, who designed the mural, aided by Pvts. Collier, Whatley, Pozwick and Davie; Cpl. Saul Diamond cut the bar inlay; electricians were Pvts. Brugler and Colbert; with the remainder of the work done by Pfc. Woltzen, Pvts. Almorez, Stowe, Parker and Cpl. Lane.

Honored At Dinner

Corporal Edwin Starr, who leaves for the adjutant general's school this week, was the guest of honor at a steak dinner held at the Hotel Kyle Green Room Tuesday night, and was presented with a wallet by members of the OCS department.

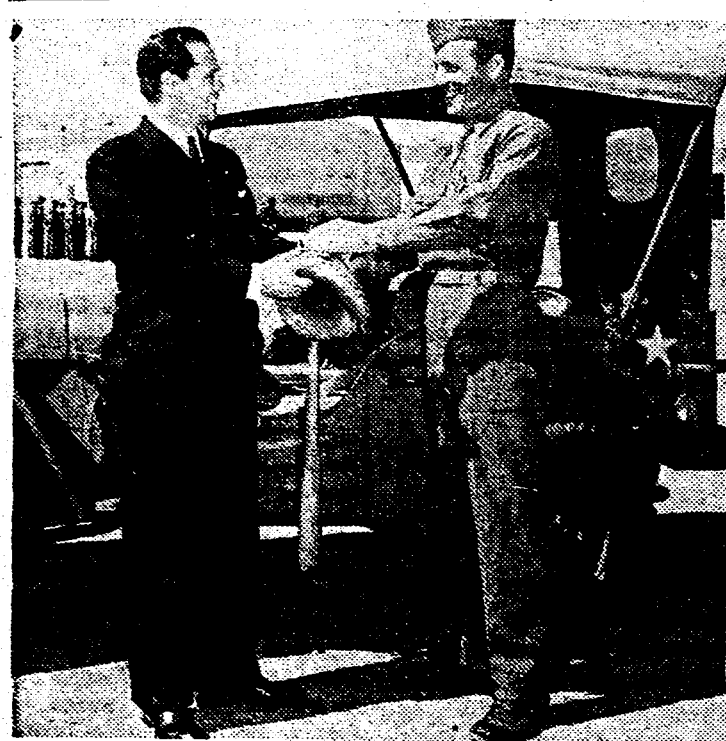
What's Cooking?

- Thursday, March 18
Movies, 8-10 p. m. 162nd St. Service Club
Social Dance, featuring TD Dance Band, 8-11 p. m. 37th St. Service Club
- Friday, March 19
Date Night, Old-Fashioned Dancing, Orchestra 37th St. Service Club
Show, Soldier Talent On Parade 8-10:30 p. m. 162nd St. Service Club
- Saturday, March 20
Songs You Know and Love, 8-10:30 p. m. 162nd St. Service Club
Variety Show, 8:15 p. m., 37th St. Service Club
Soldiers' Guest Night, 72nd St. Service Club
- Sunday, March 21
Symphony Hour, 3:30-4:30 p. m.; Jam Session, 4:30-5 p. m.; Song Fest, 7:30-8:30 p. m.; Movies, 8:30-9:30 p. m. 162nd St. Service Club
Open House, Special Program 37th St. Service Club
Impromptu Program 72nd St. Service Club
- Monday, March 22
Bingo with prize for every game, grand prize 37th St. Service Club
Bingo with prizes, progressive games 162nd St. Service Club
Miscellaneous Games 72nd St. Service Club
- Tuesday, March 23
"You Can't Take It With You," USO-Camp Show Hood Road Theater
Musical quiz, cash prizes, "First Day of Spring" 37th St. Service Club
Social Dance Night 162nd St. Service Club
Whist Tournament, Prizes 72nd St. Service Club
- Wednesday, March 24
"You Can't Take It With You", USO-Camp Show Hood Road Theater
Song Night 37th St. Service Club
Everybody's Talent Night 162nd St. Service Club
Dance with Girls from Temple, Belton, Cameron 72nd St. Service Club
- Thursday, March 25
"You Can't Take It With You," USO-Camp Show Hood Road Theater
Social Dance, Prize to best couple in "Cake Walk", 37th St. Service Club
Movies, Informal dancing, games 162nd St. Service Club
Whist, Bridge with prizes 72nd St. Service Club

PRIVATE SNuff by ROBERT CUFFEN

"I invited her to mess with me and she says, "Mother won't let me mess with soldiers!"

774th Wins Basketball Title



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Gets His Brother's Bat, Mitt

Gus Mancuso, veteran New York Giant catcher, visited his brother, Cpl. Frank Mancuso, former catcher of the San Antonio League club, at the TD RTC recently. Brother Frank handed his bat and mitt to his famous brother for the duration. Frank had just received his corporal's rating and hadn't sewed on his new stripes. See story below.

Gus Mancuso Visits With Hood Men

Gus Mancuso, veteran catcher of the New York Giants National League baseball club, made a personal appearance at the 37th Street Service club Friday night, March 5th. The famous big leaguer's appearance was arranged by the RTC through Pvt. Frank Mancuso, brother of the diamond star, who was in training with the 128th TD Bn. RTC here. Incidentally, Pvt. Mancuso was first string catcher for the San Antonio Missions of the Texas League before his induction into the armed forces.

Friend With Him

Gus was accompanied to Camp Hood by his longtime friend, Gilbert Thompson, noted photographer, who entertained the crowd with his collection of technicolor picture reels depicting scenic cities of the Lone Star state. He also presented several sport reels which Mancuso brought with him, showing the world series games between the New York Giants and Washington Senators of 1933 in which Gus was a star performer.

The forthcoming baseball campaign will mark Gus's 19th year in baseball. He has played in leagues from coast to coast, but his major league activities are the most thrilling of all, he stated.

Says Cards Best

He said that the 1931 St. Louis Cardinals was the best club he had ever played with. In concluding his talk, the big-time star said, "Uncle Sam, like ball players, always swings from the heels and the Axis won't ever be able to get him out."

Mancuso presented Camp Hood with a Baseball bearing the autographs of all the New York Giants players.

Members of the RTC "Gay Nineties Revue" presented a musical and song program as a part of the evening's entertainment. Mancuso departed shortly afterwards for the New York Giants spring training camp at Lakewood, New Jersey.

Eisenhower Coached

Lt. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, head of the U. S. African forces, coached the St. Mary's College football team at San Antonio, Tex., in 1910.

Scores 43-40 Triumph Over Cavalry Five

The basketball team of the 774th TD Bn. defeated the 113th Cavalry five 43-40 to take the tournament championship Thursday night at the Field House, climaxing two months of tournament play by 36 teams.

Game Is Fast

The championship melee saw two of the finest teams in camp battle it out for top laurels in one of the fastest games ever played in Camp Hood. The game was close all the way, and it was not until the final minutes of play that the huge audience of team supporters were given any means of determining just who the champion would be.

However, late in the final period, the 774th, paced by their "ace," Pvt. Leo Gottlieb, poured in the telling field goals that left the Cavalrymen just a shade late in their desperate try to catch up. Gottlieb, who has been a menace all season long to opponents, swished the mesh from mid-court three consecutive times for 6 points that proved to be the deciding blow in the hair-raising championship encounter.

At the half-way mark the score stood 16 to 15 favoring the Cavalrymen.

Only Three Fouls

The Cavalrymen, coached by Capt. John D. Coulter, exhibited fine foot-work and floor play. The 113th committed only three fouls throughout the game and out of the deficits, only one point was chalked up against them by the champions. The 774th suffered a total of 6 points chalked up by the Cavalrymen via the foul route.

Adding considerable color and enthusiasm to the championship affair, was the 113th Cavalry Band, which furnished music during the game.

High With 16

Gottlieb, with a total of 16 points, grabbed high point honors for the champs, while Sgt. Moore, of the 113th, came in with 16 also, to go on an even par with the accurate ex-pro star.

Both teams had advanced into the final game by wins over other Group winners, the 774th taking the measure of Stud. Regt. No. 2, and 113th defeating 138th TD Bn. RTC in the semi-finals.

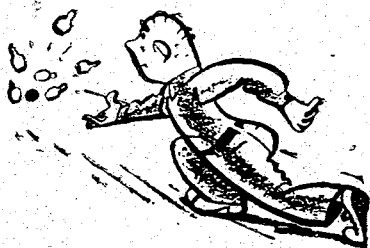
Lineup and box scores of the Championship game...

774TH TD BN.	G	PT	Pts
Gottlieb, f	8	0	16
Murphy, f	2	1	5
Kelly, c	0	0	2
Jonjulas, g	1	0	2
Kimball, g	2	0	4
Carney, g	2	0	4
Fields	0	0	0
Totals	21	1	43
113TH CAVALRY	G	PT	Pts
Able, f	2	5	9
Moore, f	8	0	16
Outforth, c	3	1	7
Williams, g	3	0	6
Lyman, g	1	0	2
Thomas	0	0	0
Totals	17	6	40

Referees: Lt. J. R. Varnell, and Cpl. A. J. Wojcik. Timekeeper: Captain Betts.

On The Ball

With Pvt. Keith Quick



May Have Big League Future

Staff Sergeant John Quick, brother of your scribe, now stationed at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, hopes that the war will not completely stop baseball. "Tex," as he is most commonly known, has seen pro action in quite a number of leagues and has seen many ball players come and go during his diamond career. He has played under the leadership of some of the best baseball managers in the country. Jake Atz, veteran manager and ex-bigtime star, who has scores of pennants to his credit, took a great liking to lanky John when he was doing his stuff for the Henderson, Texas, club of the East Texas League a few seasons ago. Baseball scouts of the Cincinnati Reds and the champion St. Louis Cardinals have had a peep at the gangling outfielder and we'll wager any amount that "Tex" will land a berth with one of the major league clubs as soon as he finishes his contract with Uncle Sam and is again ready to don the diamond flannels. Incidentally, in his last season of pro ball, 1941, John turned in a batting average of .325, starting in the outer garden for the Elizabethton, Tennessee club of the Appalachian League.

Mancuso's Greatest Thrill

We got a great kick out of our chat with Gus Mancuso at the 37th St. Service Club the other night. The jovial New York Giant's backstopper unfolded lots about his diamond days for us, but our biggest surprise came when Gus told us about his greatest thrill in baseball, which came from the stands and not out on the playing field. Gus was a spectator at the All-Star game back in 1933, and his mate, Carl Hubbell, Giant portsider, was doing the hillcock chores for the National leaguers in the big annual inter-league game. Gus said he just sat there and was completely bewildered by the masterful performance "King Carl" was doing. . . . And what was he doing? . . . Well, he had just finished striking out the five greatest fence-busters that baseball has ever known, and in succession, too. Those famous five were none other than: Jimmy Foxx, Al Simmons, Joe Cronin, Lou Gehrig and the mighty Babe Ruth. "That was my greatest thrill in all my 18 years of baseball," said the likeable Gus. How will the Giants finish this year? . . . Well, Gus wouldn't exactly say, but admitted that they were in line for a slot in the pay-division, the first four clubs. . . . "provided the war doesn't slip the third strike by us" . . .

Gottlieb Still Top Scorer

Pvt. Leo Gottlieb still dazes the fans as well as opponents with his superb hitting of the basket. The sturdy-built ex-pro forward of the 774th TD BN. holds all records when it comes to individual performances. In a recent game between his quintet and the Hq. AUTC five, he played only three quarters and chalked up 30 points, enough to defeat the AUTC basketweavers all by himself as the final score was 59 to 22 favoring Gottlieb, et al. . . . or was it just Gottlieb-period.

TD Battalions Stage Outdoor Boxing Bouts

"It must have been like this in the days of John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett when they met in the open, squared off, and fought," said numerous soldiers who attended the recent outdoor boxing exhibitions staged by the 822nd and 823rd TD Battalions at Camp Bowie. The matches started at 2:30 p. m. and ended at 4:45 p. m. There were 11 bouts on the card arranged by Battalion Special Services Officers Lt. W. H. Dudley, Lt. W. T. Lantz and Camp Athletic Officer, Lt. M. F. Oberwagner.

Lt. Lawrence H. Kress, assisted by Pvt. J. Cardella and Pvt. F. D. Irish was in charge of the 823rd fighters while Lt. Dudley, assisted by Pvt. A. Cardella, managed the 822nd mittmen. S/Sgt. Maxie Miller, 823rd, was announced for the exhibitions.

Results Are Given

Results of the eleven matches were as follows: Pvt. Knight, 120 lbs, 823rd, decisioned Pvt. Spencer, 115 lbs, 822nd. Pvt. Carrillo, 129 lbs, 822nd decisioned Pvt. Kinse, 130, 823rd. Pvt. Baldonado, 132, 822nd scored TKO in second round. Pvt. Spurgeon, 140, Of the 823rd.

Pvt. Le Baron, 160, 823rd drew Pvt. Plyley, 170, in two rounds.

Pvt. Merrill, 140, 823rd won on TKO in the first round. Pvt. Martinez, 137 lbs.

Pvt. Copeland 126 lbs, 822nd scored TKO over Pvt. Widdep, 128, 823rd.

Pvt. Beragon, 135, 822nd TKO'd Pvt. Hampson, 138, 823rd, in the second round.

Pvt. Bartolome, 155, 822nd KO'd Pvt. Lorimand in the second round.

Pvt. Borders, 163 lbs, 823rd scored TKO over Pvt. Dottolo, 822nd, in the second round.

Pvt. McDonald, 159, 822nd, scored a TKO over PFC. Cota, 160 834rd, in the second round.

The main event of the evening featured Pvt. Eddie Lewin, 170 lbs, 823rd and Pvt. Jacobs of the 822nd. It was a five round bout and ended in a draw. Both fighters hail from Santa Monica, California, and it was their fifth time to oppose one another since coming into the army. Each time their battle has ended in a draw.

605th Bn. Athletic Program Planned

Lt. Raymond A. Blankenship, 605th TD. Bn. Athletic Officer, is organizing a number of baseball and softball teams to represent the Battalion this season. Already he has six active teams lined up, one in each Company and one to represent the Medical. Each company area also has a volley ball court and a horse-shoe pitching layout, which makes the battalion well represented in the way of sports for the coming summer season.

Winners Listed

Winners of each of the six groups in the recent Round Robin basketball tournament were as follows:

Group No. I . . . 127th TD Bn. RTC
Group No. II . . . 128th TD Bn. RTC
Group No. III . . . 113th Cavalry
Group No. IV . . . 651th Engineers
Group No. V . . . 774th TD Bn.
Group No. VI . . . Student Regt. No. 2

Results of the inter-group play and rounds of elimination for championship finals were as follows:

774th (Group V) 37, 127th (Group I) 30.

113th Cavalry (Group III) 35, 354th Engrs. (Group IV) 25.

Student Regt. No. 2 (Group VI) 31, 774th TD Bn. (Group V) 41, (Semi-finals).

113th Cavalry (Group III) 56, 138th TD Bn. RTC (Group II) 23, (Semi-finals).

Consolation honors and third place in the Round Robin event went to Student Regt. No. 2 by virtue of their 38 to 23 victory over the 138th TD Bn. RTC.

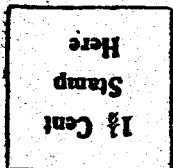
Heavyweight Re-Match

HOUBON vs STOLL. It's coming ladies and gentlemen, a return match between the champion and challenger. Pvt. Harold Houbon, 196-pounder of the DEML section, who won the heavyweight boxing title of Camp Hood several weeks ago will battle his opponent, a worthy challenger from the MP Detachment, Pvt. Leo Stoll, 207 pounds of two-fisted dynamite.

In their championship go a few weeks ago, Houbon was given the title by a narrow margin. Many fight fans gathered at the ring-side after the bout and begged that the two fighters be matched in a return bout.

Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, is in charge of arrangements for the return match, and has announced April 2 as the date set for the championship event. The bout will be staged at the Field House.

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