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SPUR BOND SALES — Lending the weight of their personal war experience to the Fourth War Loan Drive, wounded officers from McCloskey Hospital in Temple spoke at a bond rally, arranged by the 657th TD Bn. S-Sgt. Samuel Adams, who bought a \$2,000 bond, and T-4 Fenton Doolin, who bought an \$800 one, posed above with the McCloskey officers and at the left with Maj. Stanley Dettmer, battalion commander. Photo above, left to right, 2nd Lt. Sy Pollack, Capt. Mark Hedges, T-4 Doolin, Lt. Col. Rupert Johnson, S-Sgt. Adams, 2nd Lt. Anthony Fiore, and 1st Lt. N. C. Erdman. The officers told of battle conditions and advised each man in the 657th to put money in bonds.

Return Concert By Houston Symphony

The Houston Symphony Orchestra will play again in camp: February 16th at North Camp, at the Central Rec Hall, February 17th at South Camp, at the Hood Road Theater. Both concerts will start at 8 P. M.

The orchestra has been popular with Camp Hood men. On previous occasions it has played here to large and enthusiastic audiences.

Since its last visit, the Houston Symphony has had the distinction of being the first symphony orchestra from the United States to appear in concert in the Republic of Mexico.

January 24th, the Houston Symphony provided the music for Richard Crooks' Voice of Firestone radio program.

Ernest Hoffmann, conductor of the orchestra, began his career while an undergraduate at Harvard university. He was a student of Harold Bauer, and later attended the Berlin High School of Music, studying under Willy Hess.

He has conducted the orchestras of Breslau, Berlin, Vienna, Munich, and Posen. In this country he has been a guest conductor at Stadium Concerts in New York, and was conductor of the Commonwealth Symphony in Boston.

Hoffmann was one of the first conductors to accept women in his orchestra. Currently the orchestra includes 26 women.

Much of the orchestra's time in recent years has been devoted to a program of concerts for servicemen, under the Houston-Harris County USO sponsorship. On its tour the orchestra has travelled about 8,500 miles.

The Camp Hood concert will be composed of:

Pomp and Circumstance—Elgar
Little Fugue in G Minor—Bach
Cailliet

Movement from a symphony to be announced.

Romeo and Juliet—Tschadowsky

Minuet from Symphony in E Flat—Mozart.

Mozart Matriculates—Templeton

Blue Danube Waltzes—Strauss

March from Tannhauser—Wagner

National Red Cross Drive For Funds Starts March 1; No Army Quota

The annual Red Cross War Fund drive will run March 1, through March 31, George H. Hyde, Camp Hood Red Cross field director, has announced.

With a nation-wide goal of \$200,000,000, the Red Cross has set no quota for Army camps, since enlisted men will not be solicited for contributions. They will be provided with some means of making donations, however, as will officers and civilian employees.

Range Duds Dangerous

Camp ranges are filled with 'live duds resembling the old armor-piercing shot' it was announced, and all persons are warned against picking up anything on the ranges.

Many rounds of this ammunition are being fired. Picking up anything for any purpose may result in deadly explosions.



664th TDs Hit The Jackpot In War Bond Drive

The 664th TD Bn. bond drive hit the top this week with the entire battalion buying war bonds. The medics was the first unit to hit 100 percent, followed closely by Co. A, the other companies coming into line a few days later.

Every man in the battalion, including those in school, in the hospital, in the bastille, and all the officers, either took out new allotments or bought for cash.

At the start of the campaign, less than 34 percent of the battalion strength was purchasing bonds by allotment. This has been raised to 63.8 percent, for a dollar value of \$1,945.00. Cash purchases so far have amounted to \$8,418.75.

A feature of the drive was the dance held at the Temple USO last Friday nite. Admission was by purchasing a bond. GSO girls from Temple, civilian nurses, and WACs from Camp Hood were guests. Entertainment was furnished by one of the TD bands and a floor show was put on with acts from the Post Special Service Office.

New Technique For Bond Sales

Instead of taking part in the usual pay-day activities, the men of Co. A, 666th TD Bn., are engaged in keen competition to see who can buy the most War bonds during the current Fourth War Loan Drive.

February purchases have converted more than 20 per cent of the January payroll into bonds, with the percentage increasing.

Leading buyers to date are: Pvt. George Dye, S-Sgt. Rose, Alton and Bernard Sokalowski, and T-5 James P. Yalzer.

UTC Battalions Push For The Top In Bond Drive

With the Fourth War Loan drive still in full swing, latest UTC figures on the standings of the battalions are not complete, and will probably change by press time.

Yet certain outfits show through the maze of figures and statistics with top records for selling bonds during the drive. From the different ways in which bond results can be tabulated, it has been found that the 664th TD Bn. is leading UTC in the total number of Bond sales to this date. The men of the 664th are followed closely on this score by the 657th TD Bn. and the 661st TD Bn.

The 661st Bn. made the largest spurt in any one week, using all sorts of aids in selling new bonds. This brought the battalion's average for the drive and its number of allotments right near the top.

Highest in the total number of allotments for bonds is the 614th TD Bn.

The 658th men put on a spirited rally, setting a goal of \$6,000 for monthly allotments. Co. B won the battalion contest on payday to see which could buy the most war bonds.

Can't Use Temple CCC

Sleeping quarters for EM who visit Temple are no longer available at the Temple CCC camp.

Frankie Masters' To Play At Camp Hood

Frankie Master's famous Roseland and broadcasting band will appear at Camp Hood March 1st for a Spotlight Band broadcast from here, the Camp Special Service Office announced.

Arrangements are being made for a dance at the Field House that evening.

Good Conduct Bars For 659th

The following enlisted men of the 659th TD Bn. received good Conduct Medals for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

M-Sgt. Ben N. Chandler, M-Sgt. Earl F. Grogan, 1st Sgt. Henry Bailey, T-Sgt. Alfred Holt, S-Sgt. Sidney Coatney, S-Sgt. Thomas J. McKinney, S-Sgt. Eugene Seaborn Jr., S-Sgt. Samuel Sewell, T-4 Jacob L. Carthon, T-4 Joshua Hunter, PFC Joel W. Woodall.

Competitive Interest Added To Orientation

To increase interest in the daily orientation class for Co. B, 666th TD Bn., the Orientation Officer, Lt. McDonald, has put it into competitive form. Three men are chosen to represent each platoon each day, and questions are asked as in spelling bee.

Mock Battle By The 665th For British Guests

During its recent three days on the Battle Conditioning Course, Co. C, 665th TD Bn. put on an infantry demonstration for several high ranking British officers, just back from the battle zones.

The mission of the company was to take and hold an enemy observation post at the top of a hill. The attack was made in two waves. It was the progress of the second wave that the visitors witnessed. When the men reached their objective, the guests took part in the storming of the O.P., firing the Carbine, caliber .30.

The visiting officers expressed approval of the way in which the TD company carried out its infantry mission.

801st Presents Show At UTC Hall Tonight

The 801st TD Bn. will present a variety show tonight, written and produced by men of the battalion.

Invitation to attend has been extended to all men in camp. The time is 8 p. m., at the UTC Rec. Hall, 53rd St. and Battalion Ave.

Via The Stork

The birth of a daughter, Geraldine Catherine, Jan. 12th, was announced by Lt. and Mrs. Edward A. Kwiecinski. Lt. Kwiecinski is a member of Co. B, 672nd TD Bn.

The Tank Destroyer's Part In The War

By Major General Orlando Ward

Editor's Note: This article is reprinted from the Army-Navy Journal, with permission of the editors. Maj. Gen. Ward, former commanding general, TDC, is now commandant of the Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla.

THE man in the iron pants and a chain shirt, mounted on a Percheron, had his day. He rode at liberty over the populace and the opposing army. Much to his surprise and chagrin his day started to end when the longbowman came into its own. He did not at first realize this. Sir Smyth-Popum and his friends had found it inadvisable to swap punches with Sir Smyth-Popum. There were cases, however, when the "Billy Conn" of Robin Hood's band, filled with fight and enthusiasm, would swap punches with Sir Joe Louis and go down in defeat.

No doubt certain people of the 12th century who had bet their all on the man in the iron pants, either as participants or as manufacturers of said pants, rushed to the current press with statements to the effect that all longbowmen were no good every time one of them was crushed under the weight of metal when his exuberance and confidence in his bow had led him to get too close. On the other hand, no statements appeared in the press to the effect that when all was said and done the longbowman got under Sir Smyth-Popum's skin.

There were no doubt people who advocated that the longbowman should always dig in and wait for the knight, but before long the knight found that it did not pay to be ambushed, and many a longbowman waited in vain for his prey. On the other hand, when the knights were over-aggressive the longbowman could hold in a hollow square and shoot them down as they came on.

The pendulum of tactical use no doubt swung from one extreme to another. The gentry in the iron pants on one side and the longbowman in the green shirt on the other. Each accused the other of not knowing his business, particularly if he was uninformed of the facts of the case, but eventually the chain shirt and the iron pants took their place in the museum when fire arms came into general use.

Then came the sardine can, and eventually the self-propelled can, in which men are packed like sardines, called the tank. The never-

ending race between armor and arms was on once more. Again armor roamed the battlefield at will, and the ill-equipped soldier in his "BVD's" surrendered in hordes to the iron monster, while its occupants realized the difficulty of accurate fire therefrom. Field guns were used against the iron man. Mines were developed to blow him up, but still he rumbled on, firing inaccurately in the general direction of the terrified enemy.

The obvious answer to this was a gun, which would maneuver to meet and then outshoot and penetrate the tank. One school of thought in the American Army conceived the idea that a self-propelled gun could make itself very "frequent" and very disagreeable to the tank. The old French 75 with a souped-up projective was mounted on a half track and became the first so-called M-3 tank destroyer. It went to maneuvers and rumbled all over the fields of Louisiana, Tennessee, and the Carolinas with impunity, as umpire rules gave greater credit to guns than to tanks, and there were no projectiles flying. An aggressive "go get-um" spirit was developed in the tank destroyer personnel.

These weapons first saw action in the Philippines, where they did yeoman service in beach defense and as artillery. Their only fault was that there were not enough of them. The Marines used a few of them at Guadalcanal, and stopped the Japanese counterattack at the mouth of the Matanika River, where of the 12 Jap tanks used 10 were destroyed, one drowned, and one blown up as it tried to escape.

North Africa saw the tank destroyer in the fighting at Oran achieve great credit as a support weapon and as an assault gun.

Then came the fighting in Tunisia with over extended forces in big country depicted on little maps. We saw these self same tank destroyers, or necessity placed on independent missions, capture the town of Gafsa and at El Guettar, with a left hook, destroy four and capture six enemy tanks and within the next twenty-four hours, executing the same play, at

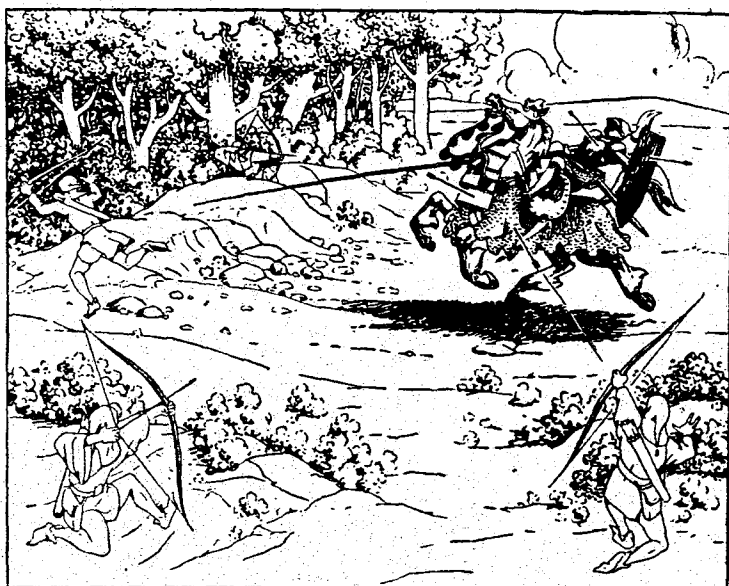
Sbeitla, 100 miles away this same company destroyed another eleven enemy tanks with a total loss of one man wounded and one tank destroyer temporarily on the dead line.

We then saw the seesaw fight in the area around Mlad, Gafsa, Sbeitla, Kasserine, Thala, with tanks, tank destroyers, infantry and artillery fighting isolated and piecemeal action until the initiative was wrested from the Germans and the battle south of Gafsa took place. Here one battalion of tank destroyers, to quote from an observer, bore the brunt of the German armored assault, and in one of the most magnificent and bloody fights of this war, stood and slugged it out with the enemy, losing 20 of its 28 guns but accounting for 30 German tanks including Tiger Tanks. (Probably from the over-all picture, an exaggerated statement for there was infantry, artillery, tanks, anti-aircraft, and air all involved in this fight, but from the observer participant's point of view he meant what he said. He meant it with all his heart.)

Here the newer model tank destroyer on a medium tank chassis, with a 3-inch high velocity gun with its muzzle pointing to the rear in a traveling position, was brought into action. Commanders were criticized as to their use. Some of them were lost but nevertheless it was a real "can opener." In one instance severe criticism brought to light the fact that in exchange for 3 M-10s, the tank destroyers got 5 tanks and 4 "88's," although two fine non-commissioned officers were killed and five wounded.

From that time on to the end of the campaign the old and the newer model tank destroyer played parts ever increasing in importance until the glorious victory at the end. It did not prove to have the surprise of the longbow nor was it as effective. The guns initially were of low velocity; the sights low-powered; the vehicles were not the best in light of the present standards, and they were too conspicuous. The so-called M-10 was too heavy and more conspicuous, although the gun power deficiency had been corrected. However, when all was said and done and the smoke of battle had cleared it was found that the tank destroyers engaged had taken toll of enemy tanks in the amount of 137 in exchange for 53 tank destroyers. This does not include the tanks damaged and retained in enemy possession, nor does it include 18 German 88mm. guns knocked out.

The American Army now has a weapon in the modern Tank Destroyer which enables its com-



mander in combination with other arms to forestall exploitation by enemy armor. It has a weapon which, used in conjunction with armored divisions, will enable those divisions to exploit penetrations without interference from the enemy armor. This Tank Destroyer is a weapon which has incorporated in it the genius of American automotive engineers and the best of ordnance design, the specific need for which was first realized by the officers of the American Army.

It has not taken, nor will it take, the tank from the battlefield as did the rifle bullet the man in the iron pants. On the other hand, like the longbow, it has materially cramped armor's style. The tank, handicapped by poor visibility, must learn how to shoot better in spite of this if it is to survive. A flush hit on a tank will stop it although the projectile will not necessarily go through both sides, but may go around on the inside. A flush hit on a tank destroyer will stop it, going on through both sides. The tank destroyer, however, has better mobility; it has better visibility; it has better means for accurate location and laying on the enemy tanks. It can shoot quickly and accurately.

It was unfortunate that the tank destroyers, with what is now an

obsolete weapon, were first engaged against real enemy armor when the enemy had the initiative. The modern Tank Destroyer, either towed or self-propelled, might have changed the tale. Certainly had the expedient destroyers not been there things would have been no better.

The personnel of the Tank Destroyers have at times been overly bold. They have had "the young man's spirit" and would not quit. Battles have been won, not by a single arm but by all arms. Yet what commander would have dispensed with one unit or with even one gun? Were the victories ever so assured as to have permitted this?

What commander would want to change "the young man's spirit," the boldness, the dash, the courage written all over the records of Tank Destroyer action at a time when their weapons were expedients pending production of a weapon fulfilling the tank destroyer concept? Certainly they contributed to the ultimate success in Tunisia. Certainly in the early stages they helped prevent our Army's annihilation. Certainly with the new weapons and the old spirit they will strike and strike again in their place on the team. Certainly they more than justified their existence in the past and will do so in the future.

TDS Gymnastic Team Featuring Ex-Circus Star May Be Formed

Announcement of a TDS gymnastic team, another Camp Hood innovation, comes this week on the heels of the report concerning a proposed tank team at the TD School for which the cinder track site already been selected.

If authorized, the gymnastic team will be organized under direction of Captain Leslie Wood, TDS athletic officer, and will include a group of tumblers and acrobats. Organization of a team of gymnasts is for the sole purpose of providing entertainment for soldiers.

The outstanding man at the School in this field is Corporal Harry Burton, former circus trapeze star who served eight years with the Cole Brothers Circus, and appeared in London in trapeze and gymnastic exhibitions.

With Corporal Burton on the team to aid the training and routines of the gymnasts in feats that have thrilled circus spectators for so many generations, it is indicated that here is another program offered Army men that will no doubt find many followers in Camp Hood.

Valiant War Dog's Story Part Of Sicilian Victory

Recently the news was full of the exploits of "Chips," the Belgian Shepherd dog attached to a United States army unit at Locato, Sicily. The most intimate details yet divulged concerning the action of Chips in a battle came to TDS this week from Capt. E. F. Eggleston, the medical officer who treated Chips when the dog was hurt in this encounter. Capt. Eg-

gleston is at McCloskey Hospital receiving treatment himself.

After landing at Blue Beach late one night, Chips and his handler advanced inland under flares and a flurry of tracer bullets. Suddenly a hidden machine gun began firing from a hut. Unhesitatingly Chips wrenched the leash from the soldier's hand, dashed into the hut, teeth bared, and vigorously attacked. After a few seconds the gun ceased firing, loud yelling could be heard, and one of the crew came running from the hut with Chips tearing at his neck.

The dog's courageous act single-handedly eliminated a machine gun nest, thus saving countless casualties among our men storming in from the beach.

The division commander decorated Chips with the Silver Star. All these are known facts.

Capt. Eggleston adds more light on the Chips episode. When the gallant Army dog dived into the hut, he grabbed the machine gun in his mouth while the enemy crew was still firing it. Chips violently wrenched it away from them. In so doing, although he received no bullet wounds, he was severely burned on the mouth and the left side of the face. Captain Eggleston treated the burns on the battlefield. Now, Chips has been recommended for the Purple Heart.

New USO Show, Music And Girls

The new USO show for Camp Hood will be "It's A Pleasure," a breezy musical revue due here the week of February 23 to 29th. The advance on the show promises music, comedy, dancing and pretty girls.

Master of ceremonies will be Red Pepper, an outside comedian who weighs 300 pounds anyway.

Promotions For MPPWP

The following promotions have recently been announced in the 441st Military Police Prisoner of War Processing Company:

To S-Sgt., Alfred Zwerdling, Paul Schratter.

To T-4, Martin Feurge.

To T-5, Robert Eugene Fastep, PFC James Bigby, Harry Goldsmith, Harry Vidor.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"I had no idea you could dance. Too!"

"Travelers" Plan Charter Meeting

A meeting of the Travelers was held last Tuesday night, and it was decided to have the club's charter ready for the next meeting, February 15th. The election and installation of officers will take place at this meeting.

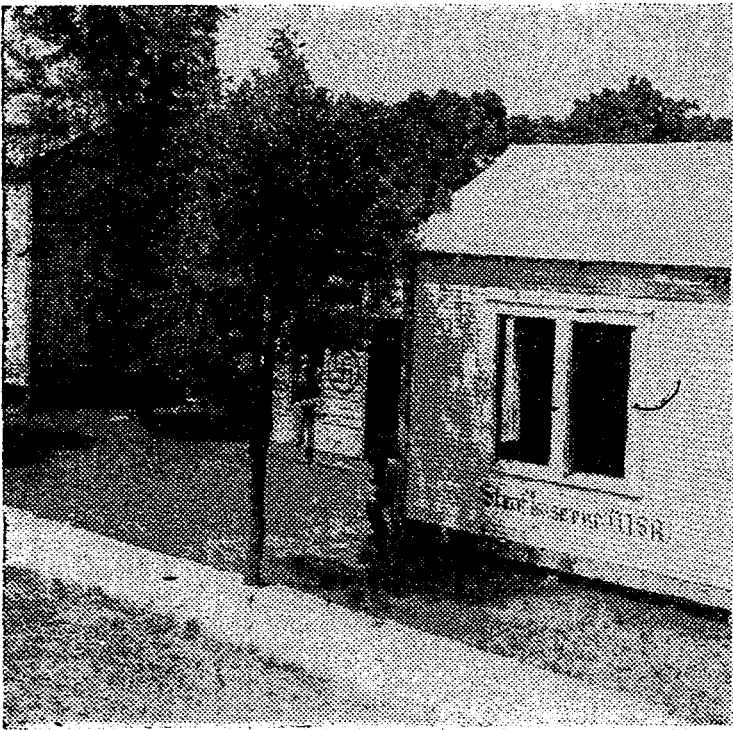
Installation of officers will be made by members of the Sojourners, an organization similar to the Travelers, the first is for enlisted men, and warrant officers.

Meetings are held in Bldg. No. 777 on Battalion Avenue next to 55th St. Post Exchange. Staff Sergeant Leo D. Charlton is acting as chairman until the election.

664th Men Are Upgraded

Promotions announced in the 664th TD Bn.:

To Sgt., T-5 Ted E. Brewer, Ren. Co.; T-4, Sheldon J. Steinberg, Co. A; to Cpl. John Wallack, Co. B; to T-5, Frederick M. Gessling, Co. A.



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INFANTRY MODEL—A section of a Camp Hood village fighting course, similar to one the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., will use as a model for a course it's building. (Story below)

Infantry Village Fighting Modeled On Weapons Dept.

The Infantry School at Fort Benning is planning a village for instruction in village fighting tactics and technique. They have requested the Weapons Dept. at TDS to forward details of its Village Fighting Course.

The Brookhaven "Nazi" Village at the TDS was designed to give the individual soldier training and practical work in the basic tactics of street fighting, to emphasize the importance of teamwork, and to instruct in the best means of protecting himself from enemy observation and fire.

Two Phases
The instruction is divided into two phases, the first of which consists of a general orientation. This period is devoted to a conference concerning the basic fundamentals of street fighting; charts are used as visual aids, and demonstrations are conducted. The second phase consists of practical work, and for this purpose the class is divided into patrols.

Each combat team is then turned over to a carefully selected assistant instructor who have been designated as the unit leader, who move their combat groups to an area outside the village where a scale model has been erected. Using this model, as well as aerial photographs, each group conducts a rehearsal during which the duties of each man are pointed out and any questions concerning the exercise are answered. Every man is then issued his weapons.

Studied From Photos

The exercise includes two streets, studied first from an aerial photograph, and the patrol is assigned the mission of clearing all buildings on each street. Two of the combat groups are assigned the task of engaging the enemy's principal installation from the flank. The combat teams move through the woods into concealed positions and wait for the attack to begin. Safety precautions are stressed, and men are placed on the alert for surprise targets.

Coordination of teams is of utmost importance. All targets are located in such manner that every shot fired at them will be "down range." Booby traps are located throughout the village. Each one has a metal shield to protect students from flying missiles.

All combat teams advance until they have reached the main enemy installation and then concentrate all their fire on this point.

TDs Blasting German Tanks South Of Rome

Nazi Panzer Units Thrown Back After Stab At Carroceto

TDs are doing a good job in Italy according to reports from the Fifth Army beachhead south of Rome.

In the Carroceto area the TDs have borne the brunt of recent German armored thrusts, repelling twice larger Mark IV tanks, along with other Panzer vehicles.

An Associated Press report indicates that "at least 10 German Tiger tanks and a number of other German tanks and self-propelled weapons spearheaded a daylight assault (at Carroceto) after fresh enemy infantry troops during the night had infiltrated into the British salient along a vital road running inland.

"Plunging into a fiery center of the German armored attacks, American tank destroyer crews knocked out four Tiger tanks.

"Three destroyer vehicles . . . were temporarily surrounded . . . but two fought their way out. They reached the road beyond Carroceto where they held fast despite German mortar, machine gun and grenade attacks."

It was also said that no German tank, regardless of its size, has survived a direct hit by an AP shell from one of the destroyer's guns.

Another incident also is evidence of destroyer fire power:

A gun commander, noting suspicious movement near a deserted farmhouse, called for a round of HE. The shell burst tore camouflage from a Mark IV tank, which a subsequent round of AP knocked out. The gunner said the projectile tore a hole in the side of the tank large enough for a man to crawl through.

Courageous action of another destroyer crew was described in the same dispatch. The destroyer virtually collided with a Mark IV tank as they came up opposite sides of a ridge. Seeing each other, they halted and started to throw slugs. When the smoke had cleared, the German tank, knocked out, lay just 10 yards from the destroyer.

WACs Who Know Jobs Are Easy For Their 1st Sgt.

Running a company of well-trained WACs is not at all like handling a stream of recruits one first sergeant has discovered at the TD RTC in the North Camp.

1st Sgt. Elizabeth M. Crane has taken over the job of making things click for the commandant of the WAC Det. at the TD RTC. Before coming to North Camp Hood Sgt. Crane was sergeant major at the WAC Training Center at Daytona Beach, Fla., where hundreds of WACs are received each week for their basic training in Army tasks.

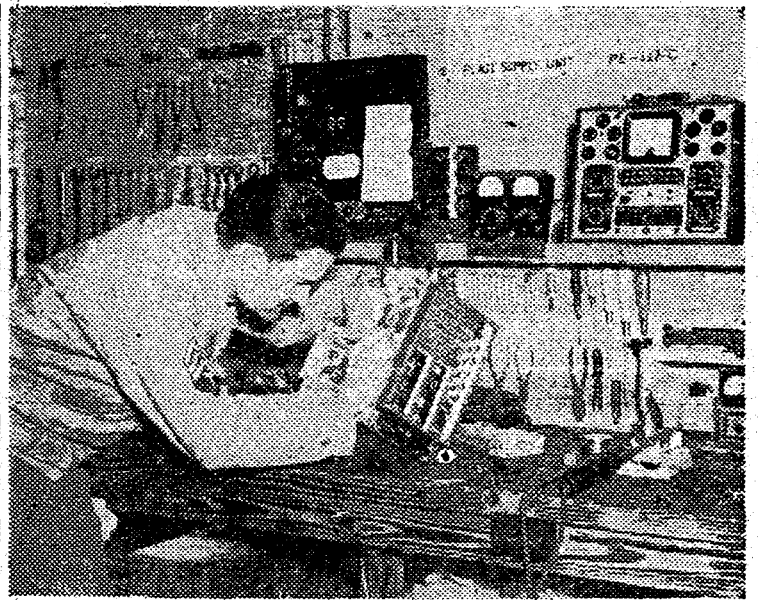
"Processing recruits is entirely different from working with a group of women who know their jobs down to the last detail. The work here with the grand bunch of girls we have is much more interesting," the new WAC topkick said.

Sgt. Crane is quite at home on an Army post. Her father was a cavalryman in the regular Army until two years after the last war and the sergeant spent her youth among soldiers.

Before volunteering in the WAC in November, 1942, Sergeant Crane was a cashier in San Francisco, where her 12 year old son is living.

Something Added

First Lt. John T. Kendall Jr., of the 21st Group staff, became the father of an 8 pound girl last week.



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TROUBLESHOOTING—T-4 William F. Parkinson making a routine checkup on a receiver taken from a recon car. Parkinson had nine years radio experience before he came into the army; now he's non-com in charge of the 138th RTC Bn. radio repair shop.

Radio Training At RTC Prepares Trainees For Battle Conditions

By T-5 S. O. HOBART

Radio plays an important role in modern war, and particularly in tank combat. As a result, the TDC stresses communications in its training program.

Trainees who report to the TD RTC at North Camp have already been tested for radio aptitude at their reception centers, and those who qualify are given specialized training in radio operation and maintenance at the RTC.

Radiomen in the 138th TD Training Battalion at North Camp for instance, go to radio school in an area containing eight buildings. Lt. Arthur P. Stearns is Communications Supervisor for this school, and has prepared an impressive program. One building is used exclusively for classes in voice procedure. Another is devoted to set operation. There is a monitor unit, four general communications buildings, and a repair shop.

T-4 William F. Parkinson heads the repair shop. He uses the experience gained in nine years of ownership of a radio shop in Oklahoma City to recondition of RTC radio units, after 50 hours of usage, or whenever necessary. He is assisted by Cpl. Martin Stuler of New York City, T-5 Anthony J. Rodecki, Gardner, Mass., and T-5 Robert F. Weisberg.

The RTC has installed a monitor on Lang Mountain to keep in constant touch with all vehicles and radio units in the field. When a mobile set is out of commission, a report is made to the monitor station, which immediately notifies the repair shop. A main-

tenance vehicle is then dispatched to repair the set in the field. The monitor station is in service 24 hours a day, generating its own electricity and being self-sufficient in case of emergency or general failure of power in the camp.

Hundreds of RTC-trained radio men now are servicing combat Tank Destroyer units here and abroad, utilizing to the fullest extent the knowledge they gained through this fore-sighted communications training program.

138th Bn. In Upset Victory

North Camp Hood's basketball circuit sported its most outstanding game last week, when the 138th RTC Bn., paced by the brilliant ball handling of Sgt. Tom Warwick, scored an upset win over the unbeaten 493rd MPEG Co. quintet, 39 to 38. It was a second round game of the North Hood loop.

Warwick and his mates started fast and, with Holmes and Edwards lending a hand in the scoring, were able to build up a 27 to 22 lead at the end of the first half. However, that margin was whittled as Riekow, Young and Fein, of the 493rd, began to hit the mesh consistently to make the result very much in doubt until the final whistle.

Warwick was top scorer for the victors with 17 points, followed by Holmes and Edwards with 10 and 11 points, respectively. Young's 12 points led the 493rd.

The 138th quintet now engages the 842nd Ord. Co. team in the quarterfinals, with the winner gaining the right to meet the 137th RTC Bn. cagers for championship honors.

Consolation final puts the 139th RTC Bn. against the Hq. Co. RTC, team.

Rcn. Co., 664th Makes Best Battalion Mark In Firing The Carbine

Rcn. Company carried off the honors last week in the 664th TD Bn., with a high average score for the .30 caliber Carbine qualification course fired on the Gatesville range. The average score was 165.6 out of a possible 200. They also had the greatest number of Experts, 17 out of 102 men firing. With 538 men firing the course, 160 men made Sharpshooter, and 50 made Expert.

High individual score for the battalion was made by Pfc. Orville A. Ingram of Rcn. Co., who chalked up a neat 186, one point ahead of Pfc. George Silvas, also of Rcn. Co., and S-Sgt. Peter Glenboski of C Co., who fired 185's, and two points ahead of Cpl. B. L. Bendixson of A Co., who shot a 184.

Cash Prize For Post-War Ideas

New York CMS—Servicemen are eligible to share in the \$50,000 in prizes the Pabst Brewing Company is offering for the best article of not more than 2,000 words submitted on "Post-War Employment." First prize is \$25,000 in war bonds, second prize is \$10,000 in war bonds and 15 additional awards of \$1,000 each will be made. Envelopes containing manuscripts must be postmarked not later than Feb. 7 and should be sent to the Pabst Brewing Company, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, 17, New York.

Officers' Wives Take Part In Bond Drive

Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Camp Hood Officers' clubs, under the direction of Mrs. John H. Hester, are now selling war bonds at the officers' clubs at Hood Village.

Sales are being conducted from 5 to 8 p. m. as part of the Fourth War Loan Drive.



162nd & 27th St. Theaters
Fri.—Phantom Lady
Sat.—Phantom Kid
Sun.—Mon.—Broadway Rhythm
Tues.—The Spider Woman & Casanova in Burlesque
Wed.—Thurs.—In Our Time
Hood Road & 24th St. Theaters
Thurs.—Fri.—Standing Room Only
Sat.—The Spider Woman, and Casanova in Burlesque
Sun.—Mon.—Jane Eyre
Tues.—Phantom Lady
Wed.—Phantom Kid
Thurs.—Fri.—Broadway Rhythm
4th & 10th St. Theaters
Thurs.—Fri.—Madam Curie
Sat.—Timber Queen & Beautiful But Broke
Sun.—Mon.—A Guy Named Joe
Tues.—The Racket Man
Wed.—The Rains Came
Thurs.—Fri.—Jane Eyre
72nd Street Theaters
Fri.—Sat.—Jane Eyre

Sun.—Phantom Lady
Mon.—Phantom Kid
Tues.—Wed.—Broadway Rhythm
Thurs.—The Spider Woman & Casanova in Burlesque
Brigade Ave. Theater
Fri.—The Rains Came
Sat.—Sun.—Standing Room Only
Mon.—The Spider Woman & Casanova in Burlesque
Tues.—Wed.—Jane Eyre
Thurs.—Phantom Lady
Ave. "D" Theater
Fri.—Sat.—Lifeboat
Sun.—Mon.—Madam Curie
Tues.—Timber Queen & Beautiful But Broke
Wed.—Thurs.—Standing Room Only
18th and 15th St. Theaters
Fri.—Sat.—A Guy Named Joe
Sun.—The Racket Man
Mon.—The Rains Came
Tues.—Wed.—Madam Curie
Thurs.—Timber Queen & Beautiful But Broke

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Time For Attack

When the "boys came home" from the last great war, they were men who had been away from their families for ages, men who had seen a long hard war to its final complete victory. Americans then truly believed it was about as complete a test of endurance as American soldiers would be called to face. But we've already been fighting this war longer than the last one and we are just beginning to attack in mass.

Perhaps we can marvel and wonder at the fact that men have been fighting for two years and yet the big job still lies ahead. America has finally shifted from preparing for attack to full offensive.

Invasion of the Jap strongholds in the Marshall Islands was heralded as the employment of the biggest naval forces on any ocean in this war. Just trying to picture a thousand-mile front in the Pacific, with terrific allied power purging Japs from islands they had fortified for twenty-five years taxes the most cynical imagination.

Same Old Line

For some time now too many Americans have assumed that this war is in the bag, that the Nazis are badly licked. Yes, most of us have come under the impact of this home front day dreaming. We've been falling for the sucker bait, we've grabbed at every sign that fighting the rest of the war was going to be like coasting down hill.

This is just about the time for parasites and appeasers to make a come back. This is just the time for weak-willed home grown fascists to start movements for compromising with the enemy. That's just what has happened.

Less than a month before our smashing drive into the Marshalls, right in the middle of preparations for an assault on Europe, a scurvy bunch of so-called Americans formed a new movement, "Peace Now." We're Americans and we let these misguided persons meet in the heart of New York City to ask for an immediate truce with the enemy. That's only what you would expect from men and women who have lost faith in democracy.

We Have Tolerance

The new peace movement isn't dangerous in itself. We've always had borderline groups. But if it reflects any trends in national sentiment, the same vigorous steps should be taken for fighting it that are taken in eliminating any other disease—expose it to clean fresh air.

The Army and Navy have moved to the attack. This isn't just a simple statement. The Air Corps has reduced certain training activities and plans a decrease in some domestic training fields.

More Men Overseas

The Army is planning to send more and more men overseas. We are taking the war to the enemy. We attack from now until the enemy is beaten.

Results of this change are being felt here. We are training now with only one objective—to carry the fight to the enemy. And in making this training complete, we must align our thinking to exclude any misguided ideas that there can be compromise with Nazis or Japs.

That the rest of the war will be a critical period for the United Nations seems certain. New diplomatic tangles will demand understanding solutions. The war grows more intense. This is just the time when every effort must be made to unite against one common enemy.



With the thought that is in every civilized person's mind, this week the polling reporter asked: HOW CAN WE KEEP THE PEACE AFTER WE'VE WON THE WAR?

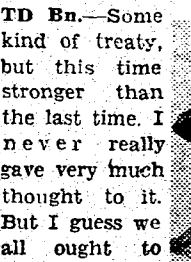
Pvt. Alvin Kaplin, Co. C, 662nd



TD Bn. — "I don't know. I've thought about it, but it's hard to explain. I guess our best bet is to stick together and play ball. We ought to disarm the

Axis, and this time make sure that they stay disarmed."

Pvt. Dan Scaringe, Co. A, 671st



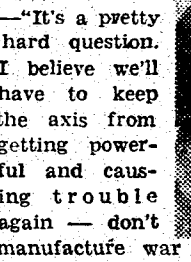
TD Bn.—Some kind of treaty, but this time stronger than the last time. I never really gave very much thought to it. But I guess we all ought to give it some thought, and try to figure out a way to make sure that there won't be another war."

Pvt. Warren G. Kinser, Co. I,



Stud. Regt. — "If everybody gets together and cooperates, we'll have a chance. We've got to settle the land disputes once and for all. We've got to get together and stick together, and remove the causes of war. I think it can be done."

S-Sgt. Edward Fosse, Hq. Co., 657th TD Bn.



— "It's a pretty hard question. I believe we'll have to keep the axis from getting powerful and causing trouble again — don't manufacture war materials, and that may remove a main cause of war."

Retrospection

O Bacchus, men, for centuries Have worshipped at thy throne. But when I fill thy cup too full, I've naught, but to atone. 'Tis my belief that thou're not A guiding star for me. And henceforth, Bacchus, thou wilt My idol cease to be.

S-Sgt. H. A. Dunshee

Money From Home Via The Red Cross

Soldiers who wish to get money from home for a furlough or other emergency may avail themselves of a new Red Cross service.

The camp director will wire the chapter in the soldier's home town, who will get in touch with the GI's family. The family then deposits the money with the local chapter and gets a receipt. Then the post chapter is informed by return wire that the money is on deposit and the soldier may get a check here for the amount left by his family.

This service is not a loan from the Red Cross. It is simply a service to enable soldiers to secure funds from home without loss of time.

ville, Tenn, were married recently in a camp chapel.

The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Harold E. Hall, who, with his wife, was a missionary in China from 1931 to 1941. Mrs. Foun was a student of Mrs. Hall's, a teacher at the University of Shanghai.

Pvt. Herman K. Mitterholzer, 21st TD Gp., put his furlough time to good use when he married Miss Margaret Davis of Cincinnati.

Sgt. Harmon J. Bowers, Hq Co, 301 Td Bn, was married the former Miss Helen Elizabeth Bolton while on furlough at his home in Albany, New York, last month.

Father Of Girl

1st Sgt. John W. Leverich, Hq. Co. 655th TD Bn., has received word from his home in Peekskill, N. Y., that he is the father of a baby girl.



Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Panther;

The big push is about to start. The big push to destroy the Fascist.

Never before has there been so great a threat to the independence of nations as this.

We are, every single one of us, involved.

At Teheran the basis for Victory was laid. Laid in unity among peaceful nations to defeat the war-making states and keep the peace after.

We begin to know now how those plans for the crushing of the Fascists involve every one of us.

We must know too how the plans to keep the peace after the war is over involve us also. Else we fight in vain.

Few realize the degree of unity that has always existed among our leaders.

In the Atlantic Charter President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill affirmed the right of all states to sovereignty, self-government, and access to raw materials.

And Marshal Stalin has stated "the aim of this national war of our country against the Fascist oppressors is not only the elimination of the danger in our own country, but also aid to all European peoples groaning under the yoke of German Fascism."

At Teheran the united front of the nations and of the peoples of the world against Fascism received its fullest expression.

The decisions of Teheran will be carried out to the extent and with the speed dictated by the degree of unity of the people within each country.

The fate of the world for generations of come depends in the last analysis upon us and our families.

It is a large order.

Pvt. Leonard Bernstein
Hq. 1848th S U

Editor, The Panther;

"It has been a week and a half since I returned from furlough at my North Carolina home. Of course, I'm still thinking about the things there and the good-times I had. And should my furlough papers read differently, I would still be there.

"Yes—it was my first furlough and I can now say that such an occasion for recreation, personal affairs and diversion is ideal for the men and women in service (and should come more often than every 8 months).

"The reason I'm writing this letter to you is not just to tell

you that I've been on furlough, but to tell you about a very good change that has evidently taken place in Camp Hood, and not just in my organization. You will most likely agree that it's for the betterment of morale.

"The change I noticed was that the unprintable slogans (if that even) which have been in constant use heretofore have given over to the effectiveness of "Don't get excited!" This don't is being used extensively in many different circumstances (in some cases exceptionally funny) whether the hearers are getting "excited" or "not". Guess that most of Hood's soldiers have heard the expression countless times in movies as well as training. Nevertheless, the NEW USE is a good REMINDER while in training here in Texas as those who have been overseas stress this fact.

"Now don't you agree that it is a good change and beneficial here and will be when we go "Over there".

"Let's hope there will be other helpful slogans like "Don't Get Excited!" to take the place of latrine-o-grams and other un-wholesome expressions. Again let me say "Don't get excited!" even if you get a furlough.

Cpl. William A. Barnes
Hq. Co., 20th Gp.

Army Quiz

1. What is the average life of a typical Flying Fortress in one of the war theatres?

2. How many American-built planes have been sent to Russia up to November, 1, 1943?

3. Is it true that the Air Transport Command started with a personnel of only three members?

4. What body or unit is responsible for the design, testing and procurement of a new American plane, for instance the new Mustang P-51?

5. What type of insignia did Walt Disney recently design for the chemical warfare section at Camp Lee, Virginia?

6. What is America's most valuable "secret weapon" today?

(Answers Page Seven)

Haircut Prices Raised

The price of haircuts in PX barbershops has been raised to 40 cents. The prices of tonics, shampoos and such have been reduced, it was announced in the daily bulletin.

Wedding Bells

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S-Sgt. Sid Katz, Hq. and Serv. Co., OCS Regt., returned from a recent furlough with his bride. Sgt. Katz will be remembered around camp as the one man musical comedy, impromptu or otherwise.

On Friday evening, February 4th, Lt. Edward Roselle of UTC married Miss Mary Alice Wilson of Florence, Texas in the 52nd Street Chapel, with Chaplain Charles Talbot performing the ceremony.

Pfc. Kim Foun of 801st TD Bn. and Miss Alice (Pooi Ngho) Wong, student at Peabody College, Nash-

Record Breaking Score Made By 131st RTC Bn. At Jack Mountain Range

Co. C, 131st TD Bn, RTC, has tank destroyer section scored 54 hits on one target in 11 minutes and shredded another with 43 hits in nine minutes.

Cut Target Life

The crew in charge of the range estimated the average target lasts four days, but the gunnery of the trainees cut the life span to half an hour, and the rangemen were kept busy cutting spare pipe because the target uprights were demolished almost as fast as they were put up.

The work for the ground crew was exceptionally heavy on the 2,000-yard line, where the target was hit 28 times. This target has been scored on only infrequently since the range began operation, the range crew said.

The trainees got an example of what a 76mm APC projectile can do to a pillbox at 2,000 yards when one shot shattered twenty revetment sandbags and five feet of 3-foot concrete piling. The debris was uprooted by the projectile and piled on the gas car track, and firing had to be suspended until the tracks were cleared.

The officers, enlisted cadre and trainees were complimented on their gunnery by Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, TDC CG, and Lt. Col. Benjamin B. Berry, TD RTC S-3. Gen. Hester singled out a private from amongst the gunners, shook hands with him, asked him his home town and what score he made.

Meets Gen. Hester

Pvt. Darrell A. Manley of Co. B, told the general he came from Des Moines, Ia. and proudly reported four hits out of five shots.

Capt. C. N. Matthews was in charge of the high-scoring section, with Lt. Dallas W. Hadley as executive officer; Warren A. Rouse, Graham Gardner, Frank W. Hammar, Robert C. Ten Eyck, I. C. Adams and James Forbes were instructors. Behind-the-line in-line instruction was carried out by Lt. J. E. McKinley Jr., assisted by Lt. Adams.

The enlisted cadre coaching the destroyers included Sgts. Charles L. Miller, Luther Hall, Walter Heese, Thomas Short and Glenn Horton; Cpl. Torrence B. Jones and Pfc. Charles R. Sherman and Pfc. Werner L. Phelps.

Name Could Be Joe, He Reserves Right To Gripe

By Cpl. ALEXANDER N. ATHANASOPOULOS

This is a story of an average soldier, Co. B, 660th TD Bn., in an average battalion, with an average name, and with average reactions. So help me.

Pvt. Morgan McAvoy is his name. Five-foot-five in height, with a freckled face and red hair. A Pennsylvania Irishman, who never knows when to quit.

He can't fight yet he goes around punching trees and fighting in matches held by his group. He doesn't care what job you give him to do, but still he'll gripe when it's his turn for K. P.

Buying war bonds, to him, is a waste of money. But recently he returned from a furlough and it was learned that he had met the women he loved. So, he straight way made for the orderly room and took out all the war bonds he possibly could afford.

He can't play football, yet he's in all the Company games, being used as a football. He says that he should be given a Section 8, but no believes him.

He loves the Army but he wants to get out, but doesn't want to go home until after the war, so he's decided to stay.

He's forever settling arguments by taking the brunt of the consequences; thereby making all concerned happy.

He's loved by everyone but he cares for no one (except his Pennsylvania gal).



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

MAKING A MARK—The top-scoring gun crew of Co. C, 131st TD Bn., which last week beat all RTC records on the Jack Mountain Gas Car Range, displaying a target holed 43 times out of 55 shots—Capt. C. N. Matthews, Pvt. Edward Orgeron, Pvt. George Yakimoff, Pfc. Charles R. Sherman, Lt. J. E. McKinley, Jr., Pvt. Cecil E. Odea, Pvt. Ben Reginetz, and Pvt. Arthur Young.

661st TD Bn. Men To Form Own Swing Dance Band

The 661st TD Bn. is forming its own swing band.

The band is being formed by Sgt. Charles Shearer, Co. C, and T-5 Robert F. Cleveland, Hq. Co.

The members of the new band have received or sent for their instruments, and as soon as the unit is properly outfitted practice rehearsals will begin.

Nineteen have signed up for the band, including five trumpets, and five saxophones, most of whom double in clarinet. Many of the men have had professional experience in civilian life.

Sgt. Shearer played trumpet with Jan Garber's Orchestra for a number of years. At present, he's Co. C mess sergeant.

T-5 Cleveland has two dance bands of his own, currently performing on civilian circuits.

One Man In A Million GI's

At the TD School, Cpl. Robert Borst reports the following incident:

Supply Sgt. Keith Van Vuren handed the new recruit a pair of pants. The recruit put them on, and they fit perfectly. So did the blouse and cap, the underclothing, and even the socks and shoes.

Sgt. Van Vuren looked at him and shook his head. "Buddy," he said, "You must be deformed."

Camp Hood Photo Booklets For Sale At Post Exchanges

Picture booklets of Camp Hood, titled "This Is Camp Hood," are now on sale at all camp exchanges. They show in graphic form the training of Tank Destroyers and the various components of the camp.

Prepared through the cooperation of the Public Relations Office; G-2, Tank Destroyer Center, and the Camp Exchange Office, the booklet sells for 25 cents a copy.

Hostesses Sporting Tricky New Uniforms

Army hostesses are getting used to this question by various GIs who stop them to find out what their new uniform represents.

Service club director, social hostesses, cafeteria hostesses and librarians now sport a teal blue suit, matching topcoat and a snappy cap, a "cross between a service cap and a beret" as one of them put it.

The shoulder insignia is a semi-circle with radiating spokes of nine colors, representing the nine Army service commands.

TDs In Magazine Ad

In the Feb. 7 edition of TIME magazine the Oldsmobile Co. features a full-page ad about the TDs. The TD emblem is also reproduced in the ad.

Texas Daughter

T-Sgt. John J. Sullivan, acting M-Sgt. of the 130th RTC Bn., North Camp is the father of a baby girl born in the McCloskey General Hospital in Temple.

Words Without Music

Betty Hutton will use her rain-check to appear on Eddie Cantor's show next Wednesday, NBC, at 8 p. m.

Constance Bennett is recording an album of "Tender Love Scenes" from four Philip Barry plays.

Guy Kibee will make his first Broadway appearance in 13 years, in Mike Todd's "Purple Dust."

The Hour of Charm, NBC, Sunday, 9 p. m., will feature "Speak Low" from One Touch of Venus and "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" and "Oklahoma" from the latter.

Col. Stoopnagle has invented a low dudgeon for people who might get vertigo on a high dudgeon.

Art Carney, radio actor, signed an exclusive seven years contract with CBS—and 48 hours later the USA signed him to an even more exclusive contract for the duration and six.

Jean Gabin has gone back to the Fighting French Navy.

On the "Bandwagon," NBC at 7:30 p. m., Feb. 13 Charlie Spivak with Mildred Bailey, Feb. 2 Richard Himber with Alec Templeton, Feb. 27 the Andrew Sisters with Ted Fio Rito, March 5, Ina Ray Hutton.

The Spotlight Bands—tonight Bob Chester, tomorrow Alvino Rey, Saturday Richard Himber, Blue 8:30 p. m.

There's been an anonymous prediction that the next hit tune will be an elegy called "It Was A Breakdown In Prairie Corners."

Promotions For 661st

The following promotions have been made in Co. C, 661st TD Bn.:

To T-5, Melvin Davis, John Carco, Linwood Muggood; to Cpl., John Cashion; to T-4, Earl Edwards, George Cook; to Sgt., William Otto.

Join A Free Time Study Class

Classes in military correspondence, shorthand, Spanish, Portuguese, and French, are now open to everyone who is interested.

Whether or not you've applied for a course, come to the next meeting of the class and join the rest. Text books are free!!

Each class meets one evening a week for an hour. There is an instructor in charge of each class. If you feel that you won't be able to come to each weekly meeting, come to as many as you can.

Schedule of classes now open:

MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE—Monday, 7:30 p. m.—37th St. Serv. Club.

SHORTHAND—Tuesday, 6:30 p. m.—657th Bn. School Bldg.

SHORTHAND—Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—37th St. Serv. Club.

SPANISH—Thursday, 7 p. m.—162nd St. Serv. Club.

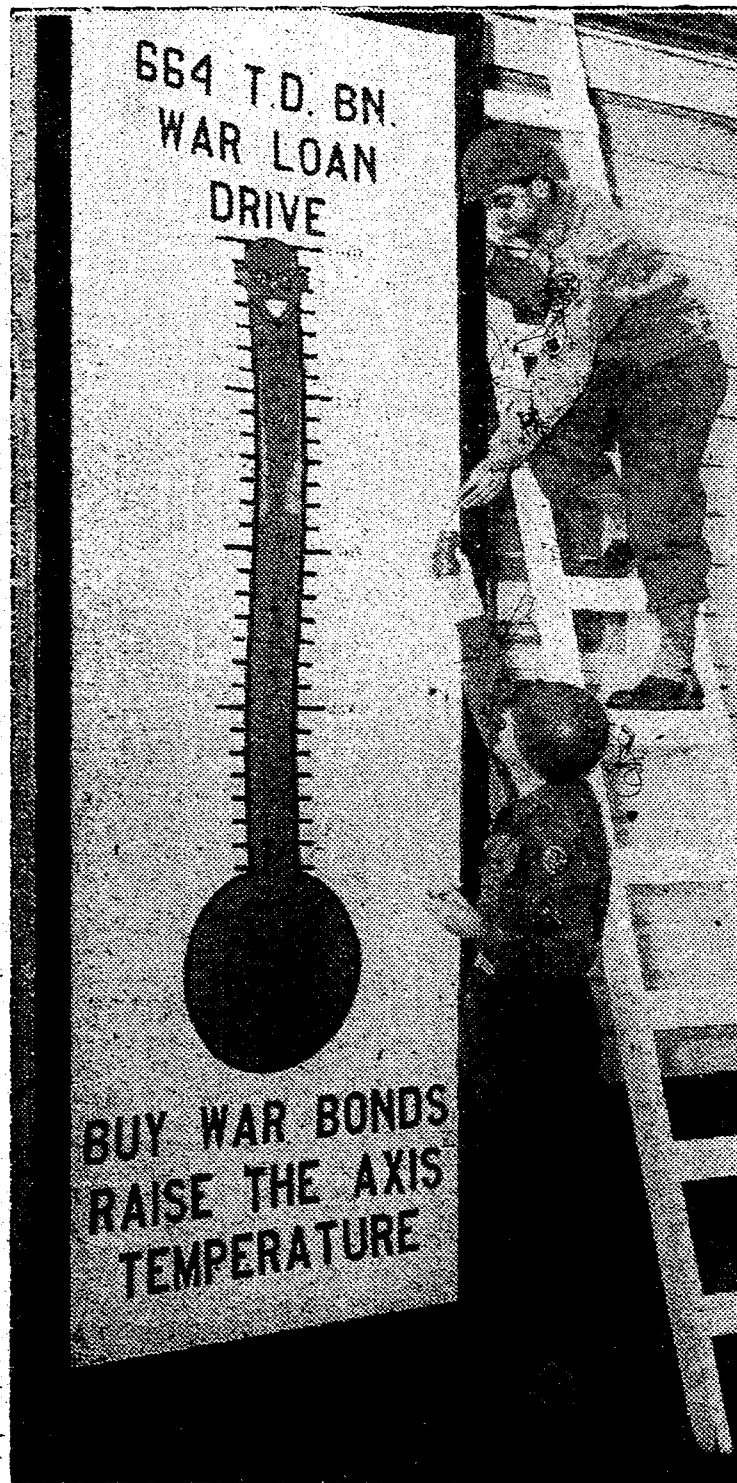
PORTUGUESE—Thursday, 8 p. m.—162nd St. Serv. Club.

FRENCH—Friday, 8 p. m.—37th St. Serv. Club.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

FOR LUCK—Being a portrait of "Professor," a black goat presented as a mascot to the baseball team of the Stud. Regt. by Lt. Col. John F. Farnsworth, CO. 1st Sgt. Deitrich Kramer holds the goat.



PUTTING ON HEAT—T-5 Homer Sloan and S-Sgt. John W. Locke bring the thermometer to the top as the 664th TD Bn. makes it 100 per cent, every man in the outfit buying an extra bond. (See story page one)

Full-Blooded Sioux, Joe Twist, Had Varied Musical Career Before Coming Into Army; Lived On Range

By Sgt. Robert Clemens

A 100 percent American has been in the Hq. & Ser. Co. OCS Regiment for the past fifteen months, coming to the Army from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota. He is PFC Joe Twist, full-blooded Sioux.

"Pine Ridge is one of four large Sioux Reservations in South Dakota," explained Joe. "It's popu-

More To A Food Job Than Eating

By PT. EUGENE SPEAR

"This man can do the work of three men," was the way my CO recommended me, and added, "on the chow line, I mean." So I got a job that sounded interesting—it had to do with food.

But it turned out that it wasn't eating. The Camp Nutrition Office is responsible for the health of GIs where ever food is concerned.

The job is an additional service of the Medical Corps, to see that every man not only gets enough to eat, but the right foods properly prepared, and in proper proportion.

For instance, if a piece of beef isn't properly cooked, you might as well tell Bossy to move over and you start munching grass, too.

Baptism, Confirmation Classes Are Scheduled

Baptism and Confirmation classes are being conducted each Tuesday evening, 6:30 o'clock, in Chapel No. 902 at 50th St. and Hq. ave. At North Camp classes are being conducted each Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, in Central Chapel.

lation numbers 15,000 with every family being allotted land. This reservation was established after Custer's epic last stand, and four generations have since built its peace and culture."

Joe attended the two Catholic Indian schools there. For two years he captained his high school basketball team, which competed in the National Catholic meet in Chicago. Twist also studied music at school, playing the trumpet in the band. Later he attended the Sherwood School of Music at Chicago.

He returned to Pine Ridge and formed a twelve-piece Sioux Indian Band.

Joe Twist left the band to accept the position of band instructor at the Catholic grade school back on the reservation. It was from this job that he donned khaki in the service of his country.

When the Wheeler-Howard Bill was passed back in 1934, the Sioux on the reservation were allowed to have pow-wows every day of the week except Sundays. This bill also allowed them to observe the ancient tribal ritual called the Sun Dance. However, this custom is held today more out of reverence for the traditional Sioux rites than from the standpoint of the their old religion. Most of the Sioux at Pine Ridge today are Catholic or Protestant.

Most employees at Pine Ridge work under the Indian Civil Service responsible to our Federal Government. Civil Service includes clerks and teachers, and Joe Twist was in the latter group.

The Army has taken over the majority of Joe's land today by purchase, and it is being used as an aerial gunnery range. As the sole surviving heir, Joe is receiving the payments from the government.

Wacs Can Now Enlist For A Specific Post

Under the "Station and Job Assignment Recruiting Plan", a women can now enlist in the WAC for the station she chooses, within the geographic limits of the service command in which she enlists.

The recruit's initial assignment after completion of training will be to a station of her own choice within the service command unless unforeseen military exigencies prevent, and she will be recommended for initial assignment to occupational field in which she is qualified. The 20 occupational fields for which station and job assignment WAC recruits may be recommended for initial assignment are: Medical or hospital technical, personnel, public relations, physical sciences, photography, drafting, radio operation, radio and electrical repair, telephone operation, gasoline motor and light machinery repair, instrument repair, general clerical, clerical with typing, statistical and financial, stenography, tabulating machine operation, teletypewriter operation, dryer, cook or baker, and supply and stock.

This plan of "Station and Job Assignment Recruiting" for the WAC supplements general recruiting, which is still in progress.

Commended For Marksmanship

For scoring Expert on the carbine range, S-Sgt. Clyde C. Ball, Co. B, 664th TD Bn., received a letter from his battalion CO, Maj. Carr, who had observed and was impressed by Sgt. Ball's shooting.

This will form a second letter in Ball's collection—two years ago he received a letter from General Tindall, now military attache to the American Embassy in Turkey, but then CG AUTC, lauding him for his leadership and tenacity in carrying out orders.

Sgt. Ball has had a varied army career, and a colorful one according to those members of his outfit whom he calls "civilian soldiers."

He enlisted seven years ago, at the age of sixteen, in the infantry. He was one of the first assigned when TDs were activated, with the old 893rd at Fort Meade, Md. He was also among the advance contingent sent to Camp Hood.

Vivid Memories Of First War For French-Born Wac At NC

The muttering of distant tank destroyer guns stirs memories of another war and a fearful time of childhood for one Wac at the North Camp RTC.

The war was the "war to end all wars" and full of fear to a 6-year-old girl hiding in an Alpine village while the German guns



thundered closer in the valley below. All the little girl had left was a mother—the Germans had shot her father.

The French girl grew up to become Pfc Marie J. Deaver of the WAC Det. at North Camp and she has a husband of her own serving with the Army in Hawaii.

Marie is a driver for the RTC Hq. motor pool and widely known among the NC soldiers for her khaki earmuffs (when it's cold) and her skillful piloting of a jeep (when it's cold or hot.)

Lived In Blackout

Pvt. Deaver lived in a blackout in the French Alps and clearly remembers being very scared as the Germans came closer. She doesn't remember much about her father, a sergeant in the French army of the last war who spent eighteen months at the front before a German sniper got him.

"The Germans finally came so near our town my mother decided we must go," said Marie. "Ten minutes after our train left the enemy shelled the place and we learned later that the people we had been living with were killed."

Marie and her mother went to Bordeaux in the south of France and her mother opened a restaurant. There Marie's mother met and married John T. Dame of

Flat River, Mo., a scout and sniper for an American infantry division.

Came to U. S. After War

Pfc. Dame and his new family left for the United States at the end of the war on a captured German liner called the Agammemnon, and as Marie recalls it the trip was a miserable one.

The ship carried American soldiers who had acquired French families. "They wouldn't let the soldiers see their French wives except for an hour a day, the rest of the time they were kept apart. All the women did was cry all day long and most of the night."

The Agammemnon ran into a big storm on the way across the Atlantic and everyone was kept in the cabins for several days, while the boat rolled and plunged. America looked pretty good to Marie after that.

Pvt. Deaver lived in Flat River with her mother and her new father while she grew up.

While on the West Coast she met Pfc Robert L. Deaver, to whom she was married in October, 1942. Marie volunteered for the WAAC, in January, 1943.

655th Bn. Gets Commendation

Enlisted men and officers of the 655th TD Bn. were commended by Maj. C. A. Quinn, commanding 2nd Tng. Gp., for their showing on indirect fire instruction given by UTC.

Scores made during the training were rated "excellent."

The course lasted four weeks, during which time much practical work was finished. The successful completion of the course aims at improving the battalion's efficiency in fulfilling the secondary mission of TDs.

EM Invited To Dallas Union Dance And Party

The Canteen Club of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union invites all those Service Men who may be in Dallas this week-end to come to a dance and party at the I.L.G.W.U. headquarters, 901 1-2 Main Street, Dallas, 8:30 p. m.



The battle of the Marshall Islands grinds on steadily. Occupation of the important Kwajalein atoll has been completed. Pointing out that distance is more of an obstacle to victory in the Pacific than the Japs, Lt. Gen. Robert Richardson, commanding in the central Pacific, stated that this victory shortens lines of communications and will speed the tempo.

Our losses for the Marshalls assault were announced by the Navy as 286, while the number of Japs killed was said to be 8,122. Tokyo radio warned the Japs that we are now only 11 flying hours from the Jap capital.

The first American naval force to attack the Jap home territory poured shells into Paramushiro for 20 minutes and then steamed away without receiving a scratch—meanwhile the flustered Japs fired harmlessly into the air and along their own beaches.

Nazis Forced Out

Defeating seven German infantry divisions, the Russians cleared the last Nazi soldiers from the

eastern side of the lower Dnieper River.

One of the most important gains in this victory for the Russians was the recapture of the valuable manganese deposits at Nikopol, where they captured more than 50,000 Germans who had been ordered to fight to the last man.

The Russians served effective notice on the Finns that they meant business when they bombed Helsinki, leaving much of the Finnish capital smoking and in ruins. The United States warned Finland that she will have to bear the responsibility for teaming up with the Nazis. (Britain broke off relations with Finland some time ago.)

Italian Invasion Slow

The idea of early conquest of Rome seems to be gone, according to Associated Press dispatches. The going there has been increasingly tough. Reports tell of rough terrain and desperate resistance by the Germans, but there has been no definitive explanation of the Italian holdup.

Wes Gallagher of the Associated Press, veteran of the Mediterranean campaign, wrote that the bridgehead "has become a costly, Tobruk-like defensive position."

Home Front

The Senate passed a compromise version of the Green-Lucas soldier vote bill. Reports from Washington on its meaning are vague and suggest that it will not be much change from the peacetime absentee ballot.

The veterans' administration urged discharged servicemen to apply immediately for mustering out pay.

Speaking of Spain's ambiguous position—her avowed neutrality and her overt active partiality to Germany—the President called it a headache, and defined our policy as aimed at keeping that strategic country neutral in the true sense of the word.

Frank Sinatra's press agent announced that the swoon boy had gotten a haircut and made a donation to the Metropolitan Opera Fund.



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT
Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig.
Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 902, 50th & Hq.
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 2209, School Area.
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
6:30 P. M.
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8:00 a. m., Chapel 1156, 37th St.
6:30 p. m., Chapel 902, 50th St.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Chapel 1156, Thursday, 8:00 p. m.
Sunday, 9:00 a. m.
LUTHERAN
Post Chapel, 52nd St., Sunday, 6:30 p. m.
COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 513, 70th & Bn.
Worship Services
10:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 6:30 p. m.
Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
STOCKADE, 2:00 P. M.
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mass, Sunday
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
Stockade, 6:30 a. m.
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 8:00 a. m.
Chapel 115, 268th & Service Dr., 8:00 a. m.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq., 9:00 a. m.
24th St. Theater, 9:30 a. m.
Chapel 902, 50th & Hq., 11:00 a. m.
37th St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.
162nd St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.
NOVENA SERVICES
Sunday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.
Monday, Chapel 1156, 6:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapel 902, 6:00 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.
MORNING WEEKDAY MASSES
Chapel 1156, Sat., Tues., 6:30 a. m.
Chapel 902, Saturday, 6:30 a. m.
Chapel 176, Mon., Wed., Thur., 8:00 a. m.
EVENING WEEKDAY MASSES
Chapel 902, Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 6:00 p. m.
Chapel 176, Fri., Tues., 6:30 p. m.
Chapel 1156, Thurs., Fri., Mon., 6:30 p. m.
Chapel 902, Friday, 12:20 p. m.
CONFESSION
Saturday as follows:
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.
Chapel 902, 50th & Hq., 4-5:30 & 6:30-9 p. m.
Chapel 1156, 37th St. West, 4-6 & 6:30-9 p. m.
Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 5-9 p. m.
JEWISH
Chapel 902, 50th & Hq., Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Orthodox, followed by reform Service.
LATTER DAY SAINTS
Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn., Sunday, 7:30 p. m.

Rewarded For Excellent Job

The initiative of four men of Co. C, 658th TD Bn. in repairing a mutilated M-10 track was rewarded last week by three day passes. They were Sgt. Robert Sobieski, Cpl. Leonard Narloch, T-5 Steve Drotar and T-5 Edward Wenderski.

On the way to a firing range the destroyer threw a track, and instead of waiting for the maintenance crew, the four men worked three and a half hours repairing the damage under adverse weather conditions and with make-shift materials the job was done.

EM Pay Dates Listed

Enlisted men in the following units will be paid Feb. 29th: UTC, RTC, Stud Regt, Tng Brig, 1848th Unit, P. W. Camps, TDS, TDC, 106th Cav.

Malaria Is Vicious Foe On Battlefront

By LT. L. K. BARNHILL

Malaria is a lot more than simple chills and fever. It is, in many cases, a vicious form of torture that approaches the limit of human endurance.

This is the opinion of a combat medical officer who contracted malaria during the Sicilian campaign and who is now receiving treatment at McCloskey Army General hospital.

"I had the cerebral type. It started with headaches and backaches. These increased in intensity until at the end of five days I couldn't stand it any longer. I passed out as they took me to the hospital and remained unconscious for four days."

"Malaria in Sicily was vicious. It caused many casualties and some loss of life in our battalion."

This medical officer's experiences with malaria are typical of those of men from the Southwest

Pacific who are now being treated at McCloskey.

T-4 Cecil Jinright, a veteran of the Guadalcanal campaign, has had it for more than a year. "The first things I noticed were aches in my head and back. I broke out in chills at odd times and felt sluggish. I tried, but I just couldn't keep going. It was like having a ball of concrete resting in your stomach. During this period I went down from 215 to 170 pounds, and now, a year later, I am still too weak to do much more than walk down to the Red Cross rooms and back."

Pvt. Shirley W. Mason, who contracted malaria in the Russell Islands in May, 1942, 20 months ago, lost 20 pounds during his worst siege of fever. Now, almost two years later, he still suffers sporadic attacks.

PFC Frank A. Jackson, who came down with malaria in October of last year in the New Hebrides, still complains that his legs hurt him so badly that he can't sleep at night. He says he is weak, too weak to do anything useful.

So the stories of these men unfold a startling picture of the ravages being wrought among our fighting men by malaria, a disease that at times is looked upon in America as a minor ailment, but which in reality is a killer.

It is for this reason that the Army Ground Forces has initiated an intensive educational program on malaria control among troops in training. These men at McCloskey, who have suffered malaria in some of its most virulent stages, cheered this educational program.

Many of these men who went into the Pacific areas had quinine when they first entered the combat zone. Later they were issued atabrine. They had mosquito nets, and used them too, though often it was hard to keep covered when living in water-filled foxholes. They wore head nets that could be rolled up under their helmets in the daytime and dropped down to protect their faces at night. They put on their shirts a few hours before sundown and wore them until the next morning.

Today these men are all agreed that no steps are too burdensome to take, even to sleeping fully clothed in the steamy tropics, if they will prevent malaria. Many of these men from the Pacific war theaters have been fighting their battle against the agonies of malaria for more than a year. It is not a minor ailment to them.

From these men who have been in the jungles and know what ravages can be wrought by malaria comes this advice to soldiers going over seas to any theater of operation—

"Take good care of your mosquito nets and use them.

"Take atabrine, or whatever drugs the medics have, as ordered. Don't skip doses. Taking these pills is a whale of a lot easier than suffering malaria.

"Get gloves if you can to protect your hands during night hours from insect bites.

"Use sprays and repellents as directed.

"In fact, do anything you can to prevent catching malaria, and you won't be sorry."

Lt. Col. Lumpkin Control Officer

Lt. Col. O. H. Lumpkin, new camp control officer, came here from Camp Swift, where he served under Col. Lawrence A. Kurtz,



now camp commander at Camp Hood.

Col. Lumpkin has been in Colonel Kurtz's command almost entirely since Dec. 20, 1940.

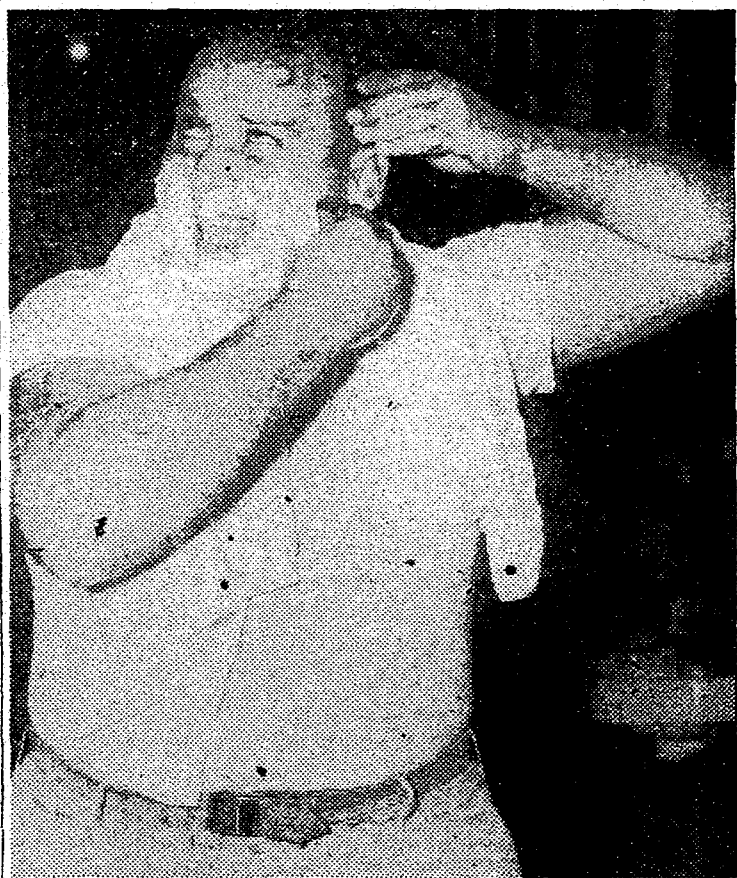
Col. Lumpkin enlisted in the Army in 1914 as a private, and during World War I, he served in the Philippines, China and for 21 months in Siberia.

After the war, he made his home at Ennis, Texas, until 1931, when he went back into the Army as a reserve officer.

658th Bn. Promotions

The following promotions were made in the 658th TD Bn.:

Hq. Co.; to S-Sgt. Lawrence D. Furrow; to Sgt., Karl A. Lahmann; to T-4, William J. Fayta; to Cpl. Carmine Gualtieri; to T-5, Leonard J. Shafer, James B. Levesque, Jack J. Hammerschmidt, Eugene Lazarus, George P. Chmielecki, Joseph F. Plocharczyk. Rcn. Co., Edmund J. Burgess, Co. C, Murlin T. Ashby.



ACHES AND PAINS OF A PASS—"Oh, what a bee-you-tee-ful mawn-ing . . . I practic'y got a pass. Le's see. First I'll have me a soda to wash out the dust. Then I'll have me a beer to wash out the soda. And then I'll pick me up a babe—maybe I'll take her to the movies—and then . . . Oh, what a bee-you-tee-ful day . . . A blonde maybe. I gotta wunnder-ful fee-l-ing . . ." (Another shot in the heart-twisting series posed by S-Sgt. Sid Katz, OCS Regt., who never played East Lynn.)

Know Our Planes

Even though we have been in the war only two years, American Aviation in keeping the pace with war developments, has put out many new types of planes.

The designers and names of all planes in military service are listed below.

BOMBERS

Boeing B-17, Fortress.
Douglas B-18, Bolo.
Douglas B-23, Dragon.
Consolidated B-24, PB4Y, Liberator.
North American B-25, PBJ, Mitchell.
Martin B-26, JM, Marauder.
Boeing B-29, Superfortress.
Vega B-34, PV, Ventura.
Douglas A-20 (P-70), BD, Havoc.
Douglas A-24, SBD, Dauntless.
Curtiss A-25, SB2C, SBW, SBF, Hell-diver.
Lockheed A-29, PBO, Hudson.
Martin A-30, Baltimore.
Vultee A-31, A-35, Vengeance.
Brewster A-34, SB2A, Bermuda.
North American A-36 (P-51), Mustang.
Grumman TBF, TBM, Avenger.
Consolidated OA-10, PBY, PB2B, PBN, Catalina.
Consolidated P2Y, Coronado.
Martin PBM, Mariner.

FIGHTERS

Lockheed P-38, Lightning.
Bell P-39, Airacobra.
Curtiss P-40, Warhawk (Kittyhawk).
Vought-Sikorsky P-4U, FG, F2G, Corsair.
Grumman F6F, Hellcat.
Grumman F4F, FM, Wildcat.

LIAISON

Taylorcraft L-2 (O-57), Grasshopper.
Aeronca L-3 (O-58), Grasshopper.
Piper L-4 (O-59), NE, Grasshopper.
Vultee L-5 (O-62), OY, Sentinel.

OBSERVATION

Vultee O-49, Vigilant.
Curtiss O-52, Owl.
Lockheed O-58 (B-34), Ventura.
Taylorcraft O-57 (L-2), Grasshopper.
Aeronca O-58 (L-3), Grasshopper.
Piper O-59 (L-4), Grasshopper.
Vultee O-62 (L-5), Sentinel.
Curtiss SO3C, Seamew.
Vought-Sikorsky OS2U, OGSN, Kingfisher.

TRAINERS

North American AT-6, SNJ, Texan.
Beech AT-7, SNB, Navigator.
Beech AT-10, Wichita.
Beech AT-11, SNB, Kansan.
Boeing AT-15, Crewmaker.
North American AT-16, Harvard.
Cessna AT-17 (UC-78), Bobcat (Crane).
Lockheed AT-18 (A-29), PBO, Hudson.
Vultee AT-19, Reliant.
Fairchild AT-21, Gunner.
North American BT-9, BT-14, Yale.

Fleetwing BT-12, Sophomore.
Stearman PT-13, PT-17, PT-18, PT-27, N2S, Caydet.
Fairchild PT-19, T-23, PT-26, Cornell.
Ryan PT-21, PT-22, NR, Recruit.
Timm N2T, Tutor.
Curtiss SNC, Falcon.
TRANSPORTS
Beech C-43, GB, Traveller.
Beech C-45, JRB, Expediter.
Curtiss C-46, R5C, Commando.
Douglas C-47, R4D, Skytrain (Dakota).
Douglas C-54, R5D, Skymaster.
Lockheed C-56, C-60, R50, Lodestar.
Fairchild CMFW HM HM VBGKQJ.
Fairchild UC-61, GK, Forwarder (Argus).
Howard GH, Nightingale.
Lockheed C-63 (AT-18) (A-29), Hudson.
Curtiss C-76, Caravan.
Cessna UC-78 (AT-17), JRC, Bobcat.
Consolidated C-87, RY, Liberator.
Vought-Sikorsky JRS, Excelsior.
Grumman OA-9, JRP, Goose.
Grumman J4F, Widgeon.
*Names contained within parentheses under the heading "Approved Name" are designations adopted previously by the British and used in their official records, publications and communications.

Good Mark By 666th With The M-1 Carbine

The men of Co. B, 666th TD Bn. walked away from the firing range with the feeling of a job well done last week.

In the transition firing with Carbine M-1, they fired 21.4 out of a possible 24.

Quiz Answers

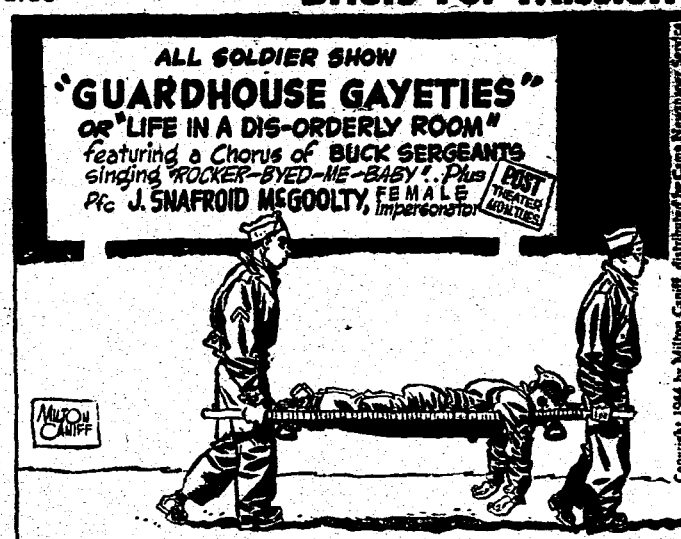
1. 231 days.
2. 7,000.
3. Yes. Gen. Arnold says it started with only two officers and a clerk in a small room.
4. The Air Force Materiel Command.
5. An insignia featuring a skunk.
6. The Self-reliant, resourceful American soldier, according to Gen. H. H. Arnold.

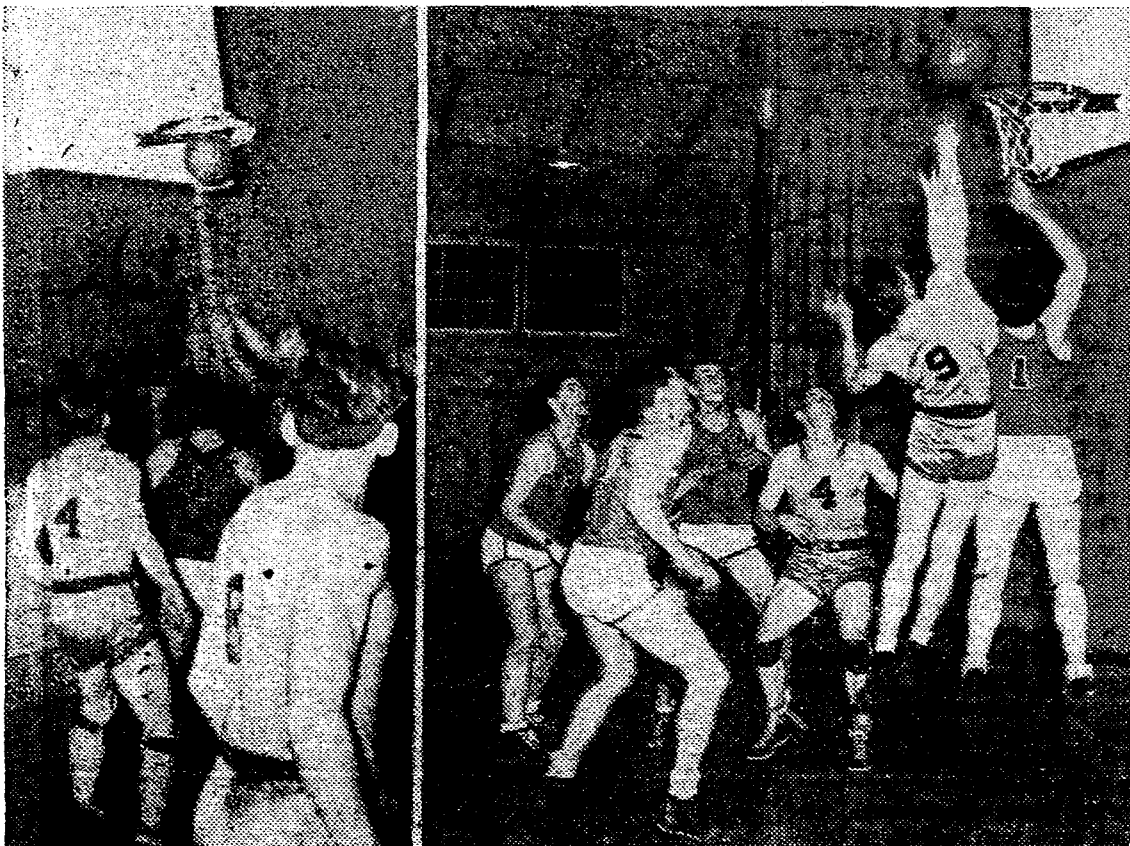
Male Call

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



Briefs For Mission





Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

CAMP SWIFT VERSUS CAMP HOOD—Fast and furious action every minute featured the North Camp Hood Panthers-Camp Swift basketball game at North Camp last week . . . At the right, players from both teams leap with all eagerness to gain possession of the ball under the goal, with a possible "tip in" shot in view for the team owning the goal . . . Left shows further action under the goal, with a goal-shy shot being caught for a follow-up play on the part of the Panthers, who won the exciting contest, 44 to 41, by going into an overtime period.



With Pfc. Keith Quick

Joe Louis' December appearance here, the recent District Golden Gloves event, and the current round-robin basketball games have all brought a lot of enthusiasm to sports fans of Camp Hood—but the biggest is still to come! This should be a real sports treat, indeed: It's a forthcoming basketball series between the WACS of North Camp and South Camp, which should really pack 'em in. The North Camp lassies are all set and ready to go, boasting a squad of 15 top-flight court candidates who have been practicing daily at the North Camp Avenue "D" Rec. Hall court. The girls are being coached by Lt. Bernard Tarabino, RTC Athletic Officer, assisted by Lts. Ben Novey and Norman Allerheiligen. The squad includes Sgt. Doris Uhlend, T-4 Margaret Stang, T-5's Dorothy Arnold, Bertha Barkhuff, Abigail Bishop, Lorna Hodges, Esther Hoppens, Ruth Kilchenmann, Ann Phipps, Eva Primrose, Lillian Salling, Anita Barker, Gertrude Harrison, and Pfc's Helen Chafetz and Doris Coulthard. Incidentally, the South Camp lassies, who are being coached by Lt. Peggy Mitchell, have been stalled a bit, due to a recent quarantine—but the veil has been lifted now, and Lt. Mitchell states that as soon as things become normal again, and the girls can grab a little more practice, they'll be out to trounce the highly-touted North Camp sextet . . . Lt. James O. Phillips, of the 670th TD Bn., who coached lightweight champion John D. Hoffman in the recent District Golden Gloves tournament, is a former golden gloves champ. In 1942, at the Fort Worth State Golden Gloves tourney, Lt. Phillips hacked his way through double-tough opposition to win the heavyweight crown. He then went to the national gloves championships in Chicago, where he advanced to the finals and won the Joe Louis sportsmanship trophy. Lt. Phillips was at that time a corporal at Camp Bowie . . . Fans here who are interested in following the seven-man golden gloves fight team to the State tournament should keep in mind that there will be five big nights of the Fort Worth affair. The fight tourney will get underway next Wednesday night, February 16, with fights scheduled every night, except Sunday, continuing through Monday night, February 21, which will be the finals and night of ceremonies for the winning eight-man State fight team going to the National Golden Gloves in Chicago, to be held next month. This corner is pulling for all seven Hood fighters to win titles at the Fort Worth event, however, our two favorite choices rest upon the booming fists of John T. Brown, 665th TD Bn., the classy welterweight mittman, and John D. Hoffman, hardhitting lightweight entry of the 670th TD Bn. Both men pack a terrific wallop with either hand, and as fighters go, they're as sweet as a gal from Mexia, which is as high a compliment as this corner can pay anyone these days.

Fifth Round In Hoop Tourney — Gets Under Way

The camp round-robin basketball tournament moved into its fifth round of play this week, with teams from groups 1 and 2 continuing, their fast clip in games played last Tuesday night, results of which will appear in next week's won and lost standings.

Tonight's games, which will conclude the tournament's fifth round, featuring the action of teams from groups 3 and 4, will also be chalked up in next week's calendar.

Standings of the four-group loop, with games through last Thursday night, Feb. 3, are as follows:

Group I	W	L	Pct.
Student Regt.	4	0	1.000
661st TD Bn.	3	0	1.000
166th Inf.	2	2	.500
663rd TD Bn.	2	2	.500
664th TD Bn.	2	2	.500
310th Ord. "A"	1	3	.250
20th TD Gp.	0	3	.000
Group II	W	L	Pct.
666th TD Bn.	4	0	1.000
103th Cav. "P" Troop	3	0	1.000
657th TD Bn.	3	1	.750
639th TD Bn.	2	2	.500
CCS Regt.	2	2	.500
665th TD Bn.	1	3	.250
676th TD Bn.	1	3	.250
Hq. UTC	0	4	.000
Group III	W	L	Pct.
672nd TD Bn.	4	0	1.000
654th TD Bn.	4	0	1.000
Co. A, 667th TD Bn.	1	0	1.000
663rd TD Bn.	2	1	.667
Academic Regt.	2	2	.500
674th TD Bn.	1	3	.250
672nd TD Bn.	1	3	.250
608th Ord. Co.	0	1	.000
Group IV	W	L	Pct.
310th Ord. "B"	4	0	1.000
655th TD Bn.	3	0	1.000
Co. D, Acad. Regt.	1	0	1.000
60th MRU	3	1	.750
22nd TD Gp.	2	2	.500
Post Ord.	1	2	.333
664th TD Bn.	1	3	.250
666th TD Bn.	0	4	.000

Badminton Tourney Set

The 5th annual Baylor Open Badminton Tournament, sponsored this year by the Waco USO, will be held this month, beginning February 25 and running through February 26, in Waco.

Service men and women are invited to enter. Events will include men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, mixed doubles and consolation singles for both men and women.

There will be three classes of competition—the open class will include players who bear amateur status and requirements of the amateur badminton association; the college class will be open to those attending college only, and the Service class is open to those wearing the uniform of the armed services.

All entries, doubles pairings, and fees must be received by noon

North Camp Panthers Nose Out Quintet From Swift In Close Game

The most outstanding basketball game of the current season was played at North Camp last week, when Lt. Henry Mahley's fast-stepping "Panthers" nosed out the highly-touted Camp Swift All-Stars, 44 to 41.

The game was a thriller from start to finish, with no more than

six points separating the two teams during the entire game.

The Panthers jumped to a 6 to 0 margin in the first few moments of the game, with Lt. John Thompson, Sgt. Tom Warrick and Lt. Bill Segar connecting for baskets. This lead melted fast, as the tree-top Swift lads poured in point after point to go out in front at halftime, 24 to 21.

Scattered Scoring

The early part of the second half saw the two quintets playing excellent defensive ball, with only a scattered spree of scoring. With only two minutes remaining in the game and the Panthers trailing 38 to 22, Marteney, Thompson and Warwick put on a blistering finish to chalk up three goals and send the contest into a deadlock and a necessary overtime period.

As play was resumed in the overtime period, each team played cautious ball, with the Panthers using a fast break and superb passing attack which netted them six additional points, while the best the Camp Swift team could do was three points—and that meant the victory margin for the Hoodmen, 44 to 41.

Leading Point Men

Sgt. Tom Warniwick and Lt. John Thompson, with 12 and 10 points, respectively, were the leading scorers for the Panthers, while Taron, with 13 points, and Zurline, who chalked up 11 points, led the Camp Swift scoring.

Lt. Mahley, coach of the Panthers, announced that if suitable arrangements for transportation can be made the final game of the home-and-home series between the classy teams will be played at Camp Swift February 19.

Table Tennis Stars To Play At Both Camps

Tuesday and Wednesday nights of next week, February 15 and 16, two of the country's foremost Table Tennis players, Douglas Cartland and Harry Cook, will stage a series of table tennis exhibitions in Camp Hood, according to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer.

In their two-night stand at Camp Hood, the two table net kings will offer a \$25.00 war bond to any challenger in camp who can defeat either of them.

Other highlights will feature the exhibition in which Cartland will demonstrate all points of the game, trick shots, foot-work and correct form. He will later engage Cook in a feature match.

The two-man exhibition team will show at both north and south camps. They are scheduled to appear at the field house next Tuesday night, with a similar performance at north camp on Wednesday night.

664th Cagers Win Fourth

The 664th TD Bn basketball team won its fourth tournament game last Thursday night at the Field House, defeating the 662nd TD Bn. cagers, 32 to 22. The 664 five led at the half, 20 to 14, and was never headed after that.

Pvt. William E. Martin, diminutive forward of the 664th, who measures only 5 feet 4 inches, was high man, tallying seven field goals and four free throws to chalk up a total of 18 points.

Friday, Feb. 21st. Fees are \$1.00 per person for all singles events, and 75 cents per person for doubles events.

All net gate receipts will go to the Waco USO.

NC Wacs Form Bowling Parties As Added Sport

Not satisfied with a basketball team alone, the North Camp Hood Wacs have added another sport to their recreational program: Bowling has grabbed the spotlight among the fem-soldiers, many of whom are spending their evening hours in Gatesville displaying their ability at spilling the pins.

Several of the bowlerettes have racked up superb scores on the Gatesville lanes, some rolling as high as 200 consistently. The three top Wac keglers to date are T-5 Frances Sommers, T-5 Laverne Bailey and T-5 Helen Morsch. T-5 Morsch is reported as having rolled a 288 on her last alley try.

Others in the weekly bowling party include Wacs Lorna Hodges, Bertha Barkhuff, Gertrude Harrison, Clara Kopting, Doris Delang, all T-5's; S-Sgt. Sarah Larner, T-4 Irene Taborski and Sgt. Doris Uhlend.

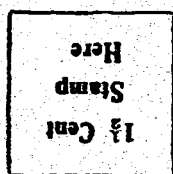
Final Play For NC Court Squads

Going into its final week of play, the North Camp Hood Basketball Tournament will crown a champion when the winner of the 138th RTC Bn-842nd Ordnance Co. team contests the hard playing 137th Bn for top honors. Hq. Co. engages the 138th Bn for the consolation title. Tentatively, the final games are booked for Thursday night.

By its showing last week when it dumped the highly favored 493rd MPEG Co. the 138th quintet has stamped itself as a definite threat for the crown, although the 842nd Ordnance and 137th lads will prove far from set-ups. Both games should prove mighty interesting.

Pace, of the 137th Bn., continues to be the tournament's high scorer, closely followed by his team-mate Hardin and Sgt. Tom Warwick, star performer for the 138th Bn.

Mail Your 'Panther' Home!



Camp Hood, Texas

From: