

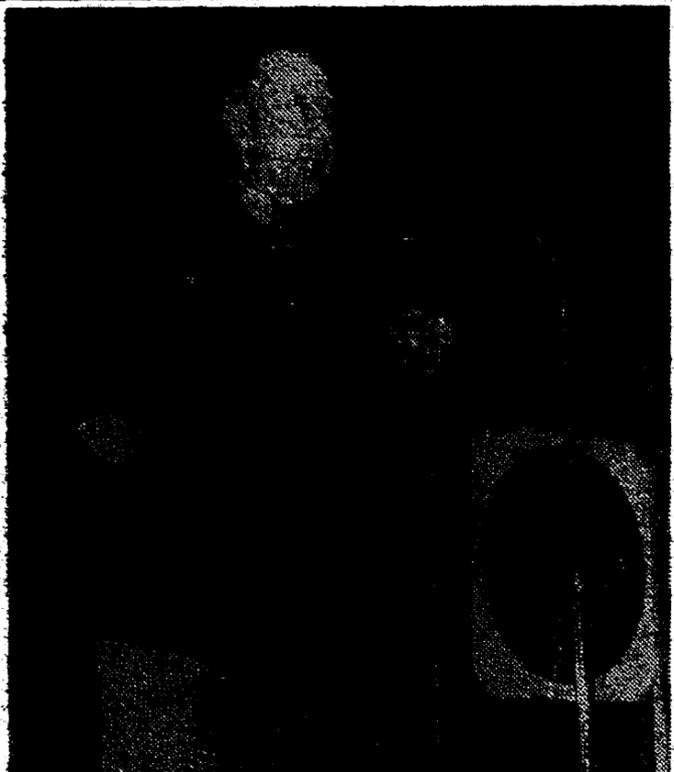
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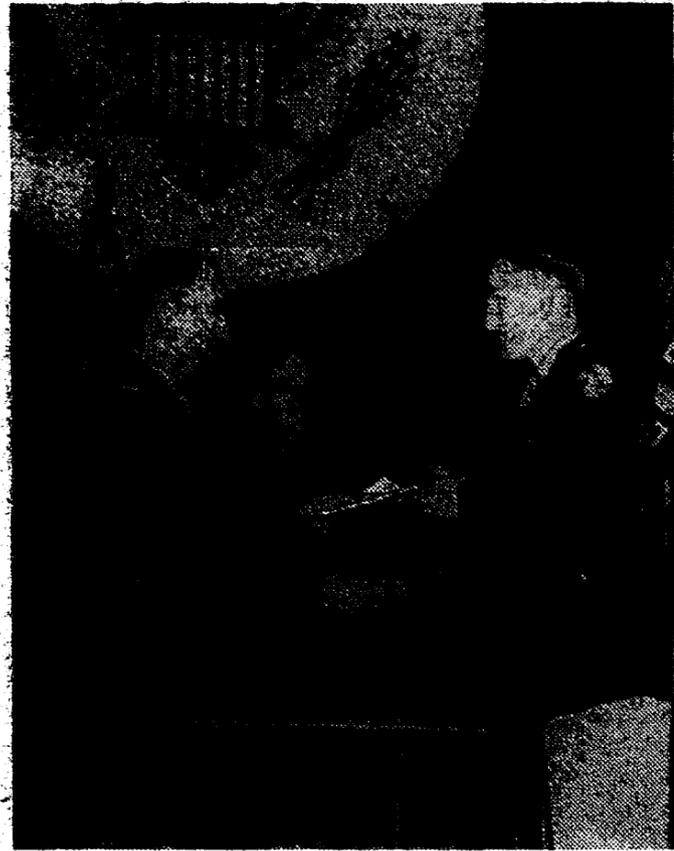
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IRTC Comes To Camp Hood



SPEAKS TO LAST OCS—Col. E. J. Dawley, Commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, delivering the graduation address for the 54th and last officer candidate class under the present program of the Tank Destroyer School. The exercises were held Friday at the 24th Street Theater.



LAST MAN—Col. F. de L. Comfort, executive officer of the Tank Destroyer School, presents second lieutenant's commission to Martin E. Zimmerman, the last man in the last officer candidate class scheduled in TDS. More than 5,000 men have received commissions through the OCS program of the Tank Destroyer school since it was activated 20 months ago.
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Travelers To Meet

Camp Hood Chapter No. 2 of the Order of the Travelers announces that its next meeting will be held March 21st at the 37th Street Service Club, at 7:30 p. m. Election of officers will be the main business at the meeting, and light refreshments will be served. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. They are open. Any warrant officer or enlisted man who is a Master Mason is invited to attend, with a special invitation being extended to North Camp EM.

How About Fever?

One of the boys in the 666th TD Battalion has cleverly paraphrased a patent medicine advertisement for his jeep's name: "For Colds and Misery." Another outfit's ambulance bears the name "Manslaughter." One of the best names seen recently—Molly Pitcher. Molly, of Revolutionary War fame, did a man-sized job with a cannon at the battle of Monmouth; her namesake, a jeep, is doing just as big a job, even though it's slightly different.

Laff Show "Hold Tight" Coming To Camp Hood

"Hold Tight," a novel vaudeville type revue, will be a Camp Hood attraction from March 27th to April 1st. This fast-paced musical, featuring musical headliners and the beautiful Catherine Behney Girls will appear at the Park Avenue Recreation Building, North Camp, March 27-28 and 29, and will perform at the Field House, South Camp, March 30-31st and April 1st.

A USO Camp Show, "Hold Tight" is filled to the brim with all-star talent, the cream of the stage and night clubs.

Clever songs, the latest in sweet and rhythm numbers are featured in this revue. In addition to musical numbers the revue also offers breath-taking novelty acts that will not soon be forgotten by the men who see them.

In addition to the Catherine Behney Dancers, Johnny Hyman, a lightning-fast mental marvel known as "The Blackboard Marvel," the Three Sherry Sisters, vocal harmonists who were Philadelphia headliners prior to joining this revue, Jo and Joey Mack, knockabout comedians who live up to their billing: "Anything goes with Jo and Joey," Bonnie Reed and Sidney Dean, an internationally famous comedy instrumental musical act, and Ben Young, pianist and musical conductor—all help to make "Hold Tight" one of the gayest packages of entertainment to tour for the USO Camp Shows.

660th TD Battalion Fired Salute For Gen. Marshall

It was the 660th TD Bn. that fired for General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, during his recent visit to Camp Hood.

The General first visited a platoon of Co. B, firing under the command of its platoon leader, Lt. Otto F. Haas, on the moving tank range. Cpl. Manuel D. Garcia received a commendation from the General for his firing at this range.

Sugar Loaf Gas Car Range, where a platoon from C Co. was firing under the command of Lt. Robert J. Lewellan, was the General's next stop. Lt. Col. Fred L. Plante, battalion commander, explaining the firing procedure, and then the General watched while the platoon riddled the target with 18 hits out of 20 shots.

General Marshall spent about 20 minutes at each range.

Camp War Bond Drive Success

Class A pay reservations and Class B allotments for bonds totaled \$57,588.50, cost price, in Camp Hood, for the months of January and February.

Civilian Class A allotments up to Feb. 29th showed a total of 99.3 per cent employees participating, with an average of 12.8 per cent of salary being allotted.

The Camp Postal Officer and military and civilian employees, by servicing units for cash sales during the Fourth War Bond drive, were instrumental in making it a success, Capt. J. R. Morris, Camp War Bond Officer, said.

Tab Show At N. Camp

A cast of four girls and a talented master of ceremonies are included in the USO tabloid troupe appearing at North Camp today, Friday and Saturday, and at the 72nd Street Recreation Hall, South Camp, for the colored troops, Monday evening.

Chuck Lee, pantomist, is the mc; Phyllis Daye, an acrobat and trumpet player; Rolande, vocalist; Maria Moren, a dancer, and Antionette, accordionist.

Yank Story Tells Of Aids For Vets

What pensions, or other aid, ex-servicemen are entitled to is detailed in an excellent article in Yank for March 17th. The article explains that any former serviceman may apply for aid to the Veterans Administration, an "independent agency of the Government, set up by Federal law to see that discharged soldiers and sailors, especially disabled ones, get all the benefits that Congress has provided for them."

The point of the article is that there are many benefits—such as possible pensions, educational aids, etc.—to which discharged soldiers are entitled, but may not know about. The job of the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. is to see to it that veterans know what's coming to them and that they get it.

New Secret Weapon

Tech Sergeant Harold Eberhardt of the TD School message center has heard from a boyhood chum who is at Camp Haan, California. His buddy reports that there is a sign in his mess hall which reads: "Food will win the war," and underneath some soldier scrawled: "But how can we get the enemy to eat here?"

Orientation Records

Orientation recordings of "Know Your Ally, Britain," "Know Your Ally, China," and "Know Your Enemy, Germany" are available for booking through the Camp Morale Section. Record player also available. Phone 2343.

Large Area To House New Unit

In one of the major revolutionary changes now taking place in Camp Hood, which finds the personnel of the Tank Destroyer Center moving into the Tank Destroyer School area, the Infantry Replacement Training Center—ITRC, with its advance guard already in camp, takes over the former Tank Destroyer Center Headquarters on Headquarters Avenue.

Thus, as is indicated by this move the IRTC assumes a position of major proportion in the new training program at Camp Hood.

Big Area

Colonel Maurice C. Bigelow is commanding officer of the IRTC.

The area allotted to IRTC for housing and administration of the many units is vast, from Thirty-First Street to Seventy-Second Street—from Headquarters Avenue to Park Avenue. Into this area, starting April 1st will pour new trainees sent here to take regular infantry basic training. Soon it is expected that the number of troops taking this training here will number many thousands.

Upon conclusion of basic training the men, no longer raw recruits, will take specialized training in combat intelligence, anti-tank, and other types of training, for which specially skilled men will be selected.

Ever-Changing

The ever-changing aspects of this war dictated the new order of things at Camp Hood, and to the end that American forces may prosecute the war to its earliest culmination . . . and the complete subjugation of our mortal enemies . . . the new strides being taken by the camp are in that particular direction.

Baritone To Sing For The 23rd Gp.

The 23rd Group will present a song recital tomorrow, 8:00 p. m. in the Post Chapel.

Lt. Edward Rosell, former New York concert baritone will offer immortal musical creations of Chopin, Verdi, Handel, and others.

Corporal Ralph Dodds, pianist will accompany Lt. Rosell, and also play an interesting program of piano solos including Brahms "Intermezzo."

Carnival On Limits

Effective Tuesday, March 14th, the "Off Limits" restriction of the carnival grounds, Killeen, was removed by order of Brigadier Gen. W. R. Nichols, camp commandant.

Uniform Regulations

The attention of all enlisted personnel is invited to General Order 166, Hq. 8SC, dated 27 Oct. 43, and particularly to Par 2b (5) which prohibits the wearing of articles of clothing by enlisted men different in color, make and texture from that issued. Immediate steps will be taken to insure strict compliance.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

AUDITOR—From the state revenue department in the Arkansas state capitol, T-4 Constance Harmon went into the Army, and at Camp Hood is section head in the auditing section of the finance office. Here she works on one of the big bookkeeping machines in the office.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

ARTIST—Her intensive study of art from the time, almost, that she was able to hold a drawing crayon in her hand, has made T-4 Elsie Tedford specially fitted for her job as draftsman in the post engineer section. She is relied upon to produce, accurately and quickly, charts, maps of the cantonment area, maps taken from surveyors' notes, and blueprints of camp buildings.



162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters
 Fri.—Action in Arabia.
 Sat.—It Happened Tomorrow.
 Sun.—Mon.—Cover Girl.
 Tues.—My Best Gal and The Curse of the Cat People.
 Wed.—Thurs.—The Heavenly Body.
 Hood Ed. and 24th St. Theaters
 Fri.—Lady in the Dark.
 Sat.—My Best Gal and The Curse of the Cat People.
 Sun.—Mon.—Passage to Marseille.
 Tues.—Action in Arabia.
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 Thurs.—Fri.—Cover Girl.
 72nd St. Theater
 Fri.—Sat.—Passage to Marseille.
 Sun.—Action in Arabia.
 Mon.—It Happened Tomorrow.
 Tues.—Wed.—Cover Girl.
 Thurs.—My Best Gal and The Curse of the Cat People.

Two Parties At TDS

Morale hit a new high at TDS this week with two gala parties for the enlisted men. The Weapons Department staged its first stag party, which included refreshments, motion pictures and a thrilling boxing bout. The gay doings lasted far into the night.

Company "D," Academic Regiment staged the biggest party in its history last Tuesday, as WACs were present to enjoy the dancing to the scintillating music provided by members of the 133rd TD Band. Lt. John Allen, company commander was given a loud vote of appreciation at the party for the affair was his own idea. He and other officers of the Academic Regiment were on hand to enjoy the program and refreshments. Warrant Officer Nichols of Academic Regiment Headquarters added microphone comedy sketches via his own inimitable gestures.

162nd St. Service Club
 Thursday—Movies, Music.
 Friday—St. Patrick's Day Party.
 Saturday—Musical Whatnots.
 Sunday—Song Recital.
 Monday—Bingo, Prizes.
 Tuesday—Weekly Dance.

Major Gets Lt's. OCS Commission

In the 54th Officer Candidate School Class, the final class to graduate from the O. C. S. Regiment, Camp Hood, Friday, March 10, thirteen candidates in the group hailed from Pennsylvania, the coal mine state.

This number is believed to be the largest in the fifty-four classes ever to graduate from the state of Pennsylvania, while the State of Texas has been represented in practically every class.

There's a major who graduated with the fifty-fourth class, but in this particular case he happened to be a candidate commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States. It's Major Earl Sharp, of R. F. D. No. 7, Box 84, Henderson Highway, Tyler, Texas, a lieutenant now, not a major as his name implies.

In the same class, Harold R. McDonald, has been in the Army the longest of any member of his class, serving 13 years. Philipp G. Gragert, has eight years of service; Russell K. Sesto, has six years service, and Donald F. Hall, Jr., has four years in the service.

155 Varieties Marks Number Of WACS Jobs

Here are some of the 155 varied job roles taken by members of the Women's Army Corps in this war—as demonstrated in the work of five WACs in the WAC Section, 1848 Detachment, at Camp Hood.

Station complement WACs and those in the TDC and TDRTC detachments are scattered throughout Camp Hood and North Camp Hood, each fulfilling a function necessary to America's war effort.

TDS Making Use Of Battle Vets

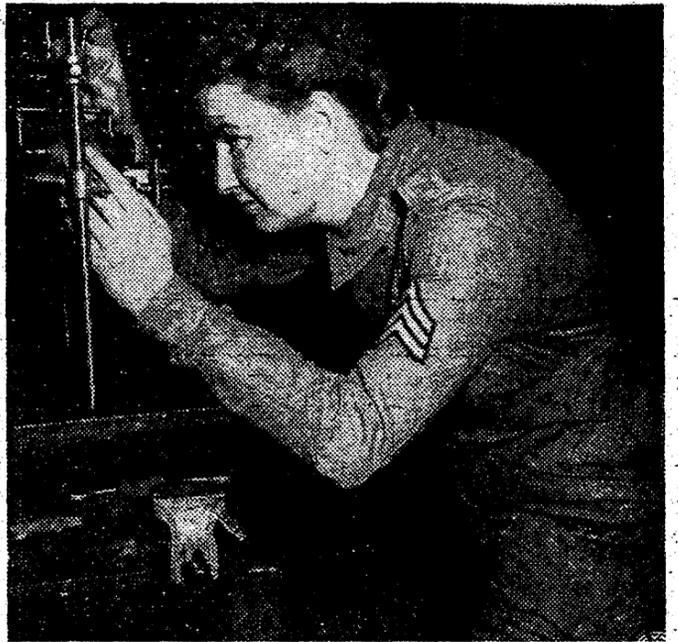
An increasing number of combat-tested veterans are finding their way into the instructive and administrative branches of the Tank Destroyer School. Many officers now on duty here have already had extensive combat experience with tank destroyer and other units in the North African campaign.

In the TD School Tactics Department are Maj. Gilbert A. Ellman, whose Tunisian exploits made tank destroyer history; Maj. Joseph W. Morrison, who served with an infantry unit; Capt. Marvin H. Smith, another tank destroyer veteran, whose Tunisian experiences recently appeared in the Cavalry Journal; and Lt. Lawrence E. Marcus of Dallas, who also gained his TD battle experience in North Africa. Col. Branner P. Purdue, Tactics Department director, had extensive experience in North Africa as an observer from the TD Center. Lt. Col. E. H. Burba, until recently assistant director of the same department and now assistant executive officer of the Tank Destroyer School, commanded a field artillery unit in Tunisia. Another Tunisian veteran, now an instructor in the Tactics Department, is Capt. James Arnold.

This is just a portion of the gallery of officers at the School who are veterans of this war.

A Party For Patrick

A St. Patrick's Day dance given in honor of all GI's named Patrick—or born on that day, will be held at 162nd Street Service



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

MECHANIC—Sgt. Doris Nash adjusts a pair of field glasses in the camp optical and instrument shop. Her knack for mechanical work answers the Army's need for precision work on delicate instruments used in the training of men for the battlefield. She repairs panoramic field glasses, telescopes, cleans gun sights.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

FORMER DANCER—Pvt. Dorothy Manning was once a dancing teacher. But with the war, she felt the need of doing a job more vital. So she joined the WAC, and is shown here working in the Signal Corps radio repair shop, repairing a microphone for use in lectures, classes, and soldier programs.

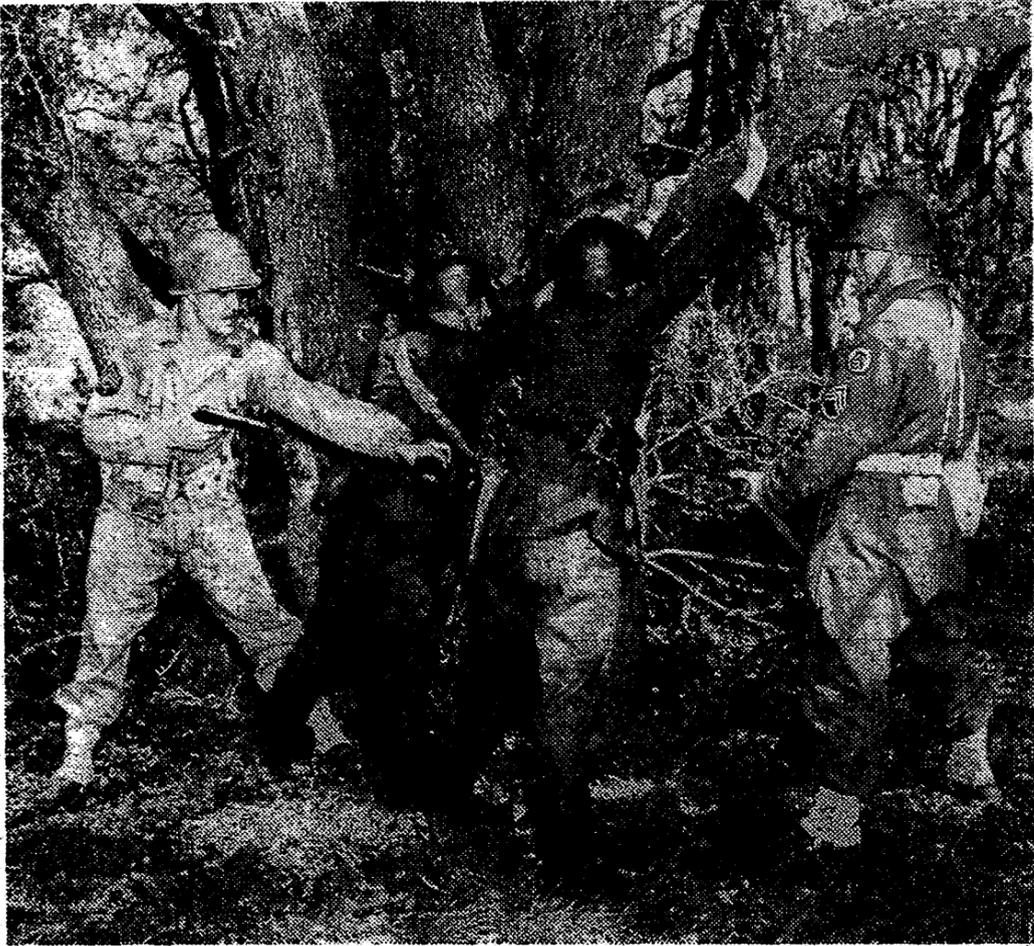
Club tomorrow evening.

are invited to attend and honor All the other GI's on the post these sons of St. Patrick.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

ATTENDANTS—Doing their part to keep the wheels of the Army rolling are Pvt. Catherine Kelone (left) and Pfc. Penelope Raymond. They service trucks and other vehicles at a Camp Hood pump station.



REHEARSAL FOR PLAY—The 568th TD Bn. staged a realistic outdoor recently for the prisoners of war play which was presented at the Hood Road Theater March 6th. How to capture and search the enemy and obtaining general information were graphically shown.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

"Men In Motion" 658th TD Battalion Sees Play About War Prisoners Is At TDS Library

The TDS Library announces that it now has available for circulation "Men In Motion," by Henry J. Taylor. Mr. Taylor is a peculiar combination of financier and foreign correspondent. His book is a peculiar combination of autobiography, travelogue, war reporting, and estimate of the world situation. The war reporting is superb, and the rest is both enlightening and provocative.

The importance of the book centers around the author's interpretation of world affairs. He believes that the German desire for

What to do with Prisoners of War was the subject of a play presented to all men of the 658th TD Bn. last Monday at the Hood Rd. Theater, following a realistic outdoor rehearsal. The demonstration was arranged by the in-

world domination is not the exclusive lunacy of the Nazis, but something that has tainted the German mind for centuries, and that after the Nazis are history, Germany will get under way with World War Three. "Men in Motion" offers much sound sense, some excellent observations, and some very fine reporting.

telligence section, under the direction of 1st Lt. Charles Lindsey, battalion S-2. A high degree of realism was obtained, with the characters wearing full dress uniforms of both German and Japanese officers and EM.

The cast, which consisted of Lt. Lindsay, 2nd Lt. Edward Miller, M-Sgt. Raymond Kline, S-Sgt. Lawrence Furrow, S-Sgt. Warren Lewis, S-Sgt. Erwin Heider, T-4 John Daniels, T-5 Joachim Neuberger, Pfc Frank Nowicki, and Pfc Nicholas Morazzo, was well rehearsed, and did a fine job of portraying the characters. The play provided instruction and was spiced with humorous incidents throughout.

Musical introductions and interludes were played by T-Sgt. Gene Sauer and Pfc Robert Sigafos of the 217th Army Band.

"Spring Fever" Still Has Many Cast Openings

Due to unexpected circumstances several members of the cast of "Spring Fever"—the camp all-soldier show—have had to leave. Rehearsals are still continuing, however, and the only change is that there are additional openings in the cast.

At the moment scenery painters are needed, Lt. J. L. Slezinger, Camp Theatricals Officer, said—there is also room for any one who has anything to contribute to the production of a show.

Original songs for the show are being written by Pvt. Hugo F. Bouse, Jr., of 52nd Ord. and members of the band. So far two male singers have been signed, Cpl. Edward J. Barker, OCS Regt., and Pvt. Jerome B. Kane, Acad. Regt.

Red Cross Is Home Link For Men Overseas

"The Red Cross was our link with home," said T-5 Herman T. Hein, Jr., a TD veteran at McCloskey Hospital, Temple, this week. "You don't have to tell us about the Red Cross we know all about it at first hand.

"Let me tell you of some of my experiences on a South Pacific Island, hundreds of miles from the battle front. There were no white girls, and even if there had been, there would have been few places to entertain them. The only town worthy of the name was so far away we could not go there only on week ends and, after we arrived, we wondered why we had not stayed in camp.

"We paid two or three dollars for a dirty cot in a hovel comparable to flop houses in this country and spent the same for native food for which we had little appetite.

Red Cross Takes Over
"But that was not so after the Red Cross moved in. They took over one of the larger village buildings and turned it into a service men's center where we could get a clean cot for a quarter and good American meals—eggs, cereal, flapjacks, coffee—for the same amount.

"The Red Cross gave us our only touch with American life on this remote island and was worth more to us than we ever can repay. No, you don't have to tell us who have been overseas about the Red Cross. We know about it."

Words Without Music

The Spotlight Band for tonight is Jan Garber—tomorrow night it's Jan Savitt—and Saturday night it's Richard Himber.

Hoagy Carmichael, playing the role of an American composer in "To Have and Have Not," will compose a new song for the picture. He'll also sing excerpts from some of his past hits.



Ozzie Nelson introduced a new song, "The Doodle Bug," on the air Tuesday night. If it weren't for a matter of luck the song would never have been heard. Publishers had turned it down because another novelty song, "Mairzy Doats," had a headstart. The composer of "The Doodle Bug," Ernie Breuer, gave a manuscript copy to a soldier who played it at the Hollywood canteen, where Nelson heard it.

Thomas Jefferson is credited with saying: "Educate and inform the whole mass of people. . . . They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of liberty."

Jack Benny will entertain troops overseas before starting his first picture for Warner Bros. under a new long-term contract.

Bonita Granville wrote an indignant letter to Yank, complaining that a magazine had called a friend of hers "Pvt." when it should have been "Lt."—somebody ought to tell Miss Granville—as her friend probably would—some awfully nice guys are EM.

THE THINKER?



Just what the photographer had in mind for this pose is hard to understand but the glamour girl in question is Carmen Cilford who is cast in Andrew Stone's "Sensations of 1944" released by United Artists.

TDS Commander In Talk To Final OC School Class

Col. E. J. Dawley, commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, told graduating members of the 54th and last officer candidate school class last Friday that the United States now sees its way out of the worst jam in its history, but warned that "everytime we get too cocksure we get a wallop."

The graduation exercises marked the close of the officer candidate program of the Tank Destroyer school. When Marlin E. Zimmerman walked smartly across the stage of the 24th St. theater to the resounding cheers of his classmates, he became the last of more than 5,000 men to receive commissions as second lieutenants under the TDS officer candidate program.

The first OCS classes were held 20 months ago in temporary quarters at Gatesville. Later they were moved into the Camp Hood cantonment area west of 32nd street, and ultimately into the present school area east of 24th Street.

Many graduates of the early classes went directly into action in North Africa where several were in units cited for outstand-

ing gallantry under fire. Others participated in the Sicilian campaign. Some are presently commanding tank destroyer units in Italy.

Colonel Dawley urged the new officers to so indoctrinate their men in the use of their weapons and physical fitness that they, and the fellow soldiers, will have a chance to come back to their homes and their jobs.

As an aid in their military life, Colonel Dawley offered the officers a nine-point check list of military functions. They are: reconnaissance and security, observation, communications, marching and movement, liaison, security against air attacks, camouflage, supply, and maintenance.

"All these functions go into every operation you will be called upon to consider in the military. There is nothing new in them. You have only to adopt them to military uses. Take care of these nine functions and you take care of your operations. They form a criterion. Though you may be new to the military, carry these ideas with you and you will come out all right."



T-5 Donald Vanderpool, 658th TD Bn. recently married Emily Balsewicz, at Milwaukee, Wis.

Pvt. Robert Butler, 658th TD Bn., recently married Shirley Wind, at Temple, Texas.

T-5 Eleanor Woodruff and Staff Sgt. John Taddei were married at 5:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Chapel 176, Camp Hood, by Chaplain B. E. Moll.

Members of the 1848 Service Unit, both have been assigned to the finance office, Sgt. Taddei as a section head in the enlisted pay section.

Bridesmaid was T-Sgt. Alberta Rutowski; best man, T-4 Francis MacDonald. Lt. Kenneth J. O'Connell gave the bride in marriage.

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Free Soldiers

The United States has been a free country every hour of its existence—from that fateful day when American colonists decided to protect themselves and fight for their rights, until today. From time to time it has been necessary again to fight and protect our rights. Each time we have recruited an army of free soldiers.

That was the emphasis in an article sent to us recently by Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward—ours has always been an army of free soldiers.

We May Gripe

From Valley Forge to the beachhead at Anzio our army has been disciplined in varying degrees—maturing as our country matured. To maintain discipline we've had to surrender certain rights—not all of them—but one right we've never surrendered is the right to gripe.

We no doubt surprise Hitler and Tojo with our griping—tyrants don't dare allow their soldiers to frankly say they hate army life—because men in a tyrant's army are there by compulsion, and if they talked enough about their dislike of the army, they might begin to wonder why they were there, and they might do something about getting out of there . . .

In the American army a man is not inducted until it is a matter of self-defense—we don't go home until the war is won, regardless of how bitter our griping goes—we're here because we send ourselves here. That is our strength.

Democracy At Work

It gives one's confidence an added boost to think about it. We can gripe and complain, question and blame our officers from top to bottom, and go on and win!

It is democracy truly at work. It is proving—as it has proved all through history—that democracy is the most potent weapon in the world for defending the rights of man.

We see things being done in the army that seem illogical, we wonder why we so often do things that seem like wasted motion, we measure army procedure against civilian experience and sometimes find the army awkward, but we always trust our democratically chosen leaders and follow through.

We Dare Do It

Only a democratic army would dare devise a tag like "Snafu," to use it openly to laugh at itself—it dares because it is confident of its strength.

For the duration we surrender the right to set the individual course of our living. We often wonder how wise is the course that is set for us, we often wonder about the judgment of the men who set it for us—but we always follow—because we're free soldiers, we are confident that we'll win, and once we've won we'll go back to being our own masters.

Each of us, we know, has a job in the army, big or small as it may be, it may be an important army job or a minor one, but we know they all add up to the one big important job of winning the war.

Some times we gripe because in fitting into this pattern of winning the war we feel that we are not justified, we feel that it is not equitable—but where we differ from the tyrant's army is that we can go on and win, because we know that when it's over and won we'll go back to being a full time democracy, and there every man is on his own, he has the chance to work for and win rewards, he'll be able to carve just as important a spot for himself as he's capable of.

We're just about the gripe-igest army in the world. But we win our fights. Since 1776 we've successfully defended our right to gripe against all comers. Let all the little tyrants—or as big as they think they are—remember that. The American Joe always wins. When the smoke has cleared he's back at his proper level.

Follow Me

Paratroopers have "Geronimo." And cheer us on with "Follow Me." "Don't give up the Ship," the Sailors say.

While in the Marines it is "Gung Ho." From the battlefield of Killeen To Temple war torn community

And the Air Corps has their "Bombs Away." Wherever a T. D. can be seen You'll hear that valiant cry "Follow Me"

But now we have a new battle cry The glorious call of the T. D. It's inspiration you can't deny That victorious yell—"Follow Me."

Started by a great warrior bold Wealing his troops on to victory. Those were the famous words he told

That powerful statement—"Follow Me." And when peaceful days will come anew You'll find those thoughts in history

Now whenever we're in puzzling doubt The great battle cry of 662 Those almighty words "Follow Me."

Or in very mournful misery Someone will arise and give a shout

That powerful statement—"Follow Me." And then to that famous hall of fame There will be added one name more

Now whenever we're in puzzling doubt The great man who ignited the flame

Or in very mournful misery Dangerous "Need I say anymore." Pfc Michael Rusenku, Co C - 662nd, T. D. Bn.



MALE CALL! If Hollywood ever does a picture based on the famous comic strip, they can cast luscious Marjorie Reynolds as "Lace", the soldier's favorite. At present Marjorie is busy in Edward Small's production, "Up in Mabel's Room", released by United Artists.

Panther Poll

Question: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE POLICY OF ROTATING PERSONNEL TO RELIEVE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN OVERSEAS FOR SOME LENGTH OF TIME?

Sgt. Edward E. Williams, Adjutant's Office, N. Camp: "I think the rotation of personnel a splendid idea. I believe that it builds up the morale of the soldiers and homefolks in the following ways:

1. By giving the men across the encouragement of looking forward to a visit home.
2. By giving the homefolks the equal joy and encouragement of knowing that those on foreign service may get a chance to come home for a visit.
3. By giving the personnel stationed at home a chance to feel that they, too, may have a part in what is going on across the seas."



S-Sgt. Abraham Kaplan, Personnel Sect., N. Camp: "If rotation of military personnel can be successfully carried out without any interference with military operations overseas, I believe it is a good plan. It would definitely be advantageous to the men overseas inasmuch as it would create a morale boost for them and also give the men who have seen tough combat a chance to re-adjust themselves."

T-4 Alwin Wile, Billeting Office, N. Camp: "I believe that the policy is very sound. In the first place all men in the armed forces should have the opportunity to go overseas and fight for their country in one capacity or another. In the second place men who have been overseas for sometime should be able to be replaced by soldiers who have not already been overseas."



Pvt. Tony Steinfeld, Publications Office, N. Camp: "It is a very good policy if it can be done without hindering our winning of the war, it will give those men who have so far carried the brunt of the battle, a chance to get a much needed rest."

A Job Well Done

As everything in this world that lives evolves, travels its course, so, too, the Panther. This issue might be called the point at which the Panther finishes its first period and enters the second.

The men who founded the Panther and molded it into one of the best camp papers being published have moved on to new assignments.

A Good Job

T-Sgt. Ivan Smith left several months ago. When he came to Camp Hood, there was no Panther, just the vague idea of a camp newspaper. When he left he was able to look back on a job that was a proud citation on anyone's banner.

Sgt. Smith took over the Panther with a certainty based on solid experience. He had been news editor on a daily paper in Eugene, Oregon, and the way he handled the Panther proved that he was a newspaperman of imagination rooted in experience.

In time the paper acquired a staff, and with the additional talent its scope broadened. It was a good job—how good is attested by a deep file of letters of commendation—of these the ones that have meant most to the staff have been those written by professional newspapermen. However, it was pleasing to receive letters from men in camp saying they liked the paper, letters from men who left for other camps or overseas, asking that the paper be sent to them.

Cooperative Effort

It has been a good paper, and Smith would have been the first to acknowledge it couldn't be done without the cooperation of the men who worked with him.

Pfc. Keith Quick, who recently received nationwide publicity as the biographer of Babe Didrikson, was sports editor of the Panther from within a few months of its inception. To the job he brought an innate love and understanding of sports, and an easy style that made "On The Ball" a favorite of all men who love sports. With a background gained as a sports writer on a Palestine, Texas, daily, his, too, was a seasoned note on the Panther.

Cpl. Norman Perlestein joined soon afterward. For the most part his was an anonymous role—but one recognized by experienced newspapermen—it was deft and sure, unbeatable with the experience he brought from a job as wire editor of a Connecticut daily. When Smith left he took over the chief editorial job, and car-



T-Sgt. Albert Freeman, 135th Army Band, N. Camp: "I think it is a good idea, so long as it does not upset the plans for tactical operations. It is particularly well earned by those men who actually have been in battle."

ried on capably and with fine craftsmanship.

The last man to join the first phase of the Panther's existence was Pvt. Wilfred Weiss, who brought with him from his civilian life experience as a magazine writer and newspaperman on dailies in New Jersey and New York.

Solid Newspapering

All in all they worked in harmony, turning out a good job week after week. It wasn't always easy or comfortable. Sometimes reconciling good newspapering with army tradition was a headbusting load. But they managed—as is attested by letters from the camp commander and the Commanding Generals of TDC, which match those from newspapermen. In effect, both groups said, Nice job, well done.

They did it without too much straddling, sticking true to their ideals as newspapermen and yet maintaining self-respecting soldierly standards.

Their job was to publicize the good jobs done by the men in camp. Rarely, if ever, was the good job they were doing publicized—this is their first formal, public recognition.

But it was a job of little anonymous pieces fitted neatly together. When they left they said thanks to a lot of people who made the job possible. To Ray Johnson, Capt. Mike Olive and the men at the photo lab, who were always on the job with service and skill and all-out cooperation on the photographic job. To Lt. Col. Crawford Booth, camp public relations officer who was always ready to help them get War Dept. or other army clearance; whose goodwill, along with that of his staff, Sgt. Margaret Ghio and Pvt. James Gresham, was a helpful factor. To Major Chesley M. Adams, camp special service officer, and the Panther's duty officer, for his help. For good advice to Walter Humphrey, and his editorial staff, Harry Blanding and Wendel Owens, of the Temple Telegram, where the Panther is printed—and to the Telegram shopmen for unstinted cooperation.

Many Helped

The list could be much longer. To men like Sgt. Stanley Farnham and Sgt. Arthur Bratton, Jr., for their invaluable aid with artwork. To Capt. Clarence E. Manley, who was with the paper from the start, whose knowledge as a newspaperman helped over many rough spots until the Panther found its legs. To Lt. George Thomas and Sgt. McGinnis at north camp for being the legs, the eyes, and ears of the Panther up there—and to all the people up there who cooperated with them. To all those anonymous contributors around camp they said well-deserved thanks.

The Panther takes off on the second lap strong and sturdy, now directed by Sgt. Robert Clemens, who while at the TDS public relations office was a major factor in covering the camp. We hope it will be the last lap, a short lap—that the need for the Panther will soon cease to exist.

Ration Dump Is Vital In Battle Zone, Soldier Finds

"Those atrocity stories you see in the papers—I'd rather you would read them. I've seen things the little Japanese beasts have done and of this much I'm certain: I'd rather fight the Japs than the Germans. For one thing, they don't have as much to throw at you in the way of material and weapons and, above all, in fighting them, I feel I'm helping to rid the world of their utterly cruel and needless practices. Certainly ordinary war is tragic enough."

That's the way Private Mark W. Luft of the Tank Destroyer

they picked up 15 and buried a thousand.

Land On Munda

After a brief time there and at Rendova, in the action that wiped out 500 Japs in a single day, the 37th put out for Munda. Munda, a tiny speck on the map, 12 miles long and about as wide, had a valuable airfield. The American force landed, setting up a beachhead and pushing inland, where immediate contact was made with the Japs. The Munda trail was their objective, a trail that would provide a supply line through the infested jungle and give needed aid to an American battalion which was making a valiant attempt to take the airport against overwhelming Japanese odds.

Flanking two other infantry units, the 37th moved out under heavy Jap strafing and bombing. Luft in a patrol numbering 38, penetrated the jungle to set up a ration dump.

To explain these previous ration dumps: "They were areas near the fighting lines," Luft relates, "where ammunition, food and water were stored for distribution to the troops. Patrols established them at sites along the combat lines, each dump holding five days' supplies. Leap-frogging—the practice of bypassing an already stocked dump to establish another, farther ahead, is an experience not soon forgotten."

The supplies are guarded at all costs, these hardy men operating under armed protection of one or more of their comrades. "It is a good job for a cool head and a steady trigger finger," Luft says, "for the enemy is often encountered before the main forces have made contact."

Patrol Is Lost

The second night on Munda, 500 Japanese broke through, half heading toward the airport and the others toward the beachhead. Luft's patrol was cut off from its support. Darkness and the density of the jungle caused them to lose their bearings. Determined to protect the supplies they carried, they bivouacked for the night, within a mile of the Jap force. The next morning, a five man Jap patrol came so close Luft and his buddies eliminated them, so presence of the Americans would not be revealed.

Soon, the boys lay with bated breath while the main Jap party brushed close by. This danger over momentarily, the boys then started out for the beach to regain their bearings. Holding a



101 YEARS IN ARMY—Above L. to R. First Sgt. Edward F. Foley, Hq. and Service Co., Student Regiment; Master Sgt. Richard E. Deaton, Student Regt. Supply; First Sgt. Arthur J. Carter, Hq. and Serv. Co., Academic Regt.; Master Sgt. Barney T. Hyrek, C Company, Student Regt. These men total 101 years' service in the U. S. Army.



School Weapons Department, recently assigned here after being with the 37th Division in the Southwest Pacific, expressed himself in a recent interview.

Inducted 1942

Luft who comes from Nelis town, New York, was inducted in 1942 and had basic training at Camp Croft. Following a period of maneuvers, Luft's group put out to sea—destination the Southwest Pacific. The convoy was split so units could be sent to designated islands for jungle training, but they were to meet again.

Sova, in the Fiji Islands, was the goal of Luft's shipmates who relieved New Zealand troops who had been stationed there for many months. A rigorous eight months followed as the men became versed in all aspects of jungle warfare and became hardened and tanned by the elements.

Guadalcanal Next Step

Guadalcanal was the next stop, the outfit arriving in time for the mopping up operations. Here, it was reunited with the group from which it had been separated in misbecan. Luft first drew patrol duty, hunting for stray Japs;

conference, they decided to follow the beach, wading neck deep in the surf to escape watchful Japanese eyes. This was successful and, finding their own communications line, they headed for their main base. Here, they were greeted enthusiastically for they had been given up as lost.

Ration Dump Important

Speaking of the ration patrols, Luft says: "Any narrow escapes I have had may be forgotten some day but I'll never forget those ration dumps. They meant sustenance for use and death to the enemy. Those of us who were assigned to them will remember them with reverence. We saw boys die to establish, protect and hold them, and it's only by the grace of God that I'm here to tell about it."

"On our return from the harrowing night and exhausting day, trying to find our way back, I went to the fox hole I shared with my buddy," he continued. "This corporal had charge of a .50 caliber machine gun crew, and a few

Hundred-One Years Of Service For Four Vets

Thumbnail sketches of the four men whose total service in the army is 101 years show their varied experiences.

First Sgt. Foley, whose home is in Pensacola, Fla., was overseas nine months with the 64th Coast Artillery in World War I. In addition to many continental posts he was in Panama on garrison duty for three years of his 24 in the army. Sgt. Foley is assigned to Hq. and Service Co., Student Regt.

minutes after I came back he was ordered out on a protective patrol for the first ration dump about half a mile inland. Usually, I worked with him but this time I was given orders to rest, a platoon sergeant offering to take my place.

The patrol had no sooner reached the dump than a large Jap patrol broke through. Although the boys offered desperate resistance, they were hopelessly outnumbered. My buddy accounted for six, including a lieutenant before he fell under a heavy burst of fire.

"The sergeant who replaced me managed somehow to escape and crawled into the jungle. Four days later, after a tortuous trip, ever on the alert for the slinking Japanese, he found his way back to the base."

Discover Battle In Progress

Later, Luft was ordered to join the outfit near the airport and, with 15 others, was suddenly pinned down by cross fire from machine guns until aid came. They escaped when the machine gun nests were wiped out and reached the unit, only to find in progress a hammer and tongs battle over possession of a precious point where clear rain water, used for drinking, collected.

"Three times in three days the Yanks gained the water point, only to be repulsed," Luft says. "After one exceptionally heavy hail of lead cut down many of the bestial defenders, the Japs viciously threw their own dead into the water, polluting it. For two days after we had taken the point, our men drank vile water, tasting of kerosene, while the water hole was being purified."

Fighting continued and, with steady progress finally assured, Luft's party returned to the beachhead to set up another, shorter way along the shore to reach the new trail. Then, after thirty days of desperate fighting, day and night, the Yanks finally gained the Munda airport. This was on August 5, 1943.

Luft had a total of seventeen months on the Islands.

Master Sergeant Deaton, whose record shows 26 years, was in the army during the two years of World War I and following that conflict, was stationed in Panama. Deaton is from Houston, Tex., and is sergeant major of the Student Regiment Supply office.

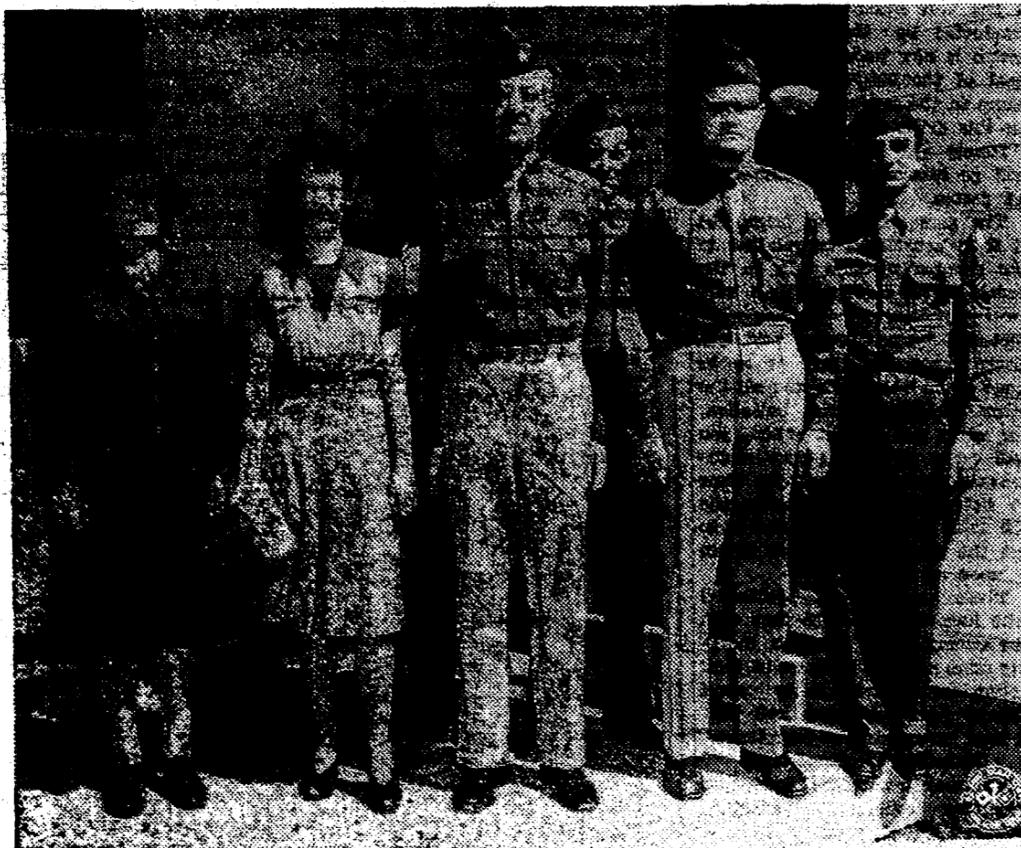
First Sergeant Carter, recently assigned to Hq. and Service Co., Academic Regiment, was in Hawaii when he received his Camp Hood assignment. He brought a cadre of 18 men from overseas and was in on the activation of the 847th Ordnance Co. here in June, 1943. Like the others, Carter also did a hitch in Panama. There, he contracted malaria, and, as a result, is wholeheartedly in favor of instruction in malaria control.

Master Sgt. Hyrek has seen 27 years of Army life. Though not overseas in World War I, he served with the 14th and 16th Cavalry on border patrol from 1915 through 1920. He also was with the Allied Guard with the 15th Infantry in China in 1923 and also served in Panama. His home is in Buffalo, N. Y. Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, was his last post.

Dog Forecasts Furlough

Cpl. Anthony J. Wojnariski of the TD School hasn't told his folks he'll be home on furlough, but his sister, in a letter this week said, "We know you'll be home soon."

Tony's pet dog, which is almost a wirehaired terrier, was the harbinger of the good news to Tony's family. According to the Detroit soldier, for a week previous to the time he left for the army and preceding each of his furloughs home, the dog has barked and howled every time he hears a train whistle. Last week, the dog started howling, so Tony's folks, putting two and two together, decided it was time for another visit from him.



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MP STAFF—The modern MP is not a policeman to strike terror into the heart of a soldier, but is a protector and guide for the Army's fighting men. He is like the shot in the arm that inoculates against tetanus and typhoid. He walks his beat alert at all times to guard the welfare of the soldier. Camp Hood's provost marshal, Lt. Col. Kenneth S. White, is shown above with his office staff: First row, left to right, Pvt. Evelyn Woods, Miss D. A. Wilson, Colonel White, Lt. Joseph B. Marsh, Staff Sgt. C. S. Joseph; second row, left to right, Pvt. Robert Cardos, Cpl. Harold Brumage.

Gen. Somervell's Speech On ASF Anniversary

ADDRESS BY LIEUT. GENERAL BREHON SOMERVELL, COMMANDING GENERAL, HDQRS., ASF., MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1944.

"This anniversary of the founding of Army Service Forces, it seems to me, is a proper moment for self-appraisal. It is the moment to inventory our successes and our failures, to look backward and look forward, to re-examine our methods and to ask ourselves pertinent questions:

"How have we done?"

"How do we stand?"

"What does the future hold?"

"What can each of us in Army Service Forces do and what can each individual American do to hasten peace and assure victory? Is the purpose for which we are spending so much time and treasure and suffering worth all the effort and the agony?"

"Let us take up these questions, one by one.

"How have we done? We have come a long way. I am proud of the men and women in Army Service Forces, our million soldiers and our million civilians here, and the service troops we have sent overseas. I am grateful to American industry and to American workers, to transportation and to agriculture, for their share in the arming of the nation. Without united effort, military and civilian, the old cry of 'too little and too late' would still be ringing in our ears. Thanks to you, to the soldiers and civilians in Army Service Forces, and to all those men and women who have joined us in our task, nearly everywhere today the story is 'enough, on time.'

Job Important

"Our job is important, far-reaching and complex. We feed, clothe, shelter and transport the Army. We construct its roads, bridges, airfields and port facilities. We operate its telegraph, telephone, radio and electronic devices. We protect troops from poison gas and maintain our own supply in case of need. Except certain items peculiar to the Air Forces, we design and procure all arms and ammunition, all tanks and trucks, everything the soldier needs to fight and live. We keep the Army's records, pay its bills, pay each individual soldier and his allotments. We are responsible for morale of troops. Our Corps of Chaplains offers religious consolation. We administer military justice, handle prisoners of war, maintain law and order, keep traffic moving on the roads to battle. We carry the mail to soldiers around the world. We operate the service commands. We maintain the Army's health; we nurse the sick and wounded; we bury the Army's dead.

"All this requires an organization so vast that the individuals within it sometimes may forget how important his part is, or he may believe that his part transcends all others in importance. The Engineer soldier drilling in the mud here must always remember that he is part of the Army that is marching up the road to Rome. The worker making nuts and bolts may constantly remind himself that these are not mere nuts and bolts, that he in reality is hurling high explosives at the enemy. The clerk must realize that those aren't just papers she is shuffling, that each paper represents a gun in a soldier's hand.

"So far we have done well, but not well enough to relax for a single minute.

"We have armed the largest Army in our history with the world's best weapons. We have helped arm our Allies.

"We have housed and clothed and fed the Army well.

"Our health rate is higher than the rates in civil life.

"Our amphibious trucks, bazookas, rockets, signal equipment have changed the complexion of modern war.

"We have shipped many million tons of equipment and millions of men overseas.

"Today we set our sights on future targets. We must set them accurately. In order to find the range, we must measure carefully

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Legion Of Merit Awarded Two TD's

By LT. L. R. BARNHILL

Two members of a tank destroyer battalion fighting in Italy have received the Legion of Merit award for going forward on the battlefield in the face of artillery and small arms fire to recover four vehicles knocked out of action by enemy fire.

By direction of the President of the United States the awards have been made by the War Department to S-Sgt. Roscoe C. Vaughn and T-4 Willard R. Butcher, both of the same tank destroyer gun company.

The citation recounts that "with superior technical skill" these two soldiers were able to restore part of the combat efficiency of their company after it had been badly mauled by the enemy.

With the exception of the difference in names the citations are identical. They read:

Recovered Four Tank Destroyers

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. On 11 September 1943, near Persano, Italy, the combat efficiency of the company unit had been seriously impaired by the loss of six tank de-

stroyers in action with the enemy.

The following morning Sergeant Vaughn and Technician Butcher undertook to recover the disabled vehicles. In the face of artillery and small arms fire they successfully recovered four tank destroyers. By their courageous action, combined with superior technical skill, they were able to restore to action, within a short time, armament which was critically needed. Their initiative and devotion to duty assisted the battalion materially in the successful completion of its mission."

The high technical skill demanded of and possessed by tank destroyer personnel is attested to by this official report from the war front. Men at McCloskey General hospital who only recently were fighting along side tank destroyers in Italy, add other similar report to this one.

Training Pays

They tell how maintenance crews work around the clock, 24 hours a day, to keep the destroyers in action at the front. "Over there," M-Sgt Robert Hamilton, a maintenance platoon sergeant in a tank destroyer battalion, said



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

FOR A HERO—Brigadier General W. R. Nichols, camp commander, presents the Silver Star and Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster to Mrs. Eva J. Remillard, for her son, T-Sgt. Owen C. Remillard reported missing in action. Miss Antoinette Remillard, sister of the missing hero, looks on.

Red Cross Drive Gets Under Way

Mr. G. H. Hyde, field director of the Red Cross, in a memo to all units in Camp Hood today expressed the wish of the commanding General of TDC, the camp commander, and all unit commanders that the "fullest cooperation be extended to the American Red Cross War Fund Drive for 1944." The commandants urging the cooperation of all Camp Hood personnel in the drive are Major General John H. Hester, commanding general, TDC; Brig. General W. R. Nichols, camp commander; Brig. General A. O. Gorder, commanding general, TDRTC; Col. Maurice C. Bigelow, commanding the IRTC; Col. E. J. Dawley, commanding officer, TDS; Col. Howard E. Camp, CO 220th F.A.; and Col. Louis J. Compton, CO 224th F.A. Gp.

The War Fund Drive for 1944, conducted by the Red Cross, which is now underway has set a goal of \$200,000,000. Every Army camp in the nation is pitching in on this drive.

Ninety per cent of this sum will go into service for the armed forces.

The sum may seem large, but if it is considered in relation to the number of men now in the armed forces it represents a very

modest sum for Red Cross service for a full year. The officers and civilian personnel in Camp Hood will be solicited to aid this drive.

EM Invited To Contribute The enlisted men are invited to make contributions if they so desire. Until April 5th the day rooms of all EM companies in camp will be designated as the headquarters to make these voluntary contributions to an appointed enlisted man who will remain on duty to take the contributions and issue a Red Cross membership card for all contributions of one dollar or more.

Organizations should keep a record of all contributions of more than one dollar. Forms for this purpose will be forwarded to them by the Red Cross.

This drive is for our buddies in service, and perhaps one day—

for ourselves. It's worthy.

Gen. Nichols Presents Medal To Hero's Mother

Brig. Gen. W. R. Nichols, camp commander at Camp Hood, recently presented the Silver Star and Air Medal with Oak Leaf cluster to Mrs. Eva J. Remillard of Hood Village, the camp civilian housing project.

The medals were awarded by the president to Mrs. Remillard's son, Tech. Sgt. Owen C. Remillard, 22, reported missing in action in the Southwest Pacific area Sept. 2.

An aerial gunner, Sgt. Remillard was awarded the Silver Star and Oak Leaf cluster after he was reported missing, for "meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight near Wewak, New Guinea, on Aug. 18, 1943."

The air medal was given him with this citation: "For meritorious achievement while participating in 25 operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations included bombing missions against enemy airbases and installations and attacks on hostile naval vessels and shipping. Throughout these operations, outstanding courage, ability and devotion to duty were demonstrated."

The Remillard home is at Denver, Colo.

100% CLUB

Every man in the 441st MP-PWP Co. qualified in the carbine on the Gatesville Range recently, as ten men emerged with sharpshooters' scores.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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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.
 Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
 Chapel 2206, School Area.
 Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
WEEKDAY SERVICES
 Post Chapel, Thur., 1930.
 Chapel 902, Tues., 1830.
EPISCOPAL
 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
 24th St. Theater, 10:00 a. m.
 Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
STOCKADE, 2:00 P. M.
ROMAN CATHOLIC
 Mass, Sunday
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
 Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 8:00 a. m.
 Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq., 9:00 a. m.
 Worship Service, 10:00 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.
 Tuesday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.
MORNING WEEKDAY MASSES
 Chapel 176, Mon., Wed., Thur., 8:00 a. m.
EVENING WEEKDAY MASSES
 Chapel 176, Fri., Tues., 6:30 p. m.
CONFESSION
 Saturday as follows:
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.
 Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 6-9 p. m.
JEWISH
 Chapel 902, 37th & Hq., Friday, 7:30 p. m.
 Orthodox, followed by reform Service.
LATTER DAY SAINTS
 Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn., Sunday, 7:30 p. m.
MORNING WEEKDAY MASS
 Chapel 176, Mon., Sat., 8:00 a. m.
EVENING WEEKDAY MASS
 Chapel 176, Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 6:30 p. m.
JEWISH, Friday, 1930, Chapel 1156, 37th St. Orthodox, followed by Reform Service.

General Somervell:

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what it will require of effort, of suffering, of labor, of planning, of sacrifice, of unity.

Each A Cog

"We dare not lose our sense of urgency, dare not forget that each of us is a cog in a vast machine and that individual failure may lead to failure at the some vital point far up the line. The soldier here at home, the shop worker and the clerk can save American lives or by a thoughtless action bring death to our fighting men. The decision is ours on whether the war will be short or long.

"How long it takes, how much it costs, is the individual concern of each of us. That little extra effort we all can give is vital. Each time we pause, each time we lay down our weapons or our tools, we help the enemy. No individual cause dare stand in the way of quick and final victory. Only through unity of action and mutual determination, will we win.

"Let us not be deluded by the happy thought that the war is won. Bitter fighting lies ahead. We have only dented the rim of Hitler's fortress and touched the outskirts of Tojo's empire. We haven't licked them yet. We dare not slacken our efforts. Rather we must redouble them. Victory is never cheaply bought.

"Even victory is only a means to an end. What is that end? What are we fighting for? Why do we bury our sons and brothers in lonely graves far from home? For postwar wages or postwar profits? For bigger and better business? For softer comforts, new iceboxes, radios, cars? You know the answer. Our men are dying to preserve a way of life. The little luxuries are only by-products. We are fighting for liberty, the most expensive luxury known to man.

What We're Fighting For

"We fight for simple things; for the little things that are all-important. We fight for the right to lock our house doors and be sure that no bully with official sanction will break the lock.

"We fight for town meetings, for the soapbox in the public square, for the high school debating team, for open doors to cathedral and church and synagogue.

"We fight for schools built on a foundation of books, not bayonets.

"We fight for the country editor and for the metropolitan daily and for the editor's right to say the wrong thing if he thinks it's right.

"We fight for the right to organize for any decent purpose; for labor; for employers; for the Grange and Legion and the Ladies' Literary Club, and for lodge meetings in full regalia on Tuesday nights.

"We fight for our candidate for sheriff and for the other fellow's candidate; and for the right to be sorry we elected him and to say so.

"We fight for free radio, for the right to listen to what we want and to turn off what we don't want.

"We fight for the right to work at jobs of our own choosing; to read the books we want to read; to listen to music that pleases us, without regard to the race or nationality of the composer.

"We fight for the high privilege of throwing pop bottles at the umpire.

"For these things, we fight.

"These rights, these privileges, these traditions are precious enough to fight for, precious enough to die for. They are not easily won. They cannot be acquired by half measures or on half time. Dollars will not buy them. They cannot be attained without sacrifice.

Tom Paine's Words

"Let me remind you that Tom Paine's words are as true now as they were that snowy night beside the Delaware. Paine wrote them on a drumhead with a stub pencil. Let us write them in our hearts indelibly.

"Quote: 'These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumphs.'

"Thus spoke Tom Paine. His words will give us consolation in sorrow, strength to combat our weariness, courage to face each new, hard day till peace comes back to the world.

"Well Done"

"To my troops, to the generals and the captains, the sergeants and the privates, and to all our civilian workers I say 'Well done.' In the year ahead we will strive for greater accomplishments. We can't win the war on the assembly line or the supply line, but we can lose it there. The men who will win this war are the fighting men, in the air and in the mud. These are the men we serve. They will triumph in the end. It is our sacred duty and our high privilege to serve them. No matter what we give, no matter how we labor, we cannot approach their sacrifice. Their valor is a blazing torch to light our way."



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

ACTOR NOW GI—Pvt. William Castello is seen above in his Hollywood days as a sheik in the film "Drums of the Desert." Castello is now a trainee at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood.

Hollywood Film Actor Trainee At North Camp

An American freighter wallows through the night in the North Atlantic. Down in the forecabin a Dutch seaman lays down his cards and opens his mouth to speak as a torpedo slams into the ship.

The scene shifts to a lonely windmill on the dunes of Holland. Inside a German aviator walks up to a man in a turtle-necked sweater, seated at a table. He opens his mouth to speak . . . and the scene shifts again.

Across the burning desert rides a band of Arabs. Their horses pull up in a cloud of dust and a handsome sheik looks down at the lovely maiden. The scene changes.

Across the plains of Texas plods a column of tank destroyer soldiers nearing the end of a long march. The column halts in a cloud of dust. A private in the rear ranks opens his mouth to speak . . .

"Jeez, my feet hurt," he says.

The private is William Castello, former movie actor, aviator and dramatic coach who has breezed through hundreds of thrilling scenes on celluloid and is now learning his new part the hard way as a trainee at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp.

In films such as "Action in the North Atlantic," "Foreign Correspondent," and "Drums of the Desert," battles are won by a twist of the writer's pen. In the real thing, private Castello finds, wars are won by months and months of hard physical work.

Castello was born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1910. His father was a well-known editor in the

Dutch capital. After studies in Switzerland, Germany and Holland the Dutch youth took the stage as his profession and subsequently traveled through most of the countries of Europe and Africa.

He made a motion picture with a French company around the central Tunisian district where tank destroyers later maneuvered so effectively against the Nazis.

For a while he free-lanced through Japan, China, the Malay States, Philippines, the Dutch East Indies, and Australia. He landed in California in 1936, found the motion picture industry to his liking and became an American citizen.

Castello has played for many studios in Hollywood and for a time ran his own theater there, the "Footlights Workshop." For the most part he has played featured roles usually in some foreign uniform. He remembers playing General Cos, aide to the Mexican Santa Anna, in a film which he says was "very popular in Texas." It was called "Heroes of the Alamo." His extensive travels gave him a wide knowledge of foreign dress and customs which he put to good use as technical advisor for Columbia Studios.

Private Castello was a CAA pilot instructor for a year at Ontario, Cal., before his induction. At present, when training duties aren't too rigorous, he is helping the RTC entertainment staff.

Barrymore Opus Is Now Available

Gene Fowler's "Good Night, Sweet Prince," current best seller is responsible for one of the largest reservation lists ever amassed at the 37th Street Service Club library, according to Miss Settle, librarian.

Barrymore—the immortal actor; Barrymore—the bon vivant; Barrymore—the lover, are all chapters in the hectic, short life of this great artist.

Above all, here is Barrymore as Fowler, his friend knew him, as his brother Lionel, sister Ethel, and Alexander Woolcot knew him.

Male Call

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



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Who Threw That Section Eight?



For more than a year, since its inception, **On The Ball** has been written by Pfc. Keith Quick. It has been a peculiarly personal column, sports wise and written in a style as individual as a signature.

Quick has also been sports editor of the paper; and he has been responsible for making this one of the most popular pages in the paper.

By the time this appears in print he will have left Camp Hood, for an ultimate assignment unknown here. Without being sticky about it, wherever he goes, whatever job he's assigned he'll do as good, and sincere, a job there as he has done here—he's that kind of guy.

To the Panther sports page he brought plenty on the ball. Of course, everybody knew about Quick as the official biographer of Babe Didrikson; but he was well informed about the careers of all major athletes, and knew all major sports both from writing and participation.

This takes slightly the flavor of a eulogy—it shouldn't. The guy certainly isn't dead—he is, in fact, heading into the future with plenty on the ball. But such as it has been, he's helped make the Panther. His going marks the ending of the first period of the Panther sports page—his successors have a top mark to shoot at.

The last thing he did for the Panther was what he would have called:

"This corner's choice for an All-Camp All-Star Cage Team: Forwards, Pfc. Horace Saylor, 672nd TD Bn., and Pvt. Marshall Kooatz, 672nd TD Bn.; Center, Cpl. Charles Kuchmeister, 660th TD Bn.; Guards, T-5 Dick Williams, Stud Regt., and Cpl. Allen Cole, 665th TD Bn."

That's giving Pfc. Keith Quick the last word in **On The Ball**. For his connection with the Panther it's "Thirty" here.

—W. W.

CAMP HOOD CAGE CHAMPIONS—The 672nd TD Bn. basketball team, winners of the recent Camp Hood tourney—the finest in Camp Hood's history. The men who gained the laurels for the 672nd: front row, left to right—Lt. William E. Wisdom, (coach), Clukey, Wright, Kulpinski, Cianci, Skinner, Ellenwood (mgr.). Rear row, l. to r.—Ruzich, Saylor, Schramm, Rogutich, Kooatz, Mauritzen.

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Last Year's Top Team Books One With Texas U.

The TDS Student Regiment baseball team, which walked off with the Camp Hood laurels last season announces its first game of the season, with the University of Texas varsity team - to be played at Austin April 27th. A return game to be played at Camp Hood is now being arranged.

This is an auspicious start for the live aggregation of baseballers, captained by southpaw hurler Herb Karpel.

Spring practice is now underway on the 24th Street diamond. Uniforms will be issued next week.

Co. C 662nd Bn. Wins Close One

"C" Co. 662nd TD Bn defeated "Bq" Co. 656th TD Bn 28-19 for the championship of the 22nd Group. The winners were given a handsome trophy. The game was played in the Field House March 8th.

It was a close contest in the first half with Bq. Co. 656th leading 9-8 at half time. In the third quarter "C" Co. spurred ahead with Cpl. Ruben M. Dutton sparking the attack with 5 goals. "C" Co. held the lead to win 28-19.

"C" Co. succeeded in holding 656's crack Forward Pvt. Paul Storey to 7 pts.

EM of OCS Have Dance

The enlisted men of the Personnel Office of the Officer's Candidate School Regiment, TDS held a dinner-dance at the Kyle Hotel in Temple on Saturday night, March 11th.

The event opened with a chicken dinner and all the trimmings, after which T-5 Paul Ritch entertained with piano selections. This was followed by dancing which lasted well into the evening.

656th TDs Promote

Promotions for Co. C, 656th TD battalion: To Sergeant, Cpl. William B. Consolo, to Corporal, T-5 Harold L. Braun, T-5 John D. Graveley, T-5 Chester H. Dymerski, T-5 Augustine C. Mello, T-5 George W. Fields, to T-5, Pfc. Edmund G. Klein, Pfc. Robert R. Shockey.

Promotion made in Recon. Company: to Corporal, Pvt. Michael R. McDeaneil.

St. Louis Signs Ex TD Lieutenant

Frank Octavius Mancuso, who was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States from Camp Hood, and was recently discharged from the Army, has been signed by the St. Louis Browns, where he will perform behind the plate.

Mancuso, a brother of Gus, major league catching veteran, received his commission here on June 4, 1943, graduating from the 32nd Class of the Officer's Candidate School, 8th Company, being assigned to North Camp Hood, from this school.

Mancuso was a lieutenant in the paratroopers. He injured his legs when they caught in his chute while he was making a jump and he spent some time in an Army hospital. The legs healed, but a back condition, which goes back to his athletic career, brought about his discharge from the Army.

The younger Mancuso, who is only 25 years of age, made his home in Houston, Texas. He formerly played ball with San Antonio, Texas, and other Brown farm teams in Springfield, Ill., and St. Joseph, Mo., before going into the service. He was also formerly the property of the New York Giants, a team his brother Gus played with for many years.

Gus Mancuso visited brother Frank here last year and many enlisted men of Camp Hood had the opportunity of meeting the big league catcher, prior to Frank's graduation from the OC School.

Recalls Service With Big Leaguer

Upon learning that Sigmund (Jack) Jakucki had been signed by the St. Louis Browns of the American League for the coming baseball season, 1st Lt. Forest C. Armintrout, commanding officer of Headquarters & Service Company, Officer's Candidate School Regiment, recalled some of his experiences in the Hawaiian Islands with the big league pitcher.

Lt. Armintrout played baseball with Jakucki for four years, from 1927 to 1931, with the 11th Field Artillery outfit named the Dragons. At that time Jakucki was a shortstop and considered one of the best infielders in a ten-team circuit in the Hawaiian Islands.

Jakucki was later turned into a meunismann after the only pitcher on his club was hit by a batted ball and had to be taken from the mound during a game. With his club leading, 5-0, the big Polish boy took his first fling at pitching and proceeded to whiff 17 men in a row, winning the game going away.

Played in Japan It was from that time on that Jakucki stuck to hurling, and this year, will mark his second tryout with the Browns. After the 1931 season, Jakucki was bought by the Honolulu Braves and played all that winter in China and Japan and the Philippines, twirling excellently in all his appearances on the hill, after which he was sold to a team here in Texas.

Played Football The St. Louis Browns product also played football with Lt. Armintrout and the Camp Hood lieutenant said he could throw the pigskin like a baseball, with rapid-like accuracy. Lt. Armintrout said he could heave a ball 60 yards with ease and right in the hands of the receiver every time, and he could kick and run with the best of them.

"Tournament Nite" For 24th TD Group

In keeping with their usual policy, Headquarters Company, 24th TD Group, had as their weekly affair "Tournament Nite."

The semi finals in the ping pong tournament were conducted. Corporal Charles E. Thompson of Bedford, Iowa was the winner among the 38 men who participated in the tournament.

The following men played in the semi finals: Cpl. Charles E. Thompson, Cpl. Joseph H. Kramer, 1st Sgt. James H. McCreight, T-5 Richard D. Hershcopf. The opponents in the finals were 1st Sgt. James H. McCreight and T-5 Charles E. Thompson.

An exhibition ping pong game was played between Captain Howard W. Bushey, CO Hq Co 24th TD Group, and Lt. James C. Winkles, Executive Officer. Cpl. Grady W. Sims of the 669th TD Bn., provided the entertainment for the evening.

S-Sgt. James Suppa and the personnel of the mess served refreshments.

Physical Exams For TD School

Men of the Tank Destroyer School underwent the first of their physical efficiency tests during their regular PT periods last week, under the direction of Capt. Leslie T. Wood and Lt. John M. Kerr, assisted by the company officers.

The first test, coming after nightly periods of rigorous calisthenics, consisted of a number of exercises and a timed 300 yard run. Later after further exercises, planned to develop muscular fitness, another test will be given and improvements noted from individual "score sheets."

It's A Girl

A daughter was born to Corporal and Mrs. Arthur R. King, of Saginaw, Mich., on Feb. 26, 1944, at St. Luke's hospital, while the Camp Hood enlisted man was on furlough. She has been named Sharon Evelyn. Corporal King is in Headquarters & Service Company of the O. C. S. Regiment.

Baseball Season Opens For 660th

The baseball season opened informally for the 660th T. D. Bn. Sunday when Co. B climbed over Recon Co. with a 9 to 1 score.

Pfc. George Abelson and Cpl. Charles Kuchmeister Jr., pitching for the winners, held Recon to one hit in seven innings. Pfc. Anthony Cedio led the attack with 4 for 4, a double and three singles.

Co. B claimed a disputed battalion championship last year, and this year are out to leave no doubt in anyone's mind about it.

Small World Dept.

The world is a small place. Frank Slater, formerly at the Tank Destroyer School headquarters, in a letter to friends here a couple of days ago, reported that while walking down Lexington Avenue, New York City, he ran into Lieutenant Donald G. Merritt of the TDS Publications Department, who was in New York on leave.



TO THE WINNER—Brigadier General A.O. Gorder, Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood, congratulates Technician Fifth Grade Bert Barkhuff, Replacement Training Center WAC, as he presents her with the trophies she won for the singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles, in a recent badminton tournament at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

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