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First IRTC Trainees Arrive

1848th Reviewed, WACs Awarded By Gen. Nichols

For the first time at Camp Hood, last week, the 1848 Service Unit Army Service Forces troops marched in review as a body, before their commanding general, Brig. Gen. W. R. Nichols, camp commander. As part of the ceremonies, General Nichols presented 40 Wacs in the Service Unit good conduct medals.

3 Reasons For Review

He told the 800 officers and enlisted men and women participating that he had three reasons for directing that the review be held: First, so that he might see the station complement all together and they might see him; second, to give the troops an opportunity to march behind a band; third, to award the Wacs their medals.

General Nichols spoke briefly: "This ceremony was directed for three reasons.

"First: It has been my desire since arriving here to see as many of the station complement together as possible. I wanted to have a look at you. And in all fairness, you are entitled to have a look at the new camp commander.

"Second: All of us have had more or less military training. Most of you have had excellent basic and other military training and must at some time have come to feel that you were real soldiers. But from the very nature of much of our work there is little to keep us reminded from day to day that we still are soldiers.

"It is important that we do not forget we are soldiers, and one of the best ways to remind ourselves that we are soldiers is to get on the best uniforms we've got, get out and look at ourselves and at each other, and listen to and march behind a good Army band.

"It is therefore planned to have parades or reviews from time to time. I am sure as our performance improves we will feel greater pride in ourselves and in our organization.

"Third: It was brought to my attention that a number of women of our WAC Detachment had earned the Good Conduct Medal. This is the first group of our WAC Detachment to earn this medal. I think this first group

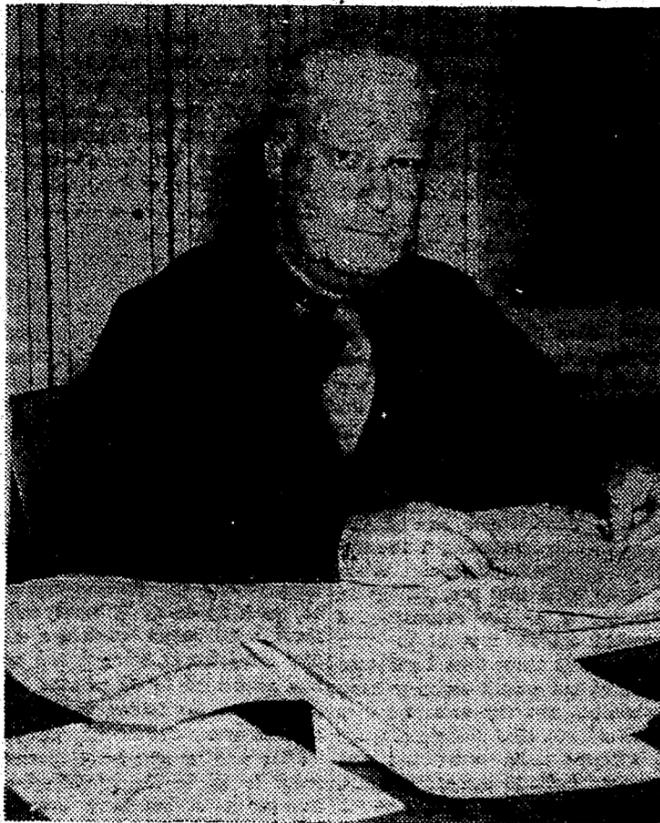
deserves special attention. I am therefore presenting the ribbons for these awards as a part of this ceremony."

Sunrise Service Sunday Morning

For the joy peculiar to an outdoor sunrise service, watching the dawn break while the worship progresses, all personnel, both civilian and military, is cordially invited to the slope toward the east just east of the Trailer Camp at 0700, Sunday. The 134th Army Band will play several selections of religious music in opening the service, led by CWO Leon Zawisza. The hymns will be led by T-5 Forrest R. Hampton, using a public address system furnished by TDS, in charge of Sgt. Conkey. Mimeographed programs with the words of the hymns will be distributed by WAC Cpl. Sophia E. Williams and Pfc. Mayre Swickard. The sermon topic is "Easter Joys and Duty."

A Beautiful Friendship

Privates Neva Johnson and Leola Bonnel of the Tank Destroyer School Wac detachment have been together ever since they enlisted six months ago, and now are going home on furlough at the same time. Just recently they were assigned to the school, the former, Publications Department and the latter to Academic Regiment headquarters. Before joining the WAC, they were employed by the same firm at Muskegon, Michigan, and have been friends for several years.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Brigadier General Thomas F. Bresnahan, who took over command of the IRTC last Friday, is seen at his desk just a few hours after he took over his new duties.

Brig. Gen. Bresnahan Takes Over IRTC Command

Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, formerly commanding general of special troops, Fourth Army, at Camp Maxey, has arrived at Camp Hood and assumed command of the Infantry Replacement Training Center here.

A member of the regular army, he entered service in 1917, received, during the last war, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Honor, the Croix de Guerre with Palm and twice was given the Purple Heart.

Turnabout

T-5 Wing Chin has rather an unusual plan for his New York furlough. He's going to show T-4 Irving Pastarnack the inner sanctums of Brooklyn providing Pastarnack shows him Chintown!

From the TD School, Chin has long been an interesting photographic subject for Pastarnack's camera.

IRTC Recruits Arrive From Many States

Plans for a huge welcoming ceremony Saturday morning for IRTC trainees who have arrived at Camp Hood during the past week, were announced today at IRTC Headquarters.

With the program being held in the Field House, the new soldiers will hear a welcoming talk by Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Bresnahan, Commanding General of the IRTC, and brief addresses will also be given by other ranking officers of the IRTC.

Short talks will be delivered by representatives of the Medical Corps, the Chaplaincy and the Red Cross for the purpose of orientating the new men in regards to the facilities and services available here.

Will March

The trainees will march in formation to the scene of the ceremony with the colors and company guidons to be part of the march and displayed on the stage or platform. Suitable band music will be played throughout the program.

The new trainees began their influx into Camp Hood last weekend and continued to enter the cantonment during this week.

Barely acquainted with the feel of khaki these men, who laid aside "civvies" not more than a week or two ago, were already adopting the new situation with little difficulty. IRTC officers were impressed by the general high physical and mental standards of the men.

Processed

The new arrivals were quartered in various regimental areas as they awaited the regular training scheduled to start next week. During this casual period they were being processed in several different ways.

Their abilities and special qualifications were being noted by classification experts; they received medical inspections and "shots" and processing also included war bond and insurance reservations, issuance and inspection of individual clothing and equipment, checking fit of clothing, assignment of barracks, organization of platoons.

17-Week Cycles

During the pre-cycle days some instruction will also be given in military courtesy and discipline, dismounted drill, personal and sex hygiene, first aid and other of the earliest subjects taught to trainees. The regular training cycles will last 17 weeks, with rifle Regiments engaged in a full program of basic infantry training during that time while specialist groups such as cooks, pioneers, clerks and chauffeurs will receive 7 weeks of infantry training before swinging into 10 weeks of training in those specialities.

The vanguard of trainees who reached the camp this week appeared to look forward with keen interest to their new military life. They also found their interest aroused by their new surroundings. Originating chiefly from the Far West and Middle West, Californians, Kansans, Iowans, and Texans, too, were mingling together on a scale, which is a preeminent characteristic of the Army.

Field House Dance Tonight

An Easter Formal has been planned for the Field House, tonight at 8:30. A feature of the dance will be an Easter Promenade; and no-tag dances will predominate throughout the evening.

For Saturday night, a musical variety show, presented by girls from Ft. Worth, has been planned. On Saturday the group will repeat their show at 4:30 and at 7:15. An Easter Parade will be part of the afternoon's schedule, with girls from Belton, under the supervision of Miss Mae Hunt.

Gets Gold Leaf

Promotion of Major James N. Tardy, assistant secretary of the Tank Destroyer school, from captain was announced late last week. Major Tardy is from Dallas.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Brig. Gen. W. R. Nichols, camp commander, presenting good conduct medals to WACs in the Service Unit, during the ceremonies when the 1848 Service Unit Army Service Forces marched in review before Gen. Nichols.

Pvt. Hines Had Birdseye View Of Fight In Tunisia

By LT. L. R. BARNHILL

Pvt. A. L. Hines of a Camp Hood trained tank destroyer battalion had a bird's-eye view of the historic German attempt to break through the thin Allied lines at Maknassy in Tunisia. It was the Nazis' supreme effort to separate the American and British forces in Africa.

For three days Private Hines, a lieutenant, and two other enlisted men manned a mountain-top outpost above Maknassy. During this period all they had to eat were the few C rations they had been able to lug up the steep slope. Each had one canteen of water. It took them five tortuous hours to climb through the night to their outpost from the base of the mountain where they had concealed their half-track.

Saw The Action

From their vantage point these men watched foot and mechanized units of the Wehrmacht surge against the American lines about Maknassy.

"It looked as if they were going to smash through our lines until they ran into our massed artillery, tank destroyer, and tank fire. That turned the tide, and none too soon. Foot troops were scrambling up the mountain within easy range of us and the divisional forward observers before they began to fall back."

"While in one of these OP's with Col. J. P. Barney, my battalion commander, I saw our guns smash nine vehicles in a massed German column fleeing from the Maknassy area. That shelling forced the Germans to abandon their direct route of retreat and to take a wide detour around a lake.

Was Eyes Of En.

"My job was to act as the eyes of the battalion. At that time my eyes were exceptionally good and Colonel Barney took me to the forward OP's, to pick up targets for him. We were using a pair of German binoculars that we had taken off a German prisoner. One of our mechanics had made a tripod for them from scrap strap iron.

"After I had found the target Colonel Barney would relay the information by radio to a field artillery officer who directed the fire of our M10's. We did a lot of firing that way. We also used smoke shells to point our targets for artillery units.

In Action

"We were right up in the front lines throughout the African campaign. We were so far up during the last push upon Ferryville that our own artillery fire dropped in our area. We even fired on ships in the harbor at Ferryville as the Germans made a frantic effort to escape.

"I went into Sicily as an observer with the Seventh army. While there I was bombed right out of the war.

"It happened at Palermo dur-

ing the first days of the campaign. The first I knew that trouble was brewing was when the sound of machine gun fire awakened me. That was our air raid signal. Before I could tumble out of bed on the second floor of our barracks the windows were blown out and plaster was showered on us from the explosion of a bomb within 75 yards of the building.

Knocked Out By Bomb

"I tore downstairs in my underwear and had started across an open space toward our air raid shelter when I heard another bomb coming. I flopped to the ground. The concussion of the exploding bomb lifted me 18 inches off the ground and flung clods of earth, measuring as much as two feet across, all over the area. I don't know how I was missed. The last thing I remembered was yelling for help. When I came to I was propped up in the corner of the dispensary. I sweated out the rest of the raid there. After three days I returned to duty, but soon I began to have headaches and my ears and eyes bothered me. The doctors told me I suffered from concussion and sent me back to a field hospital. From there I was sent here to McCloskey, just a few miles from where I received my training.

Training Counts

"You can tell the men at Hood that they can't learn too much during their training period. They will need all the help they can get when they get in combat.

"It's a lot easier to hit the ground quick, to dig foxholes properly, to shoot straight, and keep in good physical condition in combat if you have learned to do all those things well in training. Training pays off in combat—that's all the men should need to know."

Address Change Needed By P.O.

Numerous officers and enlisted men are failing to comply with regulations by not keeping the Postal Officer informed with any new changes of address. This applies to all military personnel arriving or departing from Camp

Information For GIs In Current Issue Of Yank

Letters and answers in this week's Yank provide a variety of information of general interest to GIs.

There are only 19 OC Schools in the U. S. and one in Australia. There used to be 30. And many on the active list are not accepting candidates. Quite a few GIs who passed the board and physical exam, says Yank, will still be sweating it out six months after duration.

No Profit

It's true, Yank informs, that a dishonorably discharged soldier gets a suit of clothes, costing not more than \$30, which an honorably discharged GI doesn't—but an honorably discharged GI gets \$300 if he served at least 60 days overseas, which a dishonorable doesn't.

More letters of protest against saluting Nazi officer prisoners. A GI who was a Nazi prisoner states that the enlisted American GIs protested to the German prison commandant, who replied, "The Germans had torn up the Geneva Convention paper years ago..."

Tilt

A GI in Iran suggests that confiscated pinball machines be sent to isolated posts. A couple of Joes write to cite the Russian soldiers as good fighters. Without comment, a GI points out that a soldier convicted of being a Jap spy was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment for failing to disclose that he was a Jap agent; while a soldier who ignored his sergeant's order to go to the dentist drew five years. A bunch of overseas GIs laugh out loud at a GI who wrote asking the quickest way to get over yonder.

Hood on War Department Orders

In a special letter to all units, Headquarters, Eighth Service Command says:

"Failure to comply with instructions concerning the use of Form WD, AGO 204 (Change of Address Card), when troops (or individuals) are moved from home stations, has caused such an impediment in the handling of mail that the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, has directed that special attention be given the matter."

Paragraph 19b, sub-paragraph 1, FM 12-105, reads:

"The commanding officer or individual must see that the Postal Officers at BOTH, the last address and the address for which the unit or individual was originally destined are notified of the names and addresses of all personnel so re-routed. WD AGO Form 204 may be used for this purpose."

Whole Family Serving, Pfc. Smart Likes Texas

Pfc. Mary Smart is a Wac stationed at Camp Hood, and according to a recent interview in the Cleveland Press—while she was on furlough—she likes the WACs and she likes Texas, which makes her a pretty good WAC recruiter, not to mention that the Texas Chamber of Commerce will no doubt present her with a modest neon lighted citation.

Aside from her bias, Pfc. Smart rates space in her hometown newspaper as the mother of a Service Family. One of her sons is a Seabee serving in Alaska, two other sons are in the Coast Guard, her son-in-law recently received a discharge from the Seabees, and her husband is a Carpenter's Mate in the Seabees.



PFC. MARY SMART

Reason To Serve

Pfc. Smart joined the WACs seven months ago, after a family conference, in which she pointed out that she was only 44, and that her family had a lot to gain by fighting for the ideals of democracy. There are for instance, Molly, Dolly and Polly Shanz, her daughter's children—they were reason enough, she pointed out, for wanting to help win the war.

Her job here is taking the book truck around to the men in the wards at the Station Hospital. "It's a grand job and I love it," she says. "I've always liked books, and I enjoy bringing them to the men—they are great readers. Anybody who has any books they

DEMLMeetsGen. Nichols At Party

Stressing the importance of the jobs they are doing and urging each man and woman of the Enlisted Detachment to "keep your standards high and do your work well," General W. R. Nichols, Post Commander, addressed the members of the 1848th Unit at the first annual Easter party held at the organization's recreation hall last week.

First Appearance

The more than 500 guests heard him congratulate them on the manner in which they have taken over added duties resulting from the consolidation of detachments. Mrs. Nichols was introduced at the conclusion of General Nichols' talk and was later presented with a cake, especially baked for her in one of the detachment mess halls.

Easter Motif

The hall was decorated in gay Easter colors by the WACs of the 1848th Unit, with rabbits, eggs and streamers giving the dance floor the bright appearance of spring. Dancers were seated at tables and refreshment stands were set up at opposite ends of the floor. Detachment officers, headed by Detachment Commander Captain Victor H. Bennett were grouped at two large tables where General and Mrs. Nichols occupied seats of honor.

The guests enjoyed a versatile floor show of which S-Sgt. George Hall of North Camp was master of ceremonies. Music was furnished by the 134th Army band under the direction of S-Sgt. Harold E. Morris.



MOLLY, POLLY, DOLLY

can spare, will be putting them to good use, if they contribute them to the hospital library."

Explanation

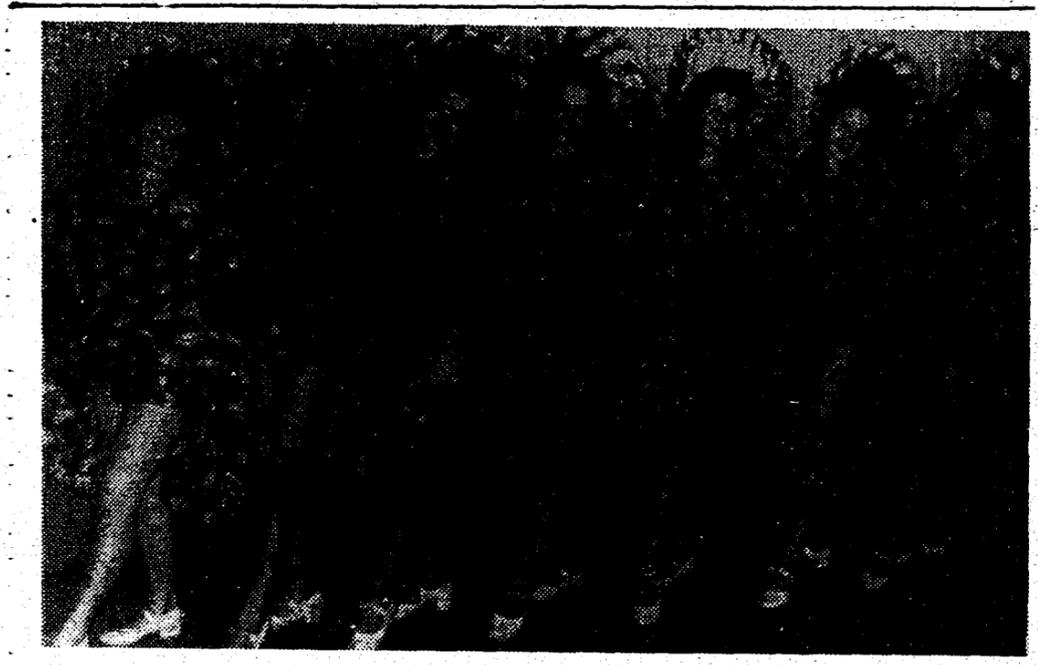
There may be an explanation, by the way, for her feeling about Texas. Two of her daughters, Martha Jean, 16, and Nellie Jo, 15, are attending school at Lancaster, Texas, only 150 miles from here, which gives her a chance to visit them on pass quite often.

Extensive Pinup Gallery

Company "C" 665th TD Bn claims, along with its many other accomplishments, it has the best and most extensive "Pin-up" gallery in camp.

The "Pin-up" girls include such film stars as Betty Grable, Ann Savage, Loretta Young, Ann Southern, Diana Lewis, Jean Parker, Ann Sheridan and others.

This display of feminine pulchritude may be seen in the Company "C" orderly room.

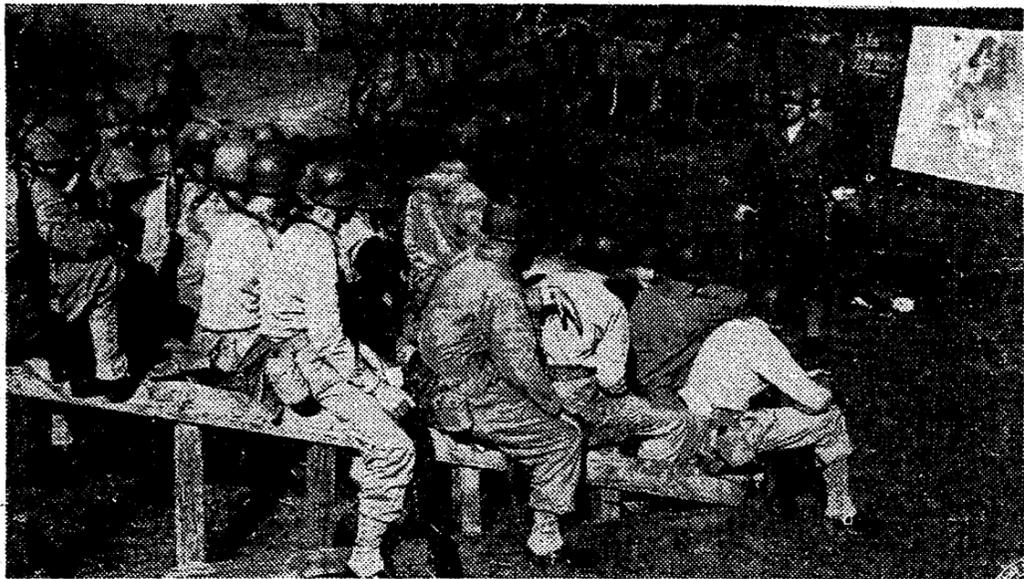


Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

These are the Fort Worth dancing lassies whose faces and talents are well known in Camp Hood. The girls comprise the entertainment troupe which has been coming to Camp Hood almost weekly for the past 18 months. Thousands of GIs have applauded them and danced with them. Your next date with these misses, soldier: Saturday and Sunday at the 37th Street Service Club—all out for Easter!

Entertainment

<p>162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters Sat.—The Young In Heart. Sun.—Meet the People. Tues.—Hag Check Honey and Two Men Submarine. Wed.—Thurs.—Uncertain Glory. Fri.—Ladies Courageous. Hood Ed. and 4th St. Theaters Sat.—Hag Check Honey and Two Men Submarine. Sun.—Mon.—Four Jills in a Jeep. Tues.—You Can't Ration Love. Wed.—The Young In Heart. Thurs.—Fri.—Meet the People. 72nd St. Theater Sun.—You Can't Ration Love. Mon.—The Young In Heart. Tues.—Wed.—Meet the People. Thurs.—Hag Check Honey and Two Men Submarine. Fri.—Sat.—Uncertain Glory. Ave. "D" and 24th St. Sat.—The Navy Way. Sun.—Mon.—Buffalo Bill. Tues.—Hi God Looking and Okla-</p>	<p>homa Raiders. Wed.—Thurs.—Four Jills in a Jeep. Fri.—You Can't Ration Love. 18th St. Theater Sun.—Knickerbocker Holiday. Mon.—Tues.—Let's Face It. Wed.—Buffalo Bill. Thurs.—The Falcon Out West, Jam-boree. Fri.—Sat.—Four Jills in a Jeep. 4th and 10th St. Theater Sat.—Hi Good Looking and Okla-homa Raiders. Sun.—Mon.—Shine on Harvest Moon. Tues.—Knickerbocker Holiday. Wed.—Let's Face It. Thurs.—Fri.—Buffalo Bill. 37th St. Service Club Thurs.—Easter Dance. Fri.—Dance Class. Sat.—Variety Show. Sun.—Fort Worth Girls. Mon.—Bingo, Prizes. Tues.—Bridge Tournament. Wed.—Quiz Contest</p>
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Men of Company C, 129th TD Bn. RTC, North Camp Hood, are shown above listening to a field orientation lecture and discussion. Lts. Robert E. Bramson and Donald R. Fox are the instructors responsible for the interest and ease displayed by this class.

TD RTC Trainees Get The How, Where, Why Of Fight

Why, how and where we are fighting have now become part of the lessons each trainee at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Center absorbs during his seventeen weeks of basic combat preparation.

The program is designed to instill within each trainee a deep conviction of his individual responsibility toward the war and its outcome. Other objectives of the Army Orientation Course are to teach the trainee to know the enemies, know our allies, know the news and its significance, have faith in the United States and its future, and to have pride in his outfit.

Films And Lectures

The course as conducted at North Camp Hood progressively introduces the trainee to these subjects by means of introductory films and current events lectures and discussions. By means of discussions the trainee actively participates in the program by expressing his own opinions concerning questions of national and international importance, and by asking questions relative to the strategic employment of our troops on the various battlefields of the world.

The instructor, or discussion leader, presents pertinent facts and furnishes a suitable summary, but does not express his own opinions in controlling the discussion. Every effort is made to have as many trainees participating in the discussions as possible.

The Orientation Officer of each RTC regiment and battalion makes every effort to correlate the news with the training given at North Camp. The trainees are told about the successful use in the theaters of operations of the weapons they are studying.

DAILY NEWS RELEASE

The RTC trainee is kept abreast of each day's happenings by the

RTC Daily News Release, published and read to the men each morning. Charts, maps, slides and pictures, as well as the popular Newsmaps, are some of the training aids used to illustrate the topics under consideration.

The goal of the orientation program is to have not only the best-trained and best-equipped soldier in the world, but also the best-informed which means a more efficient soldier in combat.

Passover Will Be Held On Post

Arrangements are being made for a Passover Seder for the Jewish men of Camp Hood, who remain on the post.

The Seder will take place on Friday, April 7th at 8:00 p.m., all men meeting at Chapel 1156 and moving to a designated messhall, South Camp Hood.

At the service there will be the time-hallowed recital of the traditional Haggadah.

Soldiers at North Camp will assemble at the 16th Street Chapel at 6:00 p.m. Army transportation will be provided to and from South Camp for the Seder.

Many Countries Represented In Military Police

The Greeks had a word for it, and that word is "cosmopolitan". In fact, it is the word that aptly fits the 441st Military Police Prisoner of War Processing Company, for each member is a representative of many a foreign country, as well as many of the states. This, of course, may not seem novel, since it can be argued that in the Army, such a variety is to be expected. However, the 441st is singular in the fact that the majority of these men have been brought together by sheer virtue of their foreign element, or their knowledge of things alien.

Process PW's

It should be a well known fact by now that the 441st is an outfit organized for the primary mission of processing prisoners of war. One of the chief requirements of the company is expert knowledge of foreign languages. In addition, if one is familiar with the various customs and manners of a foreign people, it is an asset.

The men sent here were chosen carefully. In the case of the interpreters, most had to give their life history in the language they maintained to speak, read and write. Normally, the majority of the interpreters speak at least two or three languages. All in all, the following languages are known by the men: German, French, Italian, Austrian, Polish, Greek, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Hebrew, Dutch, Czech and Lithuanian.

Many Foreign Born

A good part of the men were born in Europe, and received their education there. Others learned their languages here in American schools, while still others "picked up" the foreign tongue from their parents at home. This is good, because it combines fine American speaking with a natural aptitude for another language.

What helps matters more is that the speaking of the language proper does not stop there. The men know well various and often difficult dialects peculiar to respective towns, cities and islands. In this respect, knowledge of the Sicilian dialect is certainly lending a helping hand in processing.

Since the T.O. does not call for all interpreters, every man does not necessarily have to know a different tongue. However, those men who spoke nothing except English certainly have changed by now. Through association with their fellow men they have "picked up" phrases and idioms so as to enable them to work efficiently in their respective departments (viz: fingerprint, photographic).

From Many States

On the other hand, the states gave appreciative representation, ranging mainly from the "youse guys" of New York to the "yalls" of Georgia. The friendly bickerings are not uncommon as to what state is the best and why.

TDs Overseas Record Lauded By Gen. Hester

"Our tank destroyer units overseas have, from all reports, made a remarkable record," Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, said in an informal talk at a luncheon Friday noon complimenting top tank destroyer officers of Camp Hood.

The luncheon was given by the Temple Chamber of Commerce directors and military affairs committee. Henry Blum, CofC president, welcome dthe visitors and offered them the cooperation of the community, as did Guy Draper, committee chairman.

General Hester said it was the duty of his organization "to make the tank destroyer units in the United States better qualified for their combat missions."



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Dallas maidens dished it out when 62 of them were guests at a dance at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, North Camp Hood, recently. Above the USO girls are in complete charge of handling the chow line at Sunday dinner in the 128th Bn messhall. Getting their share are Lt. Kerwin L. Giese, S-Sgt. William L. Sarver and 1st Sgt. Philip Barilla.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Combat vets spend day at Camp Hood: Standing left to right: T-Sgt. Wesley E. Dalton, Sgt. William Crelia, Pfc. Hershel Calhoun. Front row at left Sgt. Joe R. Taylor, and Sgt. A. J. McDonald.

667th Bn. Men Hear McCloskey Veterans

Lt. Wilbur I. Coulson, Special Service Officer and Lt. Bernard Friedman acting S-3 of the 667th TD Bn were recently successful in obtaining the presence of several patients from the McCloskey General Hospital who have seen action in New Georgia, Italy and North Africa. These men were: Pfc. Hershel Calhoun formerly of the 43rd Infantry Division, T-Sgt. Wesley E. Dalton, Sgt. Joe R. Taylor, Sgt. A. J. McDonald, all of the 36th Infantry Division, and Sgt. William Crelia of the 39th Infantry Division.

Interesting talk was enjoyed by the personnel of the battalion, particularly accounts dealing with the M10 tank destroyer in action. Several of these men had personally witnessed the M10's reaction to enemy fire and they were very enthusiastic in their praise of its battle worthiness. A lively question period followed as many men were interested in knowing how

the weapons with which they were being trained stood up under stress.

Later the visitors were conducted on a tour of the motor pool where they inspected new equipment and offered many comments as to potential fighting ability of the materiel, and after being treated to a ride in some of the newest tank destroyers, were most enthusiastic, assuring the men that with such splendid machines they would be a match for anything the enemy can offer.

GIs Invited To Easter Pageant

The fifth annual Easter pageant will be presented in front of the Luther Ruins at 7 o'clock Easter Sunday morning at Mary Hardin-Baylor college, Belton. Soldiers from Camp Hood and McCloskey hospital are invited to attend this pageant which is open to the public.

Portraying the last week in the life of Christ, Mary Hardin-Baylor students will enact 12 scenes in Biblical costume in an outdoor setting.



Camp Hood Signal Corps photo
Here's the brand new TD sign located on 24th Street near the east gate to Camp Hood, in the section devoted exclusively to the TDs. Here the panther haunts the maneuvers of the men stationed in this area, whose object bears out the slogan on this striking board: "Seek-Strike-Destroy."

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Fortyeight States

We're impressed by part of a letter printed in the Waco Times-Herald, written by Maj. Edward L. Austin to his father, the senior senator from Vermont.

"I'll never be a smug Vermonter again," Major Austin wrote.

There is a singular appropriateness about that letter and the accompanying article, in a Texas newspaper. It gave us pause to think a moment, and to remember how we "outlanders" have snickered at the Texas bragging, and then casually bragged about Missouri, or Ohio, or New York, or any of the 47 other states.

There's nothing really wrong about that kind of bragging, if we keep a sense of proportion. On that score we couldn't say it any better than the Times-Herald said it:

"Major Austin made this resolution after seeing the tank-destroyer battalion which he commands in action on the American beachhead in Italy. There were real cowboys and real Indians in the outfit. There were also boys from The Bronx, State-of-Mainers, Pennsylvania factory workers, and lads from mid-western farms.

"In the first action against enemy tanks, the battalion took a toll of Tigers and Mark IV's that played a major part in stopping the big nazi counter-attack of mid-February.

No More Parochialism

"It seems likely that there are thousands of American soldiers who, consciously or otherwise, have taken a vow similar to Major Austin's. Most of us have a bit of the "smug Vermonter" in us, no matter what part of the country we hail from. The average American (like the average person of any nationality) sticks pretty close to home and his own kind in his thinking, however much he may have traveled. Generally speaking, the southerner still distrusts the damyankee, the Brooklyn native looks down his nose at the farm boy.

"The army affords a wonderful opportunity to get over such insular attitudes. Dodging the same bullets; sharing the same ditch, facing the same flak in a bomber teaches tolerance. When men live the same life and face the same dangers, they begin to judge each other according to character, rather than accent, religion, education, or the size of their civilian salaries.

"There are many, of course, whose ingrained prejudices will not be touched by any of these factors. But if only a small minority of service men bring out of military life less prejudice than they took into it, there can still be cause for rejoicing.

"We are going to need tolerance and unselfishness during our peacetime readjustment. The common purpose of war has not stifled our economic and religious and racial strifes.

"The returning veterans are going to be a great force in our civilian life. Their solidarity can work great good or great harm, depending upon how it is organized and directed.

"It does not seem too much to hope that there may be enough men like Major Austin who have lost that "smug Vermonter" attitude to influence the veterans and the country to work less toward selfish and sectional aims, and more toward the common good."

Not Too Late To Civilian Days Help Red Cross Nostalgia For EM

During this past month, the American Red Cross, through its local chapters, has conducted a concentrated drive among the people of the nation for funds to be used during the ensuing year in the interests of our fighting men and to serve those at home in time of need.

In close cooperation with all Armed Forces, the Red Cross is striving to its capacity to make life not only endurable but comfortable and as near home-like as possible for soldiers and sailors all over the world. As our armies and navies grow, so grows the Red Cross, and as the men move forward into battle, so moves the Red Cross. A cigarette, warm coffee, a friendly word delivered with a smile, are all little things, but worth a million to the wounded, the hungry, the men grimy and exhausted from battle.

In the drive now almost completed the personnel of Camp Hood has given generously to the Red Cross and the reports have indicated that the GIs and civilians will have every reason to feel proud when the final figures have been tabulated.

However, it is not yet too late to contribute, or to add to your

Two men of the Tank Destroyer School recently received reminders of their civilian occupations. Cpl. Jack Davis of the Secretary's office when on furlough in California recently called at the office of the company which manufactures the business machines he used to sell.

A few days ago a lengthy acknowledgment of his visit appeared in the company's journal. Davis operated a West Virginia agency for the company which now is devoting most of its time and facilities to war production.

Similar is the case of Private Edmund Osborne of the Publications Department. Just back from a visit to his Rhode Island home, Osborne is displaying a full page magazine ad, in colors, inserted in a trade magazine by the company which employed him. Osborne is pictured in the advertisement, making a photomicrograph of a steel pipe fitting.

contribution. Every dollar donated to the Red Cross means that some soldier "over there" will have things just a little better.

Panther Poll

QUESTION:

What Army do you think will be in Berlin first and why?

The Answers:



Cpl. Paul McGinnis,
95th Regt., IRTC

"The Russian Army, of course. We will be in Italy and England."



Cpl. Ross Hawbaker,
95th Regt., IRTC

"The Russian Army probably because they haven't far to go and we are not so particular about getting there first, it is merely a matter of cleaning this mess up with us."



Sgt. Joseph P. Store,
96th Regt., IRTC

"When we get going again we will probably blast the daylight out of them and walk right on in to Berlin ourselves. We should, the way they have acted."



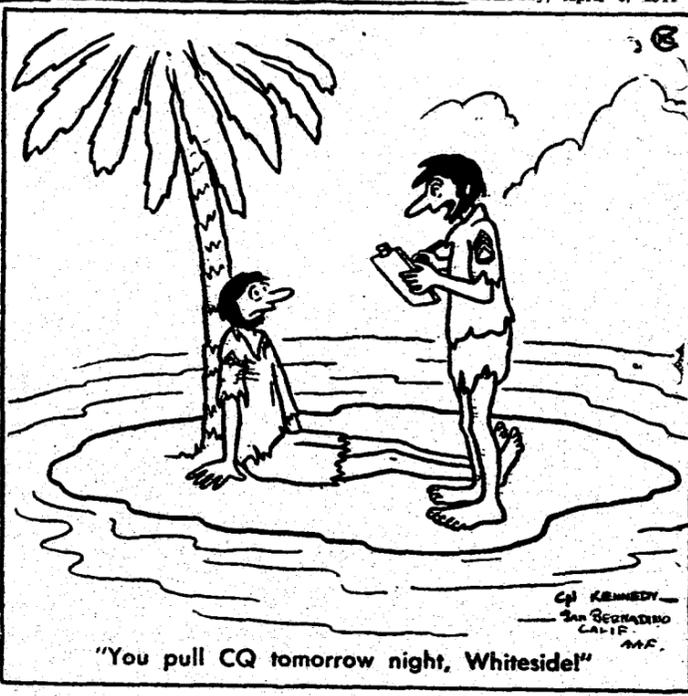
T-Sgt. John O'Donnell, Sgt. Major
95th Regt., IRTC

"One can't tell just what we are going to do but it seems that we will be the next ones if the unpredictable happens as it seems to in our own Army. Look at the times we have just turned completely around and have done what everyone at home thought wouldn't happen. I think our commanders know what is going on and whichever army gets there first, it will be for the best."



Cpl. Vincent Carozza,
96th Regt., IRTC

"There is no doubt of it, the Russian army will, the way they are going at this. At least they are headed that way. We have so much to clean up in Italy and other places."



Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Now, that it's almost impossible to get into the Air Corps, it might be a good time to let Panther readers know the real romance they are missing. Here is an Air Corps Song written by the poet pushing soldiers of Sedalia field, Missouri, which appeared in the camp paper The Fielder. The tune is that of the thrilling Air Corps song we're always humming:

Off we go, into our office yonder,
At our desks, morning 'til eve.
Far away from any airplane's
thunder
(Blue and gold wings on our
sleeve)
Writing men, keeping our files in
order,
Sick-call forms, morning report.
We classify the men who fly,
Nothing'll stop the Army Air
Corps.

Clerks alert, guarding our books
from blunder,
Channels long, we battle through.
Mimeographs, rolling our words of
thunder,
Pens at work, typewriters too.
Here we are, where we can do
the Most Good!

(Where've you heard that one
before)
Each month a stripe or hear us
gripe,
Nothing'll stop the Army Air
Corps!

Pvt. Pete Pinello,
Fort Benning, Ga., formerly
of the Student Regiment,
Camp Hood.

"Our Dad Is In The Army Now"

Pvt. Lindley R. Bridges, Company "C" 129 TDTB received the following poem from his daughter, Miss Norma Bridges of Wells, Maine. The youngster dedicates it to all daughters of men serving in the TDs.

Our Dad is in the Army
He left us here, alone
He joined the Tank Destroyers
Now Texas is his home

His emblem is a Panther
They seek, strike and destroy
The best darned outfit in this
land
Their guns are not mere toys.

They've got a score to settle
I'm sure they'll do it right
And if those rats get in their
way
They'll clean them out of
sight.

Now we are not just bragging
I'm sure you will agree
The outfit that our Dad's in
Will help to keep us free.

Now that we've told our story
We'll breathe a little sigh
While the boys in Tank De-
stroyers
Keep 'Old Glory' waving high.

Norma Bridges yet.

Dear Editor:

I recently visited the Hollywood Canteen and am convinced that the great of the cinema world deserve the admiration and respect of members of the armed forces.

I maintain that the efforts of these stars in touring the nation on Bond drives, visiting other nations to cement friendly relations and making difficult trips into combat theaters to entertain the troops, should entitle them to special consideration from their government. I propose that a medal be designed and presented to these players as a tangible recognition of their work and sacrifice to the war effort.

Cpl. Joseph Espitallier
Co. B, 136th BN IRTC.

Vet Finds New Army Is Tough

Take it from Cpl. Charles J. Runyan the "old Army" basic was a cinch compared to the seventeen weeks of combat conditioning given new men today.

ENLISTED IN 1934

Corporal Runyan, now a cadre-man in Co. A, 128th Bn at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, was one of a group of twenty-one who enlisted in the Field Artillery from Pennsylvania way back in 1934. He was destined for service in Hawaii. The corporal says:

"We were first sent to Fort Slocum, New York, where we got twelve days of dismounted drill. From there we went to the New York Army Base and boarded the transport Republic. By way of Panama, California and Honolulu it took us forty-two days to make the trip to the island of Hawaii."

TRAINING WAS DIFFERENT
"The training of a soldier over there was much easier than it is now. We had only six weeks of basic training, and after basic we had five hours of dismounted drill per day. During the afternoon we either did detail work or participated in some kind of sport."

"We had a sport for every season of the year, and each year we had an all-star game in just about every sport. I saw some of the greatest boxing matches I have ever witnessed while in Hawaii."

"I left the island in 1937. I might add that there isn't anything in the world that looks better than the Statue of Liberty to any American who has been away for so long."

133rd Army Band Feted

Thursday night the 133rd Army Band went back to civilian life. The members of the band and their dates were guests of the 37th St. Service Club at a dinner.

Steaks, candlelight, and a table decorated to carry out a musical theme, must have inspired the boys. The music for the regular Thursday night dance, which followed, was reported to be the best yet.

134th Army Band Is Big Morale Factor; Its Talented And Versatile Men Have A Tough Job

The 134th Army Band, a recent addition to the Tank Destroyer School, has been developed into a fine and versatile organization since its activation in November, 1942.

Chief Warrant Officer Leon Zawisza, former concert master of the Indianapolis Symphony orchestra, in the many months he has been leader of the band, has seen many changes in personnel, until now he has a finely knit organization of highly competent musicians.

Play For All Occasions

When a new unit arrives in camp, it is first greeted by the martial airs played by the 134th, and, when an old unit departs, the band gives it a big send-off, regardless of the hour. Besides these occasions, military reviews, parades, weddings, dances, con-

is provided for Student Regiment troops.

The band's full day's schedule follows with regular inspections, the usual soldierly duties, physical training, and drill, in addition to full band, unit and individual rehearsal and practice.

Professionals

Mr. Zawisza indicates that every man in his band is a former professional musician and though they come from many different types of outfits, through hard work and endless practice, he is able to present either a full band or a concert orchestra or a dance band as the occasion demands.

Scholarships

Even since Mr. Zawisza was six years old, when his talents first were noted by his parents, he has been devoting most of his time and energy to music. Up through grade school in Camden, New Jersey, and the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, he has worked and practiced. His success at the Institute gave him summer scholarships, enabling him to study in Maine and Southern California.

After graduation he played in the first violin section of the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra under the direction of the famous Ormandy and under Arturo Rodzinsky with the Cleveland Symphony.

With Symphony

For five years preceding his entrance into the army he was with the Indianapolis Symphony and also instructed at Butler. One of his proudest possessions is a violin made over two and a quarter centuries ago in Rome, Italy, by David Tecchler. This instrument is probably one of Tecchler's outstanding works, according to Mr. Zawisza, who acquired it some years ago—along with a voluminous bill of sale—from a London firm.

Major Mitchell Zawisza, who was a fighter pilot in the South Seas at the outbreak of hostilities with the Japanese, and has eleven

CWO Leon Zawisza, leader of 134th Army Band.

certs and many other events require the services of the band, either as a whole, or in part.

In purely morale activities the band is a big influence for the good as evidenced by the fact that during a recent week, it gave 14 different request performances.

28 Men

With but 28 men to choose from, requests, of which these are typical, have resulted in the development of some unusual five-piece combinations. Each member is able, as it were, to "double in brass," with the result demands usually can be met.

The band follows a regular routine of practice as well as ordinary duties and training. At present the full band plays each morning after breakfast for dismounted drill for the School troops. And this drill begins earlier each week as the season progresses. At the same time, music



Rehearsal: the 134th Army Band, recent addition to TDS. This group of highly competent musicians, has so many requests for the many functions that take place in camp, that several unusual "five-piece combinations" are formed to play simultaneously at different affairs. This aside from playing for units departing, arriving, military reviews, and parties.

Jap planes to his credit, is a brother of the band leader.

The major, who bears numerous decorations for his exploits, now is air controller for the Los Angeles district.

The men in the band have a lot of fun working and practicing and playing together and night after night have spent their time giving hundreds of others the recreation of their music. When a unit is moving in or out, if there's a holiday concert, if a big party is underway at the field house, or a small one at some company or battalion day room, the band or orchestra is always there, ready and willing.

Adopt Cat

Withal, the bandsmen maintain a fine sense of humor and can enjoy play as well as their chosen work. Just recently they adopted a beautiful orange mogora cat.

Last week, Kitty presented them with a family of three which event the boys proudly chronicled on a large blackboard, normally filled with staves, notes, and clefs. Sadly, not one of the kittens resembles its mama.

Mr. Zawisza is justly proud of the band which he has worked so long and so hard to develop into an organization capable of meeting any demand, and meeting it well.

664th TDs Qualify

The 664th TD Battalion fired the M1 Rifle Qualification Course on the Gatesville Rifle Range, Monday and Tuesday of last week. The Battalion qualified 97.2 percent of the 250 men firing. High point man for the Battalion was Pfc Teles C. Lopez of Recon Company, with 191. High for the officers was 2nd Lt. H. G. Conrad, with a score of 190, with Capt. Stanley R. Kramer runner up with a 188.

Sgt. Billy Bendixson led "A" Company scorers with 189, Pvt. John B. Ronzo was tops in "B" Company with 188, Pvt. Leonard Vandagriff was high in Hq Company with a 184, and Sgt. Norvel A. Garlington showed the way in "C" Company with a score of 175. Reconnaissance Company, qualifying all their men, showed the highest average score, with 11 experts, 27 sharpshooters, and only 16 marksmen out of 54 men firing. The Battalion averaged over 56 percent making better than marksmen, 33 making Expert and 114 qualifying as Sharpshooter.

IRTC COs Announced

IRTC Headquarters announces the following commanders in the 97th Regiment:

- Regimental commander, Lt. Col. Paul D. Connor.
- Lt. Col. William H. Fisher, 176th Tng. Bn.; Major Ned P. Eads, 177th Tng. Bn.; Lt. Col. John U. Parker, 178th Tng. Bn.

Star Entertainer In 662nd TD Bn.

Known as the "Duke of the Uke" and "Prince of Taps" he emceed at Book Cadillac, Fort Shelby and Statler Hotels in Detroit, The College Inn, Blackstone and Palmer House in Chicago, The Palace at Galveston and Rice Hotel in Houston. He played in Loew's State, and Paramount theaters in New York. On the Post he has been seen in post shows at the Officers Club dance floorshow, and just recently was a member of the War Bond Tour to surrounding communities.

The man in question is Pvt. Billy Reeves of Co "B" 662nd TD Bn. He is a veteran of 17 years of night club and variety show experience. Reeves started his career as a young man back in Florida. He did a song and dance act with a school buddy named Oats. By mistake they were booked as Oats & Meals and the name stuck. So the boys decided to use it. They toured Florida and the south as Oats & Meals and the Syncopated Rhythm Boys. After cutting his theatrical teeth Reeves started emceeing on his own.

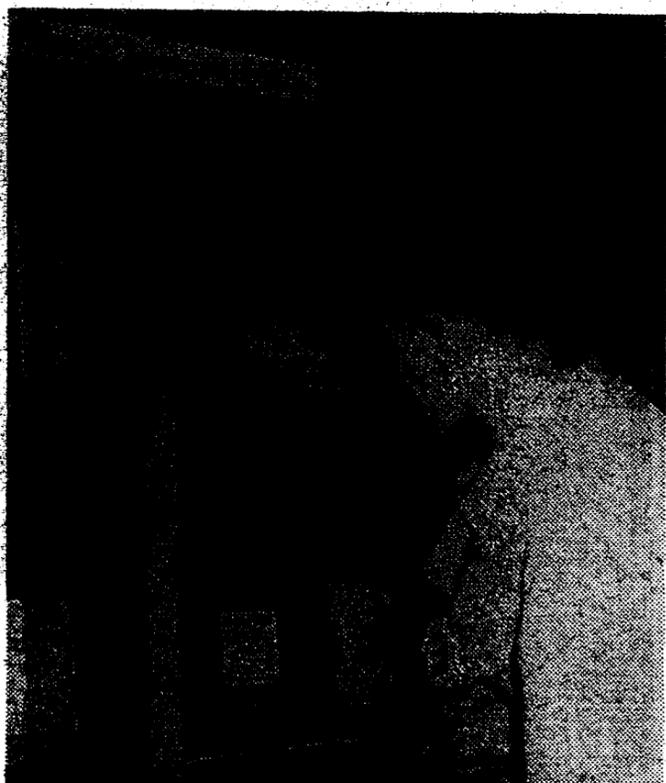
Among others he worked with were Joan Davis and a former schoolmate—Judy Canova. Bill continued to work his way up

and began to emcee at the better Clubs such as Colosimos, & Black Hawk Cafe in Chicago. Just before entering the Army Bill did a few shows with Kay Kyser. Detroit was the center of his activities playing at Wonderbar, Bowery, and Club Alici.

Bill believes strongly in soldier theatricals and points out that professional experience is not a necessity. "Just come out and have a good time. You'll get a great kick out of appearing in a GI variety show and your buddies will enjoy the show that much more because you're in it." He went on to say that Soldier Shows are a great morale builder overseas where often the only entertainment is that provided by the soldiers themselves. "Don't wait until you get across," he says, "start your show now so that you'll be organized and ready when you land over there."

Promotions

Ten men of the 664th TD Battalion received promotions during the last week. Sgt. William L. Resch and Tec 4 Walter A. Cobin were promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeants. Tec 5 Oliver A. Kruger and Tec 5 Sylvester E. Bohman to Tec 4; Pfc's Walter A. Lichota and Frank B. Kowalski Jr to Corporal, and Pfc's Ishmael H. Johnson, Floyd W. Clark and Roger T. Powell to Tec 5. Tec 5 Joseph E. Markos was promoted to Sergeant.



The 12th Street Library, North Camp, contains many books pertinent to the army orientation courses. The second phase of the orientation is "Know the Enemy." The following books give both background and current material on Japan: Abend—Japan Unmasked; Bisson—Japan in China; Fleisher—Our Enemy Japan; Hauser—Honorable Enemy; Tanka Memorial. Above Pvt. Hubert G. Smith of Co. B, 129th TD Tng. Bn., TDRTC is selecting "Tanka Memorial" for study.



JUST FOR A CHANGE! No legs, no cheesecake . . . but a beautiful face belonging to lovely Linda Darnell who is one of the stars in "It Happened Tomorrow" released by United Artists.

Words Without Music

GRETA GARBO is said to be returning to Hollywood for a picture about the Norwegian merchant marine . . . actors who leave studio lots wearing service uniforms face arrest by the FBI . . . rumor has it that Paramount will make a picture of MEXICAN HAYRIDE" . . . "SINATRA will wear a sailor suit in his next picture.

The Russians are making seven major pictures about the war . . . The latest sentimental ballad is something called "BESSIE IN A BUSTLE," written by MACK GORDON and JIMMY MONACO, between canned tomatoes and

FOOTLOCKER QUEEN



lunch . . . something with a "cute" title is called "Junior Jive Bombers" . . . JOHN C. WILSON is in Hollywood casting leads for a new Broadway musical . . . a group of OCTAVIUS ROY COHEN stories, from Colliers and other magazines, are to be made into a musical similar to "CABIN IN THE SKY".

The Broadway hit, "THE VOICE OF THE TURTLE," is being offered to Hollywood for \$3,000,000, for all rights . . . Recent Hooper rating put "BREAKFAST AT SARDI'S" at the top of the morning radio heap . . . looks as if MAE WEST'S "CATHERINE WAS GREAT" will turn up on Broadway first—less censor trouble.

EARL CARROLL headed eastward to open a new "VANITIES" in Detroit . . . GYPSY ROSE LEE wears a corset that gives her a 19-inch waist in "BELLE OF THE YUKON" . . . DIANA LYNN, kid

TD School Goes On Its Way Via Bicycles For EM

Conservation is being stressed greatly in the army these days and, while food conservation undoubtedly plays a most important part, the saving of manpower and equipment also is paramount.

Typical of this conservation program is the use of bicycles for messenger service in the TD Destroyer School. Several of the regimental and departmental headquarters have bike-messengers for economical short-distance trips. These trips might be made on foot at the expense of time, or by jeeps with a waste of gas, oil, and tires, to say nothing of manpower.

The saving of time alone by equipping the half a dozen men with bicycles would justify their use. A good example is seen in the Reproduction Department. When there's a rush job to be delivered or a proof to be approved before a job can be completed, Major Edwin Davis finds that he can get perfect service by dispatching one of his men on the department's bike.

22nd TD Group Wins

The 22nd TD Group Officers Soft Ball team opened its season this week by defeating the 23rd TD Group, Officers 4-3 on the losers' field.

sister in "THE MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK," gets a grownup part in "OUT OF THIS WORLD" . . . CHARLIE BARNETT is organizing a new band. . . GINGER ROGER'S recording "ALICE IN WONDERLAND" for Decca . . . MYRNA LOY is returning to the "THIN MAN" series . . . apropos of nothing, Albert, the peripatetic woodtick mutters, "This Texas weather—a guy needs a built in thermostat to keep from dying of pneumonia."

The new Hit-Kit is out—featuring Paper Doll, Rack Up Another Beer, Boys, The Marsellaise, No Love, Nothin, Till We Meet Again, My Ideal, Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet, Deep in the Heart of Texas, ohhh . . . also included are new verses for Hinky Dinky Parlay Voo, such as:

"The boys are getting better scores, parlay voo
The boys are getting better scores, parlay voo
The boys are getting better scores
'Cause Maggie's back in Maggie's drawers
Hinky Dinky Parlay Voo."

RAYMOND GRAM SWING TURNED over his \$1,000 DuPont Radio award to the RAYMOND CLAPPER memorial fund . . . PETER VANSTEEDEEN claims to have crossed a tiger lily with a ragweed and got TIGER RAG . . .



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Tec. 3 Edward W. Slade typifies the School's mounted messengers. He is shown above as he turns into the School Headquarters driveway after having made a quick trip for the Reproductions Department.

95th Regt. Cadremen Are Walking Orientation Course

Kasserine Pass, El Guettar, the Sedjenane Valley, Troina, Guadalcanal. These famous battlefields of the present world conflict are well-known to two battle-scarred veterans now cadremen in the 95th Regt. of the IRTC at Camp Hood.

From the first four places mentioned—in North Africa and Sicily—comes S-Sgt. William Berkman of the S-3 Section, 172nd Bn, 95th Regt. A pre-induction newspaperman and teacher in New York, he entered the Army in Jan. 1941 and a year and nine months later was among American invasion troops that landed south of Casablanca. For the next year, until he was seriously wounded in Sicily, many history making scenes unfolded before his eyes.

Soon after the landing at Casablanca, Berkman participated as an interpreter, in the armistice signed at Safi, French Morocco. His Regiment also had the honor of guarding President Roosevelt when the chief executive visited North Africa. This Regiment was the first to parade in North Africa.

Moving ahead from Safi he was among troops that marched 300 miles to Port Lyautey, then later traveled in 40 and 8s on a 500 mile trek to Oron and on another long march from Oron to Kasserine Pass, the site of much better battling. He was wounded in the arm at El Guettar, but this did not hinder him from leading his platoon forward in a victorious engagement. In the Sedjenane Valley he was on the firing line in the thrusts that gained two important lofty positions — Bald Hill and Green Top. His North Africa combat experiences ended at the Battle of Bizerte where American and French troops concluded this struggle side by side.

Later in Sicily, Sgt. Berkman again faced heavy fire and several times was creased by machine gun bullets at Troina near Mt. Etna. It was here, only a few hours later, that his outfit ran into almost incessant mortar fire. He took cover on the ground while mortar shells fell all around him. After dodging 24 of these missiles he was finally struck in the abdomen, chest and back, and lay wounded twenty-eight hours before he was picked up. For several days his outfit believed he had been killed in this engagement, but finally located him in an Evacuation Hospital. Included in the wounds he suffered was a three inch hole in his liver. He was returned to the United States on Thanksgiving, 1943.

Also Wears Purple Heart
Now wearing the Purple Heart, and several campaign ribbons he sums up his experiences with the comment, "I got my share of the lead. was sewed up, ad here I am."

Pvt. Stanley D. Rincker, S-4 Section, 95th Regt., went into the Army in April, 1941 from a Stewardson, Ill., farm, and also the first division to be formed overseas and the only one bear-

ing a title instead of a number, wears the Purple Heart and his share of campaign ribbons. A member of the America division, he smiles knowingly, but voices himself seriously as he says:
"Learn cover and concealment thoroughly. Keep your morale high, and help others do likewise."

On Guadalcanal

Landing on Guadalcanal in Dec. 1942 he fought through the difficult jungle terrain for several days before he was forced out of battle by a leg wound, the result of Jap sniping. Twice before he managed to escape injury. Once a bullet grazed the back of his neck, the second time a bullet chipped his helmet.

Through battle experience he gained great respect for the M-1 rifle and praises it highly because it is quick loading, fast firing, and dependable. "The BAR is also a valuable weapon in jungle fighting," he declares.

Pvt. Rincker, before coming to Camp Hood, was discharged from Kennedy General Hospital.

Noncoms To Get More Training And Recognition

By Camp Newspaper Service
Great care in the selection and promotion of noncommissioned officers in the U. S. Army is urged by Gen. Marshall in War Department Circular 70, recently released, which provides for the thorough training of noncoms and the removal of those who fail to obtain or maintain acceptable standards.

"It has been clearly demonstrated in this war, as in past wars, that noncommissioned officers are the backbone of the Army," the circular states. "Success in combat depends upon the character and qualifications of the noncommissioned officers commanding small units. They must be outstanding leaders with a high sense of duty and a strong will. They must be resourceful and willing to assume responsibility."

"In order to assure that our noncommissioned officers are equal to the tasks that lie ahead of them, commanders of all echelons will give their personal attention to improving the quality and prestige of those noncommissioned officers who exercise command responsibility.

That these results may be attained, the order makes the following provisions.

1. That machinery be established to provide for the careful selection of noncommissioned officer material and a system of promotions that will be recognized as sound and just by all concerned.

2. That appropriate noncommissioned officer schools be established and operated.

3. That noncommissioned officers who fail to attain or maintain acceptable standards be removed.

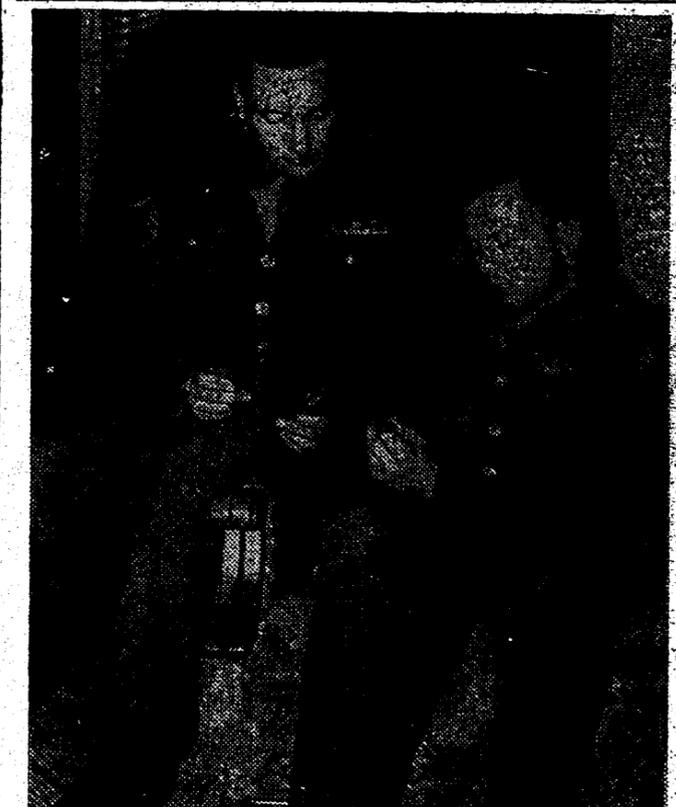
4. That the prestige of the noncommissioned officer grades be exchanged by the extension of additional privileges and liberties to the holders of those ranks.

WD 70 also calls for public recognition of the accomplishments and importance of noncoms, and, lastly, for the thorough indoctrination of every noncom with the importance and responsibility of his grade and position.

Party For Winners

Company A, 140th Bn, ITCO plans a party for the platoon with the best firing record on the range in the near-future service firing of the 37mm Gun.

The expenses for the refreshments are to be borne by the platoon with the lowest record.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Two IRTC combat vets, S-Sgt. William Berkman (l) and Pvt. Stanley D. Rincker (r), are looking at a whistle Berkman obtained from a dead German sergeant in North Africa, and, at a campaign ribbon given to men of Rommel's famed Afrika Korps.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Chicks! You're always talkin' about chicks. S' far as I'm concerned, I never wanna see another egg again!"



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT
 Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
 Chapel 902, 50th & Hq.
 Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
 Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
 Chapel 2209, School Area.
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
 11:00 A. M.
 Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
 Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
 Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
 Chapel 639, 52nd & Bn.
 Chapel 2209, School Area.
 6:30 P. M.
 Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
 Chapel 2209, School Area.
 Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.

WEEKDAY SERVICES
 Post Chapel, Thur. 1930.
 Chapel 902, Tues., 1830.
 Chapel 2209, Wed., 7:00 p. m.

EPISCOPAL
 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 176, 164th and Brig.
 Worship Services
 Worship Service, 10:00 a. m.
 Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
 789 St. Co. Mess Hall, 9:00 a. m.
 Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.

STOCKADE, 2:00 P. M.
ROMAN CATHOLIC
 Mass
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
 Stockade, 7:30 a. m.
 162nd St. Theater, 9:00 a. m.
 37th St. Theater, 9:00.
 24th St. Theater 11:00 a. m.
 Hood Rd. Theater 11:00 a. m.
 Morning Weekday Masses
 Chapel 639, Mon., Sat. 8:00 a. m.
 Chapel 1156, Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 7:00 a. m.
 Evening Weekday Masses
 Chapel 639, Tues., Wed., Thur., Fri., 6:30 p. m.
 Chapel 1156, Tues., Thur., 6:30 p. m.
 Novena Services
 Sunday, Chapels 639, 1156, 6:30 p. m.
 Tuesday, Chapels 639, 1156, 6:30 p. m.
 Wed. Chapel 1156, 6:30 p. m.
 Confession
 Saturday as follows:
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.
 Chapel 639, 52nd and Bn., 6-9 p. m.
 Chapel 1156, 37 St. West, 3-5 p. m.
 and 7-9 p. m.

JEWISHT, Friday, 1930, Chapel 1156, 37th St. Orthodox, followed by Reform Service.

CHAPELAIN'S DIRECTORY

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Thomas H. Talbot, Post Chaplain,		Phone 641.

Easter Services Announced For Camp Hood Men

Major Thomas H. Talbot, camp chaplain announces the following camp-wide Easter Week services:

JEWISH SERVICES
 Passover Services will be conducted on the following days at North and South Camp:
 Friday 14 April, South Camp 2 Services), 1930 and 2015.
 Friday 14 April, North Camp (2 Services), 2000 and 2030.
 Sunday 16 April, South Camp (Chapel 902 1100.
 Sunday 16 April, North Camp, 1100.

PROTESTANT SERVICES
 Palm Sunday—In all chapels there will be a Palm Sunday service at the regularly appointed hours with suitable Palm Sunday sermons.
 Tuesday 4 April in Chapel 902 at 1930 a Holy Communion.
 Wednesday Chapel 2209 at 1900 a Special Lenten Service.
 Thursday evening in the Post Chapel a Maundy Thursday Communion Services at 1930.
 If permitted, Good Friday Services will be observed from 1400 to 1500 in the following Chapels: Post Chapel, 115, 289, 2209. Also from 1200 to 1500 at Chapel 902.
 Friday 7 April—Good Friday Services will be held at 1900 in the following Chapels: 115, 176, 289, 2209.

Easter Sunday—Sunrise services will be held at Hood Village at 0700 at Chapel 289 at 0730 at Chapel 176 at 0800. Sunrise Holy Communion and carols 0800 in Chapel 902.
 Music for Sunrise Service at Hood Village will be furnished by the 134th Army Band.

Easter Services will be held at 0930 in the Red Cross Auditorium of the Station Hospital. The 134th Army Band will furnish music for this Service.
 Easter Services for the Colored M Det. will be conducted at 0900 in 1848 M Mess Hall.
 Easter Services will be held at 0930 in the following Chapels: 176, 289, 513, 902, 1156, 2209.
 Easter Services will be held at 1100 in the following chapels: Post Chapel, 115, 289, 639, 2209, and also at Hood Village Community Center.

In the Stockade, Easter Services will be held at 1400 followed by a Holy Communion Service.
 Evening Worship Services will be held at 1830 at the following Chapels: Post Chapel, 115, 176, 289, 902, 2209.
 Evening Hymn Singing will be carried on at the 37th St. Service Club at 1745 Sunday Evening.

For the benefit of those living in Hood Village, or others who may care to attend the Sunrise Services at 0700, the Place is the Slope east of the Trailer Camp. A Public Addressing system will be set up and the 134th Army Band will play chorales, and hymns for the Service.
 In Chapel 902, the 23rd T. D. Group will have services for the week at 1140 to 1200. Men of that Group will be relieved from any duty at that time.

CATHOLIC SERVICES
 Palm Sunday to Easter, April 2-9.
 Mass at Hospital (Red Cross Bldg.), Sunday 2 April, 0630.
 Mass at Stockade, Sunday 2 April, 0730.
 Mass at 162nd St. Theater, Sunday 2 April, 0900.
 Mass at 37th St. Theater, Sunday 2 April, 0900.
 Mass at 24th St. Theater, Sunday 2 April, 1100.
 Mass at Hood Road Theater, Sunday 2 April, 1100.
 Evening Devotions, Chapel 639, 1830.
 Evening Devotions, Chapel 1156, 1830.
 Mass at Chapel 1156, Monday 3 April, 0700.
 Mass at Chapel 639, Monday 3 April, 0800.
 Mass and Novena, Chapel 1156, Tuesday 4 April, 1830.
 Mass and Novena, Chapel 639, Tuesday 4 April, 1830.
 Confessions before and after each service.
 Mass, Chapel 1156, Wednesday 5 April, 0700.
 Stations of the Cross and Benediction, Chapel 1156, Wednesday 5 April, 1830.
 Mass and Stations of the Cross, Chapel 639, Wednesday 5 April, 1830.
 Confessions before and after each Service.
 Holy Communion, Chapel 1156, Thursday 6 April, 0700.
 Holy Communion, Chapel 639, Thursday 6 April, 0700.
 Mass, Chapel 1156, Thursday 6 April, 1830.
 Mass, Chapel 639, Thursday 6 April, 1830.
 Confessions before both Services.
 Stations of the Cross, followed by Confessions, Chapel 1156, Friday 7 April, 1400-1500.
 Stations of the Cross, followed by Confessions, Chapel 1156, Friday 7 April, 1930.
 Stations of the Cross, followed by Confessions, Chapel 639, Friday 7 April, 1400-1500.
 Stations of the Cross, followed by Confessions, Chapel 639, Friday 7 April, 1930.
 Confessions at Chapels 1156 and 639, Saturday 8 April, 1300-1700.
 Confessions at Chapels 1156 and 639, Saturday 8 April, 1900-2200.
 Mass at Hospital (Red Cross Bldg.), Sunday 9 April, 0630.
 Mass at Stockade, Sunday 9 April, 0730.
 Mass at 162nd St. Theater, Sunday 9 April, 0900.
 Mass at 37th St. Theater Sunday 9 April, 0900.
 Mass at 24th St. Theater, Sunday 9 April, 1100.
 Mass at Hood Road Theater, Sunday 9 April, 1100.

IRTC Wins Quiz
 The TDs lost a close Quiz Contest to their new Camp partners, the IRTC. The contest was held Wednesday March 29th at the 37th Street Service Club. Five men were on each team and each contestant had a choice of subjects to answer questions on. The topic included Geography National Dances, Popular Music



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
 "Fifteen years in the Army, and this has to happen to me," mutters 1st-Sgt. Arnold Duncan, above, topkick of Co. A, 172nd Bn, 95th Regt. IRTC, as he wields a paring knife in some "high grade" potato peeling in the Company Mess Hall. Zealously replenishing the supply of spuds is Pvt. John Gibson, who was detailed to K.P. duty by 1st-Sgt. Duncan.

Pvt. Gibson is wearing an avenging smirk. 1st Sgt. Duncan is one of many non-coms in the IRTC from the top grade down who have been called upon to work in details because there are few buck privates around for the duty rosters. Duncan was recruited from his post in the orderly room for any emergency when the cameraman happened by.

In the lower photo four non-coms in the 146th Bn, 90th Regt bear down on the kitchen utensils with the wish that non-strippers would soon arrive to take over. Left to right Cpl. John W. Flynt, mopping, Cpl. Conrad Prezynski, Cpl. Victor Rankin, Sgt. Thomas L. Brannen and Sgt. R. B. Satterfield, directing, Rankin and Brannen seem to be having a little side discussion on their fate with Brannen pointing out to Rankin that his suffering is greater because he is a Sergeant. Maybe they'll learn to feel sorrow for the poor rookie they assign to details.

"Spring Fever" In Rehearsals

The Camp Special Services presentation of the "Spring Fever Revue" will offer a number of firsts.

"I'm Going Wacky For A Girl Dressed In Khaki," is an original song about the girls who didn't have to be drafted—the WACs. Another innovation will be the original hand painted backdrops to be seen for the first time when the revue is staged at the Hood Road Theater. Lt. Slesinger and Pvt. Fagan have built ingenious stage sets and scene changes.

WACs are aiding in designing the costumes, and will appear in the production. There'll be a big line of chorus girls and boys

working under dance director Pvt. Joe Passiatore.
 Lt. Slesinger is extending a special invitation to the new men on the post who have talent to lend to this show, in the way of singing, dancing and entertaining, to contact him at phone 2669. Rehearsals are conducted at the Field House Monday nights from 7 to 9.

Going To Qm. OCS
 Sgt. Robert F. Eller, Jr. of Company "B" 129th TD Bn., RTC, leaves in the near future to attend the Quartermaster O.O.S. at Camp Lee, Virginia.

NCO Party
 A cafe in Waco was the scene of a party given for the non-commissioned officers of the 139th Bn., RTC.
 Southern-fried chicken was a hit with the noncoms and their guests, and dancing was concluded with a jitterbug contest won by 1st-Sgt. James Fitzpatrick of Company B and his partner.

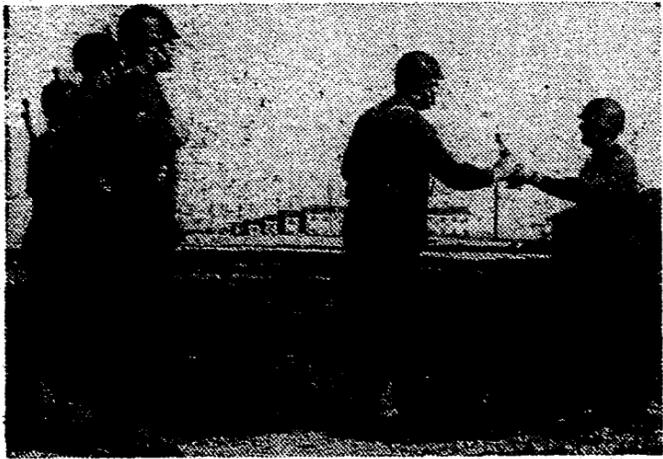
Band Leaders, Movie Stars, Spelling, etc. The questions were prepared by Mrs. Ida Mae Hefington the Club Hostess and Pfc. Robert J. Bettencourt the Quizmaster.
 The final score was 90 to 85 in favor of IRTC.

Male Call

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

Scents-ible Approach





Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Trophy for the winners: Colonel Chester E. Sargent, commanding officer, 23rd TD Group, is seen presenting the trophy to Lt. William E. Wisdom, for the basketball championship of Camp Hood recently gained by the 672nd TD Bn. Lt. Wisdom was coach of the 1944 cage champions.

Co. A Wins First 660th Battalion Baseball Game

Company "A", 660th TD Bn. baseball team started the 1944 season with an 8 to 3 win over the highly touted "B" Co. nine, rated as the best in the Battalion at the 27th Street field last week.

The game was featured by the good pitching of Cpl. Czajkowski and Pvt. Esperon of "A" Company. Czajkowski pitched the first five innings and allowed only one earned run; Esperon pitched the last four. Good support was given the pitchers. Timely hitting of Tec-5's Sassard and Mowery, with two doubles and a single by Mowery out of four times at bat was outstanding. The biggest thrill came when Sassard came to bat for "A" Company. With the bases loaded, and "B" Company leading 2 to 0, Sassard hit a powerful double which cleaned the bases, putting "A" Company in the lead.

It Happened In Old Monterrey

The scene is Monterrey, in Old Mexico. A crowd is assembled, arrayed in somber black and flashing colors. Cries of "El Toro!" "El Toro!" read the air as a huge bull enters the ring. He is goaded into fury by the bee stings of the bandilleros which pierce the thick hide of his muscular neck, making him toss his head in range.

In a few moments the matador, hero of the scene, makes his dashing appearance, armed with an apparently inadequate blade and waving the large cape which is a necessary part of his colorful costume. The bull makes futile rushes at the matador who jumps aside, barely missing being goaded by the wicked horns. The lumbering creature makes another try. This time the matador gets set.

El Toro, maddened, rushes on toward the tiny sword, concealed partly by the matador's cape. The matador's aim is true and the bull falls dead. Hardly disheveled by his agile leaps, the

Trophy Given To Camp Champs

The fast stepping big green and white basketball team of the 672nd Tank Destroyer Battalion received the Camp Championship Trophy at a ceremony held Friday afternoon on the athletic field in the rear of the battalion command post. Col. C. E. Sargent, commanding officer of the 23rd Group made the presentation to the team before the entire battalion standing in formation. The trophy was received by 1st Lt. William E. Wisdom who coached the aggregation.

The game for the championship was played March 2nd at the field house with the 672nd versus the 665th and when the final whistle blew it found the 672nd out in front by a score of 71 to 25.

Upon winning the camp championship the team was invited to participate in the TAAA (Texas Amateur Athletic Association) tournament scheduled for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 9-10-11 at Fort Worth. After drawing a blank for Friday, Saturday night saw the Hood champs pitted against the 63rd Armored Division, winners of the camp championship at Camp Bowie. The score saw-sawed throughout a hard fought well-played game with the Bowie men winning out 45 to 41.

matador scrapes and bows, amid the plaudits of the crowd.

This is what Staff Sergeant E. W. Glade of the Reproductions Department and Corporal Robert Borse of the Grade Test Section anticipated for last Sunday when they left Camp Hood for Monterrey. They were met in San Antonio by a friend, proceeding on down to the bull fights.

Promotions Announced

To Sergeant—Cpl. Larry P. Logan, Co "C"; Cpl. William Matthews, Co "C"; Cpl. Elmo Thomas, Co "D".

To Technician 4th—Tec 5th Joe D. Rice, Co "D".

To Technician 5th—Pfc Frankie Carter, Co "C"; Pfc Matthew Richmond, Co "C"; Pfc Charles Williams, Co "D"; Pfc Lewis Harris Hq Co.

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TDRTC Tourney Opened At NC; Call For Players

The crack of the bat sounded officially for the first time this year at the North Camp Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center last Monday when an inter-battalion softball tournament began the first round of competition.

34 Softball Fields

The athletic staff of the RTC Special Services Office has been busy for a month laying out thirty-four softball diamonds and building backstops in preparation for the softball season. The first round of play will end in June and the second in September, the winners of each round clashing for the RTC championship.

Call For Baseball

In addition to organizing the softball round-robin, Lt. H. L. Mahley, athletics officer, has issued a call for professional, semi-professional and experienced amateur baseball players to form an RTC nine which will meet area challengers this spring and summer. Officers are eligible to compete for positions on the team. Enlisted men who make the grade will be excused from the maintenance period in order to practice in the evenings. Tryouts will be held in a few days.

TDS Nine Meets Texas U May 6th

May 6 has been set tentatively for the second game of the home and home series between the Texas U. nine from Austin and the TDS baseball team.

The series has been under discussion for some time with the first game set for Austin on April 27, according to present plans.

The TD School nine probably will include a number of men who played with the Student and OCS Regiment teams which last year were winner and runner-up, respectively, in the Post Championship series.

For several weeks practice sessions have been held nightly at the School athletic grounds, this in addition to the usual physical training program.

Qualify 100 Per Cent

The men of Company "D", 140th Bn. RTC, second platoon, had what might well be termed a field day on the carbine range, 21 March, when they turned in a topnotch performance by qualifying one hundred percent.

Six men fired "expert," twenty-two "sharpshooter," and twelve "marksman." The highest mark was fired by Pvt. Ernest Williams with a score of 189.

This commendable record speaks well for the instruction and effort put forth by the carbine team, commanded by Lt. Joseph E. Sager, all-star Panther basket baller, aided by Lt. Clifford S. Edgar.

Casuals Win

A softball game billed as "The Battle of the Century" took place on the 24th Street diamond last Wednesday when the Student Regiment KP's lost to the Casuals 15 to 11, in a game that was hotly contested up to the final inning.

A large crowd of officers and men was on hand to cheer the athletes, especially the KP's, who spotted the Casuals an average of 10 years per man.

667th Recon. Co. Wins

Rcn. Co., 667th TD Bn., did it again, by beating Co. B, 667th TD Bn., to the score of 12 to 5, making it two straight in a row, both games being pitched by PFC Leonard Jenkins. Rcn. Co., 667th TD Bn., is out to beat any team in the Camp Hood, in softball and will take on all challengers. The team is supervised by Tec 5 Tkac, Captain of the ball club

SPORTS

The latest issue of The Sporting News hails Frank Mancuso as the number one catching prospect of the St. Louis Browns. Frank, a hero-worshipping youngster, is trying to approach the work with the mask and mitt of Gus, the elder Mancuso by some 13 years. The story in the Sporting News likewise says that Frank graduated OCS at Fort Benning, before joining the paratroopers, where he received an injury that caused his discharge. Here, of course we find the Sporting News in error, for we personally recall Frank serving in Camp Hood as an enlisted man, entering the OCS at the Tank Destroyer School, and receiving his commission right here in the TDS. In fact, we were one of the first to congratulate him on that day, and wrote a sports item of his achievement that made the wire releases!

We detect another boner: This time in the Baseball Guide, another publication of the Sporting News. Here, the claim is that Wes Ferrell, in 1931, as a pitcher, hit the most homeruns in a single season—9. It seems to us that back in 1918, Babe Ruth was a pitcher for the Boston Red Sox. We know that he toiled on the mound in the World Series that year, winning a great game. Well, in that same year, 1918, Ruth, as a pitcher, walloped 11 homeruns!

Memories of Press Row . . . It was in the Hollywood Legion Fight Stadium, studded with stars from the Film Mecca. That night Jackie Fields, former welterweight king, and Kenny Washington, the colored athlete, the greatest football player ever developed at UCLA, were to be introduced in the ring . . . the usual ceremony before the main event. The announcer, a hasty substitution for the stadium's veteran announcer who was home with laryngitis got off to a pretty shaky start. He began . . . "Introducing a boy you all remember, one of the cleanest men in sports, a great athlete at school and a credit to his race (and as Jackie Fields climbed between the ropes, the by now flustered announcer continued) Jackie Fields!" Then, when the smiling Kenny Washington came into the ring, and the roar of welcome subsided, the announcer continued. "Yes, this is Kenny Washington. He wasn't the welterweight champion, but he was a pretty good football player, too!"

Sad news for this corner . . . A letter this week advises us that our racing stable is no more. The stable comprised one horse, a gallant steed that had been trying for the past three years to win a race at Agua Caliente. Everyone out at the track had long agreed that she was one of the fastest starters ever seen down there. She'd fly out in front for about three furlongs, and then it always happened . . . she'd fold up like an accordion, and the other nags would pass her like she was going backward. She did finish third once and fourth once, though. Don't think she wasn't game, either. She ran a couple of races with sharp stones imbedded in her right front hoof, before we knew anything was wrong, outside of a slight limp she exhibited after her two races. Well, Belle is out in pasture now taking it easy. But she had her days, she ran a couple of races against Bing Crosby's brood, and did no worse!

Billy Gordon, second sacker of the New York Yankees is expected to enter the service soon. It's a real blow to the Yanks, Gordon's leaving has inspired certain baseball writers to call him the greatest keystone guardian of this decade. We disagree emphatically, and believe we have many constituents with us too, when we aver that Charley Gehring was the greater of the two. Not a grandstander, Charley who held down second base for the Detroit Tigers for so many years, made the toughest plays look easy. He could shag a ball, recover and throw from any position, underhand, overhand, from the ground. He was the greatest steadying influence on the ball club. He was captain. He was a consistent hitter who invariably would come through in the clutch. And he was the idol of all Detroit's baseball-mad populace. We attended the "Charley Gehring Day" game some years back, played against the Yankees. On that day Charley got a home run, triple, double and single, four-for-four—and he got a brand new automobile too. What a day for the Fowlerville Flash!

Aside to Lt. Murrell Miller at North Camp: Hope you plan on having a ball club this season. The groundwork you laid for the Student Regiment early last season, when you were down there, and the hard work you put in rounding out a team were the outstanding factors that finally produced the camp championship for the Studes. We have a hunch you'll do alright at North Camp, too.

Reports coming in about the zest the men are putting in during their physical training period out at TDS. It seems that Lt. Kerr, coach of last season's football team is in charge, and he talks to those guys out there just like a football coach! All they need, it is claimed, is a locker room and a second half coming up . . . then, after Lt. Kerr gets through with them, they could get out there against anybody! He has the knack of arousing plenty of fight spirit among the men.

—RC

Bumpier Riding

Pvt. Albert Marin, a trainee in "A" Company of the 138th Training Bn. RTC, has been discovered to be a man with an interesting civilian background. Marin served as a flight steward aboard planes flying between New York and Miami. In the course of seven trips per month for seven years, he has managed to pile up 83,000 hours in the air.

Pvt. Marin's passenger list included the famous and the celebrated and he maintains that passengers, famous or otherwise, are primarily interested in food while travelling. Their calls for "chow"

Softball Season Opens

The opening gun of the softball season was fired by Reconnaissance Company of the 667th Tank Destroyer Battalion, when they defeated Reconnaissance Company 657th Tank Destroyer Battalion by the score of 8 to 7 behind the masterful pitching of Private First Class Leonard L. Jenkins and the heavy hitting of Private First Class George F. Weber.

kept Marin as busy as the proverbial cat on the flypaper.

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