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Col. Delamater New Executive For Camp Hood

Announcement was made at Post Headquarters last week that Col. B. F. Delamater, Jr., has been assigned as Camp Executive Officer replacing Col. A. O. Akers, recently transferred. Col. Delamater has served with the United States Army for over thirty years having graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1912. The Colonel served with the Vera Cruz Expedition in 1914. During World War I he served with the Inf. and later transferred to the Adjutant General Dept. Following the war Col. Delamater spent a number of years in Hawaii returning to this country in 1925.

After a brief period of military education during which time he graduated from the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., and the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas the Colonel returned to his native state of Texas and was assigned as Infantry instructor at Texas A&M. Later he moved on to Ohio where for five years he served as senior instructor of the Ohio National Guard. Col. Delamater's last foreign tour of duty was as Commanding Officer of the 5th Inf. in Panama where he was stationed until a year ago.

Since returning to the states the Colonel has commanded the 2nd District of the 8th Service Command at Alexandria, La. His home is in San Antonio.

Watch The Light Boys

The City of Dallas is concerned with traffic problems. Visiting servicemen are urged to observe the traffic lights and prevent accidents.

Recently, it was noticed that many servicemen were walking through the red lights placing themselves in serious danger. Motorists expect to have the right of way with a traffic light.

Civil authorities of Dallas have turned the responsibility of correcting this discrepancy over to the Military Police. In the future, cases of violations will be reported to commanding officers, since these acts are a violation of civil laws.

Servicemen of this post are urged to cooperate with the Dallas traffic regulations.

Hostess Leaves For Overseas Job

Mrs. Ida Mae Heffington, hostess at the 37th Street Service club since the day of its opening, August 3rd, 1942, left Camp Hood last Monday for Washington, D. C. to take a six weeks preparatory course, after which she will prepare to go overseas to take part in the Red Cross program, as director of a service club somewhere "over there."

Following her schooling at Washington, Mrs. Heffington, a resident of Fort Worth, will be assigned to the Stage Door Canteen in New York City, Boston, and Washington canteens for four weeks experience, and will then embark on her overseas Red Cross mission.

Mrs. Heffington made many friends during her long stay at Camp Hood, and is hopeful that she may run into former Camp Hood servicemen when she gets across.

Miss Eugenia Johnson will be the new 37th St. hostess.

Civilians Top Bond Buyers

The Eighth Service Command, Dallas, has established an Honor Club for War Bond purchases by Army civilian employees, through the monthly Class A Pay Reservation Plan.

Membership requirements are 95% participating for 12% of the payroll.

Eight out of 27 Army installations in this area have qualified, among them Camp Hood with 99.1% participating for 12.69% of the payroll, putting this camp among the top-flight qualifiers.

No Sunday Crossings

The International Vehicular and Foot bridge at Laredo, Texas, will be closed from 12 p.m., May 6, until 12 p.m., May 7, and for similar periods each following Sunday.

Military personnel planning Mexican trips should remember these dates, to avoid trips those days.

TDRTC Tec-Sgt Swaps Stripes For Navy Rank

One of those rare instances of an Army man going into the Navy (and from noncommissioned officer to officer, at that) was recorded at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood, Tex., a few days ago.

This distinction is held by Douglas Dewey Blocksma of Grand Rapids, Mich., who gave up a technical sergeant's rating as psychologist in the TDRTC Classification Section to accept a commission as an ensign in the Navy.

Ensign Blocksma was given an honorable discharge from the Army and on April 22 was commissioned a naval officer at Dallas, Tex. His wife, who has been making Gatesville, Tex., her temporary home, witnessed the ceremony.

Ensign Blocksma entered the Army in August, 1942, on military leave from his post as clinical psychologist at Ohio State university. He is scheduled to serve as psychologist in the Naval Hospital Corps. He had but a short time to enjoy his last Army rating, having been advanced from staff sergeant but two weeks before he left for the Navy.

Red Cross Drive Boosted By RTC

Men of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood played a major part in the record Red Cross drive recently conducted at North and South Camp.

TDRTC contributions amounted to almost one-third of the \$15,000 total given by officers and enlisted men. A letter of thanks from Field Director George H. Hyde of the Red Cross, chairman of the War Fund Drive, to Capt. S. Howard VanDyke, special services officer of the TDRTC, says:

"It is our desire to express to you the appreciation of the National Red Cross and this office for the valued assistance which you have given in making the 1944 War Fund Drive a success at Camp Hood."

"Will you also convey our thanks to those of your command whose interest and contributions, large and small, have made possible this year's record of over \$15,000 received at Camp Hood. This year's response has been proportionately greater than in 1943 and, to us, that is the finest compliment we could have." Captain VanDyke has expressed the thanks of the Red Cross and his own appreciation to the men of the TDRTC for their response to the drive.

SHOULDER PATCH COLLECTORS already are responding to last week's appeal for donations for a permanent collection for the Tank Destroyer Museum.

Pvt. Ralph Stein of the School was the first to respond with a large number of duplicate patches. Anyone who has a few assorted patches, or duplicates is urged to phone 2184 or mail them to Publications Department, Tank Destroyer School.

Camp Demonstration Is Complete Battle Show

Artillery shells screamed overhead. The sharp crack of high velocity tank destroyer guns rent the air on the right front. The dull "klunk" of heavy mortars, the sharp, angry, snap of BAR's, light and heavy machine guns, and infantry rifles broke out all along the main line of resistance. Flaming tracers streamed in to the "enemy" positions.

Puffs of black smoke, mixed with clouds of light tannish Texas dust, rose above barren cemetery knoll where the "enemy" forces were attacking.

From your precarious perch on the steep rocky slopes of Jack Mountain, you tried to pick out the bursts of the 105 howitzers from the 3-inch shells of the tank destroyers and the 81-mm mortars, of the infantry in the mass concentration of fire. You knew that thousands of burning ragged-edged steel fragments were tearing into the earth out there on the knoll. You knew that no living creature could come through alive from such a blanket of fire. The usual expression of men returning from the battle fronts—"all hell broke loose"—truly applied in this instance.

Silence

Then there was silence, broken only by a few final spurts of rifle and machine-gun fire. The smoke and dust of the barrage rose slowly above the knoll. Word came over the public address system that the "enemy" attack had been repulsed with severe losses.

Up on the side of Jack Mountain you found yourself relaxing and counting yourself lucky to be a member of a fighting team that could lay down such murderous fire upon the hated enemy. It was a good wholesome feeling, one of pride, not only in the individual unit, but in the fighting team as a whole, composed of infantry, field artillery, tank destroyers, and tanks.

Before you had time to think further in this vein, tanks began rumbling out from the foot of Jack Mountain toward Cemetery knoll. They were taking advantage of the temporary disorganization of the "enemy" to launch a counter-attack and secure ground from which the "enemy" had been dislodged by the artillery and mortar fire.

Infantrymen moved in behind the tanks to occupy and hold the ground with the aid of antitank guns, towed into position by the advancing tanks.

Teamwork

There ended one of the most thorough-going military demonstrations ever conducted at Camp Hood. It was billed as a demonstration of a "Tank Destroyer Company Reinforcing Divisional Artillery," but it was far more than that to the hundreds of of-

ficers and enlisted men who witnessed the show. It was a convincing demonstration of the effectiveness of teamwork among the branches of the American fighting team that is today beating the Axis on all fronts. Even the air force was represented by a small "grasshopper" plane from which observers assisted in directing the artillery fire.

Several specific points were demonstrated during the three-hour show. Among them were the effectiveness of tank destroyer units used to lay down interdicting fire and the use of flares and smoke shells. Both mortars and howitzers laid down effective smoke screens for troop withdrawal.

Unerring marksmanship of all weapons was particularly noticeable throughout the demonstration.

Participating units were the 927th Field Artillery Battalion, the 761st Tank Battalion, Company C of the 662nd tank destroyer battalion and a provisional infantry composed of personnel of the OCS, Student and Academic regiments, and the weapons department of the Tank Destroyer School.

"The Women" To Be Presented Here Next Week

One week from today, the Red Masque Players of the University of Houston will, present the famous Broadway comedy, "The Women," at Camp Hood, giving two performances. The first stage presentation will be Thursday, May 11th, at the Hood Road Theater, in South Camp Hood, with the second scheduled for Friday, May 12th at the Central Recreation Hall, North Camp. Both performances will start promptly at 8:00 p. m.

Forty-five people — 40 women and five men will arrive in Camp Hood with this ambitious production, which has played Ellington Field and Camp Wallace recently.

Officers Visit Hood

Two high ranking officers of the Replacement and School Command, Birmingham, Ala., were in Camp Hood last week for a 36 hour visit to the Infantry Replacement Training Center.

Col. Wilbert E. Shallene, G-3 of the RSC, inspecting range facilities and training during the visit, watched IRTC trainees in various phases of training.

Lt. Col. George P. Warner, Adjutant General of the command, studied and advised on administrative functions in the IRTC.

Enlisted Men's Party

Co C, 141st TDTC at the North Camp Replacement Training Center, held a party for enlisted men of the company April 21 with the regimental and battalion commanders and company officers as guests.

Turkey sandwiches, crackers pickles and soft drinks provided a full "night lunch" for all who attended. After refreshments members of the company entertained with skits and songs.

Travelers' Invitation

Camp Hood Chapter No. 2, Order of the Travelers, has issued a special invitation to IRTC men in Camp Hood as well as other Master Masons to join. The organization, composed of enlisted men, has meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the 37th St. Service club. The next session is set for May 2.

Application blanks for prospective members may be secured at the meeting or by phoning S-Sgt. Leo D. Charlton, 2421 or at North Camp by contacting Capt. James F. Ulmer, phone 3345-W.

Map Reading Important In Battle Says Veteran

Sergeant Freddie Teet of Eatonton, Georgia, now in the TD School Weapons Department after 19 months' overseas service, has many tips to pass on to trainees. Though his experience was gained as a TD, they are valuable to anyone going overseas.

One of the first of these concerns map training. An Italian map of the Cassino sector, reproduced by the American forces, was brought out by the sergeant in the course of his discussion of what the man going overseas should know. "Know United States military maps," he said, "and a foreign map is easily interpreted.

On the map Sergeant Teet pointed out the sectors which the indirect fire of his Tank Destroyer company covered. Teet was stationed just in the rear of the Allied infantry position on the military crest of a hill several hundred feet high, as an observer. Watching the burst of the shells his company fired in the assault on the mountainside town of Cassino, he radioed back the results, directing the fire to the best advantage.

Long Vigil

"Service on this post was for as long as 72 hours," Sergeant Teet indicated. "One of the worst possible mistakes that could be made in a spot like this," he said, "would be to let the sunlight catch a piece of shiny mess gear, the lens of observation equipment or any shiny object, such as the lid of a ration can." "This," he continued, "is sure to bring down enemy fire."

Sergeant Teet was in on the Salerno and Anzio beachheads during his Italian Service.

In North Africa, where he served before the start of the Italian campaign—a part of his 19th month overseas—Teet gained a good knowledge of maps and mapping through almost constant reconnaissance work he did. His jeep's speedometer, at the end of the African campaign, read 10,000 miles. And it was the same jeep he started with. Ten thousand miles of rough, stony desert terrain; that's quite a bit of traveling, but that's what he did most of the time with only the company of his driver.

Sergeant Teet served as reconnaissance and liaison noncom for the TD gun company to which he was attached. His work took him out ahead of the destroyers time after time, and, with the unerring instinct of a hunter, never once was he lost from his outfit. This outfit, by the way, was cited for its performance at Kasserine Pass, which was a turning point in the Allied campaign to eradicate the Germans from North Africa.

In Action

It was at Kasserine that he received his baptism of fire. After the Allied infantry had been driven back from its position by heavy armored thrusts, the TD's were called in and gave the Heinies the shellacking which was the beginning of their long backward trek to Tunisia. Faid Pass, Bizerte, Sbeitla—he saw all these engagements and, of them all, believes Bizerte was the toughest assignment.

Teet was a member of the same battalion with which Sergeant A. W. Peavy, also of the Academic Regiment, served. Peavy was with the pioneer platoon of a reconnaissance company, and served with Teet at Fort Benning and Fort Bragg before their outfit went to England in 1942. There they were stationed five months, training and awaiting the propitious moment which marked embarkation from England for a North African landing. Then came the Tunisian drive and the wait while Sicily was taken, followed in short order by Cassino and Anzio.

At TDS

Teet is with Company C of the Academic Regiment, working in the 30-millimeter section. He's familiar with this weapon, since he studied it at Fort Benning, back in the days when his company was a part of an antitank outfit. Later, he saw it used in the North African campaign as one of the early Tank Destroyer guns.

Now, he's helping to teach it again for the School Weapons Department. Sergeant Teet was married a couple of years ago, but since then has been able to spend but four months with his wife. Now, she's here, and he's ready to settle down for the duration.

Soldier, Rifle, Partners In Battle Team

Teamwork pays big dividends in modern warfare. Breaking it down to the lowest numerical unit a soldier and his rifle form one of the deadliest and most effective teams on the field of battle.

Although the rifle is inanimate a certain "partnership" must exist between the man and the weapon. The IRTC at Camp Hood strives to make the two as close to one another as a musician is to his instrument or as a captain is to his ship.

In these days of mechanized and aerial warfare, planes, tanks, and artillery have been accorded top billing, but when the enemy's goal line is crossed it will be the foot soldier with his weapons who tallies the final and decisive blow.

Bringing the infantryman and his rifle to the highest degree of concerted action is one of the main objectives of training in the IRTC. There is no doubt of the effectiveness of the rifle, but it is up to the man behind the gun to be able to handle and use it with the greatest skill. Thus, in training here, the soldier and his rifle are rarely separated, so that the man becomes thoroughly accustomed to the weapon and comes to regard it as his closest friend.

In the pictures on this page, IRTC trainees are shown in one of the steps in this teaming up process. These shots were taken as men of Co. B, 146th Bn., 90th Regt., IRTC were learning the essentials of marksmanship. Pvt. Gordon Blackman is seen practicing sighting and aiming while Pvt. Raymond Roberts stands by as coach; Pvt. Victor G. White learning how to shoot from the kneeling position with Pvt. Howard A. Whitney as coach; Pvt. Benjamin Dudley "hits the dirt" with rifle slung on his arm and Pvt. John M. Crabb acts as coach.

As depicted here, men are paired off during these drills. The coach corrects the flaws of the man with the rifle, then alternates with his "pupil" who in turn, becomes the coach. Here is an-



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other way in which teamwork is applied in IRTC training. By studying each other's mistakes the men can train themselves to avoid similar mistakes. It also

serves to develop a sense of responsibility for the other fellow, and on an enlarged scale this will save many lives on the battlefield.

TD Museum Gets Pontoon Bridge

A miniature pontoon bridge, which actually floats and carries a convoy of Tank destroyer vehicles is one of the latest donations to the Tank Destroyer Museum at 24th and Park Streets.

This bridge is a part of a series of displays contributed by the Pioneer department of the Tank Destroyer School. It was built by the Training Aids Section.

Further contributions from this department include other types of foot and vehicular bridges, the same type of structures being built in many lands over streams of gullies to permit travel by TD's and other mounted or foot troops.

A knot board, on which are displayed examples of knots and splices used in rigging work by Pioneers and engineers also is displayed. Other Pioneer exhibits include series of miniature barbed wire entanglements and roadblocks. The roadblocks are made of bark covered tree branches so they resemble more closely the native timber.

TD Athletic Fame Spreads

Lieutenant Carl H. Andrews of the TD School Athletic department is convinced that the TDS is becoming well known. Last week Southwestern University of Georgetown put out feelers, requesting a series with the School nine. Arrangements for these games are still in the air but dates may be worked out in the near future. Two other tilts are assured. The TDS men play the McCloskey Hospital nine on May 14 with the second of this series the following Sunday, May 21.

Meanwhile a number of evening set-to's with other camp teams and the regular league games are being considered. The School nine, with the reputation the Student and OCS Regiment teams built up last year is assured of a full schedule. In fact, the schedule gives promise of being so full that the Athletic Department may have to do some weeding out to keep crowding it too much.



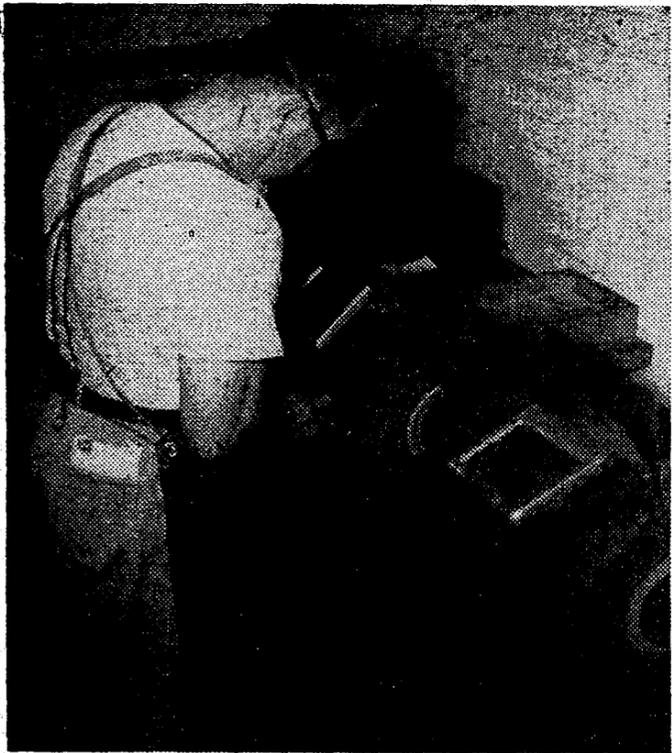
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Panther Park's swimming pool will provide plenty of enticement to heat sufferers this summer. Many improvements have been made at the park, located in Lampasas. Skating, dancing, and bicycling, are other features.



102nd St. and 37th St. Theaters
 Sat—The Girl in the Case.
 Sun & Mon—And the Angels Sing.
 Tues—The Whistler.
 Wed & Thurs—Once Upon a Time.
 Fri—Yellow Canary.
 Hood Road & 24th St. Theaters
 Sat—The Whistler.
 Sun & Mon—Up in Mabel's Room.
 Tues & Wed—Between Two World's.
 Thurs & Fri—And the Angels Sing.
 72nd St. & Brigade Ave. Theaters
 Sun—Between Two World's.
 Mon—Wolf, Wolf.
 Tues & Wed—And the Angels Sing.
 Thurs—Charlie Chan in the Chinese Case.
 Fri & Sat—Once Upon a Time.

Ave. D and 24th St. Theaters
 Sat—The Girl in the Case.
 Sun & Mon—Pin Up Girl.
 Tues—Charlie Chan in the Chinese Cat & Wyoming Hurricane.
 Wed & Thurs—Up in Mabel's Room.
 Fri & Sat—Between Two World's.
 184th Street Theatre
 Sun—Moon Over Las Vegas.
 Mon—Girl in the Case.
 Tues & Wed—Pin Up Girl.
 Thurs—Days of Glory.
 Fri & Sat—Up in Mabel's Room.
 4th & 10th St. Theaters
 Sat—Charlie Chan in the Chinese Cat & Wyoming Hurricane.
 Sun & Mon—Her Primitive Man.
 Tues—Moon over Las Vegas.
 Wed—Girl in the Case.
 Thurs & Fri—Pin Up Girl.



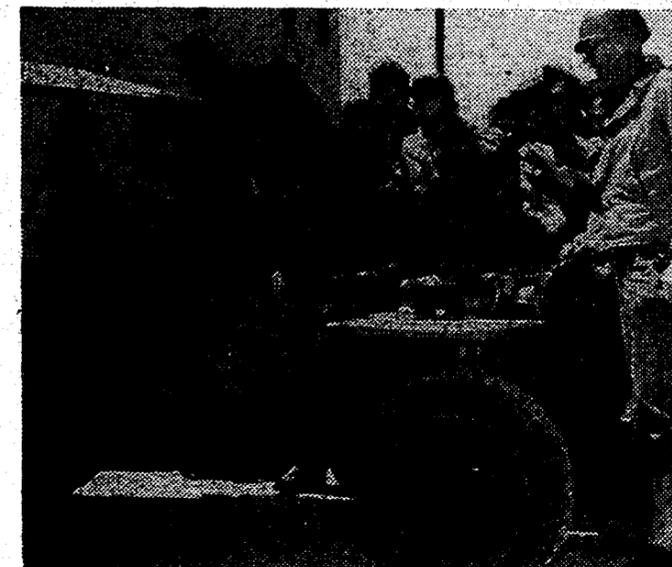
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The machinist's job is as important to the war effort as the soldier's. This civilian employee is shown at work, grinding a tool at a Camp Hood machine shop. His safety is insured by goggles, apron, guard on the grinding machine.



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The face of this Camp Hood soldier shows the vigor and determination that goes with thorough training and efficient equipment. He knows how to fight, how to protect himself, and with that goes energetic self confidence. Here, too, safety is a factor.



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A group of newly arrived IRTC trainees show eager interest in the workings of the famous jeep. Pvt. Jesse Harrison foreground is shown as he explains motor parts to the impromptu students.

Committee Will Attempt To Prevent Accidents In Camp

Ways and means of preventing accidents, under the Army Accident Prevention program, is the assignment of Camp Hood's Advisory Safety committee. The committee, voluntary in its activities, has undertaken the two-fold task of preventing accidents among civilians employed at Camp Hood, and, as a direct corollary, the cutting down of man hours lost to the war effort as a result of preventable lost time accidents.

Voluntary

Membership in the group is entirely voluntary and the work done by committee members is in addition to their other duties. Joe Guyton, camp exchange; Sherrol Isdale, camp combined maintenance; Alton Mitchell, camp ordnance; Lee Clore, camp laundry, and George Grindrod, post engineers, comprise the civilian members of the committee. Assistance

from the military is furnished by two officers, Capt. W. S. Townsend, Camp Safety officer, and Lt. Edward Gershanov, medical advisor to the group.

That this group of men has been successful in its efforts to reduce accidents and increase the number of man-hours available to the war effort is shown by the statistics compiled by the Safety office for the month of March. During the period the camp's 2,500 civilian employees had an accident frequency rate of 1.90. Reduced to common terms this figure means that for each million man hours worked, there were 1.90 accidents. A further means of appreciating the success of this committee is seen in the Severity Rate of .001, which means that for every thousand man-days worked, only 1-1000 of a day was lost due to accidents.

Safety Classes

These results were accomplished through the committee's well-planned safety program, which included a series of nine-hour accident prevention classes for foremen, the use of preventive methods and measures as suggested by the committee, and the distribution of posters and bulletins pertinent to safe work practices.

The accident prevention classes were instructed by Ira Edmonson of camp ordnance, who has attended a course in safety sponsored by the Eighth Service Command and held at Southern Methodist university. The course is broad in scope and included such topics as the background of the safety movement, sources and causes of injuries, preventive measures, accident investigation, handling materials, safeguarding machinery, housekeeping, use of personal safety equipment, and other allied topics.

Education in the field of safety is a continuous process at Camp Hood. New men reporting for work for the first time, and "old timers" who have been engaged in productive labor for many years, are both offered the opportunity of attending the safety classes that are held frequently. The results are plainly seen as the accident rate drops and "safety-mindedness" rises. With the realization that safety and patriotism walk hand in hand, Camp Hood is working a full week every week.

TDS Refresher Course Adopted

A refresher course of a new type now is being conducted at the Tank Destroyer School. Provisional companies are being formed, under the direction of OCS Regiment company officers.

Intensive training is given in a manner similar to that used for officer candidate classes. Student officers are named for the companies each day, higher noncoms usually being given the posts of company commander, platoon leader, first sergeant, etc.

The schedule includes basic instruction of many types with both field and class room work.

Cleaning Charges

Approved charges for cleaning, pressing, and alterations on this post recently announced by the adjutant:

Pants .....	.25
Shirt .....	.20
Cap .....	.10
Tie .....	.05
Blouse .....	.35
Jacket, Field .....	.35
Mackinaw .....	.50
Overcoat .....	.75

ALTERATIONS

Shirts:	
Body .....	.50
Sleeve .....	.50
Sew Chevrons .....	.15
Shoulder Strap	1.00
Pants:	
Waist .....	.25
Length .....	.25
Blouse:	
Sleeve .....	.50
Body .....	.75
Length .....	.75 & up
Overcoat:	
Sleeve .....	.50
Body	1.25
Length	1.00

Rattlesnake Bedmate

Cpl. Lloyd M. Champion of Co A, 130th Bn at the North Camp Hood Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, got a real surprise when he bunked down last week on bivouac with his company and found a 6-foot rattlesnake sharing his bed space.

He quickly killed it and found that it had 14 rattles. The cured skin is now adorning the Co A orderly room wall.

Non-Coms Promoted

Several noncommissioned officers of the 130th TDTB at TDRTC, North Camp, have recently been promoted in grade. The noncoms, with their new grades, are: Co A, Sgt. William Walsh, Cpl. William Simpson and Tec 5 John Condit; Hq and Hq Det, S-Sgt. Wayne M. Shoemaker, Sgt. Charlie Stacks, Tec 4 Juan Torres, Tec 5 Robert Sprague, Tec 5 Joseph Latinis, Tec 5 Victor M. Baber, and Pfc Harold N. Price.

"Spring Fever" Opens Wed. Nite At Hood Road

"Spring Fever", Camp Hood's soldier show, will have its first curtain call at 8 p. m. in Hood Road Theater, May 17, and 18.

Talented Cpl. Ballard will be featured in a laugh extravaganza as the inimitable Mrs. Pettibone. The corporal is one of the group of IRTC actors who are participating in the show.

Another new novelty will be the guest star who presents a special "arrangement" of excerpts from the opera "Carmen", slated to amuse opera lovers and please those who hate it.

Rehearsals continue for the bounding bovines of the lovely chorus whose cuties promise a full quota of laughs and chuckles.

The cast, the acts, the chorus and music have shaped into a most entertaining show—a soldier show that promises plenty of fun for all when the curtain raises at the Hood Road Theater for a two-day stay.

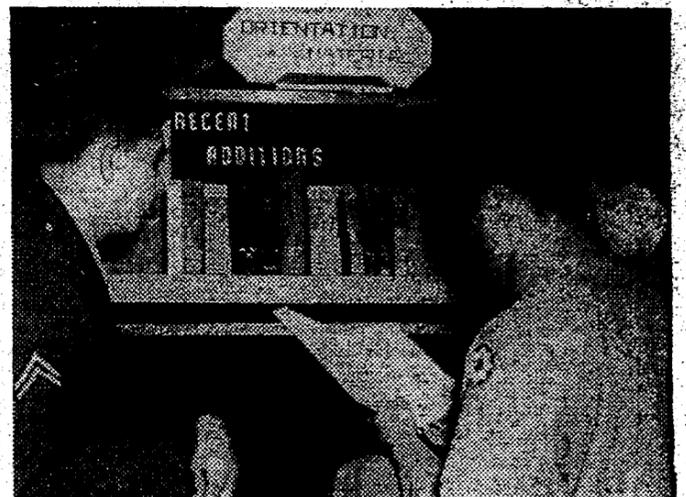
Qualify Five Experts

Record carbine firing by Co. A, 784th Bn., added Capt. Thomase E. Griswold Jr. to the expert list with a score of 177. Sharpshooters: 2nd Lt. John G. Searle 169, Cpl. James E. Evans Jr. 169, T-4 Willie L. Exum 167, Pvt. Eugene Rhymes 164, and Pfc Eudena W. Peterson 158. Submachine record firing added four more experts, all with scores of 6. Sgt. John E. Bowle, Pfts Edward A. Twine, Alvin W. Jones, and Clifford C. Rodgers.

Finally Get Together

Kermit Ward and Harry Fair, TDS nine infielders, had to get into the army to get on the same team. Fair, second baseman, and Ward, shortstop, for the School nine, played on numerous opposing teams in and around Staten Island, N. Y., but never landed on the same team.

Now, since they're in Camp Hood, and in the TD School, they're finally playing under the same baner. They're a part of the hot combination which in part is credited for the success of the Scholars so far this season.



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It is an important part of studying Army orientation to acquaint oneself with the habits and background of our allies. At North Camp Hood, the 12th Street Library has fine reading material for development of an understanding of our allies which is an aid to both officers and enlisted men. Gathering information on countries fighting with America are, (left to right) Cpl. William D. Liddle, Co. B 138th TD.; Pvt. Herman M. Pierce, 1848th S. U.; T-5 Roymand A. Banks, Headquarters Co., RTC from the following books:

- Cassidy—Moscow Dateline
- Chiang-Kai-Shek—Resistance and Reconstruction
- Church—Blood, Sweat and Tears
- Chambrun—I Saw France Fall, Will She Rise Again?
- Duranty—The Kremlin and The People
- Henderson—Failure of a Mission
- Kerr—The Russian Army
- Yutang—Between Laughter and Tears
- Romains—Seven Mysteries of Europe
- Koestler—The Scum of the Earth
- Hindus—Hitler Cannot Conquer Russia
- Tacharoff—The Voice of Fighting Russia
- Poliakov—White Mammoths

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Grandma, Remember!

Some far-off day when battle's done
And costly Victory's price is paid,
When Freedom for the world is won,
When long-sought peace has with us stayed,
Perhaps some holiday will find
Our veteran troops upon parade
And smartly hutting, well in front,
The soldiers of our "ladies" aid.

For "ladies aid" is what they called
The Women's Auxiliary Corps;
And aid they did, and often awed
The men whose jobs they struggled for.
Their job is done; they also "ran"
And now, in faded uniforms and brass
Worn thin by polishing of years,
Along the city's streets they pass

Their tired eyes are smiling still,
As brave as Amazons of old.
These modern maids and matrons will
Outlive those lady warriors bold;
For memory of their sturdy hearts
And willing hands,—each word and deed,
Will live in history as the part
They played for us in time of need.

More wrinkles now, than then, appear;
More graying tresses, some snow-white.
They do not mind the passing years
But still fight on—the Glorious Fight!
Each weatherbeaten face is proud;
Their bearing soldierly in fact.
How kindly wait the gathered crowd
To cheer these veterans of the WAC!

Oh daughters of the U. S. A!
The best years of your lives you gave—
You donned the olive-drab and tan
The world Democracy to save.
Polished boots upon the stone,
Marching tap of steady feet,
Buttons, cap, insignia, braid—
So—military—trim and neat.

Slender curves, now tough and firm;
Muscles bulge in arm and limb;
Hands once soft, now rough and brown—
Still, youthful they—with vigor, vim.
What is in their minds today?
These dear old ladies full of fire;
Is patriotic fervor cooled,
Or burn they still with their desire?

How many battles have they won
With carrot-peeling; pots and pans?
How many major skirmishes with
G. I. brush, since war began?
What do they tell their children's kids
Before the wee ones go to bed?
Do tales of Grandma's army days
Fill their wond'ring baby heads?

And what does Grandpa say of this?
Is Grandpa an old soldier too?
Was she wed in uniform, or
Something borrowed—something blue!
Did he yell at her "Hey, WAC!"
When they met at G. I. dance?
Did they learn the Army way to
keep the cadence of romance?

Old Campaigner—here's to you!
The band is playing loud and clear.
Out hats are off—the flag's unfurled.
FALL OUT!—it's bedtime, granny dear.
Oh yes, we know—in younger days
They called you "Sarge" in voices meek.
But now it's time to put away
The bugle, drill-book, chevrons sleek.

Come back to your knitting, dear.
Quench that gleam that's in your eye.
Still fighting yesterday's battles o'er.
With here and there a small white lie?
Soon you'll hear the whistle blow
To summon all old soldiers back
To places in that last review—
While sounds the bugle, softly, "taps".

—Tec-4 Edna Linton,

WAC Det. TDRTC N. Camp Hood.

Panther Poll

QUESTION—To IRTC Trainees Co B, 175th Bn:

"WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ARMY LIFE—SO FAR?"



Kenneth L. Kline

Ans: These first two weeks have been so crammed full of varied activities that I really have not been able to give much time for opinion. I used to think that I was busy as asst. mgr. of Sears Roebuck and Company in Highland Park, Illinois, but now this program is so rugged and intense my former work seems like play.



Pvt. Fred Derby

Since arriving at Camp Hood last week, frankly, I have been surprised as far as army routine goes. Our chow has been superb and most of the cadre, non-coms and officers, have treated us kindly, as rookies. This quarantine business and changing of orders so frequently bothers now, but I guess that I'll get used to it soon and become a soldier.



Pvt. Wilfred Eckhardt

After the dizzy and confusing pace which made me feel almost frustrated the first few days I now feel that I'm getting into the swing of things. I believe I will get increasing enjoyment out of my training and already I am deriving a feeling of pride of being in uniform.



Pvt. Walter Gessert

They certainly give you plenty to do down here but, I guess that's as it should be. You have to learn things fast, but I'm going to do my best to get all the benefits I can out of my training. This is a swell location for a camp, although I wish somebody would do something about restricting those outbursts from the clouds.

Small World Dept

"Men that pass in the night" are Pvts. Frank F. Cordiero and Joseph Cordiero, who come from the same home town but didn't know each other until they got together in Co "C" of the 135th TDTB at the North Camp Hood Replacement Training Center.

Frank was a carpenter in Fall River, Mass., until his induction and Joseph Cordiero was a labor foreman in the same town. They are not related.



Stripe Fever Strikes IRTC

At least 158 pairs of G.I. eyes were focusing fond looks at 158 G.I. sleeves in Headquarters Companies No. 1 and 2, IRTC this week.

Indulging in the admiring ocular exercises were 158 non-commissioned officers who received promotions during the week. Those who sported the new stripes were:

To 1st Sgt.—Vernon R. Dutton, Lexington, Kentucky.

To M-Sgt.—Robert E. Dickson, Dayton, Ohio; Hugh R. Mattison, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

To T-Sgt.—Robert H. Blank, New York City, New York; William E. Kingston, Paragould, Ark.; Alfred E. Zeschin, Wyandotte, Michigan; Arthur J. Herweh, Cincinnati, Ohio; James A. Tonry, Brooklyn, New York.

To S-Sgt.—Herbert B. Branham, Troup, Texas; Edward F. Towles, Harriman, Tennessee; Edmund J. Bieglecki, Detroit, Michigan; Arthur G. Davis, New York City, N. Y.; Richard D. Foer, Newark, New Jersey; John W. Hawkins, Jr., Dallas, Texas; Marshall Sewall, Jr., Lakewood, New

Jersey; Herman R. Shirk, Williamsport, Penn.; Harold B. Troyer, Akron, Ohio; James L. Bron, Oakpark, Ill.; John N. Allison, Newton, Pa.; Harry F. Wachdorf, Chicago, Ill.; Joseph T. Brennen, Jr., Upper Darby, Pa.; Frederick V. Bunce, Lawrence, Kansas; Hansford L. Fix, Natural Bridge, Va.; Donald C. Green, Long Island, New York; Emmett C. Kelley, Muskogee, Okla.; Charles R. Kinney, Evansville, Ind.; Joe W. Reynolds, Vienna, Ill.; Ezra C. Scott, Dewey, Oklahoma; Loyal V. Ham, Marysville, Kansas.

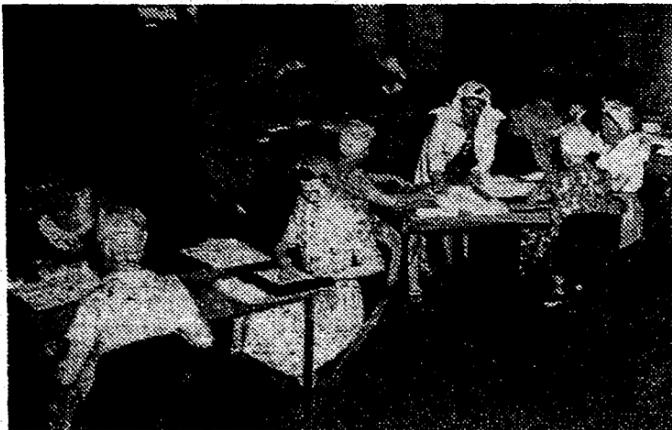
To Sgt.—Paul R. Bachand, San Francisco, Cal.; Steve Benedict, Jr., Virgil, Ky.; Norman M. Blackwood, Providence, R. I.; George L. Cilek, Iowa City, Iowa;

William S. Dorsey, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; John F. Fitzgerald, Chelsea, Mass.; Wilbur Turner, Bloomington, Ill.; Anthony P. Wincunas, Boston, Mass.; Don G. McCulloch, Santa Monica, Cal.; James M. Loconto, Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.;

Richard G. Baker, Hood River, Ore.; Frank H. Thaxton, Jr., Alco, La.; Lester E. DePenning, Des Moines, Iowa; George A. Lochner, Louisville, Ky.; Samuel J. Matthews, St. Louis, Mo.; James Rush, Amoret, Mo.; Stuart B. Walker, Kansas City, Mo. (More Next Week)



SITTIN' PRETTY—It's not easy to balance yourself on those tricky photographer's gadgets but Cheer Brentson, titian-haired lovely of NBC's "Guiding Light," seems to be doing all right. Cheer acts, cooks, is generally a wonderful gal.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Women of North Village at North Camp Hood are shown at work above in the Red Cross workshop where they have prepared more than 8,000 special surgical dressings in the last three months. Using special boards for correctly folding the bandages are, facing the camera in the front row from left to right, Mrs. Edward F. Rodgers, Mrs. Joseph Basile, Mrs. Thomas M. Horsefall, Mrs. George C. Sprouse, unit chairman of production, and Mrs. Robert A. Swain.

Soldiers' Wives Making Bandages For Red Cross

The surgical dressing which some jungle-fighter rips from his first aid kit to press to a spurting wound may well have started on its journey to the battlefronts from North Camp Hood.

For among the myriad activities of the American Red Cross is a course at North Camp which prepares dressings. The women of North Village, most of whom are the wives of soldiers, have spent each Thursday afternoon at the Red Cross workroom in the North Village Community House as part of their contribution to the fighting forces. They have already made more than 8,000 dressings for overseas, during the last three months.

Guard Duty Right Or Wrong

The right and wrong ways of performing Interior Guard Duty were brought home to trainees of Co B, 146th Bn, 90th Regt., IRTC, in interesting and novel fashion during a class in that subject last week.

A theatrical touch was given the instruction to show the students some of the things they shouldn't do while on guard duty. Each Army General Order was portrayed in a skit "produced and directed" by 2nd Lt. E. C. Eels, 146th Bn. The "cast" included company cadremen. Cpl. Peter Basile, as a witness sentry, and Cpl. Emil W. Gneiting, as a female distraction, were the star actors.

An example of the thespian treatment came during the demonstration of the order "to talk to no one except in the line of duty", when Cpl. Basile couldn't resist conversing with Cpl. Gneiting, who was playing the role of "Buxom Queen of Killen." In another instance Cpl. Basile proved not too alert while numerous disturbances were going on around him.

After each incorrect sequence the actors turned serious to demonstrate the correct manner of marching guard.

Best Mess By Test

The 128th Bn again took first place in enlisted men's messhall ratings at North Camp TDRTC last week—by one-tenth of a point. The 128th nosed out the 131st Bn 99.1 to 99.0 to keep top honors won the week before. In officer's mess ratings Headquarters Officer's Mess was rated best with 97.3 and the Fourth Regt. Officer's mess second, scoring 97.2 percent perfect in another close competition.

Neat Retreat

Showing the military eclat of veterans, Co A, 176th Bn, 97th Regt, IRTC trainees, only three weeks in training, gained distinction as result of a retreat formation and inspection held last Thursday in the company area.

The precision in forming ranks and the general soldierly bearing of the trainees received special comment from two important witnesses who viewed the troops along with Lt. Col. Paul D. Connor, Regimental Commander. The witnesses were Lt. Col. Henry M. Smith, Camp Inspector and Ma-

Plaque Trophy Inspires KP's Dirt Battle

Battle lines are drawing for furious action in IRTC Mess Halls with even the minutest particle of dirt or dust destined for eradication.

Inspired by the prospect of winning a Best Mess plaque, KP's and regular Mess Hall personnel are mustering all their elbow power as signal for the battle was given with the announcement that the award would be put into effect this week.

In order to maintain the highest standards of mess management the competitive system has been inaugurated throughout the IRTC. Every Wednesday each Battalion will hold an inspection reporting its Best Mess Company to the Regimental Headquarters. In turn an officer for Regimental Headquarters will determine the company with the best standards among the Battalion entries.

The final step will be visits by an IRTC inspection team to select the best mess of the IRTC from the Regimental entries. The winning mess will be selected each Saturday and the plaque awarded by the Commanding General of the IRTC will be hung in a conspicuous place on the winning mess hall, to remain there until won by another company. The winner will be announced each week in the Hood Panther.

Judging will be based on cleanliness, orderliness, proper handling of food, proper salvage, general efficiency and compliance with orders concerning Mess halls.

Conduct Medals For 136th TDTB

Nineteen EM of the 136th TDTB were presented with the Good Conduct Medal in colorful ceremonies at North Camp Hood, Texas on 15 April 1944.

In addressing the Battalion, Lt. Emory A. Col. Dunnam pointed out that while service in Replacement Training Centers lacks the limelight and glamour of service with tactical troops or on the battle field, a high standard is maintained, the highest degree of military decorum, and the highest leadership is required of cadre.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Enlisted Men took position on the left of the battalion commander and reviewed the ceremonies.

Official Chest Beaters

Any chest beating in the 784th Tank Battalion will come from Company C after this week. They were chosen to represent the battalion in the physical fitness test

Herr Goebbels Sounds As If Joes Are Worrying Him

(Editor's note: This is the third and final instalment of a series by Pvt. Bernard R. Gray, IRTC. The writer gathered his material in an interview with John Roy Carlson, author of "Under Cover," and from the Federal Broadcasting Intelligence Service, a branch of the OWI.)

Goebbels has put American airmen in a category by themselves. Ever since the United States Air Force began to make its full weight felt on Axis targets Goebbels has singled it out for really rough treatment. Our fliers are pictured as gangsters, destroyers, and killers without mercy. They are described as inhuman monsters. According to Goebbels, these "air gangsters" deliberately seek out nonmilitary objectives upon which to unleash their lust for destruction.

But it is not unreasonable to

assume that the outbursts of German rage are in direct proportion to the damage inflicted on German targets.

Goebbels claims that the British will fight to the last American soldier . . .

But in a broadcast to England for "Germans Living Abroad," the German commentator, NPD, cracked: "The English soldier is being used as a tool by the Americans, he did the main part of the fighting in Africa, he did the main part of the fighting in Sicily. We "true English" must stop our boys from fighting this war for American capitalism."

Goebbels has taken a complete about face in his portrayal of the American fighting man since the invasion of Sicily and southern Italy. We have been promoted. We are no longer rather nice boys, not devoid of some courage, although essentially stupid—we are now a "vicious and brutal enemy."

There are probably 2 main reasons for this change: 1) American victories have probably intensified the respect for, and fear of, the American soldier; 2) Our prestige was raised in the occupied countries of Europe.

A point of enlightenment to soldiers stationed in the States, is the following broadcast made by the German Home Service: "There is no American family and the children are spoiled."

During the past few months Goebbels has painted the following quotation picture of the American serviceman over the German short wave radio:

"Products of materialism and barbarism, the American soldiers are empty headed, illiterate, and do not know what the war is about" (in broadcast for German Diplomats Abroad) . . .

"American social life has brought forth a species of human which in its own words it describes today as its outstanding social type—the gangster. The gangster is the scum of criminality, speculation and blackmail (via Alfred Rosenberg, Hitler's philosopher)."

Which reminds us of the last remark that John Roy Carlson made prior to my leaving him: "Despite the barking of dogs; the caravan of Democracy forever marches on."

Librarian Finds Soldiers Read

Camp Hood soldiers are studious—and Myrtle C. Johnson, librarian at the 162nd St. Library, has proof. She explains that the 5400 books in the library include about equal amounts of fiction and non-fiction material. However, the daily circulation check on these books shows a decided preference for non-fiction books.

"Many of the boys are studying at night to be prepared for a future job they have in mind when peace comes, and many study to do better jobs in the army," explained the librarian.

The spacious library has a seating capacity of 200, and is open every day from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Current magazines, and newspapers, good lighting, large easy chairs, and long-distance telephone booths are features that make this a popular spot for off duty hours.

784th T. Bn. Promotes

To Technical Sergeant—S-Sgt. Frederick W. Gentry, Hq. Co.

To Sergeant—Cpl. Hubert Dabner Hq. Co.

To Technician 4th—Tec. 5 Ed C. Walker, Hq. Co.; Tech 5 Jack O'Neal Jr. Serv. Co.; Cpl. Robert L. Noble, Co. "C"; Tec 5 Dansby Gillespie, Co. "C"; Tec 5 William Rankin, Co. "C".

To Technician 4th — Tec. 5 Johnie Young, Co. "C"; Tec 5 Euclid H. Todd, Serv. Co.

To Corporal—Pfc. James E. Dixon, Co. "C"; Pfc. Victor L. Stewart, Hq. Co.

To Technician 5th—Pfc. Carl A. Greene, Serv. Co.; Pfc. Arthur Johnson, Serv. Co.; Pfc. Alfred J. Martin, Serv. Co.; Pfc. Hover L. Lenix, Serv. Co.; Pfc. Wilma L. Everett, Serv. Co.

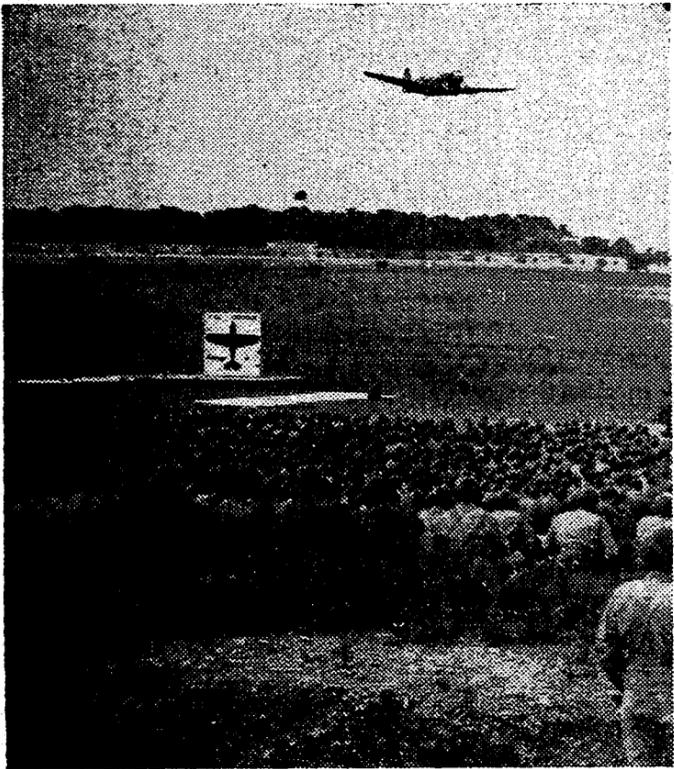
and came through with flying colors.



Wacs in the station complement celebrate their first birthday at Camp Hood with a dinner, a dance, a birthday cake, at the 162nd Street Service Club. Here T-5 Ellen Wright lights the one candle (a match stick) on the cake, which was a gift of the club. Looking on are a few of the remaining 61 members of the original company. The cake was cut by First Sgt. Ivy Burditt, seated at left who has been "top kick" of the company since its activation.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

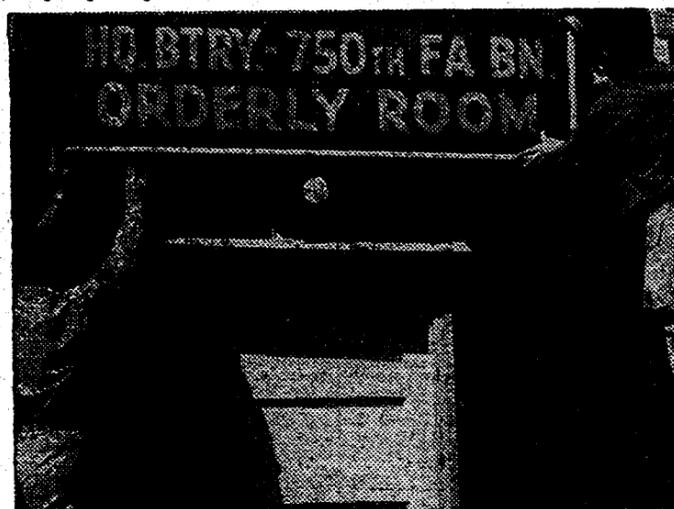
for H. G. Decker, Assistant Camp Inspector.



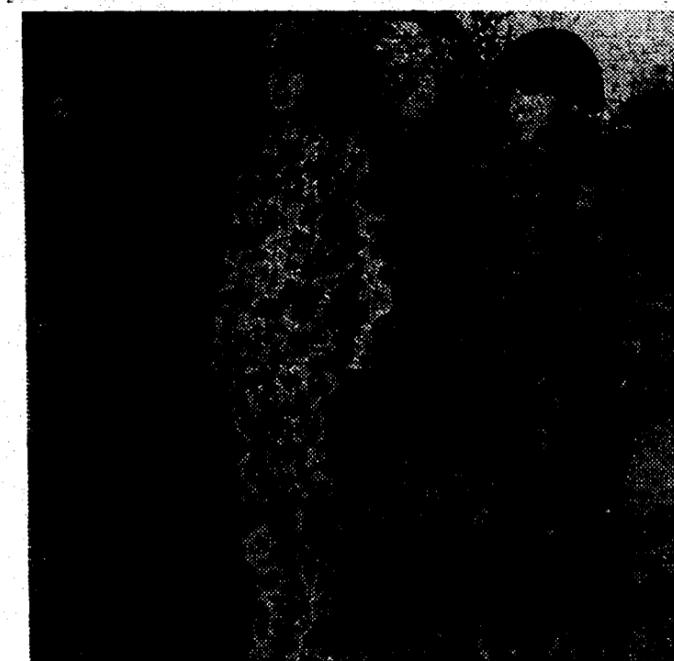
A P-40 Warhawk of the Third Air Force flies over a silhouetted counterpart on the ground during a demonstration recently for cadre and trainees of the TDRTC at North Camp Hood. The demonstration emphasized the importance of recognition of friendly planes by ground troops.



Everyone keeps busy in the IRTC. Although these cadremen recently arrived from overseas duty are not engaged in actual training of soldiers they are provided work to do in preparation for the arrival of trainees that they will be assigned to train. Here the cadremen are giving the grounds around their Company Orderly Room some beautifying, so that everything will be in tip top shape when the trainees do arrive.



Sgt. Hoven Crowley and S-Sgt. Kenneth Bent of Hdqts Battery, 750th FA, nailing up the battery sign over their new orderly room.



THE MOTTLED SPOTS on the uniforms of the men are camouflage—two types. The men on the outside are wearing the camouflage issue, the man in the center has a homemade version, which is not bad either. Whether by spray or brush, a GI can camouflage his combat suit in short order. It takes no great skill. Just a color that blends with the terrain, then daub it on thick brother!

AGF WACs Do Important And Variety Of Jobs

The Army Ground Forces have often been neglected in dramatizing the important part WACS are playing in this branch of the service, according to Lt. Col. G. F. McDonald, District Recruiting Officer. "The Armored Forces, the TDS, Mechanized and Foot Infantry, Cavalry Field Artillery Signal Corps, Medical Corps, etc., are the men who must take and hold enemy territory.

"The job that WACs are doing in the AGF is probably as vital and interesting as any woman's task in the war. Those who choose the AGF have open to them hundreds of jobs. Some are technical and professional, some mechanical, relating to a variety of trades and manual activity. There are also office and administrative work, motor vehicle operation, handling of food, supplies and stock keeping. A WAC might be in Medical work, Personnel, Public Relations, Instruction and Training, Physical Sciences or Mathematics. Also Photography, Language, Drafting, Weather, Radio, and so on through unimaginable phases of important activity," he said.

The Army needs WACs. Every soldier should see that he is able to intelligently answer any questions about WACs and their activities. Their services are needed now, and any soldier who obtains a WAC recruit is making a definite, direct contribution to the war effort.

Where there are 155 different jobs that WACs can do to help the army—there's ONE job each soldier can do—simply explain the opportunity to serve to those women you know who will be good WAC recruit material.

Colonel McDonald said, "The public would be amazed if it knew the many ways our WACs are helping win the war."

TD RTC Party

Highlighted by a grand stage show the TDRTC Headquarters Company men had another successful party recently at the North Camp Central Rec Hall. 600 people were present and the guests included officers, WACS and civilians.

Sgt. George Hall arranged and performed the fast paced stage show. In addition to Hall, there was dancer Lt. Roy Ross, onetime star of the Broadway productions "Babes in Arms" and "DuBarry was a Lady." Lt. Knopp, formerly a singer with Johnnie Long's orchestra and Helen Mannheim, whose singing has long been a special feature at Headquarters company parties. Music for the show and for dancing was supplied by the 188th Army Band, under the direction of Sgt. Fischer.

Potential Star IRTC Pal

The Guidon, official organ of Camp Fannin announced in its most recent issue that Miss Jimmie Lee Prickett, of Tyler, Tex. had signed a one picture contract with MGM and is now working at the MGM studios in Hollywood in the production "Ziegfeld Follies of 1945."

Miss Prickett, a beautiful blonde dancer is well known to several IRTC men at Camp Hood, who appeared with her in the highly successful musical hit "Texas Yanks," produced at Camp Fannin a few months ago. Among these men are Tec-5 Jack Diehl, Hdq. No. 1; Tec-5 Jennings, 175th Bn; Pfc Howard Earlywine, 173rd Bn; Pfc Gene Webb, Hdq. IRTC.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Chin and Pastarnack reminiscing over the banner presented to Cpl. Wing Chin at a banquet given in New York in his honor recently, both boys attending while on furlough.

Two TDS Men Join Great Oriental Artists In NY

The Chinese American Art Society of New York honored two Tank Destroyer School men while they were home on furlough, it was learned here this week when Sergeant Irving Pastarnack and Cpl. Wing Chin of Company D, Academic Regiment, returned here.

Chin is a member of the society and Pastarnack was signally honored by being made an honorary member. Pastarnack, because of his friendship with Chin and since he has a degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting from Syracuse University, was given the appointment.

Membership in the society comprises some of the greatest living oriental artists, many of whom have established the same type of schools in the United States that they conducted in pre-war China.

The ceremonies incident to the honorary dinner, planned as a welcome for Wing Chin, and at which Pastarnack was complimented, consumed the better part of three days as one event followed another.

Pastarnack and Chin have a complete record of their furlough from the time they left camp until they returned, even pictures taken during their visit to the Chinese USO and a shot of Brooklyn's famed tree—the one which grew.

A short time after arriving in New York, Pastarnack contacted a friend, Chuck Barnett, chairman of the Music Box Canteen's publicity staff. The canteen is frequented by stars of the stage, screen, radio, literary and music worlds and during a two-weeks' period, in addition to Broadway satellites, including Celeste Holm, star of the stage play Oklahoma,

noted visitors included Jimmy Cagney, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Iona Massey, William Franklin, and Gracie Fields. Isaac Feldman, concert violinist, sent to New York as an ambassador of good will by the Brazilian government, entertained at the canteen during Pastarnack's visit.

Meeting celebrities, being feted by notables of the art world, and entertained royally in Chinatown are long to be remembered events; however, Pastarnack's moments came when he, with his parents and younger sister, talked with his brother, Andy, who is stationed in Hawaii.

As a souvenir of the trip, Wing Chin is displaying a large banner, prepared by the Chinese Art Society for the big dinner. A copy of a photograph, taken last year at Lampasas, with Chin wearing an Indian costume, was enlarged by an artist. The poster, in Chinese ideographs and English, reads: "Welcome Corporal Chief Wing Chin of the Tank Destroyer of the U. S. Army."

The Wolf by Sansone



... just help yourself to anything you see, soldier!

Words Without Music

The top box office—draw pictures, reported by the army for the month of March were "Up in Arms," "Passage to Marseille," "Cover Girl," and "Heavenly Body" . . . E. FLYNN'S next will be "Objective, Burma"—her last name isn't mentioned . . . ROBERT BENCHLEY will be a radio announcer in "Out of this World," which sounds like a new title for his "Treasurer's Report" . . . the SINATRA will probably be Honeyboy Evans in "The Good Old Summertime" . . . "Arsenic and Old Lace" with C. GRANT and P. LANE will be released this summer.

Hywood will release a series of recruiting pictures to encourage



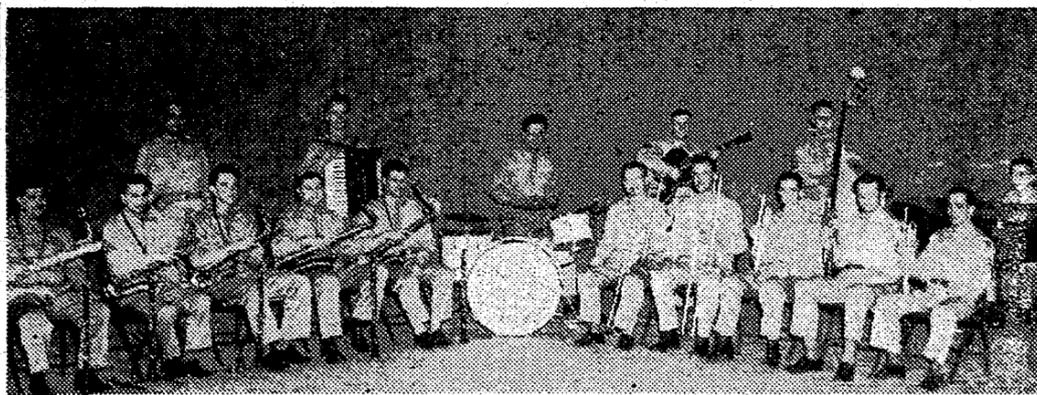
Vera Zorina

women into the WACS, the week of May 11th . . . BORIS KARLOFF'S press agent avers he held up the last day's shooting on "The Climax" until he found his favorite teddybear.

LOUISE ALLBRITTON'S press agent put in a lick for his paycheck when she was voted "the girl we'd like to try shoes on," by the shoe clerks of HARTFORD, CONN. . . . Capt. C. GABLE may make no more pictures after the war—nothing said about how he'll earn a living . . . JOHNNY LONG, orchestra leader of the same name, is sponsoring a contest to discover the GI blowing the "sweetest trumpet" . . . L. BARRYMORE is recording a plea to parents to allow their daughters to join the WACS . . . Western Union will make available for overseas broadcast play-by-play scripts of all major league games.

BOB HOPE topped Pacific coast Hooper ratings for February-March . . . JOSE ITURBI will conduct an orchestra in "Music for Millions" . . . AMERICAN THEATER WING will open a Stage Door Canteen in London . . . a Chicago paper reports there's an AR which allows GIs to be discharged for "excessive ugliness."

HARRY HERSHFELD switches one on the gag about the customer who walked into a pet shop and found the proprietor playing checkers right off the board.



Members of 214th Army Band dance orchestra, shown in picture above, find their surroundings at Camp Hood palatial after holding forth in Alaska for the past three years.

The spacious, well built, and comfortable Field House, Service Clubs and theaters here constitute nothing short of a Paradise for these musicians who gave out modern music in a primitive atmosphere during their Alaska sojourn.

There were no finely-appointed wooden buildings for entertainment purposes on Attu Island—only tents. The Chaplain's Tent, with a seating capacity of 50, was the largest of these improved "music halls." After the orchestra crowded in there was not much room left for the audience.

The orchestra was playing in one of these tents when the Japs staged an air raid. In the mad scramble to leave the tent, several members of the orchestra, lost their footing and, along with their instruments were submerged in rich Alaska mud.

Because of the lack of buildings, there were no dances on the Aleutians and in addition the fair sex was extremely scarce in that region. Programs were played for soldiers, sailors and Seabees, with the orchestra transported from section to section by truck.

Life was a little better at Ft. Richardson, near Anchorage, in a more populated district. Here the orchestra played for various dressed-up affairs such as the President's Ball, Officers' Club dances, and Elks Club dances. Jitterbugging was as popular in that far-off territory as it is in

"Say, is that dog actually playing checkers?" the customer inquires. "Yea, he's playing," the owner says. The customer shakes his head in awe, "That's the smartest dog I ever saw." The proprietor looks up, "What's so smart about him," he snaps, "I've beaten him four out of five times."

HOLLYWOOD VARIETY reports recent best selling sheet music:

- It's Love, Love, Love
- Long Ago and Far Away
- I Love You
- I'll Get By
- San Fernando Valley
- I Wish I Could Hide Inside This Letter
- Don't Sweetheart Me
- By the River of the Roses
- G I Jive
- Holiday for Strings

Television, it is predicted, will boost Hywood's position as world entertainment capital . . . Associated Actors and Artistes of America planing to enroll television actors . . . National political conventions will be covered by both radio and television.

the States, but the ratio of men to women about 10 to 1, and it was not unusual to see a pair of male partners on the dance floor.

The orchestra numbers several interesting highlights in its Alaska career. Twice it played at the Fairbanks Ice Carnival, an event of as much importance in Alaska as the Mardi Gras is in New Orleans. It also played for the Bob Hope and Edgar Bergen shows when they were on Alaska junket, and orchestra members attest that these shows were generously applauded by service men.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
When not actually playing, the orchestra was busy wielding picks and shovels in line with construction of fortifications, etc.

The orchestra is led by T-Sgt Rea E. Campbell who was a bugler with the famous 36th Division in the first World War. Out of his 26 years in the Army, he has served 7 with the 214th Army Band. With no knowledge of music, he entered the orchestra at student status alternating between K. P. duty and band practice until he became a regular member, and is now an accomplished trumpet player.

Three Out Of Mother's Six Service Stars At Hood IRTC

There are now six stars on the service flag which Mrs. Arthur D. Jay displays at her home in Cassville, Mo. Three of those stars represent sons who are at Camp Hood!

Side by side the three newest members of the Jay family to don khaki, arrived here late last week to start their basic infantry training in the Infantry Replacement Training Center.

The three hardy-looking Jays, eager to start their training and further enthused by the fact that they are together are:

Pvt. William R. Jay, 33; Pvt. Chester A. Jay, 32, and Pvt. George H. Jay, 29.

Never separated by more than a few hours or a few days the three brothers express the hope that they will remain together and "help get this thing over as soon as possible". They give a unified answer to the question "whom do you want to fight the most?"

"The Japs," they all agree.

Preceding them into the Army were brothers, Carl J. Jay, 23; Edward O. Jay, 27, and John R. Jay, 21. Another brother, James, 18, is subject to call at any time. Three sisters and Charles, 12, complete the Jay family. The parental side, Arthur D. Jay, 58, was under call in World War I when peace was declared. He'd like to get into the fight, too.

Edward, in the Army 4 months is in England; Carl, in the Army 18 months, is in New Guinea where he has seen plenty of action and wears two campaign ribbons and John, an Army man for 14 months is a line sergeant in a North Carolina training camp.

Of the seven older brothers, all except Carl are married. All the children have made their homes in or near Cassville except one married sister who moved to California.

All the male members of the family have been engaged either as mechanics or farmers in the rich Missouri Valley. The family has always been close-knit, say the three soldiers at Camp Hood, and even when short journeys are made by any portion of the Jays, the party is likely

to include three or four members of the family. Hunting and fishing is the chief hobby of the Jays. William, George and Chester are all looking forward with zest to work with the rifle, for they all claim no lack of ability with shooting irons.

Although there is a desire among the six brothers in the Army to be joined together they whimsically point to the possibility that the Jay household may some day be the center of geographical information in Cassville.

In any event, it looks like "Jay" day has arrived for the attack on the enemy.

First Birthday Party

On May 1st the 662nd TD Bn. celebrated its first birthday. The commanding officer, Lt. Col. Robert E. Mitchell made an address, followed by a variety program presented by members of the Bn.

The 662nd was activated May 1st, 1943 at North Camp Hood under Col. Mitchell, then major. The bulk of the cadre was drawn from 807th TD Bn. and 702nd TD Bn. In July the Bn. moved from North Camp to Shell Camp No. 1 and changed from self propelled to towed.

In August the Bn. completed I.T.C. and made a roundabout march of 60 miles to South Camp Hood. In December the 662nd was assigned as School Troops.



Protestant
Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq. Hospital, Red Cross Bldg. 10:00 A. M.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn. 10:15 A. M.
Bible Study, Chapel 413, School Area.
Chapel 32, 37th St. East. Chapel 4416, 268th & Ser. Dr. 11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq. Chapel 4416, 268th & Ser. Dr. Chapel 3425, 170th & Brig. Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn. Chapel 413, School Area. Chapel 321, 37th St. East. Chapel 218, 37th St. West. 6:30 P. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq. Chapel 4416, 268th & Ser. Dr. Chapel 413, School Area. Chapel 3425, 17th & Brig. Hospital, Red Cross Bldg. Chapel 321, 37th St. East. Chapel 218, 37th St. West. 7:30 P. M.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn. Ciockade, 2:00 p. m.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Episcopal. Communion Sunday, 0800 & 1830.
COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 3406, 164th & Brig. Sunday School, 9:00 a. m. Worship Service, 10:00 a. m. 786 Sn. Co. (Mess Hall), 9:00 a. m. Chapel 3406, 6:30 p. m.
Weekday Services
Chapel 53, Tuesday, 1930. Chapel 4416, Wednesday, 1830. Chapel 413, Wednesday, 1900. Post Chapel, Thursday, 1930.
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m. Stockade, 7:30 a. m. 37th St. Theater, 9:00 a. m. 162nd St. Theater, 9:00 a. m. 24th St. Theater, 11:00 a. m. Hood Road Theater, 11:00 a. m.
Morning Weekday Mass
Chapel 2808, Wed., Thurs., Sat., 8:00 a. m.
Chapel 218, Mon., Sat., 6:15 a. m.
Evening Weekday Mass
Chapel 2808, Tues, Fri., 6:30 p. m. Chapel 218, Tues, Wed., Thurs., Fri., 6:30 p. m.
Novena Services
Sunday, Chapel 2808, 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, Chapels 2808, 218, 6:30 p. m.
CONFESSION
Saturday, as follows:
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 1500-1600. Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn., 1800-2100. Chapel 218, 1500-1700 & 1830-2100. FIRST FRIDAY, Chapels 2808, 218. Mass and Holy Hour, 1830.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Chapel 321, 37th St. East, Thursday, 3000, Sunday, 0900.
JEWISH, Friday, 1930, Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Orthodox, followed by Reform Service.
LATTER DAY SAINTS, Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Sunday, 2000.
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Medics Win, 15-0

Cpl. Coy Noles struck out 15 batters in the stand-out role of a game that saw the Med. Det. of S. Camp Station Hospital wallop the 22nd TD group 15-0, last Friday.

Noles gave up but two hits, with only one man reaching second, and that late in the ninth. First Baseman Sammie Cook put the handcuffs on his spot with a sparkling performance.

Capt. Paulus, Registrar's office, Station Hospital, is eager to book other games with post teams.

Male Call

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

Not Afreud Of The Dark





Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Brig. General A. O. Gorder, throwing first ball in baseball opener at North Camp last Friday, in which TDS defeated TDRTC, 7-5.

Season Opener At N. Camp Won By TD School, 7-5

TDRTC at North Camp Hood dropped its first official game of the season to the TD School nine of South Camp Friday evening on the North Camp Diamond. TDS won 7 to 5.

Brig. Gen. Alexander O. Gorder, TDRTC commandant, and Col. Christian Hildebrand, his exec, formed the battery for the first pitch on the new ballfield. Col. Donald Dunkle, North Camp Hood Executive Officer, was the batter.

The South Camp team scored first in the fourth inning with a base on balls to Newman and a hit by Karpel. The home team bagged two tallies in their half of the fourth on an error, a single by Fisher and a double by Grant. Fisher stole home from third while left-handed Pitcher Zuber was winding up.

In the fifth Lt. Frank relieved the first string TDRTC pitcher, Harrison, after South Camp scored six runs on five bases on balls and two singles. TDS players went to bat before the inning ended. In the last half of the fifth the RTC nine staged a fast rally which brought in three runs, ending the scoring for the game. Their batters got a walk, a single by Clements and a triple to deep left field by Crues, and a second one-bagger by Fisher. Fisher had

a perfect day at bat with a base on balls and two singles.

Salisbury replaced Lt. Frank on the mound after the losing pitcher walked three men, was hit for a single and had one error made behind him.

The winners got seven runs on six hits and made two errors. TDRTC scored their five tallies on five hits while making three errors.

The two teams will clash again tomorrow at 1800.

Lt. H. L. Mahley, TDRTC coach, has issued a call for experienced players. They may report to the TDRTC diamond Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 4:30.

SPORTS

One of the most prolific sportsmen on the post is Major Edwin Davis, chief of the Reproductions Dept., at the TD School. In his younger years he was an athlete of note, competing in baseball and football. Today, the major is still active in bowling; in fact his scores on the alley would make him eligible for just about any tournament going today, in these parts. But, what started us on this subject is the major's present vicarious participation in sports. It all comes because of his loyalty to the TD School. Whether its baseball, football, or boxing you'll always find Major Davis there—acting as scorekeeper and time-keeper. He never misses a game—whether its on the home lot or away up in North Camp. His is the spirit which typifies the fire of competition in the TDS athletes themselves—an unflinching desire to win—which usually produces victory.

Henry Armstrong, former triple titleholder, one of the ring's greatest fighters, will soon be squaring off for the Army. Pvt. Tommy Bridges, erstwhile Tiger hurler, baseball manager at Camp Crowder, Mo. . . . One of the starting pitchers for the Los Angeles ball club in the Coast League is Gerald Juzek, who was cut down by machine gun fire at Guadalcanal and told he'd never be able to walk again!

Sat. is the day of mint juleps and Ted Husing, of Clem McCarthy and the overcrowded Brown Hotel. Yes sir — it's Kentucky Derby day!

Jim Mitchell, ace sports scribe on the Los Angeles Herald and Express will soon be in his glory again, for the Hollywood racing emporiums will again resume business at the old stands. One of the best handicappers on the coast, and a close personal friend of lawyer Jerry Giesler, racing and boxing chief, Jim and this reporter have sat up in the press box on many occasions racking our brains, getting information "straight from the horse", and invariably picking the wrong steed—only to find that the nags Jim had selected in his column came through. I learned by this experience that it isn't often a handicapper will play his own selections, especially if they are favorites. They're gullible too, and wait for that last minute tip on some ethereal long shot.

We're going out on a limb today to put in a rave for those erstwhile "lowly Browns," of the American League. To date the Brownies are perched on top of the Junior Loop. In winning more than eight consecutive games when the season opened, this club shattered the major league record. Led by the sparkling pitching of Jack Kramer and the heavy hitting of Vernon Stephens, the hustling Browns are making a terrific bid for their first American League pennant since the loop was organized in 1901. St. Louis entered the league in 1902. Despite some good ball clubs the entry has had a tough going throughout the years. Only twice have they as much as finished second. The first time was in 1902, and later in 1922 when they were runner-up to the New York Yankees, barely getting nosed in a furious drive to the wire.

Therefore, the St. Louis Browns are beginning to loom as a sentimental favorite for the season's gonfalon, although our main love has always been drawn toward the Detroit Tigers. Maybe this will be the Browns' year. We hope we are not putting the "finger" on them by this acknowledgement. Definitely, something new has been added to the American League this season!

South Camp Hood's opening baseball tilt between TDS and Seven Up, was washed out by the downpour last Sunday. They'll try it again this Sunday on the 24th Street diamond at 2:30 p. m. We predict this opener will be one of the most colorful to be seen all season!

The Giants won one with a vengeance recently, walloping the Dodgers 26 to 8 before 53,000 screaming fans at the Polo Grounds. Weintraub alone was responsible for all tallies as the Giants batted around fattening averages almost at will.

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Giardano Again; Whiffing 13 To Beat 489th MPEG

The 489th MPEG softball aggregation became the third victim of Pfc Frank Giardano's masterful pitching as Hdq. Co. No. 1 set down the MP's 7 to 3 Tuesday, April 18.

Adding another 13 strikeouts to boost his total to 40 in three tilts Giardano was troubled only once. In the fifth inning Sheper, left fielder for the MP's, connected for a homer, Smith walked, McCallister doubled and Pletzke singled to account for the three tallies.

Giardano's team-mates gave him good support both in the field and with the stick. Hitting stars were S-Sgt. Arthur Lapp, who had a perfect night at the plate, Sgt. Carl Gutwald, who garnered three singles and Burbine with a pair of singles. Stringer, Wallach and Waltman helped to build up the score with some neat Ty Cobbing on the bases. The winners scored once in the second, once in the fourth, three times in the fifth, and twice in the sixth Batteries:

Hdq. Co. No. 1: Giardano and Waltman; 489th MPEG: Pletzke and Burkhalter. The two teams are making arrangements for a return match.

Boxer Readying Haymaker For Japs, Nazis At IRTC

"Babe" Garcia who landed many a haymaker during an interesting and colorful boxing career is getting set to land some lethal blows for Uncle Sam.

"Babe" whose name on Army records reads, Pvt. Cipriano Garcia, is now undergoing his basic infantry training in Co. D, 158th Bn, 93rd Regt., IRTC, and has been prominent in West Coast ring circles for the past ten years. He's "worked over" many a tough ring opponent in that time so his fighting ability bodes ill for the bigger game at hand.

Fifteen years ago, as a lad of 13, Babe had little thought of becoming a ring gladiator. He was selling newspapers near Main Street in Los Angeles when Charlie Williams, a well-known fight manager invited him to visit a Hollywood club and watch several of William's fighters in action at a smoker. The leather pushing-bug got him right there and then and he pleaded with Williams to enter him in a fight. Williams wisely turned down the appeal of the youngster but a spectator overheard the tearful pleas of the boy and ordered that a pair of boxing gloves be given the youth.

This spectator was none other than Harry Carey, idol of the cowboy movie fans. With the mittens bought for him by Carey, Garcia practiced diligently and five years later was trouncing some of the little "big shots" of the squared circle.

Although never a champ he has fought many of the top men in the featherweight class. Among these were Jackie Jurichich, later a champ, Young Joe Roche, Felix Ignacio, Frenchie Sabranian, Mickey Arnold, Young Pancho

Villa and Red Barker. In his eighty fights, he has won 70, with 20 opponents falling via the k.o. route. The fact that he was a "switch fighter" made him more formidable.

For the past few years Garcia, now 28, has also trained amateurs and pros. One of his outstanding charges, Babe Galvan, won the Northern Mexican title then came back to the States and beat his teacher. Which proves that Garcia was also an able trainer. Galvan was killed later during an exhibition bout in a Mexican bull ring. The Mexican fans, infuriated at Galvan when he lost the match, hurled bottles at him. Several struck him with fatal results.

Garcia, a coy looking Mexican, smiles when he is asked his impression of Army life:

"I never thought I would be in the Army fighting with fire arms. I am not afraid of going over there. How can I lose this fight when there are 130,000,000 fans behind me!"



Cipriano Garcia, as a pro

Pro Footballer Is Training For Biggest Game At IRTC

When Pvt. Arnold E. Arenz, a trainee in Co. A, 170th Bn, 95th Regt., IRTC, gets a crack at Hitler's or Hirohito's soldiers they are going to pay dearly for spoiling one of his proudest records, he promises.

Arenz, training to do his job against the Hitler and Hirohito tribes, came up the other day with a charlie horse, an ailment he escaped while cutting a wide swathe on the gridiron a decade ago.

Followers of midwest football will undoubtedly remember Pvt. Arenz as the big, powerful full-back at St. Louis University who was selected on the All-State collegiate team for three years and was named by a St. Louis newspaper for All-American honors in 1933.

After graduating from St. Louis U. in 1935 this well-built pigskin

packer was a member of the Boston Redskins pro team that included such stars as Ernie Pincert, Bim Boswell, Charlie Malone, Pug Rentner and Turk Edwards. During the past few years he has cavorted in California semi-pro football, and has been employed as a beverage salesman.

As he limped away, Pvt. Arenz answered in the following manner to the suggestion that basic training should be a snap for him:

"Snap, hell. I played against Big Ten and professional competition, and never got more than a bruise. Then I take an hour of guerrilla and grass exercise and pull a charlie horse. I'd rather buck against a line than a line sergeant any day."

However he expects that he will be in better physical condition than ever after several weeks of Army training.

TDS-7Up Game Sunday

Last Sunday's postponed game between the Tank Destroyer School team and the Seven-Up nine from Austin is scheduled again for Sunday May 7, at the 24th street field. Wet grounds and rain caused cancellation of last Sunday's tilt and advancement of the date to this Sunday. Another game with the RTC

team from North Camp is set for Lt. Carl H. Andrews of the School Athletic Department today again stressed the fact that men from the School Troops are eligible to play on the TDS nine. Men interested are urged to contact either their athletic officers or Lt. Andrews.

Friday evening at the 24th street field.

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