



**MUTINY IN THE RANKS**—Pvt. Denville Sovine, five-foot soldier from Hurricane, West Virginia, a basic trainee at the Replacement Training Center, tells 6 feet, 6 inches tall Sgt. Joseph Rosenberg, 161 Church St., Washington, Pa., to pick on someone his own size when the sergeant told him he was on KP again!

## RTC 'Habber Dabber Night' Takes Crowd To Bivouac

"Habber Dabber Nite" continues to click at the Central Rec. Hall at North Camp, presented by the RTC Special Service Office.

The setting for "Bivouac Blues," the new edition, took the audience out into the woods via realistic stage set, a tent, in front of which was a campfire, complete with overhead moon. To top off the scene, a replica of a jeep was right on stage.

The show opened with the men gathered about the fire reminiscing of the good old days. Then from out of the shadows stepped a beautiful girl, whose voice would have told a blind man how pretty she was. One thing led to another as a complete variety show unfolded.

Members of the cast included singer Cpl. Sidney Hedges, WAC DET. Pvt. Tommy Mahoney, Co. E, 129th Bn, RTC, tap dancer, a sextette from the 133rd Bn. and George and Jack, versatile comedy team.

Others featured were Sgt. Albert Hoy, Post Ordnance, imitator, as well as Pvt. Frank Manning, tap dancer and Pvt. Arthur Carroll, harmonica wizard, both of Co. A, 133rd Bn.

Next Monday night a new Habber Dabber will offer a fresh set of acts. Every seat, the management avers, is a good seat.

### WAC-Soldier Quiz Contest Underway

The WACs will face the Soldiers in another quiz contest at the 37th Street Service Club tomorrow night.

First of the series of quiz contests was held two weeks ago with Pvt. Ray Beacham, Co. D, Academic Regt., as quiz master. Two teams are selected, one from the WACs and one from the Soldiers, and a running score is kept as the questions are asked.

In the first of the series, the WACs won by a narrow margin, 692 points to the Soldiers 657.

### Chaplains For 16th Gp.

Two chaplains have been assigned to the 16th Group, UTC. 1st. Lt. Robert L. Cochran, Protestant, and 1st. Lt. William P. Covert, Catholic.

## The Best Way To Earn A Pass We Know

It was frankly blackmail. Sgt. Theodore Shanbaum, Special Service Office, wanted a pass for Saturday, M-Sgt. Carl Jagel was willing to approve it, but knowing how anxious Shanbaum was to get away, developed palsey of the right hand. However, the sergeant hinted that if Shanbaum were to buy a \$150. bond his hand would regain his ability.

Shanbaum bought the bond, Sgt. Jagel's hand suddenly recuperated, and Shanbaum caught the 11:20 train.

## Street Dance, Bazoooka Will Feature Temple War Bond Rally

A huge street dance in Temple Saturday night, featuring music by the 1st. TD dance band from Camp Hood will be a feature of the "Back The Attack" Third War Loan bond drive.

The three-day show starting tomorrow will also feature the famed anti-tank weapon, the "Bazoooka", first tested at Camp Hood. It will be on display in Temple for the first time anywhere.

The band will present a concert Sunday afternoon to close the show.

## Many Men Leaving Army Turn In All Govt. Issue

Although authorized by law to retain certain articles of clothing, many honorably discharged enlisted men of the Army are returning voluntarily these articles for reclamation, thereby effecting important savings in clothing stocks, the War Department announced today.

The Stock Control Division, Army Service Forces, reports that a number of honorably discharged soldiers already have returned clothing for further use.

## Guardsmen Mark Third Army Year

Entered Service In 1940; Did Pioneering Work At War's Start

While September 18th marked the anniversary of Camp Hood, another element of the Tank Destroyer's legions completed their third year of active service. One hundred fifty officers and more than 1,200 soldiers of the National Guard, now at Camp Hood, remember Sept. 16, 1940, effective date of the Presidential order calling the "Part Time" army to duty.

Called to serve one year, Guardsmen from almost every State reported to their armories, recruited their units to full strength and moved on to their assigned camps. Post facilities and supply were placed under terrific strain, and many camps were churned into seas of mud as the melee of troops and construction men labored to provide the nucleus of housing and services which now comprise the network of Forts and Camps throughout the country.

On July 2, 1941, Anti-tank elements of Infantry and Artillery units were formed into Provisional Anti-Tank Battalions. After much experimentation and testing in maneuvers, these Battalions became TD Battalions on Dec. 15, 1941.

Today, National Guardsmen are serving in all Theaters of operations, at Camp Hood, experienced officers and enlisted men, are ably supplementing the old-time Regulars and Reserves in administering and training the TD's. The citizen-soldiers who prepared for war in times of peace, are starting another "hitch."

## EM Take Review When 126th Bn. Has Parade

An interesting and successful innovation was the form used by the 126th Bn. in a recent weekly parade. Enlisted men took command, replacing officers in the conduct of the parade.

The enlisted "officers" were appointed by Lt. Col. Harry D. Bishop, battalion commander, and the battalion officers.

The parade was reviewed by Col. D. P. Spalding, 1st regimental commander, and his staff, and battalion officers.

## Twenty-Third Group Has Parade In ITC

The 23rd Tank Destroyer Group held its last parade Saturday before moving to UTC. Col. M. H. Matteson announced the addition of two more Battalions, the 667th and 672nd, which paraded with the Group for the first time. The Signal Corps made pictures of the parade.

## Gets AF Ground Training

Pfc. Paul V. Ferris of the Graded Test Section, Tank Destroyer School, has left for basic Air Force ground training at Sheppard Field.

Ferris is a nephew of Dan Ferris, secretary of the AAU. He was a freshman at Syracuse University, a first string gridder and a standout in basketball.



## Gen. Tindall Gets Medal

Brig. Gen. Richard G. Tindall, former commanding general of the UTC and one of the pioneer officers at Camp Hood, was awarded the Legion of Merit recently.

The general, now military attache in Turkey, was cited for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the government . . . in the organization, development, and training of units of the Advanced Unit Training Center, Camp Hood. His untiring efforts contributed to the ability of Tank Destroyers to accomplish their mission on the field of battle."

## 'Thumbs Up' Will Honor WAC Here

Glamour and Comedy will form a happy combination tomorrow night, Sept. 24, when the long-run, Post Special musical revue, "Thumbs Up!", plays in the Provisional Battalion Recreation Hall. Special guests will be members of the WAC Detachment.

The WACs will be present to pay tribute to one of the stars of the show, Corporal Grace Merritt, fast earning a reputation as one of the outstanding comedienne in camp.

"Gracie" is one of the most popular members of the troupe, appearing in four sketches. Most of Cpl. Merritt's comic troubles on stage are domestic ones, as she is the pivot of a series of ridiculous episodes revolving on that old, perennial triangle, "The Husband, The Wife AND The Lover!"

Other names in the cast include Pfc. Art Mee, the One Man Band-it; Professor Alex Schmeercase, Lt. James Reggio, expert mimic; and Cpl. Sammy Lillybridge, master-of-ceremonies.

Lt. Dick Hepburn supervised the production which was written and directed by Pvt. William E. Hoffman. Pvt. James Perkins is stage manager. Music for the show is played by the 2nd TD Orchestra under the direction of Sgt. Charles Dandrow.

## New Executive Officer Named For WAC Detch. At North Camp Hood

Jeanette E. McGowan, second lieutenant in the WAC, has reported to the WAC Detachment, Tank Destroyer Center, unit at North Camp Hood for duty as executive officer. She will replace Lt. Elizabeth Stewart, who expects to leave shortly for duties elsewhere.

Lt. McGowan, whose home is in Pittsburgh, Pa., graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1938. She was a practicing psychologist in New York and California prior to her enlistment in the WAC in September, 1942.

## 100,000 Men Now Studying Under ASTP

Quota Is More Than Two-Thirds Complete; Men Go From Hood

More than 100,000 soldiers are now training and studying at colleges and universities under the Army Specialized Training Program, the War Department disclosed last week.

There are also 16,000 soldiers in Specialized Training and Reassignment (STAR) Units, where final determination is made for admission into the program.

This means that ASTP is rapidly approaching the goal set by the War Department—150,000 soldiers in the program at one time.

Camp Hood officers working on ASTP are now clearing the files of all possible men to be sent to STAR units. No recent changes have been made in the program and soon all soldiers recommended for the program will either have been sent to STAR units or eliminated under the present regulations.

Some courses in universities are finishing their first phase. The men in AST units at these colleges will be tested to determine their eligibility for further study. A few will be released to essential civilian industries. Many soldiers will be sent back for duty with troops.

The ASTP will be a continuous program, soldiers leaving and starting the training all the time.

## "Must Lead", OC's Warned

Lt. Colonel W. R. Brown, Tank Destroyer School operations officer, addressed the 46th Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School Class in graduation exercises at the 24th Street Theater, Friday.

"The ultimate aim of your training," said Colonel Brown to the new officers, "is to make you a leader of men, with a fundamental knowledge of the technique of your arm, so that you can win in offensive combat, or successfully execute your mission in offensive or defensive action."

Following the address, Brigadier General H. T. Mayberry, School Commandant presented the commissions and certificates of graduation to the new second lieutenants.

## RTC Special Service Group Gives Program In NC Station Hospital

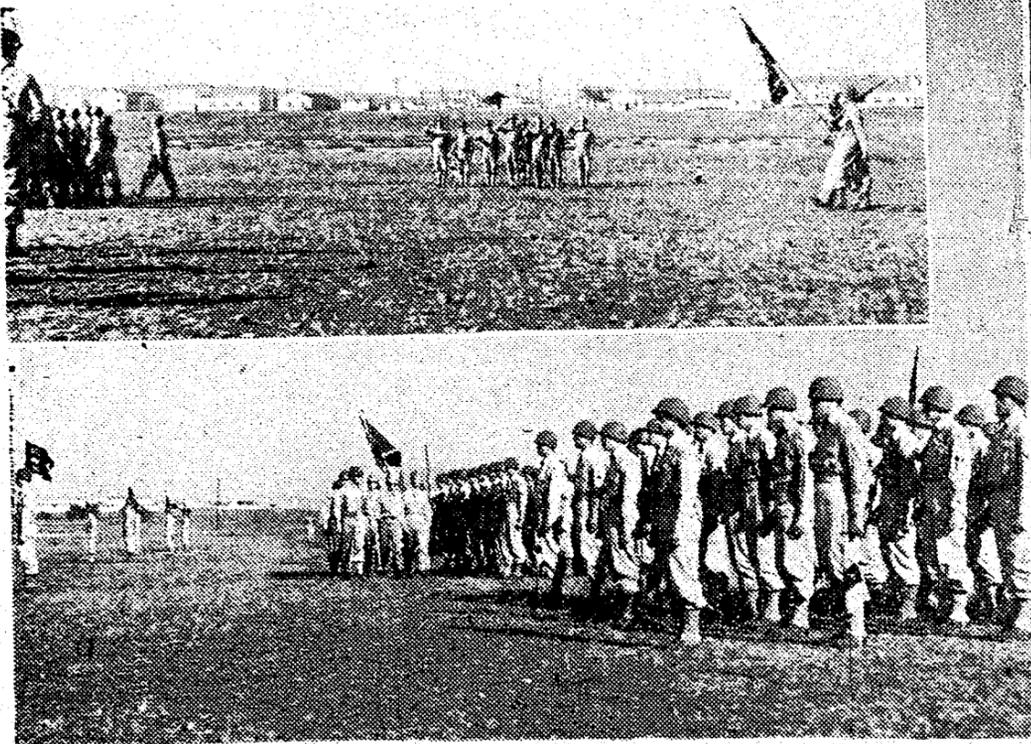
Friday night was another fun night for the Special Service gang in RTC. The first show and presentation was held in the new Red Cross Recreation hall, Station Hospital.

The boys in the red lounging robes were entertained for more than an hour by the antics of a cast of 14:

Songs by Helen Manheim, tap dancing by Pvt. Tommy Mahoney Co. E, 129 and Sgt. Albert Hoy as Donald Duck, Sgt. George Hall, Hq. Co. RTC and Lt. Slezinger carried the comedy.

## New Officers For 664th

Personnel of the 664th Bn., UTC, have welcomed two new officers: Maj. Jeff Hollis and Capt. Robert Scott. Major Hollis assumed command of the battalion only a few days ago.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**HONOR DEPARTING OFFICERS**—Men of the 801st Bn. marched in a formal review on the Training Brigade parade grounds last week before Capt. John J. McLaughlin, former surgeon who left the battalion to take over duties at a new medical post. Capt. McLaughlin had cared for the battalion through two and one-half years of maneuvers. Accompanying officers on the reviewing stand were Major Wm. F. Kaufman, executive officer, and Capt. George E. Decker, battalion S-3. Lt. Col. E. B. Horsfall and the battalion staff led the men in the review.

## Fun, Food, At Party For Hq. Men In RTC

Fine show of cooperative spirit made the Hq. Co., TDRTC, party a rousing success. The affair, given in the wooded area directly behind the Hq. mess hall last week, was attended by more than 500 men.

Plans for obtaining food and beverages were made well in advance by Mess S-Sgt. Charles R. Wright and the buffet dinner was laid out by T-5 Thomas Gregory. Assisting Gregory were PFC James P. Morgan, and Privates Louis Verbie, Otto McEer, Anthony J. Schillaci, plus Ross Adams and Clifford McClure, who worked all day although they were off duty.

Entertainment didn't enter into the scheme of things until about six hours before the party was scheduled. With 1st Lt. John T. Hudson, Hq. commanding officer, giving "the OK to work out a show for the men, Lt. John L. Slezinger, SSO, was contacted. T-5 Sidney Hedges, WAC Det. came through

with a whiz-bang hour and a half revue which included herself and an officer in a vocal duet; Lt. Bud Jacobson, genial and clever magician, assisted by the Hq. Co. copilots, 1st Sgts. Milton Fellstrom and Howard A. Ferguson, and Sgt. Albert Hoy, Post Ordnance, who gave out with varied imitations. Jean Ives sang and whistled while a newcomer, Helen Manheim, rocked the trees with her solid songs. A big little five-piece band, led by Sgt. Bringdown Fischer, included men from both RTC bands, and did a fine job of pacing the show, which was emceed by Sgt. George Hall, who, as the Sad Sack, provoked gales of laughter.

Thanks to S-Sgts. Carl L. Kelly and John Edwards as well as T-5s "Curly" Pino and Norman H. Endthoff the public address system was set up in time, while Privates Radaszewski and Hagan handled the lighting setup.

## Jive Addicts Throw Off All Formality When 106th Cav. Men Lead Session At 162nd Club

Pfc. KENETH W. SANTEE  
106th Cavalry (Mecz.)

If, by some chance, you passed the 162nd Service club a recent Monday and saw the building swaying, don't worry about your eyes; it actually happened.

Monday night was the start of a new club, which opens its membership to all who bring along their horns or drums.

Groovy jive addicts walked out of there Monday night icier than when they entered. M.C.'d by Private 'Buck' Thuerk of the 106th Cavalry, the show was smoothly handled and indication are that this is only the start in something bigger. Throughout the whole show, the entranced audience kept time with a happy foot and looks of contented bliss on their faces.

Outstanding in the brass section were the trumpeters three: Overgard, Lorton and Sigafo of the 106th. The guitar section found Gene Sauer beating out the rhythm, along with two other unidentified musicians. A lad, by name of Graham proved his undisputed ability as master of the vibra-harps by really swinging out, and he was plenty red-hot. Swinging high and wide was Henry Leetj-sky on the licorice stick. The Combo was in bad need of a piano player until Gordon Brown of the 106th walked up to the ivories and gave the band a much-needed lift.

If it's jive you're looking for,

take my advice and wend your way over to the 162nd any Monday—in fact, bring along the slush-pump, set of skins, or the plumber's friend . . . we'll find a place for you. Bring a gal-friend along and put a groove down the middle of the floor.

### Clothes left At Cleaners No. 7 Will Be In Belton

To make room for the increased cleaning work coming in now, Camp Cleaners No. 7 has shipped back to the Belton plant, all clothes that were in their office from Nov. 1 last year to July 15.

If men who had clothes in Camp Cleaners No. 7 between those dates wish to get their uniforms, they must go direct to the Belton office of Camp Cleaners, 501 Birdwell.

### Wins In Finals

Company C's baseball team, of the 635th Bn. inter-company league, defeated the strong Co. A and Co. B clubs, 5 to 0 and 5 to 4, respectively, last week in games which count as part of the second half playoff between the battalion's five companies.

The Co. C team is now tied with A company, each team having won two and lost one. The deciding game for a championship will be between these two clubs.

## He Likely Turned Over A New Sheet

From the Camp White, Oregon, "Grenade" we crib a story which ought to be good for a chuckle on a dull morning.

Tex was a rugged guy, but because of a minor ailment was classified limited service and assigned a job at Camp White message center.

He was doing a darn good job, but a contingent of WACs arrived at Camp White to relieve men in "light" jobs, so that the men could be assigned to heavier, more important jobs.

Tex was one of the men relieved.

Tex's new job? Making beds and tidying rooms in the guest house.

That's all, brother.

## Major Ross H. Boas New Camp Engineer; Col. Olmsted Retires

Now taking over the duties of camp engineer at Camp Hood is Major Ross H. Boas. He came here from LaGarde General Hospital, at New Orleans, where he was post engineer, to replace Lt. Col. Homer G. Olmsted, who will retire from active service Sept. 30.

A holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Cross with oak leaf, the Purple Heart and the Croix de Guerre with palm, Major Boas served with the First Engineers of the First Division in World War I.

He went overseas for a 26-month stay, after joining the Army in May, 1917, and returned to this country, with the same division, after spending some time

## League Of Nations Food Staff At Officer's Mess In RTC

A gastronomic league of nations staffs the officers' mess of Headquarters, Replacement Training Center, at North Camp Hood.

Maitre d'hotel and presiding genius is Tech. Sgt. Frank Koronow, who is Polish. The mess sergeant's international potpourri of assistants includes Norwegians, Chinese, Italians, a Greek and an Armenian, Irish, a Mexican, some helpers of Danish-German and Jewish descent and others who owned to being "Southerners."

The mess roster includes: T-4 Reider Footland, first cook, Norwegian; T-4 Fook G. Wong, first cook, Chinese; T-5 Daniel Di-Tonno, second cook, Italian; T-5 Arthur Wong, second cook, Chinese; T-5 Alex Gallotta, baker,

## Heads New TD Center 'n Africa

Lt. Colonel J. W. Casey, one of the original cadre who helped found the Tank Destroyer Center here is now head of the 5th Army Tank Destroyer Training Center in Tunisia.

Colonel Casey has patterned this new TD Center closely after that of UTC with a tactics and weapons department. Colonel Casey's TDs are emphasizing the tactics of "hide and hit" and are undergoing much training for indirect firing.

This Fifth Army Tank Destroyer Training Center is like an international settlement. Training there together are American, British and French troops, getting instruction in the use of their new weapons. The French get a month's instruction, because they are unfamiliar with the American Tank Destroyer equipment they are issued.

Colonel Casey, a gunnery expert, praised the French as "crack marksmen". Many of them saw the Germans roll over France in 1940 and are eager to put their new American equipment in action to show the hated Boche his tanks can be stopped dead.

## Services Planned

With the arrival of a new Jewish chaplain, Bernard H. Lavine, for duty at camp, special services conducted by Chaplain Lavine, 1st will be held in the Field House for the Jewish High holy days, Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah.

All Jewish men may attend these services and unit commanders in North Camp Hood and in field camps have been asked to transport men to and from the services.

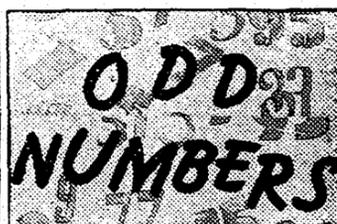
A letter which was sent to all TD commanders from the TD center Sept. 10, contained authority for commanders to issue passes to Jewish men from reveille Sept. 29 to reveille Oct. 2, for Rosh Hashanah; and from reveille Oct. 8 to retreat Oct. 10 for Yom Kippur. This provision for passes applies only to men under TDC.

Schedule for the Field House services:

Rosh Hashanah	
Sept. 29, Wed.	2000
Sept. 30, Thurs.	1000 and 2000
Oct. 1, Fri.	1000 and 2000
Yom Kippur	
Oct. 8, Fri.	2000
Oct. 9, Sat.	190 until sundown

With batters enjoying a field day, the softball team of Hq. and Hq. Det., of the 4th RTC Regiment played a 17 to 17 tie game with Hq. and Hq. Det. of the 137th RTC Bn. Throwing his famous slowball was Lt. Col. C. R. Farmer of the 4th Regiment with T-Sgt. Max Levine on the catching end. 1st Lt. John Allen was on the mound for the 137th Bn. with Pvt. Robert Jordan behind the mask.

in the Army of occupation in Germany.



PROBABLY BECAUSE ALBERT, the office woodtick, is addicted to corny stories, he wandered in to report that he has found the army's champion popcorn eater. That being Sgt. Stanley Farnham, mural painter, soldier, and connoisseur of kawn, who of an average evening makes a trip to big K for 18 or 20 bags of the popped hog feed.

He claims that eating corn accounts for his good health.

NO MORE REASONABLE is the story Albert picked up on a trip to North Camp. The wandering woodtick swears that a soldier, who had been sent to Dispensary No. 3 for a tetanus shot, came in and asked Cpl. Gail Bickham for "a shot of Texas."



Bickham's been going around ever since muttering, "It gets in your blood sooner or later."

WE HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA what this has to do with the ghostwriter for a woodtick, but we have a note from Co. D. Acad. Regt., which deposes that the inspecting officer can always recognize the bunk belonging to Pfc. Carl A. Stark, it's the one sheltering the shiniest shoes.

ALBERT, A NARCISSUS AMONG WOODTICKS, went out for a shave, having just received a fanletter. Quote, Dear Sir, you jerk: Where do you get your nerve bragging about that DEML sgt. whose memory is so good he can remember the name of every man in his company? Not only can the NCO's in this Co. tell you the names, but know the serial numbers of the men in their Wrathfully yours, Hq. Co. 635th Bn. End Quote.

Sorry, men; some of Albert's relatives aren't reliable.



### REFRESSED

ADMIRERS sent us the following reflection of a Malanese martyr—hoping it is neither plagiarism nor libel, we repeat with doubtful pride, The Best Lyrics of All, Get the Hood Panther Fall: Nice night in June. Stars shine, big moon. On bench with girl in clinch. Me say she cool like do. Me smart, never let chance pass get hitched. Me say okay. Wedding bells ring ring. Honey moon, everything. Settle down happy man. Another night in June. Big moon—ain't happy no more. Carry baby, walk floor. Wife mad, she fuss, me euss. Life one big spat. Nagging wife, bawling brat. Me realize at last. Me too damn fast.

# Thirty-Two Civilian Offices In Camp Join '100 Percent' Club

Total number of civilian offices to climb on the "100 Percent Club" bondwagon this week rose to 32 with the addition of four new members from South Camp, the Quartermaster, Camp Laundry, Engineer Property Office and Finance Office.

Percentage of civilian personnel in various offices who have signed for payroll deductions for the purchase of bonds follows:

	S. Camp Percent	N. Camp Percent
Ordnance PA	90.2	100
Ordnance PD	86.4	100
Medical	67.5	86.0
Personnel	100	100
Postal	100	100
Adjutant	100	100
Judge Advocate	100	100
Training Section	100	100
Claims Office	100	100
Intelligence Office	100	100
Fiscal & Budget	100	100
Purchase & Contract	100	100
Army Emerg. Relief	100	100
Post Inspector	100	100
Public Relations	0	0
Ration Board	100	100
P. W. Camp	100	100
T. D. C.	98.3	100
Finance	100	100
Signal	91.1	100
C. W. S.	100	100
Quartermaster PA	99.2	100
Quartermaster PD	100	100
Laundry	100	100
Engineer Property	100	100
Engineer	62.8	62.0
Special Serv. (C.S.)	100	100
C & E Repair	85.7	100
A. T. Rail	84.2	100
Auto Advisors	63.1	41.7
Purchase & Contract	100	100
-Q.M.	100	100

## 106th Cavalry Band Presents Concert Here

By PFC. Kenneth W. Santee

Playing in a filled-to-capacity Rec. Hall the 106th Cavalry band made its first concert appearance here Friday night. Inclement weather forced the band to move inside. Outstanding during the instrumental parts of the program was the sugar-coated trumpet played by Pvt. "The Face" Honeycutt. His rendition of the Clyde McCoy "Sugar Blues" called for an encore. "The Face" complied with "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." Vocalist for the concert band was Cpl. "Pinky" Opon who sang "Sleepy Time Gal" and answered the applause with "Girl of My Dreams."

Some of the more outstanding selections on the band program were "España Waltz" and the difficult but beautiful "Dance of the Hour."

Following the band concert, the usual session of toe-tapping music ensued. First number of this part of the program was "Strutting to the Barbecue." Making a decided hit with the Harry James version of "You Made Me Love You," Sgt. Jack Overgard favored with another solo. Sgt. "Red" Beck singing "I Don't Want to Walk Without You." Small but mighty Pfc. "Willie" Moore kept the audience rolling in the aisles by his capers while tearing out three choruses of "Blues in B Flat." T-5 "Red" Lorton climaxed the program with "Blue Skies." The audience joined the chorus.

## High Rifle Score Is Made By Officer In Station Complement

Last week's Station Complement Officers' Marksmanship Class uncovered a rival for Sgt. York. Firing for record on the "C" course with an M1 rifle, Lt. John R. Varnell scored 211 out of a possible 220, missing a perfect score by only 9 points. Of the 44 rounds, 36 were bulls eyes. In the one position "prone from standing," Lt. Varnell's unerring aim clipped the target for 16 consecutive bulls.

To make the score all the more amazing is the fact that Lt. Varnell had never before fired the M1

## 133rd Bn., RTC Has Amateur Program; Dance Band Planned

The 133rd RTC Bn. put on its first Amateur Program last Thursday night, with results so successful that plans have been made to continue it as a regular entertainment feature.

The highlights of the evening included the Swing Trio airing torrid boogiewoogie numbers, Pvt. Robert Elkins teasing the ivories, songs from the Co. A Quintet, tap dances by Pvt. Frank Manning, Co. C. (first prize winner in the New York Harvest Moon Ball Jitterbug Contest) and Pvt. John Martin letting go to the rafters with a piano version of "Boogiewoogie Blues."

A future addition to the program will be a 16-piece dance band, now being formed.

**PERSONAL:** Will the sergeant who drooled "Night and Day" at the officers' club contact The Panther office. An admirer has asked us to locate him.



**ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE**—Is Pvt. Joe (NMI) Coon, mascot of Headquarters Co. of the Replacement Training Center who is shown above making out the morning report for his owner, 1st Sgt. Howard A. Ferguson of Amarillo, Texas. Joe had just been recommended for promotion to T-5 when he went "over the hill." Sgt. Ferguson isn't worried. "He'll miss mess call and come back a-runnin'. I guess he's the only 'chow-coon' in the whole Army!"

## Waco Taxi Fare Schedule Given

Legal taxi fares within the City of Waco were announced this week to clarify costs servicemen have to pay for transportation within the city. Schedule of rates follows:

From and to any point in "limited zones" south of Summer Avenue, East of 32nd Street, North of Loop Highway or LaSalle Street, and West of the intersection of Elm Street with Corsicana Road, 25 cents per passenger.

From any point within said "limited zones," and from any point within the City of Waco outside of said "limited zones" to any point within said "limited zones," 25 cents for one passenger, 50 cents for two passengers and 25 cents for each additional passenger.

From the City of Waco to Waco Army Flying School or from Waco Army Flying School to City of Waco, or any point in the City of Waco, \$1.00 for one passenger and 25 cents for each additional passenger.

From the City of Waco to Blackland Army Flying School, or from said Flying School to any point within the City of Waco, \$1.25 for one passenger and 25 cents for each additional passenger.

# 106th Cav. Has Long History

Mexican border service, artillery in World War I, and extensive training during the present conflict, is a three-phase history of the 106th Cavalry (Mecz) Regiment which recently arrived in Camp Hood to take the place of the 113th Cavalry Regiment (Mecz).

This Regiment, commanded by Colonel Thomas W. Herren, dates back to 1891, when the first Illinois components of Cavalry were organized. The parent unit of the 106th saw service in the Spanish-American War and during that time was organized into a 12-troop regiment and designated as the 1st Illinois Volunteer Cavalry. Mustered out of Federal Service in October, 1898, the Regiment was reconstructed into a Squadron upon its return to Illinois and redesignated the 1st Illinois Cavalry. In 1916 it was ordered into active service and sent to Brownsville, Texas for service on the Mexican border.

### Was Artillery Then

Upon the entry of the United States in World War I, the squadron was converted to Artillery and designated the 124th Field Artillery of the 33rd Division. While overseas with the 33rd Division, it took part in four major operations as symbolized by the streamers on the Regimental Standard. At the conclusion of

the war, the unit served with the Army of Occupation in Luxembourg and upon returning to the United States was mustered out in June, 1919.

Reorganized again in 1921, it was redesignated as Second Squadron, 106th Cavalry. In December, 1940 it was expanded into a Regiment and ordered to active duty.

Camp Livingston, Louisiana has been the home station of the 106th prior to Camp Hood. While undergoing training there, the regiment not only constructed what the Army Times called "one of the toughest obstacle courses in the country," but also had the distinction of sending over 800 men to Officer Candidate School.

### Maneuvers Not New

Maneuvers are well known to the 106th, as the summer of 1941, 1942, and 1943 found the Regiment battling Reds and Blues deep in the heart of Louisiana. Perhaps the greatest commendation that the 106th has received in recent years was made by Major General Crittenger, Commanding General of the III Armored Corps, who stated at the end of the present summer maneuvers, "The 106th Cavalry Regiment is the best Cavalry Regiment in the United States today."

Battle cry of the Officers and men of the 106th Cavalry is, "We started this war in Louisiana, but we'll end it in Berlin!"

## OC Saw Japanese Stab In Hawaii; Parents There

Manuel Fernandez, native of Kauai, Territory of Hawaii, knows what he is "fighting for." Employed at Hickman Field, Honolulu, he was there on the fateful December 7th when the Japanese bombs fell. Then, too, Fernandez' wife and his parents live in the Islands.

Fernandez, member of the First Co. OCS Regt., deeply feels a personal reason for fighting. Inducted at Schofield Barracks for a year of military training in March, 1941, he was released just six weeks before Pearl Harbor, and then worked at Hickham Field as a machinist-draftsman and clerk. Duty to the nature of his employment, it would have been possible for him to have remained at Hickam for the duration; however, he felt he could do more as a soldier, and reenlisted to rejoin his outfit at Schofield Barracks and take up where he had left off a few short weeks previously. He was stationed there until July of this year when he came to Camp Hood for OCS.

Of Portuguese extraction, Fernandez is a second generation Islander, his mother having been born there. His father is a tradesman on Kauai Island. Swimming and fishing occupied quite a bit of his spare time while he was attending the Island public and high schools. He proved he could take it by playing sandlot football in his bare feet.

Fernandez was also intensely interested in model planes, and concentrating on gas powered jobs, he constructed about twenty. His planes were entered in pre-war wheeler Field where model planes competed in "big time" contests.

While actually the "Four Freedoms" underlie Fernandez will-

ingness to fight, his acute desire to fight lies in the fact that his wife and his people still live in the Islands.

## EM Who Serve OCS Co. With Unit One Year; Saw Four Classes

The same enlisted personnel which served the First OCS Company when it was activated over a year ago at Gatesville, before Camp Hood was an actuality, is still on duty.

First Sgt. Ralph E. Dunn, T-5 Ben Hansman, in charge of supplies, and the overhead, PFC's Henry Darling and Charles Radinski and Private Perry Moore have seen four classes come and go and now are working with their fifth. They have helped the company move a number of times; first from Gatesville to camp, next to Thirty-first Street, and then to the present regimental area.

## Here's An Opportunity To Send Home A Record Of Your Voice

During the past year, the Pepsi-Cola Company has made it possible for thousands of soldiers in camps all over the country to send personal recorded messages to the folks back home.

This opportunity is now available to Camp Hood soldiers at the 37th St. Service Club, where a Pepsi-Cola recording unit will be stationed for the next few weeks. This service is free, including the postage necessary to mail the recordings home.

## The Wolf

by Sansone



"You'll just love my cooking!"

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Must We See It Again?  
(See Editorial At Left)

## Wants World War III?

**T**HE FACE OF WAR is not pretty, as the drawing on this page by a Tank Destroyer soldier well illustrates.

The problem before us now is to press this war so completely and so thoroughly that absolute victory shall be ours. That's why we train. That's why we have any Army at all.

However, the problem when the war is won will be to transform the military victory into social and economic gains for the entire world which is involved in this war.

Far be it from us to discuss matters of a political nature, which we do not feel is our purpose at this time. However, when we do see something going on which is definitely endangering everything for which we are fighting we feel that comment is not only justified, but necessary.

## Fights Our Allies

We refer in this instance to the not-so-subtle campaign being waged by a certain "American" publisher against our Russian Allies because of personal prejudices and waging it in the public press using every trick of hack writing to make his stories sound authentic.

In a recent edition of one of his papers, which came to our desk, we find a story NOT bearing any wire service credit line, written by a David Camelon, whoever he is. This article starts off with this flat statement: "Russia today had made its most open, direct bid for a separate peace with Germany. The Nazi government of Adolf Hitler alone stands in the way of a just peace with the German people, to be reached in a spirit of 'reason and charity,' the Moscow radio declared."

So what?

We can recall quite well that our own President mentioned the fact, time and again, that the Allies were not after the German people but the Nazis, and we were ready for peace with them if they would oust Hitler. Yet when the Moscow radio says the same thing they're looking for a separate peace, according to this publisher.

## Quoting Who?

Later in the article he says: "The entire spirit of the Russia propaganda offensive, it was said by observers in Washington, (may we ask what observers?) was to minimize any Anglo-American actions, and to convince Germans that their sole safety lay in a close approachment with Russia."

So what?

We can also recall when Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, said that the "sole safety of the Germans lie in getting rid of their Nazi masters."

The whole purpose of this national campaign of half-truths, self-quotations and out-right lies is, apparently, to split the Allies from Russia.

Yet we well know that the only possible chance we have to obtain and hold a just peace after the war is for closer cooperation between Russia, Great Britain, the United States and China.

We're just a little tired of half-witted political manipulators playing with international dynamite which could likely blow our generation and the next one, back into another global war.

## Not All Bad

We have a hunch that the Union of Soviet Republics is neither as bad as we once were taught it was, nor as good as some people would have us believe now. We also have a hunch that it is composed of millions of common people, as is the United States of America.

We have a hunch that their aims and ours are not too far apart and will become closer if such idle mouthings as these fail in their evident purpose.

We're fighting this war for something beside another war.

## A Soldier

The name they gave me was soldier,  
It's known throughout the land.  
It stands for right and freedom,  
A job for every man.

I know it's hard to take to  
And we all get mighty scared,  
But the way they pulled their sneak attack,  
It Made us fighting mad.

Our President declared a state of war  
Thinking of you and me.  
So now with strength and faith in God  
We'll fight 'til Victory.

Now God with all His grace and strength,  
Will surely see us through  
To a peace that's everlasting  
And a Victory for me and you.

Pvt. Joseph Miata, Co. B, 140th Bn, RTC

Several weeks ago the Panther carried a report on the bill proposed by Senator Pepper, the purpose of which was for the government to help servicemen who wanted to continue or further their education after their discharge. With that in mind, the Panther's polling reporter asked four soldiers and a WAC chosen at random:

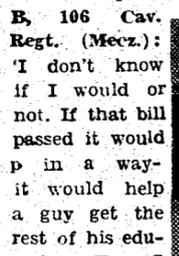
**IF YOU HAVE THE CHANCE AFTER THE WAR, WOULD YOU LIKE MORE EDUCATION?**

**Pfc. Nathaniel E. Lowe, 1st TD**



**Band:** "Yea, I sure would. I'd like to study engineering. It would be pretty nice if something like Senator Pepper's bill were passed, and we get a chance to go to school right after we're discharged."

**Pvt. Ralph W. Martin, Troop B, 106 Cav. Regt. (Mech.):**



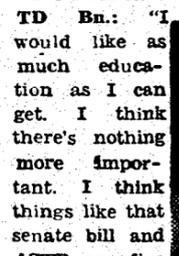
"I don't know if I would or not. If that bill passed it would help in a way it would help a guy get the rest of his education. Yea, I could be tempted to go back to school, I've got another year to go for my high school diploma."

**T-5 Doris K. DeLange, Wac Det. TDC:**



"I certainly would like to have more education after the war—especially in business training. I'd certainly take advantage of it if after the war we got some help with it."

**T-5 Paul R. Gore, Hq. Co., 671st TD Bn:**



"I would like as much education as I can get. I think there's nothing more important. I think things like that senate bill and ASTP are fine deals. I'd certainly like to go back to school for more study if I had the chance after the war."

**Pvt. Walter Ogrosky, OCS Regt., Hq. Co.:**



"Sure I would. I'd like to study Agriculture and chemistry. It would be helpful if that bill passed, but either way I'm going back to school right after I get out of the army."

Three men of Company B, 635th Bn., have joined the ranks of married men. Sgt. Wilbur Demanett, Sgt. Max A. Daily and Pvt. Harold C. Stackley were all married recently.

## Army Quiz

1. What is the penalty for the unauthorized use of military insignia?
  2. What city is the "Pittsburgh" of Europe?
  3. How much gas does a Flying Fortress use in an hour?
  4. Would an enlisted man be required to salute the President when passing him on the street?
  5. Is the ability to shoot a rifle improved by closing one eye?
  6. Would a jeep going 30 miles per hour pass a destroyer whose speed was 30 knots?
- (Answers Page 7)

## Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

We met a fellow the other day who's all for one world government. The way he's got it figured out, you can't solve the world's problems by dividing.

Then there's the school of thought which maintains that no matter what happens right will win over might—if you lead with it.

It's a funny thing, though. The fellow who's usually all up in arms about changing the world is too old to carry any.



## Boots

Our basic training is over,  
We're being shipped.  
Though we're mechanized,  
We're being gypped!

Over Texas roads  
In the heat,  
We've nothing to ride on  
But our poor feet.

As we travel along  
We don't hear a sound  
But I'm here to say  
We saw plenty of ground.

Editor, The Panther:  
I had the pleasure of visiting Camp Hood several weeks ago and at that time a copy of The Hood Panther was given me by Cpl. John Palladino, and I enjoyed it very much. I am wondering whether it would be possible to have the Panther sent to me.  
Bette Mead,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Editor's Note: We appreciate Miss Mead's kind words, but extra copies of The Panther are not available for civilian distribution. Perhaps her friends here will send her their copy each week when they are through it.

Editor, The Panther:  
Thank you for the copies of the Hood Panther. I am immensely grateful to you for the splendid article on my bill, S. 1295. I am pleased to know of the reaction of the service men to this legislation. I shall be glad to keep you informed of the progress of this bill and you may be sure that I will do my best to secure the passage of the measure.  
Best wishes to you and  
Sincerely yours,  
Senator Claude Pepper

(Ed. Note: The bill referred to is one introduced by Senator Pepper which would financially aid servicemen who want to further or continue their education after the war.)

Texas has millions of bugs,  
Ants and the like,  
If only they'd leave me  
For this one hike!

The roads are dusty,  
Full of big rocks  
Sometimes you think  
All you have on is socks.

We walk, trying not  
To go down in a heap  
Along comes a private  
Driving a jeep.

He grins as he passes  
We all can see  
He means, "Don't you wish  
You were me?"

The rains came down  
With an awful thud.  
The roads we walked  
On were one mass of mud.

We took a few steps  
Doing the best we can,  
Then we slip right back  
Where we began!

We went 31 miles  
That last day, good,  
After grunting, groaning,  
Ahead was Camp Hood.

Now that we're here,  
And I think of our quest,  
I know the 652nd Battalion  
Is the best!  
—PFC Melvin Peterson  
Hq. Co., 652nd TD BN.

# RTC Could Fill Rarest Of Jobs

Can you use a gold miner, grave digger, trapeze artist or mountain climber? Do you need somebody to play on your polo team or operate your salmon trap?

If you do, the Tank Destroyer RTC could supply them if it weren't for one thing—they are

# EM Can Apply For Military Govt. Abroad

Enlisted men as well as officers and civilians have a chance for training in the Provost Marshal General Military Government Division.

The Camp Grant 'Sentinel' in a recent article noted a circular which made changes in the programs which prepare each group for service in occupied territory.

The officer course is at the School of Military Government at Charlottesville, Va. Officers must apply for application to this course through military channels. Grades eligible are captain to colonel.

The enlisted men's course, open to both private and non-com grades, is in two sections—the military government company officers' course and the military government enlisted course.

The first section is open only to men now on military police duty. To enter the second course an enlisted man should seek transfer to military police duty, and admission to the military police officer candidate course, application for which must be made through military channels.

These courses are maintained at the provost marshal general's school. The first section runs four weeks, the second for eight.

The course open to civilians is for highly qualified persons who will be known as vital specialists. It is for men who have made their mark in some administrative field, in municipal or government affairs. They must be between 38 and 55 years old. They will be given training and then will be carried in an inactive status, without pay, until called to duty.

## Nine Men From Co. C, 658th Bn., Leave To Attend ASTP

By Pvt. Richard Etherington  
The Army Specialized Training this week choose nine men from Company C, 658th Bn. UTC, and sent them to school.

These nine were sent to Camp Maxey, Texas, where they will receive a series of tests which if passed will enable them to receive college training at the expense of the government.

Men who were sent to school were: T-5 Harold Hannan, Corporals Neil Hart, Luke Rappa, Pfc's Harold Boston, Charles Drys, George Paul, Francis Hibner and Pvts. Richard Hanneran and George Pascale.

now in the employ of Uncle Sam as members of the Army of the United States.

New men arriving at North Camp are given an occupational questionnaire to fill out and a recent batch which turned up in the Special Services office, RTC Headquarters, revealed a wealth of talent now subordinated to the business of winning the war.

At the bottom of the questionnaire the trainees are to list "any interesting or unusual civilian pastimes or other information." That's where the payoff comes.

### Unusual Experiences Given

You will agree it is an unusual experience to carry \$20,000 around. That's what a form bank messenger often did. And might be interesting to climb 14 mountain peaks, each more than 14,000 feet high, as another trainee did.

The trainee who used to operate a salmon trap in Alaskan waters said "this method of catching salmon is one of the most amazing I have seen." The salmon trapper also noted that he was a champion college high jumper.

A Virginian noted that it was an interesting experience to be secretary to Sherwood Anderson, novelist, while a Californian listed under same category that he "worked for a lady plumber." A student from Ohio recently led a class crammed with interesting and unusual experiences because there were "too many to try eliminating the less important ones."

### Not Unusual Hobby

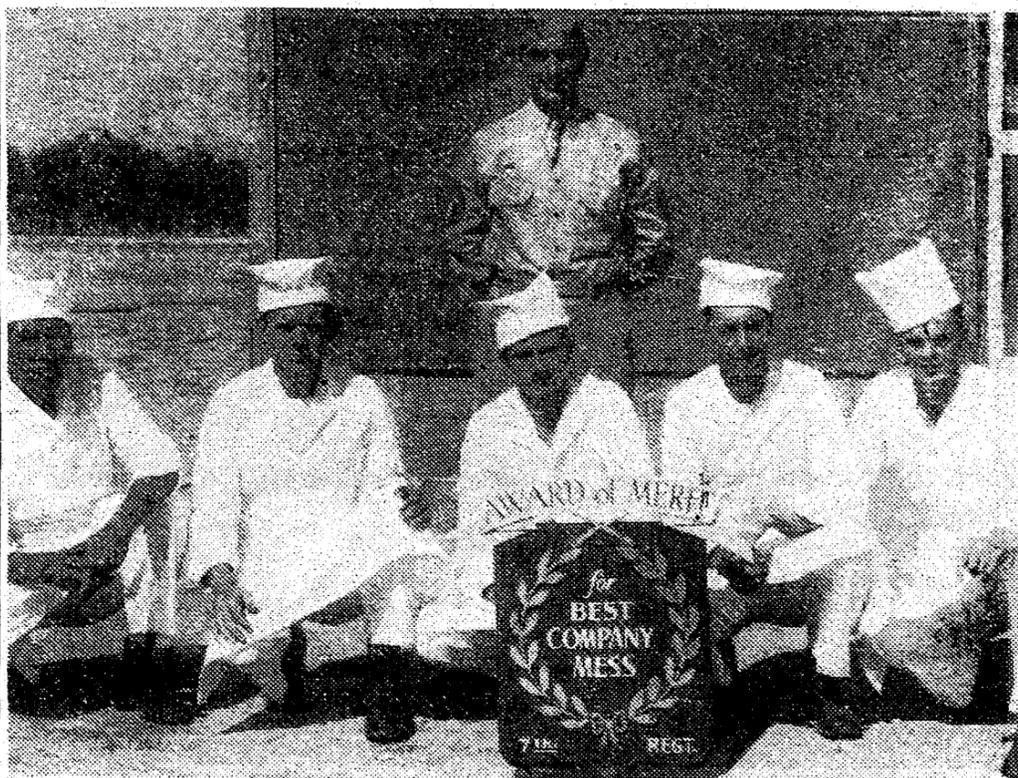
One trainee confessed the most unusual thing that ever happened to him was being knocked unconscious for eight hours by a hit and run driver. Another gave as "further information" that his hobby was making a living.

A candidate for somebody's brain trust turned up as a student and musician who was a charter member of the National Youth Orchestra. He noted that his national intelligence ranking was 99.83 and that he has an I. Q. of 173.

Another artist received a commission to execute a memorial bust of Edgar Allan Poe for the Edgar Allan Poe Foundation of Richmond, Va.

Many trainees were born abroad, listing among their birthplaces Strasbourg, France; Osaka, Japan; Miskolc, Hungary; and Germany. One trainee had spent the early part of his life in India, where his parents were missionaries. Another had made three extended trips to the Philippines and noted that his father, a chief warrant officer in the Army, was a prisoner of the Japanese. Still a third who used to work for an oil company had visited Iceland, the Dutch West Indies and all the United States. Others had lived in Europe, Canada and Mexico.

As a mail clerk for a midnight train volunteered under further information—"It's not a bad life."



THEIR KITCHEN WINS—Mess hall of Co. A, 148th AST Bn., RTC., has had the highest mess hall rating in the Seventh Regiment for consecutive weeks. S-Sgt. Irwin R. Knauer and his staff of cooks pose with the Award of Merit given by RTC. Story below.

## RTC Trainee Taught Art Of Jiu-Jitsu As A Civilian

Pvt. Phillip Tragash, of Philadelphia, Pa., a master and teacher of the art of jui-jitsu, is North Camp Hood's latest trainee with an unusual occupation. Pvt. Tragash is a member of Co. D, 141st TDTB, RTC.

For the past two and a half years Tragash has been a teacher of Jui-jitsu, and prior to that he studied physical culture and body building at the Young Men's Hebrew Association in his hometown.

Jui-jitsu, also known as Judo, is based primarily on surprise and deception. Weight is neither a handicap nor an asset, but leverage and balance are the primary requisites. One of Pvt. Tragash's

pupils, a 92 - pound woman, threw a 200 pound man with ease.

Tragash, a six-foot, two-inch giant of a fellow, carrying 210 pounds of brawn and muscle, is 30 years old, married and has one child, eight months old. In order to make his son "a chip off the old block", he placed a trapeze in the nursery, and at the age of six months, young Mr. Tragash was able to pull himself up and stand alone.

Tragash had had experience in teaching hand to hand fighting, but is especially interested in teaching methods of disarming opponents who wield knives, pistols, bayonets and clubs. He hopes North Camp will find a place for him in this capacity.

## Field Camp For Trainees Gives Men Early Start

RTC trainees are finishing a new phase of training most interesting. Toward the end of the basic training period soldiers of all the RTC regiments establish field camps for two weeks, where they apply the principles in training.

The field camp is on East Range Road. Entering the wooded area one is impressed with the careful camouflage job has been done.

Major Dwight C. Johnson, in charge of the troops, explained that the trainees use their judgement in picking logical locations.

Training hours are in the morning and at night, with a break in the hotter hours of the afternoon. This allows for additional

night problems without tiring the men unnecessarily. A cross section of the training includes marches, bivouac organization, all phases of security, sanitation and hygiene, defense against air and mechanized attack, night demonstrations, map reading, defense against chemical warfare, night patrol formations, hand-to-hand fighting, infiltration, hasty fortifications and concealment and camouflage.

Practical combat conditions are in order at all times, the men messing by platoons, and leaving the area to eat. In this manner there is no conspicuous crowding of men at any time or place.

After a week in the field the

## Co. A, 148th Wins Mess Award Often

Company "A," 148th AST Bn has had, for five consecutive weeks, the highest mess hall rating in the Seventh Regt., and one week had the highest numerical rating in the RTC of 98.8.

S/Sgt. Irwin R. Knauer, formerly shift sergeant of the mess in the North Camp Hood school for Cooks and Bakers, has been mess sergeant the past five weeks and the net results of his efforts; five consecutive mess awards.

The mess has been commended not only for its cleanliness but also for the superior quality of the food served. Capt. Walter P. Wagoner, is Commanding Officer of Co. "A." and Lt. Carl H. Bell, Company Mess Officer.

## Non-Com Promotions Announced By UTC

The following promotions, Hq. Co., 16th Gp., have been announced by UTC:

T-Sgt. Gerald A. Pond to M-Sgt.; T-4 Dwight W. Harvey to Sgt.; T-5 Joseph W. Kuehler and Alfred R. Peterson to T-4; Pvt. William D. Pilone to T-4; Pvts. William R. Akins, Frank J. Carson, Martin W. McFarland, Lawrence D. Paul, James A. Piazza, Victor P. Roberto, James R. Sterling and Albert Yerkish to T-5.

men are divided into two units. Almost 400 trainees engage in actual maneuvers, gaining experience in both defensive and offensive

## AST Men Mostly Young; Wide Background

Much has been said and written about the Army Specialized Training Program during the past year, but what about the kind of men who make up its far-reaching play in the Army.

The second platoon, of Co. A, 126th Bn., north camp, renders vivid example as to the type of men that are chosen for the ASTP. Of the 56 men in this platoon, one-half of them are only

18 years of age, and others range in age from 19 to 21, except one Pvt. Daniel S. McGeen, who is 26 and the only married man in the group. The youngster of the group is Pvt. John Born, of Enid, Okla., who turned 18 the day before he was called up from the Enlisted Reserve Corps, July 2 of this year.

This particular group of ASTP men hail from 17 states, Montana and Florida owning the largest representation with nine each.

Twenty-six of these second platoon men are former college students, having attended colleges such as, Cornell, Princeton, Alabama, Michigan, Pennsylvania and others.

Twenty-one of the men entered the service via the ERC, while the full camouflage job which has been done.

## Bob Hope Feels Eyes Of Texas On Him Even In Africa Desert

W. O. Frank Rassa, with the Military Government Force in Africa has seen Casablanca, Tunis, Bizerte and Sicily.

When writing, recently to friends in camp, W. O.'s Nathan Katz and David Kesselman, the subject he found most interesting to write about was seeing Bop Hope doing his stuff for the men in the desert.

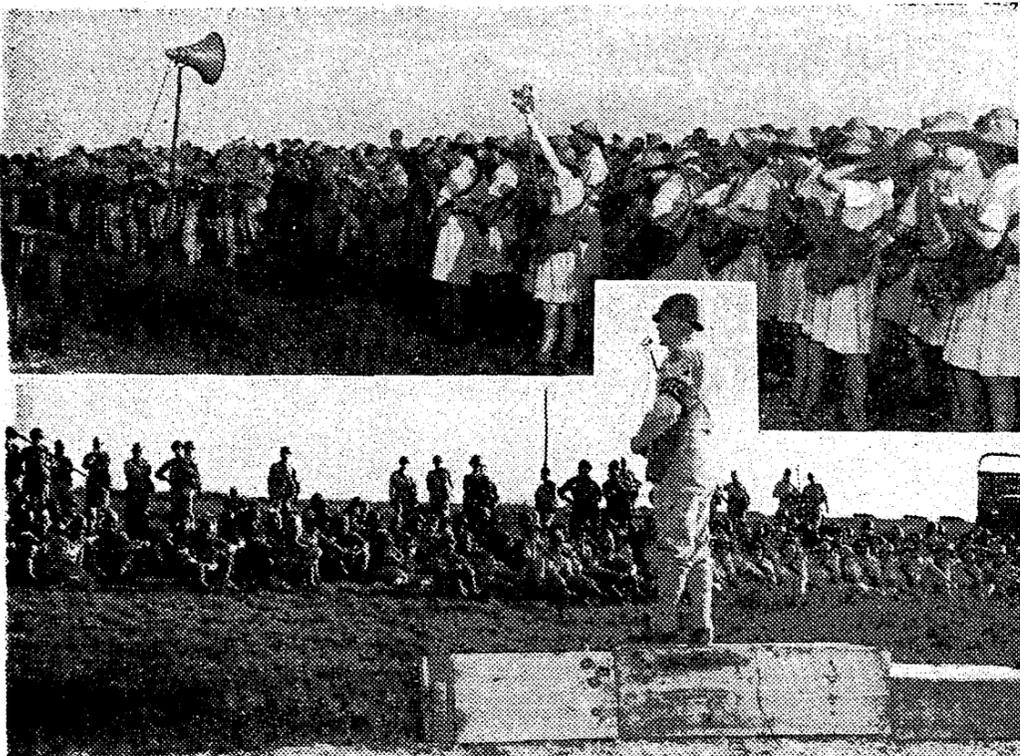
The gag he liked best was Hope's description of the country:



"North Africa is Texas with Arabs."



"I think we're nearing the North Pole."



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

**BE PREPARED!**—A part of Camp Hood's turnout for the chemical warfare demonstrations is shown getting prepared for what could happen anywhere, anytime—GAS! Above, WACs and soldiers undo gas masks in preparation for gas attacks. Below, those taking part in demonstrations are orientated on other points of chemical warfare.

## Use Of Gas, Dangers Taught To GI's In Series Of Classes

Gas! It's the deadliest weapon that has ever been used in war. Camp Hood's military personnel has been well prepared for the importance as well as the danger of that weapon.

Through a series of demonstrations, under the direction of Maj. Harry Sloane, chief of the Chemical Warfare Section, ASF, almost every unit in Camp Hood has witnessed and become well acquainted with the various types of chemical warfare. More than 3,000 troops in the Station Complement alone, have learned what

to do and what not to do as a result of these complete demonstrations, which have been acclaimed among the best and most adequate in the Eighth Service Command area. Maj. Sloane, his assistants, Lts. Ivan W. Clark and Gilbert A. Rivard, and eight enlisted men, have been commended for their untiring efforts in making this field exercise and demonstration of "war with and against gas" unique and precise in this area.

### Work Is Outstanding

Capt. George Groves, who heads the UTC Chemical Warfare team, and is in charge of its demonstrations, has also produced outstanding work in the demonstrations.

The Wacs, as well as the enlisted men and officers, have turned out to acquaint themselves with what the Japs and Germans threw at us in Munda and scores of other places. Americans have given the Nip and Nazi many doses of this type of incendiary and flame warfare, from Munda to Hamburg, where it was used with extreme success.

### Follows Pattern

These demonstrations of chemical warfare have been carried out along this particular pattern. First, by an orientation involving chemical agents and their protection, supported by comprehensive gas mask drill. Second, by identification of chemical agents under field conditions. Third, by demonstration of chemical warfare weapons, such as 105 mm shells (simulated), portable chemical cylinders, land mines, and flame throwers. And fourth, by demonstration of various smoke screens by vehicular smoke generator; uses of various types of grenades, flares and other chemical warfare assets.

One of the most effective items is the aerial incendiary thermite bomb, with a temperature of 4500 degrees. This type of fire chemical was included in the demonstration.

15 victory over the Officers' softball team.

The game was pretty even for the first four frames, but thereafter the cadremen broke loose and ran completely away with the game, scoring at will.

## Col. Caulk Now Chief Of Ordnance Section

Lt. Col. James P. Caulk, came to Camp Hood from Camp Bowie September 2 to be Chief of the Ordnance Section here.

He was Chief Ordnance Section, Camp Bowie, from Feb. 12, 1942, to Sept. 1, 1943, and was Ordnance officer at Camp Hulen from Aug. 1, 1940, to Feb. 1841.

## Cadets Need Not Lose Their Allotments Under Plan

The Army Service Forces, in conjunction with the Army Air Forces, have announced that all soldiers who desire to become aviation cadets should not hesitate to do so on the ground they would lose their allotments and in some cases suffer a reduction in pay.

Under existing regulations, the ASF points out, enlisted men who qualify for aviation cadet training may be appointed as aviation students and continue in such status through their training, thus being eligible for regular allotments and allowing dependents to suffer no monetary loss.

An enlisted man must elect to become an aviation student rather than an aviation cadet prior to

the time he normally would be appointed a cadet. While an aviation student he will wear the uniform prescribed for aviation cadets.

Officers authorized to appoint qualified enlisted men as aviation cadets may likewise detail enlisted candidates as aviation students, and such students, upon successful completion of their course of training, receive the same rank as regular aviation cadets.

The Aviation Cadet (or Student) Examining Board meets at Camp Hood every Thursday to examine candidates who meet minimum qualifications, i. e., be between the ages of 18 and 26 inclusive, general service status, and an Army General Classification Test score of 115 or better.

## It Seems He Already Had The Jump On Lieutenant And Competition

Considerable embarrassment must have been written all over the face of Lt. Richard A. Greene, track and field coach of the 22nd TD Group, the other day when he asked T-4 Arnold J. West, of Hq. Co., if he (Sgt. West)

would like to learn the art of broad jumping so he could be on the 22nd TD Group track and field team. To the Lieutenant's amazement, Sgt. West turned out to be the same guy that had, in 1930, won the broad jump event at the national inter-collegiate 4-A

track and field meet staged at Harvard, Mass., with a record leap of 25 feet, 3 inches. Sgt. West represented Stanford university, who finished second to Southern California that year in the nationals.

Not satisfied with first place in the broad jump, Sgt. West entered the high jump event that same day and soared over the cross-bar at 6 feet, 4 inches.

At the present time, Sgt. West is awaiting a call to OCS, while Lt. Greene, the bewildered coach, is still scratching his head.

## Col. Olmstead Will Retire

Lt. Col. Homer G. Olmsted, since June 16, 1942 camp engineer, will retire from active service in the Army Sept. 30.

With Camp Hood since the days of early construction, Col. Olmsted has seen active service with the Army engineers and with the CCC and civilian engineering projects. He was a consulting engineer for many years in Houston, Texas.

Under his supervision, the largest concrete slabs in the world were laid at Ellington Field, Texas.

In 1918 Col. Olmsted was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Corps of Engineers and saw duty at what is now Ft. Belvoir, until his discharge from the service after the war.

Col. Olmsted will return to Houston and reopen an office as a consulting engineer.

## Sketch Class Organized For Soldier Artists

An Artist's Sketch Class is being organized by Staff Sgt. Thomas Ford and Pvt. Edward Piowski of the Academic Regiment to be conducted each Thursday starting October 7.

Artists and others interested may contact the hostess at the 37th Street Service Club for information.

Week-end sketching in various mediums, including oils and water colors, outdoors, will be possible once the class gets under way.

Periodically an exhibit of the Class' work will be held and prizes will be awarded.

The invitation has been extended to the WACs.

## Ninth Company, OCS Cadre Wins 28-15

With a score that resembled one of the country's big pro football games, the 9th Co. OCS cadre softball team romped to a 28 to



(A summary of the week's news prepared by Panther Editors)

The Japs are getting nervous. Tokyo Radio announced that the Jap government is preparing to move government departments and industrial installations, and mobilize all civilian population "in the interest of national defense."

Soviet Premier Josef Stalin, in a unique message to the American people read at a war loan drive ceremony in Washington, said that success of the \$15,000,000,000 bond campaign would help bring victory "over the bitter enemy within the shortest time."

The message said that American manufacture of war material renders "great support, in the fight with our common enemy."

Rudolph Hess bubbled back into the news as Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told parliament that Hess had offered six specific proposals for peace when he arrived—the general theme of the proposals was that England should retain her empire, except for colonies belonging to Germany before World War I, and that Germany should be given a free hand with the rest of the world.

One of Hess' assurances was that Germany had no intention of attacking Russia.

### Finland Asks Peace

Finland, according to an Associated Press report, told the world, and Germany, that it was tired of fighting and desired peace, if it could be obtained with honor.

The Russians knocked over the last Nazi stronghold in the Dnieper region, and it's considered only a matter of short time until they control the whole region. German propaganda dreamers have been hinting to the Nazi citizens that the Germans may

pull out of the Russian debacle entirely—if they can.

The Germans also seem a bit worried about their situation in the Ukraine, and indicate they may pull out of there before the Allied armies can sweep up through Italy.

### Germany Aspirin Shortage

There probably aren't enough tins of aspirin in all Germany these days to ease the headaches of Schickelgruber and his staff—Premier Badoglio ordered the Italian people to take up arms against the Germans—the American Fifth Army pushed the Nazis back on their heels, averting the short end of the crisis for our side—additional support for the Fifth came from the flying advance of General Montgomery's Eighth—Yugoslavia's key seaport, Split, was reported to have fallen to the Patriot Army—U. S. bombers smacked industrial areas around Paris again—Allied armies are credited with having gained control of southern Italy by capturing Potenza—and transfer of Liberators from England to the Mediterranean theater is said to foreshadow a winter aerial siege of Germany.

### Phoney Mussolini

Newsmen and radiomen who listened to the alleged broadcast by Mussolini, calling on the Italians to stick with the Nazis, expressed the belief that it sounded like somebody imitating Caesar's ghost, though Allied headquarters still refuses to comment on the Nazi claim of having recaptured Mussolini.

Marshall Badoglio was reported to be safely behind Allied lines in Italy.

General Clark, commanding, issued a statement that the Fifth Army had been through some tough fighting, but that "our situation was never desperate."

### U. S. Officers Saw Rome

Allied headquarters revealed

that two American officers visited Rome, in full uniform, driving casually through the streets in front of German officers, a few hours before our invasion of Salerno.

American planes destroyed 14 more enemy aircraft in another raid on Jap bases in the northern Solomon islands. American naval forces heavily bombed enemy bases on the Gilbert islands. Allied land forces crashed through the main Jap resistance west of Lae in New Guinea.

### Willkie Promises

In New York Wendell Willkie promised unstinting service as "nominee or worker in the ranks" to the Republicans for the 1944 campaign, if they adopted a liberal platform.

The Associated Press reported that both parties have promised backing to a proposed bill which would defer the drafting of fathers.

Several self-styled business agents, including James M. Curley, former mayor of Boston, were indicted on charges of mail fraud in operating what the justice department called a "war contracts brokerage racket."

### Warns On Optimism

Calling Sicily "Merely an outpost of the fortress of Europe," Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau warned Americans on the homefront against their "foolish, childish over-optimism."

The question has come up in Washington and London as to what to do with Adolph Hitler when he's caught.

The first three games of the World Series, starting Oct. 5th, will be played in New York at the Polo Grounds.

After the House by an overwhelming vote in passed the post-war collaboration bill, Senate leaders tried to line up at least a two-thirds vote for it in their section.



## Chapel Services

**Protestant Sunday 9:30 A. M.**  
 Chapel 176 .....164th & Brig  
 Chapel 639 .....62nd St.  
 Chapel 902 .....50th St.  
 Chapel 2109 .....37th St. East

**11:00 A. M.**  
 Post Chapel .....52nd St.  
 Chapel 289 .....170th & Brig.  
 Chapel 115 .....268th St.  
 Chapel 639 .....62nd St.  
 Chapel 2209 .....School Area  
 Chapel 1156 .....37th St. West

**6:30 P. M.**  
 Chapel 115 .....268th St.  
 Chapel 639 .....62nd St.  
 Chapel 902 .....50th St.  
 Chapel 2209 .....School Area

**7:30 P. M.**  
 Chapel 1156 .....37th St. West

**COLORED TROOPS**  
 Chapel 513 .....64th St.  
 10:45 A. M. - 6:30 P. M.  
 Sunday School .....9:30 A. M.  
 Stockade .....2:00 P. M.

**Enl Men's Bible Class**  
 Chapel 639, 62nd St., 10:30 A. M.

**Episcopal**  
 Chapel 289 .....170th & Brig.  
 Sunday - 6:30 P. M.

**Lutheran**  
 Post Chapel .....52nd St.  
 Sunday - 6:30 P. M.

**Roman Catholic**  
**Mass, Sunday**  
 Hospital Red Cross  
 Building .....6:30 A. M.  
 Chapel 1156, 37th St.  
 West .....7:00 A. M.  
 24.h St. Theater .....9:00 A. M.  
 Post Chapel .....9:00 A. M.  
 37th St. Theater .....11:00 A. M.  
 162nd St. Area, Field  
 Mass .....11:00 A. M.  
 Novena Service .....6:30 P. M.  
 Chapel 176, 164th & Brig.

**Weekday Mass**  
 Chapel 176-164th & Brig  
 Monday .....6:30 A. M.  
 Tuesday .....6:30 P. M.  
 Wednesday .....6:30 A. M.  
 Thursday .....6:30 A. M.  
 Friday .....6:30 P. M.  
 Saturday .....6:30 A. M.

**Confession**  
 Before every weekday mass  
 Saturday

Hosp. Red Cross Bldg. ....3-4 P. M.  
 Chapel 1156, 37St. West 4-6 P. M.  
 Chapel 1156 .....6:30-9 P. M.  
 Chapel, 176, 164 & Brig. 6-9 P. M.

**Christian Science**  
 Chapel 1156 .....37th St. West  
 Thursday .....8:00 P. M.  
 Sunday .....8:45 A. M.

# Two Enlisted Men Build Colorful Terrain Plot For 22nd Group's Use

The 22nd TD Group, commanded by Lt. Col. Severn T. Wallis, put the finishing touch to its terrain board this week, and invited the Camp to view its masterpiece.

Constructed by Pfc. Leonard F. Collins of Thorndale, Pa., and T-5 Robert L. Hurlbut of Pico, Calif., during spare moments when they were not engaged in training, the plot represents approximately a months toil for the two men who worked faithfully to make this plot an exact reproduction of about 33 square miles of the southern part of the Camp Hood Reservation.

## Words Without Music

The top ten songs, based on the fastest selling sheet music, as reported by the Hollywood edition of "Variety":

Sunday, Monday, and Always  
 Paper Doll  
 In My Arms  
 Pistol Packing Mamma  
 People Will Say  
 You'll Never Know  
 In the Rue of The Evening  
 I Heard You Cried Last Night  
 Put Your Arms Around Me  
 Say A Prayer For the Boys Over There

Radio programs are beginning to jockey for winter position, and important name bands and singers are getting set—

The Mills Brothers are back, on CBS, after a long absence, with Harry Mills due to sing for a 1st Sgt. in a couple of weeks. Ted Fio-Rito will lead "The Million Dollar Band" Saturday night. Denny Wilson gets the solo spot with Bob Crosby and Company, NBC, Sundays at 7:30.

Paul Whiteman who has given a boost to a lot of young singers on their way to the top, predicts porterhouse and bigundy for Jimmy Blair, Dick Haymes, and Lee Sullivan.

Ina Ray Hutton is fronting (a nice front, if you can get it) the band on the "What's Your War Job" program, on Blue Network, Fridays at 7:30. Frances Langford didn't get to fill a flier's shoes on the Bob Hope jaunt to Africa, but she did get to wear Capt. Richard Hedrick's pants when the wind proved too much for her skirts. Rubino and his violin return, on the Blue Network, Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Inter-company competition in softball and volleyball has kept the RTC battalions athletically occupied during the week. Due to night problems the inter-battalion tug-of-war schedule was set back a week.

**Was An Artist**  
 In civilian life Pfc. Collins was a commercial artist, which probably accounts for the color scheme and beauty of the plot. T-5 Hurlbut contributed the knowledge he gained a civilian architectural draftsman.

The terrain board itself is made of concrete, plaster of Paris, and wood. It even includes the buildings which you will find in the particular area it represents. All trees are made of concrete and the color scheme is natural. Coordinates are painted around the borders so that the student can locate himself during a map problem. One of the most outstanding features of the plot is the fact that it requires no maintenance to keep-up and is strong enough to support an instructor as he points out features to a class.

**All Were Interested**  
 Even though the plot was for the most part the work of Collins and Hurlbut, the entire Hq. Company has taken a personal interest in the progress of the board and hardly a day passed that every man in the outfit did not go over to see how the work was progressing. In fact, the builders often had to call for help to drive the 'kibitzers' away so that they could complete their masterpiece.

In a small way the board only represents the high morale and "Esprit de Corps" of the outfit which wants the entire Camp to know that this is not the only talent to be found in the Group. "Any company that can boast it has never had an AWOL since its activation has to have high morale" says Pfc. Nicholas Caparelli of New York City.

## 667th, 672nd Bn's Now Part Of 23rd Group

Two new battalions, the 667th and 672nd, have been added to the 23rd Group, commanded by Lt. Col. M. H. Matteson.

The group has a review and parade each Sat. morning to which the public is invited. Times are given in the daily bulletin.



**THEY BUILT IT**—PFC Leonard Collins, left, and T-5 Robert L. Hurlbut of Hq. Co., 22nd TD Group, built the terrain board on which they are standing. See story at left.

# 51st Armored Infantry Gives Power Demonstration Offire

In a spectacular demonstration before men and officers from Unit Training Center and the Tank Destroyer School, the Second Battalion of the 51st Armored Infantry demonstrated that infantry is still Queen of Battle."

The exhibition of fire power, witnessed by General Ward and members of his staff, showed how well equipped a modern Infantry battalion is to stop almost any type of attack.

Producing a veritable screen of fire from all types of weapons from the .30 caliber tracer to the 81mm white phosphorous shell, the battalion showed the versatility of a modern infantry unit.

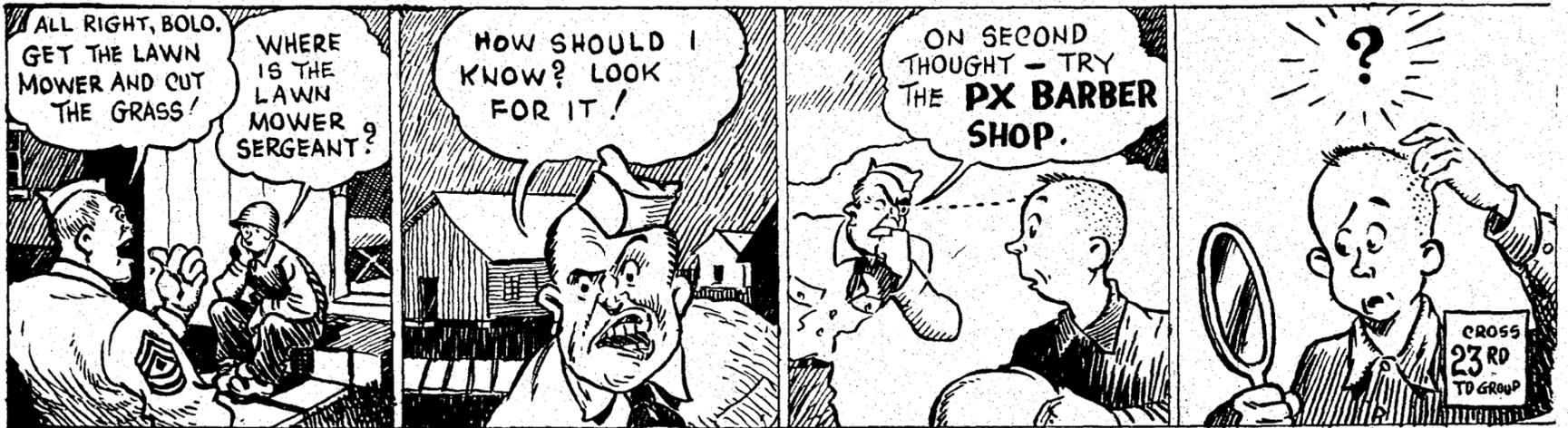
A running account of the demonstration was broadcast over the public address system by Lt. Col. Maybach, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion 51st Infantry. Individual arms and types of arms were fired first showing positions for defense in depth. The climax came with all arms of the battalion employed together in a display of deadly fire which lit up the night sky.

At the conclusion of the demonstration, Col. T. J. Heavey Co. UTC spoke briefly, pointing out why Tank Destroyers should be familiar with the arms and or-

ganization of Armored Infantry. Col. Heavey said that TD's would often fight in coordination with such infantry units. He also mentioned the similarity between American and German Armored Infantry, the latter being the Tank Destroyers' most dangerous enemy in combat.

## Quiz Answers

1. A fine of \$250, or imprisonment for six months, or both.
2. Essen, Germany.
3. A Flying Fortress burns one gallon of gasoline a mile. 15 gallons of gasoline will keep a fighter plane up one hour.
4. The War Department says that an enlisted man in the army is not required to salute the president of the United States when passing him on the street. At a formal inspection or parade, the company commander will salute the president.
5. The National Rifle Association says closing either eye does not improve one's ability to shoot a rifle. It is always best to have both eyes open whenever possible.
6. No. The jeep would fall behind since a nautical mile is 6,280 feet, as against 5,280 feet in the land mile.

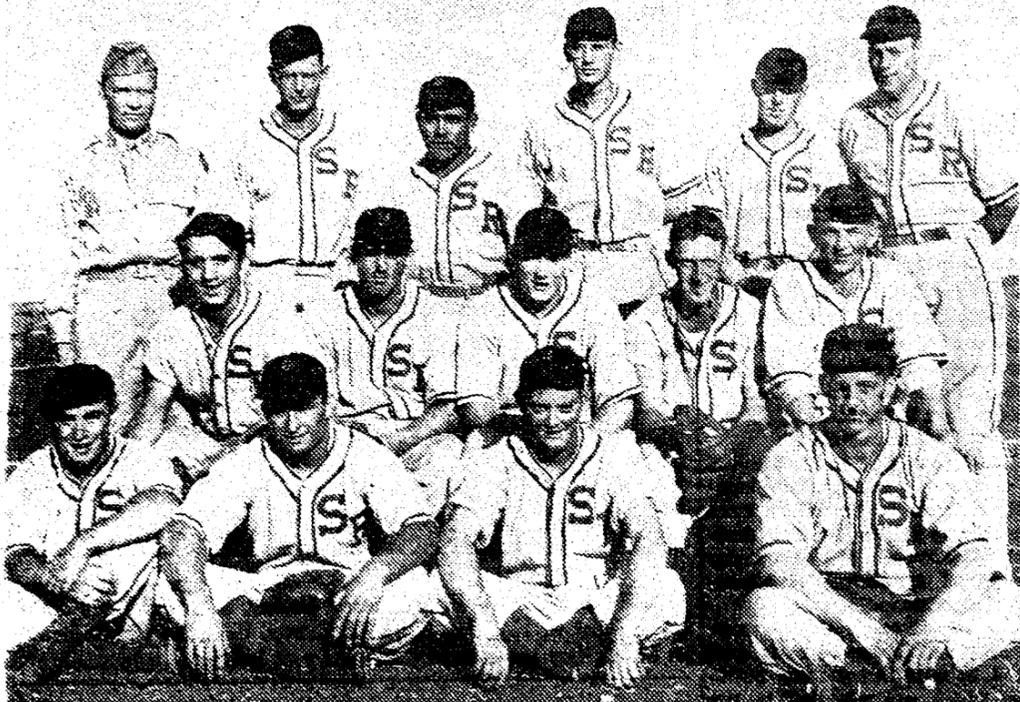


## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates

## Go West, Young Man





**THE WINNERS!**—Student Regiment baseball club, champions of Camp Hood. Reading left to right, back row: Lt. Freddy Murphey, team director; Cpl. Lloyd Kahler; Pfc. Francisco Barrero; T-5 Adelbert Cowhard; Pfc. Don Wheeler and S-Sgt. George Velton. Middle row, left to right: Pvt. Peter Petrillo; T-5 Herb Karpel; Pfc. Richard Williams; Pvt. Harry Fair and Sgt. John Zuber. Front row, left to right: Pvt. Sol Painter; Pvt. Henry Stram; Pfc. Virgel Clemens and T-4 Norman Westbelt.



With PFC Keith Quick

Now that the baseball season is about all done and the horse hide is being replaced by the pigskin, it's time for this corner to issue its choice of a Camp Hood All-Star baseball selection. And here's the way we look at 'em for an all-season "cream of the crop." Beginning at the initial sack, we chose S-Sgt. George Velton, of the champion Student Regiment nine. George is a natural for the first-bag job; he's big and powerful, has a reach like Primo Carnera, and is a dangerous fellow with the willow. At the keystone sack, we picked up Cpl. Lawrence Oetting, blond second-sack sensation of the 635th Bn. club. Oetting is the Joe Gordon type; covers lotsa' territory, brilliant defensive man. The shortstop slot went to gangling Pvt. Alric Tarlton, of the 113th Cavalry team. He reminded us of "Slats" Marion, shortstop favorite for the St. Louis Cards. The most difficult position on the star-studded aggregation, the hot corner, went to Pvt. Harry Fair, third-sacker of the Studes, and to round out the infield, the mask task fell to Pfc. Don Wheeler, another Student Regiment performer. Going into the outer pasture, we nailed S-Sgt. Delmar Senne, smooth-fielding sensation of the 635th, for duty in left field. In center, we strung along with T-4 Angelo Mezzatta, of the OCS nine, and in the "Babe Ruth" end of the lot, we turn the chores over to Sgt. Emil Giannini, of the 603rd Bn. Mound duties for the all-Hood pick could have included a dozen or more slab artists, but when our ironing was done we settled on these five bullock assignments; T-5 Herb Karpel, of the Student Regiment, the best man Camp Hood has or probably ever will know when it comes to firing the old pelota across the platter; Pvt. Bob Shepard, ace of the 635th Bn. team, and holder of the record for the first no-hit, no-run game ever chalked up in the Texas Semi-pro tournament, staged annually at Waco; Cpl. Bill O'Malley and Candidate Dave Madison, both of the OCS nine, and Sgt. John Zuber, of the Student Regt., completes our five-star choice for slab duties. Looks good enough to throw at the Yanks in the coming world series. Utility assignments go to Cpl. John Scroggins, OCS, utility outfielder, Candidate James Newberry, OCS, utility infielder, and Sgt. George Krigbaum, OCS, chiming in to assist Don Wheeler with the catching chores . . . And there you have it, Camp Hood's all-star baseball selection, hot from the lips of "on the ball," the corner that always gets a rotten Egg—so start throwing 'em, fellows!



**SECOND BEST**—OCS baseball club, runners-up for the horsehide title of Hood. Seated, front row, left to right: 1-Sgt. Stanley Young; Pvt. Walter O'Grosky; Pvt. Earl R. Lentz, Jr.; T-4 Angelo Mezzatta, and Pvt. Guido A. Fenice. Middle row, left to right: Cpl. William O'Malley; Pvt. Leo W. Matuszak; Lt. Forrest Armintrout, team director; Candidate James Newberry; 2nd. Lt. Al Scanland. Back row, left to right: Cpl. John Scroggins; S-Sgt. Joseph Lekutis; Pvt. Lawrence Davie; 2nd. Lt. Therone Botoher; Candidate David P. Madison; Candidate Bernard Bodner; Candidate Charles W. Frank, and T-4 George Krigbaum.

### 827th Ties With 758th

The 827th Bn., UTC, baseball team and the 758th Tankers battled to a 6-6 deadlock in a game played last week. The game rocked on for eight innings, finally being halted to make way for another scheduled encounter between two other teams.

For the 827th, it was Lt. Zeigler tossing the first two frames, with S-Sgt. James Haines following him on the hill, working the next four stanzas, and Pfc. Bud Leatherwood twirling the last two innings.

Hitting on both sides was scarce and was climaxed by three-ply wallops from the bats of S-Sgt. Jake Early, T-4 Lin Williamson, Pfc. Frederick and S-Sgt. James Haines.

Although the season's curtain is practically rung down, the 827th is still in the market for a game with any club that might be interested in a tussle with the "Destroyers."

## Two Baseball Squads Finish Unusual Season

By PFC KEITH QUICK

Two of the best baseball teams ever to perform for a military camp, the OCS and Student Regiment clubs, have just rung down the curtain on a campaign which has been none short of successful. In fact, Camp Hood has gained wide acclaim as one of the greatest athletic centers in the country, and a large part of that recognition belongs to these two top-flight baseball clubs.

The Student Regiment, camp champions, shoved aside the powerful 635th Bn. team to outclass all opposition and take the crown in the league "A" circuit, while the OCS nine, winners of the league "B" chase, whipped all opposition in playoffs, which included two straight three-game series wins over the 113th Cavalry and 603rd Bn. teams, respectively.

#### Play Each Other

Following their league title victories, the two classy teams locked horns in a three-game series for the 1943 baseball championship of Camp Hood, a series which saw the betting odds about even when the teams supporters spoke with their greenbacks.

The championship series opened with Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, Commanding General of TDS, tossing out the first ball to Lt. Col. Eugene Howell, who took a vicious cut at an inside pitch and fouled it. From that pitch on, the series was a toss-up. The Studes, behind their ace, Herb Karpel, took the opener, 7 to 0, only to come back and take a 5 to 0 whitewashing in the second game, when Candidate David Madison, OCS righthander, silenced the Stude bats. But, in the third and final game, it was Herb Karpel again, and when the last putout was in the glove, the Studes and their supporters struck

up the band and unleashed a roar equal to a Howitzer, for they were out on the long end of a 3 to 1 count, which meant the 1943 baseball title of Camp Hood was all their own.

Batting honors for the championship series went to Cpl. Bill O'Malley, OCS, who chalked up a .571 average, getting four hits in seven appearances at the plate. Pitching glory belonged to Herb Karpel, who all season long has turned in brilliant performances.

#### Student Regt. Boxer Noted Referee's Son

T-5 Edward Appell, Student Regiment boxer, is the son of Jack Appell, of New York, noted referee of a bygone era. Senior Appell was referee of former world's heavyweight champion Gene Tunney's first professional fight, and has officiated for such other colorful pugilists as Luis Firpo and Johnny Risko.

Rallying in the late innings, the 145th AST Bn officers' softball team outlasted the fighting 131st Bn. RTC officers for an 11 to 7 win in one of this week's twilight league games.

### Taught Stars How To Play On The Court

An interesting career in tennis has been the pre-Army experience of 2nd Lt. Irwin Brod, S-4, of the 128th Bn, RTC.

Among the notables whom Lt. Brod has taught the art of playing tennis, while an instructor at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, were Marian Davies, Miriam Hopkins, William Randolph Hearst, and the two famous band leaders Henry Busse and Henry King.

Lt. Brod has played in exhibition matches against such Davis Cup stars as Donald Budge, Gene Mako, Lester Stoefen and Frank Shields.

One match in particular Lt. Brod enjoys recalling is the time he matched racquets with glamorous Rita Hayworth, a match in which he met defeat merely by failure to keep his eye on the ball.

### 106th Cavalry Sports Program Gets Underway

The 106th Cavalry football team is fast rounding into a first class grid machine and will be ready for its opening game with in a short time. The team is coached by Captain "Buz" McCarthy.

The Regimental wrestling team is also about ready for opposition. Workouts are under the supervision of Lt. H. E. Gillette

## Private Knows Football From Line To Backfield

Pvt. Michael Rodak, Co. B, 128th Bn., RTC, is a fellow who knows football from simon-pure to pro. After playing a halfback position for three years at Western Reserve University, Pvt. Rodak went into professional pigskin.

During the seasons of 1939 and 1940, Rodak played with the powerful Cleveland Rams, alternating between the halfback and end positions. Later, he was sold to the Detroit Lions, in 1941, but suffered a broken ankle at the beginning of the season, allowing him to participate in only a few games that season. In 1942, Pvt. Rodak played at a guard slot for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

#### He Boxed Also

All Rodak's athletic ability, however, is not limited to the gridiron alone, for he played on the varsity basketball team and was the heavyweight boxing champion for three years while at Western Reserve university.

The most satisfying experience in the Pvt.'s career came one day in 1939, when as a rookie playing his first pro game, he found himself playing against Clark Hinkle, great fullback of the Green Bay

Packers. The pair were old friends, and Hinkle kidded Rodak about being out of his class in pro football. However, Rodak made the great Hinkle eat his own words before the game was over as he played 58 minutes of hard-driving football and was instrumental in his team's 27 to 24 victory over the highly-touted Packers.

#### Weapons Boys Win

The Weapons Department "B" team, of TDS, defeated UTC in a hotly contested softball game, 4 to 3 last week.

Lt. Henry Andorka was the winning hurler, his biggest support coming from a circuit clout by Lt. Caton.

Flashing power-laden bats plus a one-hit pitching performance by Lt. Coberly, the 4th Regiment RTC officers' softball team crushed the champion 5th Regiment team 10 to 0 in a well-played RTC Officers' League game this past week. Lt. Cox handled the receiving chores for the winners. Lt. Naeve was the losing hurler with Lt. Blitz catching.

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