

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

GIVEN MERIT AWARDS—Lt. Charlie Adkins and S-Sgt. Joseph Woods get the Legion of Merit award pinned on their shirts by General Ward at ceremonies here Friday. Picture of medal at right. Story below.

Legion Of Merit Awarded Two

First Legion of Merit Medals awarded at the Tank Destroyer Center were presented to Lt. Charlie R. Adkins and Staff Sergeant Joseph B. Woods by Major General Orlando Ward, commanding general, TDC, at a retreat ceremony here Friday. Assembled in honor of the recipients were officers and men of the Unit Training Center and their commanding officer, Col. Thomas J. Heavey.

Adkins, of Callands, Va., was honored for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as motor sergeant of his organization and as motor inspector and sergeant instructor of the UTC of the Tank Destroyer Command," according to his citation from the President. He was a member of the 93rd Anti-Tank Bn., later redesignated as the 893rd TD battalion, and an enlisted man at the time. For the past 10 months he has been conducting tests of motor equipment for the TD Board.

Perfecting Device

Woods received his award for work in perfecting a sub-caliber device for firing at moving targets. It consists of a special mounting for a rifle on the barrel of a 75 MM gun. It has come into wide use at Camp Hood and other training centers. Working on his own time, Woods perfected his model from materials he found at scrap and salvage dumps. Before enlisting in the army, he lived at Cheyenne, Wyo.

The new Legion of Merit medal is awarded members of the armed services for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service.

Promotions Are Listed In Hq. Co., 17th Group

The following promotions of enlisted men in Headquarters Co., 17th Group, were announced this week:

T-4 John D. Parker to be Technician Third Grade; T-5's Harry E. Hull and Charles A. Marlowe, Jr. to be T-4's; T-5 Einar W. Riippa to be Corporal; PFC Carl R. Bruno and Privates John A. Deeter and Lee M. Williams to be Technician Fifth Grade.

Acting First Sergeant

S-Sgt. Albert E. Weir, Jr., is now serving as acting 1st Sergeant of Co. B, 801st Bn., while 1st Sgt. Benjamin Rigaud, a 13-month veteran of Camp Hood, is home on furlough in Albany, N. Y.

Men Eligible For ASTP To Get Chance

Reclassification Tests Will Be Given Those Absent At Early Call

All men who have at any time in the past been eligible for ASTP, but for any reason have not been called up, will be reprocessed, and again be considered as candidates.

According to recent War Department memoranda and directives, all men who have an AGCT of 115 or higher are eligible, and whether they have been previously processed, or if they were at one time called up but were not available because of being on furlough or for any other reason, are to be reprocessed by their unit personnel officers.

Will Be Considered

The names of these men are to be submitted for ASTP consideration, and appropriate consideration will be given.

A memorandum explaining the procedure (353 (ASTP)—GNTDA) is being distributed by TDC.

This action is also to be applied to men whose interview form has in the past been forwarded, but upon which no action has been taken.

In order to prevent disruption of trained units through the loss of key men, not more than one per cent of any company or similar unit will be transferred to ASTP in any single month, except where the unit commanding officer is of the opinion that the transfer of a larger number will not interfere with the efficiency of his organization.

May Take More

This does not apply to units of replacement training centers or basic training centers.

The men selected for the one per cent will be those with the highest AGCT scores.

Co. D, Academic Regt. Has Party With Food, And Entertainment

Company "D", Academic Regiment, TD, gave a party for its personnel Monday night, serving food and refreshments, and dishing up interesting, impromptu entertainment.

Company officers were on hand to enjoy the festivities which were aided by a public address system, an electric guitar, and vocalists who ranged from "hill billy" to "Irish Ballads."

Men at the party represented School Headquarters, Communications Department, Pioneer Department, Athletic Office, Dental Clinic, Publications Department, and overhead.

23rd TD Group Moves Into South Camp Hood

The 23rd Tank Destroyer Group arrived from North Camp Hood, Sept. 27. Their new location is between Battalion Avenue and Central Avenue. The Command Post and barracks are on 55th street and the orderly room is on 53rd street.

Private Now Lieutenant

Word comes from Lt. Burton Leveque, that he is now filling an assignment as theater officer at Camp Livingstone, Louisiana. Lt. Leveque will be remembered as a private in the Classification office at TDS Headquarters not so long ago, who was sent to Army Administration OCS.



THE MEDAL—This new medal for members of the U. S. armed forces is the Legion of Merit given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. Two Hood men received it Friday. Story at left.

'Thumbs Up' Here Friday

Thumbs Up, variety review, will be presented Friday night in the 172nd St. Rec. Hall starting at 8:30 o'clock.

Included in the cast are Lt. Reggio, impressionist; Pvt. Robert Bettencourt; Cpl. Grace Merritt; T-5 Jack Williams, soloist; T-5 Sammy Lillibridge, MC, and a number of other soldiers and WACs.

The show was written and directed by Pvt. Wm. Hoffman under supervision of Lt. Dick Hepburn. Dances were staged by Pvt. Jimmy Perkins.

The first and second TD bands alternate in playing for the show.

Marie Houston Sings In North And South Camp This Week-End

Marie Houston, famous Soprano, will sing in Camp Hood again this week.

She will appear Friday at the 162nd St. Service club; Saturday at the North Camp Station hospital; Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the 12th St. Service club, and in the Leon Drive club at 7:30 p. m.

World Series Games May Be Heard Over Temple Radio Station

Remaining games of the World Series may be heard in Camp Hood over radio station KTEM, Temple.

Games played in St. Louis commence at 1:15, CWT, and those played in New York start at 12:15, CWT.

Music Makers Seek Congenial Souls

Company "A", 126th Bn, RTC, boasts in its organization Privates Murray King and Jack Williams of Pittsburgh and Chicago respectively, who conducted their own dance bands while attending the University of Pittsburgh and Northwestern.

Murray's band was known as "The Top Hatters" and played at the majority of the school festivities. Pvt. Williams' band was known throughout the southern part of Wisconsin at the famous summer resorts.

They would like to be connected with a band in the camp. They play the trumpet and sax respectively.

WAC Revue Will Be Held Here Tonight

Music For Program Will Be Played By First TD Orchestra

Camp Hood WACs of the 1848 Unit will make their first appearance in a special services talent show at the 162nd street service club at 8:30 o'clock tonight. They will sing, act in skits they wrote. One, Cpl. Edna Baker, of the WAC Detachment, TDC, will roller skate.

In a one-act tragedy, "Twilight in Killeen," written by Sgt. Elsie Tedford, Sgt. Tedford will be the "paw," T-4 Ada Sullivan, the "maw," and T-5 Eleanor Woodruff, the son.

Cast for a pantomime on "Sick Call," written by Pfc. Juliet McClure, includes Sgt. Tedford as the doctor; Sgt. Shirley Leo, nurse; T-5 Woodruff, patient, and Cpl. Prosen and Pfc. Ladda, as attendants.

T-4 Sullivan will sing "Paper Doll," Pfc. Shirley Ladda, "As Time Goes By," Cpl. Rose Prosen, "You'll Never Know."

Pvt. Clifford A. Powell of the 20th TD Group is in charge of the show, which features, as well as the WAC performers, the music of the 1st TD band, a soldier magician and various musical numbers.

Yom Kippur Services Here Friday

Services marking the Jewish Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) will be held at the Field House, beginning Friday night at 8 p. m.

The services will be resumed Saturday morning at 10 a. m., and observance continued until sundown.

Chaplain Bernard H. Lavins will officiate.

Men from North Camp will be convoyed to the Field House.

'Come And Get It' Is Next USO-Camp Show Coming To Hood

"Come and Get It," USO-Camp show will be presented at North Camp October 14; 15 and 16 and at South Camp the 18th, 19th and 20th, according to an announcement by the Special Service office this week.

Dinner Honors Couple To Be Married Soon

Master Sgt. Robert Hall, TD-RTC Schools, North Camp, and his fiancée, Miss Leota Keyes, entertained friends at a dinner given in the card room of the Leon Drive Service Club last week.

The couple will be married October 15th at the 1st Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Miss Keyes' home city.

Hostesses at the dinner, which was decorated with flowers and place cards, were Anne Bursch, cafeteria hostess who made the arrangements, Maggie Rose Earls and Marcia Williams, librarian.

WAC Goes To OCS

Staff Sgt. Grace E. Christman of the WAC Detachment, 1848 Unit, has received her orders to report for Officer Candidate school at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Oct. 12. She is the first to go to OCS school from the detachment.

Stork Works The Swing Shift At The 653rd Bn.

The 653rd Bn., UTC, weighs in with an assurance that as far as it's concerned talk about population decline in this country is a baseless rumor.

Keeping the stork working overtime, enlisted personnel in the battalion turned up last week with three new income tax deductions:

S-Sgt. Joseph Loeffler got delivery on a new son, at Bay City, Mich.

T-4 Stephen Lynch has a symphony of squawk at home, Daytona Beach, Fla., produced by a son.

Pvt. Marion Clark also has the father's look about him, but hasn't announced the baby's gender.

WACs Given Ribbons For Service In WAAC

Members of the WAC Detachment, 1848 Unit, received green and old service ribbons for service in the WAAC, in ceremonies in the company day room at Wednesday night.

At an "Old Timers" party, to celebrate the occasion, WAC songs were sung. Then Capt. Nina E. V. Donahue, commanding officer of the detachment, spoke briefly and pinned the ribbons on each girl.

Transfer To The Air Corps From 23rd Gp.

The following men from the 23rd Tank Destroyer Group have transferred to the Air Corps and are now taking training at the A. F. Flexible Gunnery school, Army Airfield, Harlingen, Texas:

Pvt. Edward Prindle, Pvt. Francis Solis, Pvt. Glenn D. Murray, T-4 Frank W. Cappabianca.

New Chaplain Here

The 23rd Tank Destroyer Group has a new Chaplain, Chas. R. Stinnette.

O. D. D. NUMBERS

Albert, that peripatetic wood-tick whose presence in this office is an undetermined honor, merely shook his head and muttered, "Brothers, you'll never shake army habits," as he told us this story.

Sgt. George Brown, RTC was in Chicago, proceeding to duty, and while standing on a street corner noticed a "civie". Nearby an MP patrolled.

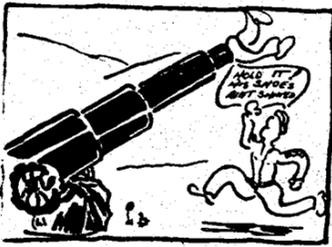
Both Brown and the MP saw a rather odd sight—the "civie" split his cigarette down the middle and scattered the tobacco. The MP stepped up and said sharply, "What's your serial number, soldier?" Without hesitation the AWOL replied, "34567890."

And, moralizes Albert, "All roads for the AWOL lead but to the guardhouse." Albert, you know, was consultant to Frank Sullivan, when the Saratoga Sage was a cliché expert for a country weekly.

Albert, by the way, threatens to contact the FBI, to accuse our printers and proofreaders of being saboteurs in the pay of the chiggers, because last week they called him a woodtick, and said that the swallows he met were on their way to Capistrano.

Says Albert haughtily, "My family was Woodtick before the Mayflower, and the only swallows I know go to Capistrano for the season."

The cute little epidermis termite reports that the Legion has appropriated \$250,000 to woo us into joining their outfit. He says he won't make up his mind about joining them, though, until he sees if they can modernize their technique of dropping bags of water out of hotel windows.



Wearing his red and green beret, and in a playful mood, the wobbly woodtick pranced in barking, "Step up ladies and gents and take a gander at the wonderful Human Bullet, the man who makes like a hunk of lead."

After an aspirin and a coke, he explained that he had just met Pvt. Leon Harold Choate, 664th Bn., who earned his living, before induction, by being shot out of a cannon. Albert wants to bake Choate into a GI biscuit and shoot him at Berchtesgaden, if that's the way it's spelled.

Of late Albert has been frantic. He tells us confidentially that Elizabeth "Bitz" Johnson, "Queen Of Them All," pulled a sneak and married a lieutenant from North Camp. The insidious insect wails that his reputation as a keyhole inspector will be in shambles if he doesn't find out the benedict's name and ASN.

The conceit of that Texas Troubadour is becoming unbearable.

He now claims having a Classical Education, because he talked with T-4 Joseph I. Fox of Co. C, 664th Bn., who knows Pvt. E. Savides, who worked on the "Vema", a weekly Greek newspaper, published within a few hundred miles of Oxford, England.

Use Terrain Map To Good Advantage

Company "A" of 658 T. D. Bn. used the map of terrain features of a nearby area as the staging ground for some problems in tank destroying last week.

Small green tanks and security vehicles were used for the Americans and red ones for the enemy. Each platoon had its gunners place the green tanks in places advantageous for holding the enemy on the other side of the creek.

ASTP Men Glad To Get Back To Books

ASTP trainees, taking their basic training at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, aren't sure what field they will be assigned to when they take up academic courses again, but they are all for going back to college.

Get Basic Training

The ASTP men get 18 weeks of infantry basic and if qualified go on to basic and advanced courses in engineering, psychology, medicine, mathematics, science and foreign languages. The academic courses are given in hundreds of American universities and colleges participating in the Army Specialized Training Program.

Credits earned while these soldiers are studying to be Army specialists will count towards a degree earned as civilian students after the war. In some cases the trainees expect to complete their already far advanced collegiate courses and to receive their degrees.

"Getting to go to college free is not a bad deal," says Private James F. Carlin of Co. A, 142nd AST Bn, RTC. Carlin expressed the opinion of most of a dozen trainees questioned. Carlin, whose home is in Indianapolis, was in his second year as a pre-medical student at the University of Indiana when he was assigned to ASTP. "I hope some medical school will accept any college credits I earn while in the Army," he said.

College Experience Sought

Private Meneclaus Bajor of Lawrence, Massachusetts, who studied metallurgy at MIT for two years, hopes to get into mechanical engineering in the ASTP. "I think the additional experience in college will be well worth while," was the opinion. He is a member of C Company, 143rd AST Battalion.

Private Samuel A. Tubman of Co. C, 142nd AST Bn, graduated from high school at Buxton, Maryland, three months ago, and planned to attend the University of Virginia. He is glad he was assigned to the ASTP when inducted, and thinks "it's a great thing to get credit towards a college career while still in the Army."

A major in chemistry for three and a half years at City College of New York, Private Richard H. Tourin hopes "to get enough credits in ASTP to get my degree." Tourin is taking basic Infantry training with Co. C, 144th AST Bn.

"I want to be a chemical engineer and hope to get into basic engineering, but you never know," said Private Fred H. Snyder of Co. D, 142nd Bn. Snyder, a resident of Uppd Darby, Pa., won a scholarship to Lehigh while completing high school last spring. He has hopes for an engineering course, though. "It's the biggest field open now," he remarked.

Men In 21st Gp. Are Given New Ratings

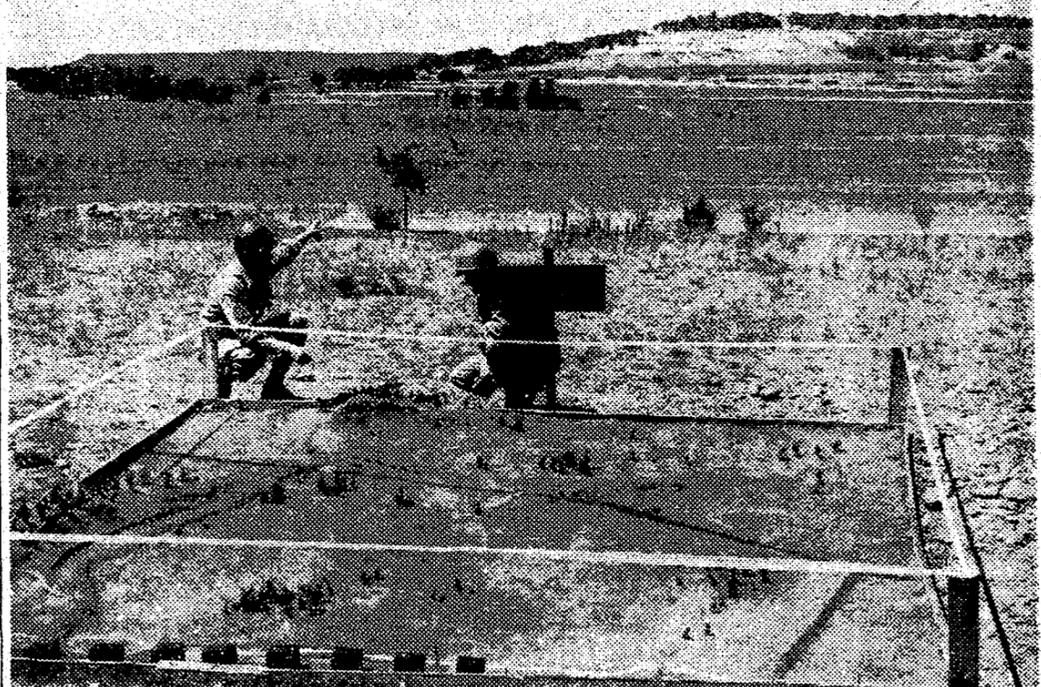
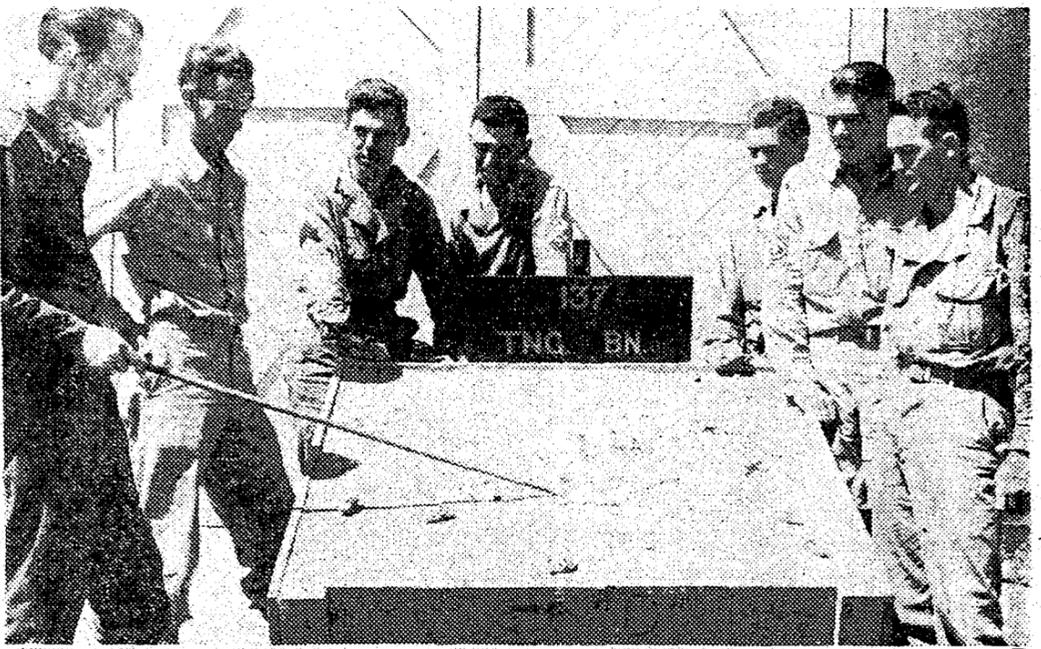
The past week saw the following promotions in the 21st TD Group Headquarters Detachment: Privts. Harry Boedker, Donald Blubaugh, Gordon Edington, Ray Jewell, Denver Morris, Clifford Newman, Irvin Pfister, Lonzo Presley and Harold Rayburn sewed a stripe on each arm to become Privates First Class.

New Technicians 5th grade are Privts. Ralph Herzog, Densyl Smith, Richard Jones, Jack Cox, Edmund Reindel, Eugene Fricke, Paul White, Donald Bailey and Richard Beal.

Recon. Company, 665th, Holds 'Breather' Party

By SGT. EDWARD READINGS
Recon. Co., 665th Bn., took a "breather" last Friday night from the steady grind of UTC and had a party in their day room.

Capt. C. J. Thompson gave a



MINIATURE BATTLEFIELDS—Men of the 137th Bn., RTC, are utilizing both sand tables and terrain plots in their training. At top, T-5 Charles J. Sheedy demonstrates advantages of a sand table of Tunisia, used to color news events lectures during that campaign, to cadremen, from left, S-Sgt. John Ackley, Sgt. Fred C. Selp, T-4 Rene N. Levy, PFC William Portman, 1st Sgt. William E. Schuetze and T-Sgt. Hubert L. Higgin. Below, 1st Sgt. Schuetze points out a wooded ridge on this terrain plot and the actual ridge in the background. Note other similarities actually reproduced on the plot and visible behind.

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Wedding Bells

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Miss Leota Keyes, social hostess at the Leon Drive Service Club, RTC, and one of the famed Keyes quadruplets, will be married Oct. 15.

Miss Keyes will be the third of the quadruplets to wed. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Flake M. Keyes of Oklahoma City, have announced her engagement to Master Sgt. Robert Hall, RTC Schools Sgt. Major, North Camp. The wedding will take place in Oklahoma City.

For maid of honor Miss Keyes will have sister Mary Keyes, a hostess at the Twelfth Street Service Club at North Camp, and the bridesmaids will be the two quadruplets already married, Mona and Roberta.

Lt. Marshall L. Jacoby, executive officer of Headquarters Company, 16th TD Group, and Miss Jeanne E. McBee, both of Wichita Kans., were married there September 19. Mrs. Jacoby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McBee, attended the University of Wichita, from which Lt. Jacoby was graduated last June.

Miss Barbara Robbins of Old Orchard Beech, Maine, and Pvt. Francis Seavey, Company B, 662nd Battalion, UTC, were married recently by the Reverend Lawrence Hayes, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Gatesville.

short "pep talk" to his men and started the barrell rolling. Drink and song were plentiful.

Training Groups Award 67 Good Conduct Medals

In a brief ceremony held at UTC Headquarters Friday, Col. Thomas J. Heavey, Commanding Officer, UTC, presented Good Conduct Medals to 67 men from the 1st and 2nd Training Groups and UTC Headquarters Company. Before awarding the ribbons, Colonel Heavey complimented the men on their honorable service.

The following men received the red and white ribbon:

TDTG No. 1: T-Sgt. Jefferson D. Woosley, S-Sgt. Emmett R. Gantert, Sgt. Reaford O. Scott, Sgt. Haven R. Crowley, Sgt. Duncan M. Mathieson, Sgt. James W. Bell, Sgt. Carol B. Fellers, Cpl. Carl A. Floether, T-5 Harry (NMI) Shriver, T-5 Charles E. Wallace, Pfc John R. Brazelton, Pfc William T. Carson, Pfc Irving R. Engel, Pfc Carol J. Grams, Pfc Edward P. McCaffrey, Pfc Frank E. Peck, Pfc Timothy J. Wagner, Pvt. Burton

(NMI) Eakle, Pvt. Stanley (NMI) Rothenberg, Pvt. John W. Rust, Pvt. John G. Zarembo.

TDTG No. 2: M-Sgt. Sherwood J. Adams, T-Sgt. Harold D. Boyd, S-Sgt. Kenneth M. Lippy, Sgt. Robert L. Hale, Sgt. John L. Jackman, Sgt. Merle E. Stone, T-4 Bentley T. Dixon, T-4 Jose A. Grijalva, T-4 David G. Ivins, T-4 Joe M. Suarez, T-5 John W. Albrecht, T-5 Samuel V. Beene, T-5 Roland J. Breed, T-5 Anthony (NMI) Cofrancesco, T-5 Erasmo (NMI) Gonzales, T-5 Clarence E. McBroom, T-5 Sidney H. Webster, Pfc James C. Meador, Pfc Clinton H. Roff, Pfc Rudolph E. Steiner, Pfc Joseph D. Truelove, Pfc Howard H. Field, Pvt. John J. Grabner, Pvt. Ivar G. Larsen, Pvt. Elbert P. Rooney, Pvt. Myrie E. Thurston.

HQ. CO. UTC: Sgt. Gerald A. O'Connor, Sgt. Rudolph J. Meyer, T-5 James (NMI) Ach, Jr., T-5 Arnold M. Lilligard, T-5 Joseph (NMI) Zaby, Pfc Willard J. Davis, Pfc Alejo C. Macaraeg, Pfc Leo (NMI) Arsenault, Pvt. Harold D. Duerr, Pvt. Edward J. Kleuter, Sgt. Cambourn S. Wantling, Cpl. Ray O. Bruce, T-5 Edward W. Lee, T-5 Jack E. Peck, Pfc Ely B. Adler, Pfc Joe L. Dixon, Pfc Ray H. Stewart, Pfc Robert A. Ward, Pvt. Ronald L. Frazier.

PANTHER PARK

(Enlisted Men's Country Club at Lampasas, Texas)

Located 23 miles from Camp Hood—Bus Transportation available from Central Bus Station.

Cafeteria—Service Club—Rec. Hall—Barracks—Swimming Pool—Skating Rink—Cottages.

Dancing every Saturday night to the music of a Camp Hood Orchestra.

No reservations are necessary except for Cottages.

Panther park is operated by Camp Hood Special Services for the benefit of Enlisted men Only.

Sergeant Finds New Career In The Army

Sergeant Irving Pasternack is a young man who has found a new career in the Army upon which he intends to concentrate when he returns to private life.

This is the film strip field and his work therein as an artist. Film strips are slide films, a series of projected stills which are shown on the screen in consecutive order. Forty to 60 frames comprise a strip, with the material being for the most part self-containing. They have already proven themselves in visual education of training matter for the Army to be one of the greatest single teaching factors ever developed, and this field bids fair to play a great part in public school education following the war, according to Pasternack.



Was An Artist

Art, music and writing talents pursued equally and diligently by Pasternack as a boy in Brooklyn, until his ability as an artist emerged best of all, to give him the initiative to concentrate on art.

At the age of seven, Irving won his first drawing medal, and at the age of eight his first musician's medal for his talent with the violin. As the result of a nation-wide competition in the high schools for fine art work, he submitted a portfolio of his drawings which he had completed at several art schools, and he won a four-year scholarship at Syracuse University, where he majored in painting.

At Syracuse, Irving was music critic on the college paper for two and one-half years. His coverage of concerts and other outstanding musical events was extensively used by New York City's largest newspapers, and resulted in an invitation to join the Musical Honorary Society at School, making him the only artist ever to receive this invitation at Syracuse. In case you wonder what he did with his spare time, he utilized it to design stage sets for the university plays. He graduated in 1935.

Worked In Advertising

Shortly after his graduation, Pasternack became art director of a small advertising agency, gaining enough experience to accept a bid as art director of the Redfoeld-Johnstone Advertising Agency. Via the medium of this company, Pasternack's work appeared in Vogue, Esquire, Life, and the Saturday Evening Post. Upon being elevated to the post of executive art director, he began to give a series of lectures on advertising to graduating classes of universities in the New York metropolitan district.

Pasternack's last and most important art achievement prior to his induction last year, was conceiving and organizing the Art Division of the Office of Civilian Defense in Brooklyn, where he was responsible for 350 artists, including many of the nation's most renowned, with whom he worked voluntarily evenings, thus devoting 40 hours every week to the work of creating posters, displays, signs, and leaflets necessary to civilian defense.

Works On Films

It wasn't long after his induction at Fort Dix that he was assigned to the Paramount Motion Picture Studios on Long Island to learn "film strips." He remained there until Camp Hood put in a request for an artist, and he was sent here to the Tank Destroyer Board to fill the bill. With the recent merger of the Tactics Section of the board with the Publications Department of the TD School, Pasternack was assigned to the Reproductions Plant in the school, where he is in charge of the film strip unit and where, he asserts, some of the Army's finest film strip work is being turned out for the visual education of our modern fighting men.

Continues As Altar Boy

Pvt. Richard Beard of "Fighting" Co. "B" of the 662nd TD Bn., UTC, who in civilian life served as altar boy at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Muskegon, Michigan, is continuing to serve as altar boy at the 37th St. Chapel. He has served since he was five years old.

Doctor Has Praise For Medic Care

High praise for the quality of the medical care being provided military personnel in this war was expressed here recently by Dr. Phillip D. Wilson, clinical professor of orthopaedic surgery of the medical school of Columbia University and surgeon-in-chief of the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled in New York City.

Among the first of a group of eminent authorities in the fields of medicine, surgery and psychiatry to tour the station and general hospitals of the Eighth Service Command under the sponsorship of a Rockefeller Foundation project, Dr. Wilson stated that he found "the very latest methods are being employed, the equipment is superb and the medical officers are conscientious in the care of the patients."

Has Wide Experience

Dr. Wilson, a major with the United States Army Medical Corps as orthopaedic consultant at base hospitals in France during, and for a year after, World War I, declared that "what is being done for the Army's ill and wounded today represents a very definite advance over what we were able to do for our men in the last war."

In 1940, Dr. Wilson organized a group of American doctors and nurses who went to England and provided medical care for the victims of the German air blitz. At first they worked in a British hospital, but later took over and operated a hospital of their own, which was built by the British Ministry of Health. On July, 1942, this fully equipped hospital was transferred to a medical unit of the United States Army.

Writer of an authoritative work on fractures and dislocations, Dr. Wilson also is president of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery of the American Medical Association and a member of the National Research Council.

By means of lectures, ward rounds, clinics, operative demonstrations and informal conferences with staff members of army hospitals, the effort is made to elevate still further the high level of professional care of the sick or wounded soldier.

Likes Hood Hospital

Dr. Wilson commented that he was particularly impressed at the Camp Hood Station Hospital — which is in charge of Camp Surgeon Colonel Frank Cole — by the fine spirit of cooperation that prevailed among the staff. "This spirit," he said, "was reflected in the high morale of the patients.

"This hospital," he added, "has the physical equipment and skill to deal with any condition arising from injuries or disease."



BUY BONDS AT PARTY—At the recent Camp Personnel Section party a total of \$7,432.50 worth of War Saving Bonds were sold. Among high purchasers, from left, M-Sgt. K. K. Smith, Miss Lucille Linn, Lt. Col. A. Tabachnik and T-4 Donald S. Leecraft. More than 100 employes of the section attended the party.

Hood Reservation Was Scene Of Wild, Indian Massacre

The Camp Hood Reservation is comprised of areas from Bell and Coryell Counties and is packed full of history, recorded by American pioneers.

To the soldiers who daily work and train on ground hallowed by the blood of these early American fighters, this story should be of personal interest.

Although recorded history in central Texas covers only some 110 years, this period is an epic of the white man's struggle to establish his home in a foreign and savage, though fertile land. The country, in 1833, was in its primeval state and was a favorite hunting ground for several tribes of Indians: the Huacos (for whom Waco was named), Caddoes, Teaucana, Tonkawas, Lipan Apaches, and the dreaded Comanches and Kiowas, the strong warrior tribes from the north. The redmen harried the Bell County settlers from 1834 to 1870 when the last raid took place, long after treaties had been made with the tribes and when even the Comanches were supposedly relegated to reservations.

Massacre Was Here

One of the most vivid of all the chapters is that of the famous Riggs massacre, which took place on March 16th 1859, at Sugar Loaf Mountain on the present Camp Hood Reservation, not far from the Tank Destroyer School

cantonment area. It is described in detail in the "History of Bell County," by George W. Taylor.

On this date, a band of Indians, presumably Comanches, appeared in the neighborhood of Sugar Loaf Mountain. John and Jane Riggs, with their four young children, two daughters and two sons had settled in a log cabin near the mountain. While starting for the cedar brakes in a wagon to get rails, on the morning of March 16th Riggs was surprised by Indians and whipped unmercifully, before the approach of his brother on horseback frightened them off. His family witnessing the scene from the house, left in fright. Riggs saw them fleeing and joined them about two hundred yards from the house.

Indians Attack Them

The Indians spied the family on the open prairie, alone and apparently defenseless. With a savage yell they charged down upon them, surrounding the little group. Cruelty and bloodshed were the aims of the savages, and all this they perpetrated on the Riggs family. Eleven arrows killed John Riggs. Mrs. Riggs fought off her captors with rocks as best she could, and was luckily not taken alive, as a spear under her left arm caused her instant death. The two little girls were grabbed up by the Indians, and

they rode off to plunder the Riggs home. The little boys and been somehow overlooked in the high grass, and were later rescued by a settler. Leaving the Riggs home, the Indians went south, about two miles below where Killen now stands, where they stole a herd of horses. They moved south with the two little Riggs girls and horses to the Douglas Mountains. Stopping to eat, they spied a settler on horseback, and instantly rushed at him and killed him. While holding a war dance around his body they suddenly sighted a party of men on horseback heading toward them. These were members of the posse which had been organized following the Riggs episode.

Fate From Those

The Indians fled, and in their hasty departure, one of the little Riggs girls was dropped from a horse. The other girl, riding behind an Indian, saw her sister fall, and jumped from the horse she was on. The Indians caught her and held her in a dangling position as the horse galloped madly ahead. At last she managed to grasp a bush and pulled loose, falling stunned to the ground. She crawled to her badly crippled little sister as the posse swept by in pursuit of the Indians who escaped and were seen no more. The Riggs massacre spurred the white settlers to organize themselves and shortly afterward stamped out the menace of these Indian raids.

Today, the scene of the massacre presents a modern blend of sight and sound, as tank destroyers and other vehicles are deployed in combat maneuvers belching forth smoke and shells from the big guns aimed to destroy enemy tanks.

The Wolf by Sansone

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"Frankly, I don't see how you rate a good conduct medal! Specially after last weekend!"

Return From Service In Hawaii For Duty With 23rd TD Group

Five new men have just reported to Headquarters Company of the 23rd Group after ten months of service in Hawaii. The men are T-Sgt. D. C. Tripoli, T-4 A. Mixon, T-4 R. C. Buxn, Sgt. G. Ginsberg, and Corporal F. A. Solis. Formerly with the 627th TD Bn, these men arrived in Hawaii a few months after Pearl Harbor was bombed, and saw at first hand the damage there.

Before returning to the states they saw complete restoration of the harbor. In spite of the heavy military restrictions in the Islands every one of the men is anxious to return to Hawaii.

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Purpose Of The Panther

This is National Newspaper Week, a period during which the attention of the country is directed toward the work and achievements of its newspapers.

But the nation is at war, and many of its once-civilian newspaper men now work for Uncle Sam, preparing and editing more than a thousand camp and unit newspapers, turning the crank of a mimeograph machine to produce a battalion newspaper in North Africa or the South Pacific, or worrying about copy and printing difficulties right here in the United States where the soldier trains to join his fellows at the front.

Buy why are they published? Why have a camp paper at all?

War Department Encourages

The War Department says (MRI-10-Oct. 21, 1939—Par. 30) "Publication of camp newspapers and similar periodicals is encouraged by the War Department to fulfill the natural desire of the individual to obtain information of activities of his comrades and neighboring organizations, and to give information of the recreational, welfare and religious activities throughout the command."

"Camp papers aid in training, speed creation of a war psychology in the newly inducted soldier, familiarize him with Army rules, regulations and orient him to Army life."

"The camp paper, with its stories on company mascots, awards to safe drivers, and commissioning of enlisted men, is a potent force in building and maintaining esprit-de-corps."

"Moreover, in many cases, information on entertainment, dances parties, USO clubs and similar items usually are not distributed through official military channels. Therefore, the camp paper is a convenient medium for disseminating such information."

This period, then, is a good time too for camp newspapers to check and see if they are doing a good job.

It is time for THE HOOD PANTHER to check and see if it is doing a good job.

Part Of Our Job

The Panther provides you with stories of your training and new training methods; it publishes stories about interesting personalities in the ranks; it tells you where and when you can attend the chapel service of your choice; it publishes stories of your athletic contests; it tells you of new regulations and rules, of new opportunities in Army schools; it reprints your opinions on dozens of questions, your letters, your poems, pictures of your training and recreational activities, and now and then a photo of a pretty girl to liven up your day; it discusses your problems.

Whether or not The Panther is doing a good job for you can be revealed by you for whom it is edited.

If you like it, find it of value and help and you like to mail it home, we are doing a good job.

If you don't we aren't.

Your suggestions in the form of a letter to the editor of The Panther will receive careful consideration.

We would like to be worthy of the honors bestowed on the nation's newspapers this week.

As You Like It

Editor's Note: Last week's poem, "Sad But True," concerning Sgt. Harry A. Dunne's reaction to Texas, has brought quite a reaction from supporters of the Lone Star State. With tongue still in cheek we present this week's round from the Texans:

We have heard your prayerful mourning,
For your "Yankee" States up East
And your childish, pouting, razzing
Of the state which you like least.

Now in answer to your griping
We will say we're glad you're here,
But if you don't like our Texas
We will never shed a tear.

We know you "Yankees" pretty well
You overbearing "jerk"
But the "Texas" you dislike
Is the Army with it's work.

Now here is our suggestion,
To you Texas-hating yanks,
Seek a transfer to the Solomons
And quit your damnfool pranks.

And when you're gone, thank goodness,
And our land again is fit,
We'll disinfect our premises
With "Anti-Yankee Flit."

—By M-Sgt. Cyrus Weller
S-Sgt. Hans Hanson
Sgt. Samuel Sullivan
Hq. Detch., DEML

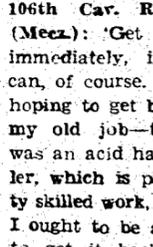


Since the war is a means to an end, and the end being a better way of living, the Panther's Polling Reporter this week asked: WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT GETTING A JOB AFTER THE WAR?

Sgt. Julius H. Chapman, Signal Det., DEML: "I'm going to open my own photo finishing business, special in color work. I'd have done that before, if the war hadn't come along—I was on my way to doing it when I joined the army."



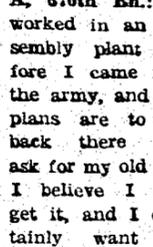
Pvt. Cecil E. Bradt, Hq. Troop, 106th Cav. Regt. (Mech.): "Get one immediately, if I can, of course. I'm hoping to get back my old job—that was an acid handler, which is pretty skilled work, and I ought to be able to get it back. I sure don't want to do any other kind of work."



Pfc. Ted N. Lindstorm, Co. C, 653rd Bn.: "I was a tool and die maker before I came into the army, and I wouldn't want any other kind of job. When I left they gave me a letter saying I could have my job back when I get out of the army, and that's what I'm planning to do."



Sgt. Lawrence J. Lukaszewicz, Co. A, 670th Bn.: "I worked in an assembly plant before I came into the army, and my plans are to go back there and ask for my old job. I believe I can get it, and I certainly want it back."



Pvt. Ralph D. Wetzel, Hq. Co., 24th Group: "I worked on my father's farm before I was inducted into the army, and I expect to go back to the farm when I get out of the army. I don't think I'd be interested in any other kind of work."



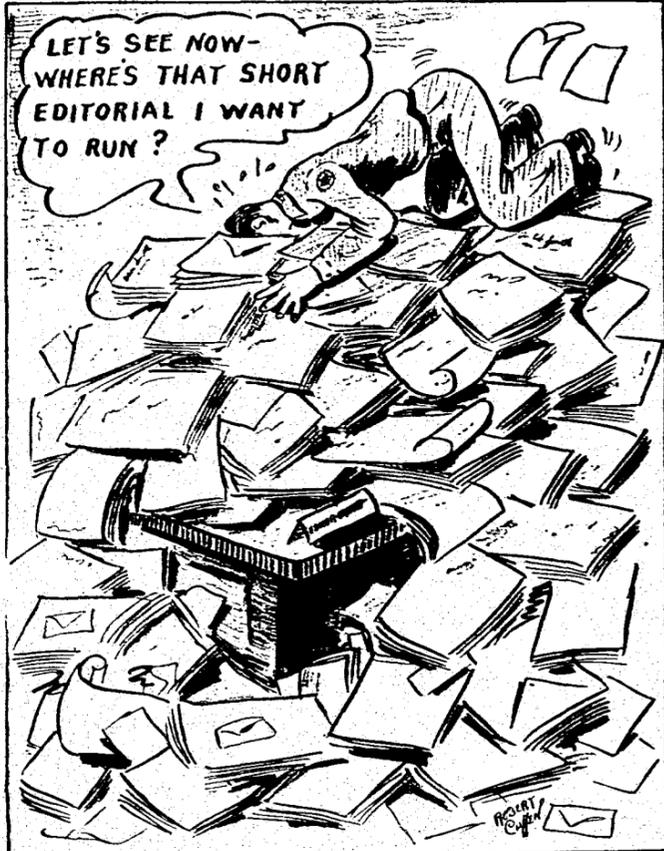
Army Quiz

1. Are Japanese women accepted in the Women's Army Corps?
2. How many American pilots are trained per year?
3. What per cent of the Army's general officers came from the National Guard?
4. How many pieces of V-mail have been processed and delivered since its beginning about 14 months ago?
5. How many Chapels have been built for worship for United States soldiers in America?
6. What does the letter "R" stand for in some soldiers' serial numbers?

(Answers Page Seven)

Quote Of The Week

When you rise in the morning, form a resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow-creature. —Ibid.



See Editorial At Left



Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

The WAVES, we understand, are maintaining all the traditions of the Navy. It seems they "go down to the sea in ships."

There are two Joes playing in the World Series now. Joe Gordon is playing for the Yanks and Joe Stalin for the Reds.

By now probably all of you have heard of the fellow who drove a truck for Dr. Pepper as a civilian, so when he was inducted he was put in the medical corps. (Thanks, Billy Gordon.)

Headquarters Company, 801st Bn., Holds Party To Honor New Officer

By T-Sgt. Robert Lehan

Men of Headquarters Co. 801st Bn. held a dinner party at the company mess hall Friday night in honor of Capt. Emerson S. Nelson, former Company Commander, who left the Co. to take over new duties as Battalion Adjutant. Capt. Nelson spoke to the men of the company thanking them for their cooperation during the past year that he has been in command. He also introduced Capt. Geo. E. Decker, new Company Commander, former Bn. S-3. Captain Decker thanked the men for inviting him to Captain Nelson's farewell dinner and said "It showed the spirit of the men he was so happy to be privileged to command."

A variety program was presented by numerous men of the company consisting of singing, dancing and skits and before the evening was spent a band had organized consisting of piano, drums, accordion and horns.

planning on staying around this part of the Lone Star State for a while, so brace yourself Camp Hood.

Pvt. Lewis Shaginaw.

Editor Hood Panther:
May I take this opportunity of congratulating you for the splendid editorial in your Sept. 30th edition. If I remember correctly the name of the editorial was "Citation in Sand" and in my opinion it was really good.

Please continue with your fine editorials, and incidentally, from one former newspaperman to another, the layout of your entire paper is excellent.

Sincerely yours,
PFC. Frank Greene,
Hq. Co. UTC, S. T. U.

Editor, The Panther:

As a civilian I never wrote to newspapers. I felt that many people were filling the mailboxes with opinions and that mine would hardly matter.

Your editorial, Thursday, Sept. 9, indeed expressed the sentiments that have been in my heart for a long time.

This week concludes my third year of American and foreign service.

I've met that "great guy" everywhere.

T-Sgt. D. C. Tripoli
Hq. Co., 23rd Group

Editor, The Panther:

Bangaroo! Did you feel the blast of lightning that struck in this vicinity on Sept. 13? For your information that was the 48th M.P.C.G. Co., making our entrance to Camp Hood.

Uncle Sam sure has been nice to our company. He sent us up to the shores of cool, blue waters of Lake Michigan for the summer months, and with the first frost we're sent to Camp Hood.

Coming down on the train we spent most of our time wondering whether we would just be disappointed. Maybe it was because we weren't expecting too much, that we were surprised at the impressive camp and the warm reception which awaited us. As long as most of us have been in the army, this was the first time any of us were greeted by military band. Yes, Camp Hood lived up to the reputation of the south for real hospitality.

Since our arrival we've had the honor of attending two parties. One was held by the WAC Detch. and the other by the civilian employees of the camp.

But maybe I'm giving you the wrong impression of the 489th. We don't spend all our time "partying." We play hard, but when we work we work a little harder. As evidence, drop down our way. There's certain parts of our area we'll be permitted to show you, but it'll be enough to convince you we're really made our barracks and grounds over from an ordinary army camp to a reasonable facsimile of home sweet home, that is, beside keeping track of a few "guests" we have.

Yes, the 489th M.P.E.G. Co. is

Second Telephone Center Open In 162nd St. Library

Camp Hood's second Telephone Center opened this week in the Library reading room of the 162nd Street Service club, according to Ed Mockbee, camp telephone manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company.

The Center, similar to the one

opened several days ago in the 37th Street Service club, has eight telephone booths and a counter at which operators are on duty during the busy hours each day and all day on Sundays to make change for Camp Hood soldiers and assist them with their calls.

A number of out-of-town directories are available at the directory shelf at the Telephone Center.

"We feel that the Telephone Centers which are now available to soldiers here will help them complete their calls with minimum delay and will add to their convenience when there are unavoidable wartime delays on their calls," Mockbee said.

Cavalry Band Has Concert

Playing its second concert to an enthusiastic audience, the 106th Cavalry Band presented a diversified program last week. The first part of the program consisted of classical concert numbers.

Opening the program with a stirring medley of circus selections, the band followed with "O Maria, Maria," and then with the "Missouri Waltz." "The Desert Song" was next. Brilliant trumpet work was displayed in the band's offering of "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers".

First on the evening's parade of soloists was Pvt. Frank Venca. He has an enviable reputation among trumpet players. Pvt. Venca proved his ability by playing the difficult and well-known "Premier Polka". Next soloist was Cpl. Clarence Benz who likewise proved his ability on the xylophone by playing the "Cocobolo Polka" and for an encore played "Nola". Vocalist for the band was "Red" Beck who effectively crooned "This Love of Mine" followed with "You'd be so Nice to Come Home to".

The 106th played the "Invitation to a Waltz". The sudden change to "Pistol Packing Momma" was so effective and sudden that the audience was caught unawares, and later joined in the last chorus.

Vocals done by Sgt. Beck and Cpl. Leetjesky got off on several hot rides, Pfc. Sigafoo proved that there isn't any sugar shortage by serenading with "Smiles".

During the swing session that ensues after every concert every member of the band had a chance to prove his versatility. Pfc. Willie Moore, picked up his sax and proved that he isn't short when it comes to musical ability. Sgt. "Kozie" Kosciynski is leader of the Cavaliers.

Visiting Fireman

Pfc Owen Parent of Co. "B", 662nd Bn, UTC, recently had his brother, Bernard Parent of Detroit, Michigan, as a visitor

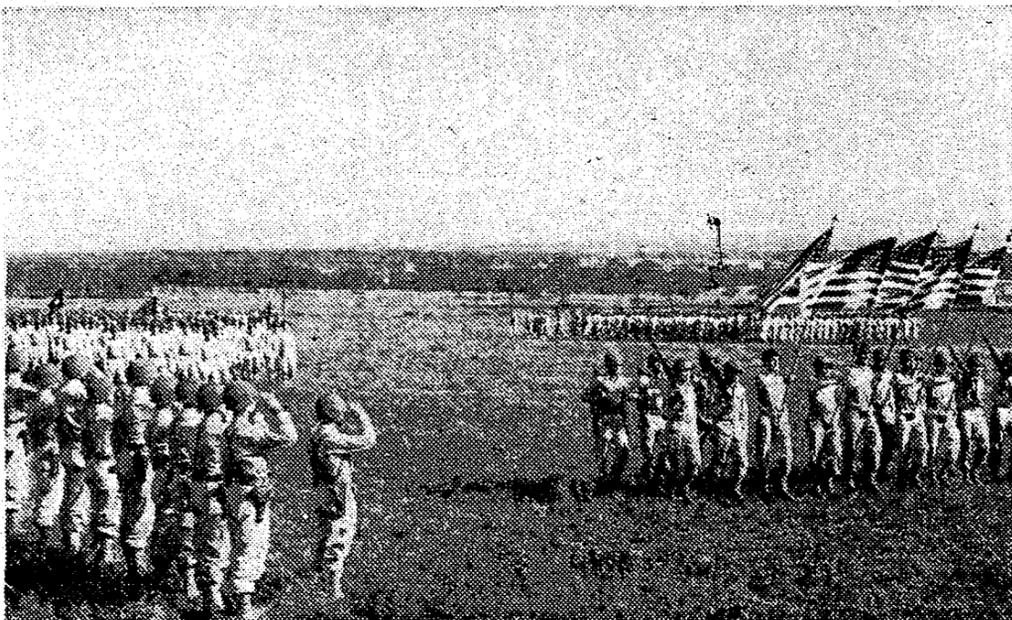
Demonstrate Camouflage

Officers and enlisted men of the 635th Bn., UTC, gave a demonstration of camouflage last week before a large group of spectators from the Unit Training Center and Tank Destroyer School. The demonstration brought out the value of dug-in positions for towed guns. Many of the positions were so cleverly concealed that spectators could not locate them from a short distance.

Colonel Thomas J. Heavey, commanding officer, UTC, and Lt. Colonel Wint Smith, commanding officer, 635th Bn., conducted the demonstration and pointed out the advantages of the positions chosen. Col. Smith explained the methods of concealment used, which included both natural and artificial camouflage. Col. Smith also brought out the importance of careful disposal of spoil, and mentioned what a tough job the men of his outfit had digging positions for the guns and vehicles through solid rock and caliche.

Twenty-Third Group Men Excell In Tests Of Physical Fitness

September 24, the 23rd Tank Destroyer Group, UTC, completed in the Army Ground Forces Physical Fitness Test. The two battalions and 23rd TD Group Headquarters Company, far passed the 80 percent, passing mark. The 670th's grade is 86.5 percent, 671st's 91.8 percent, and the 23rd Group Headquarters Company 95.7 percent.



FAREWELL TO NORTH CAMP—Men of the 23rd TD Group, ITC, staged their final formal review recently before Lt. Col. Milo Matteson, commanding officer of the group and his staff, before leaving for South Camp for advanced training in UTC.

Headquarters Co., 19th Group Men Climb Ropes To Get In Barracks; It's All Part Of Their Training

By T-S WARREN FRENCH
Passersby at Battalion Avenue and 41st. Streets Thursday night had the privilege of watching a sight unusual even for Camp Hood, that of men climbing ropes suspended from the second floor in order to enter their barracks. The reason for this exhibition, which inspired many raised military eyebrows, was that the Headquarters Company of the 19th. Group UTC, had been locked out of their quarters—by order of the Company Commander.

This action was merely the most spectacular of Lt. Loyal H. Bate's plans to prepare the men under his command for their tussel with the Cowhouse Battle Conditioning Course during the week of Oct. 2. As he felt that the men in a headquarters company often do not get the proper amount of physical conditioning, because of the specialized nature of their work, Lt. Bate inaugurated a program which includes five mile forced hikes through the reservation, intracompany volleyball matches, rifle calisthenics and daily sessions with vertical ropes in the Group Motor Pool, which are rapidly developing the men into first rate acrobats.

The locked barracks had been threatened since the inception of the program, but the men were taken unawares when they returned from their work to prepare for the evening meal and found only one means of access to their

quarters available. Most of the men took the obstacle, not easily, but quickly and good-naturedly, although some found themselves in a difficult plight and struggled for a prolonged period much to the amusement of their comrades. The company was pleased to see, though, that no one was obliged to spend the night outside.

Enlisted Men In 801st Battalion Attend Ordnance Bn. Schools

Twelve Enlisted Men of the 801st battalion are attending the 310th Ordnance Battalion Schools, beginning September 27. The courses are for two weeks and are under the supervision of Lt. John T. Marion, 310th Ordnance Battalion School Officer.

The Enlisted Men and courses are as follows: Pfc. Charles D. Cope, Rcn. Co., Small Arms; Sgt. Bernard J. Machis, Co. A., and Pfc. George W. McHugh, Co. C, Light Artillery; T-5 Hiawatha Asher, Co. B, and T-5 Joseph C. Stumbo, Rcn. Co., Internal Combustion Engine; T-4 Anthony Lanza, Hq. Co. and Pfc. Clyde B. Ammons, Co. A, General Purpose Vehicles; T-5 Alphonso F. Rosa, Hq. Co. and T-5 Floyd J. Caouette, Co. A, Track Laying Vehicles; T-4 Walter A. Gutowski, Hq. Co. and Carl L. Brusadin, Rcn. Co. Welding Gas; T-4 John B. Pilant, Co. C, Auto Electricity.

Chaplain Joins 19th Group Staff

A vacancy that had been seriously felt was filled this week when Chaplain (1st. Lt.) David E. Maugans joined the staff of the 19th. T. D. Group. Chaplain Maugans came to his new post directly from the Army Chaplain School at Harvard University, where he completed the five week orientation course on September 25. Pennsylvanians will be pleased to learn that his home is in Harrisburg.

Chaplain Maugans will assume his new duties in the East Chapel at 37th. St. and Headquarters Ave. Beginning Sunday, he will give a service for officers and enlisted men of the 19th. Group at eleven o'clock.

The Chaplain is now readying the chapel with the aid of Cpl. Raymond Harrison, who has been designated as his assistant.

Camp Hood WACs Attend Texas A-M Wing Ball

Thirty WACs from Camp Hood and North Camp Hood recently visited the Air Corps trainees at Texas A&M, for a "Wing Ball." The WACs arrived in time to participate in the Retreat ceremony, marching in formation with the soldiers of the Army Air Forces.

The day culminated in the Wing Ball, with music provided by Air Forces enlisted men. The WACs were accompanied to College Station by Capt. Margaret M. Phillips, Lt. Helen Dunlap and Lt. Jeanette E. McGowan.

Tank Destroyer RTC Observes Birthday

On October 3rd, 1942, the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, now commanded by Brigadier General Walter A. Dumas, came into official being. At that time it was made up of three battalions and Headquarters Co.

The 126th Battalion consisted mainly of drivers and chauffeurs while the 127th included tactical and administrative specialists with Co. A, a reconnaissance outfit composed of motor mechanics, motorcyclists and scouts. Communications, intelligence and operations typified Co. B, while Co. C included mechanics, armorers and artificers. Co. D had mechanics, supply men and clerks. The 128th was a weapons battalion handling arms ranging from the pistol to the 75 mm.

From this nucleus cadremen were chosen to handle the trainees who started trickling in late in October. Five regiments were activated on December 23rd and by the second week in January, trainees representing every state in the union, poured into the RTC at the approximate rate of 1100 men a week. Upon arrival, the men were classified and assigned to one of 16 different specialist battalions. Due to the influx of men, the RTC expanded, taking

over a territory east and west of its original site, which was a small area with Headquarters at 41st St. and Battalion Ave.

Equipment Lack Felt

During the first increment, plans were greatly hampered due to lack of equipment. Lectures were given in garage sheds, in dayrooms void of tables or chairs, blackboards were at a premium and some texts were late in forthcoming, but training went on, nevertheless. At its inception the RTC had only 85 vehicles. Better than 1200 vehicles are being used at present, including 54 M-10's, 14 of which were originally received in June.

With the influx of younger trainees, measles became a problem early in March. Quarantining various companies within the unit hampered training, so in the middle of the month the entire TDRTC was made a quarantine area with guards posted in order to insure its effectiveness. Though this move somewhat cut the RTC off from the rest of the camp, the training program was carried out as per schedule throughout the four week isolation period.

WAACs (now WACs) reported to the RTC Hq., early in April subsequently to go on duty as

typists, mimeograph operators, file clerks and drivers. The men didn't think much of the idea, but, as time went by that feeling has changed, as these feminine soldiers have proved to be efficient and capable.

On Monday, April 26, the first of the RTC regiments was allotted a 24 hour period in which to move all its men and equipment over the 23 mile trek to north camp. Training for this week was suspended and, subsequently, the other four regiments made the move, each within an assigned one day period. By Saturday the entire TDRTC, better than 16,000 officers, enlisted men and equipment, was settled in North Camp.

The official opening of North Camp came May 29 this year when 12,000 RTC troops, paraded before Lt. General Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General of the U. S. Army Ground Forces. After the ceremony, many of the several thousand civilians present were taken on a tour of the Camp, viewing actual RTC training.

With the advent of the Army Specialized Training Program, two AST Regiments were added to the vast RTC in June, bringing its strength up to a total of seven Regiments. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd

are weapons outfits while the 4th consists of reconnaissance, communications, motor mechanics and weapons battalions. The 5th Regiment includes clerks, cooks, supply men, armorers and artificers. The 6th and 7th are the Regiments giving basic infantry training to AST candidates. Weapons basic in the TD's now covers a variety of arms ranging from the pistol to the 3 inch, including the famed bazooka rocket gun.

The first colored TDRTC unit, the 133rd battalion, was activated on August 5th, 1943.

Schools Are Expanded

During the middle of August the TDRTC schools, originally a small unit, was enlarged to include a Pool Officers school. The new setup includes, too, an officers Post Graduate school and Cadre Training school, as well as two new departments, namely, weapons and radio communication. A few of the varied subjects covered are; company administration, military law, courtesies and customs of the service, map reading, physical training dismounted drill and methods of instruction.

Looking back to the time when only 800 men were supplied with rations handled by just 3 enlisted men with a borrowed 1 1-2 ton

truck is quite a different picture than the present setup of 2 officers and 31 enlisted men, using eleven truck-trailers and two 2 1-2 ton trucks, feeding more than 13,000 men. There was a time, too, when supplies were hauled in a command car with a quarter ton trailer attached. Lack of equipment sounded a humorous note though, when, in lieu of news for the Panther the following statement arrived at Headquarters from one of the battalions:

"Our hearts are weary and sad, As a typewriter is not to be had. Even if we had one, Of news there is none, But we'll have some next week, by Gad!"

Training Tank Destroyers has necessitated a flexibility of thought and action that has been apparent throughout the short, but eventful history of the TDRTC which chalked up one year of operation on October 3. The constant changes and innovations have made this a hectic, but progressive period.

Better than 20,000 men have graduated from the TDRTC. Many of these soldiers have traveled far afield and have shown concrete proof of their training in action.

He Had Theatrical Career Before Army

By PFC LESLIE VOGET

"Are you interested Designer & Technical Director for Kanawha players, for this season? Will be at Algonquin hotel, New York City, September 4th, for four days. Salary \$100 week. Negotiate." Director.

Pfc Held, of the S-3 Section, 663rd Bn., UTC, counts this as just one of the many offers he has received, and has had to turn down—for obvious reasons. This calls for some Held history.

Pfc Harold M. Held has had an extensive theatrical background. At the age of five, he was enrolled at the Professional Children's School, competing at that time with Billy Hallop, famous to present day audiences as the "Dead End" kid. (Graduation found him Scenic Designer and Technical Director of the School. Not content with curricular activities, Pfc Held understudied "T. B.," "Morty," and "Tommy," familiar to New York theatre goers as stars in "Dead End." He can also lay claim to a measure of credit for the presentation of such radio programs as "Jack Armstrong, The All-American Boy" and "Bob-by Benson."



Much Theatrical Experience
At the University of North Carolina, he came under the expert tutelage of Pulitzer Prize Winner, Paul Green, which led in-

evitable, to an ever widening field of activities. He wrote, organized, designed, built, and acted in University dramatic presentations. Twentieth Century-Fox employed his talents in creating scenic designs, during his summer vacations. His Chapel Hill days ended, he tramped through the South with Paul Green's "House of Connelly" entourage.

Pre-Pearl Harbor months found his name bound up with a star-studded galaxy which included, among others, Sinclair Lewis, Wendy Barrie, and Brian Aherne. Then, as unto all men, unto Held came—the draft.

As draftsman, mapmaker, and training aids designer, extraordinary, Held still eyes a future in the post war theatre, but has, in the interim, enriched 663rd Bn. morale with his enterprise. He is now producing, directing, and designing the Kaufman and Hart play, "Dream On, Soldier," soon to be produced at the 663rd Rec Hall.

Attend Holy Name Meet

Pfc Jeny Mariotti, Pfc Stephen Pekarovich and Pvs. Charles Lobada and Richard Beard, Co. "B", 662nd Bn., were among the 23 soldiers present at the newly-formed Holy Name Society meeting Monday, September 27th at the 37th St. Chapel.

Pfc Mariotti and Pfc Pekarovich are also members of the newly-formed choir.

Father Marquette, pastor of the 37th St. Chapel, conducted the meeting.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

THEY INVESTED THEIR DOLLARS—This group of men from the 658th Bn., UTC, have just been paid, and just invested some of their money in War Savings Bonds. Shown with the men are Mrs. H. C. Brownell, wife of the battalion commander; Mrs. Edward D. Miller, wife of Lt. Miller, and Mrs. Walker of the postoffice, all on hand to sell bonds for cash. A total of 44 men bought bonds payday. One purchased a \$100 bond, three \$50 bonds and the balance \$25 bonds for a total of \$2,839. The following bought bonds: S-Sgt. Dick Reineke, S-Sgt Charles Haisler, Sgt. DeWitt Beattie, Cpl Frank O'Brien, Cpl Paul Mazmanian, Pfc Fred Jahnke, Pfc Robert Lamkin, Pfc John Kokales, Cpl Charles White, Cpl William Chope, Sgt. Frank Wolch, T-5 Jerry Capulli, T-5 Edward Doyle, Pvt Norman Cischke, Cpl Robert Rhode, Pvt Edward Haber, Pvt William Lewis, T-4 William Hickey, Pvt. Robert Peuckert, Cpl Alberto Cinqueranelli, S-Sgt. William Heffernan, S-Sgt Richard Welch, Pvt Louis Schmidt., Sgt. Albert Miller, 1st Sgt Ben Layton, T-5 Stephen Sanders, T-4 Harry Hussian, T-4 Lynn Crosby, Pvt Harold Curiston, Pvt John Zurynetz, Pvt. Lawrence Wood, Pvt Max Walter, Pvt James Wales, Pvt William Randolph, Pvt Norbert Michalski, Pvt Frank Blum III, Pvt Melvin Turner, Rfc Martin Rose, Pfc Gerald Hildebrand, S-Sgt Bernard Mancini, T-4 Lauren Skeel, S-Sgt Warren Lewis.

Men In 635th Battalion Spend Three Days At Park

On Monday, September 13, all platoon security sections and the two headquarters company reconnaissance platoons of the 635th Battalion UTC, convoyed to Longhorn Cavern State Park near Burnet, Texas for three days special training. On the second day a

group of security men, supervised by Lt. Brant, won the contest for improvising the best float by using the tarpaulin and framework off the rear of a personnel carrier and constructing from it a watertight boat capable of transporting six men across Ink's Lake swiftly and efficiently. In combat conditions the same float could easily have moved one company's security weapons across a river or lake. The float itself was constructed in less than five minutes.

The third day's compass problem was based upon "Nigger Nob", an abrupt peak rising from the wooded terrain. This point was used as a reference point for calculating back azimuths. The men were divided into seven groups, each of which left their initial point near Ink's Lake at different times. Despite the rocky, wooded hills, all groups arrived at their Longhorn Cavern barracks within a half hour of each other. The same afternoon the entire group explored the wonders of Longhorn Cavern—wied caves which borrow several miles through the earth.

Frequent trips made to Ink's Lake for swimming and boating. Fishing parties were organized by Lt. Woody Pond. All men who couldn't swim were instructed by Lt. Stewart, a former swimming instructor in civilian life. The entire trip was under the direction of Major Burt A. Scott.

Symphonic Hour Added

The 12th St. Service Club in the RTC area, North Camp, has added a symphonic hour to its weekly program, according to Ruth Madison, senior hostess.

The schedule at present starts off with Monday being a Game Nite. Tuesday, always popular, is Dance Nite with either the 1st or 2nd RTC Band furnishing the music. Wednesday is Bingo and Date Nite, while Thursday the men are left to their own devices. Friday a movie feature is shown. Each Saturday evening a designed RTC battalion presents a show or furnishes refreshments. A song fest holds sway on Sunday nights.

The Symphonic Hour featured Tschaiokovsky last Sunday afternoon. This popular innovation, held in the card room will be continued as a regular weekly feature due to the enthusiasm registered by the more than 50 soldiers present at the initial concert with the classics, cookies and coffee.

'Goldy' Wasn't Just Playing 'Possum When He Acted That Way

"Goldy" has meandered back to his original nocturnal haunts with an unofficial Section 8.

Goldy was a 'possum with quarters outside the orderly room of Headquarters Co., RTC, at North Camp. His barracks formerly held Joe (NMI) Coon, the special pet of 1st Sgt. Howard A. Ferguson. Joe went AWOL about 10 days ago.

Goldy was spotted a few evenings later dozing high in a tree on the company area by Pvt. Ralph Rosselot of Headquarters Co. True to form the 'possum made only a half-hearted attempt to bite his captor.

Joe Coon was a scrappy GI with plenty of polish. Not so his successor Goldy. In true goldbrick style he lolled about all day and only showed signs of life at night. Complained about the chow, too. Even the urgings of 1st Sgt. Milton Fellstrom were just loud and unnecessary noises which disturbed Goldy's slumbers, stripes or no stripes.

So it was decided Goldy was temperamentally unfit for the service and he got the blue paper. The door of his quarters was left open. Goldy kept right on with the bunk fatigue until night, and then headed back to the sticks.



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

Though the Nazis have been putting up stiffer resistance, the American Fifth and the British Eighth armies continued to push toward Rome.

Moving ahead steadily, methodically, the Allied armies have been wiping out the pockets of resistance where ever encountered. There have been no spectacular forays or battles the past week, but Allied armies have been marching on Rome with an even cadence.

The Nazis claimed that their forces on the island of Coo in the Dodecanese had broken the backbone of Allied resistance; but the Allied high command said that fighting continued. Meanwhile the Middle East and Northwest African air forces joined in pounding Nazi airbases in Greece.

Russians Get Set

Though keeping up active scouting and long range artillery blasting, and except for Red army

attacks in the Gomel and Mogilev sectors of White Russia, the Russians been slowed by the autumn rains which have turned most of the long battle line into mud.

Meanwhile Russian army leaders called a halt to rest their troops and prepare for their next campaign, which, the Associated Press suggested, might include a drive across the Dnieper to liberate the Ukraine.

Australian jungle troops moved along the waterways of New Guinea to about 170 miles above Finschhafen, engaging Jap supply outposts at Madang.

A "Spokesman" for Genl. MacArthur was quoted by the United Press as saying that he would be able to do even more in the next six months than he has in the past six "if they give us the means to do it."

Pacific strategy

A Pacific war strategy confer-

ence was held in Honolulu, the result of which, it is anticipated, will be a plan for harder cracks at Japan.

The Japs beheaded an Allied flier captured in the southwest Pacific.

President Roosevelt promised that officers responsible for the Japanese barbarities would be punished if possible.

A Swiss newspaper report stated that a well organized campaign of sabotage is under way in industrial cities of Nazi-dominated Rumania.

Danes Toss Dynamite

Danish patriots blew up Nazi troop barracks, two power stations, and two war material plants, in what was called a re-intensified campaign of sabotage as a militant answer to Germany's attempted purge of 10,000 Danish Jews.

The Yugoslav partisan army and naval units continue to attack the Nazis, recently capturing a strategic island near the Italian naval base of Pola.

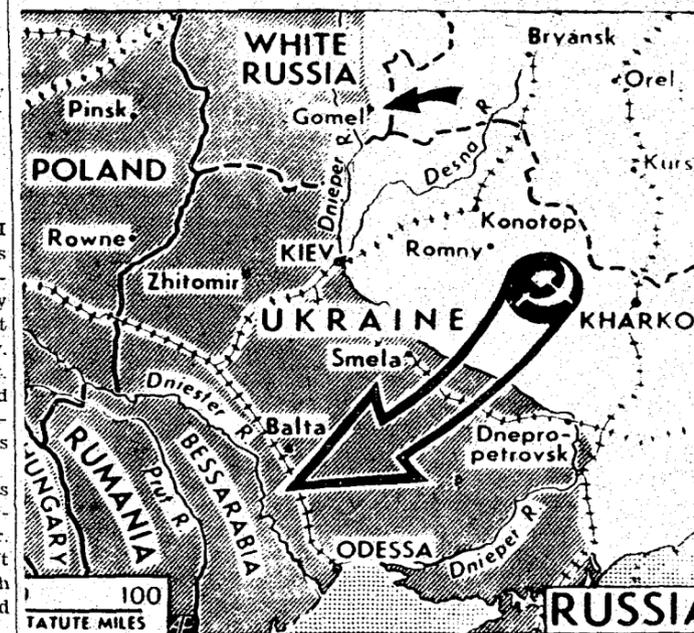
Jitterbugs Barred

London nightspots frequented by American soldiers have banned jitterbugging. Covent Garden, the biggest dance joint in town, explained that their more decorous customers claimed they were being bruised by the jitterbugs.

The Radio Advisory Committee—nine radio executives—followed the lead of a Newspaper Advisory Committee and urged the release of all war news "whether it's good or bad" as soon as military security permits.

A bill offered in the senate would bar all non-fathers who are of draft age from war jobs.

An Associated Press report stated that though they differ on the means, the majority of the senate favors postwar collaboration.





Chapel Services

PROTESTANT (NON-DENOMINATION)

9:30 A. M.
 Chapel 176-164th and Brig.
 Chapel 639-62nd St.
 Chapel 902-50th St.
 Chapel 2109-37th St. East
 Hospital-Red Cross Bldg.

11:00 A. M.
 Post Chapel-52nd St.
 Chapel 115-268th St.
 Chapel 289-170th and brig.
 Chapel 639-62nd St.
 Chapel 2209-School Area.
 Chapel 1156-37th St. West.
 Chapel 2109-37th St. East.

6:30 P. M.
 Chapel 115-268th St.
 Chapel 639-62nd St.
 Chapel 1156-37th St. West.
 Chapel 2209-School Area.

COLORED TROOPS

Chapel 513-70th St.
 Worship Services
 10:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.
 Sunday school-9:00 a. m.
 Musical hour, Tuesday, 6:30 p. m.

EPISCOPAL
 Chapel 902-170th and brig., 6:30 p. m.

LUTHERAN

Post chapel-52nd St., 6:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Chapel 1156, Thursday, 8:00 p. m.
 Sunday, 8:45 a. m.

Enl Men's Bible Class
 Chapel 639-62nd St., 10:30 a. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass, Sunday
 Hospital Red Cross Bldg.-6:30 a. m.
 Chapel 2209-7 a. m.

Chapel 902, 50th St.-7:00 a. m.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West-7:00 a. m.
 Chapel 176, 164th & brig.-8:00 a. m.
 Post Chapel, 52nd St.-9:00 a. m.
 24th St. Theater-9:00 a. m.
 Stockade-9 a. m.

Chapel 902, 50th St.-11:00 a. m.
 37th St. Theater-11:00 a. m.
 162nd St. Area, Field Mass-11:00 a. m.

Novena Service-6:30 p. m.
 Sunday Chapel 176-164th and brig.
 Monday Chapel 1156-37th St.
 Tuesday Chapel 902-50th St.

MORNING WEEKDAY MASS, 6:30 AM

Chapel 176-Mon., Wed., Thur., Sat.
 Chapel 1156, Wednesday, Saturday.
 Chapel 902, Monday, Friday, Saturday.

EVENING WEEKDAY MASS, 6:30 PM

Chapel 176, Tuesday, Friday.
 Chapel 2209-Mon., Tues., Wed.,
 Chapel 1156, Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
 Chapel 902, Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Thursday.

CONFESSION

Before Every Weekday Mass
 Sat.: Hospital Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.

Sat., Chapel 2209-6-9 p. m.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West-4-6 p. m.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West-6:30-9 p. m.

Chapel 902, 50th St.-4-6 and 6:30-9 p. m.
 Chapel 176, 164th & brig.-6-9 p. m.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Chapel 639, 62nd St. Sunday-7:30 p. m.
 Stockade-2:00 p. m.

T-5 Ralph R. Martin and Privates Rex Gay and Joseph Stedronsky, all of Hq. Co., 635th Bn., were married recently.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

THEY MARCHED THROUGH MUD—Crossing the finish line after a gruelling 60 mile march cross country through rain and black Texas mud, the 23rd TD Group, with the 670th and 671st battalions, is reviewed by Col. Thomas J. Heavey, CO of UTC, Col. M. H. Matteson, CO, 23rd Group, and Maj G. I. Epperson, executive officer, 23rd Group. The 670th bivouacked three nights in the field and lost only one man on the march, while the 671st marched 28 miles into South Camp the first day, and finished the required 60 miles after arriving here. Maj. W. H. Hale commands the 670th and Maj. Allerton Cushman the 671st Bn. The First TD Band, directed by W. O. Leon Zawisza, played as the troops passed the reviewing stand.

A Pusher Has To Have Lots Of Push Says Pvt. McCorry, 23rd Group

Before he was inducted Pvt. Francis G. McCorry, Hq. Co., 23rd Group, had an interesting job; he was a pusher for the New York subway.

Pvt. McCorry explained to us that this is a very important job, because if it weren't for the pusher there would be 2,538 people who wouldn't get into the subway car. These are people who do not have enough push, and do not get very far in life, which is why the subway provides a pusher.



"Pvt. McCorry was a pusher."

Pvt. McCorry's job was to apply the law of dynamic subway compression. By stretching his arms and moving forward with an ever, steady motion, Pvt. McCorry induced these passengers to enter the car and leave the platform clear for other hopeful homegoers.

The theory of dynamic subway compression, Pvt. McCorry explained, is that the designers of

the cars were unimaginative when they said there was only room for 217 people per car. They forgot to consider that human posture is wasteful, and that is where the other 2,538 passengers come in; that is, get in.

For instance, when a person sits on a subway seat there is room between his or her lap and head, properly pushed, another person can fit right into that space. Or when a person reads a newspaper while standing, there is waste space between the paper and him. Just to list a few of the waste spaces that people do not think of: the small of the back, on your toes, the bend of the knees, and such places.

How long it takes for an apprentice pusher to become a journeyman pusher depends upon the pusher. If you have the poise, the push, the brawn and the brass, it takes no time at all. If you have the instinct for the proper technique in unerringly placing your knuckles in the shortribs, and pushing without jerking, in a very short time you can be a bigtime pusher.

Of course, there is more to the profession than technique. There is, for instance, a measure of fortitude required. One meets all

Words Without Music

In case you're interested, 10 years ago the 10 top radio tunes were: Did You Ever See A Dream Walking? — Caricoca — Annie Doesn't Live Here Any More — I Cover The Waterfront — The Last Roundup — Smoke Gets In Your Eyes — Stormy Weather — Lazybones — Heatwave.

The Spotlight Band for tonight is Richard Himber's, tomorrow night it's Les Brown, and Saturday night Louis Armstrong.

Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra have been signed to appear regularly on the Spotlight show Monday nights.

Betty Hutton whose climb to Hollywood big dough was on the rungs of her voice, will play in "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" without warbling a single note. Count Basie is playing the Apollo in Harlem for a week. Les Brown will be at the Chermot Ballroom in Omaha, Nebraska. Cab Calloway is at the Palace in Albany N. Y., until the 15th, then goes to Buffalo, N. Y. Benny Goodman will be at the RKO in Boston for the next week.

Duke Ellington is planning another concert at Constitutional Hall in Washington, D. C.

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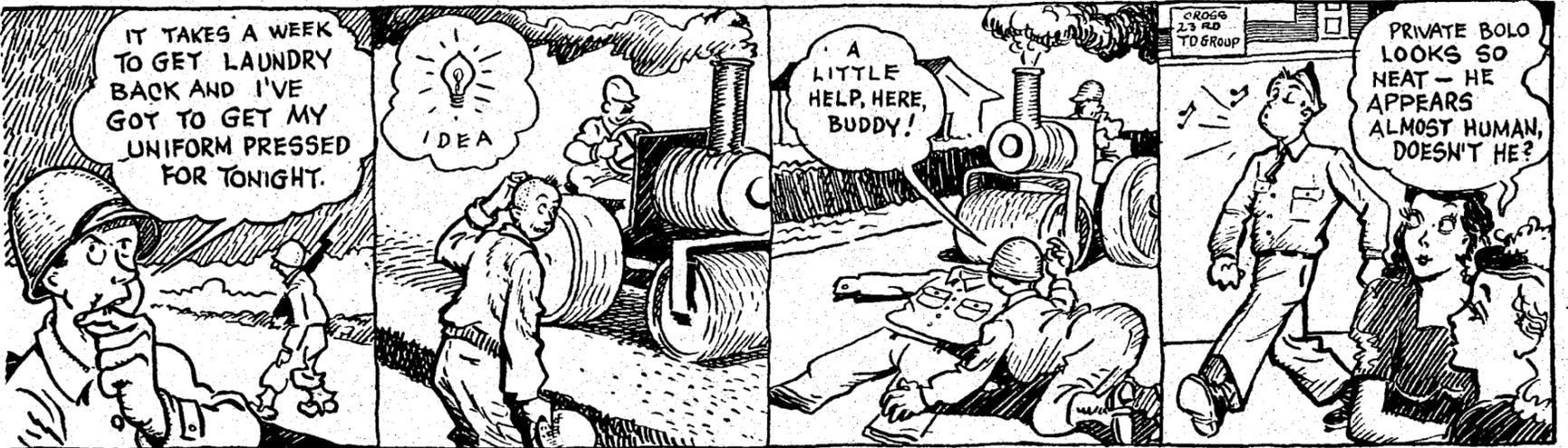
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Quiz Answers

1. Yes, a limited number of American women of Japanese descent are being accepted for enlistment.
2. About 75,000.
3. Over seven per cent.
4. 110,000,000 pieces.
5. 478.
6. A soldier's serial number bearing the letter "R" has served in the first World War and has re-enlisted.



Male Call

by Milton Caniff creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Dim View



Camp Football Season Opens Here Saturday

Camp Hood's football schedule, with five clubs in the fold, will open Saturday afternoon. Official National Collegiate AA rules will prevail over all games on the schedule.

Due to the military training program, the schedule will be a flexible one. If, for military reason, it is impossible for a team to play on scheduled date, that game will be a postponed game and will not constitute a forfeit, provided, the opponents and the Post Athletic Officer are notified ahead of time, as early as possible. It is suggested that game be played a day early or a day late if it cannot be played on schedule.

Rules Are Explained

A game will not be postponed because of bad weather unless

it is agreeable with both teams. Should one team fail to show up because of bad weather, that will be a forfeited game.

The two teams involved in a game will be responsible for securing officials for the game, and for reporting the results of the game to the Post Athletic Officer for record purposes.

Season Starts Saturday

Saturday's schedule will get underway with the 106th Cavalry team playing the 665th Bn. grid-ders. Hq. Co., UTC, will battle the TD School eleven, while the 664th Bn. team will likely be idle this week-end, since there are only five clubs in the chase thus far. Several other teams are expected to join the schedule soon, which would give cause for revision of the current calendar should more than one team step in.

RTC Cadreman Has Many Motorcycle Race Titles

Holder of numerous championship motorcycle records is Pvt. Al Chasteen, 38-year-old daredevil, now a cadreman giving "bike" instruction to the Co. A, 135th RTC Bn. trainees at North Camp.

Al who has raced all over the world, still holds the record for

the fastest 15 miles, fastest 30 miles and set the fastest one mile straight-away at a speed of 125 miles mph, as well as having ridden a 5-8 mile circular flat track in 21 seconds.

First Race In 1923

Chasteen rode his first race in 1923 and in 1924 won the West Coast Championship, setting a new record for the mile of 38 2-5 seconds on a circular flat track. In 1937 Al made a new time of 37.22 seconds for one mile on a circular banked track, a record which has yet to be beaten.

England, Australia, New Zealand and South America are a few of the countries in which Al has ridden. In 1939 he won the 200 mile National Speedway Championship in Oakland Cal. His wife, who is an expert cyclist and 15 year old daughter, Jayce Leverage, live in San Francisco, Cal.

Has Bad Accident

Back in 1936 at the Los Angeles Coliseum Al had qualified for the finals, and while he was on the last curve on the last lap of the last day of the race, his opponent blew a tire which struck Chasteen and threw him into the concrete retaining wall. His back was broken and he was in a plaster cast for nine months. Despite this and other injuries including that he broke his collar bone and shoulder twice, he still raced on.

"I get a big kick out of seeing these lads learn to ride," chuckled Al with a reminiscent gleam in his eye.

Second RTC Dance Band Plays For Party Honoring Eng. Chief

The 2nd RTC Band, led by Sgt. Bill Fischer, traveled to Dallas last week-end to play for a dance given by the R & U Branch, Eighth Service Command, in honor of Major General Eugene Reybold, chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

The affair, which was given at the roof garden of the Hotel Adolphus, Dallas, included a floor show and several other rounds of entertainment.

Major Chesley Adams, Post Special Services Officer, made arrangements for the RTC band to make the Dallas trip.

Headquarters 4th Regiment, RTC Wins

Headquarters softball team, 4th Regt., RTC, triumphed last week over the undefeated softball ten of Headquarters Company, 138th TDTB. The score was 3 to 0.

Outstanding play afield by Pvt. Robert Jordan, of the 4th Regt. team, proved to be a big factor in the shutout win.

Texas Golden Glove Meet In Ft. Worth

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, sponsors of Texas' Golden Gloves Amateur boxing, will hold the eighth annual Texas Golden Gloves Amateur ring tournament at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth February 16-21.

The state event is a non-profit amateur event which, for the duration, is principally for and by the armed forces. All service men and service women are admitted free.

Camp Hood fighters will be invited through the Camp Athletic Officer to participate in the event.

Star-Telegram officials have announced that final organization and plans for the tournament will begin about December 1.

The boxing card arranged for tomorrow night (Friday) at the Tank Destroyer School Amphitheater has been announced as follows:

Feature Bout (Light Heavyweight)
Smith, 635th Bn. vs. Hazen, North Camp.
(Middleweight)
Mariucci, Stud. Regt. vs. Walker, 635th Bn.
(Welterweight)
Fox, Student Regt. vs. Sholz, 635th Bn.
(Heavyweight)
Oden, 519th Eng. vs. McDowell, Student Regt.
(Middleweight)
Alexander, Student Regt. vs. Ring, 635th Bn.
(Lightweight)
Romano, North Camp vs. Les-Jack, 635th Bn.
(Welterweight)
Ferritt, Stud. Regt. vs. Brown, 635th Bn.

RTC Corporal, Boxer Wins 23rd Ring Fight In Dallas Battle

Cpl. Al Dutra, fast-stepping welterweight boxer of Company D, 128th Bn., RTC, scored his 23rd straight ring victory last week when he laced Chick Hurst, top-flight Dallas battler, at the Dallas Sportatorium in a semi-main event bout.

Dutra, formerly stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., where he captured the welterweight and middleweight championships, is a former CCC champion. He fought in the national AAU tournament semi-finals in San Francisco prior to his Army career.

The classy welterweight's home is in Somerville, Mass., where he played semi-pro football, hockey, baseball and basketball before he took up fighting.

137th Bn. Wins Mess Award Again In RTC; WAC Rating High

The 137th Battalion again won the standard for the best battalion mess hall at the Replacement Training Center, for the week of September 20-26. The mess was rated 98.2 per cent.

The WAC Detachment at North Camp carried off honors for the best TD company.

Other best company mess halls were Sixth Regiment, Co. C, 144th Bn.; Seventh Regiment, Co. D, 149th Bn.

The Fifth Regiment Officers' mess was adjudged the best officers' mess.

Makes Boast Good

Headquarters Company, 664th Bn. UTC, said in the last issue of The Panther that they would continue to show gun companies how to shoot down here in UTC.

Continuing their performances in ITC, where they topped the battalion in .30 Cal. MG and took second in .30 Cal. Rifle, they made good their boast.

Headquarters Company proceeded to outshoot the gun companies by taking top honors in .30 Cal. MG and .50 Cal. MG field firing and second high honors in the .45 Thompson Sub-Machine Gun.



With PFC Keith Quick

We didn't bat so well on our pigskin picks last week. Grabbed off 10 losers, for a .687 batting percentage. But we weren't the only one to say Columbia would take Princeton! Upsets, plus our edge in not favoring the Army and Navy changes toward the football situation in so many colleges, caused our weak slant of prognosticating. But we'll be back next week with an average that'll knock right at the door of .1000, betcha' . . . Well, Hoodites and their hounds of the hills will soon get a look at the "Brown Bomber," Joe Louis. Joe's up Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, way right at the moment, but will be headin' for his 27-day stay in the Eighth Service Command pretty soon. Joe's appearance here should pack 'em in clear up to the rafters of Hood's Field House. Incidentally, Joe brings along his own fighting party, which includes George Nicholson, Ray Robinson and a couple of other leather-throwers. The "Brown Bomber" and his gang should step on Hood soil sometime next month, perhaps around Thanksgiving day. Anyway, let's all be on hand to see Joe write his "citation on Hood Sand"!

Student Regt. Boxer Takes Title In TDS Amphitheater

Pvt. Ray Mitchell, Student Regiment middle-weight fighter, took a close decision from Tammy Walker, 635th Bn., in the feature bout of the boxing program held at the Tank Destroyer School Amphitheater last Friday evening. The fight was filled with fast action all the way and had the spectators sitting on the edge of their seats right up to the final gong.

In a good semi-final bout, Jimmy Dunlap upset highly-touted Dominic Bonfilli, Bonfilli, making his initial appearance in the TDS ring, looked good however, and his style of fighting will no doubt deal plenty of trouble to future opponents, when he rounds into shape. Dunlap has won four of his five bouts here. Both fighters are Student Regiment boys.

Alexander of the Studes, lost to Ring, 635th Bn. battler, in a fast bout that was so close the two have been rematched for the boxing program to be held at the Amphitheater tomorrow night, Friday.

M. L. Garten kayoed Tony Surma in the first round of the eve-

ning's opening fisticuff, and the second melee, likewise ended in a kayo, with Eaton of the Studes, slapping Peterson, 635th Bn., to sleep.

Heavyweight Champ In RTC

Now on duty with a training battalion at the Replacement Training Center, is Private Art Oliver, 6 feet, two inches tall, 200 pound, 1936 United States Olympic heavyweight champion who two months after turning professional, won a six round decision over Max Baer.

Private Oliver, from Chicago, Ill., has never been knocked down or out, and during his professional career fought such heavyweights as Baer, Maurice Strickland, Max Marek, Buddy Knox, Eddie Roessick, Eddie Boyle, Chuck McCarthy and Bernie Bowman.

Oliver is raring to get back into the ring, but, due to an old back injury, has to be content for the present in coaching a newly formed RTC boxing team.

Enters New Phase Of UTC Training Program

By Pvt. James A. Wern

Company "A", 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion follows its UTC Training Plan and is now in the tactics of this course. Since Monday the company has gone out and placed itself on its own protective flanks and placing out security. Monday consisted of a demonstration all morning and individual platoon tactics. Each platoon had placed six men as its vehicles and practiced the wedge formations and left jabs, left hook, and right hook formations.

Tuesday night was a drive in blackout and then no lights, for 28 miles. The drive ended and was followed by doughnuts and coffee.

The weather may or may not be an advantage. It does give the drivers valuable practice.

Postal Personnel Will Help With Bond Sale

The Camp Postal Officer will furnish personnel prepared to deliver War Bonds for cash sale at battalion and unit pay tables to those commanders who desire such service, according to an announcement made this week.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the Postal Officer at the main post office, or the post office on 18th St. and Leon Drive, North Camp.

Now A Father

S-Sgt. Robert D. Adams of Company "B", 635th TD Battalion is the father of an eight pound baby boy born on Sept. 19th.

Ready For Basketball

Under the leadership of Lt. Earl L. Proctor and S-Sgt. Alfred Wofford, the Company A basketball team, 635th Bn., has been going through practice sessions at the Field House for a couple of weeks and are about ready to take on competition.

The Company A basketeers, who won many victories in the Los Angeles area last year, consists of several outstanding players. Among the second-year men are Sgt. Kenneth Baker and Cpl. George McLaughlin, whose smooth play at the forward slots is showing up exceptionally well in the early practices.

A new member of the team, fleet-footed Pvt. Ray Couture, is hitting the basket consistently. He's a forward.

Three dependable guards, Sgt. Carroll, Munsch and Jacox, are second-year men and will share in holding down the guard slots this season. Other members of the squad include Pvts. Wilham Richter, Ray Scott, Russell Sites and Vernon Smith.

Service Clubs Open Patios At North Camp

Both service clubs at the North Camp Hood encampment of the Tank Destroyer Center hope to christen brand new outdoor patios soon. The celebrations probably will be held on dance nights.

Rainy weather has delayed completion of the patios slightly. The additions to the Twelfth Street and Leon Drive clubs are of polished concrete, about 60 by 40 feet, and will be edged with pattern brick and railed around the three sides not adjoining the club buildings.

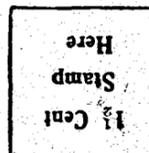
Refresher For Stenos

A hundred and fifty stenographic workers—WACs, civilians, and about 10 soldiers—will be given a refresher course in military correspondence the next four weeks by Mrs. Josephine Wickersham, secretary to Col. C. M. Thirkeld, camp commander.

The group will be divided into four classes, each lasting a week. Meetings will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 five nights a week. The first began Monday night in the personnel office. The other three classes will be held in the quartermaster area.

Graduates will receive a certificate from the Eighth Service Command.

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