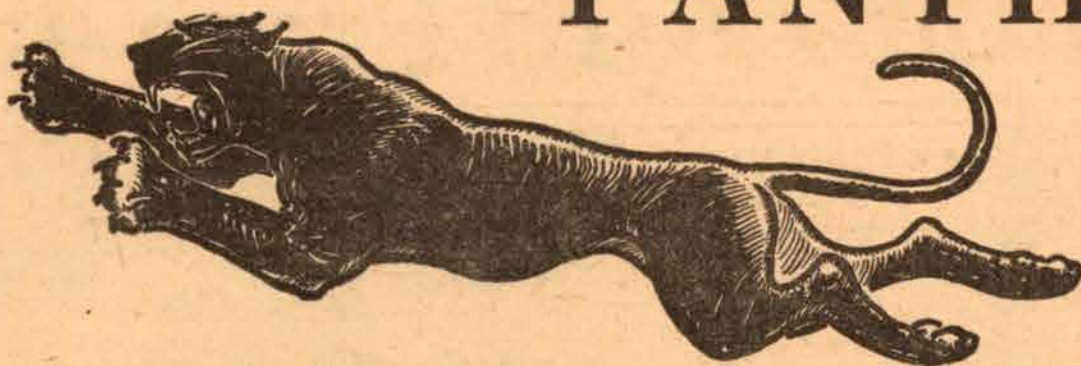


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## Twelfth OCS Class Ends Training Here

162 Student Officers  
Get Bars From  
General Mayberry

The twelfth Officer Candidate class TD school, numbering 162 was graduated Thursday at exercises held in the 37th St. Theater. Brigadier General H. T. Mayberry, Commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, presented the new 2nd lieutenants with their commissions. Major William R. Brown, Operations Officer, TDS, addressed the class.

### Many Enrolled

A review of the comprehensive record of the first twelve school classes shows that of 1,694 Officer. Candidates enrolled, 1,565 have graduated. Eighteen of the remaining 129 have been transferred to later classes leaving only 111 candidates, or 6.56 per cent actually relieved from the school. This achievement has been obtained through a careful selection of school instructors as well as the student body.

### Many From TD Units

Analysis of the most recently enrolled class, the 23rd, shows that 75 of the 175 Candidates came from TD units. These men are already well grounded in the fundamentals of anti-tank warfare. The infantry, with its knowledge of the problems confronting tank destroyers, is represented by a total of 32. The Cavalry and Field Artillery each furnished 14 men.

## Have You Lots Of Crust Cooks? Pie Contest Open

G. I. pie crust, the alleged toughness of which has long formed the basis for "kidding" of cooks, will receive official prodding for flakiness, and filling will be sampled for tastiness when a Post Pie Derby is held Saturday night at the 37th Street Service Club.

All company mess sergeants and bakers have been invited to enter the competition, despite any remarks and insults directed toward their culinary ability by dog-faces.

On some head long stuffed with recipes and answers for every K.P.'s complaint will rest the crown of "King of Pastry" when the derby is finished. A prize (identity of which is withheld) will be awarded as will ribbons for place and show.

Pies must be at the service club by 7 o'clock Saturday night at which time judging will begin by Home Demonstration agents of Bell County.

And best of all: following the judging the pastry will be sliced and served to you, and you and you.

### Set Hike Record

Company C of the 644th TD Bn. hung up a high comparative score in its physical fitness course held recently. On the four mile hike the boys completed the measured course in 35 minutes flat.



### Presents Commissions

Brigadier General H. T. Mayberry, Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer School, presented commissions to the twelfth Officer Candidate School class Thursday. See story at left.

### Circled Globe Four Times—

## He Has Reason To Fight Japs

By PVT. JOE ESPITALIER  
Co. A, 128th Tng. Bn. RTC

Pvt. Salvatore D. Santos, Filipino boy of Co A, 128th Tng. Bn. RTC and former merchant marine seaman of Houston, Texas, is eager to Seek—Strike—Destroy the Japs. And no man has better reason than the 185 lb. Santos who in thirteen years at sea, has circled the globe four times. Only seven months ago, while on a run to a U. S. port, his ship was sent to the bottom by a Nazi submarine. Luckily, a Canadian ship was nearby, so Pvt. Santos was rescued after a few fearful minutes in the oil-covered sea.

**Family Captured**  
During the Japanese invasion of

the Philippines his two sisters and two brothers were taken prisoners and are now being held by the enemy while a third brother gave his life in the battle for Cebu.

The flash in Santos' eyes and the seriousness of his face express well his bitterness towards the Japs when he relates the story of the sinking of the U. S. gunboat Panay early in 1937. He was there.

Santos learned even more about the Nips when after missing a ship to the states, he was compelled to spend five months in Yokohama before obtaining passage on another vessel. During this time he learned to speak some Japanese thereby adding one more foreign language to the six he speaks fluently.

### Training Means Much

It is little wonder that Santos was first in his group to finish the hazardous 'commando' course. He realizes that a soldier must first become an expert before he can accomplish his task of revenge. He hates the Japs and loves the United States. That is reason enough for Pvt. Santos.

## Publications Unit Installed

A new department, Publications, has been installed at the Tank Destroyer School under direction of Major Lloyd E. Gates. Capt. Govan N. Stroman is asst director aided by Sgt. Robert Clemens.

Purpose of the publications office is to prepare and release to service journals special articles regarding TDS and to conduct the public relations of the school. Graded tests prepared for the student personnel will get their final check and approval from this office before release for classroom use.

### A Slight Error!

An erroneous report in The Panther's last issue attributed a new son to Cpl. John Workman, Co. B, 605th TD Bn.

Sorry, Corporal, the little tankbuster should have been carried on the strength return of Tech. 5th Gr. Beecher D. Workman of the 605th.

## Two Hood Artists Contribute Work To The 'Panther'

Not every camp newspaper has a cartoonist. Few of them have two.

The Hood Panther, however, is now printing a series of original drawings on the editorial page by two Camp Hood artists.

This week's cartoon was drawn for The Panther by Cpl. Franklin L. Folger, 819th TD Bn., BUTC, temporarily at Camp Bowie awaiting completion of the north camp. Before entering the army he was a free-lance artist, drawing for numerous magazines and newspapers. One of his cartoons is carried in a late issue of Esquire Magazine. A number of his drawings have been reproduced in Yank and Army Times.

Last week's sketch was the work of Cpl. Erwin C. Schweig, Jr., Hq. Co., RTC. Cpl. Schweig was a theatrical sign painter and cartoonist before entering the service. He won first prize in a camp-wide art contest at Camp Roberts, Cal., before his transfer to Camp Hood.

## Special Service Office To Move

Capt. Chesley M. Adams, Special Service Officer, and his administrative staff will occupy new quarters Monday in the recently completed building directly opposite Post Headquarters.

The building will be devoted exclusively to the housing of the Special Service Office including the Post Athletic Officer and The Hood Panther.

## Low Cost Photos Available Here

Lt. Paul Renay has announced that portrait work is available to all officers and enlisted men of the camp at the photographic studio in Bldg. 2239-1, Student Regiment.

During the Christmas season hundreds of soldiers took advantage of this opportunity to get portraits at exceptionally low cost. The studio offers speedy service with proofs from which to choose. No appointment is necessary.

## Officer Says TD's Do Best Job In Africa

Reports Indicate Tank  
Destroyers Helped Win  
Battle Against Rommel

More evidence that America's new tank destroyers are delivering the goods in combat has come back to Camp Hood.

It is contained in an enthusiastic report from an armored division officer in North Africa, written to Col. Logan C. Berry, director of the Tactics Department Tank Destroyer School.

### Do Best Job

"The Tank Destroyers have done the best job over here," this officer who is in command of a reconnaissance battalion with an American armored division, writes, "They are heroes. The battalion has been cited several times.

"I think you've got something! Bring a thousand over and we'll make Berlin!"

This approval by a tank officer of a tank destroyer outfit is considered significant, although it is not an official report, merely one man's opinion.

The letter further supports the evidence which was contained in an article by NEA Service writer, Thomas M. Johnson, Dec. 17.

### Instrumental In Win

He reported that tank destroyers were landed in Africa in the American occupation there and that they previously had been used by the British Eighth Army in its victory over Marshal Rommel. Speed and mobility of the destroyers were cited by Johnson as largely instrumental in their successes in North Africa. (See Page Four.)

## He Thought His Haversack Was Growing Heavier

Pvt. 1 Cl. Johnny Peammelli, Co. A, 607th TD Bn., is the stepfather of seven!

This startling discovery was made last week by Johnny himself.

Seven baby mice were born in the haversack owned by Johnny. The mother mouse made a nest from socks, towels and odds and ends stored inside.

## We Say "It Better Be Warm"

In this portion of Texas there is little danger of the enemy finding out weather conditions, for by the time they hear of warm weather it will likely be cold again, or vice versa.

### Non-Tropical Farce

What, you may ask, has this to do with the story concerning the appearance of the Dallas Little Theatre Saturday night and Sunday? Simply this: The play is what the program aptly describes as a "non-tropical farce." In fact, it appears to be any thing but equatorial in location of action, which supposedly occurs in a wireless station on the coast of Labrador on a November evening.

Now if this spot is as cold as Camp Hood at 5:45 on a December morning, the weather this weekend better be rather humid else we may not be able to stand it.

### Title Sounds Warm

Title of the three-act play, which, incidentally is free in case you're interested, is "Petticoat Fever." Sounds interesting and warm, if not hot.

It seems that members of the Dallas Little Theatre group are directing their dramatic efforts this season toward servicemen and have presented this play in a number of camps throughout Texas with favorable results both to audience and cast.

### Two Appearances

The play will be given twice here in the Hood Road Theater, Saturday night at 7:30 and Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Here's the cast: Dascom Dinmore, Edwin M. Irish, Jr.; Kimo, Charles Graham; Sir James Fenton, W. W. Fisher; Ethel Camelson, Lee Hogan; Little Seal, Charlese Vaughn; Snow Bird Maxine Mullican; The Rev. Arthur Shapham, John McLaren; Captain John Landry, Leo Sullivan; Clara Wilson, Peggy McLeod.



# Men Of 773rd From 45 States



Camp Hood Signal Corp. Photo

## Head Nurse

Lt. Nina Larkin of Ellington, Missouri, formerly stationed at the Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver Colo., is now serving as chief nurse at Camp Hood Station Hospital. Lt. Larkin came to her post here Dec. 26. She was a public health nurse before entering the service.

## Negro Glee Club, Band, Featured At Show DEML

Feature of the DEML variety show on New Year's Eve and prominent on other entertainment programs throughout camp has been the colored orchestra and glee club of the Q. M. detachment, 1848th Unit, 8th Service Command.

Under the direction of Sgt. Johnny L. Johnson the glee club consists of: Sgts. Howard Penn, Oscar Saunders; Cpls. Henry Taylor, Lee G. Phillips, Wm. Cole, Jr., Wm. H. Walker and Casey Smith; Pvts. 1. Cl. Wilbur J. Thomas, W. Logan and Robt. Slusher; Pvts. Charlie Tatum, Oble Brooks, Herbert Moten, W. A. Dixon, Thos. Oquin, Clarence Edwards, Alvin Henry, Jos. Robinson, Virgil Ross, John D. Alman, and Stell James.

Led by Cpl. Henry Taylor, the orchestra consists of Sgts. Howard Penn and Oscar Saunders, Cpl. Casey Smith, Pvts. 1. Cl. Wilbur Thomas, Wm. D. Logan, Robt. R. Slusher and Pvt. S. G. Young.

## 3. I Trailers Arrive For Unusual Housing Unit

The first four trailer units of the 385 ordered for Hood Village have arrived and are being set up on the site of the new civilian housing project. These units contain all conveniences designed to provide comfortable living accommodations.

When completed Hood Village will have a total of 1,091 units with 2,267 bedrooms.

## He Has A Matchless Hobby—Leading Cover Collector

In Cpl. Harry W. Butschat of Hq. Co., DEML, Camp Hood boasts one of the five leading match cover collectors in the country. In reaching the top bracket of his hobby Cpl. Butschat has assembled more than 40,000 covers from the little packs of fire makers.

It seems that there is a lot more to this cover collecting business than merely picking up stray match books and pasting them in an album. The process involves buying and swapping among the experts who have their own national organization which holds annual conventions to determine the classes and groups of covers and to establish the rules of the game.

### Collection Is Large

The Butschat collection contains four books of covers for each state with separate albums for Canada, England, Puerto Rico,

## Wedding Bells

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In a double wedding ceremony on Christmas Eve, Cpl. Charles A. Aceto and Miss Marie Delk and Pvt. William T. Venetti and Miss Carmel Salerno were married in the parlor of Burt hall at Mary Hardin-Baylor college, Belton, Texas.

Both bridegrooms are members of Company A, 810th TD Bn.

In a separate ceremony at Burt hall on Christmas Eve, Miss Verna Jeffries of Lawrenceburg, Ky., became the bride of Sgt. Gilbert Monroe of Company A, 126th Bn. RTC.

Miss Josephine Baugh became the bride of Sgt. James P. Kerchville, Q. M. detachment, 1848th UESC, last Friday at the Methodist church in Rogers, Texas.

Pvt. Monroe Klock, Reconnaissance Co., 644th TD Bn recently married Dorothy Clapp of Philadelphia, while on furlough.

Cpl. Anthony J. Ricciardo, Co. B., 644th TD Bn. married Angie Tango, Jersey City, N. J., at the Holy Rosary Church, Jersey City recently while on furlough.

Lieutenant James R. Fosse and Hadley E. Ray, of the Fifth and Seventh Companies, OCS Regt., were recently married at a double ceremony held in the Regimental Chapel. Lt. Fosse married Margaret A. Sell of Philadelphia, and Lt. Ray wed Helen Thomas of Macon, Ga.

In addition to a recent promotion from Second to First Lieutenant, Rodman Bates, Communications, TD School, will experience another important event in his life when he marries Miss Barbara Dunshee of East Orange, N. J. The wedding will take place in St. Louis where the bride's sister is now living.

Cpl. Louis C. Laue, Hq. Co., 809th TD Bn., was married to Miss Dorothy V. Klemm of Waynesville, Ill., Dec. 15. Ceremony took place at the home of the bridegroom in Lincoln, Ill.

## Identification Class

Lt. Robt. D. Hand, Weapons Dept., TDS, has started a popular class in aircraft identification for officers and non-commissioned officers of his department. Students are taught to distinguish between Allied and Axis planes on sight.

and Hawaii. The armed services are represented by individual collections as are such special classifications as sports, night spots, orchestras etc.

A prize item in the corporal's assemblage is a large map of the United States with capitol and principal cities marked by covers of that community. In the adjoining oceans, fleet locations are indicated by the covers of the various ship units. This show piece has taken awards at many fairs and expositions.

### Still Carries On

Cpl. Butschat who came from San Francisco, started his collection two years ago. Since entering the service time for his hobby has been limited but he managed to add some 2,000 covers in the past two months. He is assigned to the Billeting and Construction office at Post Headquarters.



## This Looks Interesting

Radio's newest singing sensations, The Murphy Sisters, are young, pert and attractive. The girls are a solid click in USO-Camp Shows' musical "In The Groove," slated for Camp Hood.

## Musical Swing Show Billed For Hood Theater Jan. 20

Featuring one of Hollywood's top notch orchestras, USO-Camp Shows' elaborate winter production, "In The Groove," opens here Jan. 20 for three nights at the Hood Road theater. Admission to the revue is free.

Heading the show is Bill Bardo and his orchestra of 14

## NCO's In 643rd Get More Stripes

Added stripes were awarded recently to 17 members of the 643rd TD battalion with Company C leading in number of advances.

The promotions include: Company C: Cpls. Vincent C. Curcio, John W. Fitzgerald and Clarence F. Phillips, Techs. 5th Gr. Amos J. Avery, Manuel S. Cruz, Joseph P. Farren and Thomas J. Doherty; Recon. Co.: Cpl. Daniel M. Powers, Techs. 5th Gr. George J. Poriz, and Robert J. O'Brien; Company B; Techs. 5th Gr. Roland Constant, Harry C. Brown, William J. Carmel, Jr., and Karl A. Makela; Headquarters Co.: T-Sgt. Joseph M. Passero, Tech. 5th Gr. David Nadelberg; Company A; Tech. 5th Gr. Virgil F. Dragomani.

## TDS Classification Department Head Receives Promotion

The director of the Classification department at TDS, W. M. Avery, has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant. Prior to his army career, Lt. Avery was prominent in the field of economics, specializing in the employment of man power.

As classification officer at TDS, Lt. Avery has the task of initiating and classifying personnel records on all OCS graduates. He maintains the personnel and classification records for all officers and the placement of enlisted men. The department which he heads includes four officers, one warrant officer, 11 enlisted men and two civilians.

## Is Recovering

S-Sgt. Allgood, Hq. Co., 605th TD Bn., was able to visit his organization over the holidays while convalescing from a recent operation.

versatile musicians; the same band that helped make "Whoopee," "Sunny," the "Goldwyn Follies" and numerous other films popular. Maestro Bardo, gifted with a line of spontaneous chatter, will emcee "In The Groove." Aiding Bardo will be Col. Marvin "Ace" Hamby, comedian of the band.

Head man in the comedy section of "In The Groove," is Lester Allen who, since beginning his career at the age of ten under the big-top of the Sells-Floto circus, has appeared in variety theaters all over the world. Allen writes his own comedy sketches and has been starred in pictures, musicals and on the major broadcast networks.

Others in the cast are Stan Kavanagh, juggler and comic; the Murphy Sisters, one of radio's newest singing sensations; Wally West, talented impressionist, and the Tip Top Girls, six lovely acrobatic dancers who perform throughout the show in a number of fast-paced routines.

## Now You See It Now You Don't

Pvt. Walter Schutt, Co. C, 644th TD Bn., reports that his girl in Portland, Oregon is employed in the Kaiser shipyards and was selected recently to christen one of the new ships.

"O.K., Lady, swing the bottle," Mr. Kaiser said to her. She gazed at Mr. Kaiser, her face a big question mark, and exclaimed, "I don't see any ship."

Replied Mr. Kaiser, "Just keep swinging the bottle, the ship'll be here in a minute."

## Ready For Tournament

The 809th TD Battalion has reorganized its basketball quintet for the new round-robin tournament to be started about Jan. 10 at the Field House. The team is managed by Lt. Stuart J. Seborer assisted by Sgt. Charles Schefflen.

## Long, Active Career Marks Units' History

### Forty-Four Officers Of Organization Come From Eighteen States

A total of 860 men representing 45 states and the District of Columbia, and 44 officers from 18 states, is included in the personnel of the 773rd TD Battalion.

History of this battalion began on Jan. 31, 1941 with the induction into Federal service of the 141st P. A. Regiment (Louisiana National Guard) the 166th P. A. Regiment and the 190th P. A. Regiment (Pennsylvania National Guard). These units were combined to form the 73rd Field Artillery Brigade which was stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

### Widely Traveled

In August 1941 certain batteries and personnel were combined from the 141st, 166th, and 190th P. A. to form the 73rd Provisional Anti-Tank Battalion. In this capacity the unit served through the Louisiana and North Carolina maneuvers during which it traveled 9,500 miles over seven states in four months.

On Dec. 15, 1941 the outfit was reorganized as the 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, one of the first TD battalions in the United States Army. After extensive training at Camp Shelby it was transferred on April 15, 1942 to Camp Young, Cal., and became one of the initial units of the Desert Training Center and Major General Patton's Task Force.

### In Three Maneuvers

In 22 months the battalion has taken part in three maneuvers, has spent 10 of the 22 months in the field, 8 months in the desert, and has covered 11 states from coast to coast. It is believed to be the only unit to have been attached to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Armies and the Seventh Corps of the United States.

During recent months 130 men have left the battalion to attend various Officer Candidate Schools, and five gun crews were selected to serve with the Army Transport Service.

The organization is commanded by Lt. Col. H. A. McLaughlin.

## Had To Disclaim 'Flying Tigers'

Despite publicity accorded the Tank Destroyers and the Panther emblem, Lt. John E. Durst, motor officer of the 605th TD Bn., faced some embarrassment on a recent trip to New Orleans.

Because of the TD shoulder patch Lt. Durst was mistaken for a Flying Tiger and was forced to jeopardize his enjoyment of southern hospitality by entering a correction. The lieutenant reports that he was able to straighten the matter out, however, and that S. H. continued to bubble over.

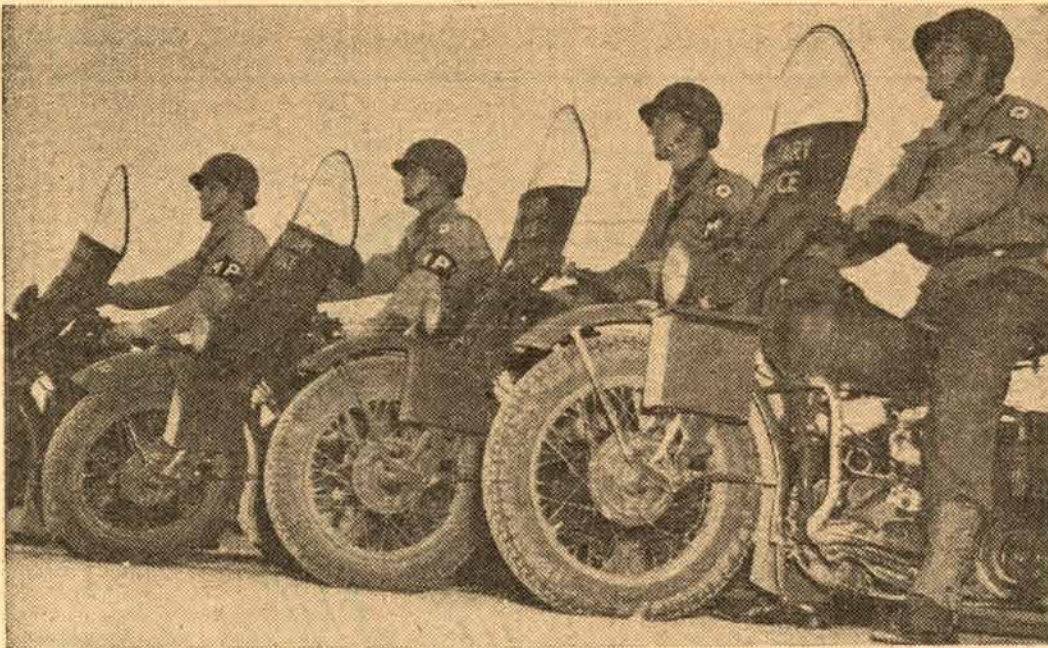
## Officers Clothing Store Opened In TD School Area

A store catering to officer clothing needs, was recently opened, on Battalion Avenue and 25th Street.

This store serves the officer personnel of TDS with a complete line of uniforms, accessories and merchandise at reasonable cost.

Important factor to prospective OCS graduates, is, that immediately upon being commissioned second lieutenant, they can walk into the Officers Clothing Store and obtain, without delay, authentic clothing and supplies as will benefit their new rank.





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## Theirs Is An All-Season, All-Weather Job

Part of the 360 Military Police assigned to Camp Hood and the surrounding area line up their motorcycles for the photographer. In fair weather and foul these boys work as policemen, and walking information bureaus. See story at right.

## Brother Of Giant Catcher Now In 128th Battalion

By PVT. C. B. BARBRE  
Co. C, 128th T.D. Bn, RTC

Pvt. Frank Mancuso, brother of Gus, great catcher of the New York Giants, arrived in Company "C" of 128th TD battalion this week happy that he is in a rough active outfit.

Frank hails from Houston, Tex., and is quite a ball player himself. Like Gus, he is a catcher. Last year he hit .270 for San Antonio of the Texas league and was scheduled for the St. Louis Browns this year until the TD's loomed in the picture and he became a V.O.C.

"What attracted you to the TD's, Frank?" we queried, noting at the same time his fine physique and resemblance to Gus.

"Activity is the answer," he shot back. "After this greatest of all world series is over and we've knocked the Axis right out of the park, I expect to continue my career. The TD's are tough and they must be in tip-top shape—I like activity."

Soldier, you're in the right outfit!

## Advances Given In 802nd TD Bn.

Recon Company of the 802nd TD Bn., has announced the following advancements in grade: S-Sgt. Harold Renker, Sgt. Daniel J. Scott, Sgt. Gary O'Connell, Sgt. Phil Bartanowitz, Sgt. Glen Heard, Sgt. Harold Murray, Cpl. Alfred Wells, Cpl. Walter Sittler, and Pvts. 1 Cl. Charles Stapleton, Moe Wallach and Harold Kline.

## Corporal To Colonel Is Record Of RTC Executive

Col. Christian Hildebrand, executive officer of the TD RTC, who was recently promoted from Lt. Col., was a corporal in 1915 in the Infantry stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Col. Hildebrand, who enlisted in 1915, is a graduate of USMA and was in the AEF of World War I. He became a 1st Lt. in 1920, saw service in the Philippines in 1923.

In 1931 Col. Hildebrand went to the canal zone where General A. D. Bruce was then a Captain in the 33rd Infantry, stationed at Ft. Clayton.

In 1934 he came back to the U. S. via Puerto Rico to Ft. Ontario, N. Y., where he received promotion to captain in 1935.

He went to the Philippine Islands in 1939 and inspected U. S. defenses in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Honolulu en route to San Francisco.

He came to Camp Hood in August, 1942 and served on the planning board of the then proposed RTC and has been executive officer since its activation in October.

## RTC Expands From Original Site; Will Move

The Replacement Training Center, commanded by Col. W. A. Dumas, has been greatly enlarged, taking over territory east and west of its original site, which was a small area with Headquarters at 41st Street and Battalion Avenue.

The army's only Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center will continue to expand and is tentatively scheduled to move to the Northern Camp, near Gatesville, in the early spring.

## Co. D Football Team Denies Opponents Score

The touch-football team representing Co. D, 127th Tng. Bn. RTC, boasts the victorious record of no defeats and an uncrossed goal line. In two contests, opponents were unable to chalk up a first down against this fast moving aggregation.

Regulars on the squad include: Pvts. Francis X. Lau, James Acomb and Mansel Badger with Tech. 4th Gr. Robert Ennis in the backfield. The line consists of Sgt. John Gordon and Pvts. Truman Dasher, Andrew Martin, Don Favrhaw, Paul Frazier and Adam Sapach. Other men who have played during the current season are Tech. 5th Gr. Joseph Gemza, and Pvts. Richard Skelton, Merle Kassler and Harold Donosky.

## Private And Mayor

CAMP STONEMAN, Cal. (CNS) —Pvt. Melvin Ladendorff, a cook here, rushes home on furloughs to conduct the business of the city at Roanoke, Ill. He is the mayor.

# There's More To Being An M. P. Than Frequenting Bars, Solacing Beautiful Women

By PFC C. L. CLOETTA, JR., 1848th UESC

There's much more to Military Police work than walking up and down streets and wandering in and out of bars (or is that work). Few people realize this, and fewer still have ever paused to wonder what processing a serviceman has to undergo before he can be considered a full fledged Military Policeman, or just what assignments he might be expected to undertake.

Town duty, for example, constitutes but a small part of the work accomplished by members of the Military Police Detachment stationed at Camp Hood.

This organization, commanded by Capt. John M. Parker, Jr., now comprises more than 300 enlisted men, and is expecting an expansion.

## Handle Guard Duties

Most of these men bunk in the cluster of barracks at the southeast corner of Warehouse Ave. and operate under the guiding hand of First Sgt. George A. Foster. The majority of this particular portion of the detachment handles interior guard duties on the Post. Men are assigned the task of guarding fifteen posts and outposts. Most of these posts entail night duty only; some, such as the water wells, are guarded on a 24-hour a day basis.

Every gate to Camp Hood is staffed by picked men, who regulate the flow of traffic into and out of camp, issuing passes to those entitled to receive them. Four men are sent nightly to Killdeer to patrol the town. Eight men alternate on a continuous day and night motorcycle patrol of the reservation, and jeeps equipped with two-way radios are used for patrolling in camp and in the Temple area.

## Twelve Drivers Used

Sentries must be taken to and brought back from their posts. This requires trucks, and trucks require drivers, so a group of twelve is detailed to handle the detachment rolling stock.

Because of the staggered shifts and tours of duty, the mess hall remains open permanently, and an oversized set of cooks, orderlies, and KPs is required to feed the stream that flows through its doors. By the same token, any attempt at a bed-check would be somewhat of a hopeless task, as at practically any time, there are MPs going to bed, getting up from a sleeping stint, well into a session of Morpheus-wooing, and halfway through a work assignment—and it's never the same combination for four days running!

## Work On Weekends

Weekends, when the average soldier seeks release from the rigors of camp life by a short sojourn in the city, extra work assignments scatter a force of military police to the surrounding towns of Gatesville, Cameron, and Lampasas, to restrain the more exuberant. The men sent to Gatesville on week-end duty supplement the force of seven men

kept there permanently on detached service.

Keeping this organization in smooth running order, so that the proper men in the correct number are at the right place at the right time is a constant headache to the first sergeant and his office staff. Care must be taken that duty assignments are not made in such a manner that men come off work and discover they are scheduled to go back on immediately at some other post. Sufficient time must be left between stints to allow for sleep and training. Guard rosters must be completely revised twice a week, in order to handle the many changes caused by constant rotation of men and the "pulling" of men for special duty, passes and furloughs—and enough men must be left over to take care of extra duty over the weekends.

## Live In Stockade

Seventy-one men, headed by First Sgt. Leonard E. Nogle and Staff Sgt. Jacob Slemenski, a pair of veterans with a combined Army service of more than 50 years, live and work at the Post Stockade. It is their job to guard the unfortunate characters who have managed to get themselves consigned to that august and venerable institution. This prison guard allots and supervises the work, play, and drilling of the prisoners.

A force of some 35 men is kept in Temple permanently, and stays at the C.C.C. Camp. These men are under 1st Lt. James W. Hunter, Assistant Provost Marshal, and Tech Sgt. N. W. Hubbard, and attend mainly to the patrolling of the town, checking "Off limits" spots for violators, handling inebrious militants, and "working" bus and railroad stations, where they maintain order and act as information booths for military personnel. They check servicemen for proper uniform, and enforce curfew and other military laws and regulations.

## Buys War Bonds

Reconnaissance Company, 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion, has subscribed to a man for War Bonds. Fifty-one percent of the company's 110 men had invested in War Bonds before the recent drive.

# 85 Years Service Backs Personnel Dept.

Operations of the Post Personnel office are backed by a wealth of military experience to judge by the records of three key men. The careers of Lt. Col. A. Tabachnick, Post Personnel Officer, Capt. Ernest J. Reed, Ass't Personnel Officer, and M-Sgt. K. K. Smith represent 85 years of Army service. And the experience of this trio is as colorful and varied as it is long.

Colonel Tabachnick tops 26 years of service as Infantry officer, aerial observer, instructor and executive with an up-to-the-minute understanding of tankbusting. The Colonel was an early graduate of the Tank Destroyer School, then located at Gatesville, before going to Camp Swift last June to command the newly activated 820th TD Battalion.

## Commissioned In 1918

Commissioned in November 1916, Col. Tabachnick served with the 18th Infantry, one of the first

contingents to reach France in World War I. After assignments as instructor in the gunners school at Gondercourt and aerial observer with the 104th Squadron (French), he was transferred to the First American Squadron. He returned to duty with the 18th Infantry at his own request in order to participate in the attack on Soissons.

Col. Tabachnick holds the Silver Star citation for participation in an air battle in which he was wounded three times. He was cited for bravery by the Commanding General of the First Army, and received the Purple Heart decoration, oldest in the American service.

## Was Commanding Officer

After the last war, he served as Commanding Officer of the Flying School detachment at Post Field, Ft. Sill, Okla., and with the 10th Infantry and 35th Infantry in Hawaii. Following tours

as Ass't PMS&T at the University of Illinois and the City College of New York, the colonel served as Provost Marshal on the staff of the 3rd Division and later commanded special troops at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Before coming to Texas, he was Commanding Officer of the Provisional Regiment of the Fifth Corps Area Service Command at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Born in Cincinnati, Col. Tabachnick was schooled in St. Louis and entered military service immediately upon his graduation from the University of Missouri in 1916.

## Started In 1903

Captain Reed began his military career with enlistment in 1903. He served with the Cavalry in all grades up to and including 1st Sergeant before being commissioned as 1st Lieutenant with the Quartermaster Corps in 1918. In this capacity he served overseas as an inspector for the Remount

Service and was given the rank of captain in October of the same year.

Returning to this country in 1919, Capt. Reed retired his commission in August and re-enlisted the next day. He was restored to his former grade of 1st sergeant. He served subsequently as Ass't P.M.S. & T. at St. Johns college, Annapolis and warrant officer with Hq. 3rd Corps Area, Baltimore. Following three years in Panama, he was assigned to Hq. 8th Corps Area at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, until his retirement in 1936 after more than 32 years of service. He was commissioned as a captain and assigned to his present post on October 10.

## In Cuban Occupation

Capt. Reed's early cavalry experience includes the Cuban occupation, 1906-09, and the Mexican campaign with Pershing. He served with the old 8th cavalry at Ft. Sill which was assigned to

guard Apache prisoners including the notorious Geronimo with whom Capt. Reed was well acquainted.

The career of M-Sgt. Smith covers a 26-year period starting with enlistment in 1917. He has seen service in almost all branches of the army including in infantry, field artillery, coast artillery and the former air corps.

## Praises New System

In his present personnel work, Sgt. Smith is impressed with the change-over in the army from the horse-and-buggy days to complete mechanization and the availability of men to operate these vehicles with a minimum of training. He says that service records showing specialties as chauffeurs and drivers have replaced the old listing as teamsters, and that these soldiers are well qualified to handle the problems of a mechanized army.





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Time And The TD's

From Time Magazine last week came high praise for the work of Tank Destroyers in Africa.

In a footnote to an article discussing the training of troops, "Prelude to Battle," Time editors said: "The Tank Destroyer Command lies closest to Artilleryman McNair's (Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Chief of the Army Ground Forces) heart. The tank destroyer, or mobile anti-tank gun is his child. Last week's news from Africa (see Page One) indicated that General McNair's tank destroyer had been "vindicated."

Training Is Keynote

That the tank destroyers are "closest to Artilleryman McNair's heart" and that they have "been vindicated" by news from Africa may be because the training at tank destroyers' home, Camp Hood, may be closer to his idea of a prelude to battle.

For it is Lt. Gen. McNair who is considered, as Time says, "the 20-minute hardboiled realist of the U. S. high command." It is he who said recently, "Our soldiers must have the fighting spirit. If you call that hating our enemies, then we must hate with every fiber of our being. We must lust for battle; our object in life must be to kill. . . . Since killing is the object of our efforts, the sooner we get in the killing mood, the better and more skillful we shall be when the real test comes. The struggle is for survival—kill or be killed."

Learn Before Battle

In a recent broadcast to the troops in his home command he said, "There is no doubt that Americans can and will fight; when aroused they are brave in battle. You are going to get killing mad eventually; why not now, while you have time to learn thoroughly the art of killing? Soldiers learn quickly and well in battle, but the method is costly to both you and the nation."

Perhaps, then, there is logical reason for the closeness of tank destroyers to his heart, for it is here at Camp Hood that some of the Army's most realistic, rugged battle training is presented.

It is here, if anywhere, that training methods are following closely the beliefs of able Lt. Gen. McNair.

May Set Pace

If then, as the news indicates, the training methods used here are paying dividends over there, we may look for much of the work which is being pioneered here at Camp Hood to set the pace throughout the army.

Major General A. D. Bruce, Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center, recently said, "We are developing methods and weapons which will confuse the enemy and lead to his defeat."

Men of the Tank Destroyer Center may well be making history.

No Comment

Reports by Associated Press from Allied Headquarters in North Africa yesterday told of French Forces using some American Tank-destroying equipment among their weapons and "smashed back a heavy tank attack by Germans and Italians.

"Two of the attacking German tanks were smashed, four others burned out and many more damaged, the French reported."

No editorial comment required.

Speak Up

This is the third edition of 'The Hood Panther'.

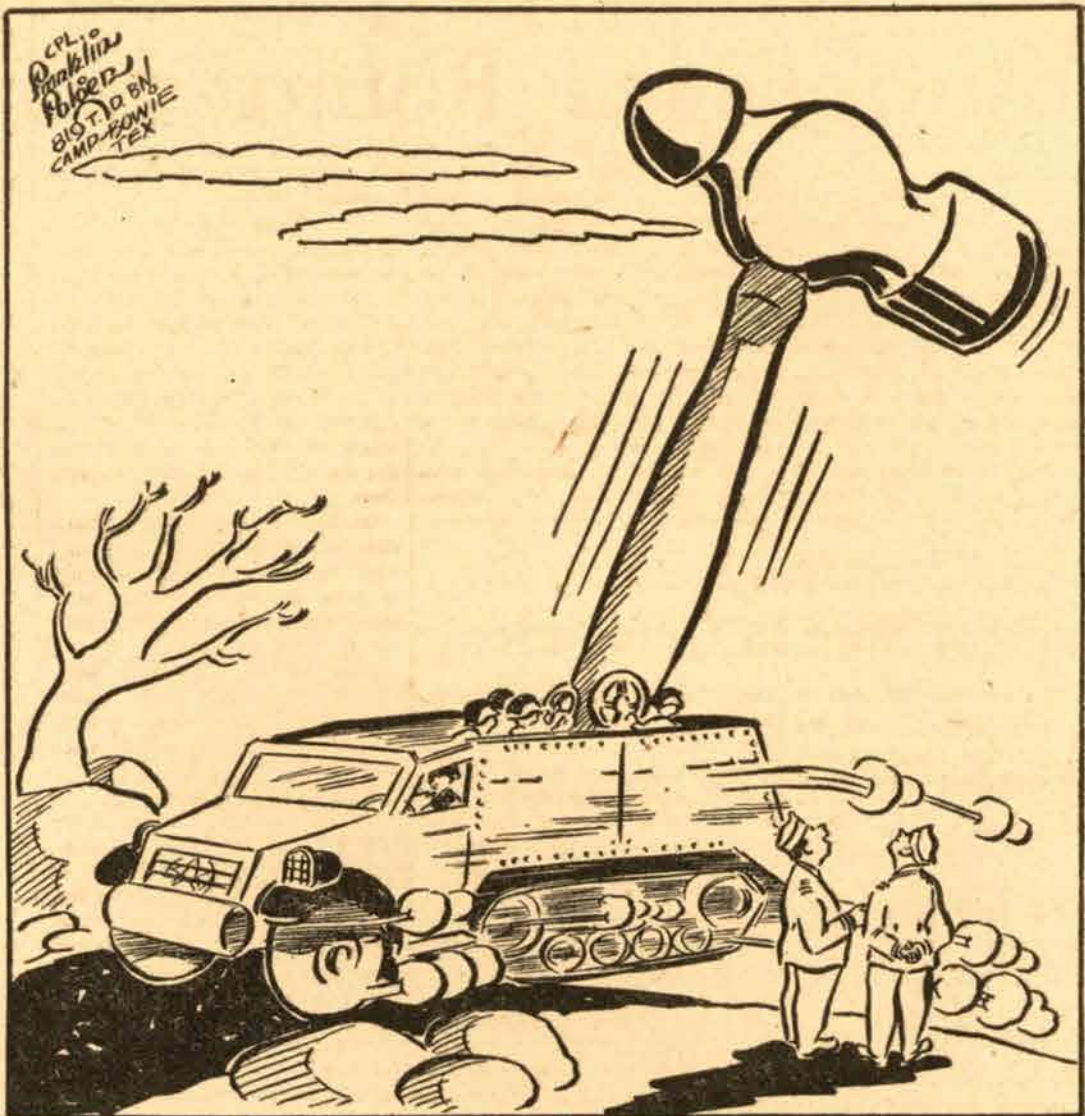
Gradually, we are defeating the problem of handling the great mass of copy which comes to our desk each week from units throughout Camp Hood. Gradually we are finding new ways in which we can serve you, the personnel of Camp Hood.

But it takes time. You can help us with this. Suggestions naming features you would like to read, pictures you would like to have printed and the style in which you would like to have these things presented to you are welcomed by the Panther staff.

Drop us a note now through message center, or better still, stop in at the Special Service Office.

We'll be glad to hear from you.

Take A Break



"It's Our New Secret Tank Destroyer Weapon"

Looking Under The Hood

An unusual opportunity for a red-headed tank destroyer between the ages of 40 to 44 years was offered this week . . . It was contained in a letter from a woman in Canton, Ohio to "Any Commanding Officer, Camp Hood, Texas." . . . The letter follows: "If you happen to know any soldiers in your camp 40 to 44 years of age, single, preferably red heads, who would like to correspond with me, please have them write." . . . Then the letter adds, very subtly, "Incidentally, my husband is dead!"

The New Year came to Camp Hood rather quietly . . . Having never spent New Years Eve in an Army camp before we don't know how it compared with previous years, but although there was much merry-making, dancing, singing and eating, the Tank Busters were

not over jubilant . . . Perhaps they realized a year of responsibility was coming up . . . The page of pictures contained in this issue depicts rather fairly a cross section of activities which heralded the New Year . . . Of course, we haven't a photo of the minority who passed their time lying on the bunks "dreaming of a tight New Year"

Unless a musician gets into the band he hasn't much time to express himself in his art while in the army . . . You can't stop 'em though . . . They form swing bands which are the highlight of dances . . . More often, gather in private swing sessions . . . In Co. D, 127th TD Bn., RTC, a group of the boys really swing out . . . Included are Pvt. Samuel Cumber, guitar; Pvt. George Bergman, banjo and double on bass, and saxophone; Pvt. Loren Mast, marimba; Pvt. Don Favrow, saxophone; Pvt. Sam Fenn, Drums, and Pvt. Joe "Doc" Haller, vocals . . . Let's hear from some more musicians.

An interesting display of photographs is now being shown at the 37th St. Service Club . . . Sgt. Martin S. Snyder, Academic Regt., TDS., obtained the prints from the Eastman Kodak Co., while on furlough recently . . . They are prize-winners in a recent nation-wide newspaper photo contest . . . They will be displayed starting Friday in Club No. 2 . . . Another series from the museum of modern art will be displayed by Sgt. Synder here soon.

Quip Lashes  
by I. A. S.

A native Texan claims that this state seldom has "beastly" weather. That's when it rains cats and dogs, we presume.

We soldiers are constantly urged to make allotments for National Life Insurance. It does seem to be the best policy.

Photographers, both inside and outside the Army, are having some difficulty in obtaining flash bulbs which are good for only one use. Their life is not very long, just a flash in the pan.

A gay, young blade, of which the novelist always write, is one of these fellows, who's always cutting in on you at an Army dance, we presume

Guard Duty Takes On New Meaning For This Soldier

Pvt. Alvin O'Neill of the Medical Detachment, 643d TD Bn., has learned by sad experience that it pays to keep guards over his own property as well as that of others.

O'Neill was on dispensary duty at noon and watched everything with jealous care. After finishing his period, he found only two articles missing. They were his towel and soap.

SOUND OFF

Editor, The Hood Panther:  
The year '42 came and now has gone. '43 is rushing on. The experience we've had in '42 tempered our will and our hearts for the job we must do. So let's greet '43 with a warm, friendly hand, resolved to use each minute to the best advantage we can, and gain the victory in '43 that will mean for the world—LIBERTY.  
Sgt. John W. Gates,  
264th Ordnance Co. (MM)  
Camp Hood, Texas.

Four Civilians, Nine Enlisted Men Work In Engineer Property Office

The Camp Hood Engineer Property Office, located in the Quartermaster warehouse, is manned by a staff of four civilian employees and nine enlisted men.  
Lt. C. G. Livingstone serves as Property Officer and is assisted by S/Sgt. G. E. Thurston, Sgt. Homer B. Slease, Cpl. John W. Born, and Privates W. C. Stancel, W. R. Dayries, Luciano Lopez, Mathias T. Bates, Walter J. Wittek, and Charles J. Rose, Jr.  
Civilian employees are Charles D. Yarbrough, storekeeper, and Mrs. Verna Foyt and Mrs. Anita Tudor, clerical help.  
The office was started in April and was originally located in Temple. It moved to Camp Hood in August.

Army Quiz

- 1. What is meant when an airplane is referred to as a "duck?"
- 2. Why do soldiers prefer riding in an upper berth in a troop movement?
- 3. For what, beside his ride, was Paul Revere famous?
- 4. Should a soldier carry a wounded man to the rear during combat?
- 5. How many airplanes did the United States have in 1913, one year before outbreak of World War I
- 6. What is a "swastika trench?" (Answers Page Eight)



# War Writes Sequel To Bataan-Born Romance

Lieutenant Dorothea Engel is smiling again.

To those of you who do not know her story this may not seem unusual, but it is.

It is a story of love, courage, faith and woman's intuition.

Let us tell it to you.

On Feb. 19, 1942, Dorothea Mae Daley took Emanuel Engel, Jr., to be her wedded husband. What is unusual about this, you ask? Well, quite a bit.

## Unusual Wedding

There was no ring, no license,

no bouquet, no veil, no Mass. It was Lent, a season during which Catholics are forbidden to wed. Everybody in the wedding party, including the bride, was in khaki.

Sounds of bombs were in the distance, rather than wedding bells. The bride's feet were encased in huge army boots. Two male witnesses heard the exchange of vows. Following this unusual ceremony, bride and groom had a six-hour honeymoon.

For you see, Lt. Dorothea Mae Daley, a United States Army Nurse,

married Lt. Emanuel Engel, Jr., on Bataan at the height of the Japanese attack.

## Time Was Short

The newly-weds saw each other at least twice a week until April 1, so they were not separated for six weeks. During that time the groom had a severe attack of malaria and was sent to Bataan to the hospital. He was placed in another ward than the one in which his wife was on duty, but she managed to see him now and then.

On April 8 orders came to evacuate to Corregidor. In the meantime her husband had returned to duty, and his nursewife, with other refugees, reached the shelter of "The Rock."

Here for 20 days they were bombed constantly. She never heard from her husband during the whole terrible period after evacuating Bataan.

## Never Doubted

Yet, Lt. Dorothea Engel never gave up hope of seeing her husband again.

Shortly after her return to the United States she was assigned to duty at the Camp Hood Station Hospital where she is now on duty as assistant chief nurse.

Then at last, late in December, a reward for her faith and love.

A Red Cross telegram, through the War Department, revealed that her husband, missing in action since the fall of Bataan, was safe and had been in a Japanese concentration camp since April.

"Yes, I have something to smile about now," said never-doubting Lt. Dorothea Engel this week as she went about her duties at Camp Hood Station Hospital.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

## She Smiles Again

Lt. Dorothea Engel, assistant chief nurse at the Camp Hood Station Hospital, has good cause to smile. Her husband, Lt. Emanuel Engle, whom she married in battle during the Jap attack on Bataan and whom she has not heard from since, has been reported alive in a Jap concentration camp. See story at left.

# DEML Corporal Said To Be Funniest Man In Camp Hood

Comedy sometimes flourishes on strange nourishment. Take the case of Corporal Charlie Green who is being touted by DEML as the funniest man in camp.

With some help from the Talent

Circuit of the Special Service office, Cpl. Charlie has organized and directed a series of variety shows which have wowed DEML and attracted audiences from other sections of this post. Sparking those presentations with an emcee job built around an insistent mothering of both talent and audience, has been the serio-comic Cpl. Green.

While entertainment is a comparatively new field for the corporal, the business of war is not. As a merchant marine Seaman Green made the acquaintance of the Kaiser's U-boats in the last World War and tells of ships blasted from under him.

After the outbreak of present hostilities, Green, again a merchant marine seaman, twice felt the chill of north Atlantic waters as two tankers went down in result of enemy action. In the second sinking, Green had just come off duty in the engine room when the ship was struck, and was one of 33 men picked up by the Coast Guard and taken to an east coast port. The nine men in the engine room at the time of the explosion were killed instantly.

Cpl. Green started entertaining at the Seamen's Institute in New York City. He has been in the Army since August.

# Solon Lauds Hood Program During Visit

Congressman W. R. Poage, 11th Texas district representative in Congress, saw his district's biggest military project at Camp Hood, Dec. 29, and expressed his unqualified approval of the camp and the training activities being carried on here.

Poage was guest of honor at a luncheon at the Officers club at noon. Accompanied by Major General A. D. Bruce, commanding general, he witnessed Tank Destroyer demonstrations and inspected post installations including the mammoth new bakery. After observing the organization necessary to provide for the functioning of the nation's largest camp, Poage lauded the accomplishments at Camp Hood, stating that he could not conceive of such enormous development in so short a time.

# New Officers Join Engineers

The 374th Engineer Battalion has added a group of new officers recently graduated from the O.C.S. at Fort Belvoir, Va. They are 2ns Lts. Samuel S. Beary, Unionville, Mo., Carl R. Bogese, Hopewell, Va., Shannon D. Ford, Huntsville, Va., John P. Gaul, Jr., Red Bank, N. J., John K. Holst, Columbia, S. C., Webster R. Lawler, Norfolk, Va., and William E. Powers, Douglas, Ga.

# Mail Orderly Performs Real Service For Men

A beacon for other mail orderlies to follow is the performance of Pvt. 1 Cl. Hubert Burns of Co. D, 127th Bn. RTC. Burns, who knows the name of every man in his company even though he can't pronounce some of them, allows no circumstance to disturb his daily deliveries.

Recently one of those busy nights popped up with some of the men away getting "shots" and the others attending school. When the men finally returned to barracks at 9:45 p. m. none had received his letters from home. Burns held mail call at 10 p. m.

## Could Get 'Canned'

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (CNS)—The vice squad entered the apartment of Robert Plumley and found no liquor but 19 five-gallon cans of gasoline.

# Special Service Events Popular During Holiday

Popularity of the various activities sponsored by the Special Service office hit a new high on Sunday, Dec. 27th according to totals reported. All service clubs and cafeterias operated at capacity throughout the day while Camp War Department theaters recorded an attendance of 8,127, the largest to date.

A check of the guest houses shows that 162nd street had three empty beds while 37th street had only two. The 72nd street house was completely occupied.

In the cafeteria at the 162nd St. service club, 1,545 meals were served. The cafeteria at 37th street accommodated 1,326 persons and the 72nd street food shop dispensed \$61.40 worth of sandwiches.

Total receipts for this date were \$1,479.06 exclusive of the picture shows.

# Killeen Church Sounds Welcome For Servicemen

Soldiers of Camp Hood are extended a welcome by the First Methodist church of Killeen.

Recreation, games and fellowship are offered every Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the home of the Reverend and Mrs. Ellis, three doors from the church.

## Signs Failed

Two sign painters were fined \$50 each for smoking while at work. The signs they were painting on a Hudson River pier read: "No Smoking."

# Hood Officers Speak Tonight Dedication USO

Major Gen. A. D. Bruce, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, Col. C. M. Thirkeld, post commander, and Col. James M. Bethea, commanding officer of the McCloskey General hospital, will speak tonight at the formal dedication of the remodeled Temple USO club.

A reception and dance at the new club will be held for the enlisted men of Camp Hood at 8:30 Saturday evening. A floor show composed of Camp Hood talent will be featured.

Formerly a YMCA building, the new Temple USO clubhouse is one of the largest in the state containing such unusual features as a swimming pool and bowling alley.

# Unusual Music Group Formed In Co. B, 128th

Company "B," 128th Bn., RTC, has a unique musical organization organized recently by enlisted men in the company from North Carolina and South Carolina mainly. Whenever it has a few spare moments during the day, or at night, the group has an informal "sing-song," including everything from folk songs to "hill-billy" tunes.

The only instrument used is a slightly worn guitar that is played by practically everyone. Pvt. Perry W. Turner, spokesman for the group, believes that his organization can hold its own with any similar musical outfit in Camp Hood.

## Was Representative

Candidate Perry R. Riggs, 9th Co., OCS Regt., was a Representative in the state legislature of Oklahoma before entering the service.



# Chapel Services

PROTESTANT  
(Non-denominational)  
Sunday, Jan. 10.  
9:30 A. M.

CHAPEL .....268th and Service Drive  
CHAPEL 639 .....162nd near Battalion  
CHAPEL 902 .....50th at Hqts  
CHAPEL 1156 .....37th at Hqts  
HOSPITAL .....Red Cross Building

10:00 A. M.

REC HALL 811 .....Bn. at 69th  
11:00 A. M.

POST CHAPEL .....52nd at Hqts  
CHAPEL 176 .....Brigade at 164th  
CHAPEL 289 .....Brigade at 168th  
CHAPEL 639 .....162nd near Battalion  
CHAPEL 1156 .....37th at Hqts  
CHAPEL 902 .....50th at Hqts  
CHAPEL 2109 .....37th at Hqts  
CHAPEL 2209 .....Bn in TDS Area  
6:30 P. M.

CHAPEL 115 .....268th and Service Drive  
CHAPEL 902 .....50th at Hqts.  
CHAPEL 639 .....162nd near Battalion  
CHAPEL 1156 .....37th at Hqts  
CHAPEL 2109 .....37th at Hqts  
CHAPEL 2209 .....Bn. in TD SCH Area  
REC HALL .....Bn at 69th

BIBLE SCHOOLS  
10:00 A. M.

CHAPEL 2109 .....37th at Hqts  
CHAPEL 639 .....162nd near Battalion

## FOR COLORED TROOPS

CHAPEL 513 .....Battalion at 69th  
10:45 A. M. 6:30 P. M.

Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.

STOCKADE ..... 2:00 P. M.

ROMAN CATHOLIC  
Confession

Thursday, Jan. 7

CHAPEL 902 .....50th at Hqts—5:30 P. M.  
CHAPEL 176 .....Brig. at 164th—5:30 P. M.

## MASS

Sunday, Jan. 10

HOSPITAL .....6:30 A. M.  
CHAPEL 1156 .....37th at Hqts—7:00 A. M.  
CHAPEL 289 .....Brig. at 168th—9:30 A. M.  
CHAPEL 2209 .....Bn. in TDS Area—9:30 A. M.  
HOOD ROAD Theater .....11:00 A. M.  
162nd St. Theater .....11:00 A. M.

## EPISCOPAL

Sunday, Jan. 10

CHAPEL 289 .....Brigade at 170th.

## JEWISH

Friday, Jan. 8

CHAPEL 902 .....50th at Hqts.

## LUTHERAN

Sunday, Jan. 10

POST CHAPEL .....52nd at Hqts

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Thursday, Jan. 7

Sunday, Jan. 10

CHAPEL 1156 .....37th at Hqts



## Camp Post Exchange System Sells Goods At Low Cost; Returns Profits To Soldiers

Part of that dollar you spend at your favorite Px. goes right back into your own pocket . . . or the equivalent.

Despite the set-up of the Post Exchange system which aims to provide essentials to military personnel at lowest cost, there is some resultant profit which is divided among participating organizations on the basis of strength returns. One such dividend has been paid already by the comparatively young Camp Hood Exchange. Through the channel of company funds this profit turns up in the form of day room or other recreational equipment.

## From Captain To Private And Back To Captain Again

Capt. Thomas Denny, AGD, who became adjutant of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, Thursday was a captain in the 212th C.A.A.A. June 7, 1929 the captain was a private in the same outfit, and Aug. 2, 1942 was commissioned captain once again.

When the U. S. entered the war Capt. Denny, who had retired, was residing in Bermuda and 10 days later returned in order to re-enter the service. As the captain had dropped his reserve commission in Nov. 1930, and was overage for a commission, he re-enlisted in his old outfit, coming up the hard way, finally attaining the rank of 1st Sgt., carrying on as such for 18 months.

Re-commissioned Aug. 2, 1942, Capt. Denny came to Camp Hood assigned as ass't. adj. at the Tank Destroyer school and a week ago became adjutant of the Replacement Training Center.

Capt. Denny, member of the famous Knickerbocker Grays, attended Yale university, has traveled widely, is an expert horseman and rifleman, and now resides with Mrs. Denny and daughter, Faith, at 1403 N. Main St., Temple, Texas.

## Death Claims Member Of 605th

The 605th TD battalion has received word of the death of S/Sgt. Dorris, Hq. Co., on Dec. 23 at Station Hospital, Camp Bowie, Texas, following a prolonged illness.

Sgt. Dorris was one of the original members of the outfit when

it was known as the 5th anti-tank battalion at Fort Custer, Mich.

### In Big Business

And the service of providing the soldiers of this camp with everything from soap to soda pop, runs into big business. Rating as one of the largest exchanges in the country, the Hood organization under the direction of Major Herbert R. Hayes, Post Exchange Officer, operates 16 exchanges on the post and four branches serving troops on the reservation. In addition there are two mobile units which take care of the needs of personnel entraining or detraining. A main office, a warehouse and clothing store complete the picture.

### Civilians On Job

Assisting Major Hayes in getting that tooth paste into your hands when you want it, is a staff of some 375 civilian employees. About half of this staff is feminine for which Allah has received no small praise and thanks. The romance angle is a by-product, however, and does not appear on the company books.

### Cost Is Low

Essential items such as cleaners are sold through the Px at cost or below cost. Clothing is offered to the soldier at a 15 per cent mark-up. Profit on the operation of the Exchange as a whole is limited to the bracket of 5 to 71 per cent. Matches, normally a high profit item, are supplied free.

Rounding out the accommodations offered by the Px are barber shops and tailor shops, both operated on a concession basis under regulations prescribed by the Post Exchange.

Recent surveys of the camp have disclosed that hundreds of professional and amateur dance band musicians are now stationed here. The "1943 Swing Session" is expected to attract large numbers of these musicians, many who formerly played with name bands.

Warrant Officer Joseph B. Renn, T. D. Band, and Warrant Officer L. R. Brissey of the 113th Cavalry Band, will act as judges.

## Start Licking Your Chops Cats, A Hot Session's Coming

Solid Senders of jive will be given a chance to show their stuff in Camp Hood the night of Jan. 13 at the "1943 Swing Session."

Under supervision of the Special Service Office two swing contests will be held simultaneously in the 37th St. and 162nd St. Service Clubs, beginning at 7:45 p. m.

All dance bands, and swing combinations, have been invited to enter the contest in which surprise prizes will be awarded the first three winners in each com-

petition. Entrants should signify their willingness to compete by contacting the Special Service Office, phone 729.

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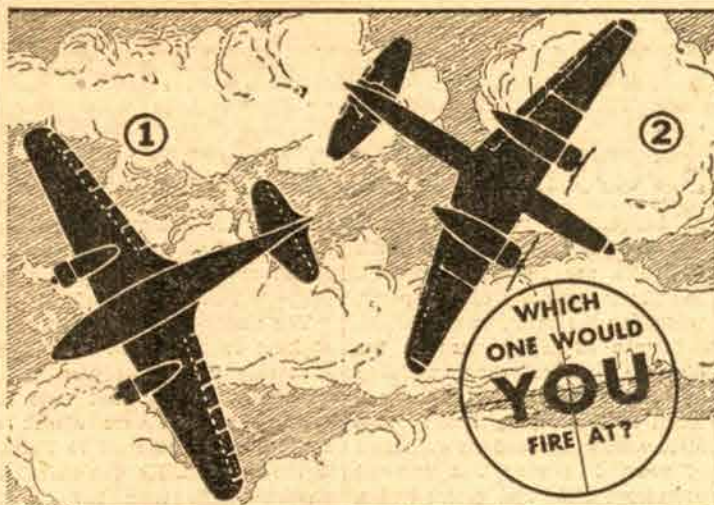
## Theater Schedules

### Hood Road and 37th St. Theaters

Thursday, Jan. 7: Yankee Doodle Dandy.  
Friday, Jan. 8: Journey for Margaret.  
Saturday, Jan. 9: Double feature—Silent Witness and The Great Gildersleeve.  
Sun.-Mon., Jan. 10-11: Palm Beach Story and March of Time  
Tuesday, Jan. 12: Sun Valley Serenade.  
Wed.-Thurs. Jan. 13-14: Whistling in Dixie.  
Friday, Jan. 15: Reunion in Paris.

### 162nd St. Theater

Thursday, Jan. 7: When Johnny Comes Marching Home.  
Fri.-Sat. Jan. 8-9: Yankee Doodle Dandy.  
Sunday, Jan. 10: Journey for Margaret.  
Monday, Jan. 11: Double feature—Silent Witness and the Great Gildersleeve.  
Tues.-Wed. Jan. 12-13: Palm Beach Story and March of Time.  
Thursday, Jan. 14: Sun Valley Serenade.  
Friday, Jan. 15: Whistling in Dixie.



**FIRE AT NO. 1!** It's the Japanese Mitsubishi Mc 20, a mid-wing bomber powered by two radial engines. The wings of this bomber are tapered to rounded tips. Nose of the long streamlined fuselage extends forward of the engine. The tailplane is tapered and has single fin and rudder.

**NOT AT NO. 2!** The Douglas A-20, known in the R.A.F. as the "Havoc," is a three crew attack bomber with two radial engines. The leading edges of the high midwings are untapered. The trailing edges are swept forward to narrow tips. Engine nacelles extend behind the wings, and the nose of the fuselage projects far forward of the wings. The tailplane is elliptical.

## Mail Study Offered Thru Army School

Available to soldiers of Camp Hood at low cost are 64 educational correspondence courses of the Army Institute and over 700 high school and college courses leading to credits and diplomas. All enlisted men are eligible to enroll for Army's Institute courses after four months of active service.

### War Department Course

The Army Institute was organized by the War Department and established at Madison, Wis., for the purpose of offering enlisted men a wide variety of studies which may add to a soldier's efficiency or help him improve

chances for promotion. Instruction is offered in business, scientific, technical, mechanical, industrial, liberal arts, and engineering fields. In fact, a soldier may study anything from accounting and aviation to trigonometry and welding.

### Two Choices Offered

A choice to two plans is provided. First, enlisted personnel may take any one of the 64 courses offered by the Army Institute itself. Arrangements are now being made for these courses to be accepted by high schools for credit. Second, either a high school or college course may be taken from any one of the 76 universities and colleges participating in the program.

The cost depends on which of the two plans is selected. For each Army Institute course the fee is \$2 payable upon enrollment. For courses under the university or college extension plan, the Gov-

ernment will pay half the text and tuition fee up to the amount of \$20. For example, if the course selected is \$15, the soldier pays only \$7.50. If the course is more than \$40, the Government pays \$20, and the service man pays the rest.

### Study As You Wish

Although there is a minimum time which should be spent in studying each course, it is up to the individual soldier to progress as fast or as slowly as he wishes or his leisure time will permit. Individual attention and help can be obtained from the Institute.

Librarians at Camp Hood service clubs have Army Institute cat-

## Promotions Of Officers In RTC Given

Capt. Daniel B. Williams, who has been promoted from 1st Lt., came to the RTC October 1, by way of Ft. Hoyle, Md., Ft. Bragg, N. C., and Ft. Sill, Okla., where he attained the grade of 1st Lt.

Capt. Howard B. Jones of 1229 S. 61st Street, Philadelphia, Pa., assigned to RTC headquarters, has been promoted from 1st Lt.

Capt. Jones was a 2nd Lt. in the 103rd Engineers, National Guard which was federalized February 17, 1941, and moved to Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa. From here the 103rd moved to Camp Livingston, La., where he was made a 1st Lt.

First Lieut. William R. Kenney, assigned to the 126th Bn., has been promoted from 1st Lt. Lt. Kenney is from 825 North Second St., Montrose, Colo.

1st Lt. M. W. Hill, adjutant of the 126th battalion whose home address is 203 Drake Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, has been promoted from 2nd Lt.

Lt. Hill was commissioned from ROTC, A&M college May 17, 1942, proceeding to Camp Wolters, Texas and came on to Camp Hood September 14th.

1st Lt. Menter G. Baker Jr. has been promoted from 2nd Lt.

Lt. Baker, originally from 3244 N.W. 21, Oklahoma City, moved to 618 Houston St., Muskogee, Okla. in 1937 and attended Oklahoma U. from which he was commissioned 2nd Lt., Field Artillery, ROTC, May 22, 1942 and assigned to Ft. Sill, transferring here October 1st.

1st Lt. James T. McAndrew Jr. has been promoted from 2nd Lt.

Lt. McAndrew, whose home is at 2508 Post Street, Jacksonville, Fla., attended the University of Florida, received his commission in the Field Artillery, ROTC, May 25, 1942, reported to Ft. Bragg, N. C., thence to Ft. Sill, Okla., and has been assigned here since October 1st.

along with complete listing of courses available and all forms and information necessary to enrollment.

## What's Cooking?

### Thursday, Jan. 7

Dance Night, 113th Cav. Band . . . . . 37th St. Service Club

### Friday, Jan. 8

Camp Hood Review . . . . . 8-10 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

Boxing . . . . . 7:30 p. m., Field House

Date Night, Dance Instruction . . . . . 37th St. Service Club

### Saturday, Jan. 9

Pie Contest, Variety Show . . . . . 8 p. m., 37th St. Service Club

All Soldier Party . . . . . 8-10:30 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

Theatrical Appearance

Dallas Little Theater presents,

"Petticoat Fever" . . . . . 7:30 p. m. Hood Road Theater

### Sunday, Jan. 10

"Petticoat Fever" . . . . . 2 p. m., Hood Road Theater

Jam Session, Dancing . . . . . 2:30 p. m., 37th St. Service Club

Musical Festival . . . . . 3-5:30 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

Symphonic Hour . . . . . 4 p. m., 37th St. Service Club

Verne Danielson, Rope Artist . . . . . 5 p. m., 37th St. Service Club

Sing Song . . . . . 8-8:30 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

Movies, Symphonic Hour, Games, . . . . . 8:30-10:30 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

### Monday, Jan. 11

Bingo With Prizes,

Games, Music . . . . . 8-10:30 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

### Tuesday, Jan. 12

Dance Night, Solos . . . . . 8-10:30 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

374th Eng. Glee Club, Variety Show,

Variety Show, 801st TD Dance Band . . . . .

8 p. m., Rec. Hall, 69th St., Bn. Ave.

### Wednesday, Jan. 13

Soldiers' Conga, Games, Bridge

Tournament . . . . . 8-10:30 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

### Thursday, Jan. 14

Exhibition Grape Vine Twist,

Sing Song . . . . . 8-10:30 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

### Friday, Jan. 15

Concert, 605 TD Bn. Drum & Bugle Corps;

Variety Show . . . . . Rec. Hall, 2249, Park Ave., 25th St.

Camp Hood Review . . . . . 8-10:30 p. m., 162nd St. Service Club

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### TRAINING BRIGADE

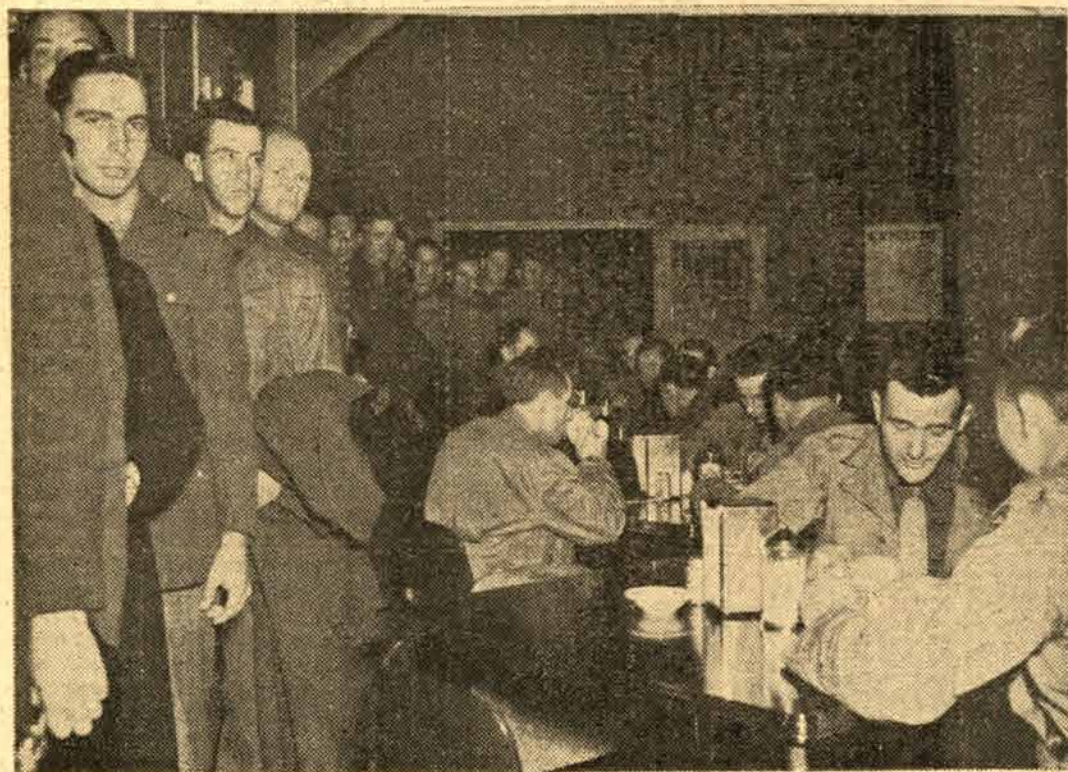
Sgt. Monroe W. Watkins, Sgt. George D. Folkes, Sgt. Lawrence W. Jernigan, Pvt. Perry H. Wilson, PFC Gaylord Dowd, T/Sgt. Henry Wiener, T/Sgt. Martin A. David, Pvt. Bernard Cohen, 2nd Lt. Willard L. Thompson, Pvt. Kenneth E. Sheehan, T/Sgt. Milford J. Seeman, PFC Samuel A. Lillibridge, Pvt. Donald S. Ross, T/Sgt. Alex Kozlowski.

### RTC

Pvt. Joe Espitalier, Pvt. C. B. Barbre, Pvt. W. J. Milligan, Cpl. Paul J. French, Pvt. Harold R. Alex, Pvt. Jerome L. Joas, Pvt. Julius DeSantis, Pvt. John W. Lacorro, Sgt. Robert N. Walker.



# Camp Hood Welcomes 1943



A Holiday means "eating out." Consequently, long lines of hungry men form at the Service Club cafeteria, waiting their turn at the food counter. Many celebrated the New Year holiday in this manner. Although there are few complaints about G. I. chow, most soldiers seem to welcome a change, especially during the holiday period.

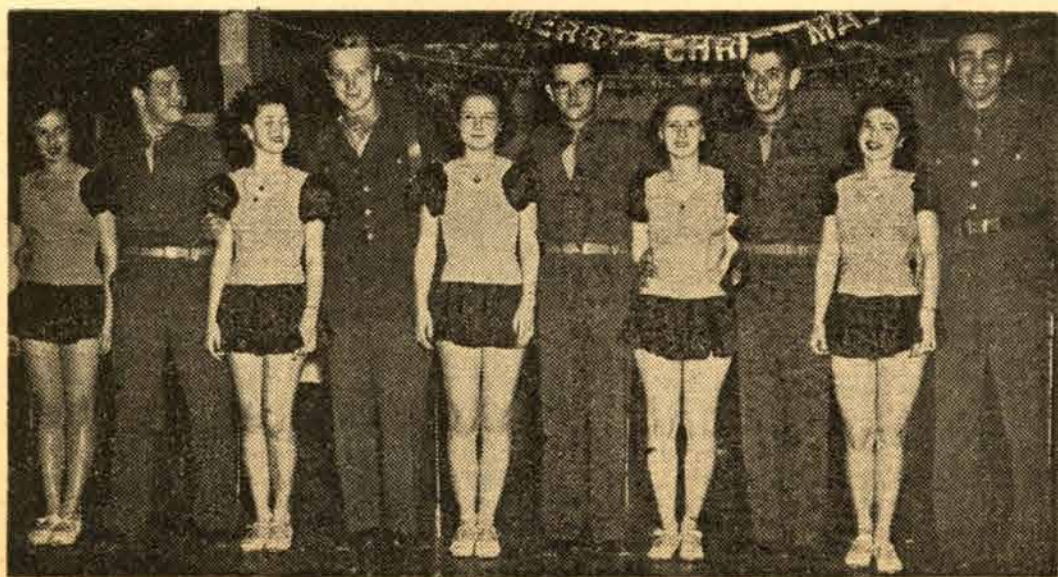
*In the Army, or out, Americans traditionally celebrate the arrival of the New Year. Although skeleton crews were on duty throughout the great camp, the majority of enlisted men swarmed to the Service Center Clubs, cafeterias, and Post Exchanges. Some attended chapel services. Others quietly spent the end of the old year writing to friends and relatives. A few ignored the celebrating, stayed in their barracks and went to bed. A Panther reporter, accompanied by a Signal Corps Photographer, made the rounds New Year's Eve.*



Mrs. Ida Mae Hefington, director of the 37th St. Service Club personifies the "in season and out" work of the Service Clubs.



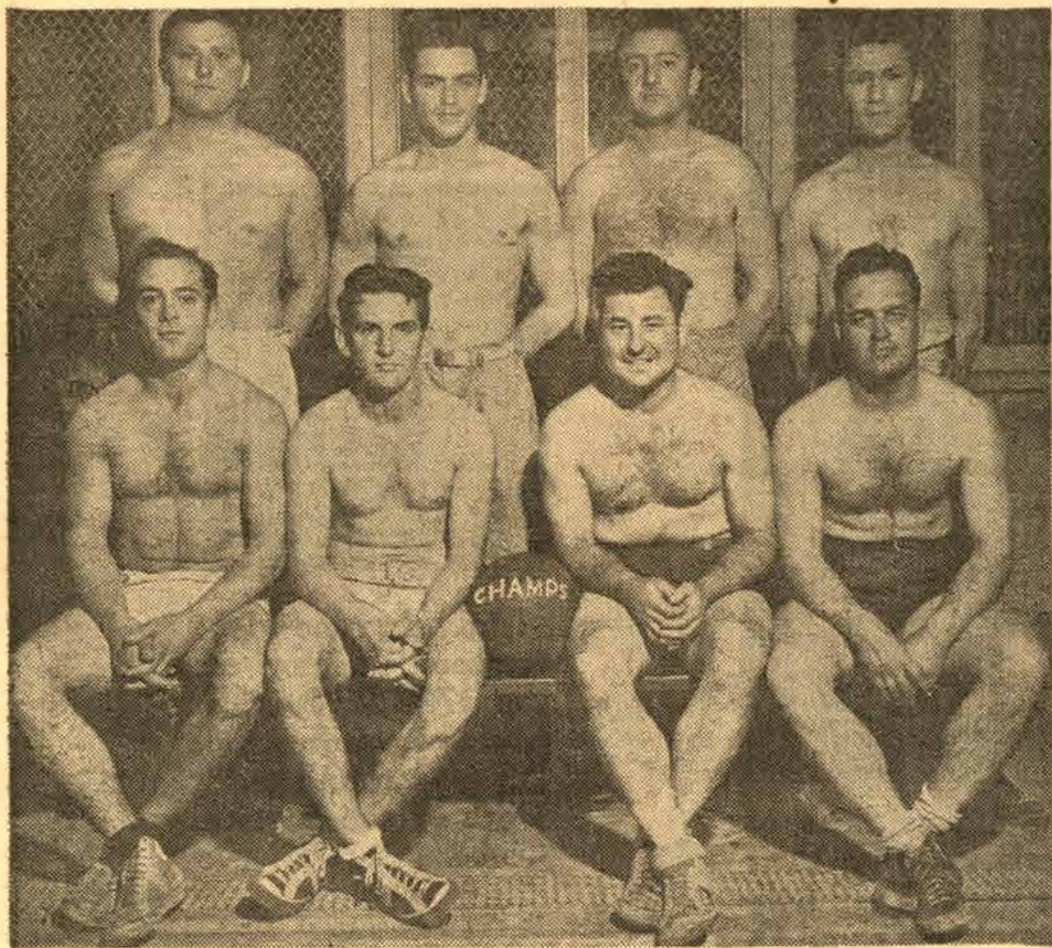
As the old year drew to a close, thoughts of many turned toward home and family. Candidate James A. Wing, 9th Co., OCS of Shelby, Mont., and PFC Clifton McDowell, Co. A, 127th Bn. RTC, of Candler, N. C., spend the closing moments of the year writing letters in the library.



One enjoyable way of spending the closing moments of 1942 is demonstrated by these five soldiers in the 37th St. Service Club. The girls came from Ft. Worth to present a floor show for men at Camp Hood.



# 771st Bn. Basketball Champs



## SPORTS SLANTS

## Defeats 128th In Playoffs To Take Title

**Camp Championship Contest Started Play Dec. 14 In Field House**

By defeating the court team of the 128th Bn. RTC, 19-17, Dec. 30, the fast-stepping basketballers of the 771st TD Bn. annexed the first basketball championship of Camp Hood. The game was the final playoff in the camp-wide elimination tournament which opened Dec. 14.

Held to even play during the first half which ended 7 to 7, the 771st grabbed an early lead in the final period and fought off last minute challenges to hold a two point margin at the concluding whistle. The losers showed a slight edge in team play but suffered a lapse in locating the cages and were unable to cash numerous opportunities.

### High Scorers Listed

Starring for the new champs and scoring all points but one field goal, were T-Sgt. Thomas P. Kiley and Pvt. Leo J. Canale. Sgt. Kiley, Headquarters Co., is a native of Brooklyn and played formerly on the St. Francis basketball team. Pvt. Canale, C Co., hails from Watertown, N. Y., and is a former All-American guard of Syracuse University.

Co-captains Sgt. Leo Griffith and Pvt. 1 Cl. Adolph Wojick, who had led their team to victory in earlier rounds, dominated play of the 128th in the final match. Pvt. Wojick, C Co., came to the Army from Connecticut and played formerly with the Bay Path Institute of Springfield, Mass. Sgt. Griffith, D. Co., comes from Philadelphia and has a background of both high school and semi-pro experience.

### Record Given

The title holders reached the finals by eliminating teams representing the Station Hospital and Academic Regt. No. 2 in the early rounds. After nosing out the 744th Tank Bn., 36 to 34 in the quarter-finals, the 771st came on to trounce the 629th TD Bn. by a convincing margin of 43 to 19 in semi-final play.

If transportation difficulties can be solved, Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, plans to use the regulars of the 771st as the nucleus of a team to represent Camp Hood against neighboring posts and institutions.

### The Line-up

771st TD Bn. (19)	128th Bn. RTC (17)
Kiley .....	Williams
Canale .....	Gardner
Hillgardner .....	Griffith
Adler .....	Wojick
Slaybod .....	Leaman
Substitutes, 771st, Jacoby, Banakus, Areskog; 128th, Horton and Ksionzyk. Officials: Pvt. 1 Cl. G. Drummond and Sgt. Sheflond of the 809th TD Bn. Timekeeper: 1st Lt. Wilson T. Betts.	

### Trained Abroad

Forty-three soldiers were commissioned at the first graduation exercises of the new U. S. Officers Candidate School in England, Dec. 9.

## Quiz Answers

1. An amphibian airplane, capable of landing on water or land.
2. Because in upper berths they sleep single and double in lower berths.
3. He made George Washington's first set of teeth.
4. No, not unless he has been detailed for that purpose. Medical or specially detailed personnel will take care of the job.
5. Seventeen.
6. A tank obstacle.

## They Won Basketball Tourney

Basketball squad of the 771st TD Battalion which won camp's first tournament. Top row l. to r. Thomas Canale, Frank Hillgardner, Meyer E. Adler, Thomas P. Kiley. Bottom row l. to r. William B. Areskog, Jr., Wilbur J. Jacoby, Lawrence Slaybod and Anthony J. Banakus.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

## Boxing Bouts Slated Here Friday Night

Following a holiday lull, boxing returns to the spotlight tomorrow night at the Field House with an attractive card of eight bouts. Interest in this sport has shown amazing growth as attested by the overflow of contestants and the crowd of some 1,500 which applauded the last matches on Dec. 18.

Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, reports a roster of sixty or more fighters from both amateur and professional ranks who await action in the weekly three-rounders. The list includes such names

as Sgt. Harold E. Mayer, 147 lbs., Co. C, 605th TD Bn., a former A.A.U. champion with 14 Golden Gloves contests and 35 professional fights to his credit; Cpl. Eugene R. Maranca, 135 lbs., 617th Ordnance Co. (AM), whose five year record shows both professional and amateur experience including competition in 20 Golden Gloves matches, and Pvt. Richard Cook, 135 lbs., Co. A, 127th Bn. RTC, a coming lightweight with a background of numerous appearances in the Chicago area.

The card for tomorrow night:

### BOXING

#### Friday Night, Field House

Pvt. Wm. J. Sinkovics 259th Ord Co., 128 lbs.	vs	Pvt. Francis Beshears 128th Bn. RTC, 125 lbs.
Pvt. Richard Cook 127th Bn. RTC, 130 lbs.	vs	Pvt. Rushing, 130 lbs. 607th T. D. Bn.
Pvt. James Kolar 128th Bn. RTC, 138 lbs.	vs	Pvt. William Norris 810th TD Bn., 134 lbs.
Pvt. Barzella Locke 49th QM Rg., 140 lbs.	vs	Pvt. Wade Jones QM Det (col), 140 lbs.
Sgt. Harold E. Mayer 605th TD Bn., 147 lbs.	vs	Pfc Owenby, 147 lbs. Co. B, 809th TD Bn.
Pvt. Joe A. Urga 811 TD Bn., 155 lbs.	vs	Pvt. Gordon A. Thompson 807th TD Bn., 160 lbs.
Pvt. Joseph Martinez 744th Tk Bn., 180 lbs.	vs	Pvt. Harold Hanben, DEML, 1848th, 185 lbs.
Pvt. Leo O. Stoll MP Det., 198 lbs.	vs	Pvt. Issac L. Brubaker 126 Tng Bn., 185 lbs.

## American Soldiers Give Reasons With Rhyme

SOMEWHERE IN BURMA (CNS)—Naga hillsmen on the Burma front asked for written assurance that the American soldiers were in the village only temporarily. Sgt. L. F. Meyer wrote a "lease" which read:

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
When the war ends,  
We'll skidoo.

## Lucky Shot This

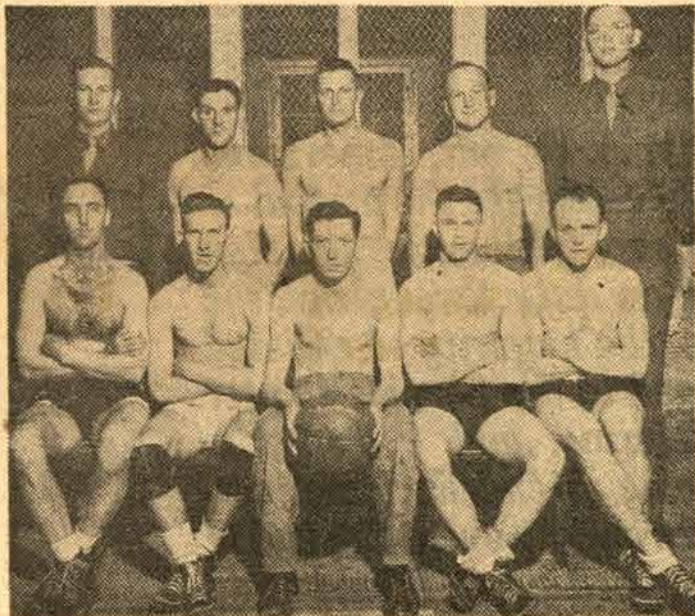
HANNIBAL, N. Y. (CNS)—Orin Draper returned empty handed from a six-day deer-hunting trip. While cleaning his gun in his backyard he sighted and killed a six-point buck.

## It Could Be

CHICAGO (CNS)—A convention of furniture men has concluded that men returning from the war will have grown accustomed to sleeping alone and will want twin beds.

## Team Developed

Company C, 644th TD Bn. has developed a basketball team which feels victorious and invites competition. Captained by Tech 5th G. Bill Brady, the quintet is completed by Sgt. Walter McDonald, Cpl. Angelo Macaghatto, Cpl. Irvin Burghdoff and Tech. 5th Gr. Paul Mrosek.



## Took Second Honors

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Basket team of the 128th Battalion, RTC, which missed crown by two points. Top row, l. to r. Lt. M. J. Mingus, George E. McCorkle, Leo Griffith, John Ksionzyk and Edward L. Falstad. Bottom row, l. to r. Dana L. Williams, Robt. L. Gardner, Adolph J. Wojick, Arnold E. Leaman and Glenn Horton.

## 691st Quintet Seeks Games With Other Units

Led by Sgt. Connolly of Co. B, the 691st TD battalion has shaped up a basketball squad with championship aspirations.

Now at Camp Bowie, the team includes the same players who led their league at Fort Riley as members of the 2nd Cavalry Anti-tank Troop. This aggregation also rose to the top in competition at Ft. Bliss and is anxious to meet all comers in this area.

## Enter Now!

Entertainers are wanted for a camp-wide program to be presented in Building 11.5 at Warehouse and 268th Avenue January 20. Here's your opportunity to strut your stuff! Phone 729 or call in person at the Special Service Office now.

## Amateur Boxers May Compete In Golden Gloves

Every amateur athlete in Camp Hood is eligible to enter the district Golden Gloves tournament at Temple Jan. 29 and 30. Winners in the Temple tourney, one of the 16 district meets in the state, will be eligible to fight in the state tournament at Fort Worth Feb. 10 through 15.

Only one Camp Hood soldier has signed up for the Temple tournament, Pvt. Harold Hanben 8th Ordnance detachment. He is a heavyweight.

Five other entries have been received, three lightweights, a welterweight and a light heavyweight. All athletes over 16 who have never boxed for money are eligible to enter the tournament. No entry fee will be charged except a 25 cents AAU registration.

All those interested should write Golden Gloves Editor, Temple Telegram, and send name, weight, address and previous experience.