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North Camp Will Open Saturday

Lt. Gen. McNair, Ground Force Head, Will Be Speaker

Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, commanding general, Army Ground Forces, will review 14,000 troops of the Replacement Training Center as part of the opening day ceremonies at North Camp Saturday.

General McNair, recently returned from North Africa where he was injured by enemy fire while on an inspection tour at the front, will be guest of honor and principal speaker at the ceremonies opening the new camp which houses the RTC and Basic Unit Training Center.

Flags To Be Massed

More than 600 massed flags of all TD units will fly as the troops pass in review.

It was under General McNair's supervision that the Tank Destroyer Center was created, organized and developed and into the center's program many of his own ideas have been incorporated. He has been a visitor at Camp Hood several times in the past year and has kept in close touch with every phase of the development of the camp which has now grown to an 80,000-man, 160,000-acre army camp.

Training Goes On

Though training schedules will be in full swing on the ranges and at both camps, arrangements have been made to permit the public to attend the opening ceremonies, inspect a typical battalion area, attend a display of Tank Destroyer weapons, and tour the training areas and firing ranges over designated routes which will not interfere with the movement of military vehicles.

Program:

12:30 p. m.—Luncheon (North Camp Officers Club)
 2:00 p. m.—Flag-Raising Ceremony
 2:10 p. m.—Guest Speaker
 2:30 p. m.—Review of Troops (RTC)
 2:40 p. m.—Inspection Typical Battalion Area. Inspection of Tank Destroyer Weapons
 3:30 p. m.—Tour of Camp, Training Area and Firing Ranges

Furlough Gas Provided By New Plan

Members of the Armed forces on leave or furlough may obtain five gallons of gasoline for "personal errands," for which no other means of transportation is available, it was announced recently by the Office of Price Administration.

Under the plan, a man or woman in the service may go to the local rationing board, and on presentation of leave or service papers good for a least three days, will receive a maximum allowance of five gallons of gasoline.

Company 'Enjoys' Quarantine Period

Hq. Company, of the 10th TD Group, has been making the most of things despite being under a working quarantine for the past month because of measles. The boys have enjoyed a beer party, numerous movies and training films, and have even established their own private PX in their day room. The miniature PX is well equipped and is open during off duty hours.



HELLO AND GOODBYE—Major General Orlando Ward, left, veteran of the North African campaign, shakes hands with Major General A. D. Bruce, former commanding general, Tank Destroyer Center, who left yesterday for another command. General Ward is now commanding general, TDC. See story below.

General Ward Heads Center

Major General Orlando Ward, who recently returned from the African front, became Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer Center Wednesday when Major General A. D. Bruce left to report as commanding general of the 77th Infantry Division, at the Desert Training Center in California.

In assuming command of the 77th Division, General Bruce goes to a division which earned much glory in the last war, fighting alongside the second division to which General Bruce was attached, in the battle of the Argonne forest.

Are Old Friends

The arrival of General Ward marked the reunion of two old friends for he and General Bruce worked together on various committees while assigned to the War Department General Staff.

General Bruce expressed regret that his sudden transfer would prevent his participating in ceremonies marking the opening of North Camp Hood Saturday, which marks the fulfillment of the planning of the Tank Destroyer Center which he designed and developed.

Headed Armored Division

General Ward commanded the First Armored Division which spearheaded part of the Oran landings in Africa, and his division or parts of it, were in constant contact with enemy until he was wounded the latter part of March by enemy machinegun fire, and returned to the United States in April.

For gallantry in action in Africa he was awarded the Silver Star citation with the oak leaf cluster and also the Order of the Purple Heart.

General Ward graduated from West Point in 1914, and was sent to the Mexican border. He accompanied the Tenth Field Artillery to France in 1918, after promotion to the rank of Major.

After the war he served as Assistant professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Wisconsin. He served a two-year tour of duty on the General Staff in the Philippines, and was secretary of the General Staff from 1939 to 1940 when assigned to the First Armored Brigade.

Specialized Training Unit To Be Located At North Camp Hood

Processing Will Be Given Recruits In Both Primary Training Centers While Undergoing Basic Training

One of the biggest STAR (Specialized Training and Reassignment) Units in the country will be located at North Camp Hood. Men are sent to STAR units for final processing in determining what courses they will study and what colleges they will attend under the Army Specialized Training Program.

Will Go From North Camp

Four classification officers will be in charge of this new STAR unit. Men coming from reception centers will take basic training at the north camp and will be processed through the STAR units at the same time.

This will allow men to be sent directly from the North camp to picked colleges and Universities. The STAR units are staffed with personnel for testing soldiers who have the rough ASTP qualifications and who are recommended by field selection boards. From the aptitude and psychological tests given at the STAR units, courses of study will be prescribed. No date has been announced for the opening of this STAR unit, but it will be set up as soon as possible. Most STAR units are located at colleges. Camp Hood will be in a unique position with a STAR unit within its area.

Details Still Changing

Although complete details in organizing the Army Specialized Training Program are still undergoing changes by the War Department, it has been announced that only those soldiers who have been previously accepted by Medical and Dental schools will be recommended by Field Selection Boards for this type of training. Others will be given second preference or will be encouraged to take some other course, if they are recommended for ASTP by the field selection boards.

Field selection boards have been chosen for all the units in camp and are processing men daily, losing no time in getting eligible candidates interviewed. The boards are sending on to higher headquarters, the names of all men who qualify in this rough screening so that there will be no delays when requests are received from Eighth Service Command starting these men back to college to train as sorely needed army specialists.

Many Boards Established

Original plans called for seven major boards in Camp Hood. These have now been enlarged so that the main units in camp have as many boards as are necessary to speed the interviews. Enlisted men who are eligible for interviews by the field selection boards will be notified by their commanding officers. A soldier can not apply for ASPT, it was pointed out, but all who meet the general requirements will be processed here.

As conditions change, the general requirements are being altered. So far the changes have made the qualifications more flexible. Now all men under 22, having a high school education or its equivalent, or who have had more than two years of college with at least one year of mathematics or one year of physics or three courses in psychology or who have some knowledge of a modern foreign language will be eligible. Men over 22 must have a AGCT score of 115 or better, have had one, but not more than three years of

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Read This, Then Pass It On Please

When you finish reading this copy of The Hood Panther, pass it on to someone else, unless you wish to keep it for a souvenir or to mail home.

Cost and materials involved necessarily limit the number of copies of each issue.

In some instances persons are reading the paper through, then tossing it away, while others never receive a copy.

Cooperation of all readers will result in a wider, more satisfactory circulation of this and all future issues.

—The Editor.

Colonel Now A General

Col. Harry F. Thompson, commanding officer of the Basic Unit Training Center, North Camp Hood, was confirmed by the U. S. Senate to be a Brigadier General last week.

An early TD officer, Gen. Thompson came to Camp Hood in May of last year. In November he assumed command of the BUTC.

Gen. Thompson is a graduate of the Infantry School, the Command and General Staff School, the Army War College, and was on the War Department General Staff.

Service Clubs, Theaters Open At North Camp

Three theaters are now operating at North Camp, and three more will be open by Saturday night, the Special Service Office indicated yesterday. They are located on 18th St, 15th St, and on Avenue D.

Two service clubs, one on 12th St. in the RTC area, and one on Leon Drive, BUTC area, are now operating, and two guest houses are ready for use.

Shuttle Train Now Leaves Hood Later In Evening

Railroad shuttle service between Temple and Camp Hood will operate under the following new schedule, according to recent announcement by post authorities.

A train now leaving camp for Temple at 6:15 p. m. will afford Hood personnel ample time, after completing their day's work to catch the train and arrive in Temple at 7:15 p. m.

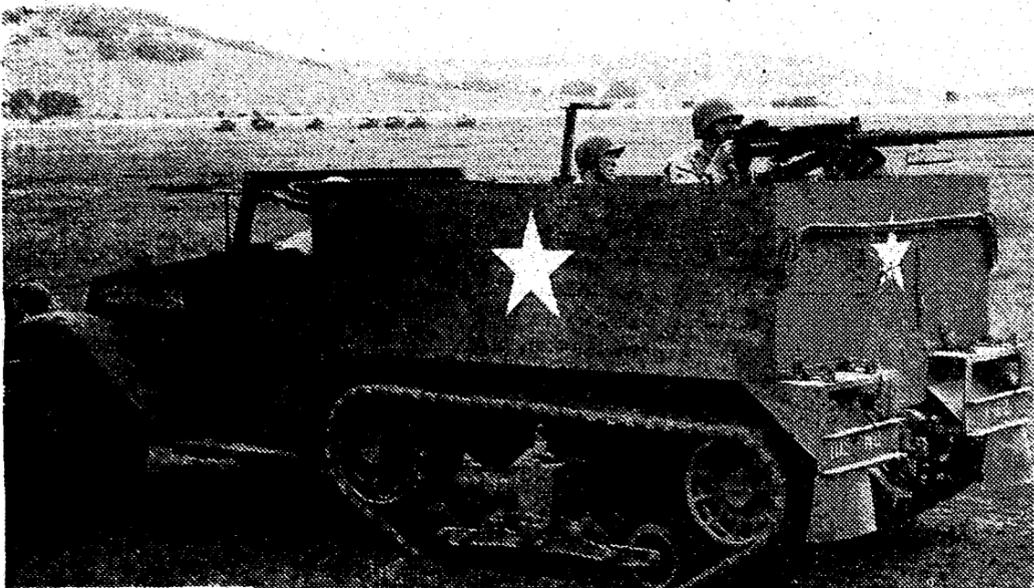
The new schedule follows:
 Mon.—Tues.—Wed.—Thurs.—Fri.
 Leave Temple Arrive Camp Hood
 6:00 a. m. 7:20 a. m.
 4:30 p. m. 5:00 p. m.
 11:30 p. m. 12:30 a. m.
 Leave Camp Hood Arrive Temple
 6:15 p. m. 7:15 p. m.
 1:00 a. m. 2:00 a. m.
 Additional schedules for Saturday and Sunday
 Leave Temple Arrive Camp Hood
 12:30 p. m. 1:30 p. m.
 Leave Camp Hood Arrive Temple
 2:00 p. m. 3:00 p. m.

There are three loading platforms available at the corner of 279th Street and Spur Avenue, on

track No. 10, south and slightly west of the train loading and unloading area and almost opposite the new civilian housing on highway 190, and on the main line of the Santa Fe immediately east of the underpass.

18th TD Group Receives Many Men From East

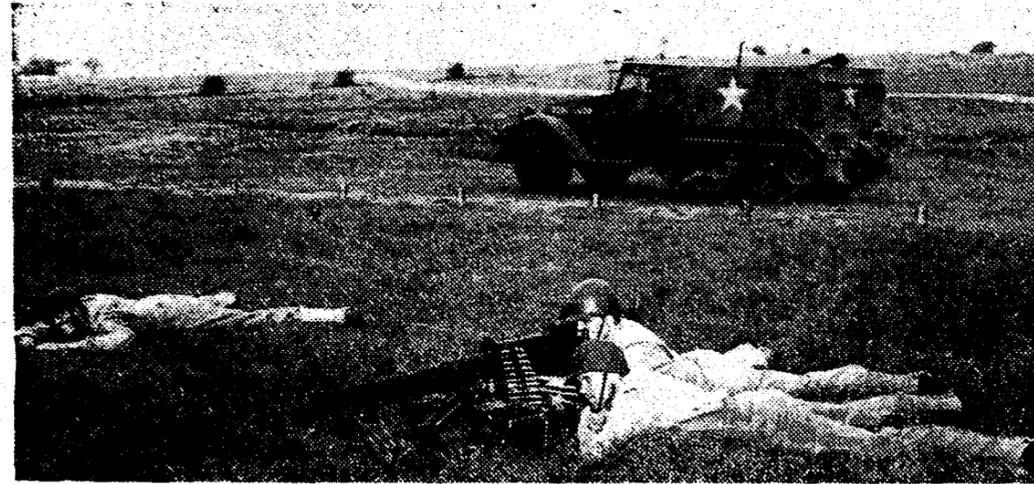
Since its arrival at North Camp Hood, May 17, the 18th TD Group, which was organized about a month before it reached here, has received two contingents of men, from New Cumberland Depot, Penn., and from Ft. Meade, Md. The Group, along with its battalions, the 660th and the 661st, is settled in its permanent area. Softball games are sought by the Group's teams.



S Sgt. Carl Esposito, Cpl. John M. Gartner, T 5 Joseph Redovich and PFC Merlyn Crawford, crack machine gun crew, Weapons Dept., TDS, are in firing position on a half-track as it rolls across the simulated battlefield . . .



... "Dismount Gun!", the gun commander shouts. Redovich, Crawford and Esposito leap to the ground with gun, ammunition and tripod. Note Redovich holding heavy tripod high against his chest as he leaps . . .



... Back into action goes the .50 caliber gun while the half-track pulls away to nearby concealment. Six and four-fifths seconds have been consumed in moving the machine gun from half-track to firing position on the ground. See story at right.

Weapons Department Machine Gun Squad Claims World Record

Dismount With Machine Gun, Set Up
And Fire It In Six And Four-Fifths
Seconds To Improve Own Former Mark

At the Tank Destroyer School, a crack demonstration machine gun squad claims a world's record for dismounting a gun from a half-track and setting it up again in firing position on the ground. From the moment the brakes of the half-track shriek to a stop and the Gun Commander orders: "Dismount Gun!"—until .50 caliber bullets are streaming from the muzzle, just six and four-fifths seconds have elapsed!

Cut Down Time

It all started when one of the members of the Machine Gun Section of the Weapons Department saw an article in a popular magazine showing a gun squad running through a formal machine gun drill in 12 seconds. That set the fellows thinking and soon Staff Sergeant Carl Esposito, Corporal John M. Gartner, T 5 Joseph Redovich and PFC Merlyn Crawford were busy cutting down the time of the combat-type drill used at TDS. The first few times they tried it, the time was 30 seconds. They kept working on the problem, ridding themselves of all time-losing moves. They got it down to 20 seconds—then 18 and finally 13.

They were asked to put on a demonstration before some officers attending the school. They rode across rough terrain and threw up a cloud of dust as they brought the half-track to a halt. By the time the officers got the dust out of their eyes, they grasped in amazement for the gun was already mounted on the ground. The time was exactly eight seconds.

This week they ran through the drill before the camera and were timed at exactly six and four-fifths seconds.

Change Is Fast

Less than a year ago these men were in civilian life working at their trades. Italian born, Staff Sergeant Esposito was running his own shoe business in Kingston, New York; Corporal Gartner of Farrell, Pennsylvania, was busy in the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation; T 5 Redovich of Akron, Ohio was with the General Tire and Rubber Company; and Pfc Crawford of Deposit, New York, was engaged in defense work in his home town.

Thus, with less than 12 months of military experience behind them, these men joined as a team to obtain a record that can at least compare with the world's best machine gun squads.

In San Antonio See The 'Alamo'

By PVT. JOHN BOWMAN
Hq. And Hq. Co., TD RTC

Set in the heart of the city of San Antonio is one of the great shrines of all times. The story of the sacrifices at the Alamo is known the world over. It is a story of all-out warfare and immolation in the 30's of the last century.

Within the walls of this former mission and Spanish military barracks, 187 Texans gave their lives in the cause of independence. The names of James Bowie and David Crockett, who fought there, are familiar to every American.

There is a saying that though Thermopylae had her messenger of defeat, the Alamo had none. From the holocaust of the Alamo only a mother and child and a colored boy remained alive.

Description of Mission

The mission with its moss-covered walls and the old Spanish cannon on the grounds, is picturesque. The flowers, palms and green lawn, furnish a beautiful setting. The Alamo is so-called because it was set in a grove of cottonwood trees—alamo being the Spanish for cottonwood.

In front of the mission is a commemorative shaft containing the names of the heroes who died within the fort walls. Next to the mission is a newly erected museum containing curios of the period.

Defeat Is Avenged

The Texan defeat at the Alamo, on March 6, 1836, was soon avenged. The following month at the battle of San Jacinto, near Houston, the Mexicans were decisively defeated. General Sam Houston, the liberator of Texas, overcame the forces of Santa Anna, taking the Mexican President prisoner.

Example Is Inspiring

The sacrifice at the Alamo still serves as an inspiration to Texans as it should to men of other

states. Of civil war Texans it was said:

"The sons of other States have their reputation to gain.

The sons of the Alamo have theirs to maintain."

In the present war they are maintaining that high reputation for valor and sacrifice.

New Type Duffle Bag Provided For Troops Now Going Overseas

A new type of duffle bag for the use of troops going overseas has been developed by the Army to replace the two barracks bags now issued to soldiers as standard items of equipment, the War Department has reported.

It has about a third larger capacity than the old bag, and is somewhat similar in design to the one used by the Marine corps. It has a carrying strap two inches wide of heavy webbing material which permits it to be carried horizontally like a suitcase or slung from the shoulder like a golf bag.

Constructed of singleply No. 10 duck the heaviest available for the purpose the bag is thirtyseven inches high, on a rectangular base twelve inches square, with a snap-fastening closure at the top. Although padlocks will not be issued, it can be locked if necessary.

The color will be the dark olive drab shade.

Masthead Designer Now Convalescing

Lt. A. Lester Wood, Jr., Hq. Co., 824th TD Bn., designer of the new Masthead for The Hood Panther, is convalescing after a recent operation.

Lt. Wood is from Seattle, Washington, and is considered an expert in skiing.

WAACs Will Visit Panther Park

Members of the 159th and the 164th WAAC companies are scheduled to make a trip to Panther Park this week end.

Plans are for 50 girls from each company to leave Camp Hood Saturday afternoon, spend the night at the park and return Sunday.

Sergeants Attend Officer's School

Headquarters company, 10th TD Group, lost two of its high ranking sergeants to OCS last week.

They were that "big" little communications chief, Tech. Sgt. Harry F. Nielson, from Arizona and Message Center chief, S-Sgt. Wendell R. Nickerson, who comes from Nebraska.

The Whole Range Section's Gone 'Squirrely' Over Little 'Elmer'

Men in the Range Section at Camp Hood are tough. They have to be. It's their job to keep the firing range in order for one of the toughest training units in the Army—the Tank Destroyers.

But there isn't a man among them who isn't sentimental over a tiny fox squirrel named Elmer, who's the company mascot.

Small enough to fit easily in a man's pocket, Elmer really belongs to T-5 Edward W. Stephens.

Sleeps Under The Bed

He sleeps in a box under Stephen's bed, and he gets his meals of peanuts and milk from him. Only Stephens takes him on trips to the post exchange and the service club and the movies. But

declares "Steve," every man in the company has played with him.

Stephen found the squirrel seven weeks ago when the men were tearing down a house. In the roof was Elmer, sleeping snugly in his nest, so young his eyes were not yet open.

Steve took him home, fed him with an eyedropper and fixed up a new home for him under the bed, with the approval of company officers.

Isn't Inspected

Elmer is the one exception to inspection regulations. Even though he's not GI, he keeps his place while the barracks are inspected. "Gee," says the technician, "the lieutenant plays with him more than I do."

Hood Signal Corps Photo

Three Battalions Smash Record With 3-Inch Gun

822nd, 823rd And 824th Battalions Score Unusually High In Proficiency Tests Held Recently In AUTC Here

Determined to make the most of their training with the three-inch guns, men of the 822nd, 823rd, and 824th TD Battalions smashed old camp records in proficiency tests recently.

Company "B" of the 824th clipped 15 seconds from the camp record in getting four hits out of four rounds in 50 seconds with the three-inch gun. The crew, all New Yorkers, set the new mark May 19. Cpl. Thomas O'Brien commanded the gun with Pvt. David Guild on the sights. The rest of the crew were:

Pvts. William Busceni, Ralph Figlioli, Cornelius Hesselback, Harold Kirschner, Walter Mulligan, Max Pless, George Werner, and Pfc. Vincent Muso. Two squads from the 823rd Battalion tied this record later.

Is A 'Deadeye'

Pvt. Guild also showed his 'deadeye' with another weapon, getting 30 hits out of 30 rounds while firing the cal. 30 sub cal. mounted on the three-inch gun at the one thousand-inch AT range.

When the 823rd took the field May 21 they established a battalion average time for this gun of 84.4 seconds. One platoon in Co. "C" had sixteen hits, no misses, in 63.2 seconds. These times are a fair warning to the Axis of the speed with which this gun can be brought into play.

Break AUTC Record

Earlier, company "C", 822nd TD Battalion, broke the AUTC record for the three-inch guns, setting an official Company score of 102.2 seconds, including penalty time. This was the first "excellent" rating for companies in standards set up by AUTC.

Hood Artists Paint Service Club Murals

The painting of a huge mural which will cover one wall of the 37th St. Service Club has been started by two members of the Station Complement. Sgt. Stanley Farnham and Cpl. Arthur Bratton. The mural, 40 by 18 feet, will show a Texas chuck wagon scene. The soldier-artists will work from a small scale sketch.

Before coming into the army Farnham worked for Lord and Thomas advertising agency in New York. Bratton was a designer in civilian life.

The men will undertake a similar project in the 162nd St. Service Club when this first mural is completed.

Hood Entertainers Featured On Bond Broadcast In Dallas

Camp Hood entertainers were featured on the Eighth Service Command radio bond show, "What's Your Name, Soldier?", broadcast by WFAA, Dallas, and the Texas Quality Network, Saturday night.

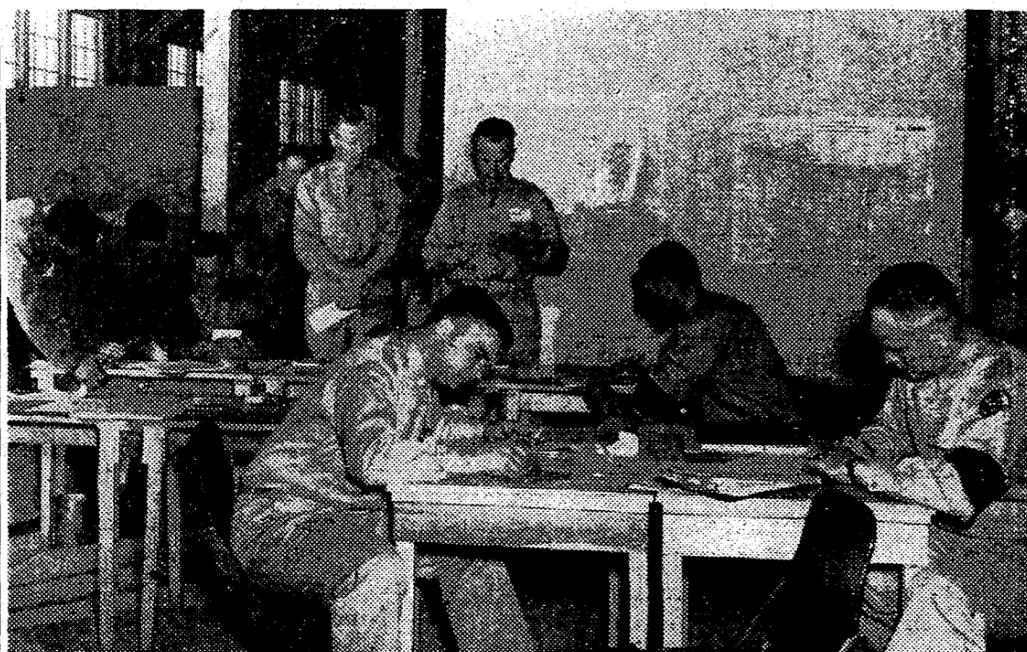
Featured on the show were Pvt. Ernst Bonvicini, accordionist; T-5 Joseph Ricco, guitarist and yodler; Aux Louella Nichols, swing singer; vt. Julian Gawiser, singer, and Sgt. Ivan Smith, editor, The Hood Panther. The program was arranged by Lt. Richard Hepburn.

Colonel C. M. Thirkeld, post commander, spoke briefly on the purchase of War Saving Bonds and Stamps at Camp Hood.

374th Marks Anniversary

The 374th Engineer Battalion marked its first anniversary May 15 with awarding of the "Good Conduct Medal" to 71 enlisted men. Lt. Col. James S. Barko, commanding officer, presented the awards.

In the year since it was activated at Camp Gordon, Ga., the 374th has been commended on the excellence of their work in building obstacle courses, commando villages, bridges and engineering road-work.



REPRODUCTION DEPT., TDS PHOTO
THEY MAP THEIR PLANS—Officer Advanced Tactical Class No. 2, TDS, staged a battle problem between American and Axis forces recently in the form of a three-day map maneuver. Purpose of the exercise was to give the Student Officers experience in command and staff procedure in the employment of TD units with combined arms.

15th Group Ends 108 Mile March

Marching a grueling 29 to 30 miles on the last day of their foot hike to Camp Hood from Camp Bowie, the 15th TD group, composed of the 652nd and 653rd TD Battalions, swung into Camp Hood, led by a band and parading smartly just six days after the start of this 108 mile walk. It was a test of endurance to make the best of the infantry envious and the group came through with high spirits; a few fell out on the long trudge.

Finishing their basic training at Camp Bowie, the group will take a well-earned rest here before going into advanced work.

Each day was a long march, and there were tactical problems along the way, battalions having to win their bivouac areas each night. The men had heavy rain to add to the discomfort and crossed rope bridges built by pioneer outfits. Each man carried rifles or carbines, musette bags, and gas masks. They fought pitched battles against chiggers. But the going was toughest for the vehicles; the mud and rain bogged them down.

Hq. Detachment of the group took top honors with a 34-mile stretch on the last day's march.

There were many examples of top physical stamina; like Lt. Daniel Halpin of the Hq. Det. who walked the whole route with a taped ankle.

The 810th Battalion went to permanent quarters at North Camp.

Army Life Not As Dangerous As His Civilian Occupation

Pvt. J. B. Patterson, of Minden, La., is one G. I. who has, thus far, found army life dull as compared with his civilian occupation. He was formerly a foreman at the Louisiana Ordinance Plant and has worked on everything from .30 calibre ball ammunition to 1000 lb. bombs.

He has had the unique experience of being blown 200 yards through the air and sustaining no injuries. This accident occurred while working on a 1000 lb. bomb that blew out a plug without setting off its charge. Eight men inside the examining room were blown to bits while Patterson, who was standing in the dogway at the time, landed 200 yards away. He remembers waking up in the hospital with no ailments except a headache.

Precautions Are Observed

Such incidents are fortunately, and necessarily, few indeed. Their avoidance is due to the safety precautions taken. Employees are not allowed to wear or bring with in plant area any metal whatsoever. Even steel rimmed glasses and pencils with metal tips are prohibited. Workers were searched five times and now, since one man was recently found to have passed carrying a match, they are

searched six times for metal and matches.

Employees wear company-issued clothing made without metal buttons or fasteners. Even their shoes have no nails in them and it goes without saying that smoking is a cardinal sin.

Other sources of danger are derived from the actual working with explosives. If a booster, the small charge that sets off the main TNT charge, is dropped from a height of 18 inches or more, it will explode. In one instance, a hole has to be bored out of the TNT molded in a shell. The drill must be kept from getting too hot or from hitting the metal sides of the shells. The drill presses themselves are operated by compressed air rather than electric motors for obvious reasons as an electric motor is best source of electric sparks.

Extreme danger is attendant in the melting of TNT to prepare it for pouring into shells. If the TNT is overheated, it spreads itself and the surrounding objects all about the adjoining countryside.

Pvt. Patterson is now in training in Reconnaissance Company, 823rd TD Bn., in preparation for delivering these munitions in person in a manner most annoying to the Axis.

This Doctor Does Duties As If He Were Family Medic

By Sgt. Robert Clemons, TDS

In the army there are two men who acts as father-confessors to soldiers. One is the chaplain and the other, the doctor. This story deals with a doctor.

He is an officer who works over the brood to whom he is assigned with all the compassion of a family physician. He must see to a soldier's aches and pains, stop colds from getting serious, inspect the mess halls, and be prepared for day or night emergencies. Yet, Captain Abbott C. Scott, of Dispensary 2, at TDS has retained his infectious good humor, proof that the men who go to his dispensary have found a humane doctor.

Worked Through School

Captain Scott graduated from Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois, in 1926. He played guard three years on the football team, sang in the glee club, appeared in the college plays—nevertheless, he worked his entire way through school. He taught high school one year, then entered Medical School at Washington University, St. Louis. During his last year at Medical School he taught in a college of embalming, to carry him through to his graduation in 1931. He interned at the St. Louis City Hospital. For eight years he practiced

at Evansville, Illinois, in the sort of practice you might expect of a small town—one that sprouts affection and scores of warm friends among his fellow townsmen. Then, as the war got seriously underway duty called him and he volunteered his services to the Army. He was commissioned a captain last June and came to Camp Hood in August.

Officially, Captain Scott is part of the Station Hospital personnel. He has been at Dispensary 2 since his arrival at this camp.

Family Is Here

His wife and their four sons, ranging from three to 10 years, reside in Georgetown. Mrs. Scott was formerly a graduate nurse. Much of Captain Scott's exercise is obtained during the daily physical training periods, where he's proven to be a star on his softball team, which vies with the other officers' teams at TDS.

Captain Scott claims, that to him Dispensary 2 seems a good deal like his office practice in Evansville, Illinois.

Officers Assigned

Second Lt. John E. Barron has been assigned to Co. B, 823rd TD Bn. Lt. Barron replaces Lt. Lawrence H. Kress, now on leave

Theater Schedules

162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters

Wed.-Thurs., May 26-27: The More The Merrier.
Friday, May 28: Across The Pacific.
Saturday, May 29: Double Feature: Follow The Band and High Explosive.

Sun.-Mon., May 30-31: Mission To Moscow.
Tuesday, June 1: They Came To Blow Up America.
Wednesday, June 2: The Ox-Bow Incident.
Friday, June 4: Orchestra Wives.

Hood Road and 24th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., May 27-28: Crash Dive.
Saturday, May 29: I Escaped From The Gestapo.
Sun.-Mon., May 30-31: The More The Merrier.
Tuesday, June 1: Across The Pacific.
Wednesday, June 2: Double Feature: Follow The Band and High Explosive.

Thurs.-Fri., June 3-4: Mission To Moscow.

72nd Street Theater

Thursday, May 27: I Escaped From The Gestapo.
Friday, May 28: Orchestra Wives.
Saturday, May 29: The More The Merrier.
Sunday, May 30: Across The Pacific.
Monday, May 31: Double Feature: Follow The Band and High Explosive.

Tuesday, June 1: Mission To Moscow.
Wed.-Thurs., June 2-3: They Came To Blow Up America.

18th and 24th Street Theaters (North Camp)

Thursday, May 27: Assignment in Brittany.
Friday, May 28th: Night Plane From Chungking.
Saturday, May 29th: Double Feature: Redhead from Manhattan and Follow the Band.
Sun.-Mon., May 30-31: White Savage.
Tuesday, June 1: Across The Pacific.
Wednesday-Thurs., June 2-3: The More The Merrier.
Friday, June 4: I Escaped From The Gestapo.

WAAC Company Entertains 823rd

The 164th WAAC Hq. company entertained the 823rd TD Battalion with a picnic held recently at Crossville Peak. Men from Hq. company and Recon. companies "A" and "C" enjoyed the fine hospitality as set forth by the WAACs which was under the direction of 2nd Officer Elizabeth L. Flanagan commanding officer of the 164th WAAC unit, and 1st Lt. Irving R. Poley, of the 823rd.

Idaho Fighter Stationed Here

Cpl. Frank E. Irish, Company B, 823rd TD Bn., is a former featherweight pugilist, champion of Idaho, 1937-38. At the time Cpl. Irish won the Idaho title, he weighed 120 lbs., regular featherweight class. However, in 1939-40, he climbed up to the 136 lb. class and won the lightweight championship of his unit, the 11th field artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Today, Cpl. Irish tips the scales at 163 lbs and is looking forward to further boxing laurels as a middleweight. Cpl. Irish gives "Army Chow" credit for his gradual climb in weight and exploits in the prize ring.

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First In Bizerte

"Naturally, I can't tell you of the campaign which is going on in Tunisia right now, but I can say this—that if I had my choice of branches of the service in which to start all over again, I'd choose the Tank Destroyer outfit. They have been doing a marvelous job up there, and are constantly fighting day and night—and liking it too!

"Morale in the Tank Destroyer battalions is probably higher than in any other branch of the service, including the paratroopers. Many, many lessons in the tactics and employment of the destroyers are coming out of this campaign, and I hope that you are getting the full use of those lessons."

THE QUOTATION IS from a member of the staff of the Allied Forces in Africa, one who was never identified with Tank Destroyers, but whose opinion of them is based upon his observation.

It is a tribute of the highest order.

In the third edition of The Panther, we pointed out rather modestly that "men of the Tank Destroyers may be making history". Since that time they HAVE made history, and when Allied forces entered Bizerte, it was a Tank Destroyer Battalion which led them!

We hope we lead them when they enter Berlin!

Another Unit Opens

Saturday, another great unit of Camp Hood officially opens when North Camp is host to Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, commanding general, Army Ground Forces and to other military officials and the public.

From Brigadier General Harry F. Thompson, Commanding General of the Basic Unit Training Center, and Colonel Walter A. Dumas, Commanding Officer, Replacement Training Center, who head the two units at North Camp, and from all other officers and enlisted personnel there we are expecting great things in the months to come.

We Are Young

Tank Destroyers made their appearance in the American Army long after the panzers had overrun France and the low countries. They were first tested in covering the retreat from Bataan. It was not until Dec. 1, 1941, that the War Department created "The Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center" and placed it's destinies in the hands of Major General A. D. Bruce.

General Bruce had little but a new weapon and the experience of other branches of service to work with. He had no training manuals no tactical doctrine to hand to the staff he assembled. All that had to be created anew, like the cantonment and training grounds which were started in February, 1942, and in use that summer.

Yet the job has been done, and well.

Men of the Tank Destroyers ARE making history.

Let's keep on making it!

TD SOLDIERS

We are TD Soldiers,
And we fight for Uncle Sam.
We are a bunch of fighting fools,
We never give a damn.

We all have wives or mothers
That we left behind.
They are who we're fighting for,
That's why we don't mind.

When we go into action
We'll really have some fun,
For we'll blast old Hitler
With our new, three-inch gun.

First we'll open up the breech blocks
Then load in a shell,
Set our sights on Hitler's tanks,
And blow them all to hell!

Now we still are rookies,
We're in the RTC,
But when we get into the fight,
We'll soon have victory!

—Pvt. Howard Beesley
Co. D, 130th Bn., RTC.

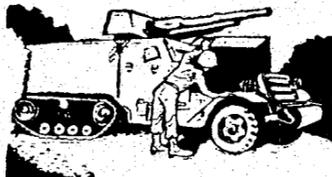
Goes To Paratroopers

Major J. L. Hinckley, who has been attached to the Employment Committee of the Tactics Department, TDS, will depart for the paratroopers when his current leave of absence terminates.

Things Are Bad

"36 Moody Seniors To Get Diplomas," a recent head in the Temple Telegram read. What with the world the way it is, you can't blame them.

Looking UNDER THE HOOD



Missing Persons

Are you a T-5th? Is your first name Irvin, your nickname "Skip." Are you approximately five feet, eight inches tall and of "rather square build?" Do you have short, dark hair, Was your home in Boston, Mass., before entering the service? Is your wife's name Estelle? Did you work in a shipyard in civilian life?

If all of this fits you, a person you met one night at the 37th St. Service club wants to get in touch with you. Arrangements can be made by contacting Ida Mae Hefington, principal hostess at the club.

Yes, We Know

Pvt. J. A. Bowman, Hq. & Hq. Co., RTC, comes up with another of his amusing rhymes this week. How do you like this?

He who picks my pockets
Is rather low
But he who takes my hangers
Takes more than dough.

He who takes my shirt and pants
Isn't funny,
But he who takes my hangers
Takes more than money.

He who steals my purse
Steals trash
But he who steals my hangers
Takes more than cash.

For of all things
In heaven and on earth
The simple things
Of greatest dearth,
In this and other army camps,
Are steel hangers and wooden clamps!

Quote Of The Week

"Change is an easy panacea. It takes character to stay in one place and be happy there."—Elizabeth Dunn.



Editor, The Panther:

The editor and staff of the 368th "Whangdoodle" consider that it is only fair to warn you, as fellow sinners against the fair name of journalism, of the appearance of a rival here in camp.

We have waited patiently for The Panther to make some adequate recognition of our presence here at Camp Hood. For an organization of our unquestionable superiority, we were very modest. We thought it possible you would devote a page or so to the announcement of our arrival, which took place in the middle of March.

So generous are we, that we offer you the privilege of borrowing some of the gems that appear in the pages of our battalion paper to bring up the tone of the rag you publish. This, of course, only applies until the day that popular demand forces us to become the camp paper. Friendship will cease then.

So get a hustle on, my friend. Give us the recognition we are

First IN BIZERTE



Now ON TO BERLIN!

Sgt. Schweig T.D.R.C.

Army Quiz

1. What part does a dog play in the Army and what are his requirements for entrance?
2. How many enemy planes in this war must an American pilot shoot down to be known as an "Ace"?
3. What Army post in the United States is named after a private?
4. Why has there never been a Company "J"?
5. Can an alien in the Army ever rise above the grade of private?
6. How much equipment does a soldier get at his reception center and what is its value?

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Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Hitler, the Nazis are sorrowfully learning, is no man of magic. Although there's a severe meat shortage in Germany he hasn't pulled any rabbits out of his hat.

National diet of the Germans will be even more restricted, now that the Allies have upset their appetites.

The meat shortage doesn't seem to prevent the Nazis from "taking it on the lam," however.

The Nazis may not be getting enough meat to satisfy them, but they're getting their just deserts.

Up From The Mess Hall Floor "Staff Sgt. Jones," TD Champ, Wrecks "Enemies" Of 823rd Bn.

By PVT. R. W. HERRICK
Co. B, 823 TD Bn.

It's Staff Sergeant Jones now! Sgt. Jones claims the most rapid climb up the promotion ladder on record. From "civilian" to (honorary) S-Sgt. in three weeks is no mean record. And he fought his way up every step of it.

Shortly after the kitchen personnel of Co. B, 823rd TD Bn. arrived at North Camp from Camp Bowie, to set up shop in their new mess hall, a rather ordinary looking, somewhat underweight horned toad appeared at the back door.

"This is the Army, Mr. Jones," sang the cooks and K.P.'s, in unison.

"If you want to stick around this kitchen, you'd better get on the ball," was the dictum of Mess Sgt. Charles Van Nilsson.

Uses TD Methods

It turned out that "Mr. Jones" had a flair for soldiering. Soon he was entered as an honorary Private on the company roster. Pvt. Jones was on the ball. He proved his mettle by sailing into flies, ants, and other kitchen saboteurs with all the fury of a MM-10 leveling on a Mark VI Pan-

entitled to, and we may spare your existence. Don't thank us, just thank the Lord we let you live.

The "Whangdoodle"

Editor's Note: The editors of this new publication have informed me that a "Whangdoodle" is a mythical bird. We feel confident that a Panther can take care of it!

zer. He took as his motto: "Seek, Strike, Destroy." His valiant efforts shortly brought him promotion to the rank of Corporal. Before long, Cpl. Jones had the situation well in hand, and all "internal enemies" were cleared from the kitchen.

Jones was then boosted to buck sergeant, but like that other famous warrior, Alexander the Great he began to sigh for more worlds to conquer.

T-5 Dillard Johnson, who had been acting as a special orderly for Sgt. Jones, finally persuaded the Sergeant to leave the kitchen nights, and bunk with him. "I'd feel a lot safer, just in case there should be a bedbug blitz, or an invasion of airborne mosquitoes," explained Johnson.

Another Victory

Although no such invasion or blitzes have taken place up to this writing, Sgt. Jones has had one more chance to display his valor under fire. Single-handed, he stood off a full regiment of ants, advancing in three waves against an unfortified bag of peanut brittle. When the smoke of battle cleared, Sgt. Jones, battered but triumphant, retained full control of the disputed area. It is believed the ants will be unable to reorganize their shattered forces for another assault.

Once again Jones has earned promotion. He's now an honorary Staff Sergeant. All his friends in Company B agree that if the Army ever establishes an Antimythical Ant arm of the service, Sgt. Jones would be excellent officer material.



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT (NON-DENOMINATIONAL)
9:30 AM

Chapel 115258th St.
Chapel 639162nd St
Chapel 2109East 37th
Sta HospRed Cross Bldg

11:00 AM

Post Chapel52nd St.
Chapel 176East Brig
Chapel 289West Brig
Chapel 639162nd St
Chapel 90250th St
Chapel 2209School Area

6:30 PM

Chapel 115268th St
Chapel 639162nd St
Chapel 90250th St
Chapel 2209Sch Area

COLORED TROOPS

Chapel 115268th St

11:00 AM

Chapel 51364th St

10:00AM-6:30 PM

Stockdale 2:00 p.m.
Women's Bible class 10:00 a.m.

Post Chapel—52nd St.

Enlisted Men's Bible class

.....10:00 a.m.

Chapel 639—162nd St.

Morning Weekday Mass

Chapel 176—East Brig 7 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Saturday

Chapel 902—50th St. 6:45 a.m.

Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

Evening Weekday Mass

Tuesday—Chapel 176, East Brig.

.....6:30 p.m.

Wednesday—Chapel 902, 50th St.

.....6:30 p.m.

Friday—Chapel 176, East Brig.

.....6:30 p.m.

Confession: Before every weekday

mass

Saturdays:

3-4 p.m.—Sta. Hosp. Red Cross

Bldg.

6-9 p.m. Chapel 176, East Brig.

Chapel 902, 50th St.

LUTHERAN

Post Chapel 52nd St.

May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

EPISCOPAL

Chapel 289 West Brig.

May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

JEWISH

Chapel 902, May 21, 50th St.

English 7:30 p.m.

Orthodox 8:30 p.m.

Latter Day Saints

Chapel 639 162nd St.

May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Hobby Exhibits Held

In Service Club

Both Service clubs in the South Camp held exhibits during May showing the hobbies of enlisted men. More than 100 men registered their hobbies, ranging from collecting girl's phone numbers to fencing.

Photography and stamp collecting were the most popular hobbies in the show which included 39 different pastimes.

Field House Swing Show Here Features Famous Musicians

Featuring Al Sears and his band of top-notch soloists, USO Camp Show's musical review, "Swing's the Thing" will be at Camp Hood's big Field House, June 1 and 2. Show time is 7 and 8:30 p. m. The show is scheduled for the North Camp Monday night, May 31 for two shows, 7:45 and 9:00 p. m.

Famous Sax Men

Al Sears, one of the great tenor sax men, formed his band last year. The men gave up good jobs to play "the way they liked" under Sears. Lester Young, formerly with Count Basie, is rated one of the best saxophonists in the world; Bud Johnson, who played with Earl Hines and John Kirby, adds his punch to the band. Edgar Sampson, arranger for Benny Goodman and formerly with Chick Webb, also plays in this sensational sax section. The band has 13 pieces, and was a rocking success in Eastern cities before they joined USO-Camp shows.

Comedians On Show

Helping to round out this exciting show are: Chuck and Chuckles, famous comedians who were seen in the picture, "Rhythm for Sale," the Three Poms, a trio of rhythm-tap specialists, and Irene Wiley, a night-club blues singer.

Admission to "Swing's the Thing" is free.

The seven o'clock show at the Field House, Tuesday night will be exclusively for the following units: 786 Sn Co., 614 TD Bn., 646 TD Bn., 829 TD Bn., 846 TD Bn., 49 QM Trk Rgt., 758 Tank Bn., 374 Engr Bn., 827 TD Bn., Prov. Trk Bn., 1848 QM (C).

Good Conduct Award Now Available After One Year's Service

Camp Hood men can now be awarded the red and white ribbon representing the Good Conduct medal if they have the necessary qualities and have served one year in the army since war was declared, or if they have served three years of service before August 27, 1940.

Men will be recommended by their commanding officer if they have: excellent character, exemplary behavior, devotion to the service, and efficiency in the performance of duty. These new regulations will make requirements for the awarding of the medal uniform.

Communications Men Entertain At Dance

Enlisted men of the Communications Department, TDS, gave a dance Friday, May 14th, with the two WAAC companies stationed here as guests. The affair was held at the All Purpose Building near the WAAC area, which was decorated with colored crepe paper streamers and balloons. The 824th TD Band provided music.

Cpl. Robert Patterson and Pvt. Walter Schoonover decorated the hall under supervision of S/Sgt. Irving Pinklestein. Third Officer Elfriede Wandrey, of the 164th WAAC Company, was chaperone.

War To Last Two Years?

The present state of war emergency will continue for from two to three years, according to a poll conducted recently by the Tactis Department personnel at the Tank Destroyer School.

Officers' opinions as to the war's duration averaged 2.7 years, while enlisted men were more optimistic averaging 1.9 years. Other controversial questions of camp interest revealed a wide range of opinion, with most answers tending toward the conservative. When questioned as to the policy of eliminating the Germans before concentrating on the Japs, 84 per cent of the officers favored the plan, while enlisted men, considerably more anti-Nipponese, were 70 per cent for and 29 per cent against this strategy.

The question, "Do you believe you have ever been unintentionally guilty of 'Talking too much'?" resulted in 71 per cent of the officers answering "NO" and 18 per cent "Yes." Enlisted men showed 92 per cent "No," and one "Yes," with one "Possibly."

First Man In TDS Now In OCS School

Allen Blackford, Jr., a candidate in the 40th TD Officer Candidate School class which was processed Monday, May 10, was the first enlisted man to be assigned to the TD school.

The class, representing 30 states, has 61 members from TD units in camp. Maj. William B. Anderson, director of the OCS department, addressed the new group.

Weekly Newscast Broadcast Sunday

A weekly round-up of the news from the Tank Destroyer School, compiled by the Publications Department at TDS, is broadcast Sunday morning at 10:45 over Station KTEM, Temple. This weekly news-cast, reported by Sergeant Robert Clemens, is now in its fifth month. Personalities and activities at the school, a weekly portrait and news of general interest to the rest of Camp Hood and civilian listeners are broadcast.



TWO FUNNY FELLOWS—Chuck and Chuckles, famous comedy dancers, are featured in USO-Camp Shows' "Swing's The Thing," which comes to Camp Hood's Field House June 1 and 2, and N. Camp Hood May 31. See story at left.

Sleeping Quarters Provided For Hood Men Outside Camp

If you can't find a place to stay overnight outside Camp Hood it isn't the fault of camp officials who are doing all they can to provide week-end and overnight quarters for enlisted men of Camp Hood.

Panther Park, official TD recreational park at Lampasas, has barracks quarters to accommodate 400 single men on three-day passes or overnight, in addition to cottages for married couples or families. Cafeteria service in the park also provides food at a minimum cost.

The Cotton Palace Park, Waco, will be open to soldiers soon, providing quarters for 500 men at a

time. In addition, the USO in Waco has a number of rooms which are available.

In Temple, the former CCC camp is equipped to "bed down" nearly 300 men free of charge any night in the week.

USO's in all cities and towns surrounding camp have a "room service"—a list of recommended homes where rooms may be rented reasonably.

824th Men Commended For Conduct At Party

Fifty members of the 824th TD Bn. who attended the San Saba ranch party, sponsored by the local community church organizations, were highly commended on the manner in which they conducted themselves. The party was held on May 9th. The sponsors have promised more such affairs will follow as soon as arrangements are completed.

Formal Dance Held

A formal dance was held by the nurses Wednesday evening, May 19th in the Red Cross Auditorium in the hospital. The 2nd TD Band furnished the music.

Former Maine Fisherman, Hunter Works His Way Up To Commission

William Guthrie came to the Student Regiment, TDS, last September, a private from Fort McClellan. Adept at weapons and soldiering, the tall, young hunter, trapper and fisherman from Bangor, Maine, studied the Close Combat Technique, demonstrated his knowledge to the men of the Headquarters and Service Company, and so impressive was his method of teaching this course that he was given the assignment of teaching it to the entire en-

listed personnel of the Student Regiment.

Promotions came rapidly: T-5, Sergeant and Staff Sergeant. His officers advised him to put in for OCS. He did, and from his first day at the Officer Candidate School at TDS, he made strides as a potential leader. His academic work was a close second only to his soldiering ability.

He worked hard for 13 weeks, and on Friday he took his oath as a Second Lieutenant.

647th Bn. Establishes Firing Records

By T-SGT. KARL E. CURRY

Among the battalions to arrive in Camp Hood recently, was the 647th TD Bn., commanded by Lt. Col. Richard W. Mayo. This battalion was the first to have its men, come directly from Reception Centers to BUTC. The men of the battalion came mainly from Fort Dix, New Jersey and Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

Firing records were established by the 647th during BUTC Training which give other battalions "something to shoot at."

Before the men went on the 30 cal. known-distance rifle range, Col. Mayo established a rifle instruction team from his officers. These officers instructed their companies and platoons with the assistance of the N.C.

O's. There followed many days of tiresome dry run; proper sling adjustments, bolt manipulation, taking of position for rapid fire and timed fire.

The battalion was allowed 80 rounds of ball ammunition per man, to target in the rifles, give practice fire, and fire for record. Despite this small ammunition allowance, and the fact that many men had never held a weapon except in shooting galleries, 636 men with the rifle, M1903, qualified.

Statistics on the rifle firing were 679 men fired, 636 qualified. This set a TD BUTC battalion record of 93.7 per cent. Every officer and man in the battalion fired except nine men who were in the hospital or confinement. There were 13 experts, 67 sharpshooters, and 556 marksmen.

Experts headquarters and headquarters Company:

Capt. John H. Sanguinetti, 182; Lt. Col. Richard W. Mayo, 180; T-5 Ernest R. Parson, 180; 2nd Lt. Milburn G. Avery, 179; Pvt. George L. Dawson, 178; Pvt. Sidney Madnitsky, 178.

Reconnaissance Company: T-5 Bruce J. Russell, 182; 2nd Lt. Ernest V. Long, 181.

Company "A": 1st Lt. Robert E. Ferguson, 180; 2nd Lt. John P. Monahan, 178.

Company "B": 2nd Lt. Murr D. Kirby, 185.

Company "C": Pvt. Leo A. McMahon, 179.

Medical Detachment: Capt. Henry K. Tom, 179.

On the .45 cal. pistol range the battalion set another TD BUTC record. Although many of

the men had never held a pistol in their hand before they started firing on the range, 90 per cent of the officers and enlisted men, who fired, qualified on the regular pistol course.

Statistics on the .45 cal pistol firing are: 96 men fired, 86 men qualified. There were 14 experts, 33 sharpshooters, and 39 marksmen, which gives the battalion more Experts and Sharpshooters than Marksmen. The Experts follow:

Lt. Col. Richard W. Mayo, 99; Cpl. John Reinhard, Co. B, 98; 2nd Lt. Murr D. Kirby, Co. B, 97; Capt. John H. Sanguinetti, Hq. Co. 96; Capt. James H. W. Treadwell, Co. 94; 2nd Lt. John P. Monahan, Co. A, 94; 2nd Lt. Conrad Shelton, Rcn. Co. 87,

T-Sgt. Karl E. Curry, Hq. Co. 87; 2nd Lt. Henry G. Califf, Hq. Co. 86; 1st Lt. Robert E. Ferguson, Co. A, 86; 2nd Lt. Jessie L. Reagsdale, Rcn. Co. 68; 1-Sgt. Ernest E. Allee, Co. C 86; T-Sgt. Charles H. Schlueter, Hq. Co. 86; S-Sgt. J. D. Williamson, Co. B 86.

Six men fired scores of 94 or better.

Col. Mayo gave each officer and man personal instruction and imparted to them the knowledge he had gained in years of pistol firing, when he broke the Olympic Games record and came within two points of setting a world's record.

The battalion fired an instructional course with the Machine Gun, Cal. 30 and 91 per cent shot better than qualifying scores.



A DIFFERENT CADENCE—No drill cadence in this rhythm furnished by T. 4 Bill Fischer's Second RTC Dance band. The organization played for Hood men and their guests from neighboring towns last week at the Thursday night dance supervised by the 37th St. Service Club. Tuesday night dances, also held in the Field House, are arranged by the 162nd St. Service Club. Featured singer with the band is PFC Joe Maimone.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Machine Gun Section Teaches Men To Fire In Pitch Darkness

The sharp rattle of machine gun fire punctured the still night air. Orange and yellow tracers criss-crossed the area to pick up their targets.

A flare burst over the area to disclose the outlines of a tank. The lead gun found its objective on the first burst, and the whole line opened up, throwing a stream of tracers against the side of the steel monster.

Part Of Training

This might be the report of action from a United Nations battle field. It is, however, a description of night-firing under the supervision of the machine gun section, Weapons Department, Tank Destroyer School.

Originally an idea of Lieutenants William H. Hablett and R. T. Knowles, it is now held twice weekly under the supervision of Lt. Hablett. Lt. Knowles is now Machine Gun Group Chief.

Objectives of night firing are to teach classes the value, uses and adaptability of night firing as an element of surprise. Classes fire in orders while their classmates observe, criticize and applaud. Lt. Hablett explains the demonstrations performed by members of the machine gun section, many of whom have become expert shots.

Have Good Shots

Lead gunners Sgt. Carl Espoito and Sgt. Gilbert Gabriel, assistant gunners Cpl. Dennis Yankee and S/Sgt. William McFaul are among the best shots in Camp Hood.

Classes are taught to fire tracers at a moving tank target, moving light target, light flashes and flare-illuminated objectives.

Use of tracers enable the class and instructors to know exactly where the bullets are falling.

Valuable Training

Working at night, under conditions similar to those which they will find in actual battle, TDS classes are learning many tricks from the machine gun section which will enable them to give a good account of themselves "overthere."

Impromptu Program Held At Hospital

An impromptu show was produced by hospital patients in the Red Cross Recreation Hall Monday. The variety program was arranged and presented by Elizabeth Hibbs, Staff Recreation Worker, and Sgt. James Ellis, a hospital patient.

Those participating in the show were: Pvt. David Hert, Co. B, 140th TD Bn.; Sgt. James H. Ellis, Hdq., 758th TD Bn.; Sgt. Kelly Christian Co. B, 827th; Pvt. Otto P. Bostie, Co. B, 846th; Pvt. Rexie Moore, Hdq. Co., 827th; Pvt. Gusie G. Collins, Hdq. Co., 846th; Pvt. Adolph Lacy, Co. C, 646th; Sgt. Alex Yakim, Co. C, 744th; Pvt. Ferdinand J. White, Med. 663rd.

RTC Trainee-Refugee Knows What Nazi Way Of Life Means To Him

By PVT. MASON GOULD
Co. C, 139th Bn, RTC

There's at least one soldier in Company "O", 139th Training Battalion, who should know a little more about our Nazi enemy than the average trainee. He's Pvt. Herbert Herzfeld, one of the many Jewish refugees who have found a haven in this country, following ouster from Germany by the iron fist of Adolph Hitler.

Private Herzfeld was born in Hannover, Germany, 22 years ago. His father, who was in the German army in the first World War, owned a clothing establishment in Hannover at the time Hitler and his henchmen came into power back in 1933. The brutal persecution of the Jews which followed found its mark on the Herzfeld household after a few years of Nazi domination and preaching of racial intolerance had been forced upon the people.

Private Herzfeld's father was apprehended in 1938, his business establishment was confiscated, and he was sent to a Nazi concentration camp. After several weeks, he was released from the camp and told to leave the country immediately.

Go To South America

Failing to get in on the quota of immigrants for the United States, the Herzfeld family seized upon the opportunity to sail for South America, with the hope that some day they would be able to come to this country. They were sent to Ecuador and lived there a year and a half with the male members of the family starting "out from scratch" to earn a living.

Finally, when the opportunity came to come to the United States, Private Herzfeld took off on his own, hoping to get a good start on a career. This was in 1940. After staying in New York City for a short time with an aunt, he left for Washington and there landed a salesman's job

in a men's furnishing store, working up to manager within a year.

After the war broke out, he was drafted and found that his next job will be that of destroying the tanks of his native land.

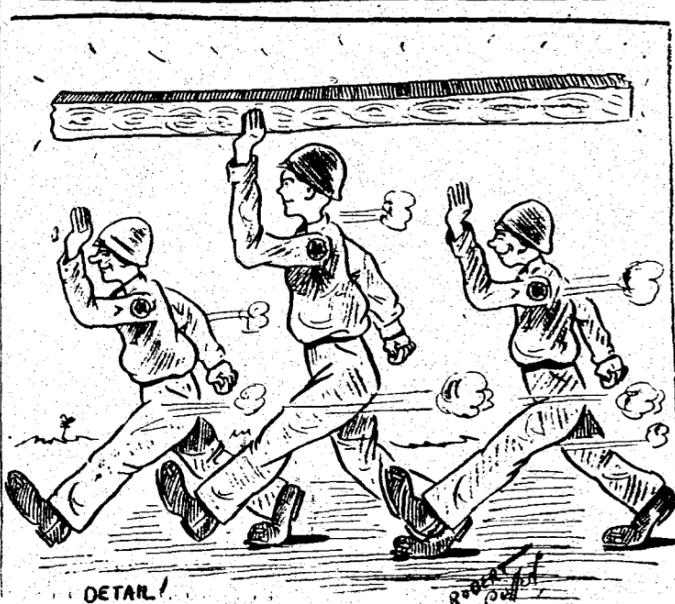
However, he has no desire to ever live in Germany again so long as the Nazis are ruling the nation.

The law says that an alien in the U. S. Army may become a naturalized citizen of the United States three months after entering the service, and that's exactly what Private Herzfeld wants.

Speaks Four Languages

He speaks excellent English, with only a slight accent, and is also conversant with Spanish and French in addition to his native tongue. He hopes some day to become an officer in our army, and will probably be one of our most vengeful fighters if and when he gets into combat.

PRIVATE STUFF by Robert Cuffen



Get Medals For Heroism

By direction of the President, under provision of an Act of Congress, Soldiers' Medals for heroism displayed at Camp Hood, were awarded this week to the following enlisted men of The Tank Destroyer School: M/S Fred Harding, M/S Lyle Hoff, Tech. Sgt. James Curtin, S/Sgt. Bernard Smith, Jr., S/Sgt. John Cramer, Sgt. Cleamon Watkins, Sgt. Thurman Price and Sgt. Donald Rogers, and Pvt. Sylvester Helf, formerly of the school, now in Company "C" of the 825th Battalion.

When a large gasoline truck became ignited and burned, these men, acting in disregard of their own safety, and on their own initiative saved valuable government property. Through their actions they averted a serious disaster.

Sees Brother's Pictures From India

"Yank," the army weekly, features in its May 28 issue, photos by Sgt. Bob Ghio, brother of Aux. Sarah Ghio, 159th WAAC Post Hq. Co. The pictures tell a story of the army Air Force in India. Sgt. Ghio is a staff photographer for "Yank" and his sister works in the Post Public Relation Office here.

824th Battalion Adopts Insignia

A black horse-head in profile, is now the official insignia of the 823rd TD Bn., and is being placed on all vehicles. The sable equine was chosen because Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Charles B. McClelland, and a considerable part of the officer personnel, come from the Cavalry.

Backgrounds for the insignia are Headquarters Co., yellow; Co. A, red; Co. B, white; Co. C, blue.

The design is the joint product of Cpl. Henri P. StCharles, Hdq. Co., and Pvt. Manuel G. Gonzales, Co. B.

Private Puts \$8,000 Into War Savings

RT. Joe Larkin, Headquarters Company, Training Brigade, has shown McDowell County, West Virginia, what the Tank Destroyers feel about going all out for victory over the Axis.

When Joe went home to Kimball, W. Va., on furlough the first week of May, he decided that since he was soldiering for Uncle Sam in the Training Brigade he might just as well let his cash work for the country too. He put "every dollar I have" into war bonds: \$5,000 in his name, and \$3,000 in the name of Mrs. Larkin.

Private Larkin was in the restaurant business before entering the Army last November 9th. He also worked in the mines at Bottom Creek. His parents were born in Italy, but have been in West Virginia for nearly 40 years.

North Camp Will Have STAR Unit

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college, unless those who had more college training or who have graduated majored in either physics, chemistry, psychology, math or engineering, or have a knowledge of some foreign language.

Action Expected Soon

Action is expected momentarily sending recommended men to Specialized Training and Reassignment (STAR) units where actual courses at chosen universities and colleges will be selected. STAR units will make final decisions on the desirability of sending soldiers to colleges. The necessity for quick action all through the phases of getting the men to ASTP is tied up with the army's need for trained engineers, doctors, dentists, foreign language specialists, and psychologists. ASTP will also fill the gap in these professions which the draft is making.

To supply rounded education for those taking the basic course, plans are under way to give these students refresher courses in history and English.

Indications are that qualified men will be leaving Camp Hood in a steady flow before long. No man qualified will be denied the chance to go to the ASTP, officers in charge of Camp Hood's boards have stated.

General Thompson Will Address Grads

Friday, Brig. General H. F. Thompson, Commanding General of the Basic Unit Training Center, will address the 31st Officers Candidate Class in graduation ceremonies to be held at the 24th Street Theatre.

Brig. General H. T. Mayberry, Commanding General of the Tank Destroyer School, will address the 32nd Officer Candidate Class in graduation exercises to be held at the 24th Street Theatre June 4. It was announced this week.

Wedding Bells

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The engagement of Lt. Charles J. Pellicane, Student Regiment, to Lt. Betty Connelly, McCloskey Hospital, Temple, was announced this week. The wedding is planned for June.

Pfc. Robert Garden, Hq. Det. DEML, and Miss Eleanor Le Blanc of Chelsea, Mass., were married at Chelsea, Mass., Sunday, May 9, 1943.

Temple Pool Now Open

Schedule for the use of the Temple USO swimming pool, which is now open, was announced this week by Charles Boud, program director.

Les Cranfill, Temple high school football coach, will be life-guard at the pool.

The schedule follows:
Monday—closed. Tuesday 1:30-5:30 p. m.—soldiers. 6:30-9:30 p. m.—soldiers.
Wednesday 11 a. m.—1 p. m.—ladies only. 1:30 p. m.—5:30 p. m.—soldiers. 8:30-9:30 p. m.—classes for Camp Hood soldiers.
Thursday 1:30-4:00 p. m.—soldiers. 4-6 p. m.—ladies. 6:30-9:30 p. m.—soldiers.
Friday 1:30-5:30 p. m.—6:30-9:30 p. m.—soldiers.
Saturday 9 a. m. to noon. 1:30-5:30 p. m.—6:30-9:30 p. m.—soldiers. 8 to 9 p. m.—Camp Hood classes.
Sunday 9 a. m. to noon. 1:30 p. m.—soldiers. 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.—classes for Camp Hood soldiers.

Recreation Plans Made For WAACs

The recreation program for the 159th WAAC company is getting under way this week, under the direction of the recreation clerk, Cpl. Rena Nickle.

With members of the company as instructors and leaders, there will be a band, glee club, dramatic club, dancing classes and current events session, all meeting regularly during the week, when the WAACs are off work.

Quiz Answers

1. The army needs dogs for messenger and sentry duties. They must be in good health, at least 20 inches high at the shoulder, weigh at least 50 pounds, and be from one to five years old.
2. Five enemy planes.
3. Camp Mackall, at Hoffman, North Carolina, by special order of the War Department, was named in honor of Pvt. John T. Mackall, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, who died November 12, 1942, of wounds received in action.
4. The letters "I" and "J" are too similar in appearance, therefore, "J" has been eliminated.
5. Yes. An alien can be promoted to the grade of master sergeant, if he is qualified. After receiving final citizenship papers he is then eligible for OCS.
6. A soldier, at his reception center, gets no less than 79 articles of clothing and equipment. At retail prices the equipment is valued at \$150.

WAAC Wins 2 Awards Firing Rifle And Pistol

Lt. Elizabeth J. Stewart, 164th WAAC Post Headquarters Company, gathered an unusual distinction when she was awarded medals for qualifying in rifle and pistol firing while on detached service at Camp Bowie recently. Lt. Stewart, believed to be first member of the WAAC to qualify, earned the sharpshooter's rating for pistol and marksman's for rifle.

Commander Congratulates WAAC Commander Col. Oreta Culp Hobby congratulated Lt. Stewart at a luncheon in the Officers club when the Colonel visited camp recently.

Col. L. E. Jacoby instructed the WAAC officer in practice at Camp Bowie before she fired for the record.

Was Newspaperwoman Before enrolling in the WAAC, Lt. Stewart was a newspaper woman in Calif. and taught Journalism in Belmont High School, Calif. She served as technical advisor to script writers at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios during the filming of the WAAC picture, "Women in Uniforms."

He Observes The Correct Policy Anyway

Pvt. Joe Gavalier, Co. "C", 610th TD Bn., wanted to be sure he would pass a tough G. I. inspection. The night before he carefully cleaned equipment, leaving all articles in top shape. But when the inspection was over he giggled... all because the equipment he cleaned was his bunkmate's—a chap who was just as amazed he had passed the inspection.

Hq. & Service Co. Team Defeats OCS

The Hq. and Service Company softball club, of the OCS regiment, defeated the 1st OCS softball aggregation in a recent game by a score of 11 to 8. The game went nine innings, two extra frames having to be played before the deciding markers were put across by the victorious Hq. and Service Co. team.

The losing club entertained the victors with a party, held after the game in the regimental rec hall.

Sgt. Sidney Katz, athletic authority, who arranges games and schedules for the OCS clubs, in anxious to line up some games with other clubs in camp. Sgt. Katz may be contacted by phoning 2285.

12th TD Group Softball Team Defeats AUTC 3-1

The 12th TD Group softball team chalked up its second straight victory in as many starts by defeating the AUTC softballers 3 to 1 in a recent game.

The encounter, a pitching duel, went into an extra frame before the 12th TD swatters could push across the deciding markers. Paced by PFC. Fred McGregor

Receiving her commission at Ft. Des Moines in Jan., 1943, Lt. Stewart came to Camp Hood with the first WAAC company assigned to this camp.

812th Singers Furnish Music For High School

A group of singers from the 812th Bn. furnished music for the Copperas Cove High School baccalaureate sermon in Copperas Cove Sunday morning. General A. D. Bruce, commanding General of the Tank Destroyer center, attended the services.

This group of musicians was organized by 1st Lt. Jesse Scheetman of the 812th Medical Detachment and is led by Pvt. Phil Fradkin. Singers in the group are Pvt. Irvin Spice, Pfc. William Campbell, Pfc. Eugene Dupin, Pvt. Thomas Capron, and Pvt. George Kennerknecht. All of the men are from New York state.

In addition to singing with this group, Pvt. Irvin Spice played a violin solo. Spice is a graduate of Juilliard School of Music of New York, having finished in 1932. He has been engaged in radio work for the last five years having written incidental music, played and arranged for all three major networks emanating from New York City. He was assistant musical director of Merle Kendrick at the time of his induction into the army. His last network assignment was with the "Cheers from the Camps" series sponsored by the War Department and General Motors.

Pvt. Fradkin was teaching piano in New York City when inducted and had given several recitals there.

WAAC Sergeant Talks To 164th

First Sgt. Margaret Munningham, of the 164th WAAC Hq. Co., was introduced to the 824th Bn. during the week of May 10th, at which time she gave a talk on the duties and aims of the WAAC's.

At the completion of her talk, she asked her audience if there were any facts about the WAAC's not clear to them. She was immediately peppered with questions from all corners of the room. Her reply to this barrage of questions was well met, and settled the minds of many a 824th Bn. soldier who had hazy views about American soldiering women.

and rightfielder Bernacki, the 12th put over two tallies in the top-half of the extra stanza to go two-up on the AUTC aggregation.

The game featured the hurling of T-5 George Maxey's moundsman of the 12th Group, Pfc. Fred McGregor led the batting attack with two safe blows out of four trips to the plate.



HEADS AUTC—Col. Thomas J. Heavey is the new commanding officer of the Advanced Unit Training Center. He was previously commanding officer of the Training Brigade. He recently spent four months as an army observer in England and North Africa.

She Probably Thought It Just Teamwork

"I'm the driver of a half-track," Cpl. Ross K. Albon, Co. C, 610th TD Bn., wrote his girl friend back home in reply to a query concerning his duties at Camp Hood.

This week he received another letter from her. She wrote: "Glad to hear you're a half-track driver, but who drives the other half?"

Texas Marriage License Regulations Are Given

The County Clerk's office at Belton has offered the following information relative to marriage licenses.

State laws prohibit the intermarriage of any member of the Caucasian (white) race with Africans or their descendants (negroes).

Males under 16 and females under 14 shall not marry. Consent of one parent or legal guardian must be secured for minor (male under 21, female under 18). Such consent must be in the form of an affidavit of consent, duly signed and sworn to before a Notary Public or other official authorized to take affidavits.

A medical certificate, bearing a current date, must be furnished by the man. This certificate may be issued and acted upon by any regularly licensed physician, civilian or military. No such certificate is required for the female.

The fee for issuing a marriage license is \$1.50, and after the marriage the officiating minister or official returns the license to the issuing office where it is recorded in the marriage records and then returned to the interested parties at whatever address may be given, without additional charges. If a certified copy of the marriage record is required there is an extra fee of \$1.00.

12th TD Group Defeats 11th Softball Team

The 12th TD Group defeated the 11th TD Group by a score of 6 to 0 in a recent softball contest. The victors unleashed a 14-hit attack, and behind the six-tight hurling of T-5 George Maxey, allowed the 11th TD swatters only three scattered safeties.

Pfc. Fred McGregor led the 12th's batting onslaught with three solid singles.

Lineups and the score by innings as follows: 12th TD Group: Bek, cf; Gladichum and Killen, 2b; Borowski and Brown, c; McGregor, lf; Spector and Gilmore, 1b; Garber, 3b; Mawhitter and Bernacki, sf; Ballard and Strauch, ss; Douglas, if and Maxey, p.
11th TD Group: Hilland and Byrnes, 3b; Matthews, cf; Gardner, 1b; Puhak, c; Hanchurek, 2b; Green and Hill, ss; Harris, lf; Lacy, rf; Ems, if; Larasa and Hilland, pitchers.
12th TD Group 6 2 1 1 2 0 0—6 14 6
11th TD Group 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 9

Troop C Wins Brigade Contest

The fast-stepping "C" Troop softball club, of the 113th Cavalry, walked off with the brigade championship Monday evening by ousting the 13th Ordnance softball team by the score of 12 to 8 in a game played on the Cavalry diamond.

Sgts. Mace and Morley McCourt, brother-combination on the 113th club, again were the stars afield and at bat. Mace contributed a long homer with mates aboard, while Morley pitched superb ball to hold the 13th Ordnance swatters in check when his means runs. Sgt. Hibbon furnished a telling double for the victors in the earlier frames that gave the Cavalrymen a comfortable lead never overcome by the ordnance crew.

Visiting Singer Finds Room Mate

When the USO Camel Caravan played at the field house, one of the three "Debs," a vocal trio, had a chance to learn a little WAAC harmony from Audrey Hedges, a former college sorority roommate of the Camel Caravan's star, Betty Lee Ambler, who with the other girls of the trio started singing at the U. of Missouri, took time off backstage to try again some of the tunes she and Camy Hood's WAAC used to sing in a trio back at college.

Male Call

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

This Took Crust





SPORTS PAGE



Sports Stars Found In North Camp Hood From Every State

North Camp Hood is dotted with a far-reaching array of athletic talent. Athletes from every section of the 48 are to be found among the various battalions now dwelling at the new north half of Hood. The list might well serve as a "Who's Who" of sports. Anyway, the roster includes such stars as:

Pvt. Lewis E. Grissom, Company C, 135th Bn. RTC, former athlete representing Lamesa, Texas. During his high school career, Pvt. Grissom starred in five sports: football, baseball, basketball, track and tennis. Not only did he shine on the athletic field, but was president of his high school class and won the right to deliver the valedictory address at graduation time. Grissom also won distinctive honors in mathematics and English. He was captain of the 1941 Lamesa football eleven, winner of the district pigskin championship.

Four-Year Athlete

Pvt. Miles A. Koenig, Company C, 139th Bn. RTC, is a former four-year athletic great from California, Minnesota, where he reaped recognition in football, basketball, track and boxing. Koenig was captain of the high school football, basketball and track teams. He was winner of his school's award as the most outstanding athlete.

Pvt. Logan W. Watkins, Company C, 130th Bn. RTC, is an all-around athlete. Pvt. Watkins calls Mill Shoals, Illinois his home. And the army is not a thing totally new to Watkins, for he went through a lot of "hut-two-three-four" at Carmi High School in Illinois. He had a daily schedule of military drill right along with classes, but his mind was set on becoming a top-flight athlete. He took in every sport his school had to offer: football, basketball, track, softball, baseball—and was a four-year star in each. Watkins established new records in county and district track meets, gaining numerous medals.

Was A Pitcher

Pvt. Clarence J. Little, Company A, 130th Bn. RTC, was a star pitcher before inking his contract with Uncle Sam. Pvt. Little comes from Cordele, Georgia. He hurried for the Cordele Reds baseball nine, where he rang up the remarkable record of 16 wins against two setbacks for an average of .889. Four of Little's victories were no-hit performances and six were shut-outs.

He Won Medals

Pvt. Oliver Gasperini, Company C, 135th Bn. RTC, is a former football and track star. Pvt. Gasperini hails from Pittsburgh, Pa. Before donning Uncle Sam's apparel, he was a student at Pittsburgh's Duquesne University. In his athletic specialties, football and track, he won numerous bronze, silver and gold medals. In track, Gasperini was a dash expert, a 220-yard man, and in this particular event he brought home many tokens during his career, both in high school and college. Gasperini played varsity football while at Duquesne and was selected as the most valuable player on the team. During his high school days, he was chosen as the best sportsman of his school, Peabody High, in Pittsburgh, and was awarded the school's annual football scholarship to go to college, Duquesne being his choice. Gasperini was chosen for a slot on Pittsburgh's all-city gridiron eleven last year.

Defeat Temple High

The 113th Cavalry Hq. Company softball team defeated the Temple high school softball club by a score of 12 to 8 in a recent game played at the Temple high school diamond. Heavy hitting by both sides featured the contest.

Cavalry Defeats 605 Team 6 To 3

Troop C Pulls Out In Sixth Inning After Close Start

The Orange - and - black uniformed Troop "C" softball aggregation of the 113th Cavalry, defeated the fighting Red-and-blue Company "C" softballers of the 605th TD Battalion last week in one of the best games played this season on Hood soil, the final score being 6 to 3 in favor of the Cavalrymen.

The game stood at a close score until the top-half of the sixth inning, when Sgt. Morley McCourt, gangling tosser of the 113th, laced a long two-bagger to left scoring Sgt. Hibbon and his brother, Sgt. Mace McCourt with the two extra markers that meant decisive victory for the Cavalry. These two runs runs proved to be the clinchers, as Morley McCourt, given fine support by his mates, held the 605th in check the rest of the distance. The 605th was never able to connect safely off McCourt after the fourth stanza.

The game was highlighted by the appearance of the 113th Cavalry band, which furnished music for the encounter. Several hundred spectators were on hand to cheer their battling aggregation. Lineup and box score as follows:

113th Cavalry ("C" Troop)	AB	R	H	E
Merringer, 1b	4	0	0	0
Balderson, lf	3	0	0	0
Hibbon, cf	2	1	1	0
Mace McCourt, 3b	2	1	0	1
Morley McCourt, p	3	1	1	0
Duvall, cf	3	1	2	0
Reedinger, sss	2	1	0	1
Solomon, c	3	1	2	0
East, rf	1	0	0	0
Brown, 2b	3	0	0	0
Murray, xx	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	6	6	2
605th Co. ("C")	AB	R	H	E
Haddox, 2b	4	0	0	0
Wolski, ss	3	1	0	0
Jones, c	3	0	1	0
Goulet, p	2	0	0	1
Buracas, lf	2	0	0	0
Lakos, 1b	3	0	1	0
Huge, 3b	3	0	1	1
Windam, rf	3	1	1	0
Russler, sf	2	1	1	0
Donham, cf	2	0	0	0
Sivrola, xx	1	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	5	2
Umpires: Sgt. Clemens and Sgt. Hamilton.				

113th Cavalry Team Has Lampasas Game

The "F" Troop softball team, of the 113th Cavalry, will journey to Lampasas for a night game Thursday. The game will get underway at 9 p.m., it was announced by Cpl. Arthur H. Moon, athletic caretaker of the 113th Cavalry teams.

The 113th Cavalry teams would like to arrange games with other clubs in camp. Games can be arranged by notifying 113th Cavalry athletic officials one day in advance of the desired game, according to Cpl. Moon.

North Camp Athletic Plans Made

Lt. Bernard Tarabino, athletic officer of TD RTC, North Camp Hood, has organized a full schedule of softball and baseball among the various TD RTC battalions now occupying North Camp. The schedule will run on an inter-company play plan for six weeks and at the completion of the six weeks competition, play will enter inter-battalion rounds of elimination to determine battalion champions. Battalion champions will then enter a round of play to decide a regimental champion and one final team to represent North Camp Hood against the champion of South Camp.

Lt. Tarabino has also lined up a schedule in other sports, including volley ball, badminton and horseshoes.

All schedules are to get underway this week, it was announced.

OCS Baseball Nine Defeats Ordnance

The OCS Regiment baseball club nosed out the 520th Ordnance baseball team by a score of 6 to 5 in a recent game played on the OCS diamond. The OCS club, coached by Lt. C. A. McCoy, garnered five hits, while the 520th Ordnance club collected a total of six bingles.

Sgt. Joe Lekutis accounted for the tying and winning markers for the OCS club, when he drove a sizzling two-bagger to left in the eighth frame to score two of his mates. All the OCS hits were bunched and timely bingles.

It was the first game of the season for the OCS club. The team, handled by Lt. McCoy and Sgt. Sidney Katz, is anxious to arrange games with other clubs in camp. Anyone wishing a game with the OCS club should contact St. Katz at 2285.

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Mail Your 'Panther' Home!



Camp Hood, Texas

From:



With Pvt. Keith Quick

Pro Star Hurls Here

7.5 Herby Karpel, Hq. Company, 824th TD Bn., rates a slice of our sports panorama this week. "Hurling" Herby is a pro baseball star, formerly with the Kansas City Blues of the American Association, noted Double A league. . . . During his first season with the Blues, Karpel won 11 games and lost only one, a remarkable average of .917. . . . But Herby wasn't only noted for his hurling chores, he was murder up there at the pan with the willow, too, and seldom made a miscue in the field. . . . Karpel was selected as the "Most Valuable" player in the minor leagues during his stay with the Blues. . . . Incidentally, Herby is a product of New York City's Richmond Hill high school, where he performed with his two close buddies, Marius Russo and Phil Rizzuto—former Yankee stars. . . . Karpel was due to have a fling with the Yanks this season, but Uncle Sam also had a dotted line—so Herby had to ink Uncle's contract instead of the one offered by manager Joe McCarthy of the Yanks. . . . Herby will be the main cog of the 824th's mound staff this summer, and we'll say there'll be lotsa' batsmen biting the dust when Karpel fires his slants at them. . . . Lt. Richard K. Gage, athletic director of the 824th, is counting on the mighty arm of the ex-pro to bring home a number of victories.

Sounds Like A "Double Play"

Sgts. Mace and Morley McCourt, of the 113th Cavalry Troop softball team, are a pair of brothers who really take their softball seriously. We watched the two buds do their stuff in the recent game between the 113th and 605th TD Bn. Company C team and it was quite amazing to witness their flawless cooperation. Yep, when it comes to "seeking, striking and destroying" their opponents determination to win, the McCourt boys are right there. The two popular buds consult each other on particular plays where the enemy might have chance to put over a marker, and their strategy seems to work every time. . . . Incidentally, Morley takes care of the hurling chores and Mace holds down the "hot corner" for the battling Troop "C" softballers.

Demonstrates Obstacle Course

Sgt. Sidney Katz, assistant to the Athletic Officer of the OCS Regiment, TDS, demonstrates net-scaling and proper running of the course, and arranges inter-regimental games.

Sgt. Katz attended Long Island University, majoring in physical education. He played football and baseball at Long Island U and later played pro football and semi-pro baseball. He worked on the athletic staff at Manhattan Beach for three summers.

Oddly enough, at school, while weighing 220 pounds, Sgt. Katz studied the fundamentals of the ballet—which, as it happened, served him well as an entertainer in the New York night clubs. He was well known as a comedian and master of ceremonies when he was called into service in June 1942.

Strong RTC Baseball Nine Wins North Camp Opener

The strong baseball nine of Company C, 139th Bn. RTC, North Camp Hood, defeated Company C, 140th TD Bn. RTC last Sunday afternoon 12 to 4, in the opening game of the baseball season at North Camp.

The victors, managed by Pvt. Henry Cooper of Philadelphia, Pa., former batting practice catcher for the Philadelphia Athletics, has issued a challenge to all company teams in the RTC.

In the game last Sunday, the 140th aggregation was unable to hit the offerings of Pvs. Mason Gould and Maurice De Jonge for

the first six innings. Gould, former southpaw twirler of Michigan university, whiffed nine batters in the three innings he worked, only one man reaching first base on an error. De Jonge, who hurled for Grand Rapids, Michigan high school last season, fanned seven batsmen in his three-inning stay on the hill. The losers finally found their batting eye and garnered several timely bingles off the slants of Pvt. Frank Sedok, Monessen, Pa., in the last three stanzas, but it was too late to overcome the early lead of the 139th swatters.

The "Pride Of Brooklyn" Says He's Ready To Take On A Fight With Any Other Lightweight Here

By PVT. DENNIS O'SULLIVAN Hq. Co., 824th Bn.

Pvt. Mickey La Rosa, Hq. Co., 824th TD Bn., better known in fighting circles as the "Pride of Brooklyn" has offered to engage in an exhibition bout with any soldier in his fighting class, the lightweight division.

After winning the A.A.A. lightweight crown, he entered the professional field and established a

notable record, 33 wins out of 35 starts. His victories were not hal- low for he fought and won over such known leatherpushers as Bobby Ivy, Solly Pearl, Jimmy Pierce Martin Talar and a host of other notable fighters.

Pvt. La Rosa was a boxing student of both Henry Armstrong and Tony Cannoneri, and was managed by Willie Felice, a popular figure in the boxing world.