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OCS Nine Wins 3 To 1 From 603rd

Three-Game Series Will Decide Winner In Hood's B League

By PFC Walter H. Glaser

Playing good ball after a sloppy first inning, the OCS baseball team punched out a 3 to 1 victory over the 603rd Bn. Monday night to take the first game of a three-game series between the two clubs which will decide Camp Hood's league "B" championship.

Cpl. Bill O'Malley was the hero again. O'Malley hurled two-hit, ball, hurling no-hit, no-run style for the last four frames of the game. He retired the last three hitters to face him via strikeouts.

The 603rd's only run came in the initial stanza, an unearned marker, coming as the result of left fielder Mazzetta's error. The OCS left fielder threw wildly past Matuszak, OCS third sacker, to allow the lone run to cross the plate.

Margin Short-Lived

However, their one-run margin was short-lived, as the OCS nine came back to tie the count in the bottom-half of the opening frame, when Sgt. George Krigbaum, OCS maskman, laced a single to right to score Scroggins. In the third inning, OCS went out in front to stay, when Krigbaum reached first on an error and advanced to third on a single by Scanland, scoring after a long fly to center by Mazzetta.

In the fourth, the OCS aggregation scored its third and final run, when O'Malley laid down a bunt and beat it out for a hit. He advanced to second on a sacrifice and scored a moment later when Scroggins lined a two-bagger to left.

Giannini Makes Hits

Both hits off O'Malley came from the bat of Pvt. Bud Giannini, 603rd right fielder. O'Malley fanned six batters and walked three during the seven-inning tussel. Cpl. John Wesley pitched five-hit ball and fanned four men for the 603rd.

The winner of the three-game series will play the Student Regt. nine, winners of league "A", in a three-game series to determine the 1943 champion of Camp Hood, the championship series to begin upon completion of the current OCS-603rd series, remaining games which will be played on Wednesday and Friday of this week, provided the series goes the three-game limit.

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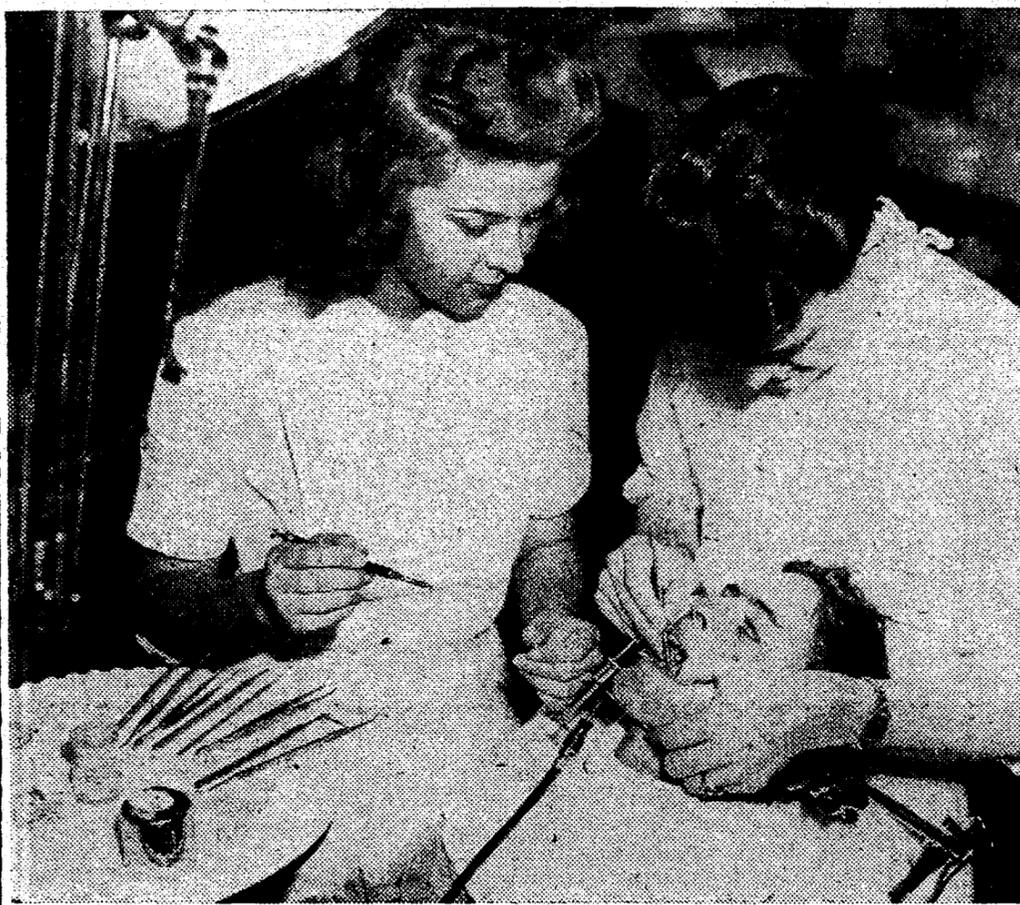
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Travelling Libraries Available In Field

For outfits out in the field that find no common interest with woodticks and chiggers, there are books available.

Miss Catheryne Settle, Librarian at the 37th St. Library, has announced that she has three travelling libraries still available.

Any outfit out in the field may borrow one of these—if the Special Service Officer will get in touch with Miss Settle (telephone 487).



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

DOESN'T LOOK SO BAD—Going to the dentist, at least in Camp Hood, may not be so bad after all. The camp's dental clinic system serves thousands of soldiers monthly. For more pictures of what goes on in our dental clinics, see page two.

'Press Fight', New Lt.'s Told

"You must always be able to make one more step, one more advance, although it seems impossible. In combat, there is only one rule, to hit the enemy and keep hitting him," said Colonel W. J. Thompson, FA, Inspector of Training, at the TD School Friday as he addressed the 43rd Officer Candidate class at their graduation exercise.

Following the address, Brig. Gen. H. T. Mayberry, commandant of the School, presented the commissions and certificates of graduation.

Music for the occasion was provided by the 2nd TD Band, and Sergeant R. V. Lewis gave a vocal selection. Major William B. Anderson of the Officer Candidate Regiment was director of ceremonies.

Twelfth St. Club At North Camp To Have Patio Open Soon

Enlisted men frequenting the Twelfth Street Service Club at North Camp will soon sip their "cokes" on a patio now under construction behind the clubhouse.

The patio will be about 60 by 80 feet with a floor of polished concrete and a railing on three sides. The fourth side will join the rear porch of the clubhouse.

The Twelfth Street club boasts a new duplex combination radio and phonograph in a magonany cabinet. Senior Hostess Ruth Madison said it is planned to present symphonic concerts in the card room each Sunday afternoon, and refreshments will be served.

Window boxes have been installed on the card room windows overlooking the social hall and various vines and plants lend a touch of outdoors. The club also has acquired many hickory and rattan furniture for porch use.

General's Helmet Now Worn By PFC

Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.

Through all the maze of twisting Army channels, a helmet liner, M-1, bumped from supply room to supply room. Just a plain helmet liner like the one any GI wears.

When Pfc. Harry Fox, Hd. DEML, went to get a helmet to replace one he lost, he was issued the wandering helmet liner, M-1.

On the strap inside the liner was written, "Gen. A. D. Bruce, 0-5857".

Fox is open for bids. You too can wear the helmet that belonged to the former commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center.

Art School Brings Show

A scintillating program, "Star-dust Revue," produced by the Southern School of Fine Arts, Houston, under the direction of Homer Springfield, has been announced by the Special Services Section for Camp Hood.

The program will be presented September 3rd at North Camp at the Recreation Hall at 12th and Park Sts., at 8:30; on September 4th at the 162nd St. Service Club patio; and on the 5th at the 37th St. Service Club. South Camp. Shows will start at 8 o'clock.

The show will offer music and dancing by some of the best talent in the country, performers who've played topflight nightclubs and theaters from coast to coast.

Become Parents

Lt. and Mrs. Robert E. Council, of the 672nd TD Battalion, ITC, North Camp, became parents of a new daughter, Helen Elizabeth on August 3.

Departments Are Merged

The formulation of all tank-destroyer training and field manuals, training literature and films, and visual aids will now be done in the Publications Department of the Tank Destroyer School. This change comes about through the merger early this week of the School Publications Department with the tactics section of the TD Board.

Lt. Col. Clyde H. Plank, formerly of the TD Board, is the new department director, and Captain W. T. Tardy, former director, now heads the editorial and public relations section of the department.

Since the merger, the combined departments have moved from TD School headquarters to the former dayroom of Company A, Academic regiment, at 24th street and Central avenue. This building was one of the first three completed in Camp Hood, according to Major Joel I. McGregor, Academic Regiment commander, who moved here with Company A from Temple in June 1942.

Two Hood Prisoners Sought After Slugging Guard And Escaping

Two Hood soldiers, Privates Clark E. Smith and Vernon E. Hoskins, were being sought by military authorities yesterday after overpowering a guard and taking an army truck. The truck was found near Eastland.

The two men had been working on a labor detail on the reservation Monday and on their way back to the stockade, slugged their guard, Pvt. Alexander Tristram, and took his gun. Forcing Tristram and the truck driver out of the truck near Pidecke, they fled in the truck.

Both men, 24 years of age, were doing labor detail duty as punishment for minor infractions of army discipline, it was reported.

Brazilian Officers Visit Here

Tour TD Center To Observe Training Methods Used Here

Brazilian Minister of War Major General Eurico Gasper Dutra, who is building an army along the pattern of the U. S. Army to fight with the United Nations, was a visitor in camp Monday.

He, and a party of eight Brazilian officers, were given a 19-gun salute from a platoon of tank destroyers and accorded full military honors during a three-hour visit to the TDC.

Come By Air

The visitors landed at the air field in camp shortly after 2:30 p. m. in a U. S. Army Transport plane. Before leaving the air field for a tour of camp, they stood before the 605th Bn., UTC, in review formation, while the Second TDC Band played the Brazilian and U. S. national anthems.

First demonstration to which the visiting officers were escorted was a demonstration of TD vehicle mobility. Participating in this demonstration were vehicles and crews from the 692nd Battalion, UTC, and from the Training Brigade.

Witness Firing

The convoy of officials moved on to see several spectacular firing demonstrations in which crews and vehicles from the 692nd and 635th Battalions, UTC, participated.

One spectacular shot from a 3-inch towed mount destroyed a target which was at a distance in excess of 2,500 yards, on the first try.

From the heavy caliber firing the group moved to the thousand inch range reviewing the 694th and 652nd Battalions enroute. At the antitank range elements of the 660th, 650th and 651st Battalions, all UTC units, fired sub-caliber at moving tanks.

137th Bn. Wins Latest RTC Mess Hall Award; Co. D. 6th Regt. Picked

Competition for RTC mess award waxes hot and heavy with the 137th Bn. taking the honors for the best battalion mess for the week ending August 21st.

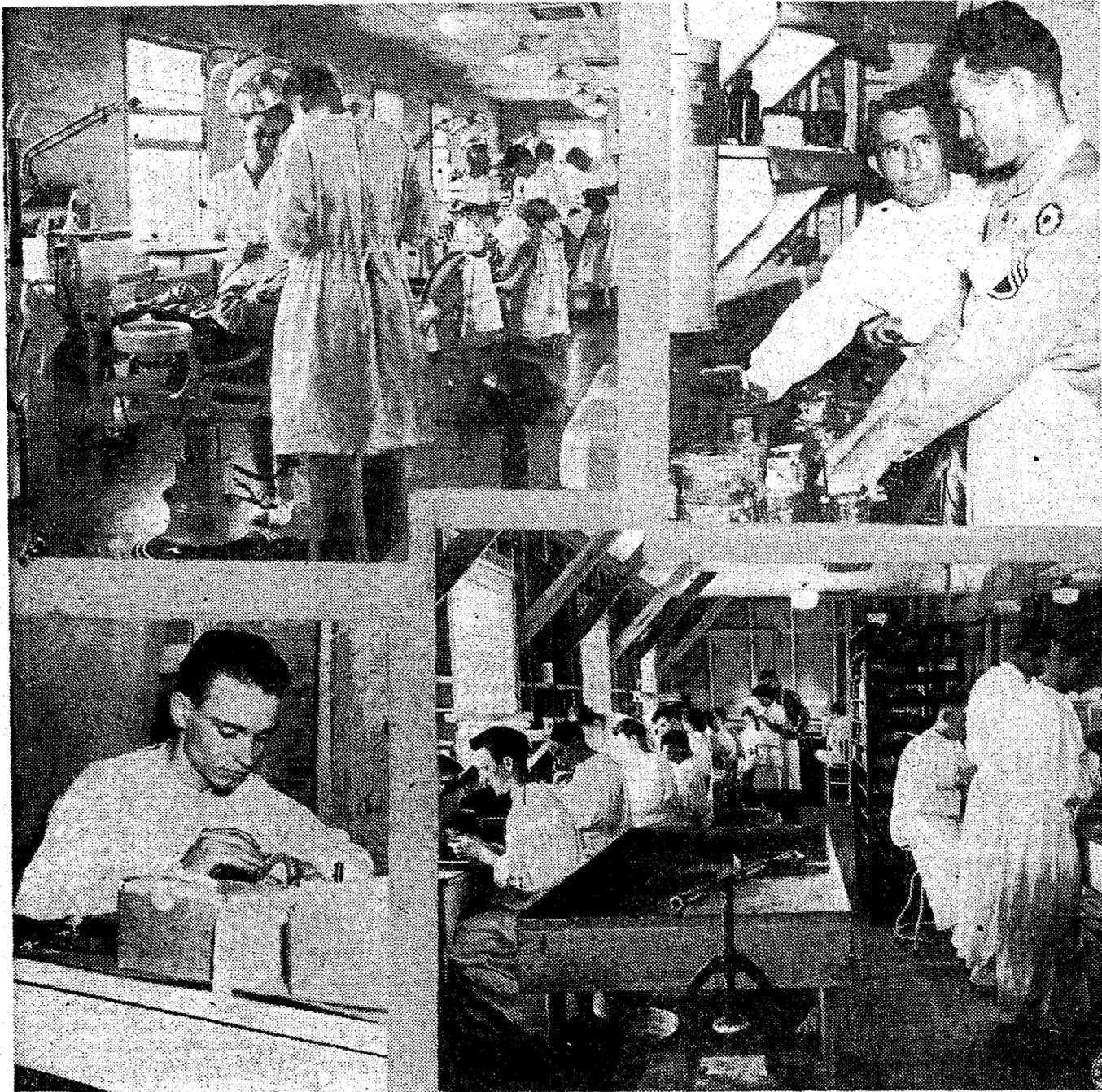
The best company mess in the 6th Regt. was that of Co. D, 142 AST Bn., while Co. A, 148 AST Bn. came out on top in the 7th Regt.

The officers mess that led all the rest in the RTC, was that of the 4th Regt.

Former Entertainers Now Train Here To Be TD Officers

Former big-time entertainers are Robert Wolfe of the 49th and Chester Toomer of the 50th Tank Destroyer School OCS classes. Wolfe, in addition to appearances on the legitimate stage and as a song and dance man on Loew's circuit, produced several musical comedies.

Toomer, a member of the dancing team of "Towns and Knott," toured larger cities in Brazil and Argentina, and had several engagements in Paris. Previous to his induction, his team had a spot at Club Bail in Philadelphia.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

PUTTING TEETH IN THE ARMY—Oral hygiene seems to be among the things civilians put off until tomorrow, or until the army examines their teeth when they become soldiers. About 25 per cent of the men who come into the army need immediate treatment, and 45 per cent require treatment only a little less emergency. Here at Camp Hood we have one of the largest dental installations in the country, under the direction of Col. F. L. Cole, Post Surgeon, equipped to do everything necessary to get a soldier's teeth into at least minimum good condition. How much importance the army attaches to the good condition of soldiers' teeth can be estimated from the fact that no man may be moved from one camp to any other post until the Post Dental Surgeon certifies that his teeth are in satisfactory condition. The purpose of Army dental practice, as explained by Col. F. H. Bockoven, Camp Hood Post Dental Surgeon, is preventive dentistry. To that end every man is examined at least once each six months, and effort made to anticipate decay. It is estimated that an average of 95 per cent of the men in camp are treated at least once every 12 months. The average commercial value of work done on new soldiers is about \$50, while the total treatment given soldiers in some instances, is several hundred dollars per year per man.

669th Men Entertain

Men of the 669th Battalion entertained at an officers' party recently when commissioned members of the 24th TD Group met in the 18th Street Service Club.

The program was in charge of Lt. Charles G. Provance, Special Service Officer of the 669th. The party was in the nature of a farewell gathering for the officers as they prepared to take the 669th on bivouac.

A dance orchestra from the battalion furnished the music, and the "Victory Four" quartet sang spirituals and popular numbers. Pvt. Francis Johnson played a number of piano solos, and Pvt. William Allen, Jr., gave an exhibition of military drumming. Allen has played for many of the big-time colored bands in Chicago.

Pvt. John P. Madaffari played a solo and a "mess-kit novelty," while T-5 Joseph M. Riccio, guest artist from the 667th and who has appeared with Major Bowes, entertained with yodeling numbers. Later a male quartet and three guitars, composed of T-5 Riccio, T-5 Carl Frazier, T-5 Nathan T. Bailey and Statesman W. Brooks, all of the 667th, entertained with yodeling and hill-billy numbers.

Lieutenants Dudley Glick and Jerome Chaikin sang several vocal numbers. Sgt. Robinson of the 679th, who has been an entertainer in Chicago and other cities, was encored repeatedly when he played his version of boogie-woogie and old piano favorites. Pvt. Melvin Carter brought the show to a close with a "sand" dance.

He Painted Portraits Of Famous People Before Entering The Army

T-4 Charles S. Normann, one of Texas' better known artists, is now with Headquarters Individual Unit Training Center.

Normann came to America from his home in Norway on June 2, 1923, when he was 20 years old. Born of well-to-do Norwegian parents, he began to study art at the age of five. He studied at the Eidfoss School of Art, was head instructor of Konnerude School of Arts and Crafts, and attended and taught at the Yalesburg School of Fine Arts and Crafts, all in Norway. He has been a designer, model cabinet maker, woodcarver, stone sculptor, landscape and portrait painter in his varied career.

Started In Cavalry

In 1924 he enlisted in the 5th Cavalry, serving with that outfit until he was thrown from his horse

and hospitalized. Then he was transferred to the medical detachment until his discharge in 1927.

Normann was art director of the Texas School of Fine Arts in Austin, Tex., until his reentry into military service on February 16, 1942. He is represented in many public and private collections in Europe and America, and his painting, "Declaration of the Independence of Texas," is now in the Texas Memorial Museum.

His portrait of Attorney General Gerald C. Mann is in the State Capitol in Austin, while his painting of the late State Supreme Court Judge Latimore has a permanent niche in the Latimore Memorial in the same city.

The artist recalls vividly his experience in sketching the late Will Rogers from life.

Still Painting

Since he came into the Army T-4 Normann has painted a landscape panel for the officers' club at Galveston, for which he also did the interior decoration, and an altar piece. He has done many character sketches, and among his oil portraits are one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, General Douglas MacArthur, Brigadier General Hugh T. Mayberry, commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, and Colonel Guy S. Meloy, chief of staff of the Tank Destroyer Center.

Normann received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and when he came to Camp Hood he was assigned to the pioneer department of the Tank Destroyer School, drawing diagrams and illustrated charts.

Good Conduct Awards Given In 22nd Group

The following men of the 22nd group were awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

M-Sgt. Melvin D. Miller
1st Sgt. William O. New
T-Sgt. William P. Butts
S-Sgt. John J. Bettendorf
S-Sgt. Steurette D. Dean
S-Sgt. Adrian A. Price
Sgt. John Sheppard
T-4 Antonio V. Cordasco
T-4 Henry H. Larson
T-5 Earl W. Brackett
T-5 Frank W. Tesarek
T-5 David T. Verner
Pfc Frank D. Ghiselli

133rd Bn. Activated

The newly-activated 133rd Tank Destroyer Bn. is the first Negro unit to be formed at the Replacement Training Center North Camp Hood.

Noncommissioned officers who will train the enlisted personnel of the 133rd have arrived and are undergoing orientation, while trainees from all over the country are expected to arrive in the near future.

Lt. Col. William S. Halcomb is the battalion officer, with Major H. W. Dabber serving as executive officer. The adjutant is 1st Lt. John W. Foust.

Entire 113th Cav. Regt. Photographed: Exchange Has Complete Studio

Just to show the size of the jobs it can do, the Camp Hood Exchange Photographic Dept. recently took pictures of the entire 113th Cav. Regt. (mech.). The first large group that was photographed by the department, which is under Lt. Paul Renay, was the 653rd Bn.

Any group, no matter how large, will be photographed if the officers in charge will contact Lt. Renay by calling 416.

North Camp studios were opened Tuesday, the first of which is located at PX 27, Seventh St. and Headquarters Ave.

Any individual may have portraits made at any time without appointment. Arrangements for all large group photographs must be made in advance.

Odd Numbers

Hq. Co., 22nd Group, can't make up its mind whether it would rather have Cpl. William Mostel act like his brother or give them relative peace of mind. His brother is the zany Zero Mostel, and after seeing Zero act as Rami the Swami in "DuBarry Was a Lady," Hq. Co. feels it would be more peaceful if Bill would stick to clerking—and just go into a crystal-ball trance when the beer runs dry.

In similar dramatic urge is the laughter around Hq. and Serv. Co., OCS Regt.—Sgt. Sidney Katz, the man who kissed Ann Savage—doing an impersonation of a "rest room" orderly reporting to an officer. A varied gang in Hq. Co., they're trying to figure out why T-5 James A. Harrigan acquired the nickname "Bottleneck."

We're not responsible Dept. Pvt. Sam McCaskill, Special Training Unit, UTC, claims to have visited every state in the union, and also claims to prefer Texas to all the rest. The heat in Texas this summer is reported to be the worst in 18 years.

If you get what we mean—there was some suspicion around 836th Ord. Depot Co. that Pvt. Roy D. Bowser had forgotten to take his salt tablets—he walked in one morning, without warning began singing "Deep in The, etc." with the emotion of a man who really loved the Lone Star State—however, a medical board discovered the cause of his fervor—Bowser married a Texas girl.

Inspired music is the stuff around the Hq. Co., 655th Bn., dayroom—T-4 Dewitt, a handyman with tools, found a beatup jukebox, which, after some Dewitt treatment, played as dulcet or hot as a shiny new box. And they get their noise without a nickel—it's on the house.

The new Army Hit Kit is out—Stein Song (with GI lyrics), My Melancholy Baby—I've Been Working On The Railroad, Put Your Arms Around Me Honey, Sunday, Monday Or Always. Yea, no Dirty Gerty.

It is rumored that the men in 635th Bn. go around with pencils in their hands. Last year while the outfit was stationed near Hollywood, Cal., it was used in filming "So Proudly We Hail" and now that the picture is being shown on the Post the men expect to be asked for their autographs. Anyway, it's a hot day.

The best lyrics of all get the Hood Panther Pall:

My love has went.
He done me dirt.
Me did not know.
Him were a flirt.
And now, my friend,
May Heaven forbid
That you be dood.
Like I been did.

This beautiful, inspired lyric has been borrowed from a paper the name of which we've forgotten, and was written by somebody whose name we never knew.

Two New Chaplains Now In 17th TD Group

Two Chaplains, Preston J. Marquette, Catholic, and Roland C. Pickhardt, Protestant have been attached to the 17th TD Group. Services will be held at the 37th Street, West Chapel each Sunday and several times during the week. Catholic Mass will be held at 7 a. m. each Sunday and Protestant services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Anyone wishing to see either of the Chaplains may make an appointment by phoning 639.

New Executive Named

Captain Carl S. Anchicks, commander of Company D, Academic Regiment, has been assigned to the Regimental headquarters as assistant executive officer. Lieutenant Richard C. Tozer, former University of California athlete, has been named Company D commander.

Privates From Pacific Praise Battle Training

Two veterans from the Pacific battlefield visited the Battle Conditioning Course last week and gave brief talks to men from the 655th and 656th Battalions, UTC. Pvt. O. C. Yancy, who saw much action in the New Guinea campaign, and received a severe leg wound fighting there, told the men of his battle experiences and expressed the wish that his training and in firing by sound, both of

the conditioning. Yancy said he was particularly impressed by the instruction in close combat fighting and in firing by sound, both of which would have been invaluable to him and his buddies in the tangled jungles of New Guinea where opposing forces were often dug in no more than 20 yards apart.

Japs Bad Shots

Yaney, in telling of his experiences, emphasized that the Jap soldier was an excellent camouflage artist, and had it all over American soldiers in their ability to move undetected through the jungle. The Japs, Yaney added, however, were "lousy marksmen." To illustrate this point he told his listeners of one occasion when a Jap sniper had fired at him all afternoon without coming close.

Pvt. Sidney Schwartz was the other veteran who talked to the men of the two battalions. Schwartz, who fought on Guadalcanal, was equally impressed by battle conditioning. He said the experience of being fired over was particularly valuable. His unit had never had such training, and consequently was very nervous and somewhat confused the first time they were fired on. Schwartz said one common mistake made by green troops was to huddle up when under fire, and consequently invite more numerous casualties.

Had Pet Hates

Schwartz said the Americans had two pet hates on Guadalcanal. One was "Washing-Machine Charlie," a Jap aviator with a non-synchronized motor that sounded like it was falling apart. "Charlie" came over and bombed his unit every night until American air control was asserted. The other bane of their existence was "Pistol Pete," an artillery piece with a high sharp crack. "Pete" shelled them unflinchingly at chow time, adding much to the enjoyment of their meals.

Major Ralph W. Sleator, UTC Director of Battle Conditioning, said that both these men, who are recuperating at McCloskey Hospital, had made valuable suggestions in regard to the instruction, and that these suggestions were being incorporated into the course.

Attends School

S-Sgt. Santy Fucini, who was in charge of the Officers Section of the Personnel Office of the OCS Regiment, recently left the company to take up a six weeks' military intelligence course at Camp Ritchie, Maryland.

Print Show Here Soon

The first showing of Associated American Artists etchings and lithographs will be at the 37th St. Library in about 10 days. Also included in exhibit will be several "gelatones," a new color reproduction process which is famous for its faithful reproduction of color values.

The show, on loan from the Associated American Artists Gallery, will offer prints by a group of the country's outstanding artists.

The AAA was formed about six years ago, with the then revolutionary idea that an artist could make enough money from his prints to pay the grocer regularly, if enough of them were sold. The founders had a hunch that there a lot of people in the United States who were prevented from buying prints because they were so expensive.

The hunch and the idea proved correct. For six years, selling prints by the best artists in America at five dollars, it has proved to be one of the most successful ventures in art history.

The prints to be shown here were specially selected, and will include those of Waldo Pierce, Peter Hurd, William Gropper, Thomas Benton, Grant Wood, Aaron Bohrod, Luigi Lucioni, and Raphael Soyer.

Academic Regt. Nine Beats 670th 6 To 5

The Academic Regt. baseball team romped to a 6 to 5 win over the 670th, ITC, nine in a game played last week.

Pvt. Charles Metcalf, Academic hurler, allowed but four hits. He whiffed 18 men.

It was a close game all the way, with the Academic nine moving out in front in the eighth inning, when a blistering single scored three markers. The 670th scored one run in the last frame, but it fell short of squaring the count.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"All of me why not take all of me—"

TDS Invites Other Units To Enter Bouts

Participation by other units in Camp Hood in the TD School weekly boxing program has been invited by Captain Leslie T. Wood, School athletic director. The bouts, which have attracted from two to three thousand men on the past two Friday nights, will be a regular weekly feature. Captain Wood desires to make contact with other units having boxers willing to appear on the card. These men can either be matched with TDS boxers, or may select opponents from their own or other units. Captain Wood may be reached at phone 886.

Amateur entertainers are also invited to appear on the inter-bout amusement features. This part of the program has been particularly successful and more entertainers are in demand.

Six more bouts, plus the usual entertainment, will be held again Friday night at the TD School amphitheater. The initial scrap will get under way at 9:15 o'clock.

605th Bn. Commended For Part In Group Problems In UTC

With two Battalion and one Group Problem under their belts the 605th Bn. is about ready to wind up its UTC training.

The battalion was one of those under the 15th Group that stopped the big Armored thrust from the north on Saturday, August 21. For its part in this problem the battalion and its Commander, Lieut. Colonel D. F. Buchwald received a commendation from Colonel O'Hair, Commanding Officer of the 15th Group.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the 605th executed the Battalion problem and by vigorous action in securing the commanding ground to the front was able to turn back the enemy from its objective, Copperas Cove.

Then on Friday at 3 a. m. before the dust had settled behind their M-10's the 605th moved out to Jackson Crossing to repel a force that was driving on Camp from Lampasas. With the aid of much information from the Reconnaissance Company, the Commanding Officer of the 605th was able to deploy his forces and destroy all the armor that entered the sector. For its vigorous and decisive tactical action in these problems the battalion was praised by Major Seaton, of UTC in his final critique.

Gen. Thompson Commends 660th Bn. On Conduct; Medals Are Awarded

Brig. Gen. Harry F. Thompson, commanding general, ITC, commended Major Fred Plahte and the personnel of the 660th Bn. recently when he personally presented 68 men with both the American Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Fifty five men were presented with the Good Conduct Medal, and 39 other men the American Defense Service Medal.

General Thompson said he was impressed with the excellent spirit and conduct of the men that enabled so large a group, the largest number from a single battalion under training direction of ITC, to be eligible for the awards.

The 660th is now at Camp Hood for advanced training.

'Thumbs Up' Revue Will Be Presented Again Tomorrow Night

Following an earlier showing in camp, "Thumbs Up" the Post Special Service revue, will be presented at the 44th St. Rec Hall tomorrow night at 8:30.

One of the new features of the show is the appearance of the "TD Sisters," two girls who give their all to out do professional "vaudeville" performers.

The revue will play other rec halls in camp later.



EXPEDIENT BRIDGE— Privates Milson Miller and Ted Durkalski, Hq. Det. North Camp, examine construction of the pioneer bridge across Leon River, built with yards of bailing wire, logs and a handful of nails. See story below.

These Trainees In RTC Believed In Building Their Bridge Before Them To Save Walking So Far

Recruits fresh from induction centers aren't expected to know much about Army training, but Army men have been amazed at the readiness with which the members of two battalions of ITC have learned their lessons.

Faced with the prospect of a roundabout road to reach their training area, the men in the pioneer sections of these two battalions decided something must be done, and did it.

Surveying a direct route from their barracks to their training area, these soldiers-of-just-a-few-weeks found a narrow path running into the Leon River. Here they cut down young trees and

with the use of a handful of nails and some bailing wire, built a practical bridge across the river. Planned to accommodate a column of foot troops marching three abreast, the pioneer bridge has stood up under the weight of a fully loaded jeep and a reconnaissance car.

Once the river was bridged, blazing a trail to the training area was a simple matter.

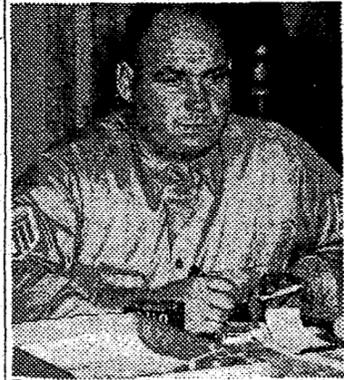
Not only had these new soldiers demonstrated the benefits of their training in field expediency with pioneer equipment in a most practical manner, but they also had lopped 20 minutes off their marching time.

Not so dumb, these rookies!

First Sergeant In DEML Unit Has Unusual Name Memory

When 1st. Lt. Homer O. Hoffman, commanding officer of Headquarters Detachment, DEML, 1848 Unit, North Camp Hood, walks into the orderly room and says, "Sergeant, do we have a Private Joe Blank in the company?" he gets an immediate reply.

"Yes, sir," says First Sergeant George Dysinger, of Des Moines, Iowa, topkick of the detachment.



Without bothering to check the roster, the sergeant snaps out the reply: "Blank is assigned to such-and-such section, and sleeps in barracks number 'so-and-so.' And he hasn't missed yet.

Remembers Names

Sergeant Dysinger is the kind of first sergeant company commanders dream about. As soon as a man is assigned to the detachment Dysinger makes it his business to learn the soldier's name and his assignment, and from then on there is no need for him to consult the company roster. He always knows where the men can be found.

The sergeant has 19 years of service to the government on his record, and 15 of those years have been military. Prior to January 1, 1941, when the National Guard

was federalized, Dysinger had served as first sergeant of Troop B, 113th Cavalry, Iowa National Guard. With Lt. Col. L. E. Williams and Capt. Kenneth E. Timmons, who still are associated with the 113th at South Camp Hood, Dysinger is a charter member of Troop B. Most of the original members of the 113th are now fighting on many battlefronts, but Captain Timmons has kept in touch with every one of them.

Is Transferred

After the guardsmen entered the Army they moved to Camp Bowie, Texas. Later they came to Camp Hood, and Dysinger transferred to the Military Police detachment as first sergeant, on June 7, 1942. He then moved to the training cadre of the DEML, and on June 4, 1943, after North Camp Hood had been formally opened, the sergeant accompanied Lt. Hoffman to the new cantonment as first sergeant of the Headquarters Detachment.

He found maneuvers in Louisiana interesting. He was in a motorcycle reconnaissance unit and much of the work was done at night. The training received in these maneuvers is invaluable when it comes to actual warfare, he remarked.

Return From School

Master Sergeant James L. Bruce and Gerald E. Brown, Hq. Co., RTC, have just returned from the University of Mississippi where they completed an eight-week course at the Advanced Army Administration School.

They will resume their duties with Headquarters of the RTC—Sgt. Bruce as Personnel Sgt. Major, Sgt. Brown as Administrative Sgt. Major of the Adjutant's Section.

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We Make Our Own World

IN A RECENT EDITION of the Panther there was a report on a bill introduced in congress by Senator Pepper. The bill proposes to lend money to any service man or woman who wants to go to school after the war.

If you can adjust your focus to living, where the countryside is predated by the odor of green things growing, rather than the acrid smell of powder and of dying, the bill is a proposal to create a different kind of ammunition, ammunition that will blast ignorance and poverty, and give an unbreachable defense against war.

Would Blast Ignorance

It is ignorance that creates poverty and breeds war. They are three conditions that can not exist in fresh air and sun light, in other words, in the glare of education.

It is ignorance that perverts a man's ambitions, it is the bitterness of poverty that makes him ripe to follow the pied piping of a Hitler.

Education gives us light, it gives us perspective to see and understand ourselves and those around us truthfully. Broader education in Germany would have made Hitler and object of laughter, rather than a leader of the blind. Knowing the truth, or at least having an opportunity to seek it, to want it, the German people never would have been hypnotized by Hitler into joining him in suicide.

We Need Broadening

And in this country, too, there is room for broader education. An education that will help us understand each other—to appreciate each other's social and political prejudices—to teach us that there is in this country, as there is in the world, room enough for all people to live decently.

If we take the trouble to study, we must find that nature endowed us with the capacity to settle our problems without violence. History shows us that fighting alone never solved anything; but that in the natural course of events man found solutions for his problems by his power to reason—when he used his reasoning and didn't acknowledge defeat and give way to violence.

There is more than enough in this world of all it takes to assure every man the means of a decent existence. Education can eliminate the blind spots and barriers, show us the means, help us recognize and appreciate it.

Changing Worlds Now

The world we've left behind us can be epitomized by the title of James Farrell's "A World I Never Made"—the story of a shoddy-thinking, sleazy, blind world of prejudice, intolerance and sophisticated ignorance—a world we never made.

It no longer matters how or who made that world, but certainly we don't want to return to that kind of world, or any world we haven't helped to make. It would be pathetic no end if it were a world that "happened by accident," rather than one we made ourselves.

The American Eagle

Here's to the American Eagle

The bird that we all adore,

It flies from Sunny California
To Rock Bound Corrigador

The Stars and Stripes in Old Glory

That so triumphantly wave,

Still stands for true democracy

The home of the Free and Brave

And as we ask the Dove of Peace

Midst the suffering and the dying,

We'll thank our God above in heaven

To know we've "Kept 'Em Flying"

Gee but it's great to be an American

A privilege so great and rare,

In all the world no place like ours

The home of the free and the fair

Our Soldiers, Sailors and Marines

The Spars, the Waves, the Waac's,

Who in this wide world over

Will soon be coming back.

And when this job of ours is done

To our Prince of Peace above,

We'll turn in reverence to our God

Of Faith and Hope and Love.

—Tech-Sgt. Wm. L. Macklin

Med. Det. Dept., Sta. Hosp.,



Editor, The Panther:

I received a copy of The Panther and words can not express the pleasure I derived out of reading it.

By reading your paper I now have a more clear picture in my mind of the work as well as the pleasures of Camp Hood, which are many.

I certainly am looking forward to the next issue of the Panther. May I wish you and your staff continued success in your work.

Ruth Gramitt.

New Britain, Conn.

Editor, The Panther:

I am writing this on a subject which concerns every man in North Camp Hood, and I think it should be edged in black so every reader of The Panther will be sure to notice it.

We are fortunate here in camp to have had several unusual and entertaining programs. Most recent of these was the one presented by students of Baylor University. That group entertained with musical solos and a skit. They did a marvelous job, and the audience—well, it is too bad we can't call it an unpleasant affair of conduct and forget it. However, the unpleasant affair has been prevalent in all of our last several special programs and is going down hill—getting worse and worse. By unpleasant affair, I refer to the conduct of a great many of the "gentlemen" who attend the programs. Their conduct "stinks"!

Take the Baylor program, for a typical example. From the first, the audience was boldly rude. The first thing on the program was a solo, (vocal) by a young lady. She had hardly sung 10 words when there was very noticeable laughter in the audience.

The program continued, people entered the hall, allowing the doors to slam behind them. Fellows in small groups carried on conversations in different places about the room. Some one swung out on the drums in a room off the balcony accompanied by the piano. Some fellows ganged up at the hall entrance, conversed loudly even danced, and in plain sight of the embarrassed soloist, held their noses and plugged their ears, indicating they didn't like the music. Others got right up in the middle of the room and during the solo none too quietly walked out. A few fellows in the front rows heard snatches of the program.

True, the program is for soldiers, their program. Well, I happen to be a soldier, and I liked the program, as did two-thirds of the others. The small minority who didn't like it could have quietly left. But they didn't!

It is my opinion the program



"... imagine Cpl. she had the noive to gig my truck for: quote, "A simply horrible looking job on the differential pinions that pivot on the trunions of the spider!"

Army Quiz

1. After holding a National Service Life Insurance policy for the required one year, what must be done to convert to other forms of insurance?

2. Can National Service Life Insurance be continued after a soldier is out of the Army?

3. If no beneficiary is designated at the time a National Service Life Insurance Policy is taken out, how may a specific beneficiary be named?

4. Are benefit payments on National Service Life Insurance policies tax-exempt?

5. How do the rates on converted insurance compare with those on the initial term policy taken out by soldiers?

6. Can WAC's take out National Service Life Insurance policies?

7. If a soldier has life insurance with private companies, can he take out National Service Life Insurance.

(Answers Page 7)

should have held a slight recess while those gentlemen who appreciated the efforts of the guests showed the others who didn't, the door!

However, it is everyone's program, so that isn't the solution. It would be much more simple for the fellows who raise disturbances to study up on how to be gentlemen and how to act in civilized gatherings. Until they do learn, I suggest they stay out of the hall during programs.

Don't get me wrong, fellows. Here is the one real, clear solution. When you don't like the movie or program, just remember, there are others of us who do. Unless we correct these conditions, we have no right to ask these talented people to come at their own expense and time to entertain us.

Pvt. John P. Morgan,
Co. A, ASTB, North Camp

Wedding Bells

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Pfc. Joseph P. Sova of Hq Co., 672nd TD Bn., ITC, was married to Eleanor Mary Devlin of his home town, Whitinsville, Mass., August 7.

While on furlough recently, Cpl. Edna Clark of the Post Special Services Office, was married to Lt. Victor Ericson, Air Forces instructor at Yale University at New Haven, Conn., August 15, 1943.

Private Earl R. Lentz, Jr., Headquarters & Service Co. OSC Regiment, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was married to Miss Bea Loomis, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Tuesday afternoon, August 24, at 5 o'clock. The wedding took place at the home of William Sutton, of Killeen. Sgt. James L. Downs, also of Hq. & Service Co., and Mrs. E. R. Lentz, Sr., mother of the groom, attended the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Lentz will make their home in Killeen for the present.

Sgt. Joe W. Ward, Hq. Co., 652nd Bn., was married to Miss Cleo Cunningham at Crawfordsville, Ark., on August 8th.

Pvt. Earl Lentz, Jr., OCS Regiment, was married to Miss Bea Loomis of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, recently in a ceremony held in Temple.

Must Prove Urgent Need Before Money Is Loaned By AER

Now that most unit commanders are informed of the War Dept. policy of granting furloughs to members of units alerted overseas, a change has been made, effective Sept. 1, in the manner of granting furlough loans under Army Emergency Relief. All such loans will be judged on their individual merits.

The former policy was to give a loan to any soldier going on a furlough. But in the future soldiers wanting a loan will have to prove that it is urgently needed for the furlough.

Quote Of The Week

It is by presence of mind in untried emergencies that the native metal of a man is tested.—Abraham Lincoln.

Incident

Private Buck's little heart jumped,
His knees grew weak and hollow.
At the Post Exchange, he saw a dame,
That he was loath to follow.

He ironed his pants, shined his shoes,
And slicked his hair with gooie,
Then sallied forth to the PX—
She was leaving with a Second Looie.

He pawed the sky, tore his hair,
And spat words of blood and thunder.
He swore if peace time ever comes,
He'd plow the Looie under.

So Private Buck fights twice as hard,
Raising bunion, corn and blister.
Won't it be hell, when the war is won,
And he finds she was the Looie's sister?
S/Sgt. Louis J. Herring
Hq. Co., 648th Bn.



The inquisitive Panther this week asked five soldiers:

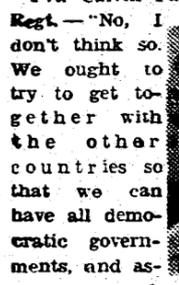
DO YOU THINK THAT AFTER THE WAR WE WILL BE ABLE TO IGNORE THE REST OF THE WORLD?

Pfc. Claude B. Patterson, MP



Det.—"Oh no. We'll have to work with them for peace after the war, and we'll have to keep on working with them to keep the peace. That's the only way we will be able to keep peace."

Pvt. Calvin Pate, Co. M, Stud.



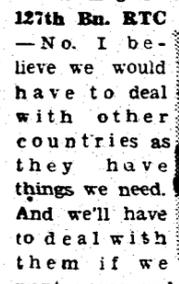
Regt.—"No, I don't think so. We ought to try to get together with the other countries so that we can have all democratic governments, and assure peace and prosperity."

Pvt. Whitgo, 605th Bn.



Bn.—"I don't think so. I guess we won't be able to. I guess we'll have to be interested in what the rest of the world is doing and we'll have to work with them."

Pvt. Angelo Caccavale, Co. C,



127th Bn. RTC —"No. I believe we would have to deal with other countries as they have things we need. And we'll have to deal with them if we want peace and prosperity."

Pvt. L. H. Campbell, Co. D,



137th Bn., RTC —"No. Friendship with our Allies should continue. The trade would be good for all concerned. If necessary, though, I think we could get along without the rest of the world."

17th Group Has Own Dance Band

Numbered among the personnel of the 17th TD Group Orchestra, which has been organized for only a month, are many outstanding musicians from civilian bands.

Pvt. Arnie Pascale played saxophone for Tommy Reynolds; Cpl. Kirk Spry beat drums for Benny Goodman and Pvt. Kenneth Van Orden played with Rod Raffaele, before coming into the army.

Determined to make their outfit one of the best, boys in the band practice four nights a week on their own time to learn the latest dance hits.



NEW DANCE BAND—Although organized only a month, the 17th TD Group dance orchestra has played a number of affairs, in camp, including dances at Panther Park, 162nd St. Service Club, 37th St. Service Club and 50th St. Officers Club. From left, PFC Albert W. Drozda, Cpl. Louis Klimes, Pvt. Kenneth Van Orden, Pvt. Arnie Pascale, and Pvt. Otto Wenger; second row: PFC Edward Chalinski, Pvt. Carl J. Klepczynski, Cpl. Robert Geis, and Cpl. Kirk Spry.

127th Tng. Bn. Tries Bivouac

Getting the jump on line outfits was the idea when the 127th Tng. Bn., RTC, went out on a two weeks bivouac, the first time a training battalion in RTC took to the field for a real problem.

Led by its commanding officer, Maj. Ira M. F. Gaulke, the men spent full time on maneuvers in which the trainees worked like a veteran TD outfit.

A radio network was established among the units in the battalion, adding realism and making control easier. Six expert radio men were loaned to the 127th for the two weeks to operate the equipment. The men brushed up on voice and radio procedure and this helped raise interest in the problem.

Thirty-Six Get Medals

Thirty six men of the 129th Bn., RTC, were presented with Good Conduct medals this week.

Ten of the men are in Hq. Det. (they are: T-Sgt. Charles Townley, S-Sgt. Harry G. Hager, Sgt. Ralph J. Lautner, T-4 John Sancawa, T-4 Nicholas Iarocci, T-4 Adrian M. Overstreet, T-4 John M. Sholar, T-4 Stanley J. Grochowski, Cpl. Robert L. Kendrick and Cp. Willard P. Getchell.

T-Sgt. Jerome A. Revello and Sgt. Clair A. Sherard of Co. A were honored, as well as Ist. Sgt. Fred R. Elliott, T-Sgt. Edwin Katz, S-Sgt. William G. Angell, Sgt. Robert E. Brainard, Sgt. Robert F. Hartleb and T-5 Bernard I. Parish of Co. B. Also S-Sgt. Leonard A. DeCola, Sgt. Morris E. Hanson and T-4 Ira V. Colyar of Co. C.

In Co. D the awards went to Ist. Sgt. Herman M. Adams, T-Sgt. Harold K. Dhoads, S-Sgt. Arthur L. Brookins, Sgt. Roy Boston and Cpl. Albert V. Henderson, while in Co. E the Good Conduct Medal was awarded to Ist. Sgt. Golden B. Holmes, T-Sgt. James P. Harris, S-Sgt. Edmond C. Dains, Sgt. Walter C. Kina, Sgt. Leonard A. Roesdler and Sgt. Joe L. Socha.

At The Libraries

By Catherine Settle

Librarian, 37th St. Library

One of the most exciting books to come out of our war in the Pacific is Capt. Ted Lawson's *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*. The line is clean and straight from the time Lawson left the Douglas factory in 1940 to enlist, to his days of convalescence. It describes in detail the special training for a mission described to volunteers as "dangerous, important, and interesting."

It narrates vividly the flight from the deck of the Hornet, the crash, and journey from occupied to free China—by stretcher, flatboat, junk, and sedan chair. It is an eloquent book.

Reread With Stilwell, by Jack Belden, is one of the books dealing with the actual progress of the war, but unlike many it brings the war into new focus. The importance primarily is its prediction of "what will happen if the Japanese thrust into India." It is well-written and fast-paced.

Look To The Mountain is LeGrand Cannon's simple yet vivid story of life in the Merrimac Valley, in the 1760's. Runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize, the historical novel offers an intimate portrait of the daily existence of American pioneers. It is a love story, adventure story and history lesson all in one—and very charming.

No one can better tell you how to become crazy-in-one-easy-lesson better than S. J. Perlman, as he does in *The Dream Department*. You've probably seen his stuff in the Saturday Evening Post, New Yorker, and other magazines, and know that Perlman makes ordinary living a kind of lunatic antic. It's good for at least a laugh a page.

Soldier Car Owners Warned To Save Wear On Their Tires

This is timely advice to car-owners from the Camp Tire and Gas Ration Board.

It is very important that you make every effort to conserve the tires on your car. The stock of new prewar tires are practically exhausted and the new synthetic tires released for use on private cars have not proven satisfactory. It will likely be many months before a tire certificate will mean little more than a license to hunt trouble.

While the manufacture of synthetic rubber (a plastic) has been great, the conversion into tires has been slow. Any synthetic tires made in the past have contained a certain percentage, usually about 30 per cent of natural rubber. The stock of natural rubber on hand has been pretty well exhausted. Thus, in place of 30 per cent natural rubber to be used we are trying to make the new synthetic tires with little or no natural rub-

ber. These tires are not standing up to present day driving.

Tire manufacturers who convert their tire plants to war work do not have space or equipment for large scale tire making.

Loss of good workmen to the services has cut down any production of tires.

Here are rubber conservation tips for your own good—if you want to keep driving a pleasure car:

1. Have your tires checked every three months and then by an inspector who can and will give you a thorough inspection.
2. If needed and the tires will stand it, have retreaded. This is usually far cheaper and more satisfactory way of keeping the car rolling.
3. Drive at such a speed that tire wear will be held in the minimum.
4. Be sure your tire is properly inflated and wheels are in line.

139th Bn. RTC, Sets Top Score For Mess Hall Prize

By T-5 Joe Espitalier

When it comes to mess halls, the 139th Bn., 5th Regt. RTC, North Camp, is invincible. Here is one outfit which throws out its chest and has a darn good reason. On August 16, Mess Officer Lt. Herbert O. Threet and T-Sgt. Earle M. McConn won the RTC award of merit for the best mess hall from August 8 through August 15. The score was 98.8, the highest percentage made by any mess hall in the TDRTC.

Here is one battalion which is really on the ball,—someone is

always winning something. For the past six consecutive weeks the 139th has won the regimental award, and to top that off, Sgt. Joseph Davis won the award for baking the best cake. The award was made by the Leon Drive Service Club. Davis had the edge there, being an expert pastryman for 12 years in civilian life, prior to his induction.

The secret of the success of the 139th is the splendid cooperation among the mess hall personnel, for which Lt. Threet and T-Sgt. McConn are grateful.

'Pin-Up Girl' Honors Bestowed On Three-Month-Old Boy By Hq. Co. Of 648th Bn.; Betty Grable Second

Pfc. H. Hart Nance Three-months-old blonde, Dickie Ruppert was named "Pin-Up

Girl" by Hq. Co., 648th Bn., this week in a contest in which such film notables as Katherine Hepburn, Dorothy Lamour, and Joan Crawford were eliminated in the semi-finals. Betty Grable, whose dancing legs have led her to fame in the city of the stars, received only seven votes in the finals, the remaining 121 being cast for the young beauty from Fairgrove, Michigan.

However, soon after the votes were counted, the election judges announced that a question of the illegality of the contest had arisen since young Ruppert is a boy and the election was for Pin-Up Girl. The question was submitted to a committee who immediately decided in favor of Ruppert and dispatched a telegram to him, bestowing the title of "Mr. Pin-Up of 1943" upon him.

They Called It 'Cowhouse Creek' Because Cows Lived There; Other Unusual Sounding Names Explained

The name "Cowhouse Creek" doesn't sound very romantic, especially to the troops who have to wade and plow through it in the course of their training, but to pioneer settlers, who remember the early days of Bell county when the rolling plains were covered with heavy sedge grass, the creek beds and knolls lined with trees, and wild life abundant, it is slightly different.

Cowhouse Creek, which runs through the impact area, was so called because herds of wild cattle used the overhanging cliffs which line its banks as shelter from summer sun and winter wind. Many of the other names in

the district have special significance.

Salado and Leon Rivers both were named by the Spanish who chose some significant point as their reason. Salado means, literally, salty, and the Leon (lion) River was so named because its roar, when swollen by rain, is lion-like.

Bell County, by the way, was named for Governor P. H. Bell of Texas, who was in office when Bell County was formed from Milam County in 1850. Coryell County, in which part of the Camp Hood reservation also lies, was named for James Coryell, an early frontiersman who located in this district in 1835.

Do You Prefer A Beaver To A Blonde? Let's Hear From You

Animal note—Do you like to go to sleep with a nice, chummy rattle snake, or a friendly kangaroo curled at your feet?

The Editors of the Panther would like to round up all the unusual pets in camp. If you own a Tibetan Yak, or know somebody who plays with a cougar, drop the Panther (not to be petted) a note, or call the office, 2343. (Wives are not considered—we want one kind of pet a man has to work hard to acquire.)

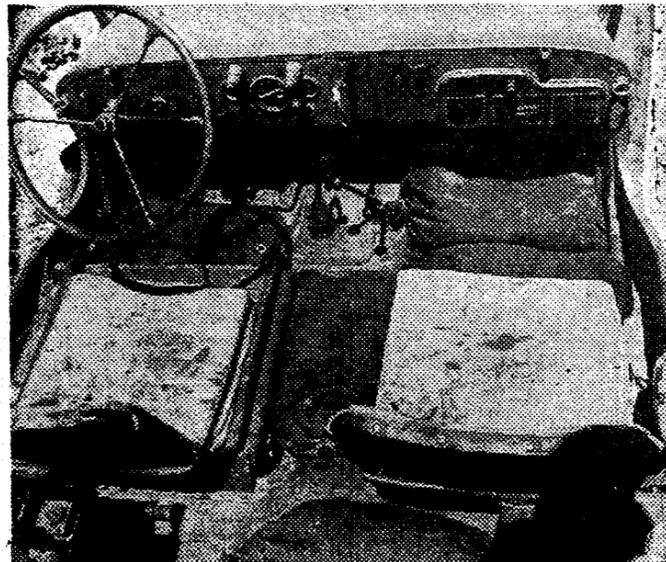




Pvt. G. A. Refuse, 647th Bn., UTC, fills the sand bags for Capt. G. A. Ellmann, Tng. Group No. 1, UTC . . .



The Captain places them in the jeep . . .



There they give protection against land mines. See story at right.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

TDS Shooting Gallery Part Of Training In Weapons Dept.

An indoor shooting gallery is now part of the training at the Tank Destroyer School. Instead of clay pipes, pigeons, or ducks, the marksman aims at miniature tanks.

The setup, devised by the Weapons Department, is practically the same as a commercial shooting gallery, except that the safety factor is twice as great, due to difference in ammunition.

While primarily intended for shoulder weapons, the gallery is so planned that sub-caliber firing of 37-mm and 75-mm guns can be arranged for on short notice. Thus, when the outdoor ranges prepared for the same purpose happen to be crowded, the indoor range is used to a good advantage.

Instruction in firing at moving targets is given, and is more realistic than firing at standard targets. When the string of varicolored tanks starts turning up, and the student gunner gets a hit, the target, being of steel, rebounds just as in a shooting gallery, and falls over backward.

When firing shoulder weapons, instead of just the standing position, the prone, sitting, and kneeling positions are used. Thus the

instruction can be made complete, giving the student much real practice for the days when he will be on the outdoor ranges to fire the heavier caliber weapons.

Ski Soldiers Sought For 10th Division Now Training In Colorado

A chance for soldiers with an aptitude for rugged outdoor life, especially mountain climbing and skiing, to use these qualifications in the Army has been announced by Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair. The Army Ground Forces are looking for men for the 10th Division, now being formed at the Mountain Training Center, Camp Hale, Colo.

Men in the 10th Division will be experts in winter and mountain warfare, as well as excellent skiers.

To apply for assignment to the 10th Division, write to the National Ski Patrol System, 415 Lexington Ave., New York City. You will be sent a questionnaire, which when filled out and returned, will be used to judge your qualifications for this Division. The Ski Patrol is working with the Army.

Sand Bags Protect Light Vehicles From Land Mines

Biggest bugaboo of World War II to date, to the uninitiated, is the German Tellermine, sowed in fiendish fashion and reaped by the unwary. But you needn't worry about it, according to Captain G. A. Ellman of UTC's Training Group Number One IF—

You needn't work about land mines, Capt. Ellman says, if your jeep is sandbagged. Now an instructor in UTC's department in Tactics, Capt. Ellman was with one of the first TD battalions to see action in Africa, where American troops immediately adopted the British SOP of sandbagging their "thin skinned" or unarmored vehicles.

Learned By Experience

In their pursuit of Rommel across Tripolitania and Libya, the British at first noted an abnormal percentage of foot and leg injuries among their casualties, the result of land mine explosions. So they started placing sandbags on the floors of all their light vehicles, and it proved most effective.

In line with his policy of injecting realism into training, and employing the lessons learned in actual combat to the fullest extent, Colonel Thomas J. Heavey, Commanding Officer of UTC, has directed that filled sandbags be placed on the floors of all light vehicles belonging to units assigned for training to UTC's Department of Tactics and Communications.

Avoid The Mines

Capt. Ellman adds a word of caution, however, for TDs when they reach combat zones. "The best policy, even with a sandbagged vehicle," he says, "is to avoid land mines altogether, for even if you yourself escape injury your vehicle will be knocked out,

and battlefield replacement is a pretty problem. On paved highways, stay off the shoulders; they're almost sure to be mined. Off the highways, stick closely to the lanes our engineers have cleared; if you're ahead of the engineers, do a little clearing yourself. The weight of a man won't explode a Tellermine, and an outfit which does a little walking to reconnoitre for land mines will do more riding in the long run."

Commanding Officers Praise Four Enlisted Men For Their Study

Four men from Training Group No. 2, UTC, were recently commended by Brig. Gen. Hugh T. Mayberry, Commander of the TD School, and Colonel Thomas J. Heavey, Commanding Officer, UTC, for their fine work when sent from Camp Hood to specialist classes conducted by the Buick Division of General Motors.

Sergeants Joe Cwyk, David A. Franczack, Robert Farabaugh and Cpl. George E. Powell were the noncommissioned officers whom Buick officials praised highly for their ability, initiative and eagerness to learn.

Unusual Phone Service Now Ready In Waco

A Telephone Center, with operators on duty each week-end to help soldiers complete their telephone calls, has been opened in the Waco U.S.O. at the corner of Washington Ave., and Franklin Street in Waco, according to E. E. Mockbee, Camp Telephone manager of the Southwest Bell Telephone Company.

Operators will be on duty from 2 p. m. to midnight on Saturdays, and from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. on Sundays.

A number of telephone directories from other cities are available at the Telephone Center.

On busy week-ends, soldiers will give their long distance calls to the operators at the counter. The operators will pass the calls to the operators at the switchboard who will put them through as quickly as possible. As soon as the called party answers, the serviceman will be paged over a loud speaker system and told which booth to enter.

Will Speak On War Bond Radio Program

Lt. John Morris, War Bond and Insurance Officer for Camp Hood, will speak over Station KTEM, Temple, from 12:30 to 1:00 p. m. Saturday, September 4, 1943, as a feature in the current War Bond drive.

Also featured on the program will be a serviceman from overseas who at present is in McCloskey Hospital, Temple, recovering from wounds received in action. He will tell what the purchase of War Bonds means in terms of planes, guns and bullets.



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

The Russians are piling into the Nazis with the exuberance of a fighter who started slowly and uncertainly and suddenly feels that the fight is all his.

The German army on the Soviet front, the Associated Press reported, is crumbling. More than 150 villages were overrun by the Russians in the Smolensk drive, while 400 miles to the south they continued to roll back the Nazis on the Taganrog sector.

The Nazis are growing quite used to announcing "strategic retreats."

European Front

The Nazi airmen showed new desperation in their effort to turn back Allied bombers attacking Italy; but they weren't able to stop the swarm of Marauder bombers from dropping tons of bombs on the already choked freight yards north of Naples.

The President called columnist Drew Pearson a liar. Pearson had written that the resignation of Sumner Welles was caused by Secretary of State Hull's anti-Russian attitude. Pearson replied that the Russians were "fully aware of Mr. Hull's long and consistent anti-Russian attitude," and concluded, "I am glad if anything I have said now forces the administration to make clear in words what certainly has not been clear in deeds."

Both the President and Prime Minister Churchill issued statements suggesting that they were working on plans for a meeting with Russian Premier Joseph Stalin.

Nothing that happens any place can detract from the growing clearness of the fact that the Nazis are cracking at the seams. The situation within Berlin has

grown so critical that Propaganda Minister Goebbels found it necessary to threaten citizens who attempt to leave town. Spanish reporters said that panic is gripping the German capital.

Jittery Germans

At the same time jittery Nazis clamped a military dictatorship on Denmark. The Danes, resisting, scuttled 45 ships in Copenhagen naval yard. In several places violent fighting broke out between Danish soldiers and Nazis. Neither vicious German threats nor the rushing in of fresh Nazi troops was able to crush the rebellion.

Denmark is considered the shortest invasion highway by land to Berlin.

The sound of the scuffle for power in Bulgaria, following the death of King Boris, is unmistakable. London papers predicted that this could be the detonator that would explode the Balkans.

Yesterday marked the fourth anniversary of Germany's attack upon Poland, and the U. S. government reaffirmed its "resolve to punish the instigators and actual perpetrators" of German atrocities.

Count Ciano, former Italian Foreign minister, and husband of Mussolini's daughter, disguised himself and escaped with his family to parts undetermined.

The United States joined Great Britain in giving "limited recognition" to the French government headed by Generals Giraud and DeGaulle, as "functioning within specific limitations during the war."

Pacific Theater

Japanese troops making a desperate stand forced Allied forces to fall back slightly in their drive

for Salamaua air base in New Guinea. This is the first reverse for the Allies in this sector since June 30th.

In the Solomons the American troops continued on their way with an unopposed landing on Arundel Island.

The Navy reported that approximately 12 new combat aircraft carriers launched since the sneak on Pearl Harbor will help to "smash the Jap into complete defeat." One was named the Hornet, succeeding the old Hornet which launched the attack on Tokyo.

New Command

Lord Louis Mountbatten, after being appointed supreme commander of Allied forces in southeast Asia, arrived in Washington for discussions with high ranking American and British officers. Lord Mountbatten is a cousin of the British King, and was leader of the Commandos.

Celebrating the 45th anniversary of American occupation of the Philippine Islands, President Roosevelt made a special broadcast to the Filipino people renewing his pledge that the Philippines would be recovered and that the people would have their independence.

At Home

Washington announced that draft law violations are far below those of the last war.

The International News Service reported that prohibition leaders were planning new strategy to revive dry laws. "There is a great deal of activity by temperance forces now," it was stated by Deets Pickett, dry leader and official of the Methodist Board of Temperance and Morals.

A group of 22 army wives tried their hands at picking cotton in Louisiana. They said they were tired at the end of the day.



Chapel Services

Protestant Sunday 9:30 A. M.
 Chapel 176164th & Brig
 Chapel 63962nd St.
 Chapel 90250th St.
 Chapel 210937th St. East

11:00 A. M.

Post Chapel52nd St.
 Chapel 289170th & Brig.
 Chapel 115268th St.
 Chapel 63962nd St.
 Chapel 2209School Area
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6:30 P. M.

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COLORED TROOPS

Chapel 51364th St.
 10:45 A. M. - 6:30 P. M.
 Sunday School9:30 A. M.
 Stockade2:00 P. M.
 Enl Men's Bible Class
 Chapel 639, 62nd St., 10:30 A. M.

Episcopal

Chapel 289170th & Brig.
 Sunday - 6:30 P. M.
 Lutheran
 Post Chapel52nd St.
 Sunday - 6:30 P. M.

Roman Catholic Mass, Sunday

Hospital Red Cross
 Building6:30 A. M.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St.
 West7:00 A. M.
 24th St. Theater9:00 A. M.
 Post Chapel9:00 A. M.
 37th St. Theater11:00 A. M.
 162nd St. Area, Field
 Mass11:00 A. M.
 Novena Service6:30 P. M.

Chapel 176, 164th & Brig. Weekday Mass

Chapel 176-164th & Brig
 Monday6:30 A. M.
 Tuesday6:30 P. M.
 Wednesday6:30 A. M.
 Thursday6:30 A. M.
 Friday6:30 P. M.
 Saturday6:30 A. M.

Confession

Before every weekday mass
 Saturday
 Hosp. Red Cross Bldg. ...3-4 P. M.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West 4-6 P. M.
 Chapel 11566:30-9 P. M.
 Chapel, 176, 164 & Brig. 6-9 P. M.

Christian Science

Chapel 115637th St. West
 Thursday8:00 P. M.
 Sunday8:45 A. M.

Latter Day Saints

Chapel 63962nd St.
 Sunday7:30 P. M.

Jewish

Chapel 90250th St.
 English, Sunday7:30 P. M.
 Orthodox8:30 P. M.

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More Civilian Employees Join 100 Percent Club

On the bond front civilian personnel in camp are really backing the attack. Every unit in North Camp that has not yet reached 100 per cent has at least shown an increase this week, and the same applies to South Camp with only two exceptions.

In South Camp the most impressive jump was by the Special Service Section, going from 7.6 per cent to 100 per cent.

Casual Co. Is Ended

Casual Company, TDRTC, North Camp which has received thousands of men from all over the country is no more.

A plan has been inaugurated whereby new trainees will be immediately classified upon arrival and then be directly assigned to the battalions, under which they will take basic training.

This will streamline procedure and also make available to the newly enlarged RTC Schools all the barracks and buildings which previously housed the Casual Co.

First Sergeant In Station Hospital

First Sergeant Tressel J. Ratliff of Company "B", 605th Bn. was confined to the Station Hospital this week with pneumonia.

Ratliff has been the "top kick" of Co. B, since its organization, two years ago.

During his absence Staff Sgt. Voyné V. Crump, Company Motor Sgt., is doing the honors as First Sgt.

Quiz Answers

- Form 358 should be secured from your personnel officer or CO when the form is properly filled out and returned to your personnel officer, you will have converted your insurance.
- Yes, your insurance may be continued after your discharge by forwarding, within 31 days from the end of the period for which deduction was last made, a check or money order to the "Collections Subdivision, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C." Make the check payable to the "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of the premium that was deducted from your pay. The premiums are due on the date of the month on which your insurance became effective, which is given on your insurance certificate.
- Fill out form 336, which may be obtained from your personnel officer. This form will name a specific beneficiary.
- Yes, benefit payments are tax-exempt and can not be claimed by creditors or seized or attached or otherwise legally taken from the beneficiary.
- The rates on converted policies are higher, but after a year, the permanent policies to which you first policy can be converted have a loan value, extended insurance and cash value.
- Yes, if they are sworn into the Army of the United States.
- Yes, up to the \$10,000 limit.

Major L. T. Goode, camp Bond Officer, asked that apologies be made to the Rail Transportation Office and the Laundry at North Camp for being left out of the 100 per cent column in last week's announcement. They were among the first to hit the top.

	South Camp	North Camp
	Per Cent	Per Cent
Ordnance PA	92.5	100
Ordnance PD	87.2	100
Medical	71.8	88.6
Personnel	100	100
Postal	100	100
Adjutant	100	100
Judge Advocate	100	100
Training Section	100	100
Claims Office	100	100
Intelligence Office	100	100
Fiscal & Budget	100	100
Purchase & Contract	100	100
Army Emer. Relief	100	100
Post Inspector	100	100
Public Relations	0	100
Ration Board	100	100
P. W. Camp	100	100
T. D. C.	85.3	
Finance	97.6	
Signal	91.4	100
C. W. S.	100	
Quartermaster PA	78.2	82.7
Quartermaster PD	72.2	
Laundry	98.1	100
Engineer Property	87.5	
Engineer PA	37.9	31.5
Engineer PD	6.3	29.2
Special Services (C.S.)	100	100
P & E Repair	77.7	
A. T. Rail	84.6	100
Auto Advisors	33.3	28.6
Pur. & Cont.-QM	100	100

Swing Piano Duo New Feature For Habber-Dabber Night

Habber Dabber night for August 23rd marked the appearance of Corporals Murray Grand and Lionel Lyle in boogie woogie and conventional swing duo-piano numbers. Corporal Grand has written several songs which have been arranged by the 2nd RTC band, and just recently he sold his new song, Chico Charro, to the Walt Disney studios.

A clever adagio dance team, Dana and Vernon, came up from South Camp.

Arthur Mee in a musical novelty act; Melvin Harowitz in a comedy take-off number, and Corporal Wayne Le Roy, master magician, completed the bill.

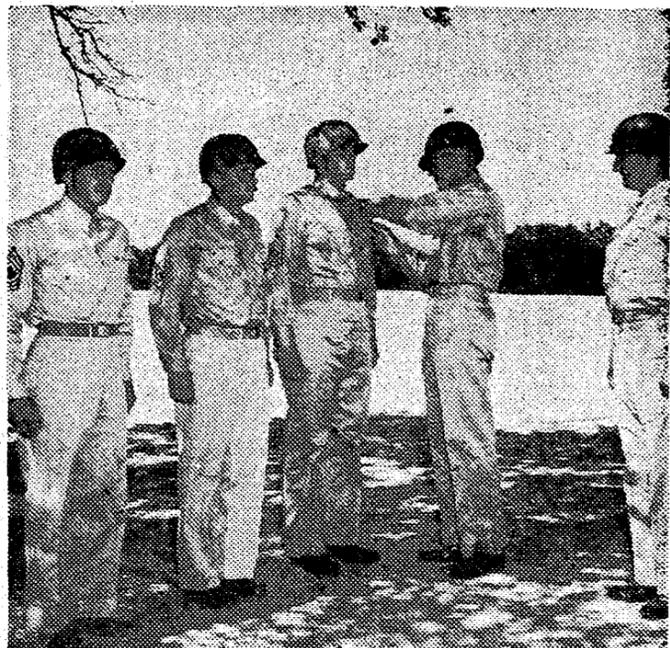
Sgt. George Hall of RTC mc'd the show, produced by Lt. John L. Slezinger.

Habber Dabber Nights are a weekly feature every Monday in the Central Rec. Hal.

Companies In 652nd Have Dinner Party

Happy faces and contented TD's was the result of an informal dinner party given in Rcn. Co. and Company C, 652nd Bn., under the guidance of Capt. Eidson and 1st. Sgt. John Omelo of Rcn. Company.

Capt. Dittiacur and 1st. Sgt. William Meger headed the committee of Company C. The informal dinner was a welcome affair by the men of these Companies as it marked the end of a strenuous training program under the guidance of UTC. And as a final climax of their training the entire Battalion has started its 15 day furloughs.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

THEY'VE BEEN GOOD SOLDIERS—Brig. Gen. Harry F. Thompson, CO of the ITC, pins good behavior ribbons on three non-coms of the 660th Bn., now a part of UTC, while the 660th CO, Major Fred Platte watches. The non-coms, from left, are M-Sgt. Robert McCown, 1st Sgt. Raymond J. Strack, and 1st Sgt. Don F. C. Freeman.

Butchers And Bakers, Even Plumber Ready For "Dream City," All Jobs Found In Hq. Co., 753rd Bn.

There is no former candle-stick-maker among the men of Hq. Co. 653rd Bn., UTC, but there are butchers, bakers and sufficient variety of other civilian occupations represented to staff a model city of the future.

In "Headquarters City" the food problem would be well taken care of, as more than thirty-five per cent of the company were farmers in civilian life. A former commercial gill-net fisherman, Pvt. Ben Clifton, is just the fellow to bring in the fish.

To process and sell the products of the "farmers", there are several former grocerymen. Sgt. Major Henry O'Connell could run the bakery and Sgt. J. J. Castiglione, a former dairyman, would take care of milk distribution.

No community is complete without a drugstore or a restaurant; T-5 Irving Gordon and Sgt. Wilbur Munger are both former druggists. Pvt. James Barret, was a first class short order cook.

The city's communication system would be in good hands. T-Sgt. Purl C. Wright, a former commercial radio operator, is well qualified to handle the broadcasting station. Former telephone lineman, Pvt. Lester Swanger, and T-5 Kline Coleman, an electrician in civilian life, would man the telephones.

Bricklayers, carpenters, several painters, and a wall-paper hanger will assure "Headquarters City" of a bright and shining face. There are two former lumberjacks in the company to furnish raw materials, and a glassmaker, Pvt. Carl Abshell, to make windows for the city. Several plumbers, pipefitters, and a furniture maker would make the model home in the model city.

Two former car salesmen will see to it that there are two cars

in every garage, and T-5 George Hartman can service the cars, and former wrecker driver, Pvt. Charles Gibson, can haul them in.

There is also a nucleus for a good sized industrial plant, probably a shipyard since there are several former shipbuilders in the company. Pfc Roy Hartman would make a good foreman and Pvt. George Lowry can help build the diesel engines. Welders, sheet metal workers and acetylene burners will be available.

Former laundryman, T-4 George Hillenbrand, is the man to take care of the city's wet wash problems. And as for barbers, Pvt. Kenneth Young would have to be trusted for the haircuts, shaves and shampoos.

In the company are also several men with specialized occupations in civilian life. Pvt. Peter Van Ramshorst, for example was a bone drier operator in a gelatin factory, T-5 Andrew Nance, a skilled gunsmith, Pvt. Ray Knock a professional snaredrum player and Sgt. Frank Wade a guard in an insane asylum. Pvt. Edgar Kidder worked at the hazardous occupation of pouring TNT in an explosives factory.

Among former jobs many would like to have are those of T-4 Louis J. Ewasko, a candy maker, Pvt. Ralph Farinoso, who drove a wine delivery truck, and that of Pvt. Stephen Rendulic, a bartender in swanky nite clubs and hotels.

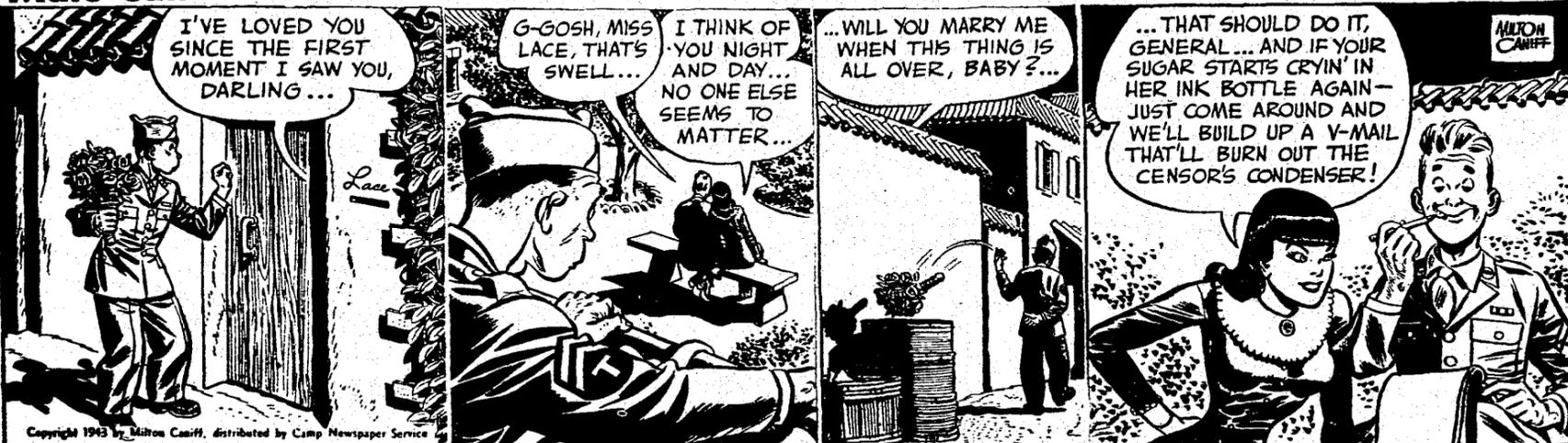
In "Headquarters City" the big sport after working hours would be baseball since about 75 per cent of the company name the great American game their favorite sport.

Is Recovering

Lt. Joseph A. Nichols, Company Comander of Co. C, 605th Bn., is in Station Hospital recovering from slight injuries sustained in a traffic accident during UTC night problems Wednesday night.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates



Fire Control Manual

MILTON CANIFF



THEY WON MANY—113th Cavalry baseball team, winners of 15 games in Camp Hood's league "B" circuit. Front row, reading left to right: Cpl. John Hubiak, pitcher; Pfc. Ronald Rinehart, left field; T-5 Walter Wlazalak, pitcher; Sgt. Bill Dick, catcher; Cpl. John Merringer, pitcher; Cpl. Mario Carpani, 1st base; Pvt. John Kress, third base, and Pvt. Leon Nearhoff, second baseman. Back row, left to right; Lt. Donald Davies, team director; T-5 Lawrence Stainbrook, pitcher; Sgt. Glenn Melton, center field; Sgt. Dan Cross, pitcher; Pvt. Alric Tarlton, shortstop; Cpl. Mel Mondt, right field. Story below.

113th Team Stays Here But Loses

While the bulk of her regiment was bidding bon voyage to Camp Hood, the 113th Cavalry's baseball team remained behind long enough to make a desperate try for the baseball championship.

However, that try was stymied by the OCS Regt. nine last week, when they ousted the Cavalrymen, 6 to 3 in a hard-fought game. By virtue of their defeat of the Cavalrymen, the OCS club meets the 603rd Bn. in a three-game series for the championship of league "B", after which the winner of the series will engage the powerful Student Regiment nine for the baseball title of all Camp Hood.

Madison Pitches Win

It was Cpl. Dave Madison's hurling which spelled defeat for the 113th. Madison worked superbly in the pinches, allowed only eight hits, and was never in great trouble. The Cavalrymen held a 1-0 lead up until the bottom-half of the fourth frame, when the OCS nine shoved across two markers on Rinehart's miscue in left field. Again in the fifth inning, the OCS club put over four runs to take a 6-1 lead, which the Cavalrymen were never able to overcome. Candidate James Newberry was the big noise of OCS, collecting two hits and driving in two runs.

Two Pitch For 113th

T-5 Walter Wlazalak was on the mound for the 113th, but gave way to Cpl. John Hubiak in the fatal fifth. Hubiak finished the game.

Although the OCS club garnered only five hits, they made every one of them count, hitting when it meant runs. There were two errors committed afield by both teams.

Score by innings:

	R	H	E
113th Cav	001	001	1-3 8 2
OCS	000	240	x-6 5 2

Station Hospital Defeats Lumbermen 18-7

The Station Hospital softball team traveled to Florence, Texas, last week, where they played the Mutual Lumber Co. softball club, defeating them by a score of 18 to 7.

T-5 John Tawney, former Baltimore pro baseball demon, was the hitting star of the game. Tawney collected two hits in three appearances at the plate. Pvt. Buddy Gill contributed a home run to the Hospital cause.

Pvt. Charles Roberts was on the mound for the Hospital ten, and was helped along by his mates who made four twin-killings.

OCS Nine Wins 3 To 1 From 603rd In Seventh

By PFC. Walter Glaser

Scoring three runs in the seventh and final frame, after being on the short end of a 1-0 score for six innings, the OCS Regt. baseball team, sparked by a two-bagger off the bat of Pvt. Wally "Babe" O'Grosky, slammed out a 3 to 1 victory over the 603rd Bn. club in a game played last week.

With Pvt. Bill Christopher, big

Hood Boxer Wins Bout

Cpl. Al Dutra, Co. D, 128th Bn., RTC, scored an upset in the professional boxing matches held at the Sportatorium in Dallas recently. Dutra, a hard-hitting welterweight, took the measure of Thewick Hurst, a southpaw from Waco's Army Air Field.

Hurst, regarded as one of the best welters in the country, was favored 8 to 5 in the betting odds to whip Dutra, but the Hood puncher piled up a wide margin on infighting to stay ahead of the Waco battler, the decision going to Dutra by favor of all three judges. Both men weighed 148 pounds.

In another bout, Pvt. Oscar Delaney, 659th Bn. heavyweight, was ousted via the KO route in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round go. Earle Washington, husky Dallas ringman, was the victor, scoring terrific blows to the Hood fighter's body which melted him away in the fourth. Delaney weighed 170, Washington, 174.

Cpl. Joe Muscato, Co. A, 149th Bn., RTC, leading national heavyweight, is scheduled for a main bout appearance at the Dallas Sportatorium tonight.

OCS Softball Team Wins 16 To 4 From Supply

The OCS Regt. softball team banged out a 16 to 4 win over the "Gas House Gang" from the regimental supply unit in a recent game which featured the hitting of every player on the club except T-Sgt. Ronald Lambert, who failed to come through with a safe lick.

M-Sgt. Marty Gibbons, toed the slab for the losers and was pounded freely.

Cpl. Junior Seitz hurled for the OCS ten. Aside from his masterful pitching, Seitz collected four hits. Cpl. Tom O'Malley blasted out four doubles to share the evening's hitting honors with pitcher Seitz.

right-hander on the hill, the 603rd held the upper hand until the big three-run uprising in the seventh inning. Christopher had allowed the OCS nine only two hits up until this point.

O'Malley Pitches

Cpl. Bill O'Malley was on the mound for the OCS aggregation. It was O'Malley's second consecutive win over the 603rd nine.

In the victory inning, the seventh, Sgt. Earl Lentz led off with a single over short, but was forced at second on a grounder hit to short by Sgt. Angelo Mazzetta. Sgt. George Krigbaum, OCS maskman, then laced a single to left-center sending Mazzetta to third, from where he scored on a miscue by the 603rd hot-corner man. O'Malley followed with another single, sending Krigbaum to third and setting the stage for O'Grosky.

O'Grosky belted a long double to left to score O'Malley and Krigbaum with the winning markers.

	Score	by	innings	R	H	E
OCS	000	000	3-3	6	2	
603rd Bn.	001	000	0-1	6	2	

Pitcher Leads 670th To Win Over 657th Bn.

Behind the shutout pitching of T-5 Ray Arseneau, the 670th Bn., RTC, baseball team swept to a 6 to 0 victory over the strong 657th Bn. nine last week.

Arseneau, one of the best pitchers in Camp Hood, allowed the 657th nine only two hits, while his mates belted out a total of eight safeties.

Pvt. John Hoffman led the victors batting onslaught with two hits, a triple and a single, scoring twice himself and batting in two runs.

OCS K. P.'s Defeat Regimental Cooks

After all pots and pans and next day's menu were done, the Cooks and K. P.'s of the OCS Regt. mess got together the other evening for a softball game.

The K. P.'s took the measure of the highly-touted food preparers, 19 to 5, after which the cooks immediately challenged the victors to another game.

Softball Game Instead

In last week's issue of the Panther, it was reported that the 647th Bn. baseball team defeated the OCS Regt. baseball team, 5 to 3. This score applied to softball teams of the two units and not the baseball teams as they have never competed against each other.

On The Ball

With PFC Keith Quick

Pvt. William S. Kennedy, of the TD RTC personnel office, payroll section, writes in to see what Camp Hood's idea would be toward having a Soccer football league. With the Soccer football season almost at hand, Kennedy believes the game would go over in a big way with Hood athletes, and he is more than willing to take part in organizing a league and getting the game started as a part of Camp Hood's fall and winter sports setup. Along with basketball and boxing, the new British game would give Hood a well-balanced sports program, since baseball is about to ring down its curtain. Incidentally, this corner highly endorses Pvt. Kennedy's idea, for he's a fellow that has wide experience at the game, both simon-pure and professionally. Kennedy hails from Sheffield, England, where he developed a great love for the game. During the past few years he was associated with the San Francisco Olympic Club, serving as player and manager of the club. He also handled the publicity angle of the game, writing a Soccer column for the San Francisco Daily News for many years under the by-line of "Rob Roy." Being a British subject, and now a member of the US Army, makes Kennedy a "R.A.F. in the Yank," instead of a "Yank in the R.A.F." Anyway, we hope all Hood will heed your idea of a Soccer football setup, and if there's any way we can help—buzz us!

Pvt. Sam Miller, of Camp Hood's Medical Det., Station Hospital, is next in line with sports ideas for Hood. A few issues back, this corner dished out the thought of Camp Hood having a golf course. So we've found an ardent supporter in Pvt. Miller, who suggest that a golf layout be constructed with greens minus Bermuda; instead, to eliminate time and money, make all greens and tees from a good strata of Texas red clay. This would eliminate grass cutting, and each morning, the greens and tees could be sprinkled with water and when completely dry, use a tennis court roller to dress a smooth putting surface on the clay greens. Pvt. Miller also suggests the idea of having a driving range. Have 25 tees elevated and separated. Name each tee after a weapon used by Hood's combat soldiers, like "bazooka," half-track and others. Then at the 150-yd mark, place a huge caricature of Mussolini; at the 200, the same for Hitler and the final, 250, one of Tojo. Three honor rolls can then be posted, one for each dictator, and the golfer who hits any of the three "rats" will have his name posted under the one he hit. The men will get a big kick out of it." And there's your ideas for Golf—take it from the lips of one Pvt. Sam Miller, who's been connected with every branch of the game for 20 years, both simon-pure and professionally. Here's hoping Hood sports moguls will give us a hand, Pvt. Miller!

145th ASTB Has Three Undefeated Softball Teams Ready To Play

The 145th ASTB, RTC, has three undefeated softball teams. Of the three clubs, two are composed of enlisted men and the third of officers.

The enlisted men's "A" team has won four straight games, while the "B" club has three wins against no setbacks. Both teams are in the North Camp Coca-Cola league.

The Officers team has won seven straight games. They would like to schedule games with other clubs in camp interested in fast competition.

Teams desiring games may contact Lt. Jacobson, Special Services officer of the 145th ASTB.

UTC Team Wins

Hq. Company, 661st Bn., UTC, baseball team defeated the Academic Regt. nine, 5 to 1 in a game played last week.

The game's feature stars were: Pvt. E. T. Garber, who pounded out a triple and single in three trips up, and Pvt. Bud Rotolo, whose pitching was superb all the way.

827th And 614th Bn. Teams Battle To Tie

In a recent game played in Temple, the 827th Bn. and 614th Bn. baseball teams battled to a 11-all standstill. The game, played before more than a thousand spectators, was hard-fought all the way, both teams coming from behind to knot the count time after time.

Pvt. Bud Leatherwood was on the hillock for the 827th. Pvt. Joe Williamson led the hitting barrage for the 827th, collecting four hits in four trips to the plate.

The 614th club pulled three double plays.

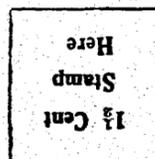
836th Ord. Depot Team Defeats 291st 23 To 0

The 836th Ord. Depot Co.'s softball team overwhelmed the 291st Ord. Co. softballers, 23 to 0 last week in a game played at North Camp.

The hard-hitting 836th club has lost only one game since the team was organized last May.

The team is interested in games with other Hood organizations, and any club interested in challenging the team can contact Lt. Laughter, athletic director of the 836th.

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