

The Hood Panther



Gen. Marshall Makes An Appeal For More Wacs

General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, makes the following appeal to the women of America:

"It is important that the general public understand the Army's urgent need for women to enable the military effort to go forward according to the schedule of operations in prospect. As the Army sends more and more trained men to front-line duty, we have to depend more and more upon women to take their places.

"The Women's Army Corps is an integral part of the Army. Not only are there many jobs that women do as efficiently as men, but there are also jobs that women can do better than men.

"Aside from urgent family obligations, enlistment in the military services takes precedence over any other responsibility. I am confident that American women will answer this call to duty."

Camp Telegraph Service Better

According to an announcement by the telegraph office, Camp Hood is now benefitted by the re-perforator switching system installed in the Western Union Office at Killeen.

Aimed to speed up service of all telegrams, this new streamlined telegraph system was placed in operation last Saturday.

Adopting of the new switching system, which means retransmission automatically instead of manually, opens a new era of communications in the Southwest. Representing years of work by Western Union engineers, it marks a radical departure from previous methods, which may be compared with the great advance of printing telegraphy over the Morse era in which telegrams were sent by tapping dots and dashes on a key.

Camp Hood IRTC To Mark Infantry Day June 15th

With June 15 set aside as Infantry Day, special observances of this day were being planned at Camp Hood with the Infantry Replacement Training Center taking a leading part in the celebration.

This day was recently named by the Secretary of War as a fitting mark of respect to the American infantryman who is serving in every theater of war. Feeling that only now the nation is beginning to clearly understand the meaning of the

TDS Author Has Exciting Story In Inf. Journal

Lt. L. R. Barnhill, TDS Publications Dept., well known in Camp Hood for his illuminating series of articles of returned combat men now at McCloskey Army Hospital, is author of "Taking Makin," in the June issue of Infantry Journal.

The magazine says of the author, he "has contributed a number of well-written reports of combat based on interviews with those who have been in battle."

Lt. Willard H. Marlowe, who gave the facts to Lt. Barnhill in an interview, has been an Infantryman for eleven years. He won the Silver Star for gallantry on Makin Atoll. When Lt. Marlowe learned that an officer of an adjacent unit had been killed he turned the command over to a noncom, brought the other unit under control and led both towards their objective. He killed three Japs and was himself seriously wounded in an explosion but continued to lead his group until removed under protest to an aid station.

Freedom For GIs

Effective at once the Camp Uniform Regulations are amended to authorize omitting the necktie from the summer shirt uniform for all military personnel while on the reservation of Camp Hood and while actually enroute to and from homes for those living off the reservation.

American Doughboy in the present war the day was suggested by the American Infantry Association to bring forth a wider acknowledgement of the achievements of the men carrying the brunt of battles on the ground.

The day also has historical significance inasmuch as it was on June 15, 1775 that the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia chose George Washington as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army which consisted almost entirely of Infantry. The Infantry itself dates back to ancient times and has been the main fighting element in a majority of the wars fought throughout at least 40 centuries.

Observance in the IRTC will be marked by special assembly of each battalion in the IRTC at retreat time. An officer will be designated for each of these assemblies to give an outline of the performances of the infantry and to stress the important role that the infantry is playing in the present war. The 214th Army Band will gather in front of IRTC Headquarters at 1645 to give a 45 minute musical tribute to the Infantry, and each of the two Service Clubs will be the scene of special programs later in the evening.

Contest For GIs

The Citizens Committee for the Army and Navy offers monthly prizes of \$15 and \$10 each for the two best poems, head portraits and pencil studies submitted and prizes of \$10 each for the best essays and humorous pieces. Entries should be addressed to the committee at 36 East 36th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

Fast Thinking 91st Regt. Sgt. Given Citation

The training camp, as well as the battle field, is sometimes the scene of notable deeds and recently an act of quick thinking by Sgt. George R. Brown, Co. D, 150th Bn., 91st Regt., IRTC, saved a trainee from serious injury and possible death and earned Sgt. Brown a commendation from his superiors.

The Sergeant was instructing a group of trainees in the throwing bays of the hand grenade training area. Among his recruits was Pvt. Solis of Co. C, 150th Bn. The Sergeant had given the signal to be ready to throw when he heard a click and noticed Pvt. Solis' grenade on the ground, the pin released. Realizing that the trainee stood between him and the grenade making it impossible to reach the missile and hurl it from the bay, Sgt. Brown shoved Pvt. Solis out of the throwing box and followed him to safety. As they both hit the ground several feet away the grenade exploded tearing numerous holes in the bay and the protective layer of sandbags.

Brown's prompt action earned the commendation of the Battalion Commander who called the incident to the attention of Col. John D. Armstrong, Regimental Commander, and a citation from the latter is now in the files of the 91st Regt. Brown, who was a Corporal when the incident occurred, had a previous experience while directing grenade throwing at Camp Fannin. On that occasion he picked up the grenade and hurled it out before it exploded.



Major Gen. A. D. Bruce

Major Gen. Bruce Former TDC Head Is Decorated

Major Gen. A. D. Bruce, who organized and commanded the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood during the days of its spectacular development into an important striking force of the United States Army, has been awarded both the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, according to word received here.

The decorations were bestowed on General Bruce somewhere in the Pacific, where he is in command of an army infantry division.

The DSM was awarded for General Bruce's service in connection with the development of the Tank Destroyer Center, the Legion of Merit for service performed with the G-3 division of the war department general staff.

Award of the Distinguished Service Medal was "for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility, in planning, organizing, establishing and operating initially the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood, Texas. Major General Bruce's superior technical knowledge, untiring zeal and splendid judgment resulted in the organization and training of tank destroyer units whose tactical mission was not contemplated previously in the organization of our Army. He contributed materially to the development of tank destroyer tactics employed by our armed forces in all theaters of operation."

The Legion of Merit was "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as chief of the tactical doctrine section, G-3 division, war department general staff. By his tireless energy and marked ability, he supervised the development and execution of all plans for the composition and coordination of new and revised official texts on matters pertaining to doctrine, tactics, technique and procedure as set forth in technical and field manuals, training circulars and other training literature of the war department. He also directed the development of a modern system of visual training, including sound training films, film strips, charts and posters."

purchase bonds at either club during the lunch hour or dinner hour. Bonds may be ordered at one of the Bond tables on entering and ready for delivery following the meal. This convenience is available to officers through the cooperation of Mrs. W. R. Nichols, wife of Brigadier General W. R. Nichols and the officers' wives.

Camp Newscast On KTEM Sun.

The third in the weekly series of Camp Hood news broadcasts, will be heard this Sunday, 10:45 a. m., on station KTEM-140 on the dial.

This program, narrated by Sgt. Robert Clemens, presents a live account of the men in Camp Hood—at work and at play; stories of the many units and their progress; stories about the men returned from combat, and serving today as training officers and cadre.

The response from civilian and Army personnel alike has been gratifying to Mr. Burton Bishop and Mr. Charles Whitesides, of KTEM, who have given this time unstintingly to the Camp Hood broadcasts heard on this station for the past seventeen months.

Fifth Loan Drive Gets Under Way

Today the Fifth War Loan Drive gets into full stride with committees throughout the Post contacting all personnel, both military and civilian. In announcing the committee heads Capt. John H. Morris, Camp War Bond Officer, stated that the quota for civilian employees is forty percent of the April 1944 payroll. During the last War Bond Drive purchases at Camp Hood exceeded one million dollars, a notable record.

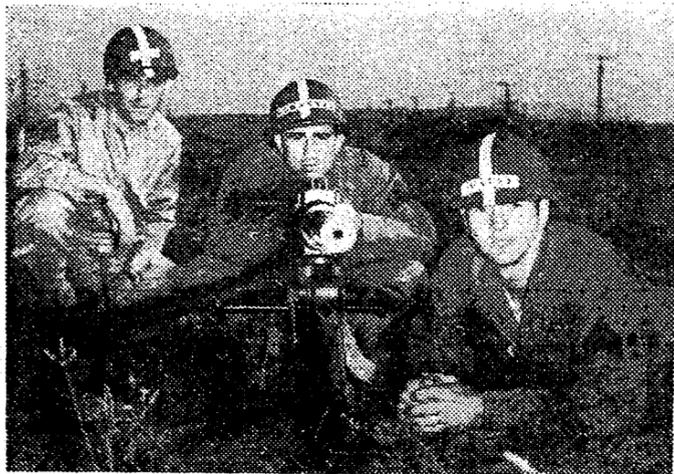
Bonds For Officers

Attention of officers is invited to the facilities for purchasing War Bonds at the 26th Street and 50th Street Officers' Clubs. Today through Saturday officers may

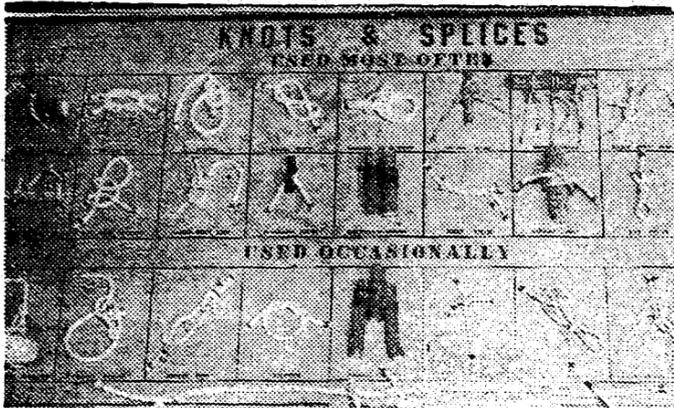


Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

While his company gathered in a special formation to witness the proceedings, Pvt. Carlin F. Dawson, Co. A, 176th Bn, 97th Regt. was awarded a \$300 War Bond prize for a suggestion he made to aid production at the Delco Remy plant when he was employed there before he was inducted. Lt. Col. Paul D. Connor, 97th Regt. Commander, is shown congratulating Pvt. Dawson as he made the presentation.



Ready for action: and these men have already seen it as members of the famed Americal Division, which served on Guadalcanal. Above they are shown demonstrating their favorite weapon to trainees at IRTC. L to R T-4 Henry E. Saylor, Sgt. Nooney Lamantia, and Sgt. Chandler Paine, cadremen.



There are times in combat when a knowledge of knots can save lives. For that reason all soldiers, as well as sailors, are required to learn to tie the most important knots. One of the outstanding training aids for the instruction of knot tying has recently been placed in the Tank Destroyer Museum, open daily in Classroom 19 in the TDS area.



Miss Ruth Madison, principal hostess at the 12th Street Service Club at North Camp Hood since its opening, recently became the bride of S-Sgt. Marvin V. Hock of Co B, 128th Bn., at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center.

Mrs. Hock is a native of Kansas City and had for an attendant her sister, Miss Grace Madison of Kansas City. Maj. Chesley M. Adams, chief of Special Services at Camp Hood, gave the bride away and Chaplain Thomas H. Talbot of South Camp was the officiating clergyman at the post chapel.

Housing Survey

In conjunction with a housing survey inaugurated at this station to determine all possible private living quarters and pertinent information pertaining thereto it is desired that all personnel, military and civilian, that are now renting private quarters, either houses, apartments or rooms, fill out one copy of a questionnaire now available, to be

IRTC's Motor Pool Here One Of Largest In Area

The Infantry's mud eaters in the IRTC at Camp Hood are served by one of the largest motor pools in the Eighth Service Command. Headed by Capt. Paul A. Derra the Motor Transportation Division dispatches hundreds of vehicles daily to meet the needs of a vast training program.

Driver training is coordinated with the 97th Regt. Chauffeur's School in an effort to turn out experienced drivers. Classes in all departments are given by specialists in those fields to round out the program, and final tests are given by officers of the Motor Transportation Division before drivers from battalion schools are issued government licenses. A special staff then "zeroes in" the graduating class.

IRTC Has Song Recital

A song recital, featuring Cpl. Marion R. Alch, Hq. Det. 92nd Regt., IRTC, was presented last night at the Post Chapel. Cpl. Alch, a tenor, offered a program which included operatic selections, songs in French and German and light opera selections in English. The accompanist was Mrs. William Guyer, Post Chaplain's assistant and organist, who also played a varied group of piano numbers. The recital was one of a series of classical music programs given periodically in the Post Chapel.

Tin Cup Dept.

NEW YORK (CNS)—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith has organized a group of New York civic and industrial leaders who will seek to pledge business and industry to line up post war jobs for 750,000 returning New York servicemen and women as well as for war workers here.

collected by organization or section and transmitted to the Civilian Housing Officer, South Camp Hood, not later than June 10th.

"Write Home," 92nd CO Says

"Write home frequently and make your letters cheerful. Your folks will surely prefer that kind of letter to dismal ones."

This was the advice offered to new trainees by Lt. Col. Joseph P. Monhollan, Commanding Officer of the 92nd Regt., IRTC, during a welcoming ceremony for new recruits of the 155th En, 92nd Regt. Saturday 20 May at the 162nd St. Theater.

In his address, Col. Monhollan also told the trainees that they would know how to handle themselves, how to take care of themselves and will have been built physically and mentally to a point where few would be their equal and none their superior.

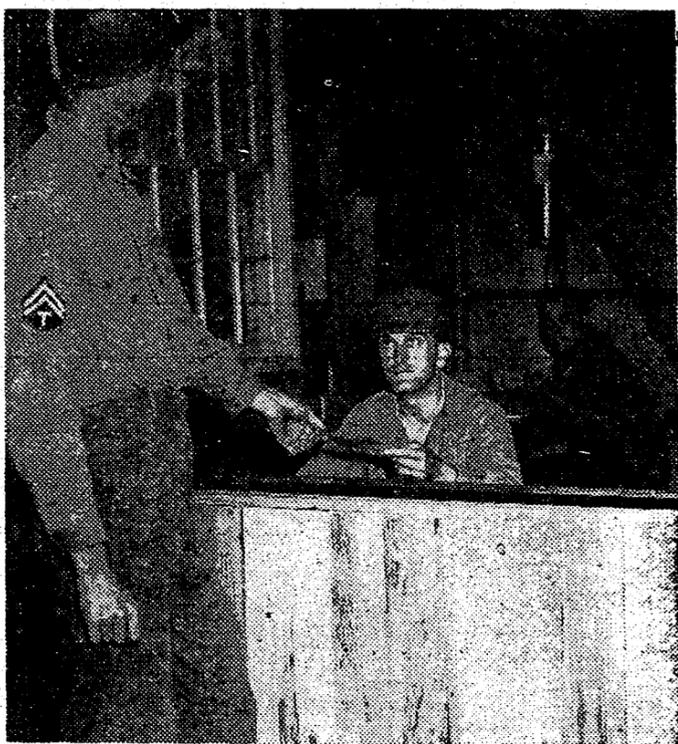
Maj. Edwin G. Bath, Battalion Commander and representatives from the Red Cross, Chaplaincy, and Medical Corps also spoke.

Badminton Exhibition

Guests at the 37th St. Service Club were offered something new in entertainment Monday night when the ballroom floor was converted into a badminton court and four exponents of the game engaged in exhibition matches.

Both singles and doubles matches were played with Pfc Percy Low, Cpl. Donald H. Badcon, Cpl. Richard W. Bowers and Sgt. Leon R. David, all of Hdq. Co. No. 1, IRTC displaying their skill in this form of sport.

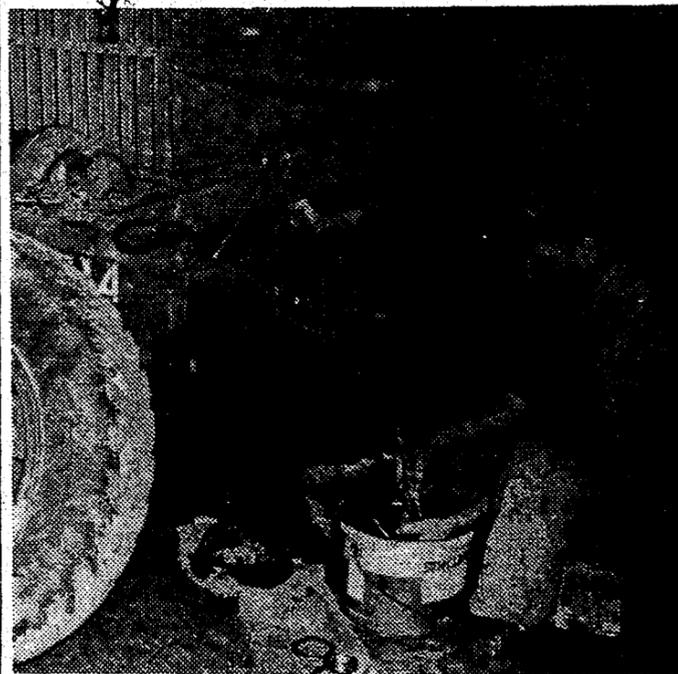
Cpl. Ross K. Hawbaker of the IRTC Special Service Office acted as announcer for the exhibition.



Drivers leaving for daily duty or single runs receive a trip ticket for the dispatcher at the IRTC "Motor Pool". On this they keep a record of their mileage and check the condition of their vehicles both when leaving and returning from runs. T-5 Jesse W. Harris is receiving his ticket from T-4 J. W. Brewer. In the background, T-5 L. S. Uretz, assistant dispatcher.



A well stocked Parts Dept. in the IRTC "Motor Pool" compares favorably with that of any modern automobile shop. T-5 Fred Spears, left and his assistant, Pfc Mark Stephens are checking an order list for replacements.



Every Vehicle used in the IRTC receives the best of care in the IRTC "Motor Pool" Cleaning and repair work is carried on constantly, in the maintenance shop. T-5 Alfred H. Lambers is doing maintenance work on the wheel and axle assembly of a 2 1/2 ton truck.



162nd St. & 37th St. Theaters
 Sat.—Ladies in Washington.
 Sun.—Mon.—The Eve of St. Mark.
 Tues.—The Black Parachute and Follow the Leader.
 Wed.—Thurs.—This Is the Life.
 Fri.—Song of the Open Road.
 Hood Rd. & 24th St. Theaters
 Sat.—The Black Parachute and Follow the Leader.
 Sun.—Mon.—Make Your Own Bed.
 Tues.—The Man from Frisco.
 Wed.—Ladies in Washington.
 Thurs.—Fri.—The Eve of St. Mark.
 Brigade Ave. & 72nd St. Theaters
 Sun.—The Man from Frisco.
 Mon.—Ladies in Washington.
 Tues.—Wed.—The Eve of St. Mark.
 Thurs.—Yellow Rose of Texas.
 Fri.—Sa.—This Is the Life.

Ave. "D" & 24th St. Theaters
 Sat.—Cobra Woman.
 Sun.—Mon.—Two Girls and a Sailor.
 Tues.—Yellow Rose of Texas.
 Wed.—Thurs.—Make Your Own Bed.
 Fri.—The Man from Frisco.
 18th & 15th St. Theaters
 Sun.—Three Men in White.
 Mon.—Cobra Woman.
 Tues.—Wed.—Two Girls and a Sailor.
 Thurs.—Stars on Parade and Gamblers Choice.
 Fri.—Sat.—Make Your Own Bed.
 4th & 10th St. Theaters
 Sat.—Yellow Rose of Texas.
 Sun.—Mon.—The Hitler Gang.
 Tues.—Three Men in White.
 Wed.—Cobra Woman.
 Thurs.—Fri.—Two Girls and a Sailor.

Free Cigarettes

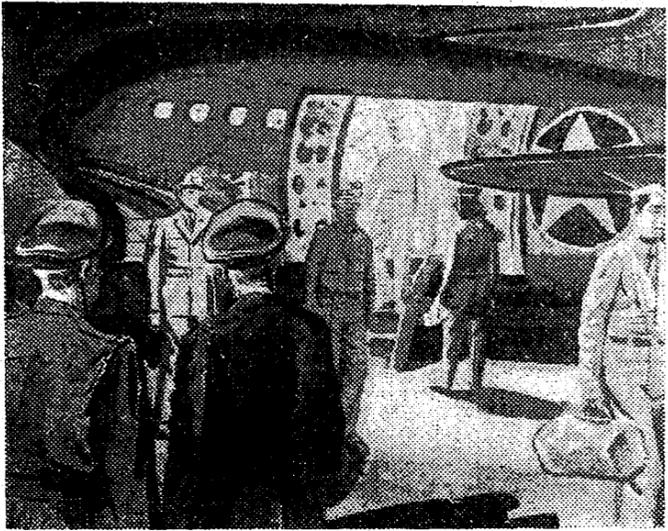
It might have been material for the "This Isn't the Army" cartoon series, but it wasn't. Every man who turned out for reveille Tuesday morning in D Company, Academic Regiment of the Tank Destroyer School was presented with a carton of cigarettes. It was a method of distributing excess company funds.

a mechanic, driver, or handles supplies does his part in keeping the equipment rolling.

Committee Appointed

Mrs. W. R. Nichols, Chairman of the Women's Volunteer Committee, Personal Affairs Branch, for Camp Hood, has appointed Mrs. Evan B. Knobel and Mrs. Clarence E. Jarrell to assist her on the Personal Affairs Committee at South Camp and has also appointed the following ladies at North Camp: Mrs. M. B. Kirkpatrick, President, and assistants —Mrs. William H. Schoeffel and Mrs. George C. Sprouse.

The Panther Meets An Inbound Hospital Plane



Drawn By Sgt. Stanley Farnham

At 10 that morning fifteen wounded soldiers watched the sky over San Francisco anxiously. At about a quarter after eight that night the same group hopped out of a transport plane at Temple, Texas, as spry as their wounds would allow, and grinning happily took off in ambulances for McCloskey Hospital.

These were men who had been wounded or had come down with blood diseases in the Pacific theaters. It's a trip that despite the growing routine of repetition never quite loses a sense of the dramatic.

About 7:30 the officer and men edging the concrete apron of the Temple Army Airport had begun to move restlessly. They talked aimlessly, speculating on the time of arrival and how the plane would come in for its landing, while their eyes ranged around the horizon.

It was just a green light at the earth's curve, and then approaching as if it were an oversized firefly sliding down from the ceiling of sky on a wire at a 45 degree angle. Just beyond the field the outline of the plane took shape as it leveled off and banked lazily in a wide circuit of the field.

Smooth Landing.

Lining up with the runway, it glided evenly, seeming to float. As its wheels came within inches of the concrete several of the men on the field dropped to their knees and put their heads close to the ground to watch the landing. They shook their heads appreciatively as the pilot brought the huge ship in as smoothly as poured cream.

As it taxied up to the apron the crowd broke toward the plane and the big double doors peeled back, showing half the interior. A set of stairs was hooked on quickly and nurse Jill Duskey skipped down. She was met by McCloskey officials, who accepted her papers.

The men followed closely behind nurse Duskey. Some of them came down carefully, as if protecting their splinted arms, others pumped eagerly, ignoring the steps.

Once on the ground they stood around, some grinning, others frowning into the spreading Texas dusk. A non-com from McCloskey came up and checked their names from a list he carried on a clip board.

Most of the men carried small handbags. They picked these up and shuffled toward the ambulances which were jockeying into line at the edge of the apron.

Familiar Landscape

On the way to the hospital the men didn't talk much. For all of them McCloskey is the nearest hospital to their homes, for a few it is close to home. A couple of these looked out the window and murmured recognition of some silhouetted landmark.

Coming in on the plane they'd been restless, nurse Duskey had said; especially when they flew into Texas, singing about the ubiquitous eyes of Texas, and arguing the relative beauties of Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. But now they were quiet — not caring much whether anyone else thought this was the most beautiful state in the world so long as they were here.

They started shifting toward the door as the ambulances filed

through the hospital gates. When the ambulances stopped they were ready and anxious to get out, though this time a bit stiffly.

They tried to stare through the nightgloom and see what the buildings looked like as they waited to be checked off again.

As his name was called each man left the group and walked into the mess hall. The first in stared and then said over his shoulder, "Tablecloths!" The others grinned as they saw the white cloths.

The tables were set with platters of cold parsley-garnished ham, salad, tea, coffee, and fruit. They ate hungrily, commenting little until they finished. As they started on last cups of coffee they lit cigarettes and smoked until all were done eating, and the non-com in charge led them off to temporary wards.

Back at the field the huge Douglas transport had lost its identity—hulking in the darkness as if too tired to move in out of the rising wind and sudden splatter of rain.

Schedule Washed Out

Pilot Captain Hal Murray looked at his co-pilot, F-O W. A. Thompson, standing beside him under a wing. "We can take off in an hour," he said tentatively. Thompson nodded, staring up at the nightblack sky. Their schedule called for refueling and immediate start on the return trip to San Francisco. But the lashing rain washed out that schedule.

Meanwhile the medical officers from McCloskey waited anxiously for a second plane, which was supposed to have been no more than ten minutes behind the first.

Restlessly everybody tried to see through the night, ignoring the rain and wind. Red and green lights came over the horizon and somebody said, "There it is" in a voice that carried the sense of relief. Impulsively the crowd edged in the direction of the lights, and started to chatter, until an Air Corps officer from the field said, "No, that's one of ours."

Someone relayed a report that calls had been put through to the fields along the route, but there was no sign of the plane. About 9:30 the officers gave up; it was hopefully decided that it must have put in at some other field, and would continue on in the morning.

Empty Horizon

The crowd left the apron slowly, stopping now and then to look back to the west horizon. But as the airport beacon scanned around the heaven it showed nothing but darkening Texas sky.

About fifteen minutes later the Associated Press teletype in the Temple Telegram carried a brief dispatch that the plane was missing. The editor of the Telegram pecked out his story of the first plane's arrival, cocking an ear

The Eve of D-Day Brings Strain and Tension To All

From Our Chaplains

The first 50 years of this 20th Century will probably be considered by the historians of tomorrow as the bloodiest in human history. Millions are dying in war, pestilence, famine, revolution—the four major afflictions of society. The spigots of human blood are opened wide in the large effort of a gangster hierarchy to direct the course of history seeking to make man an invisible speck of dust in the sequence of human history.

The dramatic struggle between oppression and freedom draws near. As we watch the hands on the clock—as the minutes fade into hours and the hours into days—as the H-Hour of D-Day approaches, the strain and tension grows within us. For history has reached one of the terrible moments when the only way out is by means of the sword which brings in its death and wounds, pain and sorrow. What we have witnessed thus far in the war has very largely been in the nature of preparation for this great crisis. Sure, a heavy toll has already been exacted from us. From the tundras of Alaska to the desert sands of Africa, from the treacherous terrain of Cassino to the malaria-infested jungles of the Pacific our men have fought and bled. Some have made the Supreme Sacrifice that this climax might be reached. Notwithstanding unforeseen circumstances, the time has come when we can say, "It is all over but the fighting."

In a period of four years our Army has increased from 200,000 to 8,000,000. We are equipped today with an abundance of the best machines and weapons of destruction in the world. We are prepared to meet the enemy in the only way he knows how to act. But are we prepared spiritually and psychologically to face the Great Battle that lies ahead? Have we built inner fortifications that can keep pace with these recent technological discoveries? It is imperative that we be able to give affirmative answers to these significant questions.

A formidable weapon in man's struggles for existence has been prayer—a weapon tested in myriads of crises—a weapon for which there is no satisfactory substitute. If the experience of the past counts for anything then it becomes an incontrovertible fact that prayer has proved to be a sustaining, a regenerating, a sanctifying force in life.

8th Serv. Com. In 1st Place

In the War Dept. Suggestion Program, during the quarter ending March 31st, the Eighth Service Command rose from second to first place among the service commands participating.

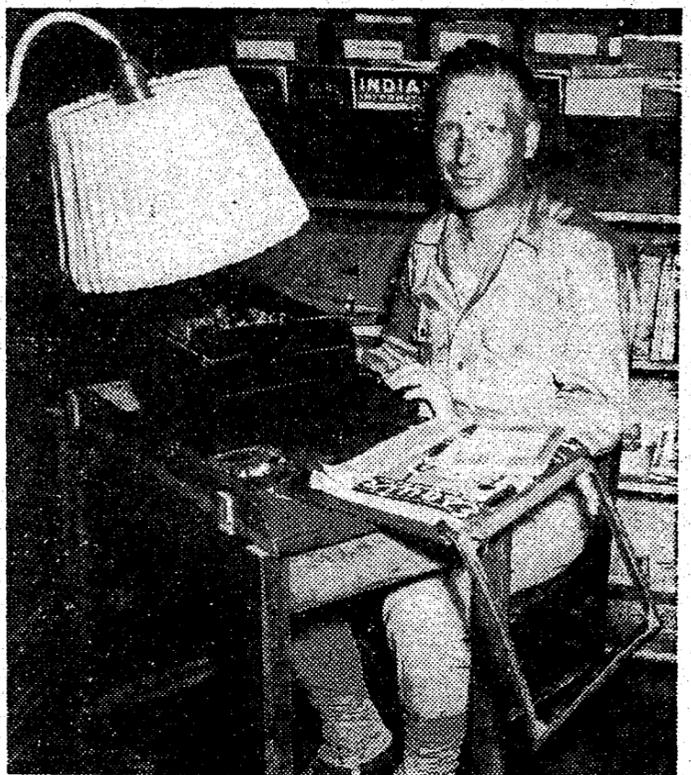
During that three months civilian employees in the Eighth Service Command submitted 2438 suggestions, this being one-third of all suggestions received by all nine service commands.

According to recent announcements the military now has the opportunity to participate in this suggestion program and while cash awards cannot be paid many non-monetary awards are available.

to the telephone, hopping now and then to the AP wire, hoping for some word, unwilling to write the second plane down as missing.

And then within twenty minutes of the paper's deadline a bulletin came over the wire, cancelling the first story, reporting that the second plane had been forced down by bad weather in Amarillo, and would continue the trip as soon as the weather cleared.

A tensed reporter relaxed against the teletype housing. "That," he said, "is a nice way to end the night's work." —WW



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Pvt. Rudolph E. Umland, a prolific magazine writer in civilian life takes a few minutes of his time every day to give vent to his literary talents. Pvt. Umland, now a trainee in Co. B, 146th Bn., 90th Regt., I.R.T.C. has written articles and stories that have appeared in Esquire, and many other well known magazines.

Teller Of Tall Tales Is Bull Session Competitor

Any G.I. who strives to be the star of a "Bull Session," telling stories that are sheer fabrication, or at least gross exaggeration, will find himself a mere bush leaguer when Pvt. Rudolph E. Umland is around.

Pvt. Umland, a trainee in Co. B, 146th Battalion, 90th Regiment, I.R.T.C., can make a midget do feats you would only expect of a giant when he unleashes his literary talents.

For the past 12 years, Pvt. Umland has entertained millions of magazine readers with his "tall tales," delightful untruths of the Paul Bunyan variety which are totally inconceivable but amusing to the highest degree.

One of his latest stories appears in the News and Digest magazine and tells about a superhuman harvest hand who, nearly single-handed threshed and shocked all the wheat in 42 Nebraska counties. Pvt. Umland is a specialist in this popular form of American humor.

Writing prolifically for such magazines as Esquire, Time, and many others, this author has uncovered much of America's best folk lore for the reading public. A native of Nebraska, he studied Architectural engineering at the University of Nebraska for two years before the urge for fine arts caused him to switch off into writing. His first real start was as contributor to the "Prairie Schooner," literary quarterly of the U. of Nebraska, in 1932. His rich fund of folk stories has been built up by virtue of his extensive travels in which he has

visited 41 states, pausing to work and mingle with the people of those states. His adventures into the prosaic have found him working at a wide range of occupations and he can turn his hand at almost every trade you can mention.

Besides his customary tall tales he has also written short stories, historical articles and edited numerous government books and publications dealing mainly with the history of Nebraska and the immediate region. For the past two years he had been employed by the Office of Censorship in New Orleans.

One of his stories will soon be published in "Story Magazine" and an example work appeared in a recently published Bookin's Anthology on American Folk Lore.

With a blandness that almost hides a deep sense of humor, Pvt. Umland admits that he will probably draw some tall stories out of his Army experiences. His most immediate concern however is to "think up some way of inventing a portable foxhole."

The Wolf

by Sansone



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RATIONING MILES

The rationing of miles will continue as long as we are waging a total war against the Axis powers. By rationing we divert millions upon millions of gallons of gasoline to the feeding of our great war machine. Today, twenty five percent of the oil produced in the west goes overseas and twenty percent of that produced in the east is going wherever the soldiers go on foreign shores. The flow of oil supplies through Hawaii alone is seven times greater than it was a year ago. Government authorization for increase in oil production is responsible for the fact that Texas is now producing more oil than at any time in its history.

Conservation of rubber is another great reason for the rationing of miles but unlike gasoline rubber deteriorates in an immobile state and therefore the situation has become most acute. Total war is demanding and getting more and more of our limited supply of rubber and it is for this reason that the Camp Hood Board, like all boards throughout the country, is forced to ration tires right down to dire emergency necessities. Tires with good original tread are breaking down by the thousands as age saps life of the rubber. The manufacture of synthetic rubber has been limited because much the same process is employed in manufacturing 100-octane gasoline, the fuel that is used in such tremendous quantities by the Air Corps.

Rationing of miles for passenger cars has placed an unprecedented burden on public transportation facilities. Trains are packed to the limit, reservations on Pullmans are obtainable only on a month's or two months' notice, oftentimes not at all. The bus lines are crowded beyond normal capacity and rolling old prewar stock on old prewar rubber. Travel is no longer an adventure but a chore only to be performed in the interest of the nation.

A great deal of the travel congestion in and about Camp Hood can be alleviated through the whole-hearted cooperation of car owners. The Ration Board at Hood has a long established and just system of allotting gasoline in sufficient quantities to allow motorists to visit their homes within the immediate area, approximately twice a week. Where distances are greater such as Dallas and San Antonio trips can be made twice a month under present allotments. Camp Hood is one of the few larger military installations served with its own Ration Board. The Board was deemed necessary due to the somewhat isolated location of the camp, approximately 30 miles distant from Temple, and other towns of equal population. For a few months the Temple Ration Board served Hood personnel in spite of its own heavy local demands. Through the efforts of Capt. Lace a board functioning independent of adjacent county quotas was established at Camp Hood thus easing the drain on essential rationing in Bell County.

It is important that we make every gallon of gasoline count; fill every passenger car to normal capacity whether we are leaving the post or returning. And to those who accept a "lift" remember that "thank you" will not alone buy gasoline, tires, new parts, or the car itself. Rather than "bum" the ride let's "share" the ride.

Pooling is encouraged. The less you operate your car the more gasoline and rubber is available to the war machine. Gas coupons no longer expire, so you can save them for an emergency or special occasion as long as you wish.

Until the axis is smashed let's make every seat in every vehicle carry an essential passenger.

To A Guy Named Joe

By Cpl. Rose Prosen

JOE that common name that so many of our fighting men have is spread through the world.

Joe fighting on land, on the water, and in the air. Joe is everywhere. Joe is tired and weary. Tired because he has been cramped in a foxhole for days without food and water, because he has been flying for so long without any rest, because he has been on that ship behind that gun. Joe so weary for Ohoo! so long.

Joe with loneliness in his heart—thinking of his folks at home. Mom frying chicken. Dad in his old chair smoking a pipe and reading his familiar fishing magazine. Little Sis getting all ready to attend her first honest-to-goodness dance, and his kid brother getting all greasy in the garage trying to put his gas model plane together.

Joe with happiness in his heart because he knows that what he is fighting for will keep his kid sister and brother safe, so that when they grow up and their children grow up they will not have to go through the same thing that Joe is going through now. No, Joe will never let us down. He will fight hard. Darn hard! He will fly that plane till either it goes down in flame or lands safely back home. He will sail that ship till his strength gives out.

Yes, Joe, you will win this war for us, because you are doing the fighting, you are giving your life so that the rest of us may live.

GI Gift Service

The Service Men's Service Inc., and overseas of its free shopping service. Just name the gift, the

N. Y. reminds GIs in the U. S. and overseas of its free shopping service. Just name the gift, the

Panther Poll

QUESTION Now that the 5th War Bond Drive is about to be underway, what suggestions do you have to offer that would promote the sale of bonds in your company?



SGT. MILTON SMITH: Have someone give a talk filled with humor that would be an inspiration to the other men. There are men who are capable of selling anything in each company so select that person and set some goal that will make the men feel that they are trying to reach a certain goal. It will just naturally make them buy more than if they think they are supposed to.



SGT. LOUIS LOBOSCO: would say the best way would be to auction off items or different jobs, such as kp, to the buyer of the smallest bond. Nearly any man would dig a little deeper to keep out of kp!



SGT. ALEX VITALE: I think someone should talk to the men just before the sale, stressing what a savings they are, bringing to their minds the things that the bonds will buy after the war. Everyone knows this, but if it is stressed, it will be a great help.



T-5 ABRAHAM SCHOOR: It seems to me the time has come for the men to know that this is OUR war too and that the bonds are not for anyone else but us, so a simple, straightforward talk on buying them would be very fit at this time. It takes money to support such a war as we are engaged in now so it is up to all of us to support it.

Wrong Number, Please

San Diego, Calif. (CNS)—M-Sgt. Ray Morgan is sick and tired of reading about soldiers who boast of the length of the letters their girl friends send them from home. Sgt. Morgan claims a different type of distinction.

"I haven't received a letter in 10 years," he admits cheerfully. "The last letter I got was in November, 1933. It came from the Southern California Telephone Company and returned a nickel for a wrong number.

person it's going to and his address, and enclose a money order to cover the gift cost.



"THEY'RE CONTINUALLY IMPROVING ON THESE THINGS."

A Texan 'Chair Borne' Dreams

WE'RE fighting sons of liberty, we seek no praise nor glory,
For we didn't volunteer, but they drafted us "by gory."
We sure did love civilian life, as now we love it still,
I'll welcome well the days of peace, when dreams will all 'come real.

AS we fought our way through Bougainville, and faced the trials and strife,
We "griped" about the mud and swamps—but liked the rain in civil life.

So you can see the way it is, we love the Army sure,
But we'll love it more when the war is won—then bid goodbye to gore.

AS we fought against the Japs, our brothers fought the Germans,
We were busy "downing" Zeroes, while the Air Corps "hit" with Grumans.

But most of all we fought against the damned Anopheles,
When they hit us with that dread disease, we quite forgot the Japanese.

AND then we moved on down the line and rested in Australia,
But after while it got "dull", that I'm here to tell you.
We just could not relax at all, our nerves were far too tense,
We were fast becoming quite convinced that war did not make sense.

OURS' was not to question but to do—and so we did.
Our training was so darn intense that some wished they were dead.

We worked all day and most the night, in preparation for,
That most important "D-Day" that may possibly end the war.

SO now we "shipped out" once again, to where no-one could tell,
But we were quite determined then to send some Japs to hell.
Just now we're waiting patiently, for "H-Hour" of The Day,
When we will "close in" on the Japs, and make the "field RATS" pay.

If war has "cost you dearly", and perhaps you've "lost a friend,
Then "over here" we'll settle up, the score and make amends.
I've promised ten for Tom, a friend, and more I'll get for you,
For we'll not stop when they want to, we're going to "see it through."

AND so this ends my endless dream—that's all I do I fear,
There's nothing more that I can say, at least not just from here.
I dedicate this "poem" to those who have been "over there",
I wish I were, instead of writing—from an Army "swivel chair."

Cpl. Bob De Maat,
Adj File Section
IRTC.

Camp's Cake Bakers Challenged By Panther

It's a tossup whether this story ought to lead off with "There'll be pie in the sky," or "Let 'em eat cake." In any event, it is all about the cakewalk of the year.

It's a baking contest, open to all military personnel in Camp Hood—to everybody who wears khaki, regardless of sex, age or rank. It's a no holds barred deal, Wacs will compete on equal terms with Joes, amateurs will take their chances in the same ring with mess sergeants—all that is required is access to some eggs, flour, a stove and what ever it takes to make a cake.

All cakes in the contest must be delivered to Miss Eugenia Johnson at the 37th street Service Club by 9 p. m. June 14th. The judging will be Thursday night, June 15th, by an impressive panel of judges, whose names will be announced later.

Final details of the contest will be announced in next week's edition of the Panther.

APO For Cpl. Dillon

Cpl. George Dillon, recently a news reporter at TDS, is happy. He's at another station now with an APO number, and may have the opportunity of seeing his wife somewhere "over there." She is a first lieutenant in the WAC, and left Fort Oglethorpe several weeks ago for an overseas destination.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Wacs Efficiency Causes Demand For More Of Them

As more and more of our men speed across for the invasion, the work women can do behind the lines becomes increasingly vital.

The Women's Army Corps has proved so efficient and so valuable to the Army that commanding officers are requesting their services in greater numbers than ever before.

ASTP Is Open

The War Dept. has authorized the selection of trainees for the ASTP from troop units (except Infantry) to the extent of 1-4 of 1 percent per month from each unit.

Enlisted men who desire to participate in the ASTP will submit a written application accompanied by evidence (including transcript of college credits) of their qualifications. Upon approval by a regimental, separate battalion, or similar unit commander, the application will be forwarded direct

Among the 239 types of vital Army jobs the WACs are doing is the mail clerk in the message center. Pictured here are some of the phases of the job. T-5 Anne Spioda of the TDS message center is seen giving a document to Pvt. Nicholas DiAngelo for immediate delivery to one of the department heads in headquarters. Distributing the mail into the sacks is another function. Dispatching documents and mail by jeeps is another job, as we see Cpl. Spioda instructing jeep driver T-5 Eugene Lacey on a delivery.

to the STAR Board. University of Illinois.

Last Keys Quad To Wed NC Cpl.

The last of the famous Keys quadruplets to wed, Miss Mary Keys, social hostess at the 12th Street Service Club at North Camp Hood, will become the bride of Sgt. Jack P. Anderson of Co. A, 140th Bn, TDRTC, June 9.

A sister, the former Leota Keys of the Leon Drive Service Club at North Camp, was married to M-Sgt. Robert T. Hall at North Camp last October. She will be matron of honor at the ceremony, to be performed by an old friend of the family, Capt. John P. Neil, chief of chaplains at North Camp. Two other sisters, Mona and Roberta, now Mrs. Robert Fowler of Oklahoma City and Mrs. Roland Torn of Los Angeles, respectively, will be bridesmaids, an arrangement similar to previous marriages of the quads.

Miss Keys has served as an Army hostess for the past 14 months. She and her sisters, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Flake M. Keys of Oklahoma City, are widely known throughout the United States. The sisters were born in Hollis, Okla., where the family lived until they finished college. Miss Keys, like her sisters, is a graduate of Baylor University of Waco. She will wear the Keys family wedding gown in which her other sisters were married.

Sergeant Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Anderson of Plano, Tex., is also a graduate of Baylor. He played football on the university team and after graduation was with the New York Giants professional team for a season. Before entering service two years ago Sergeant Anderson was employed by a Texas oil company.

Dinner For TDS Veteran Officers

Two veteran officers of the TDS were guests at a farewell dinner party given in their honor by officers of the school headquarters on Tuesday night at the 25th Street Officers' club.

Maj. James Tardy, assistant secretary of TDS is leaving the service to resume his business in Dallas. Maj. William B. Anderson, former CO of the OCS regiment has assumed Major Tardy's duties.

Capt. William Bowdoin, adjutant, and one of the first officers to be assigned to the school headquarters staff, leaves to assume new duties at the Replacement and School Command headquarters in Birmingham, Ala. In his new assignment Captain Bowdoin will be working with Lt. Col. E. J. Howell, onetime commanding officer of the OCS regiment.

Capt. Frank E. Smith has been assigned TDS adjutant.

Band Deactivated

The 187th Army Band, which came to Camp Hood on April 20 as one of the official bands for the official bands for the IRTC, will be disbanded, it has been announced at IRTC headquarters.

A large majority of the Band's personnel will be transferred to other musical units throughout the country and are now awaiting their next assignments.

Led by CWO Angelo LaMariana the 187th Band was a versatile organization that had earned a great amount of popularity at Camp Hood. Its dance orchestra has appeared at Service club dances and at similar events in surrounding towns. Formerly the 505th Parachute Band it was the first band assigned to that branch of service.

Another Band is expected to arrive here soon to replace the 187th.

Greater Love . . .

Camp Kilmer, N. J. (CNS) — When the Army rejected Joe Rogers for physical reasons he became so miffed that he persuaded his wife to join the WAC. Now she's stationed here and he comes to call on week-ends.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
One of the large newspapers, issued weekly in Camp Hood from Morale Services is seen here with Mrs. Ruth Braune, Ration Board, pointing to Rome.

Orientation Series Get A Lift From ASF Newsmaps

The weekly issue of Newsmaps for the Armed Forces of the United States, is a most interesting aid to Orientation.

Newsmap is prepared and distributed by the Army Informative Branch, Morale Services Division, Army Service Forces. It is prepared from public sources of information.

The combined talents of war correspondents, photographers, and artists are utilized in the preparation of this feature. The first edition of Newsmap appeared 27 April 1942.

Each week Newsmap features the latest war developments both in print, and in picture. Sectional maps of the fighting fronts appear weekly in proportion to the important battle lines of the week.

Some of the other features include news of the home front, facts and figures of supply, War Bonds, weapons, and war production. Another distinctive item is news and information of the enemy, such as, familiarization with German and Jap uniforms, rank, and branches of their Service.

Distribution of Newsmap is made to all posts, stations, and camps within the United States. For overseas points five pound packages of mats and negatives are flown to such widely scattered points as New Caledonia, London, Cairo, Algiers, and Panama. There, by means of facilities furnished by Corps of Engineers, or with the co-operation of local printers, regular weekly editions of Newsmap are prepared for servicemen, even in the most remote war zones.

The Morale Services branch of this Post makes the initial distribution to all Regiments and Battalions. They in turn make the distribution to lower echelons.

Company Orientation officers make Newsmaps an important part of their weekly Orientation hour. Soldiers get much more out of a discussion based on the current Newsmap display than they would from a discussion of current events which did not utilize this carefully prepared medium.

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University dance has been made "open house", and servicemen from Camp Hood are invited to attend.

Tommy Dorsey's program for the evening of June 9th will consist of a concert from 7:30 to 9:00. The gym will be cleared for dancing between 9:30 and 1:00 A.M.

One price has been set for tickets to the concert preceding the dance. Single admission, for the concert only, will be \$1.20. Dance tickets will be \$3.50 for couples and \$3.00 for stags, and \$1.50 for balcony spectators. All admission prices include tax.

The All-University dance will be one of the rare personal appearances for the "Sentimental Gentleman" in the southwest. The Dorsey aggregation is en route to Hollywood to make a picture.

Dorsey Band To Play Texas U. Dance June 9th

GIs and officers are in for a musical treat when Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra play for the All-University dance at Texas University's Gregory Gymnasium in Austin Friday night, June 9th.

Featured with Tommy are two former name Maestros, drummer Gene Krupa and vocalist Bob Allen. First in the vocal corps are Bonnie Lou Williams and a feminine quartet well-known as the Sentimentalists. The All-



TOMMY DORSEY

IRTC Mess Plaque Moves

The IRTC Best Mess plaque was getting around a bit moving last week to Co. A, 172nd Bn., 95th Regt. after reposing in the 96th Regt. for two weeks. As a result men of the company were serenaded at chow last Saturday noon by the 214th Army Band.

The triumphant efforts of A-172's Mess Hall personnel were directed by Capt. James C. Pleasant, Commanding Officer, 1st Lt. Edmund L. Dorsett, Mess Officer and S-Sgt. Jack W. Odom, Mess Sergeant.

IRTC Man Awarded War Bond By Former Employer

Meditiorious service on the battle front and on the production lines won special recognition for two IRTC enlisted men last week as special retreat ceremonies were held in their honor.

The first ceremony took place last Monday when Co. A, 177th Bn, 97th Regt., stood in a special retreat formation to honor one of its members. Pvt. Carlin F. Dawson. After the company had marched to the parade grounds and formed for retreat, Pvt. Dawson was presented \$300 in War Bonds by the

Regimental Commander, Lt. Col. Paul D. Connor.

TDRTC Aims To Top Loan Drives

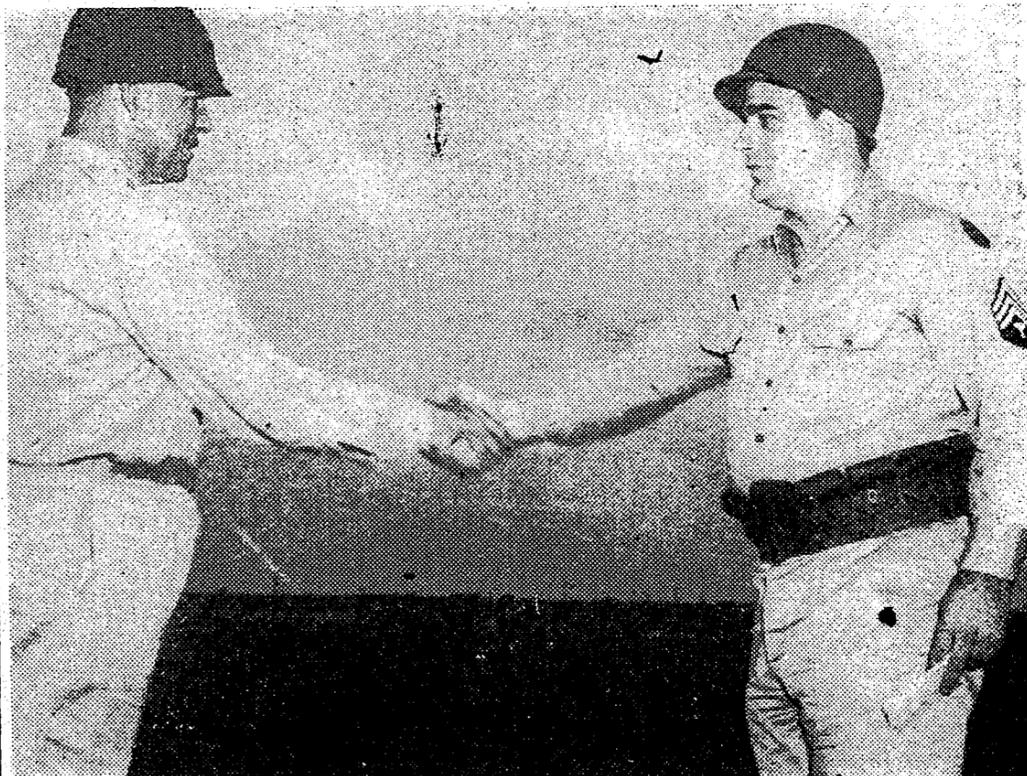
The Tank Destroyer Relacement Training Center is tuning up to make the Fifth War Bond drive as successful as the last campaign in spite of a 50 per cent increase in quotas for the Army and civilian personnel on Army posts.

TDRTC contributed more than \$47,000 in cash purchases and signed 1002 new allotments during the Fourth War Bond drive in February and March. Maj. S. Howard VanDyke, War Bond officer for TDRTC, recently attended the 8th SC conference at Dallas in preparation for the forthcoming back the attack campaign.

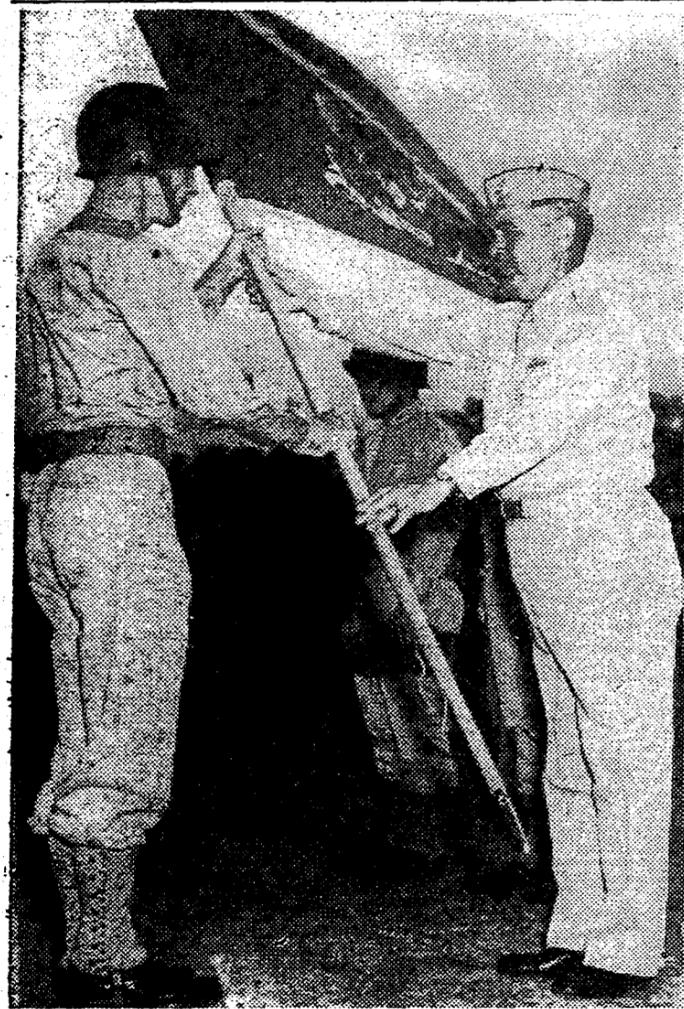
The War Bonds were an award sent here by Pvt. Dawson's former employers, the Delco-Remy Co. Pvt. Dawson won the award just previous to entering the Army for a suggestion that speeded up production in the Delco Remy plant. A machine maintenance man for the firm, he contrived a device that eliminated numerous breakdowns in a drilling machine, and thus helped to keep production of vital airplane parts at a high level.

The firm operates a prize system for valuable suggestions from employees. Dawson's award, which was augmented by \$12 in War Saving Stamps, is one of the largest awards received by a Delco Remy employe.

Last Wednesday Co A, 176th



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Lt. Col. Paul D. Connor, Commanding Officer, 97th Regt., IRTC, congratulates T-4 Robert L. Kays, Co. A, 177th Bn., 97th Regt. during a retreat ceremony held last week in the latter's honor. Col. Connor and ranking officers of the 97th Regt., along with Sgt. Kay were present as the Presidential Unit Citation for members of the Americal Division was read at the retreat. Sgt. Kay was a member of the division when it invaded Guadalcanal.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Marching in review Wednesday afternoon, 24 May, the men of the 528th Field Artillery Battalion of North Camp Hood were presented the Battalion Standard by Col. Louis J. Compton, commanding officer of the 224th Field Artillery Group.

Maj. Duncan G. Peek, battalion commander, received the Standard after which Colonel Compton reviewed the battalion.

The Field Artillery of the 528th had had some training before they were activated in their present battalion. They have completed their MTP (mobilization training program) in six weeks, less than half the time normally required, and were commended by Colonel Compton for their efficient training.

The 24th Coast Artillery Band played for the review on the parade grounds.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo
Hand grenades sail through the air as a group of IRTC trainees from Co. B, 146th Bn, 90th Regt., IRTC, take preliminary instructions in throwing dud grenades before the actual practice with explosive missiles.

Bn formed ranks in honor of T-4 Robert L. Kays, a company cook who was a member of the famous Americal Division that recently received a Presidential Unit Citation for distinguished action on Guadalcanal. The citation was read before Kays' entire company here and later he took his place with Col. Connor, and ranking officers of the Regiment, as the company passed in review.

Sgt. Kays arrived at Guadalcanal in Dec. 1942 and remained for four months during which time the Japanese were entirely driven from the island. A rifleman, Sgt. Kays participated in the engagement that wrested Hill 27, a vital vantage point, from the Japs. The seizure of Hill 27 was a death blow to the Japs.

A resident of Beadstown, Ill., Sgt. Kays was a steamboat steersman on the Ohio river prior to entering the Army.

GIs May Participate

In a recent letter from Maj. Gen. Donovan, Commanding General, 8th Service Command, it was stated that the suggestion program—suggestions for added efficiency in the running of military establishments—is now open to military personnel.

While cash awards may not be paid to military personnel, many non-monetary awards are available.

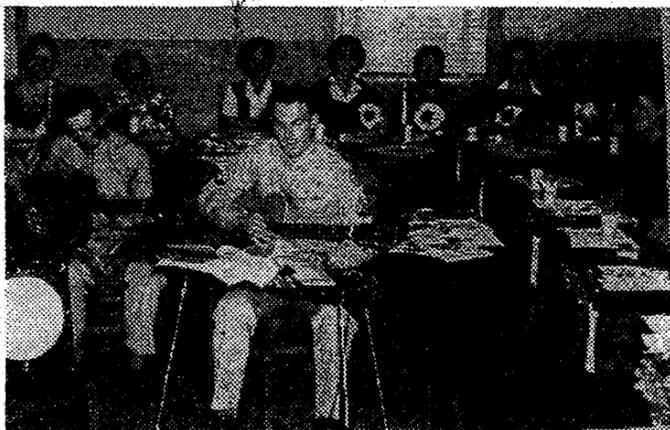
"It is my desire," Gen. Donovan stated, "that the members of the military personnel of this Command appreciate the fact that it is part of their duty to study their jobs and the jobs of their fellow workers and to offer any and all suggestions that will improve the operating effectiveness of those jobs and thereby help the war effort."

Any member of the military may participate in this program. All suggestions should be written and dropped in the "suggestion boxes" posted in Camp Headquarters and other convenient locations.

Make Good Record

Following a week of correct position study and simulated firing on the South Camp Hood practice range, more than 95 per cent of the trainees in Co B, 154th Bn., 92nd Regt., IRTC, completed and qualified during their record fire on the 200, 300 and 500 yard rifle ranges.

In the record fire four men fired better than 180 points out of a possible 210 to win rating as expert marksman. Fifty-seven men won sharpshooter's medals. Trainees fired their rifles from prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions in slow fire with sustained fire being made in all but the latter position.



The birthday anniversary party of the 12th Street Service Club was celebrated Thursday night, 25 May, at North Camp Hood, in a rather unusual manner. Instead of wishing for many more, the guests all wished for the first anniversary to be the last . . . "and that would mean that the war was over and North Camp Hood Service Clubs only pleasant memories." Miss Hallie Lindsey, bookkeeper, said in her welcome talk. She cut the birthday cake.

A varied musical program was given after which the "one-year-of-service" employees were presented with nose-gays of native flowers as they were seated at the guest of honor table. They included Miss Merrell Blansit, hostess; Ella Gude, pastry cook; Gertrude Sanders, afternoon coffee maker; Bertha Noack, head cook morning shift; Bessie Huggins, head cook afternoon shift; Ada Cummings, kitchen helper; Mrs. Ora Carroll, kitchen helper; Syrenia Cooper, kitchen helper; Willa Mae Holton, cafeteria cashier; Weldon Holton, fountain cashier; and Miss Lindsey, bookkeeper.

Soldiers taking part on the program were Pvt. Herbert Stiefel, Pvt. Bill Walling, Cpl. Tony Rodecki, Pvt. Bob Savage and Sgt. Harry Frank.



E.T.O.

Words Without Music

According to the U. S. Motion Picture Service, the pictures having the greatest attendance for April were "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble," "Follow The Boys," and "Buffalo Bill" . . . PAULETTE GODDARD's press agent claims a record of 38 bombers and fighter planes named for her . . . Paramount plans a fourth, modernized version of "The Virginian" . . . GAIL RUSSELL and JAMES BROWN will play the leads . . . "Gone With The Wind" in its fifth year in London . . . LEW AYRES announced his decision to study for the ministry after the war.

A female woodenhead will join the CHARLEY MCCARTHY program in the fall . . . an old maid character, BERGEN announces,



Mary Ann would much rather re-Charlie Barnett's Orchestra, which will be the "Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands" feature on July 7th. Between broadcasts Mary Ann McCall sings with less than pose for pictures like this. But the BLUE Network said, "Look Glamorous, willya?" And here's the result.

with young ideas, whose reply to the question, "are you married?" is, "No, darn it, no!" . . . the babe has no name yet—Bergen is waiting for inspiration or suggestions.

RED SKELTON got a reprieve from the army, until the end of May, to finish his radio season . . . GERTRUDE LAWRENCE returned to England . . . JIMMY DURANTE and GARRY MOORE will carry on through the summer for ABBOT and COSTELLO . . . a five-cent newsreel theater is predicted by HO'WOOD VARIETY . . . Viking Press will put "Jacobowsky and the Colonel" between covers . . . Hour of Charm contest winner will be chosen on program of June 18th . . . high blood pressure, it's reported, will keep FRED ALLEN off the air next season . . . United Press polled South American clients and found that H'wood carried enough interest to warrant a daily column being wired southward.

EDDIE CANTOR honored by the Catholic War Veterans, presented with a citation for his war work . . . 6,178 reels of H'wood film poised for the invasion . . . production started on a "Tree Grows In Brooklyn."

Italian Patriots Get Their Chance To Strike Foe

A hint of things to come when the armed might of the United Nations cracks Adolf Hitler's European fortress from the west was contained in a recent dispatch from the Italian Front which stated that the Allied High Command there had divided all of German-occupied Italy into six operational zones from which the Italian Underground may prepare "for the day of action."

The dispatch followed a joint statement released by Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's Allied headquarters and Premier Pietro Badoglio's Italian High Command which said that the zones had been created so that the population living in each one would be able to receive pertinent instructions by radio.

The zones were designated as follows:

- 1—No Man's Land comprising all the areas immediately ahead of the front lines of the Eighth and Fifth Armies, where no organized action on the part of the Italian population was foreseen.
- 2—The area surrounding Rome, for which "special instructions will be given—at the proper time."
- 3—The west coastal area.
- 4—The central Apennine Mountain areas.
- 5—The Adriatic coastal area.
- 6—Northern Italy.

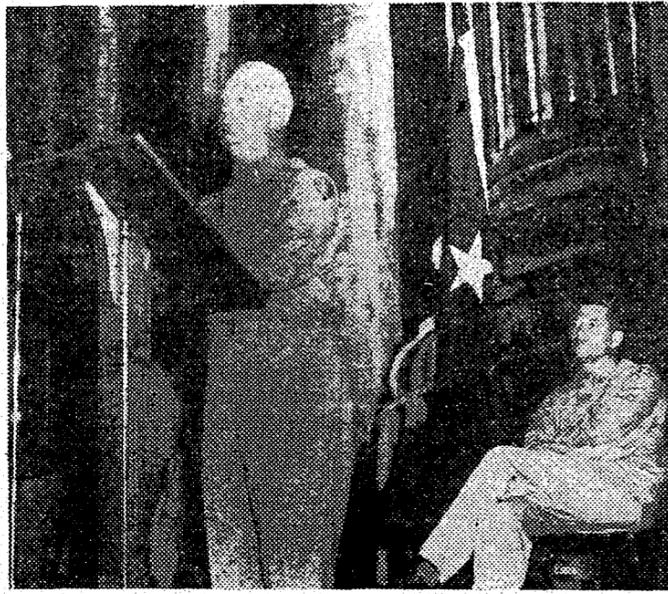
The creation of the zones was announced several hours after General Alexander's headquarters had made public the first communique issued by the Italian underground. It said guerrilla activities in the north had forced the Germans to send six of their twenty-five divisions in Italy to that area to meet increasing underground activity.

Committees For Fifth War Loan At Hood Chosen

On June 1 the Fifth War Loan drive gets into full stride at Camp Hood with committees throughout the camp contacting all personnel, both military and civilian.

In announcing the committee heads, Capt. John H. Morris, camp war bond officer, stated that the quota for civilian employees is 40 per cent of the April, 1944, payroll. During the last war loan drive, purchases at Camp Hood exceeded one million dollars.

Following are names of committee chairmen and organizations they represent: military committee, Maj. Robert C. Sutro, 24 TD group; Maj. S. Howard Van Dyke, TDRTC; Capt. Carl S. Anchiks, TDS; Capt. Harmon A. Bardwell, station hospital; Capt. Claire Chittick, IRTC; Capt. Leroy H. Hawisher, 164 Ord. Bn.; Capt. Francis F. Newark, 220 FA group; Capt. James H. Smith, TDC; Lt. Edward B. Douglas, 404 FA group; Lt. Thomas C. Hall, 23 TD group; Lt. Ira L. Lewis, prisoner of war camp; Lt. Louis C. Losee, Provisional Repair Company Ordnance (Maintenance) No. 1; Lt.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Just before each large, incoming group of IRTC trainees go into their training program they become acquainted with the top officers of the IRTC in a greeting and orientation program held at the Field House. The program is opened by band numbers followed by a talk from the Commanding General of the IRTC, Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan. Also on hand to greet the new men give them information about their duties and the services which are afforded to soldiers in the IRTC are the IRTC Surgeon, the IRTC Chaplain, the Red Cross Field Director and Col. Maurice C. Bigelow, Executive Officer of the IRTC. Gen. Bresnahan is shown at a recent ceremony during a high point in his speech. He is telling the trainees that they should make every minute count during their training to learn the things that will spell success on the battlefield. Seated is Major Thomas H. Talbot, Post Chaplain.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Nine perfect inspections, for the month of May is the unique record hung up by the mess staff of Hq. Det. DEML. Under the direction of Mess Sgt. T-3 Walter H. Howard, the crew maintained the mess hall in 100 per cent condition throughout the month, the first time, it is believed, that this record has been made in camp. The crew was commended by the inspecting officers, Lt. G. P. Cribari and Lt. C. E. Darling. The staff, in the picture above, Pfc. Peter J. Schoenecker, Pfc. Richard H. Minton, Pfc. John F. Henderson, Pvt. Odell Oavidson, Pfc. Charles P. Pace, Pvt. Richard L. Mock, Pvt. Audie J. Borders and Sgt. Howard, have been awarded three day passes by Capt. Victor H. Bennett, commanding officer of the detachment.

Murrell M. Miller, 24 TD group; Lt. Olof W. Nyquist, 173 Ord. Bn.; Lt. Prentiss W. Ramsey, 1848 Service unit.

Civilian committee, Camp Hood, Rosemary Beard, fiscal; M. W. Lovell, Jr., personnel; Virginia Turner, maintenance; Jean Hardin, camp engineer; Mrs. Ruth M. Walker, medical; Guy Stennett, quartermaster; William A. Jeske,

rail transportation; Ernest B. Weatherby, purchasing and contracting; Mrs. Ila Jeter, laundry; Mrs. Helen R. Gross, salvage; Lorene Campbell, engineer property; Mrs. Jeannette Benz, signal; Mrs. Doris Robb, motor pool; Leona Beerwinkle, postal; Zillah Schrek, adjutant; Dorothy Byrd, ration board.

Civilian committee, (North



Chapel Services

Protestant
Sunday, 9:00 A. M.
Chapel 2833, Bible Study, 70th & Hq.
9:30 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq.
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn.
Chapel 413, School Area.
10:00 A. M.
Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn.
Chapel 218, Bible Study, 37th St. West.
10:15 A. M.
Bible Study, Chapel 321, 37th St. East.

11:00 A. M.
Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
Chapel 4416, 268th & Ser. Dr.
Chapel 3425, 170th (P) Brig.
Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn.
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Chapel 2833, Lutheran, 70th & Bn.
7:30 P. M.

Chapel 2833, 70th & Bn.
Stockade, 2:00 P. M.
Chapel 53, 50th & Hq., Episcopal.
Communion Sunday, 0900 & 1830.

COLORED TROOPS
Chapel 3406, 16th & Brig.
Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
Worship Service, 10:00 a. m.
786 Sn. Co. (Mess Hall), 9:00 a. m.
Chapel 3406, 6:30 p. m.

WEEKDAY SERVICES
Tuesday, Pre-Invasion Prayer Service, 1900.

In Every Chapel
Tuesday, Chapel 53, 1930.
Wednesday, Chapel 53 (Classic Mus. Hr.), 1930-2100.

Wednesday, Chapel 4416, 1830.
Thursday, Post Chapel, 1930.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass

Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
Stockade, 7:30 a. m.
37th St. Theater, 9:00 a. m.
162nd St. Theater, 9:00 a. m.
Hood Road Theater, 11:00 a. m.
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Chapel 218, Mon. Sat. 6:15 a. m.
Evening Weekday Mass
Chapel 218, Tues. Wed. Thurs. Pri. 6:30 p. m.

Novena Services
Sunday, Chapel 2808, 6:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Chapel 218, 7:00 p. m.

Confession, Saturdays, as follows:
Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 1500-1600.
Chapel 2808, 62nd & Bn., 1800-2100.
Chapel 218, 1500-1700 & 1830-2100.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Chapel 321, 37th St. East, Thurs. Sun., 2000.
Sunday, 0900.

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Reform Followed by Orthodox Service.

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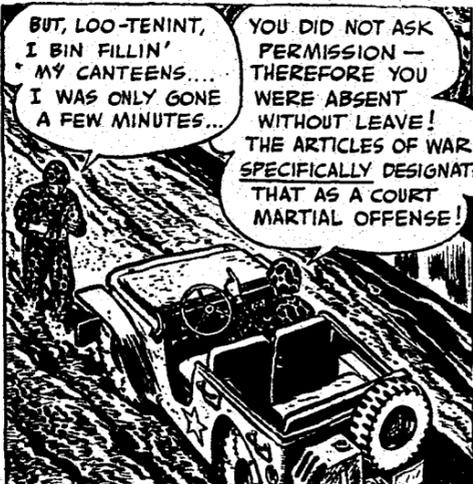
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Male Call

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

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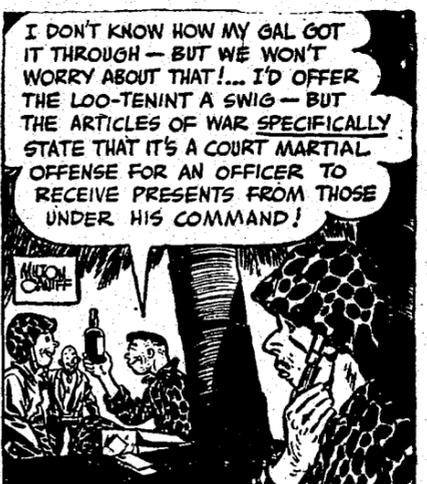
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BUT I KILT TH' NIP WOT WORE IT, LOO-TENINT! I KINDA THOUGHT MY KIDS WOULD LIKE T'HAVE--

ALL PUBLIC PROPERTY TAKEN FROM THE ENEMY IS THE PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES! THE ARTICLES OF WAR SPECIFICALLY STATE...



I DON'T KNOW HOW MY GAL GOT IT THROUGH — BUT WE WON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! I'D OFFER THE LOO-TENINT A SWIG — BUT THE ARTICLES OF WAR SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT IT'S A COURT MARTIAL OFFENSE FOR AN OFFICER TO RECEIVE PRESENTS FROM THOSE UNDER HIS COMMAND!



Blue Network's Mary Cook

Lt. Gen. McNair, Chief Of AGF, Inspects IRTC

Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces obtained a comprehensive view of training in the IRTC as he and other high officers of the AGF, the Replacement and School Command and the 4th Army visited Camp Hood last Thursday.

It was a thrilling day for trainees and their instructors who performed their regular duties under the scrutiny of the AGF chief and members of the official party guided by Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Bresnahan, IRTC CG and his aides.

Texas Dew Rains Out Star Jumper

Cpl. Alfred Rush, IRTC Motor Pool, couldn't jump to the skies last week-end because the skies came down and deluged the Dallas Stadium in Dallas where the Southwestern A.A.U. track meet was scheduled last Friday.

The IRTC soldier, a former high jumping star at Western Illinois Teacher's College, was entered in that event in the Dallas tourney. The meet was put over one day because of rain last Friday then postponed indefinitely when rain interfered again Saturday.

According to word from Dallas, plans are being made to re-schedule the affair, but it has not been determined whether Cpl. Rush will be able to enter at a later date.

95th Regt. Entertains

The 95th Training Regt. IRTC put over their show in a big way at the 162nd street club, Wednesday, May 24th, at 8:30 p. m.

Pistol Packin' Mama went after her rival in the audience with GI technique, rifle and blank ammunition. There was plenty of real talent and ginger in the program.

On Wednesday, June 7th, the

TDS Nine Loses Close Game To 7-Up At Austin

The TDS baseball nine lost a close tilt to 7-Up at Austin, Sunday, 5 to 3, but emerged from the tilt with the realization that they are a stronger team than ever before.

Two errors by the Scholars in the seventh inning put 7-Up runners on first and second, and a long homer by Haney swept the home team into the lead and final score.

Lefty Zuber pitched a good game until the seventh, and was ahead 3 to 2. It was obvious that his toiling in the hot sun had made him tired. Spectators felt that Lefty should have been relieved by a fresh pitcher to hold the lead, and wondered that a substitution hadn't been made.

The bright ray in the game was the new second baseman on the TDS team. Wesley Henry, who played for the Academic team last season. Henry, a demon fielder, made impossible plays, was easily the best runner on the bases, was potent with the bat, and his quick thinking cut off a run at the plate, as he pegged from deep second into catcher Don Wheeler's glove in time to tag the runner attempting to score.

This was the second in the home and home series between the two teams, TDS having won the first tilt, 3 to 0. A night play-off game was arranged for yesterday, at Austin.

97th Regt. Clips 95th In IRTC's Opening Game

Inter-Regimental baseball conflict opened Sunday 21 May in the IRTC with a team from the 97th Regt., edging out an outfit from the 95th Regt., 11 to 10 in a game marked by a thrilling finish.

After the 95th had taken a 10 to 4 lead in the first four innings, Sgt. Ernest Rheiner, went to the mound for the 97th and handcuffed the opposition the rest of the way, while his team mates found the range and fought an uphill battle to victory. Sgt. Rheiner struck out the first eight men to face him.

The 97th team was composed of men from Co. A, 176th Bn, the 95th's from Co. A, 172nd Bn.

All-Stars Set For Waco Air Team

The TDRTC All-Stars, held down by the weather for the last ten days, will travel to Waco for the weekend to meet Waco Army Air field in two games at Katy field. The All-Stars have been getting in some strenuous if soggy practice and appetites are whetted for a double triumph over the WAAF nine which beat them 8 to 4 in their last game.

The first clash will be a night game at 2000 Saturday, Sunday at 1500 the teams will meet again. TDRTC batteries will be S-Sgt. Hugh Salisbury and Pvt. George Wilson for the first tilt and Cpl. Herbert Karpel pitching to Wilson in the second game.

The All-Stars have added another professional to their squad, Edmund Nogas, who pitched for Rochester in the International league before donning khaki. June 11 TDRTC will play Camp Wolters. Other opponents during June and July will include Camp Swift, the 7-Up team of Austin, McCloskey General Hospital and the 13th Armored Div. of Bowie.

"Jive Bombers" Give

The 37th Street Service club resounded with spicy jive music last Friday night, 26 May, as "The Jive Bombers" consisting of members of the 187th Army Band

SPORTS

Jake Early, first string catcher for the Washington Senators, is a private at Fort Jackson. More concerned now about his future in the Army than about baseball, Jake took time out, however, to make a prediction as to the outcome of the American League pennant race this year. He picked Washington (and wouldn't you know it!) because he feels they have added the necessary moundmen, to win first place.

Sgt. Clayton Heafner, pro golfer, who has managed to keep in the big time in professional golf while carrying out his assigned duties in the Army, also reported to Fort Jackson recently.

According to the *St. Louis Sporting News*, a million-dollar project by which major league games were to be filmed in color for showing to servicemen, both in this country and abroad, appears to have run into a snag.

The plan was devised by a number of important motion picture producers, with Warner Brothers being particularly interested in the idea. It is known that the producing firms were highly enthusiastic over the prospect of bringing pictures of the games, in full color, to the men of the armed forces, and were prepared to undertake the plan at considerable expense.

However, after some weeks of effort, it is now reported that the project has met with obstacles, details of which have not yet been disclosed.

Mrs. Joe DiMaggio, the former Dorothy Arnold of the screen, was granted a divorce from "DiMaj" in Los Angeles last week. They have a two year-old son.

Howard Ehmke, former major league pitching star, is now engaged in the manufacture of tarpaulins in Philadelphia. Many of the infield covers for major and minor league diamonds come out of his factory.

The heavyweight battle between Joe Baski and Pvt. Buddy Knox, was called off in Wilkes-Barre, May 13th, three days before the fight, because the town's newspapers had suspended publication temporarily during a printers' work stoppage. Matchmaker Marty Fuller said the bout could not be staged without newspaper publicity.

The Waco Flyers postponed the game scheduled with TDS last Friday. Understand it all happened 'cause the men were scheduled to go on bivouac. **Strange for the Air Corps.** We never heard of bivouacking behind a cloud.

Capt. William R. Lace head of the Ration Board, is a great admirer of the TDS baseball team, and has done much to solve transportation difficulties for the club.

Sgt. Nick Sabatino of the Publications Dept., TDS, we've just learned, is a crack ping pong player, and an Ohio champion.

Sports we don't expect to see in Camp Hood this season: bowling on the green, curling, jai, lai, and punting on the Thames.

Will anyone in favor of good four wall handball courts write in and tell us where in camp would be the best spots for them. Particularly where facilities are such that courts may be readily converted.

In one of the most unusual baseball games on record, two high school pitchers, opposing one another in the same game to decide the Seattle prep school league lead, each hurled a no hit game. The score was one to nothing. With two men out the winning team scored when the batter reached first base on an error, stole second and slid safely into home plate when a high fly to the outfield was dropped.

One of Camp Hood's most avid sports followers is enroute to another post. He is Sgt. Benton Perry. That guy could recall more names and dates and incidents of almost any sport than anyone we ever encountered in our late civilian sojourn. He even found errors in records of baseball manuals that were admitted by the publishers. We'll miss him. **RC**

Snafu The Skunk Came Calling; TD Corporal Took Strong Hint

Corporal Al Merkel, Co-B, 128th BN, North Camp Hood, was dreaming peacefully in his tent early one morning last week while bivouacked near the TDRTC camouflage area—dreaming of sweet fields of clover and fragrant flowers in the springtime—when something crept into this subconscious train of thought that smacked of snafu.

Snafu it was, Snafu the Skunk, right in the tent and thirsting for human blood. He sank his teeth through the corporal's ear.

Corporal Merkel woke up yelling. The skunk went into action simultaneously, still hanging on. Before you could say "gas!" 1st Sgt. William E. Allen, Lt. Glen R. Anderson and Sgt. "Snuffy" Johnson dashed to the rescue through some enfilade fire from the skunk. The animal apparently numbered a bulldog among its ancestors for it held grimly to the ear while laying down a barrage. It was finally sliced in two with a machete and the jaws pried loose.

During the snafusion Sergeant Allen, deciding the situation called for desperate measures, left at triple time for the company orderly room. Several men took off after him, including the battered corporal. The sergeant has twenty years in the Army behind him but he led the rest to the company area by half a mile.

Corporal Merkel's ear was patched up by some stout-hearted medics, who mumbled glassy-eyed 'bout "sanitation officer" when it came to the question of attending a certain aura.

"Oh, that?" said the corporal. "I was bitten by a spider yesterday."

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