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Col. Kurtz Camp Commander



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SNOW ON THE RANGE—These men, on one of Camp Hood's rifle ranges, not only got a sore shoulder from firing but a cold one, too, when they fired from prone positions covered with last week's snow. The snow was a novel experience, bringing sharper understanding of winter battle problems. (More snow pictures, Page 2).

War Bonds For Cash Now Ready

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War Savings Bonds and Stamps will be sold for cash at pay tables throughout Camp Hood during the current Fourth War Loan Drive which ends February 15.

During the past two War Bond drives, the Eighth Service Command led all others in the amount of cash invested by military and War Department civilian personnel.

Major General Richard Donovan, commanding the Eighth Service Command said in a statement opening the drive in this area: "It is hoped that the previous record may be sustained."

This new drive, which comes on the eve of the greatest offensive action of the war—the attack against Hitler's fortress—is for a total of \$14 billion.

Ward Heads F. A. School

Major General Orlando Ward, former commanding general, Tank Destroyer Center, has assumed command of the Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla., according to the Fort Sill Army News. He succeeds Brig. Gen. Jesmond D. Balmer, who departed for another assignment.

General Ward came to the Tank Destroyer Center May 26, 1943, succeeding Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce who left to head the 77th Infantry Division. General Ward relinquished his post here for his new assignment on October 24, 1943, to Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, present commanding general, TDC.

Two Panther Poems Read By Ted Malone

Two poems written by Pvt. J. A. Bowman, RTC, which appeared in The Hood Panther, were read by Ted Malone on his radio program, "Between The Bookends," Jan. 12. Bowman is now at home at 520 Holly Avenue, St. Paul, Minn. The poems were "Yes, We Know," "GI Helmet Liner, M-1."

Music Stars Sing At T. U.

Richard Crooks, Metropolitan Opera baritone and star of a weekly NBC music series, and William Primrose, famed violist, will be presented in recital Tuesday night, Jan. 25 in Austin. Under the auspices of the University Student Cultural Entertainment Committee, the program will be held at Gregory Gymnasium, University of Texas.

Service men and women will be given a 55-cent reduction on all tickets, which are \$2.20, \$1.65 and \$1.10.

Col. Thirkeld Transferred To Ft. Clark

Pictures At Right

Col. Lawrence A. Kurtz, formerly commanding officer of Camp Swift, has been named commanding officer of Camp Hood to succeed Col. C. M. Thirkeld, who has been transferred to Fort Clark after 18 months as head of one of the Army's largest and most completely equipped military installations.

A native Texan and graduate of Texas A&M College, Col. Kurtz is expected to assume his new duties today. Col. Thirkeld will become commanding officer of Fort Clark, a cavalry camp at Brackettville, Texas.

Had Long Career

Col. Kurtz has served more than 26 years in the Army, having been commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery in 1917 upon graduation from Texas A&M with an electrical engineering degree. During World War I he served in California and elsewhere in this country and later was on duty with the Army of Occupation in Germany and France. Duty also carried him to other countries and to numerous posts in the United States.

Prior to being named post commander of Camp Swift in April, 1941, Col. Kurtz built and commanded the Fort Sill Reception Center. He assumed command of the then incomplete Swift in early April, 1941, and activated the Post on May 4.

Col. Kurtz has three children, a son, Lawrence A. Kurtz, a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, now on duty as a lieutenant in the South Pacific; a daughter who lives in Washington, D. C.; and a younger daughter who resides



COL. L. A. KURTZ



COL. C. M. THIRKELD

with his mother, Mrs. Florida Kurtz, at Smithville, Texas.

Here Since July 1942

Col. Thirkeld has been commanding officer of Camp Hood since July, 1942. He came to Camp Hood as executive officer under Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, then commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, long before the official opening of the camp, however, and in July, 1942, took over the task of administration, operations and maintenance. In May of 1943, with the activation of North Camp Hood, he became commander of the combined facilities of the two installations.

With Field Artillery

Entering the Army during World War I, Col. Thirkeld served with the Seventh Division. He received training with the 80th field artillery at Camp MacArthur, Waco, and also served with the 12th field artillery at Fort Sam Houston. He has had two tours of duty in Hawaii.

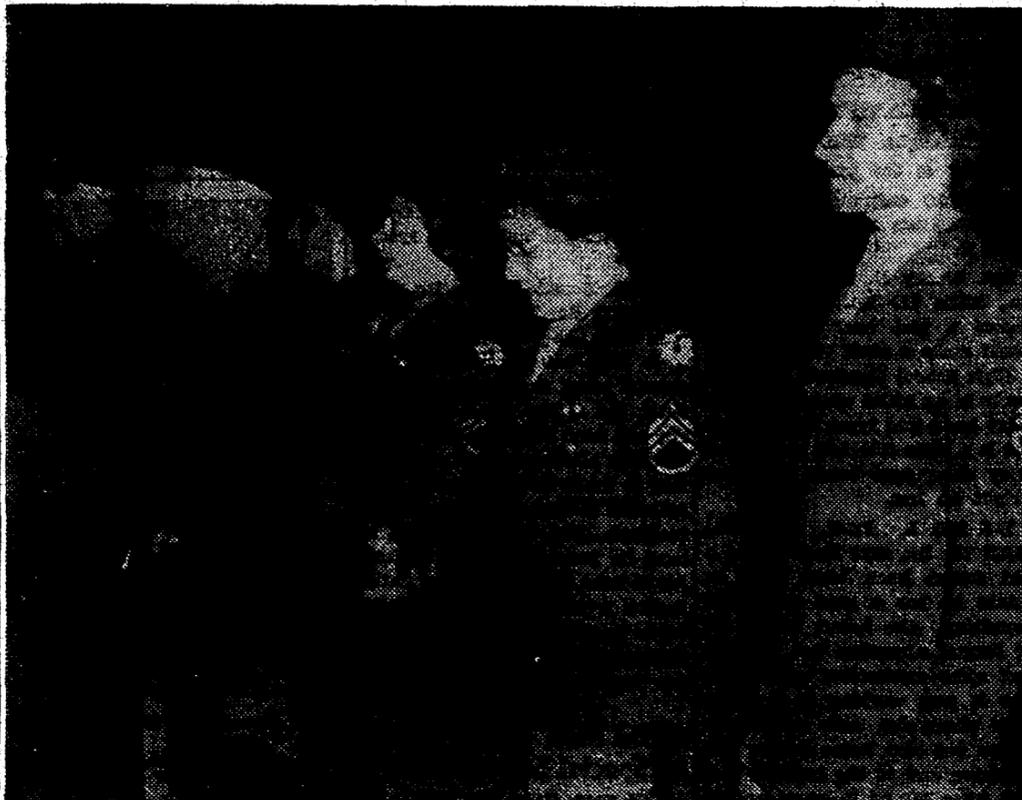
On assignment from the regular army, he was an artillery instructor at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, before coming to Camp Hood.

Now Heads Post WACs

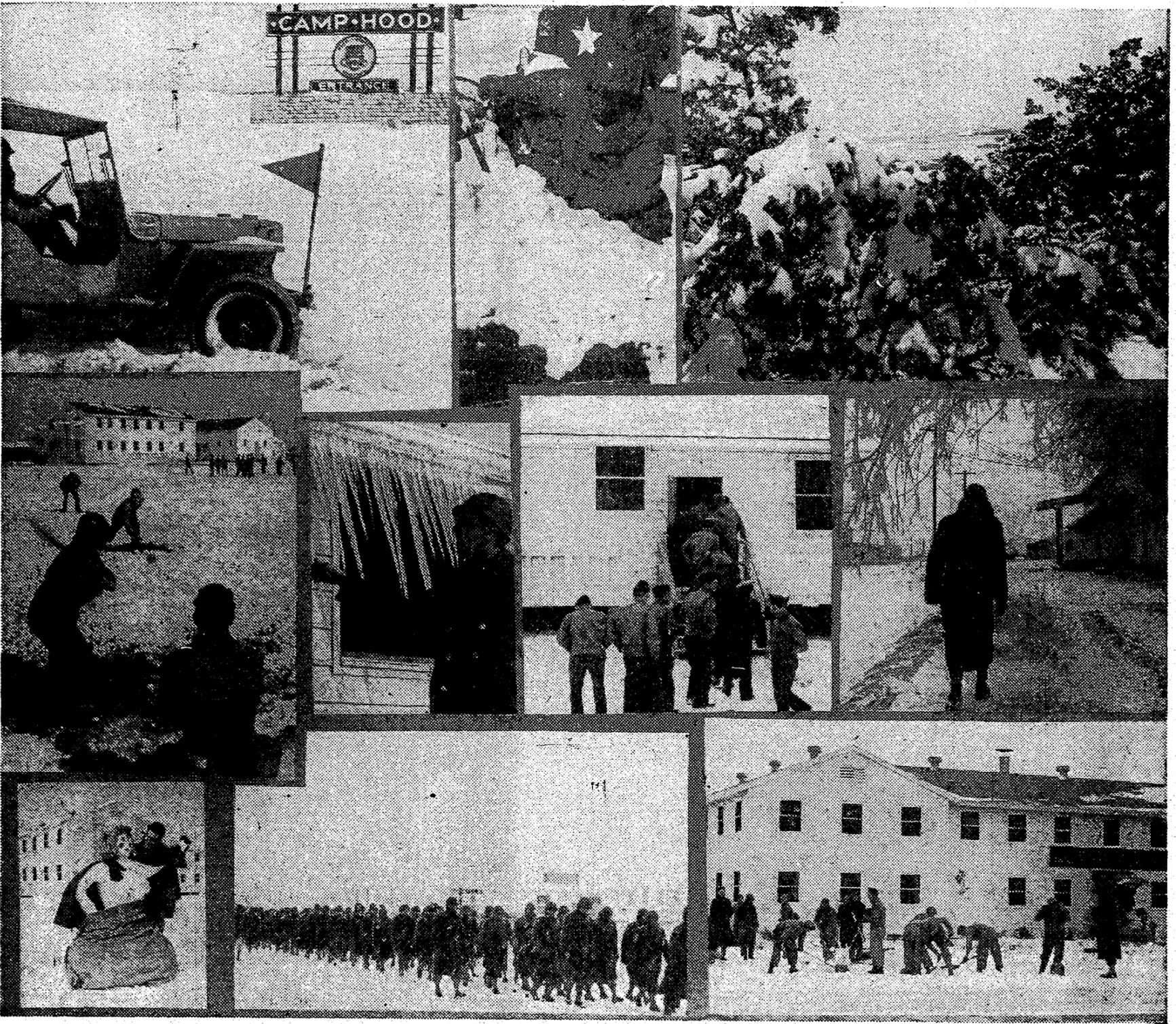
Capt. Elizabeth S. Hoffman of Kingston and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has arrived at Camp Hood as commanding officer of the WAC Detachment, 1848 Unit.

She came here from WAC Branch No. 1 at Nacogdoches, Texas, where she was a WAC staff director, and, previously, a company commander.

A member of the first Women's Army Corps officer candidate class at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Captain Hoffman was an assistant office manager at General Motors Corp., Wilkes-Barre, before she enlisted in July, 1942.



RIBBONS FOR THEIR BLOUSES—Col. C. M. Thirkeld, former Camp Commander, shakes hands with S-Sgt. Mary F. Schuetter after pinning the Good Conduct ribbon on her blouse as the first group WACs at Camp Hood to receive the ribbons stand at attention. From left, 1st Sgt. Ivy M. Burditt, S-Sgt. Mayme Perkins, Sgt. Schuetter, and S-Sgt. Louise A. Smorol. Capt. Elizabeth S. Hoffman, CO of the WAC Det., 1848 Unit, stands behind the camp commander. Others who were awarded ribbons but were not present for the ceremonies Friday are T-Sgt. Rosie Sevin, S-Sgt. Alice C. Benton, Sgt. Dorothy A. Middleton, T-4 Marie L. Duerst, T-4 Mary E. Nutt and T-5 Eileen M. Gilleo.



Sergeant Makes Recordings For His Pals

Sergeant Jesse Brimmer, Operations Dept., TD School, known as the "Otsego Blue Jay," when he was a circus barker working with medicine shows before his induction, consummated a private ambition while on his recent furlough at Otsego, N. Y.

Brimmer spent most of his time making recordings which are now being enjoyed by his pals at the school. Among the personal classics he made were: "Down by the Railroad Tracks," and "The Martins and the McCoy's."

Sgt. Brimmer accompanied himself with a guitar, and prefaced each song by the announcement: "This is the Otsego Blue Jay, who will now sing for you."

In civil life, while working in medicine shows he learned many snake legends. Therefore, it was no surprise to his friends when he was selected as a first aid instructor. His knowledge of snake and insect bites, and of poisonous plants have made his first aid classes outstanding at the school.

Knocked Out Nazi Tank First Time He Fired Bazooka

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—We only hope Army Cook Charles Crawford can sling a frying pan as well as he can aim a gun.

A Major in his outfit, stationed at Salerno Beach, offered \$5 to any soldier who could hit a Nazi tank with a bazooka on the first shot. Pvt. Crawford took him up on it, and not only hit his target with a single shell, but knocked it completely out.

IT DID HAPPEN HERE—When a snow storm even natives will remember hit camp last week, the camera caught these historical shots for your memories of Texas. From left, top row, jeep in a rut at the gate; new job for drivers in one of the motor pools as white snow gets the brush-off. Yes, believe it or not, this is a 'post card shot' of Sugar Loaf mountain right in camp—to be saved as a collector's item for your grand-children; middle row, from left: Where a slide home may mean a white-wash, we can still play ball; Signal Corps cameraman admires nature's beauty—secret U. S. weapon; Could be the Aleutians, but its a Hq. Det. DEML chow line during the height of the blizzard; for the 50th St. Officers' Club, a new white blanket and a tricky ice walk for a GI and the passing parade; Bottom row: Most of them were snow men, but T-5 Nicholas Mangiaracina, Co. B, 667th TD Bn. gets a "No" from the snow-lady; not a march on the Russian front but a column of "sun-burned, sweating TD's" on Battalion Ave. when the flurry was on; New detail, but the same old swing as the men and shovels evacuate the TD School headquarters.

Men In 667th Bn. Have The Girls All Selected If They Are Willing

Men of 667th TD Bn. have been given furloughs. Will they recruit a WAC? Is the program to get more WAC enlistments succeeding? Well lets see what they say about it.

Sgt. Wesley R. Clement, Rcn. Co., 667th TD Bn. says that he knows a girl back home that would make a swell WAC. She is a High School Graduate and now works in an office where she takes short hand and types letters. But she is a little thin and some good army chow sure would put some weight on her.

T-5 Bill L. Pratt, Hq. Co., 667th TD Bn. says that he has a girl friend back home that he thinks he has a good chance of recruiting. She hasn't had a lot of formal education but she has had some mechanical experience. She is now working in a radio shop where she not only sells radios but also helps out in the repairing end of the business too. She takes life as it comes and is a wonderful morale lifter.

Cpl. Chandler A. Hewell, B Co, 667th TD Bn. knows a girl back home that has the picture taking bug in a bad way. She is always going around with a Kodak and taking somebody's picture, so surely she would like to study the technical end of photography in

the Army Photo Lab Technicians School, a 12 weeks course. The WACs have specialist schools to go to because many of the Army jobs that the WACs take over require technical training in special fields.

T-Sgt. Vencil Gray, Hq. Co, 667th TD Bn, is married and his wife wants to join the Navy. She is a high school graduate with several years experience in office work, but if she joins the WACs she will keep right on getting her monthly allotment, and every effort is made to give the WAC a furlough when her husband has a furlough. Yes, her job is just as hard for her as an enlisted man's job is hard for him but her satisfaction is just as great too. Nothing is required of her "that isn't a necessary job toward getting this war won as quickly as possible."

663rd Men Take Parts In Special Service Show

Two men from the 663rd TD Bn. were selected by Special Service Officer Lt. John A. Bauer to participate in the Eighth Service Command Theatrical Conference show, "Three Day Pass." They were Pfc George D. Piper, Jr., Co. B, and Pfc Harold M. Held, Hq. Co., who acted as lighting technician.

Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

665th Non-Coms Go To Night School

Capt. C. J. Thompson, 665th Bn., is planning to send his officers and non-coms to night school. The school is being con-

Married, Meets Father-General On His Furlough

First Sgt. Charles Wilkens, Co. C, 666th TD Bn., was reunited with his father, Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Wilkens, and was married to Beulah St. Albin of Chicago, during his recent furlough.

General Wilkens had just returned from the South Pacific where he was in command of a garrison on one of the islands held by the United States.

ducted for the lettered Co' in indirect firing that is held two nights a week.



162nd & 37th St. Theaters
 Fri.-Sat.—Miracle of Morgan Creek.
 Sun.-Mon.—The Fighting Seabees.
 Tues.—The Cross of Lorraine.
 Wed.—Desert Song.
 Hood Road & 24th St. Theaters
 Thurs.-Fri.—All Baba and the Forty Thieves.
 Sat.—The Cross of Lorraine.
 Sun.-Mon.—Song of Russia.
 Tues.-Wed.—The Miracle of Morgan's Creek.
 Avenue D Theater
 Thurs.—The Fighting Seabees.
 Fri.—Gung Ho.
 Sun.-Mon.—What A Woman.
 Tues.—Klondike Kate & Calling Mr. Death.
 Wed.-Thurs.—All Baba and the Forty Thieves.
 18th & 15th St. Theaters
 Fri.-Sat.—All Baba and the Forty Thieves.
 Sun.—The Woman of the Town.
 Mon.—The Lodger.
 Tues.—What A Woman.
 Thurs.—Klondike Kate.
 10th & 4th St. Theaters
 Thurs.—What A Woman.
 Sat.—Klondike Kate & Calling Mr. Death.
 Sun.-Mon.—Cry Havoc.
 Tues.—The Woman of the Town.
 Wed.—The Lodger.
 Thurs.—Song of Russia.
 Brigade Ave. Theater
 Fri.—The Lodger.

Sat.-Sun.—All Baba and the Forty Thieves.
 Mon.—The Cross of Lorraine.
 Tues.-Wed.—Sing of Russia.
 Thurs.—The Miracle of Morgan's Creek.
 72nd St. Theater
 Fri.-Sat.—Song of Russia.
 Sun.-Mon.—The Miracle of Morgan's Creek.
 Tues.-Wed.—The Fighting Seabees.
 Thurs.—The Cross of Lorraine.
 162nd St. Service Club
 Thursday: Movies, 7-10 p. m.
 Friday, Fifth Arm'd. Group under Chaplain G. W. Williams presents "Judas", with chorus and dramatic dialogue.
 Saturday: Music and Singing.
 Sunday: 3:30-4:00, Chaplains Hall and Ritch in song recital; 5:30-8 p. m., string ensemble; 8-10:30 p. m. movies.
 Monday: Bingo with prizes.
 Tuesday: Social Dance.
 Wednesday, Modern quiz, Music.
 Thursday: Camp Hood Review of 1944, by Powell and Dingus.
 37th St. Service Club
 Thursday: Club Social Dance.
 Friday: Dance instruction, tap and ballroom.
 Saturday: Stunt night.
 Sunday: Music, games, hymns and movie.
 Monday: Bingo with prizes.
 Tuesday: Tap class and quiz show.
 Wednesday: Song night.

Words Without Music

Laraine Day has been chosen by more than 100,000 fighting men of the Tenth U. S. Naval District embracing the entire Caribbean area, as one of their three favorite screen stars and the "Perfect Wife" . . . Saturday the Blue Network will feature George Bizet's "Carmen" starring Lily Djanel, Nadine Conner, Thelma Votipka, Lucjelle Browning, Alexander Sved and Raoul Jobin. Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor . . . Boston Symphony plays Saturday evening, same network . . . Marion Anderson was guest soloist on



GORGEOUS GEORGIA—Blonde and lovely, she's the long-stemmed American Beauty who's become a singing sensation with Kay Kyser's band. Camp Hood GI's will remember her most recently in "Around the World", which showed here not long ago.

"The Telephone Hour" for the seventh appearance Monday.

"Truth Or Consequence" will be in Dallas for its broadcast on NBC tonight . . . Winter racing season of feature events at Hialeah Park, Fla., will be broadcast on Mutual Saturday until March 4.

Favorite songs of today and yesterday are performed by Dick Haymes on "Here's To Romance," Columbia's musical program tonight. Ray Bloch's orchestra and the "Swing Fourteen" choir add harmony to the half-hour program. . . The Dinah Shore program has Cornelia Otis Skinner and Roland Young tonight in addition to the popular singer.

Paul Lukas stars in the mystery drama "World of Darkness" on Columbia network tonight. . . Army men of the Philadelphia-New York sector are featured guests on "Major Bowers Amateurs."

Lee Brown's band will be heard from Camp Adair, Oregon, on the Spotlight Bands broadcast tonight . . . Abe Lyman from the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, RI, Friday night; Vincent Lopez from the Army Training School, Princeton, N. J. Saturday night.

Promotions Given In 666th Battalion

Promotions announced recently in the 666th TD Bn. gave new ratings to the following: Hq. Co.; to T-5, Jake S. Hollifield, to 1st Sgt., Bruce Ross; Co. C; to Pfc, Andrew Alderate, Gordon J. Kiger, Herman Gutierrez, Jessie L. Davis, Carmon Shewmaker, and Fred Woodward.

Rail Office Has Ticket Service Here

All classes of railroad tickets to any destination, providing the tickets originate at some point on the Santa Fe Railroad, can be bought at the Rail Transportation Office in Camp.

The rail transportation office is able to give all information about trains and their schedules, provide rates, and sell any kind of ticket on the Santa Fe to anybody in camp.

Pullman reservations and pullman tickets may also be bought at the camp office, which will provide complete train information and service.

As long as the ticket bought starts at some point on the Santa Fe System, there is no limit to the routing used and transfers in the course of routing may be made to other railroads. A round-trip ticket to New York City via Chicago could be bought at the camp office, in warehouse 14 at Warehouse Ave. and 279th St.

The camp office is open daily from 8 to 6 o'clock except Sunday.

52nd OC Men Hears RTC Commander

Sixty-one graduates of the 52nd Class of the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School received certificates and commissions as second lieutenants Friday at ceremonies at the 24th Street War Department Theater. Col. F. Del Comfort, acting executive officer of the TD School, made the presentations.

Col. Christian Hildebrand, commanding officer of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood, pointed out that "discipline is intelligent and self-imposed subjugation of one for the good of the many," and urged the new officers to "cultivate flexibility of mind, as these are days of great changes—Be resilient."

Candidates included 22-year old John C. Gregg, son of Col. Clifford C. Gregg, former G-1 of the Tank Destroyer Center and now assigned to headquarters Army Ground Forces.

Bath Tents Follow Close Behind GI's Advancing In Italy

Minutes after they have been relieved temporarily from front-line duty, men of Fifth Army units in Italy stream toward a tent city on the banks of the upper Volturno River. Within an hour they emerge, showered, shaved and wearing complete new uniforms issued in exchange for the battered, mud-splattered outfits they had worn in battle.

The tents in which this transformation takes place, the War Department disclosed today, have been dubbed fittingly "revival tents."

A development of the Fifth Army's quartermaster, "revival tents" have given many an American fighting man his first chance for a hot bath since landing in Italy early in September.

According to Sergeant Sol H. Abrahams, Winthrop, Massachusetts, who is in charge of shower rooms, the "revival tents" are going to "keep moving."

Wherever the infantrymen go, we travel somewhere close behind. When we move forward, we'll be able to pitch our tents and have everything running within a few hours."

Announce Engagement

T-5 Eleanor Woodruff, WAC Det., 1848 U., announced her engagement to T-3 John Taddei, finance det., 1848 U., Christmas day. Both work in the camp finance office.



WE'RE BIG SHOTS NOW—Many men in the Army name their jeeps or weapons after their favorite girl friend or movie star, but Pvt. Ray Beacham, Co. C, Academic Regt., TDS, has named his three-inch towed gun in the Weapons Dept., after this newspaper, and calls it "Panther." Crew of "The Panther" is, from left, Pvt. Alfred Benton, Pvt. Ahmed Sulton, Pvt. George Kramer, Pvt. Joe Facciola, Pfc. Stewart Hillstrom, Pvt. Ray Beacham, Pvt. Vincent Rudon, Pvt. Wilfred Marey, Pvt. Clyde Yater, T-4 Edward Wood.

'Value Training,' Says War Veteran

By LT. L. R. BARNHILL

It looked to Tech. Sgt. William P. Bond like a harmless enough ride as he hopped into a jeep driven by his tank destroyer battalion S-3. The staff officer was going up to the Calore river, a few hundred yards from the German positions in Italy, to investigate a bridge that had been reported blown up. The officer had assured Sergeant Bond that they would be back within an hour so he could keep up with developments on the situation map.

His job of keeping the battalion situation map had kept him pinned down at headquarters. He had found little opportunity to see what it looked like up front. This looked like a good opportunity to see the front, so he took it.

Gets Broken Leg

Down on the swift Calore they found the bridge so badly damaged that they couldn't move their M-10's over it. The S-3 drove on down along the river bank seeking a place where the vehicles might be forded across. As he turned up the bank, after failing to find a suitable ford, the jeep overturned, Sergeant Bond's left leg was fractured. Instead of returning to his situation map, he caught only a

glimpse of it as he was carried to the rear to a dressing station.

It was the first phase of a journey that was to end at McCloskey Army General Hospital in Temple. He arrived in Temple aboard one of the three huge aerial transports used in an experimental mass movement of injured soldiers from U. S. ports of debarkation to hospitals within the zone of the interior.

Sergeant Bond has a word or two to say about keeping the battalion situation map. What he says is based on his experiences under fire in Italy and extensive training at the African Tank Destroyer Center of the Fifth Army.

"It was just like it had been in training, only more exciting," said Sergeant Bond. "We knew then that we were playing for keeps, but we did our work just as we had in training."

"We had a lot of training at Camp Bowie, Texas; Camp Blanding, Florida; Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, and on maneuvers in Louisiana. We got plenty sick of repeating the same thing over and over again. It got to be old stuff. We couldn't see the value of it then, but we did as soon as we went into action."

"Everything went off smoothly. We got our maps, and good ones

Glove Team Takes Four

The 665th TD Bn. boxing team took three out of four bouts on the weekly 20th TD Group fight menu recently staged at the 64th St. Rec. Hall.

In the featherweight bout, Pvt. Dominic Roude, Co. A, 665th Bn., scored a knockout over Pvt. Morgan MacAroy, of the 660th TD Bn.

Pvt. Vincent Benton, 655th TD Bn., took a close nod over Pvt. Nick Condos, Co. B, 665th Bn., in a middleweight battle. It was a referee's decision.

The second win of the evening for the 665th men was chalked up by Pvt. George Bartoli, of Co. A, who took a popular decision from T-4 James Weinrich, of the 660th Bn., in a clever exhibition of fighting.

Sgt. John Brown, Co. A, 665th, scored a quick technical kayo over Pfc. John Castelent in a bout that drew wide applause from the crowd. Brown, clever southpaw, has yet to be defeated in the weekly fight events.

too from Fifth Army headquarters and kept them posted on the basis of reports from our reconnaissance platoons and our liaison officers with other units near us. We made overlays for dispatch by motorcycle messengers to Fifth Army and corps headquarters. When the situation was developing rapidly we prepared several overlays daily as our S-2 ordered them. When things were quiet we prepared only the one big overlay at night that went back to Army and corps headquarters daily, no matter if there were no changes.

Value Training

"Don't get fed up in training and coast along. You'll be glad you've had plenty of training when you get into action. Your officers are too busy then to show you how to do your job. You are on your own, and it's too late to learn your job."

"I would probably still be in there pitching if I had stuck to my map instead of getting curious about a wrecked bridge across a muddy river, but it was just one of those things you can't tell about. It looked safe enough at the time."

"We were proud of the fact that our reconnaissance units often provided army and corps headquarters with their first information of changes in the situation. Our boys were right on the ball because they had been well trained. Our S-2 kept us on the ball throughout our training."

The Wolf by Sansone



"... now that we're off—what'll you miss th' most?"

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Signal Corps Photo, McCloskey Hospital

"One Picture
Is Worth 10,000 Words."
(See Photo At Right)

Even now the allies are making attempts to cooperate beyond the military needs of the war, so our question was:

AFTER THE WAR, DO YOU THINK THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WILL BE CLOSER TO EACH OTHER THAN BEFORE?

M-Sgt. K. K. Smith, Post Personnel office:



"Yes, I think they will be closer after the war . . . We can't help but be that way after what has happened in the past few years . . . I

think the major nations should take the lead in seeing that all of us cooperate better after the war is won."

Sgt. George F. Kratz, Co. B, 665th TD Bn.:

"I do . . . because they fought so long in this war . . . They'll have to stick together if for no other reason than saving themselves . . . We



will definitely take a part in this mutual work . . . I think the United States will be one of the leaders in any plans along this line."

M-Sgt. George Sward, Hq. Trp. 106th Cav. Regt.:



"Frankly, no . . . Because so much will depend on the peace that is written after the fighting is over . . . We'll have to have an ideal peace

if the nations get together better . . . But if we continue to show them the light, there is a chance that we can all come to better agreements after the war than the ones we had a few years ago . . . Yes, there is a chance."

Pvt. Robert Petersen, Co. A, 881 TD Bn.:

"I think so because the nations will depend on each other more for the things that each will produce . . . It's a give and take matter, one



needing the other . . . England, Russia and the United States should take equal parts in settling world disputes and in seeing that all the nations get along together . . . They are the big three and should lead the rest."

Editor, The Panther:

Thanks for the copies of The Panther which I have received out here in the South Pacific. I think the Hood Panther is the deluxe.

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Editor, The Panther:

It has been brought to my attention through remarks received in letters to men of this organization that the Tank Destroyer Command at Camp Hood has a real paper. Apparently some of the items in this paper are of interest to members of this command, as they refer to things and friends in the vicinity of Camp Hood.

Although it is realized that there is but a small proportion of the Tank Destroyer Forces who have been in battle and therefore have but a small effect in this matter, information is requested as to why that small proportion, who have been in battle for a long time, cannot receive gratuitous copies of this paper or, if necessary, let us know how much a subscription for this paper would be for the information and the amusement of the soldiers of this command.

James F. Barney, Jr.,
Lt. Col., PA Commanding
776th TD Bn., APO 464, N. Y.
EDITOR'S NOTE: Plans for overseas distribution of The Panther to all Tank Destroyer units there are now being discussed.

Editor, The Panther:

Recently a majority of men from the Second Battalion, 166th Infantry left Camp Hood for the inevitable "banana boat ride." Whether they will encounter the "Yellow Bellies" or Nazi can only be told in due time. In any event, you may be sure they will give a worthy account of themselves. This unit is an offspring of the famous 166th Infantry, sister regiment in World War I to the "fighting 69th." Both regiments were part of the famous Rainbow Division then commanded by General Douglas MacArthur.

During our brief, but most hospitable stay at Camp Hood, I for one, learned to know and admire the men and machines of various Tank Destroyer Units. In working numerous tactical problems, you helped strengthen my faith in

your splendid work and co-operative spirit. My buddies unquestionably feel the same.

Today my buddies are paving the way for you; they are confident that you will soon join them in annihilating the common foe. Until the day when you "Follow Me", we extend our kind regards and best wishes for a Victorious '44. (Follow Me is the motto of the 166th Infantry Regiment.)

Pvt. Sam Chester,
Company G,
166th Inf.

Letters To The Editor

\$80 Racket In Full Force In Sicily

Warrant Officer Frank Racca, formerly of the TD School, and now serving in Sicily, reports that an "eighty dollar wave" has hit his sector. The Sicilian storekeepers are very anxious to do business with our doughboys, but always for the same price, \$80.00. As a matter of fact, says Mr. Racca, even a fifth of a not so good brand of alcoholic stimulant sells for this price.

The pay-off came, he says, when he took his camera to a shop to buy film to match it. Obsequiously, the proprietor said he had no film for that camera, but, if the soldier would care to buy a camera, then he would be able to supply the film to match it. The price for the camera? Eighty dollars.

Army Quiz

1. The Army of the United States is divided into what three forces?
2. What is the task of the Army Service Force?
3. What states are included in the Eighth Service Command?
4. What is the shoulder patch of the Eighth Service Command?
5. What is one of the greatest of the basic principles taught the Marines at boot camp?
6. What is the number of the Service Command Unit which serves Camp Pickett, Virginia?

Answers Page Seven

A GI's Lament

Before I came into the Army,
I saw many signs displayed
Saying that it wouldn't harm me,
But teach me a useful trade.

I might learn to be an engineer
Or a mechanic I might be,
Perhaps radio was my career,
Or even electricity.

These signs made me feel pretty good
And I dreamed of what I'd do,
But here I am down in Camp Hood
And here's my job in 662:

I mop the floors, wash the doors,
And make the windows shine.
I clean up rooms, and wear out brooms,
Making them look divine.

I polish the brass, shine the glass,
And keep the bowls all clean.
I drown the stinks and wash the sinks,
In a GI latrine.

I clean GI varts, grease the parts,
And oil three-inch guns.
I put up poles, dig fox holes,
And police trash by the tons.

I wash out pans, and garbage cans,
And scrub on bended knee.
I peel potatoes and slice tomatoes
On a job they call KP.

That's what I'm down here for
To learn a useful trade,
How to be a janitor,
Or a GI chamber maid.

But when this fight is through,
And there comes a peaceful day,
From what I've learned at 662
I should make WPA!

—Pfc C. Wellbacher
Co. C, 662nd Bn.

Quip Lashes

by I. A. S.

Courses in swing music are being taught in some public schools. The modern child now learns reatin', ritin' and rithmatic.

We presume it safe to assume, therefore, that the student really has to "dig" to pass his exams.

Attendance at school holds up remarkably well under the new system. It seems there's no desire to cut a class when you can cut a rug.

Now that swing is a recognized course, not only do parents send their children to school, but the school "sends" them right back.



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'Old School Ties' Renewed When Couple Meet At Dance

Pvt. Sam Lubin, Hq., RTC, North Camp, didn't get a chance to see the USO presentation of "The Male Animal" last week but he did go to the Leon Drive Service Club dance Thursday night. Red-headed Sam was standing on the side-lines when, during the intermission, while the 1st RTC band was taking a break, several members of the "M. A."

cast were introduced. His 20-20 eyes popped when he saw Jeanne McNally, who took the part of the younger sister in the show. When she left the microphone she approached her. Jeanne's lovely, brown eyes popped, too. They were in the same senior class at Erasmus High School in Brooklyn, New York, and hadn't seen one another since their graduation in June, 1939!

664th Plans Novel Bond Rally Dance

Plans for a novel bond rally dance at the USO in Temple, combined with a high percentage of first week bond sales, marked the spirited campaign of the 664th TD Bn. to reach a 100 per cent quota for the Fourth War Loan Drive.

Within a day after the battalion started its own drive, more than half of the officers and men had bought bonds. Every effort is being made to contact and sell at least one bond to every member of the outfit.

Admission for the dance in Temple, Feb. 4, with music by the 1st TD band and with the WAC det. as guests of honor, will be one or more \$25 bonds.

The battalion's drive was given a good solid start with the purchase of heavy denomination bonds by men and officers.

Full plans for the dance are being made now and this big affair will mark the high spot of the drive.

That Should Rate A Review By A General

The men in the 761st Tank battalion are planning to put their commander on the spot—simply because its physically impossible for his battalion to be on two spots at the same time.

Maj. P. L. Bates, battalion commander, announced today that platoons in the battalion that are 100 per cent contributors in the Fourth War Bond drive would be honored with a review by the rest of the outfit.

When asked what he would do if the entire battalion contributed 100 per cent, thus putting every soldier in the reviewing stand—with no one left to do the marching, the major said "I haven't quite figured that out yet."

The men are darned near certain that he'll have to cope with this problem when every man in the battalion buys a bond.

North African Arabic Language Guide Now Published

A new language guide, "North African Arabic," designed to enable the American soldier to order a meal, ask directions or buy things in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya, has been issued by the War Department.

The 53-page booklet follows the plan of previous language guides by substituting phonetic pronunciation for the native spelling, and interprets most of the words and phrases likely to be used by soldiers in that part of the world.

Since the pronunciation of Arabic varies from region to region, an effort has been made to select words which are understood everywhere in North Africa. Where that was impossible, several words have been included, with a note giving the region in which each is used.

Records accompanying the booklets to overseas units are designed to cut the necessary instructional period to six or seven hearings. However, by use of the pamphlet alone the average soldier should build a working vocabulary for himself within a short time.

New Film Digest Published Here

Under supervision of the visual aids coordinator at Camp Hood, a new brochure was released this week called "the Film Digest." Purpose of this volume is to provide a quick word picture of the contents of currently important training films.

Tank, Destroyer films are included in the digest along with films from most of the other branches of the service.

The attractive cover design was the work of artist Pvt. Murray Klein, Publications Dept., TDS.



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THEY DISH IT OUT—T-Sgt. W. G. Sanford, mess sergeant of TD RTC Schools battalion mess, watches his boys dish it out for the hungry GI's. T-4 Benny Pescio, second from left, fills a plate, as the boys carry it away to consume. Story below.

Men Who Eat In RTC Schools Mess Hall Don't Grumble About The Food, But Praise It Instead

By T-Sgt. Bob Ferdney

When G.I.'s don't gripe about chow,—that's unusual. When the same G.I.'s actually admit the grub is consistently good,—that's news!

The reason was apparent in trying to gather together a few facts for this story. The mess officer, mess sergeant and cooks of the TDRTC Schools battalions mess were all so busy getting set to "put it out" that it was impossible (even after three days) to get any but sketchy information, and most of that was scribbled running between the store-room, kitchen and mess hall.

On a first visit to the mess hall it was possible to buttonhole T-4 Benny Pescio, 1st cook on the second shift. Racing back and forth to keep up with Benny we found out that he was a French chef before entering the service, that he was from Pittsburgh, Pa., put in six years as head chef of the Syracuse, New York, hotel and that while chef at the Onondaga Hotel he had the pleasure of cooking for President Roosevelt and his party back in 1932 or 1933 when the President was running for office. Sgt. Pescio also started to describe how, utilizing strictly G.I. rations, it was possible to appetizingly prepare roast meat. Before he went into details as to correct seasoning, slow cooking, ad infinitum, he disappeared muttering something about being too busy and "please come back another time."

A return trip late one morning caught mess officer, Lt. H. H. Jarrett busy checking the coffee boilers. The lieutenant, from Memphis, Tennessee was most courteous but preoccupied to an extent that made it possible to glean only that he had been in the army nine years and that about 650 officers and enlisted men were being fed every day.

A quick glance around the spotless mess hall brought to eye countless regimental insignia which adorned the walls. Attractive, too, were the curtains made of old target cloth and dyed red by the cooks.

Headed by the mess sergeant, T-Sgt. W. G. Sanford, who is a native Texan, the mess hall personnel come from a dozen dif-

ferent states. T-5 Milton Gally is from New Orleans, Louisiana, T-4 Bob Kaiser and T-5 Julian Janota hail from Illinois, T-5 Dale Godfrey and Donald Ward claim the Hoosier State, S-Sgt. Fred Gengler is a Kansan, Pvt. Fred Gallagher comes from Massachusetts, Pfc Lee Lynch calls Tennessee the best and backer T-5 Elisha Winfield is a Lone Star Stater.

They Can Now Listen To Their Own Set

Master Sergeants Alan Miles and Richard Goodheart, TD School Headquarters, bought a radio this week. For months M-Sgt. Loren Tanguay of Operations, whose room at the barracks is next to theirs, has been after them, pleading with them to buy a set from someone.

Now that Miles and Goodheart have a set in their own room they won't have to listen to the TDS newscast Sunday morning at 10:45 through Tanguay's wall!

Post-War Employment Essay Contest Open To Men In The Army

NEW YORK (CNS)—Service-men are eligible to share in the \$50,000 in prizes the Pabst Brewing Company is offering for the best article of not more than 2,000 words submitted on "Post-War Employment." First prize is \$25,000 in war bonds, second prize is \$10,000 in war bonds and 15 additional awards of \$1,000 each will be made.

Envelopes containing manuscripts must be postmarked not later than Feb. 7 and should be sent to the Pabst Brewing Company, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, 17, New York.

Takes Special Course

Lt. J. L. Kerr left this week to take a two-weeks' special service course at Washington and Lee university. He then returns to the Academic Regiment, TDS, where, it is indicated, a broad athletic program will be launched soon, to be handled by Lt. Kerr.

TDS Sgt. Knows Taste Of Real Food

Longchamps! The word is magic to lovers of good food who visit New York.

It means unusual food—not in the literal translation of the word itself, of course—but in the unique reputation the Longchamps Restaurants have enjoyed in Gotham for several decades. And just as the patrons go to Longchamps to satisfy their desires for food, so too, do men, conversant with the best foods gain employment there.

Know Good Food

The men who hold responsible positions at Longchamps know as much about the most obscure edibles, however rare or aristocratic, as the patrons themselves. From this background the Tank Destroyer School received, via Camp Upton and Fort McClellan, First Sergeant Louis Tassi of Company "L", Student Regiment.

Tassi, who, strangely enough, was never nicknamed "Demi," is from Long Island, New York and managed one of the Longchamps restaurants for six years.

Following high school he spent an interesting year and one-half working for the Cunard White Star Line as a checker for transportation and luggage for the tourists. Celebrities known the world over became familiar sights. They imbued him with ambition too.

He left Cunard to complete a vocational course at Delehanty's Institute in New York City. Here he studied the complexities of dietetics and people. In other words, food and psychology. Although he had starred in high school athletics, at the institute he was determined to put all that behind him and concentrate full time on his studies.

Then he started to work in a Longchamps Restaurant. He held only two or three jobs there before he was handed the responsibility of management. In his six years on this job, he met among his steady clientele great actors, playwrights, and artists. He amassed scrapbooks that included the personal autographs of artisans and dignitaries of world renown.

Catering A Profession

Tassi made the catering of food a profession. He could courteously advise which wines to order for particular meat courses, or suggest the menu, from first course to last for the most particular patrons. He made a thorough



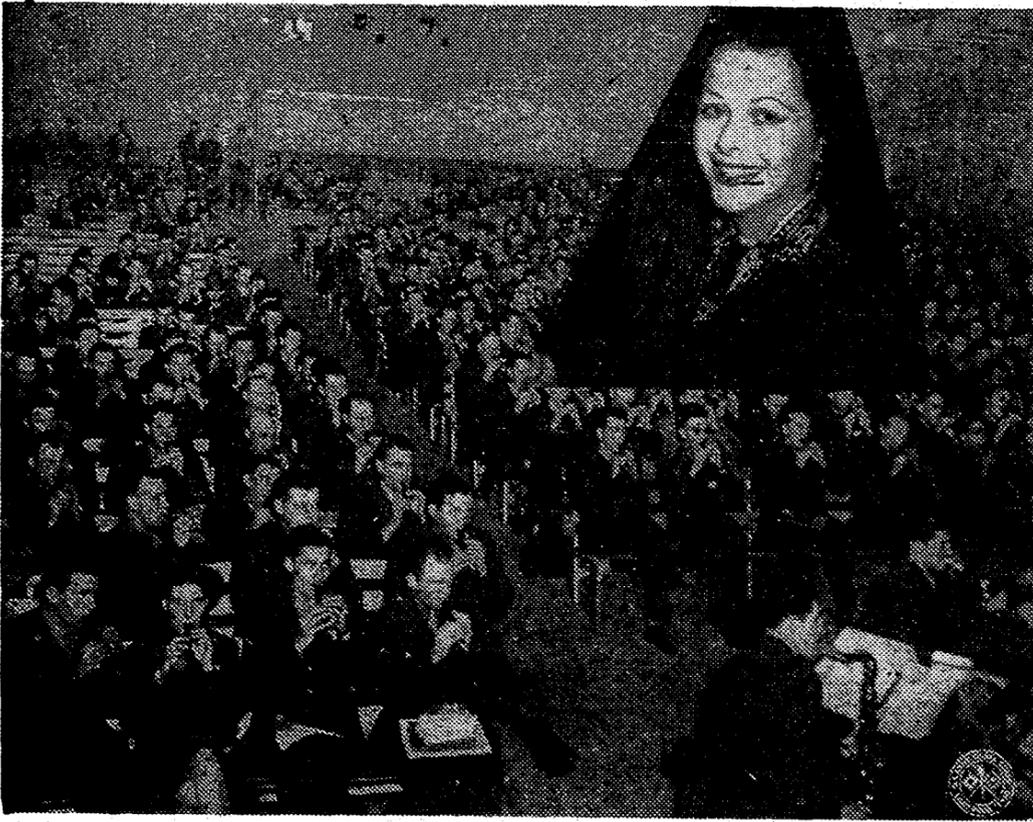
study of the fine art of serving foods, and it was in this field along Broadway's "gay white way" that Tassi had begun taking pride in his reputation, when at last he doffed his double-breasted suit for khaki. Tassi wrote a book of anecdotes concerning the famed people he had met, and his friends in New York, many of whom were included between the book's covers, enjoyed his memoirs with him.

Sergeant Tassi came to the School when it was first activated in Temple. He was one of the first seven enlisted men who comprised the regimental headquarters staff when the Student Regiment was formed. He has been first sergeant of Company "L", for more than a year.

Contrary to what one might suppose, Tassi is not embittered because he is temporarily out of the restaurant business. "The fine foods are mostly gone now," he says, "and about the only thing you can create nowadays is an egg—scrambled, fried, or boiled, and judging from the small size of the eggs we get now and then, even the hens must be rationed!"

Newly-Commissioned Lieutenant Had Work Before With The Army

Lt. Russell Gochmour, a member of the 52nd TD OCS Class that graduated last Friday, had experience with the Army even prior to his induction. As a civilian he was employed by the War Department at the Air Intelligence School, where he was chief clerk of the mail and records section in charge of seven men.



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VISITS CONFERENCE— One of the highlights of the recent Eighth Service Command theatrical conference here was the personal appearance of movie queen Hedy Lamarr (inset). The entire conference learns to play the tonette, accompanied by the 134th Army Band. At left, Hedy signs conference programs for some of the delegates from various camps and stations throughout the service command.

665th TD Bn. Has Non-Com Organization

Reconnaissance Company, 665th TD Bn., has instituted a non-commissioned officers club within the company. Plans have been drawn up to regulate membership, provide for dues, and to arrange for a suitable room for the club. At a recent meeting the following officers were elected:

President, S-Sgt. Henry R. Carter; vice president, Sgt. Marvin O. Tilghman; secretary, S-Sgt. Erwin L. Eck; treasurer, T-5 Albert P. Schwartz; sergeant of arms, T-4 Ellsworths J. Brue.

Company C, 801st Bn. Commended For High Score In Firing

Commended by Maj. C. A. Quinn of the 2nd Tng. Gp., UTC, the first platoon of Co. C, 801st TD Bn. fired its towed weapons for a 90 per cent mark in a test conducted last week under unfavorable weather conditions.

The men were complimented on their fine firing, superior performance, and group spirit.

665th 'Red Devils' Win Two Road Tilts

The 665th TD Bn. "Red Devils" basketball team took to the road last week and won two ball games. The first game saw the Red Devils clash with the Gatesville high school Hornets, with the Devils eleven points superior, 32 to 21, at the final whistle. Pvt. John Cole led the Hood quintet with 14 points, while Deavers collected 8 points to lead the Gatesville scoring.

In the second game, played last Monday night in Waco, the Red Devils whipped the strong Waco high school cagers, with Sgt. Paul Adams throwing in 16 points. Drewler led the Waco quintet with 8 points.

then the other squad quietly and carefully entered the locality of the guns. These were theoretically, destroyed, and most of the desired information was obtained.

Very shortly afterward, first one



Headquarters Co., 664th Bn., Expert On Battle Problems

Who says that the men in a headquarters company can't stay with the rest of the battalion when it comes to scouting and patrolling and doing reconnaissance missions? Headquarters Company, 664th TD Bn., not only disproved this myth, as old as the army, but went on to show up the rest of the battalion on the scouting and patrolling exercise of the Battle Conditioning Course recently.

The new scouting and patrolling problem is a tough one, involving a reconnaissance mission, through varied terrain, under overhead fire from machine guns, extending about 1600 yards. A platoon of men from battalion headquarters, from the communications section, from battalion supply, and from company headquarters and the battalion maintenance platoon, set up a record for the rest of the battalion and did it the hard way, since they were the first of the battalion to traverse the course and therefore had no chance to G-2 the problem.

The mission as given to the platoon, was this; you are a part of a TD battalion. Your battalion moved up into this area yesterday. Enemy troops were located ahead of us in force. They were shelled heavily late yesterday and are presumed to be neutralized. The area they occupied (pointed out to them on an aerial photo) is to be reconnoitered, and all information that can be found is to be brought back.

T-Sgt. Alfred F. Dzieriski (operations sgt.) divided his platoon into two squads, one under the

leadership of M-Sgt. H. A. Chludzinski, with T-5 Louis A. Lovering as second in command, and the second under S-Sgt. Cyril J. Williams (transportation sgt.), with S-Sgt. Frank J. Capri (motor sgt) as his asst. squad leader. Cpl. Albert J. Niernick was made scout, and T-Sgt. Wm. J. Ayers acted as scout.

The platoon proceeded on its mission. As it approached the objective, keeping well hidden, and taking advantage of all cover and concealment available, a machine gun opened up on the area. The platoon then split, one squad going to the right, and the other to the left, to flank the gun. As the second squad, on the right moved forward and toward its objective, a second gun opened up over them. Both squads continued on their mission, staying well under cover in the danger zones.

The machine gunners, equipped with field glasses, waited for the platoon to show themselves in the area they necessarily had to traverse to reach their objective. No one appeared. Finally one machine gunner, knowing the platoon had had plenty of time to reach the area, fired a few bursts, waited, then fired again. After the first gun had expended perhaps a half a belt, the second gunner, tired of waiting, and deciding that the outfit was either hopelessly lost or else very very good, and quite doubtful of the latter, turned loose on the area also. Both guns finally expended all their ammunition without having seen a soul.

Courses Offered For Off-Duty Study

A wide program of off-duty study classes is being organized by the camp special service office. Subjects will include arithmetic, accounting and bookkeeping, shorthand, military correspondence, electricity, basic radio code, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, and Italian.

This is a chance for every man on the post to take well-organized courses with the aid of text books and records, all supplied at no cost by the Army. There is no charge for any of the courses, according to Lt. Eleanor Gareis, special service officer in charge of the educational program here.

Classes Are Formed

Classes are now being formed in these subjects and actual meeting dates and times will be announced in the Panther later.

The course in basic radio code has special value now because of the great need for qualified radio operators in the Army. Most of the material in this course is presented by phonograph records, and students completing the course can acquire a speed of 20 words per minute.

Courses in shorthand and military correspondence are slanted so that soldiers can use the skills both in the Army and in civilian life.

Pvt. Roberta Ivanhoe, WAC Det., 1848 SU, will teach the course in Portuguese. She lived in Brazil and went to school there. Portuguese is the language of Brazil and Pvt. Ivanhoe found it necessary to learn the language while she was there.

Classes Start Soon

It is hoped that classes will be started by next week. All who are interested in any of these courses, which will meet a few nights each week, should turn in their names and the courses they want to either their unit special service officer or any of the service club librarians.

Wedding Bells

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Pfc John Boshom, 441st MP PWP Co., was married to Lorraine Levitt recently in Lubbock, Texas.

Sgt. Donald Bremer, 441st MP PWP Co., was married to Beulah Bollock in the 12th St. Chapel at North Camp recently.

Two officers in the 801st TD Bn. were married recently, 2nd Lt. Thomas Rush to the former Miss Janada Price of Waco, and 2nd Lt. Nathan Baker to the former Miss Mary Florence Shoffner.

Fights Referee Promoted A Rank

Lt. George Stautz, of the TDS Tactics Dept., selected to referee the Golden Gloves bouts here starting next Monday, was recently promoted to first lieutenant.

Lt. Stautz has been conducting the four-hour lecture courses on malaria control during the past week. The difficult subject was considerably enlivened by his presentation of this course, according to the men, and the interest he created among them is deemed to be a factor that has aided the men materially in learning the subject.

On The Other Hand We Have Same Thing

Glove replacements made necessary by the loss of a pair or the wearing out of one before the other is expected to be reduced one-fourth in the Army by the development of a knitted wool glove that can be worn on either hand. The quartermaster Corps has introduced a new method of knitting the thumb of the glove on a straight line with the other digits, according to word from Washington, D. C.

781st TD'S On Mission At Ft. Knox

The 781st Tank Destroyer Company, now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., is a tank destroyer unit with an unusual mission. Since October, 1942, this organization has been demonstrating to the students of the Armored School the tactics and equipment of tank destroyers.

This tank destroyer unit, commanded by First Lt. Robert M. Francis, is also unique in that it is a separate gun company operating alone. At present the company is attached to the Demonstration Regiment of the Armored School for administration. The M-3 half track destroyers, with which the company was originally equipped, have recently been replaced by the M-10 destroyers. The company is now better prepared to show armored officers the capabilities and limitations of the tank destroyers. The company is often required to act in the role of an entire battalion to illustrate the doctrine that the tank destroyer battalion is the basic tactical unit.

The men of the 781st may be called upon to fire the 3" guns for the Gunnery Department, or to maneuver and fire the various weapons in the Fire Power Demonstrations of the Tactics Department, in the Armored School, as well as spend many hours driving and firing new equipment that is being tested by the Armored Board. In fact, 1st Sgt. John D. Gray, is a busy man running the rosters of the many varied details.

In addition to the demonstrations of the 781st Tank Destroyer Company, a limited amount of instruction on tank destroyer equipment and tactics is given in the Tactics Department of the Armored School. This instruction is designed primarily as an orientation for armored officers, and information concerning both tank destroyers of our army and German panzer jagers is given.

Group Head Is Promoted

Col. Chester E. Sargent, commanding officer of the 23rd Tank Destroyer Group since Jan. 1, has been promoted from the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He came to Camp Hood in March, 1943, and was assigned to the First Tank Destroyer Training Group. He activated and commanded the 24th Tank Destroyer Group until he was assigned to the 23rd Group as commanding officer.

Col. Sargent's military career has been rounded by completion of courses at the field artillery officers school at Fort Knox, the famous French Cavalry School at Saumur, France; advanced classes in horsemanship and field artillery at Fort Sill; and officers advanced tactical class at Camp Hood. He has served as a member of the Army's equestrian team and also coached the Varsity polo squad while at Harvard University.

Parents Of Son

Major and Mrs. Ira B. Richards, Jr., are parents of a son, Ira B. Richards, III, born Jan. 3 at McClellan General Hospital, Temple. Major Richards is commanding officer, 663rd TD Bn.



Chapel Services

PROTESTANT
 Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
 Chapel 176, 164th & Brig.
 Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn.
 Chapel 902, 50th & Hq.
 Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
 Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg.
 11:00 A. M.
 Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq.
 Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
 Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.
 Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn.
 Chapel 2209, School Area.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
 6:30 P. M.
 Chapel 115, 268th & Ser. Dr.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West.
 Chapel 2209, School Area.
 Chapel 2109, 37th St. East.
 Chapel 289, 170th & Brig.

EPISCOPAL
 8:00 a. m., Chapel 1156, 37th St.
 6:30 p. m., Chapel 902, 50th St.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
 Chapel 1156, Thursday, 8:00 p. m.
 Sunday, 9:00 a. m.

LUTHERAN
 Post Chapel, 52nd St., Sunday, 6:30 p. m.

COLORED TROOPS
 Chapel 513, 70th & Bn.
 Worship Services
 10:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 6:30 p. m.
 Sunday school, 9:00 a. m.

STOCKADE, 2:00 P. M.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
 Mass, Sunday
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 6:30 a. m.
 Stockade, 6:30 a. m.
 Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 8:00 a. m.
 Chapel 115, 268th & Service Dr., 8:00 a. m.
 Post Chapel, 52nd & Hq., 9:00 a. m.
 24th St. Theater, 9:30 a. m.
 Chapel 902, 50th & Hq., 11:00 a. m.
 37th St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.
 162nd St. Theater, 11:00 a. m.

NOVENA SERVICES
 Sunday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.
 Monday, Chapel 1156, 6:30 p. m.
 Tuesday, Chapel 902, 6:00 p. m.
 Tuesday, Chapel 176, 6:30 p. m.

MORNING WEEKDAY MASSES
 Chapel 1156, Sat., Tues., 6:30 a. m.
 Chapel 902, Saturday, 6:30 a. m.
 Chapel 176, Mon., Wed., Thur., 8:00 a. m.

EVENING WEEKDAY MASSES
 Chapel 902, Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 6:00 p. m.
 Chapel 176, Fri., Tues., 6:30 p. m.
 Chapel 1156, Thurs., Fri., Mon., 6:30 p. m.

CHAPEL 902, Friday, 12:20 p. m.

CONFESSION
 Saturday as follows:
 Hospital, Red Cross Bldg., 3-4 p. m.
 Chapel 902, 50th & Hq., 4-5:30 & 6:30-9 p. m.
 Chapel 1156, 37th St. West, 4-6 & 6:30-9 p. m.
 Chapel 176, 164th & Brig., 6-9 p. m.

JEWISH
 Chapel 902, 50th & Hq., Friday, 7:30 p. m.
 Orthodox, followed by reform Service.

LATTER DAY SAINTS
 Chapel 639, 62nd & Bn., Sunday, 7:30 p. m.

New Field Director



George H. Hyde has been named field director of the American Red Cross unit in Camp Hood succeeding Robert H. Watson who left camp to accept a position in the claims section, Veterans Administration American Red Cross, Little Rock, Ark.

Hyde has been an administrative assistant in charge of accounting for a number of months. He was a First Sergeant in World War I and is well acquainted with soldier problems.

It Must Have Snowed Rabbits For These GI's

Members of the 786th Med. Sn. Co. agree that the recent snow wasn't so bad, for as a result rabbit appeared on their mess menu.

Friday, after duty hours, a small group chased and captured 17 of the speed merchants. The following evening, with the aid of a stray pup, the boys added 33 to the bag, bringing the total to 50, 48 cotton tails and two jack rabbits.

The pup has been recommended by the boys for the Legion of Merit and a T-5 rating.

Sgt. Robert Clemens To Announce Fights

Sgt. Robert Clemens, Publications Dept., TDS, who handled the microphone duties at the Joe Louis appearance here early last month, will be at the ringside in the same capacity for next week's Golden Gloves show, which opens Monday night at the field house for a five-night run.

Finals in the golden gloves event will take place next Friday night, Jan. 28, and a capacity crowd is expected to be on hand to get a peep at the winning eight-man fight team, which will journey to the State meet in February.

Art Class Conducted In WAC Dayroom

Sgt. Berkley Norman, Hq. Co., RTC, conducts an art class in North Camp WAC Detachment day room every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 o'clock.

Lieutenant Helen Parish, mess and supply officer of the Wac Detachment, RTC is in charge.

School Library Has Guerrilla Warfare Volume

The Tank Destroyer School Library has announced a new volume now available for circulation. It is "American Guerrilla," by Captain Douglas M. Smith as told to Cecil Carnes.

Underlying this readable and extremely interesting book is the important story of a new type of warfare, or, more exactly, a newly organized technique of a very old method of warfare. An American by birth and heritage, Captain Smith served in the French Foreign Legion as a second lieutenant in the first World War. Before he re-joined the Legion in 1941, he made a thorough study of what he believed would be an important phase of this war—trained guerrilla fighting.

In "American Guerrilla," Captain Smith tells of his belief in the value of trained men working behind enemy lines. He joined David Stirling's "Bunch," as they were known, in the Middle East. The men were selected from French and English volunteers.

The story of what these men did makes exciting reading. But more than exciting are the practical lessons learned by the author during his participation in this type of warfare.

"What's Cookin", New USO Show, To Present Ace Colored Dancers

A new sparkling colored revue, "What's Cookin," a USO-camp show, will present a variety of song and dance acts at the central rec hall, north camp, Jan. 27, 28, and 29, and at the Hood Road Theater in the south camp Feb. 1 and 2. There will be a show at the 72nd St. Theater Jan. 31. All shows will start at 8 p. m.

As usual, the show will be free. Some of the top entertainers with colored bands, and teams that have appeared in the nation's outstanding night clubs will be with the show.

The performers have had vaudeville experience in this country and in Europe.

'Opera In Miniature' Planned For Belton On Saturday Night

The Temple Community Concert Association will present "Opera in Miniature" at Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock.

A limited number of tickets are available for enlisted men and women, free of charge, through the courtesy of citizens of Temple.

These tickets may be obtained at the Camp Hood Special Service Office.

Appointed S-1 Officer

Lt. Col. Eugene J. Howell has been appointed S-1 of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp to succeed Lt. Col. Asa C. Black. Colonel Black is on leave before going to another assignment. Colonel Howell was S-1 of the ASTPBTC at North Camp.



IT'S THE WATER—Very likley this is just the way you looked the first time you tasted Camp Hood's water, for while it is undoubtedly quite healthy, it takes a good deal of time for GI's to get used to the mineral flavor. Sgt. Sid Katz, Hq. & Service Co., OCS Regt., a former New York night club entertainer and master of ceremonies, provided the face and expression. Katz will provide Panther readers with a series of expressions in a group of pictures depicting the trials which beset the GI starting in The Panther next week.

Truck Battalion, TDC Now Quartermaster Truck Bn.

Effective December 16, the original unit has been IA. Truck Battalion, TDC, consisting of a Headquarters and four lettered companies was disbanded, and the QM Truck Battalion, TDC, with a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and four numbered companies was activated, the 3480th, 2493rd, 3494th and 3495th QM Trk Co's.

The old unit was originally known as the Provisional Truck Battalion. It was activated in February, 1943, for the purpose of providing transportation for the TD School and other units of the TDC Co. "C", 49th QM (Truck) Regt. provided the cadre for the Provisional Truck Battalion, and additional personnel were drawn from other units located at Camp Hood at the time to continue building the unit up to the T-O (Special) strength.

More men came from RTC's and reception centers to complete the activation as time went by. Was Prov. Truck Bn.

The Provisional Truck Battalion, later redesignated as the Truck Battalion, TDC, consisted of a battalion headquarters, three heavy companies and one light company. The heavy companies were so called mainly because the larger 4-5 ton tractor trailers for personnel and cargo transportation were heavy company, T-E (Special) property. The light company was a larger one than the other three and had the bulk of sedans, C & R's, Weapons Carriers, Jeeps, 1 1-2 and 2 1-2 ton trucks were to be found in all companies approximately equally distributed.

The unit grew rapidly from an original group of six officers and 30 enlisted men to a battalion with 22 officers and 447 enlisted men. The Commanding Officer from the date of activation of

the original unit has been Lt. Col. Ves W. Godley, of Magnolia, Ark.

Did Big Job

At the time of disbanding, a total of operations statistics indicated that during the 8 1-2 months of operation, the unit has dispatched 42,631 vehicles, has transported 1,162,377 personnel, and has traveled 1,291,853 miles. This job is distinguished by the fact that, in accomplishing the task, there has not been a single personal injury by accident. In addition, a recent Maintenance Inspection by the Training Brigade Spot Crews resulted in this battalion receiving an overall rating of Superior.

Four Quartermaster truck companies now function as separate units, but under the supervision of the battalion headquarters and headquarters detachment for the continuation of present operations, administration, and future training. The unit will continue to serve the Tank Destroyer Center until a reduction in operational requirements permit the Companies to complete their training.

666th Bn. Wins 39-18 Over 603

The 666th TD Bn. basketball team took a 39 to 18 decision over the 603rd TD Bn. quintet last Friday night, in a practice game at the field house.

Outstanding players were M-Sgt. Charles H. Hinse and Cpl. Wayne Reese, for the 666th cagers, who chalked up 10 points each. Pvt. James Haden, 666th, and Pvt. Edward Christopher, of the 603rd five, turned in stellar performances at the guard slots for their respective teams.

Quiz Answers

1. Army Air Force, Army Ground Force, Army Service Force.
2. Do everything in a camp necessary to keep it operating efficiently as an Army community without calling on field forces aid; to relieve fighting forces of the worries of operation of utilities, maintenance, of buildings, guarding and policing, procurement, storing and issuing of food, clothing, gasoline, oil, ammunition, equipment and supplies.
3. Five states—Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico.
4. An eight-pointed white star on a blue field.
5. That they never retreat when in battle.
6. 1318th Service Unit.

FRANKFORT, KY. (CNS)—A local butcher hung this sign on his shop window: "Unless it's bologna, we ain't got it."

Male Call

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

Solid Sender



Entry Deadline For Golden Glove Meet Is Friday Night

Tomorrow night, Friday, January 21, 7:30 p. m., will be the last available moment for entries in the Camp Hood Annual Central Texas Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, which opens at the field house next Monday night.

So far, entries have been coming in rather slow, according to Lt. J. R. Varnell, Post Athletic Officer, who is directing the annual event. All unit special services officers should comb their particular areas for all available boxers, since the forthcoming event will give the fighter a chance to gain considerable limelight in his profession.

Entries are extremely shy in the lower class weights thus far; however, it is expected that a considerable number of bantam, lightweights and welterweights will file entry before the deadline strikes tomorrow night.

Boxers from McCloskey Hospital, 297th and 94th General hospitals at Temple, and fighters from the Waco and Blackland Army Air Field installations are invited to participate in the district event. Civilian entries from nearby sites are also eligible for a filing in the five-day boxing run.

The winning eight-man fight team will be sent to the State tournament at Fort Worth, Feb. 16-21, with all expenses paid.

All men on the eight-man squad will be admitted free to all bouts throughout the course of the Ft. Worth event, no matter if they are defeated in their first engagement. Free admission is for only those who make the grade as a part of the eight-man team going to the State event. Those who participate in next week's district affair and are defeated will not receive free admission to the State tournament.

Tourney Will Recess

Play in the current round-robin basketball tourney will be suspended next week in order to make way for the boxing program.

There will be eight weight divisions represented in next week's show, beginning with the flyweight, 112-pound class and running through the heavyweight class, which is unlimited to all men weighing 175 pounds and over.

Remember—tomorrow night is the deadline for all entries! Weighing-in ceremonies will be held at the field house at 7:30 p. m., and all entries must be in by that time, otherwise it'll be too late. No entries will be accepted later than tomorrow night. So—get busy and check your units for men with glove ability and enter them NOW! Back your fighter—and let him carry your battalion colors to the State Golden Gloves at Fort Worth next month.

Company Boxing Shows Uncover Ring Talent

Members of the 786th Med. Sn. Co., are now participating in company boxing shows, staged every Tuesday evening in the company area. These matches are the highlight of the week and are greeted with much enthusiasm by officers as well as the enlisted men.

Some real boxing talent is being discovered and competition is

More Games Played In BB Tourney

Slowed down by the recent snow and whistling blizzard, the round-robin cage tournament took on new life early this week and reeled off more than a dozen ball games to bring the big event's schedule right up to date.

Last Thursday night's games, which called for the action of teams from groups 3 and 4, were postponed due to inclement weather and a defunct lighting system at the field house. Making up for this delay in play, teams from groups 3 and 4 took the floor last Monday night and played their postponed games to run their calendar up to current schedule.

Results Are Given

Results in Monday night's clashes were as follows: 664th TD Bn. defeated the 667th TD Bn., 27 to 26, in a nip-and-tuck thriller; 670th TD Bn. erased the Hq. UTC quintet, 38 to 22, with Bartelusi pouring in 20 points for the 670th; 672nd TD Bn. overwhelmed a weak Hq. Co. Tng. Brigade team by the lopsided count of, 55 to 14. Saylor, flashy center for the 672nd, led the scoring with 14 points; 22nd TD Gp lost a 45 to 18 decision to the 310th Ord. "B" cagers, with Gothard throwing in 19 points to lead the way; Academic Regt. took a 42 to 32 measure of the 662nd TD Bn.; 90th MRU won on a forfeit from the 801st TD Bn.; Post Ord. took the same means to gain victory over the 658th TD Bn., who failed to show up for the game, and a game between the 656th TD Bn. and the 668th TD Bn. was postponed. In a game late last week, the 656th turned back the OCS Regt., 22 to 13.

Last Tuesday night's games, with teams from groups 1 and 2 matching shots, saw eight fast games go down in the won and lost column via the following results: 657th TD Bn. ousted OCS, 42 to 16; 656th TD Bn. defeated the 670th TD Bn., 22 to 16; 665th TD Bn. won a 37 to 34 thriller from the 668th TD Bn.; 661st TD Bn. walloped the 310th Ord. "A" team, 37 to 24; 660th TD Bn. ran over Hq. UTC, 38 to 20, with Kuchenmeister pouring in 20 points; 264th FA Bn. ran off and left the 20th TD Gp., 52 to 19; 106th Cavalry "F" troopers erased the 666th TD Bn., 32 to 22, Wurtz leading the way for the cavalrymen, with 10 points; 166th Infantry trounced the 603rd TD Bn., 32 to 14, with Ryan high-pointing the way with 9 points, and the night's last game went to the climbing Student Regiment quintet via the forfeit route from the 19th TD Gp, who failed to report for the game.

Tonight's games, Thursday, will see teams from groups 3 and 4 take the floor again, in what will conclude the third round of the tournament. There will be eight big games and plenty of fast action—so come on down fans—back your team in its march toward the 1944 basketball title of Camp Hood.

16 Teams Enter NC Tournament

Sixteen basketball teams have teed off in the race for top honors in North Camp Hood's cage tournament. The tourney is being run on a single game elimination basis, with the first game losers competing for consolation honors.

Following their showings in regular league play, the 136th Bn., RTC, and the 493rd MPEG Co. quintets are the seeded teams unless upsets should step in. Hq. Co., RTC, always a stiff threat, had their lineup riddled by recent transfers, but are still stocked with ample reserves and may spring a surprise in the current race.

Besides the 12 RTC teams and the 493rd MPEG quintet, other competition will come from the 842nd Ord. Co., 627th and 441st MPEG quints, and the 302nd Ord. Co. cagers.

The winner of top honors in the North Camp chase will compete in a cage series with the champion of the current round-robin loop in South Camp to determine the 1944 basketball title holders of all Camp Hood.

664th Wins From 667th In Close One

The 664th TD Bn. basketball team defeated the 667th TD Bn. quintet, 27 to 26, last Monday night in one of the closest games scored thus far in the camp round-robin cage tourney.

The 667th aggregation pulled up close in the final half, after the winners had piled up an 18 to 9 margin at halftime. However, their rally fell short and the one-point edge was enough for the 664th's well-earned victory.

It was the second game of the tournament which found the 664th winning in the final minutes. In their opener, they had to go into two overtime periods to erase the 663rd TD Bn. cagers, 32 to 30, in the tournament's most thrilling game.

Pvt. D. M. Carberry, with 13 points, led the 664th's Monday night scoring, while Brown, chalked up 8 points to gain high point honors for the 667th.

Rising to a new high among the contestants as to who will be champs in the various weight classes.



With PFC Keith Quick

Here's an interesting game! . . . Try it around your barracks, day rooms, or if the Service Club's hostess is a bit baseball minded, have her add it to her weekly chart of entertainment. It'll be lotsa' fun, especially if there is a prize for the winners. The Game: Divide the soldiers into teams of nine. Draw circles for the home plate and the three bases on the floor. Each soldier gets one question in turn. First soldier to bat—if he answers correctly, goes to first base. If not, he's the first out for his side. Soldiers move on bases at each correct answer, one base at a time and score when the fourth answer is correct, since the man on third comes home. When one side has made three outs, the other team comes to bat—just as in real baseball. The above game may also be played as football, each question correctly answered advancing a man 10 yards. Each team lines up with eleven men on opposite sides (ends) of the gridiron. The first team to advance its eleven men across the opposite goal wins. All incorrect answers to questions set a man back 10 yards. Where an answer is half correct, an advance of five yards may be awarded. . . . Boxing's Service Athletic Funs, Inc., New York, of which Abe J. Greene, president of the National Boxing Association, is chairman, last week contributed various items of boxing equipment to RTC at North Camp. This fund was originally created by Mike Jacobs, internationally known boxing promoter and his staff as a token of respect and appreciation to the men in the service. Through the efforts of the organization, thousands of gloves, both boxing and punching-bag type, trunks, supporters, and many other incidentals essential for boxing have been distributed to the armed forces in the U. S. as well as overseas. . . . A month from today, the 16 major league baseball teams will set out for their various spring training sites. Many Texas cities will be the nest for the big-hawks, one in particular being San Antonio. And word is making the rounds that one or more of the major league teams doing their spring limbering in the Lone Star, may come to Camp Hood to meet an aggregation of Hood all-stars. The camp all-stars lineup would be centered around pitcher Herb Karpel of the Student Regiment, former property of the New York Yankees and ex-moundsman for the Kansas City Blue. Herb, a portsider, was the main cog of the Student Regiment nine which won the 1943 baseball title in a three-game playoff with the OCS Regiment team. . . . Camp Hood's Field House will be a replica of New York's Madison Square Garden come Monday night, when the big District Golden Gloves five-day event opens what will no doubt be Hood's greatest leather-throwing spree in all history. There'll be scores of top-flight bouts during the five-day run—so if you like boxing—this is your chance of a lifetime. . . . Be there Monday night and join the roaring applause for our camp's mittmen and their march toward State honors at Fort Worth!

Medics Seek Games Here

The 94th General Hospital basketball team at Temple would like to book games with Camp Hood teams, according to word received this week from Lt. Frank, director of the hospital quintet.

The hospital team has been training for several weeks and is reported to be in good shape for any competition they might obtain. The team plays on the Temple high school court.

Lt. Frank stated that the team would be glad to come to Camp Hood for games at any time. Teams interested in games with the hospital cagers may contact Lt. Frank by phone—Extension 40-W, 94th Gen. Hospital, Temple, Texas.

CHICAGO (CNS) — Burglars broke into the home of Willbur Anderson, stole \$6*00 worth of silverware, china and jewelry—and Anderson's \$1 alarm clock.

Company B Likes Sports

Perhaps no other outfit in camp possesses as much enthusiasm as the men in Co. B, 660th TD Bn. Despite a heavy training schedule, they participate in every sport available within the battalion.

The Co. B outfit owns the undisputed softball title of their battalion, compose the major part of the 660th football team, and are participating in horseshoes, volley ball and have a boxing team that competes in the battalion's weekly shows.

The majority of the company has just completed firing of the Carbine rifle, in which 75 out of 77 chalked up qualifying scores. The men are currently engaged in indirect firing, and are out to establish new records in this department of their rigorous training setup.

Lt. Upton is the company's commander.

Entry Blank For
Camp Hood Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament
January 24-28, 1944

Open to all who are Amateurs. No fee of any kind. Visiting teams in Camp Hood Central Texas District Tournament will be given free admission to see State Tournament at Fort Worth.

Name

Organization

Age Weight

Home City and State

Boxing Experience

Fill in, clip out and hand or mail this entry blank to your Special Services Officer or Commanding Officer on or before January 21st.

Basketball Standings		
Group	W	L Pct.
Student Regt.	3	0 1.000
661st TD Bn.	2	0 1.000
166th Inf.	1	1 .500
310th Ord. "A"	1	2 .333
603rd TD Bn.	1	2 .333
264th FA Bn.	1	2 .333
19th TD Gp.	0	2 .000
20th TD Gp.	0	2 .000
Group II		
W	L	Pct.
656th TD Bn.	3	0 1.000
106th Cav. "F" Troop	2	0 1.000
657th TD Bn.	2	1 .667
660th TD Bn.	1	1 .500
666th TD Bn.	1	1 .500
670th TD Bn.	1	2 .333
Hq. UTC	0	2 .000
OCS Regt.	0	2 .000
Group III		
W	L	Pct.
672nd TD Bn.	2	0 1.000
Academic Regt.	2	0 1.000
844th TD Bn.	2	0 1.000
662nd TD Bn.	1	1 .500
106th Cav. "B"	0	1 .000
663rd TD Bn.	0	1 .000
667th TD Bn.	0	2 .000
Hq. Co. Tng. Brig.	0	2 .000
Group IV		
W	L	Pct.
310th Ord. "B"	2	0 1.000
665th TD Bn.	1	0 1.000
22nd TD Gp.	1	1 .500
668th TD Bn.	1	1 .500
90th MRU	1	1 .500
Post Ord.	1	1 .500
664th TD Bn.	0	2 .000
667th TD Bn.	0	2 .000

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