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COL. HARRY H. JOHNSON

## Regimental Commander Is Nominated for Advancement to Rank of Brigadier-General

Col. Harry H. Johnson, commanding officer of the 112th Cavalry, was notified this week by the 56th Brigade headquarters that his name had been submitted by President Roosevelt to the United States Senate for advancement in the rank of brigadier-general.

The president's nomination now rests with the senatorial body and an announcement of their decision probably will be known within the next week.

If his nomination is approved, Col. Johnson will become one of the youngest brigadier-generals in the nation's armed forces.

A native Texan, born April 11, 1895, he began his army career as a buck private in the infantry May 9, 1917. His first advancement came three months later when he rose in rank to sergeant, and only four months later, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. On June 19, 1918, he was made a first lieutenant.

Forsaking the infantry for the horse cavalry, Col. Johnson transferred as a first lieutenant on August 9, 1920. He first wore a captain's bar on July 20, 1921, and held that rank in active service until January 25, 1923, when he transferred to Officers Reserve Corps.

Col. Johnson returned to active service April 12, 1927, and in two years' time was advanced to the rank of major. His next advancement came five years later, on December 20, 1934 when he was appointed lieutenant col-

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## Duck, Deer Hunting Available to Post

In response to the query of last week concerning hunting for enlisted men, the Centaur can offer the following:

Deer season opens November 16; duck season opened November 2. Both seasons close December 31.

(A state hunting license is required. There is a bill in the Texas legislature to exempt men in the armed forces from having to buy a license.

You must have permission of the man who owns the land on which you intend to hunt and you should have written permission from him to show your troop commander when asking for his sanction, which is also necessary.

The use of the army rifle by the men for hunting is entirely at the discretion of the regimental commander, according to Lt. Leyendecker of the post complement.

## HOLIDAY

In observance of Armistice Day, Nov. 11, an official holiday has been declared for the officers and enlisted men of Fort Clark. No special plans have been made for the post. A large number of men probably will go to nearby cities to enjoy their holiday.

## Plenty Girls to Attend Future Service Dances

Highlighting the social and entertainment season for the 112th Cavalry, a series of special planned dances will be held beginning a week from today.

At a meeting of the recreation and morale advisory council this week, action was taken to provide dancing partners and dates for every enlisted man attending.

The first dance will be a "Victory" dance next Saturday, Nov. 15, beginning immediately following the 112th football game at Brackettville stadium. The club will be decorated for the occasion and several specialty numbers have been planned. Music will be by the regimental orchestra.

No admission will be charged for enlisted men for any of their dances.

Attending the dances will be girls from Eagle Pass, Del Rio and Uvalde, brought to Fort Clark in buses and private cars. Every fourth dance will be a "no break" dance.

Members of the advisory council stressed the fact that the dances are being planned solely for the entertainment and enjoyment of the enlisted men, and urged all troops to attend. In

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## Gridsters Invade Territory of Enemy for First Clash of Season

Ranting and snorting like a shipment of Reno remounts, Fort Clark's brand new football aggregation leaves today for a season premiere with the 38th Infantry team at Fort Sam Houston.

Accompanying the team to San Antonio will be a truck convoy of approximately 200 post troopers to handle sideline competition at the game. Post officers said every effort would be made to furnish transportation for every man wishing to attend.

The "varsity" squad of approximately 45 men will leave today at noon for the game site in two trucks and a pick-up truck. Trucks for the enlisted men are due to depart at 2 p. m. The return trip will be made after the game tonight.

Game time will be at 8 p. m. at the Fort Sam Houston gridiron.

## LINEUP

Probable starters in to-

Backfield: Wally Smith, Autry, Bumpus, J. O. Gray. Linesmen: J. Roberts and Frye, ends; Berry and Czerniejewski, tackles; Johnny Johnson and Allen, guards; Green, center.

Although untried and untested, Lt. Landon Hill's regimental squad is touted long and loud throughout the post as the army team to blitzkrieg military fields this season. Included on the roster will be a galaxy of high school and college stars.

Both men and officers of the group have trained hard the past month. Bruises and scratches exhibited after scrimmages testify the enthusiasm and spirit of grim determination on tap. In preparing his team for their first encounter, Lt. Hill has stressed a set of very basic and fairly simple plays, developing from a short punt formation.

In a hot scrimmage Tuesday night at the Brackettville field, the first string decisively trounced the second squad 36-6 in a full time practice game. Spectators were impressed by the versatility in both running and aerial plays.

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## Private Quiz' Quizzical Querries Question Quo, Qu, QQqq - Heck!

"Whatcha' know, Joe?"

That will be only the beginning Monday night when Private Quiz takes the floor at the Service Club.

In the first of a series of quiz programs for the men of the post, Private Quiz will fire the questions and troopers from Fort Clark will attempt to answer them. The staff of "experts" will be made up of representatives from each squadron.

All questions will be based on popular song titles, famous people, and current topics of the day.

Prizes will be awarded to the three highest scorers. To the first will go a \$2 canteen book, a theatre book to the second highest, and the third scorer will get a booby prize.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend—Monday evening, November 10, 8 o'clock, at the Service Club.

## Plan Horse Shows For Enlisted Men

Increased interest in advanced horsemanship is expected in the near future as regimental plans for horse shows and jumping contests develop. Corporal Monte B. Foreman has been appointed enlisted horse show representative and will announce definite dates and plans for shows in the near future.

Foreman asked that any officer or enlisted man with suggestions contact him immediately.

Some of the plans being discussed are to have contests in jumping, three gaited classes, fine hands class, potatoe race, rescue race, saddling contests, best turned-out trooper and mount, trick riding, roman riding reining class and pyramiding.

"It takes quite a while to get a horse in condition to jump correctly," Foreman said. "This will be your advance notice that there will be a school in jumping arranged shortly, so fellows don't be jumping these obstacles until you learn whether or not you're ruining your horse for his future bar hopping. We will let you know as soon as the school is established. In the meantime give us your ideas. 'Nope' we absolutely cannot have a rodeo or any calf roping."

## Officers to School

Lt. Col. John B. Dunlap and Lt. Gerald C. Adams are to leave this next week to attend the Junior Officers' Training school at Camp Bullis, Texas. The school will start November 10 and last until December 20.



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## Want A Date?

Suppose someone walked up to you and said, "I have a date tonight with 100 beautiful girls!" It's doubtful if even the most seasoned horse trooper's heart could stand such a shock.

Yet, there is just such a possibility.

Seriously speaking here is what we mean. For several weeks now the morale officers and their assistants have been busy arranging details for weekly Saturday night dances at the Service Club. Their greatest and most delicate problem has been that of providing dancers for Fort Clark soldiers.

The problem nears solutions now with plans to bring girls from Del Rio and Uvalde by buses and trucks. City and civic leaders from those towns have offered whole-hearted cooperation in the effort.

Of course there will be no law or rule to force the girls to attend our dances. Their only incentive will be a desire to enjoy a good time with friends — friends they will be proud to refer to as "swell soldiers."

Emily Post to know how to act at a dance or on a date. Neither will the girls expect us to be polished gentlemen of the old Chesterfield period. All they want will be an evening of clean honest fun and dancing.

Let's strive as hard to show these girls a good time when they come to our dances as we would try to please the favorite girl friend back home on a date. Before long there may be a picture or two to place beside the one of the "girl you left behind."

And some day you may be able to write home:

"I have a date with 100 beautiful girls tonight."

## Spit and Polish

"You're in the army now!"

For the old troopers those probably were the first words they heard last Nov. 18. The selectees heard it in the training centers. How many of us realize what it really means, even after almost a year of service?

An old cavalry trooper, the stable sages tell us, was composed of "spit and polish" and an unabiding will never to volunteer. What about the modern trooper — both horse and mechanized?

Your 1941 soldier is the latest model out in streamlining and development. His chassis is sleek and trim with all brass shined, boots polished to a mirror finish, and clean uniform. His accessories are in the best condition with all rifle barrels spotless and saddle equipment a pleasure to touch.

Under the hood you will find a brain geared by military discipline to think quick and act quicker. His road performance reveals stamina, ability, and efficiency.

If "your" soldier does not fit these specifications, he is not the latest model — with a very low trade-in value to the government.

## Thanks Again

This is a bread and butter letter.

Speaking for the entire regiment, here's an informal but enthusiastic vote of thanks to the regimental command for recent recreational trips to Del Rio and Eagle Pass. At the same time may we express appreciation for recreational trips scheduled for the future — including a possible trek to San Antonio.

The next trip you make on one of these enjoyable week ends, Trooper, look over your companions in the truck. Do you see any MP armbands? "No" is the answer to that question.

How about keeping "no" the answer to the question?

Post authorities have carefully observed activities of men on these junkets and decided there was no current need of sending a military police complement along for disciplinary measures. In addition, officers have been highly complimentary of discipline on the several trips made in the past.

As soldiers of the post continue to enjoy the benefits of these entertainment trips to Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and other nearby cities, let us at the same time enjoy the privileges of "trusted" men with no need for disciplinary force.

Again, thanks to the authorities for the entertainment trips.

Again, let us continue to give them the opportunity to thank us for good behavior and lack of need of disciplinary force.

## Thirty Months

We have always been a strong adherent to the principle that a good healthy beef is okay. But we can't agree with some of the stuff we have been reading in some national picture magazines and with a little we have heard.

Most of us are citizen-soldiers and a lot of us are hit pretty hard by being in the Army. Some of us lost good jobs for a while and maybe some of us won't get those jobs back. But we probably will. Maybe we'll have to stay in the Army a little longer than we thought. It may be 18 months more, but they now seem to think that the average time will be about 18 months altogether.

But we don't have too much to gripe about. Our constitution was written by a group of men who loved their country and were very proud of the principles upon which they founded it. In Section 8 of Article 1 in the Constitution, you will find that Congress is empowered to raise and equip an Army and a Navy and a Corps of Marines with which to defend the United States or to meet any national emergency.

The Constitution doesn't mention anywhere that Congress has to bargain with anyone just to get them into the Army. It doesn't say anything about premiums either, or special prizes for those soldiers in the Army. It doesn't say whether the citizens should serve in the Army one year or ten years.

We love this country and are pretty proud to be able to serve in this Army of ours. We have our beefs and gripes, but we're keeping them pretty low. We're willing to pay a little for the freedom we've inherited.—The Guidon.

"You can't ignore a movement that is gaining strength against political power and public apathy, that is attracting tens of thousands from every state, from all classes. It's a revolt of the masses. Yet it's not anti-new Deal, anti-Democratic, nor anti-Republican. It's not anti-anything—except needless taxation at a time when every available penny is needed for an armament program that will mean security for American citizens." — The American Magazine.

## PRESENT ARMS—

# Sergeant Dial Veteran Horse Lover, Trainer

When fatherly advice is needed by some poor handcuffed volunteer or draftee around the Headquarters and Service Troop stables, all he has to do is to strike up a conversation with the four-stripe stable sergeant. Now you usually think of a sergeant as being a tough guy who stands over you and bawls you out for



S. SGT. H. M. "Pappy" DIAL

everything that has happened to him for a week and then some, but this is not the case with Staff Sarge H. M. "Pappy" Dial.

Born in the blue grass regions of Warren County, Kentucky, Pap started training horses almost before he could walk, and so far in life he hasn't changed his avocation. In his conversation you will find that he has traveled with show horses and thoroughbreds all over the country. He has been a breeder and handled quite a few different types of ponies. Dial came to Texas way back in 1908 while employed in training and showing fine show horses. On one of his numerous trips back to the blue-grass, the love-bug bit him and he married Miss Ethel Hightower, who was a school teacher.

In 1936 he joined the Texas National Guard in Dallas as caretaker. Later he was promoted to stable sergeant. Upon induction due to his efficient handling in all phases of stable work he was promoted to staff sergeant. Here at Fort Clark he was assigned to remount service and turned out the best bunch of remounts ever seen in this organization.

When the name of "Pappy" Dial comes up practically every man can remember when Pap

## Talent Show Hits With Large Crowd

Before a capacity audience that filled every seat in the Brackettville high school auditorium, the 112th Cavalry talent show was presented Thursday, night Oct. 30.

Paced by the rhythmic offerings of the 112th regimental band, directed by W. O. Lester Harris, the show was an unqualified success with the audience. Pvt. Joe Stingl as master of ceremonies presented a succession of almost 25 singers, instrumentalists and comedians.

Among the outstanding acts were the singing of Frankie Ambrose, the trumpet playing of Jack Dunagan, and a comedy skit by Pvt. Cohen and company, formerly known on the professional stage as Buddy Jerome.

Those appearing on the program included Sgts. Bell and Dunagan, Cpls. Hale and Graves, Pfc. Jones and Pvts. Wheeler, Lyon, Parent, Couch, Brewster, Stevens, Goodson, Cohen, Stasewick, Ambrose, Johnson, Melcomb, and Moody.

## General Gerhardt Views 112th Work

Following an informal two-day inspection of the 112th Cavalry this week, Brigadier-General Gerhardt, commander of the 56th Brigade, expressed satisfaction on the progress made by his regiment.

Gen. Gerhardt commented on the fine personal appearance of men and animals, and was particularly pleased with the condition of equipment. He also commented favorably on progress being made in equitation and mounted drill, and noted improvements in dismounted drill.

## Welder Wanted

Lt. Albright of Headquarters and Service Troop is looking for a man experienced and capable in electric welding work. Such a man is needed to act as instructor in a welding school. Anyone interested may contact Lt. Albright.

has come to his aid with some solution to his riding problems. The officers as well as the enlisted personnel have learned to depend on him. In the course of the conversation if you ask Staff Sgt. Dial if he knows all about horses, he will always reply, "The only horse I know all about is a dead one."



### POST CHAPEL (All Faiths)

7:30 a. m.—Holy Communion.  
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.  
10:30 a. m.—Regimental Worship.  
11:15 a. m.—High Mass.

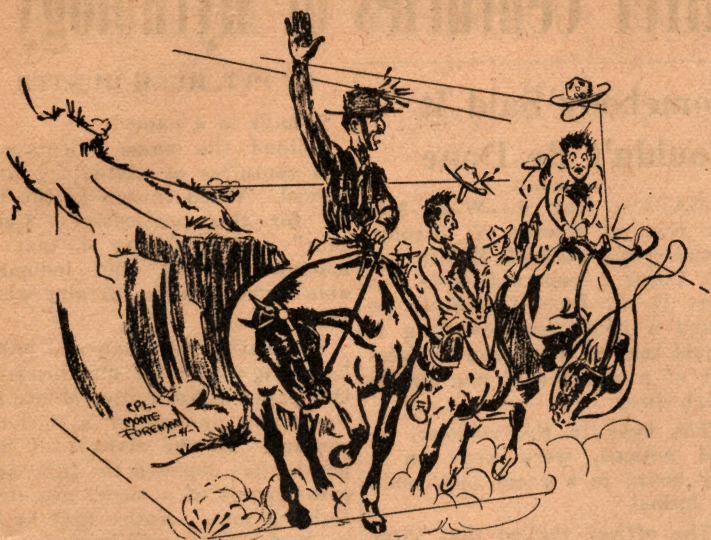
The Rev. Peter Q. Tonson, O. M. I. of Brackettville, and the Rev. Theodore Francis, O. M. I. of Del Rio will attend the post chapel to celebrate High Mass. The choir of the Sacred Heart Church, Del Rio, will sing at the ritual observation.

### BRACKETTVILLE SERVICES

**Methodist**  
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.  
10:30 a. m.—Church Services.  
7:30 p. m.—Evening Services.  
**Catholic**  
8 a. m.—Mass.  
10 a. m.—Mass.  
7:30 p. m.—Rosary.  
**Baptist**  
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.  
11 a. m.—Church Services.  
7:50 p. m.—Evening Services.  
**Episcopal**  
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.  
7:30 p. m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.



# We Hear From The Troops



**HALT! WE'RE AMBUSHED, MEN!**  
Dismount and groom your horses.

## New Army Chapel Focal Point of Religious, Cultural Activities

Never before in the history of the United States army has there been such an increase in the building of army post chapels, says Chaplain Bertram L. Smith, Fort Clark chaplain.

The new Fort Clark chapel is but one of 555 new chapels in the nation.

"It is a boon for us chaplains," said Chaplain Smith, "because we are accustomed many times to conducting services in the open fields, mess halls, theaters, barracks, and improvised buildings."

The new chapel is an attractive village type church of frame construction with slate roof and a towering steeple at the front. The building cost was more than \$20,000. Seating capacity of the building is 357 soldiers.

"The chapel stands as a witness to our faith in God," Chaplain Smith said, "and is a reminder that our spirit needs the nourishment provided by religion."

The interior of the church is finished in natural color with red wood trim. A high quality electric organ will provide music for worship services and religious gatherings.

An interesting feature of the church is an altar that can be moved back on a track into a recess at the rear when the chapel is used for cultural activities. The front of the altar becomes an architectural element of the wainscoting.

The chapel may be used at different hours by chaplains of the protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths. There is office space provided for two chaplains.

Incorporated in the building will be an ark to hold the Jewish Book of the Law — a recent innovation in army chapels.

The choir and organ are in the balcony at the rear of the chapel.

The new chapel will provide a proper place for worship, prayer, and meditation and may be used for unit gatherings of inspirational nature for which the service club or post theatre are not suitable.

A full weekly program of activities is being planned so that the chapel will be in use daily.

"Like the church or chapel in the home community," said Chaplain Smith, "the army will be a focal point of influence. At the best it will provide the

### ● H. Q. TROOP . . . .

We wonder who is was in H. Q. troop was was washing his horses' teeth down at the H. Q. troop stables.

After a seige in the hospital at Camp Polk, La., Pvt. Michael Sarga is back with the troop now. Welcome back, Mike!

Cpl. Sam Holt and Cpl. Maury Tomlinson left Ft. Clark Monday night for Fort Riley, Kansas. They will take the enlistment men's motors course.

Homer P. Brannon also went away to school. He went to St. Louis to attend the David Rankin School of Mechanical Trades. The course will last eight weeks.

The following men can now be considered among the ranks of "them there civilians." They received their releases from active duty yesterday. They are: Pvt. Walter L. Bradshaw, Pvt. Lewis Fisher, Pvt. Sam Epps, Pvt. Earl A. Gossett, Sgt. Hully H. Bush and Pvt. James W. Ballard.

Hereafter Pvt. John A. Sidle will receive his mail addressed to Cpl. John A. Sidle. The order came through November 4.

Lt Werner is promising a big blowout next week when he demonstrates to the non-com cadre the methods of defense against chemical warfare. He has promised them a small sized war with anything likely to happen.

Members of the scout car platoon presented a demonstration of mine laying Thursday morning before officers of the regiment. After the missiles were placed the scout cars were driven through them to show effectiveness of the mining layout. Sgt. H. R. Fitzhugh was in charge.

"What is alimony, mother?"  
"Alimony is a man's cash surrender value, dear."

troopers, their relatives and friends with a comforting point of orientation relating the military environment of the soldier to that of his civilian status."

### Troop News Wanted

Troopers, if there was no news from your troop in this issue of the Centaur, or you feel that there should have been more, see your troop correspondent.

A Centaur correspondent has been named in every troop and it is his responsibility to report all news—not mere gossip—from his organization.

If you know of any newsworthy happenings in your troop, make an effort to report them to your troop correspondent — then see that he makes an effort to report it to the Centaur.

THE EDITORS.

### ● M. G. TROOP . . . .

A note of sadness hangs over old members of the M. G. outfit as the news is leaking out that Staff Sgt. "Papa" Berkley is about to leave. Sgt. "Gripping Gus" Canonica will be his successor.

Of all the horse troopers working hard to perfect the Riley seat, 1st. Sgt. D. E. Colley seems to be working the hardest. With his 225 pounds and a slight case of fallen chest he has his hands full—or rather a saddle full.

The accents around M. G. troop are varied enough to warrant Ripley's attention, but at the top of the list in euphonic interest is the mountaineer brogue of Pvt. Simon Parker.

Sgt. "Snooky" Florence was heard to murmur "Billie" in his dreams the other night. Could he be dreaming of a recent trip to Dallas?

There are ugly rumors of an impending battle among Machine Gunners over certain Del Rio interests. An innocent bystander had suggested that there are plenty of Del Rio girls and all you have to do is call Clarine at the telephone office and ask her to find you a date. ? ? ? ? ?

### ● B TROOP . . . . .

For once in the history of these United States there are men who are willing to exchange guns for rolling pins. Thirteen men of B troop, who have grown old with age and who have suffered themselves to be exposed to the state of matrimony will soon be trudging back to their respective fields of domestic battle — proudly exhibiting an honorable discharge from the 112th.

B troop says "So long" to Pvt. Jim Evans who has been transferred to the air corps in Tulsa, Okla. Sgt. West and Bob Whetstone wish they were going along as supervisors. Evans will be an enlisted man pilot for Spartan Aircraft Corp., one of a few men selected from this regiment.

### ● F TROOP . . . . .

Members of Troop F are pointing with pride this week to renovated and repainted saddle rooms in their stables. Not to be outdone by appearance of the saddle rooms, members of the troop have made a decided improvement in the appearance of their leather equipment.

### ● C TROOP . . . . .

Three members of this troop, all former National Guardsmen are to be discharged from Federal Service this week. Cpl. Charlie Markham, Pvt. Charles Thomas, and Pvt. Martin Fischer are returning to their respective homes in Texarkana to resume the much discussed "civilian life."

Pvt. George Gran, former horseshoer of this troop is now on the post M. P. force. Publicly George tells of his trials and tribulations there, but when cornered will admit that he has a snap.

Fotoball fever is running high here in anticipation of the first game of the season at Fort Sam. Quite a number of "C" troopers will be there to root our team on to victory.

Ask Nat Jack, a West Virginia selectee, about the true representative of Southern hospitality he met in Piedras Negras last Wednesday night. He's still in a haze, but occasionally comes out of it in order to go into a rhapsody over—her eyes!

What happened to Sgt. Berry in last Tuesday's scrimmage? The big boys must have played rough with the little fella (200 net for he's been limping and groaning at every opportunity since then. Or perhaps he wants an honorary degree as D.D.G.B.

### ● E TROOP . . . . .

1st. Lt. John G. Carter of Troop E. has received orders to submit results of a physical examination for a regular army officer's commission.

Ross John Musso and T. W. Nance are combining business and pleasure. Ross is returning home for his automobile, which some alleged draft dodgers striped, and Stinky supplies the pleasure part.

Daniel E. Ross is bound home to show the girl friend that "Something new has been added."—Two stripes.

Sweet young things are warned not to believe a word of the nasty rumor that the new Corporals Rose, Killen, Woods, Kurz and Whitman sewed chevrons on their pillow cases.

Troop E. men on furlough include Sgt. Ross John Musso; Cpls. E. C. Fulton, V. T. Killen, T. W. Nance, D. F. Rose, V. J. Whitman and J. L. Woods; Privates J. D. Clark, S. Nagg, I. Quintana, N. D. Richards, L. J. Ross, A. L. Wasson, C. E. Ahlfinger, C. M. Farley, D. Kerr, R. M. Lee, R. R. Marquez, H. D. Palmer, E. C. Parker, L. W. Potter, C. A. Provincio, R. Rodriguez, and J. C. Stephenson.

Those from Troop E to receive discharges the past week are: Claude F. Quinn, Susano R. Riojas, Robert M. Phillips, James L. Phillips, and Earnie R. Adams.

### AFTER CHURCH

... The preacher finished his sermon with "All liquor should be thrown in the river," and the choir ended by singing "Shall We Gather At The River?"

### ● G TROOP . . . . .

Members of Troop G who received honorable discharges yesterday include 1st Sgt. Ollie M. "Bud" Reeves, top kick of the troop since mobilization last Nov. 18. Sgt. Reeves will return to civilian life in Monahans as an employe of the Coca Cola Bottling Co.

Also receiving his discharge yesterday was Pfc. Jesse P. Pike, carried on the Troop G roster but on detached service to Troop F. Pfc. Pike is known throughout the regiment as orderly to Capt. Alfred M. Johnson, second squadron commander.

Other men of Troop G who have received discharges recently have been Pvt. Joe Hallonquist, former Troop G stable sergeant; Pvt. Rufus Thomas, horseshoer; Pvt. Claude Hannis; Pvt. Enrico Rossi, and Pvt. Jim D. Knight, teamster.

Four members of Troop G have been making regular trips to Del Rio to instruct the Del Rio home guard platoon in phases of dismounted drill and the manual of arms. They are Sgt. Lester Dorton, Cpl. Babe Meeks, Cpl. Rudolph Plowman and Cpl. O'Briant.

New stripes appearing recently on Troop G uniforms include: Sgts. Jack Taylor and J. T. Bell, Pfc. Bill Guest, fourth class specialist; Pfc. J. K. Newman, third specialist, and Cpl. Jake Zebloski.

The recruit got off the train at Ft. Huachuca and went up to an Indian standing on the platform. "How," he said, "White man heap glad to see red man. White man hopes red man feeling heap good this morning."  
"Hey, Bill," called the Indian. "Come here and listen to this crackpot. He's a riot."

## FILM FARE

### Palace BRACKETVILLE

Sunday - Monday  
"DIVE BOMBER"

Tuesday  
"3 SONS O' GUNS"

Wednesday - Thursday  
"KISS THE BOYS  
GOODBYE"

Friday - Saturday  
"MOUNTAIN  
MOONLIGHT"  
"THE KIDS LAST RIDE"

### Princess DEL RIO

Sunday - Monday  
"SUN VALLEY  
SERENADE"

Tuesday - Wednesday  
"THAT UNCERTAIN  
FEELING"

Thursday - Friday  
"T E X A S"

Saturday  
"KING OF DODGE CITY"



## "Men Working" Signs Soon to Hang on Post Ping Pong Tables

The "Competition Wanted" sign has hung too long on the doors of certain local ping pong players of the shark type.

In the near future some of those signs may be taken down and placed on other doors. For the benefit of all interested in the flashing of the little celluloid ball there will be a classification tourney held soon, possibly in the next fortnight.

Arrangements for the tourney are being made by The Centaur, and entries will be received at the newspaper office. All applicants should give their names, troops, and previous ping pong experience.

Cash and merchandise prizes, donated by merchants of Brackettville will go to winners of the top flights.

Among the top flight tyros and "experts" expected to battle back and forth across the green tables will be an L. S. U. letterman, the former Florida champ for the years 1939-40 and the former champ of the 108th Cavalry. However, there will be degrees of competition for five duty yesterday. They are: tain pen gripper on up.

### Gridsters—

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Greatest improvement in the squad has been noted in the line, feared at first a little weak to keep pace with a fast backfield. However, in scrimmages this week linesmen put up a front safe enough for several backfields.

The season opener will be followed next Saturday night by a return match between the 112th and the 38th on the Brackettville gridiron.

### Fish Stories Get Fishier and Fishier

AUSTIN. — The fish are so thick in Lake Travis that you can kill 'em with a rock. At least, that's the sworn disposition of State Senator Jesse Martin of Fort Worth.

In a sworn and notarized statement, deposited with Senate Secretary Bob Barker (along with one of the clubbed fish) Martin says that he and Attorney Jock Harris noted the fish—"a great number of large fish"—while standing on the shore of the lake just above the dam. Having no fishing tackle, they armed themselves with clubs, and from the bank "vigorously attacked several with considerable success."

While Barker's fish seemed to verify the fish story, some doubt was cast on it by the fact that the notary was Harris himself, who, according to the disposition, "was likewise engaged in mortal combat with other fish."

The deer season is at hand, but any kind of meat is dear now.

In the next few weeks, the gals will do the teasing, and the billfolds will get stripped.

For some reason, most of the union news now has to do with divisions.

This country may be short of scrap iron, but just now it's long on gridiron.

### Regimental Officers Get Release Orders

Moving orders received this past week at 112th regimental headquarters call for the release from active military duty of three Fort Clark officers.

Major Louis A. Beecherl, former second squadron commander, received his release orders Oct. 25 and is now in Dallas, his home. 1st Lt. Clifton Felts, medical corps, was officially released yesterday. He is now on leave dating from Nov. 1. 1st Lt. Louis P. Perdue, Jr., will be released Nov. 24. He, also, is on leave beginning last Sept. 27.

### Over-the-Hill Proves Flop

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The widely publicized O-H-I-O slogan spelled out an all-states bust in the fast expanding U. S. army.

O-H-I-O, you recall, was the symbol bored soldiers were reported chalking stealthily last summer on buildings, trucks and tents.

Gossip from the barracks said darkly the letters stood for "over the hill in October." And "over the hill" in any man's army means, at best, going absent without leave, and at worst, plain desertion.

O-H-I-O proved a flop. Officers who maybe were a little worried in August are saying now they never took the threat seriously.

### Old Men Offered Life Insurance

Another opportunity to apply for National Service Life Insurance has been made available to officers and enlisted men whose periods of service have been extended beyond 12 months. Lt. Z. T. Wimberly, regimental adjutant, said this week. Application must be made prior to December 16, 1941.

An amendment to the National Insurance Act of 1940 makes it possible for any person whose service has been extended and was ordered to active federal service under Public Resolution No. 96, 76th Congress, or inducted under the Selective Training and Service act of 1940, to obtain insurance without further medical examination if application is filed within 120 days after the amendment became law, August 18. The deadline for making application is December 15.

This provision enables men whose periods of training and service have been extended to apply for the insurance if they failed to make application within the statutory time limit when they first entered federal service. Also, men who previously applied for less than the maximum \$10,000 may, under the same authority and conditions, now apply for an additional amount of National Service Life Insurance, provided the total amount of insurance with the government in force at any one time on the life of one person does not exceed \$10,000.

At this season, the crooner is less popular than the gobbler.

Breach of promise is merely a difference between the pursued and the sued.

## 'Centaur' Comes to 112th Paper After Centuries of Mythology

BY PVT. HUGH HUNTER

What's in a name?

Behind the name "Centaur," lies centuries of mythology and legend. When chosen as the title for this publication, "Centaur" seemed fitting in that it spiritualized the wild indomitable spirit of horse cavalry warfare.

The half-cavalryman and half-horse figure on the masthead of this paper is Art Editor Monte B. Foreman's version of a modern centaur. In the strokes of his pen he has depicted the lithe aggressiveness of a model mounted fighting man. Notice that he is ready for action and love of hard fighting is written on his face. In other words he is "Raring to Go," our regimental motto.

The Greek word itself means half horse and half man.

According to Greek mythology, countless centuries ago there were a race of Titans, Cronus and Rhea, were the parents of Zeus and a girl named Hera.

Zeus "broke" with his parents and led the Olympians against the Titans at Titanomachy where the giants were defeated. In the course of time Zeus settled down on the summit of Mt. Olympus and became the supreme Olympian god. Here he married his sister, Hera.

Ixion—a king of the Lapithes seeking refuge on Olympus—was granted a place of safety by Zeus. While here in exile Ixion made love to Hera, the wife of Zeus. Enraged, Zeus substituted a phantom for Hera.

Out of the union of this phantom and Ixion were born the first centaurs. Later Zeus ordered Ixion chained to a fiery wheel in Hades.

The Centaur, as far as can be determined, were mostly savage uncouth beasts—very warlike and lustful. However, there were a few exceptions such as Chiron who became a famed teacher of men and numbered among his pupils such great Grecian names as Hercules and Achilles. Chiron was immortal but when he found himself with an incurable wound, he passed his immortality on to Prometheus.

Very little is known of the "Centaur's" religion or their beliefs. They were followers of Dionysius, the Greek god of wine, and celebrated their autumn festivals on Mt. Pelion in Thessaly.

### Big D Boys Slate Bar Examination

This is an unfinished story. Plans are being made by men in Headquarters and Service troop for all men receiving discharges and those home on furlough to meet noon Christmas Day in the Adolphus bar.

The rest of the story will be published after Christmas—maybe.

### Horseshoers Study

Finer points of horseshoeing and care of horses' feet are being stressed in a horseshoeing school being conducted back of the medical stables by Sgt. Darby. Attending the school are two men from each troop.

A jackass is always solemn and serious. That proves he's a jackass.

### Somebody Said It Couldn't Be Done

MARFA, Nov. 6.—When Major General George V. Strong, commanding general, Eighth Army Corps, inspected units at Fort D. A. Russell recently he asked a lieutenant how long it would take to get motor vehicles out of a gunshed if one should catch fire.

The keys to the vehicles, he had noticed, were kept on a key board in a room that could be locked.

The officer replied that three or four minutes would be required. The general asked that a test be made.

The lieutenant raced the 100 yards to the gunshed, yelled "Fire" and drivers ran to their vehicles. Motors of heavy vehicles roared and in three minutes the gunshed was cleared.

The general smiled and remarked that he had a battery one time that tried the same thing and found that it couldn't do the job in that time.

### Officer Marries

Lt. Edward Wright Jr., of C Troop and Miss Jean Spiney of Dallas were married Oct. 28, 1941. The couple left immediately following the ceremony on a honeymoon.

After six months in camp, the ex-farmer boy wrote home to his father:

"Dear Dad," he said, "you remember how badly I used to hate to plow that south pasture. Now if you will just do what I say you won't have any more trouble getting me up at 4 a. m. Go and buy two big mules and name one of them Corporal and the other Sergeant and feed them up in good shape. And when I get home I sure will drive hell out of them."

### Service Dances—

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view of excellent conduct at previous club dances, there will be no military police present on duty.

In coming weeks girls from Uvalde, Del Rio and Eagle Pass will not only be invited to attend Fort Clark dances, but 112th troopers will go to these towns to attend dances there.

Attending the advisory council meeting were 1st. Lt. J. J. Gilchrist, recreation officer; 2nd Lt. Tom H. King, morale officer; Chaplain Smith, Lt. Wimberly, Lt. Martin, Sgt. Barnhill, Sgt. Allen, Sgt. Bunch and Pvt. Monte Foreman and Pvt. Billy Johnson, representatives from the Centaur.

### Col. Johnson—

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onel in the 124th Cavalry, where he served as executive officer.

On Sept. 7, 1941, Col. Johnson was given command of the 112th Cavalry, while the organization was in the midst of the Louisiana maneuvers. Nineteen days later he was given the rank of full colonel.

In civil life, Col. Johnson was employed by the Gulf Oil Corp. as assistant to the vice president. He and his family made their home in Houston, until federal mobilization of the national guard last November 18.

## ... America ...

I'm thankful most of all  
For this, my own, my native land

So magnitized by freedom, it has drawn  
From all the countries of the earth  
Such kindred souls, as wish to live  
Upon its rich and fertile soil.

It is not perfect! No! For men are men!

But here, where love and laughter flourish  
Where music rings like gold cathedral bells,  
Men work at honest toil  
And mortals worship the Immortal!

Here, beneath the sifted gold  
Of twilight afterglow  
Is home and liberty . . .  
Where dusky star-crowned sky brings ecstasy;  
Where yellow moonlight walks  
Upon the velvet carpet of the night  
While we are lost in slumber . . . peacefully,  
As little children sleep.

Here, the brilliant flash of dawn  
Across the hills and plains  
Becomes a fanfare  
Upon a new and colorful horizon  
Which presents another opportunity  
Upon another new-born day!

Here, is the peace haven of the world  
Where old ideals, and new ideas  
Shall always live . . . to keep alive  
The flaming torch of Liberty  
From century to century!

Yes, I'm thankful most of all  
For this, my native land . . . AMERICA.

By Nora Beth Main, Houston, Texas.