

54th Cagers Add New Wins To Long List

Company D of the 54th Engineer Training Battalion, lengthened its string of consecutive victories this week by defeating three Post teams—Co. D of the 55th Bn., Co. C of the 56th and a "get-together" team composed of three officers and two non-coms.

The undefeated 54th contingent marched roughshod over Co. D of the 55th, winning the contest 60 to 16. High scorer for the 54th was Finney, who amassed a total of 14 points.

Co. C of the 56th met a similar fate Monday night, losing its contest by a 46 to 8 margin. Finney took additional laurels by dropping in 30 tallies, against five for Cunningham, the opposition's high point man. A return game was scheduled with Co. C last night.

Against the "get-together" team Wednesday night, Co. D won by a score of 48 to 17.

Previously, the 54th team won over Co. A, 53rd Bn., by a score of 30 to 23; Co. A 57th, 55 to 0, and Co. C, 54th, 43 to 14.

Sgt. M. S. Bratko, manager of the 54th unit, has issued a challenge to any team on the Post.

SPORT SLANTS

(By Camp Newspaper Service)

Although the navy took top honors in the National Tennis tournament when Lt. (jg) Joe Hunt stopped Coast Guard Seaman Jack Kramer, 6-3, 6-8, 10-8, 6-0, to win the National Singles title, the U. S. Army was in there punching all the way.

Cpl. Frank Parker, former Davis cup star, reached the semi-finals in the singles competition before bowing to Kramer and, paired with Kramer, won the national doubles crown from William Talbert and PFC Dave Freeman of the Army Air force.

Other GIs who participated in the goings-on were PFC Bitsy Grant, A/C Tom Falkenburg, Pvt. Bob Odman of Seattle, Cpl. Charles Hare of Ft. Meade, Md. and Pvt. Vincent Paul of Camp Stewart, Ga.

PFC Ed (Lefty) McFadden, sports editor of the Tailspin, Tinker Field, Okla., reports that the best team his field met this

TANK POISON



Bazooka is the slang name for this weapon which has proved so deadly against enemy tanks and which has been classified "secret" until recently. It's GI name is Launcher, AT, M-1. It can be operated by one man in a pinch and shoots a big spurt of flame out its tail. The guy who holds it feels practically no kick at all.

Enemy Has Learned Effectiveness Of Deadly New Rocket Projectile

The War Department this week relaxed restrictions governing publicity on the powerful rocket gun, named by soldiers the "bazooka," and announced that the weapon is being supplied in quantity by the United States to American and other United Nations' troops.

Strictly hush, hush until now, the "bazooka" is a product of long experimentation by the Ordnance Department. In action on foreign fronts during the past several months it has proved itself capable of penetrating the armor of any enemy tank used against United Nations forces, as well as an effective instrument of destruction against thick brick walls, rock masonry, struc-

tural steel and railroad rails.

The gun's mechanism consists of a metal tube more than 50 inches in length and less than three inches in diameter, to which is attached a shoulder stock and front and rear grips for the firer, sights and an electric battery which sets off the rocket propelling charge when the gun or launcher trigger is squeezed. The tube, which is open at both ends, rests on top of the shoulder, extending more than a foot to the rear of the firer.

The rocket itself is nearly two feet long, weighs more than a hand grenade and resembles a small elongated aerial bomb. It has an explosive head, a propelling charge, powder tube and

a finned tail which provides accuracy in flight.

A two-man team operates the launcher, one firing and the other loading. The loader is to the right and rear of the firer. He inserts the rocket, turns a contact lever to the "fire" position, signals "ready" to the firer and drops down and away from the rear end of the launcher to avoid the rocket-propelling charge which flashes from the rear of the gun.

In defensive action, the War Department pointed out, "bazooka" teams may be recruited from among chauffeurs, truck drivers, ammunition bearers, orderlies, clerks and mess personnel.

season was the Navy Skyjackets, Norman, Okla. The Skyjackets are coached by Lt. Charley Gelbert, former Cardinal shortstop. Their top pitcher is Al Benton, ex-Detroit righthander, and their leading hitter is Johnny

Rizzo who used to play for the Phillies, Pirates, Reds and Dodgers.

Camp Davis, N. C. has a tough 9-game football schedule set up for this fall. The Camp Davis eleven will tackle Wake Forest, North Carolina State, North Carolina Navy Pre-flight, Davidson College, Camp LeJeune, Ft. Monroe, Presbyterian College, Daniel Field and the University of North Carolina on successive Saturdays.

George Selkirk, ex-Yankee outfielder, is now a warrant officer stationed at the Newport, (R.I.) naval station.

Big Ed Levy, 6-foot, 5-inch Newark Bear outfielder, has been sworn into the coast guard and has reported for duty at the Manhattan Beach (N.Y.) coast guard station. Two other Newark players, Pitcher Joe Page and Catcher Mike Barback, recently were rejected for military service.

Five former major league stars have been shipped from the Great Lakes naval training station to receive further training. They are John Rigney, White Sox ace pitcher; Jack Hallet, Pittsburgh righthander; Tom Ferrick of the Cleveland Indians; Frank Bison, Brownies' pitcher, and Catcher Marvin Felderman of the Cubs.

Rider Leaves SSO for Post At Hospital

Sgt. Roy L. Rider, member of the Post Special Service Office sports department since the activation of Camp Abbot, checked in his vast supply of equipment this week and checked himself out of Service Company to join the Medical Detachment.

Rider came to Camp Abbot under the previous incumbency of Lt. P. H. O'Brien and promptly set to work transforming a wilderness into a pattern of baseball diamonds, volleyball courts and other sports areas on which to stage his proposed wide-spread athletic programs.

A planner nonpareil, Rider had hardly landed on Camp Abbot soil before he announced plans for a boxing show. A fight program was held at Lava Butte between members of the ERTC and Signal Corps men here on maneuvers in mid-August. Early in June Rider organized a Post baseball team and entered it in Central Oregon League competition. Somehow or other the league angle fell through, but the Camp Abbot team played Bend and adjoining camps on several occasions.

A month later, at Rider's request, teams were formed to compete in a tournament sponsored by the Amateur Softball Association. Service Company emerged the winner, but games could not be played off until after the deadline set by the association, so Camp Abbot was dropped from association competition.

Volleyball and basketball contests were among the more recent sports ventures, but results so far have not been forthcoming.

Rider began his athletic career in the army at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., more than a year and a half ago. Prior to his induction he was an athletic supervisor for the University of Wyoming of which he is an alumnus.

Rider has been assigned as an assistant in the Station Hospital operating room. His successor has not been named.

YANK DISTRIBUTOR HERE

A district supervisor of Yank magazine, Pfc Curtis L. Wood, visited Camp Abbot Monday to confer with Lt. V. G. Henderson, Special Service Officer, and Post Exchange Officer, Lt. Charles Keithahn regarding the publicizing and distribution of the magazine here. The official army organ of, by, and for enlisted men, the magazine began publication a year ago and contains articles, serious and humorous, news items of camps, sports reviews, cartoons, and numerous other features including the pictorial trials and tribulations of "Sad Sack." Yank is available to service men through post exchanges or by subscription.

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