

FIFTH ANNUAL MILITARY BALL

LUBBOCK HOTEL

DECEMBER 6, 1940

9:00-12:00

Presenting bits of trivia that may explain the reason for this
publication

It is our hope that these items will appeal to the tastes of all,
from the intelligence of Ridpath to the tidbits of Winchell-

THE HISTORY OF TORCH AND CASTLE

The Reserve Officers Training Corps, Corps of Engineers, was established at Texas Technological College in the fall of 1936. Captain F. A. Pettit and Lt. H. J. Skidmore were in charge of the organization.

The members of the unit held monthly social gatherings for a time and then an organization was formed. This organization was named the Torch and Castle. The name was derived from the lapel insignia of the uniform; namely: the Torch signifying the Reserve Officers Training Corp, and the Castle signifying Engineers. The name was suggested by Amatus Chamberlain. The officers elected at that time were: Jack Carlson, president, Rufus Ryan, vice-president, Frank Montfort, secretary-treasurer.

The first annual Military Ball was held in that year. Miss Frances Turner was honorary cadet major. A number of informal gatherings were held that spring. "Random Bursts" made its first appearance during the fall.-This being mimeographed publication which delved into the private lives of members. To put it mildly, Random Burst went the way of that well-loved (?) campus figure, "Wind Through the Sallyport". There is left only a revival of one nature or another at the annual Military Ball.

The following year, the first pledges were inducted into the organization at an overnight hike. This event has become a tradition of the club.

At the end of the year 1939-40, the club voted to affiliate itself with the national organization, Society of American Military Engineers. The organization is now known as the Torch and Castle Chapter of the national society.

Social events sponsored by the club are: Annual Military Ball, a banquet in the spring, and informal dance and an open house each semester.

We Thought You'd Like To Know

Something about your Honorary sponsors, the four girls you have already seen and admired tonight.....

THE HONORARY COLONEL -----She comes from Dallas by the way of Odessa, while in high school she carried off most of the honors.....For instance she was voted the most popular girl in school her senior year. She went to the Sun Bowl in El Paso as Sun Princess, and was chosen Band Sweetheart, not to mention a short hitch at Hollywood.....Like most girls, she loves chocolates and magazines (It must be a feminine trait). Is a good dancer. Hobbies are: dancing, swimming, tennis and golf (in order named) Likes boys any size, shape or description..... In uniform.

Honorary Major First Battalion-----Comes from up north. She was drum major in her junior and senior years. We wonder why she wasn't queen all four. She likes to dance, ride horseback and play golf. She doesn't particularly care for books and prefers to pass her time doing what women do that men aren't suppose to know about. She refused to tell G-2 her preferences in dates.

Honorary Major Second Battalion-----She comes from Childress and went to Texas Wesleyan one year before coming to Tech. She was drum major at Childress for two years and repeated at T.W.C. Likewise she was football queen, and was one of the yearbook beauties. She likes to read, but her reading is on the serious side. Her other pastimes are dancing, bridge, swimming and horseback riding.

Honorary Captain of the Regimental Band-----Hails from a town on the South Plains (Lamesa) She goes in for dancing(They all do, are you surprised?) horseback riding and bowling. Indoor pastimes are reading novels and what else women do. (Do you know? We don't) G-2 learns that she prefers that her dates be medium and blond

"Random Bursts"

Berry D. Brazile: Captain "A" company, famous for his wide acquaintance with artistes, -----Fan Dancers for instances.

Bob Allen----Sergeant E company----Vice-President of SAME---is best known for keeping up the tradition of officers at the club,-----to remain perpendicular under a full load. Keep on upholding the traditon Bob.....

Sargeant Watson Carlock of Company A-----The only really naive 3rd year man-----Says "All of my classs is simon pure----come, come Wastson"---

Ted Serrurier:----Sargeant "D" company-----Our yankee of long standing--is the able leader of a Coterie of Pansy Palace blotters.....

Eugene Goodwin-----likes to talk about throwing his hands in peoples faces-----Come, Come Eugene you know that you can't fight.....

Archie Nystel:-----Captain, Regt. Plans and Operations officers..... Always plans on getting a red head or something to upset his plans... Archie you ought to know how to make good plans-----What is the matter?

Private Note-----Gordon Shackelford-----Shack, Who did you walk on and off the special to Alburquere?

Corroll Claitor-----Captain "E" company, Prexy SAME-----is wondering what Murdough knows about the night of the engineers Ball.....

Johnny Brooks-----Captain of Regimental Band----is our nomination for Mens Auxiliary, WCTU (Since Homecoming),.....

Colonel, Regimental Commander-----C. E. Pitts-----could not be lead astray at camp-----come on Pitts ----Whats the matter?-----

Jack Clait or and Joe Herbst-----What were you doing singing the serenade in front of PEROD'S at three o'clock AM----It couldn't be a couple of window decorators could it boys.....That is what you get for drinking "Planters Punch".....

ROOKIE'S DICTIONARY

To-nk- That you take bath in

Espionage-A soda fountain dish.

Retreat-Whensomebody buys you a coke and pay him back.

Enemy-away of relieving congestion

Salut-A medium size fire-cracker

Communicable-like a telephone wire

Azimuth-an insect similar to a butterfly

Discipline-that which you think should be enforced immediately after
you have an advance in rank.

Fire Superiority-a fire that puts out more British.Thermal Unit

Cadence - similar to a military ball

Service Company-the boys who work at the power plant

Pass in review- successfully crammed for a quiz

Camouflage-that that is not that that it seems to be

Guerrilla-What Frank Buck brought back alive

Manoeuver-What you put on the grass to make it grow

Mobilize-a ~~Sprayer~~ -Vacuum product

Offense- What results from not using Life Boy

Knapsack-A ~~Sleeping~~ dog

Officers:

C. E. Pitts, President Ex Officio
Corroll Claistor, President
Bob Allen, Vice-president
Si Slaughter, Treasure
Norman Foote, Secretary
Hugh Ayres, Historian
Joe Herbst, Master-at-arms

Members

Berry D. Brazile	Arch Nyatal	C. W. Ellis
J. R. Brooks	Marcus Owens	Hugh English
Watson Carlock	Lee Perry	Edgar Hash
Glen Carr	Wayne Rosh	J. B. Holleyman
Paul Crawford	Owen Roebuck	Norman Igo
Ray Dement	Ted Serrurier	Forrest Jones
Bowen Dulaney	Gordon Shackelford	James Kilpatrick
Norman Foote	Ted Shaikewitz	Joe Lair
Wallace Bullwiler	Bob Sorrels	Frank Lee
Ernest Gloyne	Doug Strawn	Dick Matthews
C. J. Griggs	D. A. Thompson	D. B. Mauldin
Bill Hamm	K. L. Turner	J. D. Morgan
Sam Howel	PLEDGES	Ridge Rianhold
Lowe Kundrick	Bill Akers	Bill Selby
W. T. Lilly	Bill Anderson	Clifton Tannihil
Arnold Maeker	James Anderson	E. D. Whittis
Vern Morris	Mack Atcheson	Jeff Woods
Vern Marrs	J. C. Bishop	
Beverly Malonson	Jimnie Day	
Jimmy Murdough	Van Elkins	