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RACIC & GROVEMAN AT UPTON!

WELL KNOWN STARS MEET FEW DAYS

AFTER INDUCTION INTO ARMED FORCES

TAURASI REPORTED AT SAME CAMP
FEW WEEKS EARLIER.

SAM MOSKOWITZ IN TANK CORPS.

Barrio Racic, Jr., film editor of FANTASY NEWS and former Sec'y-Treasurer of the Queens Science Fiction League met Bill Groveman, former editor of Fantaseer and active Member of Hempstead, L.I. at Camp Upton, army induction center on April 20th.

Racic writes: "What do you know, Bill Groveman, a GSFer just got here today. I didn't even know him. He saw me first. Come on in and we'll start a new chapter. I am getting along O.K."

Sam Moskowitz writes: Despite previous rejections, the eye doctors boosted my vision up to 20/20 this time, (bare army requirements) and gave me active service. In other words, I'm definitely not slated for limited service. Far, far from it.

I don't know if you ever heard of the Tank Destroyer outfit. You may have read of the secret weapon which smashed Rommel in Africa - that's me! The newest branch of the U.S. Army.

A Fort Worth, Texas paper in recent write-up of our outfit summed it all up by saying: "The Tank Destroyers start in where the Commandos leave off."

Our slogan is "Seek, Strike, and Destroy", and our emblem a tiger's head and claws (next column)

mounted on caterpillar tracks.

Our Major wants us "Rough, Tough, and Smart", and the only excuse acceptable for dropping out of ranks is a dead faint or blood oozing from your shoe tops.

I've been in training for two weeks, and it grows tougher and tougher every day. Excepting a slightly strained ligament, I've been holding up quite well. We get three hours of the most strenuous type of exercise every morning, and the men who faint from exertion are no longer a novelty.

Long hikes, much of the way on the double, with full packs, are killers, especially since we are not allowed to carry water in our canteens. The training proceeds at a madcap pace.

I've decided to keep right up with the course, and if I don't graduate as a full-fledged tank destroyer, it won't be because I quit.

I saw Jimmy (Taurasi.-Ed.) once before I left. The last I heard of him he was at Camp Upton, and had been there for thirty days.

The number of fans in service has grown immense, and fan activities are a few points shy of non-existence.

The Sergeant just tapped me on the shoulder and told me to get my dirty clothes washed, and when they tell you to do something, they ain't kiddin'; so I'll sign off now, but drop me a line and tell me how things are going."

We hope to present more news of the boys in the service from time to time.

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FANTASY NEWS founded June 26, 1938 by James V. Taurasi of Flushing, NY.

EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

Well, here we are again, after more than a year's lay-off!

As you will notice from the above address we are now located in the state made famous by Harry Warner. We are about 60 miles from Hagerstown, but perhaps not too far away to cook up some sort of all-state activity.

Our policy will be about the same as it has been these past four or five years. We will try to get the news to you while it is still hot. This issue has been gotten off in haste, and almost on the spur of the moment, hence we are sans pro news. We hope to make up for this deficiency in subsequent issues, and maintain the standard for first class pro news which we built up in '38, '39, and '40.

Please forgive us if for the time being we show ourselves to be greenhorns on up to the minute fan activities. Having been out of touch now for more than a year, perhaps we might be excused. However, we will try to rectify this as of now.

We wish to remind our readers that we have a nicely printed PRESS CARD which will be sent to anyone sending in a news item. We can use both fannews and pronews. Minutes of Club Meetings are especially welcome. Advance fan magazine line-ups will be made the subject of a special column. We would be indebted to authors who wrote us about their pending yarns. (next col)

ODD ITEMS by FN Reporters.

Henry A. Ackerman and Will Sykora, both fans of long standing will meet sometime in May for the first time. It is hoped that this will result in some fan activity in the Baltimore area.

FANTASY NEWS will soon publish a supplement containing interesting material by Sam Moskowitz prepared long ago but never published. This newspaper will reestablish its former policy of distributing new fan mags to its subscribers for the first issue only as an aid to budding publishers. Those interested write for details.

The only feminine fan mag ever to come out of the East will soon appear. This is the Feminine Fan which was started by the girls of the Queens Science Fiction League. Impatient subscribers will be satisfied at long last.

Watch for important news regarding NEW FANDOM! NEW FANDOM was the sponsor of the first World Science Fiction Convention held in New York City in July 1939, the largest convention ever held. New life has come into the organization which is thus expected to again become a force to be reckoned with in the strfield.

EDITORIAL Cont'd:

Last summer, Nova published an article by Harry Warner, Jr. regarding the formation of a sort of Press Association somewhat along the lines of the American Newspaper Association. The idea was a cooperative organization not only including a MS Bureau such as was run by Moskowitz several years ago but also aiding fan publishers in other ways as in sharing mailing lists, suggestions for publishing at lower costs, ideas for make-up, etc. We wonder whether this idea was ever taken up. We wish to go on record here as in support of such an organization if it is ever formed.

Since this is almost like a first issue, we would appreciate comments, not only on the contents of the present number, but also requesting your favorite material.