Artist's Impressions ★ ★ ★ of 270th Engineers ★ ★ ★ On Rifle Range

Armed with his sketch pad, artist Tec5 Don Lynch of the Sentry staff ventured out to the range this week in search of "local color." On range 2 he found the lads of the Trailblazer Division's 270th Eng. Bn. firing away with their carbines. The sketches are self-explanatory and we are indebted to Sgt. Winn of the 270th for a brief history and an outline of the functions of the battalion.

Bearing the proud motto, "Essayons," which is French for "Let Us Try," the 270th was activated as a unit of the 70th Division on Aug. 15, 1943, under Lt. Col. E. W. Niles, who is still the unit's commanding officer. The nucleus of the unit was a cadre from the 91st Division.

Famed as the Army's "work and fight" boys, the principal work of the engineers is the construction of roads and bridges with combat a secondary activity. They also engage in the laying, as well as the clearing of mine fields, which is quite a job in itself.

Worthy of note is the fact that the "fighting engineers" have qualified 99 percent on the rifle range. A sample of their handiwork is the new infiltration course currently being used by all units of the 70th Div. It was entirely constructed by the 270th and is manned by their combat battalion.

Much of their work is difficult and requires a high degree of technical training. At one time they were called in when a water main broke on the post and with the aid of their portable water purification units, they were able to supply water to the affected area.

Demolition and engineer reconnaissance are an important part of their work. At present the intelligence and reconnaissance sections of battalion headquarters are udergoing rigorous and extensive training in preparation for Army tests.

Regular Weekly Dances and Game Nights on

Schedule at Nearby USO Clubs

Usual weekend of activities ahead at the USOs . . . up in Portland several dances are scheduled . . . Albany has a G. Washington dance next Tuesday . . . No. 14 in the Corvallis USO's girls of the week selected . . . the usual excellent program is available at George White's, Portland . . . Salem square dances are now on Wednesday nights . . .

New Discussian Group

Last week a new series of discussions, under leadership of Mrs. Tracy Johnson, Round Table, Oregon State College, was inaugurated at the Corvallis USO, held on the third floor of the Club, in the fireplace room. The series has proved popular with GIs, their wives and junior hostesses.

Sunday the topic will be "Everything Will Be the Same after the War Or Will It?" The series will close Feb. 27 with a discussion of returning servicemen and women.

GIRL OF WEEK SELECTED

No. 14 to join the Corvallis USO's Hall of Fame is Lora Jean Bennett, who received the title "Girl of the Week" at Wednesday night's midweek dance.

One of the first to join the junior hostesses in Corvallis, this 5 foot, blue-eyed miss has been working with GIs at the USO for two years. She likes dancing, all sports and singing and attends USO activities two or three nights a week.

Born in Walla Walla, Wash., 20 years ago, she has lived in Corvallis for the past seven years, graduating from Corvallis High School. After attending Oregon State college for a year-and-a-half, she is employed as secretary in the Agricultural Extension office on the campus.

Square Dance Change

Square dances at Salem's Chemeketa USO have changed from Thursday to Wednesday and from 2100 to 2030, new beginning time. This will enable men with wives in Salem to take them to the dance, home again and return to Camp.

The same old-time orchestra will be on hand.

TRIP TO HOSPITAL

Salem educational trip Sunday will be to the Oregon State Hospital. Dr. Williams, head psychiatrist, will explain the types of cases and facilities for modern treatment.

Bus will leave for Chemeketa USO at 1400. No charge.

FOR DANCING PLEASURE

Before going elsewhere to dance in Salem, it pays to find out what's going on at Chemeketa USO, they tell us.

Most Saturday nights there is a military band, or else good music over a public address system, a good floor show and attractive junior hostesses.

All for free.

Dance Feb. 22

George Washington's birthday will be celebrated Feb. 22 with a dance at the Albany USO club. The 91st Division orchestra will play from the USO stage.

Free refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY BINGO NIGHT

Friday night is practically synonymous with Bingo at the Albany USO, they tell us. The bigger the crowd, the more fun the game is. Many prizes are awarded and they're all free—cigarettes, candy, gum and matches.

SUNDAY SING

At 1900 Sunday, the Sunday sing at the Albany USO is a weekly feature. Requested songs will be sung, and some good harmony usually results.

Concert Slated Sunday

Portland's famed Apollo Club will put on your Sunday night concert hour program in the 1st floor lounge of George White Center, Portland, this Sunday. The Club is one of Portland's oldest and most outstanding musical organizations and its concerts each season are looked forward to.

The concert here is the Apollo group's first visit to George White's. It will be directed by Albert E. Jones.

OVER THE AIR

Do you like kiddies? Then be sure and see the "Stars of Tomorrow" broadcast show tomorrow morning at 1100 in the Little Theater on the third floor, George White Center, Portland.

These talented youngsters put on a mighty good show, as Adair-men who saw them in Field House can testify. It goes out over the KGW mike, and ten minutes of the program is given over to GIs who want to try their luck at the mike.

EASY ON PING PONG BALLS!

The ping pong balls at George White's, Portland, are just as precious as gold these days . . . there just aren't any more to replace them. So they're asking you to be particularly careful when you play.

POPULAR AND TIMELY

They're what everyone's talking about . . . the latest best sellers . . . and they've been added to the library shelves on the 5th floor, George White Center, Portland.

"Cross Creek," "The Days of Ofelia," "Colonel Effington's Raid," "C/O Postmaster," "Under Cover" and "30 Seconds over Tokio" are some of the titles.

Portland Dances

Among dances schedule tomorrow night at Portland USOs:

YWCA-YMCA-USO—Broadway at Taylor—Junior hostess-servicemen dance, "George Washington Ball." George Hardie's orchestra, from 2030 to 2400.

Williams Avenue USO—6 N. Tillamook St. — Dancing 2000 to 2300.

NCCS-USO—Dance of the week, 2030 to 2330.

PORTLAND SUNDAY SCHED.

Jewish Community Center USO —1636 S. W. 13th Avenue—Kids party, 1500 to 1730.

YMCA-USO—Sixth at Taylor—Chapel sing, 0945 to 1030; Coffee Club, 0900 to 1200; Social hour, 1600 to 1800.

NCCS-USO—318 S. W. Washington—Movie, "Sullivan's Travels," with Veronica Lake, 1400 and 1930; dancing, 1630 to 2300.

YWCA-USO—Broadway at Taylor—Meet in front of YWCA at 1330 for Rumpus rom party in private home.

Williams Avenue USO—6 N. Tillamook St.—Vespers, 1700.

UPRIGHT BUGLER

Hawaii (CNS) — Bugler Nick Masucci sawed a hole through the wall next to his bunk and for three or four mornings sounded reveille through it while nestling snugly in his bed. One morning, however, the C.O. checked up. Masucci now toots his horn from the standing position.

Go to church on Sunday.

PX Barber Shop Hours

All Barber Shops on the Post will be open from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. except No. 1 which is open from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. and No. 2 from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Shine Stand at PX No. 2 open to Officers and Enlisted Men.

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