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Tonight!**
All-Purpose Rec. Hall—
Plenty Pretty Girls

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ABBOT FACE!

POSTERITY ITEM

This item is for posterity. Names of the first WAAC's drawing K.P. at Camp Abbot, in Hqs. Co. SCU 1973 mess hall on May 24, when delicious pork chops, fruit salad, cauliflower, ice cold lemonade, mashed potatoes were served are Auxiliaries Agnes Connenfelt, Betty Rice, Lenore Turnquist, Daisy Saunders, Frances Scheffler and Bernice Stephens. The gals wore attractive green striped seersucker dresses, P.T. (physical training) shoes and fatigue hats—each and every item strictly G.I.

WAGS vs. WAAC's

Maybe it was a case of mistaken identity but a couple of WAAC's were slightly jarred when they heard a voice say, "Here, Wags!" Turning around, in smart military fashion, they were surprised to see Lt. G. F. Crimmon, finance officer, command "Waggles," his Boston bull to play in vicinity of the office rather than near the street. The lieutenant offered a quick apology and the smartly-trimmed soldierettes marched briskly down the road.

Extra! Pay Day Is Next Monday

Happy days are comin' at Camp Abbot! First official payroll will be distributed Monday, May 31 in individual organizations, according to Lt. G. F. Crimmon, SCU 1973, finance officer.

Approximately \$250,000 have been paid officers and enlisted men from May 12 to 30 in supplemental payrolls. Monday's payroll, however, is the first camp-wide event.

Lt. Crimmon reported for duty at Camp Abbot on March 20, later joined by two finance EM's on April 6 and four more on April 30. On May 1 the office moved from Bend to camp and within an hour, four supplemental payrolls were completed.

At present there are seven soldiers, four WAAC's and two civilian secretaries on duty in this office who are responsible for the various duties of the finance office, such as handling EM payrolls, officers' section, computing payrolls, officers' pay, travel and mileage vouchers and filing. T/Sgt. Edward F. Brinkman is the chief clerk; S/Sgt. John L. Overman, principal clerk, officers' pay and mileage, and T/4 Bill Lingo, EM payroll.

Brickbats and Bouquets, Please

This, the second issue of the Abbot ENGINEER, official post weekly newspaper, has as its editorial policies (1) to "sell" Camp Abbot to the rest of the world, (2) medium for dissemination of news to all camp personnel, and (3) to provide an outlet for the G. I.'s bitten by the journalistic bug.

This is YOUR newspaper. Consistent, whole-hearted cooperation is essential to insure campwide coverage in stories, photographs and cartoons.

If any Camp Abbot officer, enlisted men, WAAC, have ideas for stories—feature or news, cartoons, editorials, humor or personality sketches—kindly submit them to the ENGINEER. We'll see that they're properly "built up" and you'll receive an ink-stained orchid!

Abbotmen to March in Bend Memory Rites

Col. Besson Is Chief
Speaker; 200 ERTC Men,
Band Headline Parade

Soldiers from Camp Abbot will make their first public appearance in Oregon on Sunday, May 30, when approximately 200 members of the 11th and 12th groups, Engineer Replacement Training Center, participate in the Memorial Day parade in Bend honoring America's war and civilian dead.

Also participating will be the E. R. T. C. military band which will be in the line of march and take part in the formal program, following the parade. Col. Frank S. Besson, commander of Camp Abbot, will be the principal speaker on the program which is being sponsored by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts of Bend. Major William N. Andrew, post chaplain, will also speak as will several Bend ministers, and Major Joseph Arnold, commander of Madras air base.

All military units and fraternal organizations in Central Oregon have been invited to participate in both the program and parade. The civilian section of the parade will be led by the Bend high school drum and bugle corps and the American Legion Auxiliary chorus will have a prominent part in the program.

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First EM Dance Is Scheduled Tonight

Camp Abbot's first enlisted men's dance will be held Friday in the all purpose building, Corner Center St., and Group Ave., from 2000 to 2300. Admission is FREE. WAAC's will attend and dancing partners will also be drawn from civilian employees, Bend Junior Hostesses and any guests that the men desire to bring to the dance.

Music will be furnished by the Camp Abbot dance orchestra. Transportation will be furnished dancing partners from Bend for the dance.

Recruits From All U. S. Form Initial Training Battalion

Col. Mathews of 51st, Terms New Men As
"Excellent"; ERTC Band Greets Arrivals

Greeted by tuneful selections from the ERTC band, soldiers from all sections of the nation converged on Camp Abbot this week as the 51st Engr. Tng. Bn. prepared to launch the ERTC's first training program since activation of the camp a week ago.

Informally inspecting the newly-arrived recruits were officers and cadre of the 51st, under command of Lt. Col. Coke Mathews, who termed the "pioneers" as "excellent soldiers-in-the-making."

Reception centers represented by G. I.'s arriving this week included Fort Lewis, Wash.; Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Fort MacArthur, Calif.; Presidio of Monterey, Calif.; Fort Douglas, Utah; Fort Thomas, Ky.; Fort Logan, Colo.; Camp Beauregard, La.; Fort Dix, N. J.; and Fort Snelling, Minn.

The larger contingent, 96 men, traversed the entire nation from Fort Dix, N. J., and the smallest from Jefferson Barracks, which sent one man.

Trainees were assigned to each of the four companies and underwent processing during the first few days here. Equipment was also issued as the men prepared to begin arduous 12-week training course.

WAACs Assigned Col. Beveridge To 20 Camp Jobs Lauds Abbot SSO Activities

Representing a fair-cross section of America, Camp Abbot's WAAC detachment, 157 strong, have taken over duties in 20 sections of the camp organization ranging from motor transport to assignments in the office of the provost marshal.

The final group arrived Tuesday morning. Few detachments have been organized from such widely scattered group of training centers. The first two groups arriving came from administrative schools in Russellville, Ark., and Commerce, Texas. From WAAC training centers at Fort Des Moines, Ia., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Ruston, La., Camp Polk, La., and Daytona Beach, Fla., came the majority of the auxiliaries.

Members came from such widely separated points as Worcester, Mass., Blair, Neb., Ansley, La., San Francisco, and, of course, Brooklyn.

Prior to assignment to duty some members of the detachment were introduced to the well known art of policing up (Continued on Page 3)

Terming Camp Abbot's variety long range athletic and recreation program as the "most ambitious I've inspected in a number of months," Lieut. Col. William M. Beveridge, chief, Special Services Branch of the Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, was a recent visitor to this—the Army's newest ERTC. Col. Beveridge, during his two days here conferred with camp authorities and spent the greater portion of his stay visiting sites and looking over facilities for the welfare of enlisted men at Camp Abbot.

The short, dapper-appearing (Continued on Page 3)

MRS. BESSON TO ARRIVE
Camp Abbot's "First Lady"—Mrs. Frank S. Besson, wife of the post commander—is scheduled to arrive from Portland, Ore., Saturday, May 29. Col. and Mrs. Besson reside at the Wahee Cottages in Bend.

ERTC Formula Announced by Col. Douglas

Program Designed to
Equip Abbotmen for
Combat Engineer Duty

Patterned to equip recruits with the rugged training of basic Army engineering and the comprehensive military education essential to combat soldiers is the ERTC formula already in operation at Camp Abbot.

The arduous program, which trainees will follow during their 12 weeks here, was devised by the War Department, Office of the Chief of Engineers, and adapted to fit camp conditions by Lt. Col. C. J. Douglas, Chief, ERTC Training Division.

Basically, the training program is divided into five equally important divisions: engineer, military, pioneer, weapons and specialized training.

Supervisors of the five component units are Maj. Burr E. Adams, military; Maj. Paul L. Nichols, pioneer; Maj. Le Compe Joslin, weapons; Capt. Owen S. C. Hammer, engineer, and Capt. Smiley Raborn, Jr., specialized training.

Trainees of the 51st, Engr. Tng. Bn. became the first to get a taste of the program this week, as they launched upon the career of soldiering in earnest, after after several days of preliminary work.

During the first quarter of the training period more emphasis will be placed on basic military requirements and techniques. When the men are ready, a course of weapons instruction and essentials of pioneer work is woven into their daily program. Towards the end, engineering subjects and review of the other phases of work will be (Continued on Page 4)

Barbers Charge 35c for G. I. Trim; Civvy Style—45c

The price list in Camp Abbot's first of a chain of barber shops reads:

"G. I. Haircut—35c" and "Regular Hair Cut—45c."

Delving into the snipping situation we discovered that for an extra dime the barber exerts greater personalized attention to one's tonsorial needs. Two barbers are on duty.

Mr. Carr, whose deft fingers on the clippers and scissors satisfied thousands of officers and men at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., is the chief barber of the PX operated shops whose first unit opened recently in Exchange No. 1, Bldg. 755 located at the intersection of Third Ave., and C Street. Hours are from 1000 to 2200.

Mr. H. B. Potter of Seattle has been named civilian manager of exchanges. Exchange No. 1 is open from 1520 to 2200.

Think It Over!

THE objects of all military operations is success in combat. Always remember that! No matter how hectic your day becomes, no matter how intricate your problems, it is the troops—in training or combat—who are your primary consideration.

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Old Glory Waves Triumphantly at Army's Newest ERTC



SALUTE—In colorful retreat ceremonies recently, a huge new garrison flag was hoisted to the top of a stately 102-foot Oregon pine flagpole on headquarters square at Camp Abbot. Here's a portion of the troops witnessing the dramatic event at which time Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, was presented with a 38 by 20 flag, and immediately returned it to a color guard for the first hoisting. (Engineer Photo by Col. Ed Pitra, ERTC.)