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

# ABBOT ENGINEER



Essays

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**War Bonds**  
Every Payday?  
**G.I. Insurance**  
Is a Good Thing to Carry!

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## ABBOT FACE!

**LET'S BUILD A SONG!**  
Mmle. Muse has been racking our brain the past several weeks for a Corps of Engineers song. For the want of an experienced lyricist, maybe like Irving Berlin, or a composer, say like George Gershwin, we offer the following poem for some musically-minded Abbotmen to get busy and construct a catchy tune. The Special Service Office will appreciate if G. I. composers lug compositions to their office for rehearsal. Come on, Abbotmen, say it with music!

They've a song about the Army,  
The Navy and Marines,  
They've got one for the Air Corps,  
The whole darn works, it seems.

But they've never taken trouble  
Though we've served them all for years,  
To even write a verse or two,  
For the Corps of Engineers.

We built their roads and air fields,  
Their pipe lines and their camps,  
From underground munition dumps,  
To concrete loading ramps.

Railroads, dams and bridges,  
Electric power lines,  
Canals and docks and harbors,  
Even coal and iron mines.

But the Engineers aren't kicking,  
For when the Army's moving in,  
We know it's just another place  
Where we've already been.

Before the Army got there,  
We had to break the ground,  
And build it all to suit their needs,  
Solid, safe and sound.

If the Army and the Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,  
They will find the streets are guarded  
By the United States Marines.

Now who will guard the streets up there  
We aren't disposed to say,  
But we offer this suggestion,  
If they look at things that way:

When the Marines have taken over  
In the Land that knows no years,  
We think they'll find it was all designed,  
By the Corps of Engineers.

## If You Have a Car, Give a G. I. a Lift

"Thumbin' rides" by all Camp Abbot personnel is "out." Even the ultra-subtle method of simulating discarding peanut shells is taboo.

A recent camp memorandum forbids servicemen from soliciting free auto rides by any of the dozen G. I. techniques.

However, the order does not prohibit soldiers from accepting offers of rides voluntarily made by individuals.

### LOCATOR SERVICE

Locator service for all camp personnel is available 24 hours daily in the Enlisted Personnel Office by 'phoning 563.

## Col. Besson Fires First Shot On Rifle Range—A Bull's-Eye

The day was misty. Huge clusters of dark-grey clouds hugged the ashen skies. Rain fell intermittently. It was anything but an ideal Sunday morning on which to inaugurate Camp Abbot's rifle firing range.

A tall, bespectacled, pipe-smoking officer paced the freshly clinkered surface of the walk fringing the range. Dressed in a G.I. raincoat, O.D.'s and bucket-helmet, he watched with an alert eye everything on the firing line. Frequently he would scan the horizon. Around him, officers and cadre of the 51st Engr. Tng. Bn. zeroed M-1 pieces, cupping delicate sights with their hands. There was excitement in the air as the stillness was punctured by the bellows, "Ready on the right!" . . . "Ready on the left!" . . . "Ready on the firing line!"

At exactly 0729, Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, was handed the M-1, adjusted his sling, concentrated on Target 20 nearly 200 yards ahead and squeezed off the shot, unflinchingly . . . earnestly . . . quietly.

## Maj. Turrill Is Experienced to Head Personnel

Supervises Branch of  
Army Dealing With  
Human Side of Life

Admirably equipped to assume the important position as Director of Personnel at Camp Abbot is Maj. R. D. Turrill, veteran of nearly a decade in the service dealing with human problems.

Having a sound judgement of men through years of association in civilian and military personnel organizations, Maj. Turrill's biggest job is placing each person on duties for which he is best fitted. At the same time he must be able to decentralize the work of the section so that all operations can be carried on by dependable subsection chiefs.

Basically, his office is divided into five direct branches and one indirect, comprising the Office of the Director, Military Personnel branch, Chaplain's branch, Civilian Personnel branch and Special Service office. Indirectly, he is in constant contact with the American Red Cross field office in camp.

Surrounded by a staff of efficient officers, enlisted men and

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## Gas Mask Training Stressed in ERTC

Use of the gas mask will be stressed during the training program at the Engineer Replacement Training Center here, it was indicated in a memorandum issued by Lt. Col. Clarence J. Douglas, director of the Training Division. Gas masks and helmet liners will be carried by trainees and cadre on all tasks except calisthenics and other subjects in which the period plan calls for their removal.

Trainees will learn to shoot the rifle and perform other field tasks while wearing the mask. Plans call for using masks for brief periods in subjects such as infantry drill, marches and bivouacs, demolitions, bayonet training, floating bridge construction and combat principles. Defense against chemical attack will be one of the first subjects taught in the Center.

## Three G.I.'s Tip Scales at 775

Bulwarks of defense could be applied to two officers and an enlisted man in the camp's Provost Marshal office.

Capt. Ab Jolly, provost marshal, tips the beam at 245 pounds; Capt. M. A. English, police and prison officer, weighs a mere 230 pounds, but the behemoth of 'em all is S-Sgt. Andrew J. Emery who balances the scales at an even 300 pounds.

That's 775 pounds of G.I. flesh, muscle and brains!

## Need Volunteers To Build Cabin

A fishing lodge, located on the rim of Paulina lake, 22 miles southeast of Camp Abbot, for the convenience and recreation of all Abbotmen is the aim of Capt. M. A. English, camp police and prison officer, if . . . he can secure sufficient help from soldiers who love to fish and hunt.

Capt. English has leased a parcel of land from Uncle Sam and wants about 20 G.I.'s to assist him in "throwing up" a genuine log cabin to be furnished in Spartan atmosphere, but sufficiently comfortable to stave off rain or snow.

Abbotmen interested in building the cabin should contact Capt. English tomorrow before 1200 at the Provost Marshal's office.

Paulina lake is considered one of the best fishing sites in the Newberry Crater district.

Capt. English believes a cabin can be built by a 20-soldier crew after normal training hours, in a week, working several hours nightly. When built, it will be available to all soldiers on the post.

## How to Spell A-1 Abbot Soldier

Soldier is only a seven-letter word but packs a whale of a meaning. For instance, has it ever occurred to Abbotmen "how to spell soldier?"

Here's the way Col. Frank S. Besson, past commander, would like to have it spelled:

- S alutes all officers.
- O beys all commands.
- L ooks neat.
- D rills well.
- I ncreases morale.
- E ndures hardships.
- R eceives rewards.

Put 'em all together and they spell the best-trained, most-courageous and finest fighting man on earth—Uncle Sam's Yank!

## Think It Over!

Formula for a soldier: one fifth metal, one fifth spirit, one fifth leader, one fifth follower. He is one fifth athletic, one fifth sadist, one fifth student. Throw in a fifth each for mechanic, humor and common sense judgment—Total: Ten Fifths. DOUBLE SIZE!

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## Fred Waring Orchestra Will Dedicate Program to Abbot

Special Service Office Arranges Nation-Wide  
Broadcast Featuring Famed Radio Entertainers

Fred Waring's orchestra—consistently voted as one of America's most popular aggregations of radio entertainers—will, in the near future, dedicate their quarter hour nationwide broadcast to the personnel of Camp Abbot, the nation's newest Engineer Replacement Training Center, under command of Col. Frank S. Besson.

Arranged by the Special Service officer, the radio program will emanate from an eastern studio, featuring the nationally-known "Pennsylvanias," glee club, vocal and instrumental soloist, all directed by Mr. Waring. Lt. P. H. O'Brien, director of Special Services, announced that several preliminary matters will have to be accomplished before releasing a definite date for the broadcast.

Abbotmen will have an opportunity to aid in selection of songs to be featured by the Waring entertainers. A camp-wide musical poll will be conducted by the ENGINEER in its forthcoming issue.

The Public Relations Officer will prepare a "streamlined" radio script for Mr. Waring of the camp's history, personnel, facilities, location, and other salient facts that "may be interesting to the folks at home."

The Fred Waring radio show is heard nightly, except Saturday and Sunday, from 2000 to 2015 o'clock over NBC Red network.

## Two-Bits Charged for Friday Night Dances

Abbotmen attending Friday night dances at the All-Purpose recreation hall will be required to pay an admission fee of 25 cents in the future, the Special Service Office announced. Proceeds will be placed in a recreation fund and used to purchase supplies and to defray costs of



presenting entertainment programs for soldiers. Members of the WAAC Section will be admitted free of charge.

The second dance in the series will be held at the hall tonight, starting at 2000.

## Bend Acclaims ERTC Troops In Somber Memorial Parade

Beneath somber skies that seemed to accentuate the tribute to a nation's honored dead, soldiers from Camp Abbot joined with veterans of other wars and civilians in observance of Memorial Day at Bend last Sunday.

The measured tread of picked troops from the 11th and 12th Groups of E.R.T.C. proceeded by the post military band, echoed from the pavement as the soldiers, faces set in grim determination, strode through the lane of civilians and men from the army's newest ERTC. Following the Camp Abbot troops were veterans of other wars, men who fought at Cantigny, at Soissons and on the Marne. Then came state guardsmen from Prineville and Bend, many of whom, too, had served with the colors more than two decades ago. The ambulance corps of Redmond and Prineville were in the line of march as were Boy Scouts and the Tawanka Camp Fire Girls. More than two score vehicles from the ordnance service com-

mand shop brought up the rear.

"The United States is today a beacon of hope and inspiration to the people of this war-torn world. It must always remain a citadel of free men and a Democracy," Col. Frank S. Besson, commander of Camp Abbot told the large audience at the formal ceremony at the Bend high school gymnasium. "We can meet our destiny if we march shoulder to shoulder through the valley fearing no evil, confident in that calm arrogance of steel which has made the United States great," he said.

Other speakers on the program were Maj. Joseph Arnold, commanding officer, Madras Air Base and Chaplain William H. Andrew, post chaplain.

Lt. P. H. O'Brien, Special Services Officer, introduced officers from the post and nearby army installations and Maj. Robert Burleigh of the Oregon state guard introduced representatives of Bend veterans' groups.