

**Male Call** Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates" **Moral: Have Right Eye Open When You Squeeze**



**Massive Lava River Tunnels In Vicinity of Camp Site**

By PHIL BROGAN (City Editor, Bend Bulletin)

Ages ago when mountains overlooking the site now occupied by picturesque Camp Abbot battled and blew off their heads in volcanic rage, nature did a bit of engineering in the upper Deschutes country of Oregon that could hardly be duplicated by an ERTC shovel battalion.

Easing the anger of the battling peaks, whose cannonading shook the earth, nature provided vast lava conduits to carry away some of the overflow of lava from ancient Mt. Newberry and other volcanoes and fissures.

The result was massive lava river tunnels—great bores in the earth in which Bend's more than 10,000 people could take refuge in a bombing. One of these strange tunnels is only a few miles from Camp Abbot.

These tunnels, at least two of them more than a mile long, are among the strangest geologic features of the Deschutes basin. One of the conduits, Lava River tunnel, is a state park, on high-

way No. 97 between Bend and Camp Abbot. Others include Skeleton cave, the Arnold Ice caves, Horse cave and the Redmond caves.

The bore of Skeleton cave, 12 miles south of Bend, is sufficiently large to permit two locomotives to operate side by side—providing locomotives could be squeezed into the local cavern in that forms the opening of this huge tunnel.

Walls of the lava caves of the Deschutes country are solid rock. In most places, sand, origin of which remains a mystery, covers the bottom of the vast caverns. Ice is found summer and winter in some of the caves.

Geologists say the caves were formed when the lava mass in which they exist was still molten in the interior. Down slope, the lava drained out of pre-existing ravines, creating the tunnels.

Abbotmen may find it interesting to visit some of these caverns, especially on hot days when chill breezes blow out of the dark earth.

**BUILDING VERSES**

**"C. Q. for the Blues"**  
Children will suckle milk that's sour, Lava Butte will erupt almost any hour. The Deschutes will surely overflow, Even the grass will cease to grow. These plagues and others will certainly be For the dastardly trick they have played on me; Making me cancel my date with you And assume the duty of Battalion C. Q. Pfc. Gordon MacKenzie, Co. Clk. B-54.

**"Ode to a Jive Session"**  
The people swarmed into the hall And danced to make the rafters fall They whirled around by twos and twos Much damage being belt by G. I. shoes They danced until twenty-three hundred And when it ended, we all wondered How fast the days would fly, before Next Friday would come around once more. A. F. C. Pauline Tobias, WAAC Det. SCU 1973.

**Abbot Landscape Awaits Deft G. I. Beauty Treatment**

Plans for a long-range beautification program to retain Nature's unequaled pattern at Camp Abbot, was disclosed today by Col. Frank S. Besson, camp commandant. This plan when put into effect will control all exterior construction and landscaping within the camp's building area.

Main objective is to preserve all possible natural surroundings. The exception is trees of less than four inch diameter which may prove to be an inconvenience as well as a hazard. All dead branches will also be removed, regardless of height.

In this order, Col. Besson for-

bids the defacing of all trees by blazing, driving of nails, carving, or mutilation of any sort that may result in injury to the tree. The walks will be widened to pass around the trees in line.

All other natural vegetation, the attractive pine and spruce timber, and all native shrubbery will be carefully preserved, except that they may be removed to afford full width of walks, roads, and parking areas.

Individual battalions will join in with Col. Besson's suggestion in creating attractive atmosphere in the vicinity of all barracks, mess halls, recreation buildings and other organizational units.

**MORE ABOUT Maj. Turrill**  
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WAACs, Maj. Turrill's branch functions smoothly in high gear.

Maj. Turrill's assistant is Capt. Charles H. Moore, who heads the Military Personnel branch. Prior to his assignment at Abbot he directed the EM personnel at Ft. Belvoir, Fla.

The enlisted section is supervised by Capt. William S. Roberts Jr., who has had considerable experience in personnel work. In this unit there are six sub-sections: Personnel, directed by Capt. D. S. Triplett and three assistants; Assignment, Lt. M. A. Larson; Classification, Lt. J. R. Meeks, aided by an assistant; Consultation and Testing, Lt. D. D. Fowler, in charge, working closely with Maj. Arnold Eisendorfer, a nationally-recognized neuropsychiatrist of New York and Special Personnel Procurement, Lt. John Maxson and an assistant.

Problems aren't merely confined to yardbirds; officers also have their woes. When they do, it's a cinch they'll confer with Capt. E. G. Brisach, in charge of the Offices' Personnel section. Chaplain (Maj.) William A. Andrew, chief, and Chaplain Vernon A. Cooley, his assistant, and Chaplain David I. Segerstrom form the camp coterie of "sky pilots." The latter has recently assigned for duty in the post hospital. In the near future, three additional chaplains will serve personnel at Abbot and each of the three principal denominations—Protestants, Catholic and Jew—will have representatives.

Eventually, offices of the American Red Cross will be located in ERTC headquarters, said Maj. Turrill. Mr. French J. Dunning is the field director, assisted by Mr. Harold French.

Lt. P. H. O'Brien is chief of the Special Service branch, whose scope of activity includes operation of theatres, Service clubs, Guest Houses, libraries, athletics and recreation, special events, and publication of the weekly Abbot ENGINEER.

Another important section un-

der Maj. Turrill's guidance is the Civilian Personnel of which Mr. E. L. Cramblitt is chief.

There are four sub-sections, with respective heads, supervising the 726 civilians eligible for employment on the post. Units are personnel placement, classification, employe relations, safety and training, and payroll. Mr. John G. Jones, former commercial manager of the Bend radio station, was recently named associate instructor of employe relations training. He is assisted by Pfc. R. Paul Fries, Hqs. Co. SCU 1973, who, prior to entering the service was personnel director of a large industrial concern on the West Coast.

Major Turrill graduated from Business and Administration school of Michigan State college in 1933, and commissioned as Infantry officer on June 17 of that year. For four and a half years he was assigned in CCC work at Camp Custer, Mich., and during next year and a half was production manager for a large steel corporation. On Jan. 4, 1941 he answered the call to active duty. He was a member of the first graduating class of the Adjutant General's School, War College, Washington, D. C.; while at Ft. Belvoir, he served on the staff of Brig. Gen. L. W. Miller; later ordered to attend the Command and General School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., successfully completing the Services of Supply staff course and subsequently assigned to Camp Abbot as Director of Personnel.

Besides 18 officers, there are 133 enlisted men—116 from ERTC and 17 from SCU—working in Maj. Turrill's office.

**Four Abbotmen Spotted In Bulletin Interviews**

Pvt. George Griffin, medical branch SCU 1973; Pfs. Alex C. Dalley, QM SCU 1973; T/5 Frederick Fitzer, C. 55, and Pvt. Ariel A. Briley, 51st ET Btn., won front-page interviews in the Bulletin, Bend's daily newspaper.

The new feature, "Who Goes There?" will appear daily in The Bulletin—so if their reporter snags you—cooperate and you'll claim a clipping from the mails soon after.

**Center St. to Have Entrance Gate**

New York has its Fifth Ave. . . . San Francisco has its Market St. . . . Washington, D. C. has its Pennsylvania Ave. . . . and Camp Abbot has its Center St.

Extending through the heart of the Army's newest ERTC, Center St. is approximately two miles long and is the principal road connecting Highway 97 into camp. Completion of the road one day last week shortened the distance from Bend by about a mile.

According to Capt. G. E. Zelhart, CE., post engineer, plans are under consideration for future construction of an individual arch spanning the main entrance gate of Center St. Area Engineers, it is reported, are considering several designs utilizing rustic wood, indigenous to this locale, as the principal decorative scheme.

Capt. Zelhart also said that camp construction schedules are being completed by contractors, in many instances, days ahead of original deadline.

**Red Cross Plans Room For G. I. Convalescents**

The American Red Cross will have a recreational building located in the Camp Abbot hospital area for the use of convalescent patients, with facilities for enlisted personnel wishing to rest, read or write.

Motion picture equipment has been ordered and current movies will be shown twice weekly in the recreation building which has a seating capacity of 200. There will be no charge for theatre offerings for the patients. A recreation staff has been requested by Col. Frank G. Crandall, Jr., post surgeon, consisting of a recreational director and two social workers who will assist the patients with any problems, letter writing and aids to recovery and comfort.

Plans also call for a lounge room with overstuffed furniture, library and reading room and every possible help for Camp Abbot personnel, according to Mr. Frank J. Dunning, Field Director.

First G. I.: "Back in civilian life I was an artist."  
Second: "I was, too."  
Third: "I see—a pair of drawers."

**Post Legal Officer Ready to Help Abbot Personnel**

Abbotmen desiring bona fide legal assistance are reminded to visit the post Judge Advocate and not listen to the torrid breezes of "guardhouse lawyers."

1st Lieut. Stanberry Foster is the camp's legal assistance officer and his office is available to all military personnel and their families for free consultation on all personal legal matters.

The post judge advocate will without cost, in addition to consultations, prepare wills, powers of attorney, and other necessary legal documents. Best time to visit Lt. Foster is during the afternoon in post headquarters, and between 1900 to 2100 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cpl. William Harvey, a lawyer for more than 20 years, assists Lt. Foster.

The legal assistance officer does not undertake the representation of military personnel before civil or military courts.

Lt. Foster, prior to his entry into active service, was assistant attorney general of the state of Washington, in charge of tax litigation and has been a member of that state's Bar for ten years.

**Rationed Smoke Breaks For ERTC Trainees**

"Smoke breaks" are going to be "rationed" due to the vulnerability of timber in this area to fire, a recent ERTC training memorandum stated.

Smoking during the day in the training areas, outside the camp area, is prohibited, except under the following conditions:

When messing in the field in the bivouac areas under supervision of unit commanders, and in certain designated area.

Under no circumstances will smoking be allowed during any night training.

**Maj. Avery Is First ENGINEER Subscriber**

Honor of being the first subscriber to the Abbot ENGINEER, official post newspaper, goes to Maj. William T. Avery, Hqs. 55th Engr. Tng. Bn., who requested the weekly be mailed for the next three months to Mrs. J. J. Floyd of Webb, Ala., and Mr. Ira Moore of Heiberger, Ala.

**Aux. Strawn Hits P.O. WAACpot**

The WAAC mail orderly didn't ring once or twice . . . but 60 times one day last week for Aux. Ruth Strawn.

The former Los Angeles county elementary playground director received notes from 60 students who learned of her transfer to Camp Abbot and devoted the greater portion of their recreation period one afternoon to writing the letters.

"I was thrilled beyond words receiving so many letters from my former students," Aux. Strawn said. She is assigned to the post Special Service office.

**Camp Police Take Bow on Weekly Radio Show**

The duties of the Corps of Military Police and the inner workings of this branch of the armed forces was the subject of a discussion over Radio Station KBND, Bend, last Thursday night between Capt. Ab. Jolly, Camp Abbot provost marshal and Lt. P. H. O'Brien, special service officer.

"The corps is concerned with all crimes and offenses committed by any person subject to military law within the area under control of the organization to which they are attached or assigned," Capt. Jolly said.

Capt. Jolly also explained the important duties of the corps in the zone of operations such as the recent North African campaign when more than 200,000 axis prisoners were taken and turned over to the military police pending transfer to internment camps.

"I know which side my bread is toasted on."  
"Not toasted. Buttered."  
"Toasted. Who's got butter?"

**BARS and STRIPES**

- S/Sgt. Sgt. Frank J. Petersen, 12th Gp. Hq. T/4 Denny J. Bellucci, C-56.
- Sgt. Cpl. Harry O. Yetter, B-37. Cpl. Jacob W. White, C-56. T/5 Norman H. Yost, D-57. T/5 Russell R. Donaldson, Hq. Co. ERTC T/3 Robert W. Johnson, Hq. Co. ERTC T/4
- Cpl. Ervin J. Sexton, QM Sec. SCU 1973. Cpl. Ervin O. Stanger, QM Sec. SCU 1973.
- Cpl. Pfc. Forbes L. Satter, 12th Gp. Hq. Pfc. Martin D. Friedman, Med. Sec. SCU 1973. Pvt. Lloyd Hydorn, 12th Gp. Hq. Pfc. Morris C. Guss, Hq. Co. SCU 1973. Pvt. Donald M. Reese, Hq. Co. ERTC. Pvt. Robert J. Kett, Hq. Co. ERTC. T/5
- Pvt. Jack Siegel, B-37. Pvt. Louis Pizzano, B-37. Pvt. George M. Barge, B-37.