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ABBOT FACE!

ACCI-DENTALLY GIGGED

Our Fort Belvoir, Va., correspondent, whom we pay off in Abbot pine cones, submits this item revealing that discipline has soared to a new high at the Engineer OCS.

One day, the communique said a candidate was gigged for improper display of his false teeth at inspection. The inspecting officer was perplexed to see the dentures displayed . . . and on the wrong side of the foot-locker!

BORING NEWS!

The enemy can furnish no greater terror than army camp mosquitoes. Already the subject has taken on a Baron Munchausen flavor. Here at Abbot, where the multi-legged stabbers are already at work, yarn-spinning ERTCmen relate these experiences:

One guy said all of the mosquitoes here were "Superman-ish." Another swears he can't tell 'em apart from the four-motored bombers . . . A lanky futherner delights in revealing that the "skeeters" have outfigured the GI's who put nettings over each cot. One mosquito lifts the netting while the others dive at the victim . . . The topper, however, comes from M/Sgt. L. W. Henry of the 12th Gp. Hqs. He woke up one night, he relates, to find a huge one on his chest. While he waged in fascination the mosquito turned over his dog tags—to see what kind of blood he had before starting boring.

A WARM THOUGHT

It was a cold morning for June when the gals of the WAAC answered first call at Abbot the other day. It was so nippy in fact that Afc. Ann Borice remarked, "Gee, I wish I had a boy friend at home to knit me a sweater!"

DON'T "TS" US

Personal memo to the Oregon State Highway Department: The pretty white metal posts stationed in the vicinity of the camp bear the black-enameled imprint of "ABBOTT." That's one too many "T's." How about a new sign with the proper spelling? Many thanks!

DOUMANI ADMIRES

Pvt. George Doumani, Hq. Co. SCU 1973 has permission of the mess sergeant to practice on his violin from 1900 to 2100 amid the silence of the half-darkened eatery. "It's pretty hard to bow along in the barracks . . . too noisy. But, here in the mess hall, it's heaven!" So what happened? His barracks admirers now flock to the mess hall and listen attentively as he fingers a melange of melodies. They usually applaud his efforts and the chef kicks in with a cup of battery acid and doughnuts before the mob disperses.

Think It Over!

The office of the Adjutant General receives one piece of correspondence for each 500 men in the Army each day.

With a modest estimate of 4,000,000 soldiers in service, AGO receives 8,000 letters daily. The average letter is handled by three people for one hour each.

This means that AGO expends 24,000-man hours daily in administering Army affairs.

Contributed by
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What Rookies Do After Retreat



AFTER A BUSY DAY IN THE FIELD—Camp Abbot recruits, like these two, ordinarily get their equipment in tip-top shape for the next day, read or write letters, visit Battalion rec halls or canteens, and study the finer points of basic Engineer instruction. Pvt. Morgan H. Sullivan, left, scanning a letter from home, while Pvt. Glenn C. Abbott cleans his trusty M-1 rifle. Both are in C-52.

(ENGINEER Photo by Hahn.)

Camp Theater Expected to Be Open "Very Shortly"

With all of the necessary equipment on hand and immediate booking of Hollywood's finest pictures an assurance, Camp Abbot's Theater No. 1 is expected to be operating "very shortly."

The GI cinemahouse, located on Group Ave., just off Center St., can accommodate 1,038 persons. Two well-balanced bills will be shown nightly, at 1830 and 2030, with matinees scheduled on Sundays at 1400. Admission for adults will be 15 cents, while children of officers or enlisted men will be admitted for 10 cents.

An engineer from the U. S. Motion Picture Service is expected over the weekend to supervise installation of the projectors and sound equipment.

The theater, to be operated by the Special Service Branch, will be managed by Acting T/Sgt. Thurman S. Justus, experienced operator.

Housing Survey Started for Camp Workers

The prospects for a War Housing area within Camp Abbot limits were being surveyed this week among some 400 civilian employees by Mr. Donald L. Ellis, chief of the employes' relations department in the Civilian Personnel branch.

Mr. Ellis has been contacting each of the employees with a questionnaire which has three questions to get a consensus as to living conditions, eating and recreational facilities and the other comforts of home.

The first question indicates that dormitories may be built for civilian employes housing employees in units of from one to five persons.

The second question concerns possible separate housing units consisting of three-in-one apartments and larger apartments which may eventually go as high as five rooms.

The third question deals with comments relative to eating in a civilian cafeteria and recreational facilities which may even include a library.

At the bottom of each questionnaire is a space for remarks. Many large army camps have civilian housing areas within their boundaries to accommodate the many hundreds of civilians engaged in the essential war effort by releasing general service men for combat duty.

The questionnaire originated from the office of Major R. D. Turrill, Director, Personnel Relations.

New Home Soon Ready For WAACs

For the second time since their arrival here over a month ago, Camp Abbot's contingent of WAACs were preparing to move sometime next week into their newly-constructed barracks in the area of Hospital road and 56th St.

Abbot's WAAC-row consists of two, double-story barracks, mess hall, administration building and combination day room, Camp Exchange and Officers' quarters.

All of the buildings are built along WAAC specifications. There are a few "feminine conveniences," such as individual showers and tubs. But everything is strictly G. I.

Features of the barracks are cadre rooms for non-coms and WAACs assigned to mess personnel and as orderlies. The recreation hall looms to be the haven of the skirted soldiers for, eventually, overstuffed furniture will be supplied, as will table games, electric phonograph and vending machine. The Special Service Office will furnish these items in the near future.

OFFICES IN HQS. ANNEX

With the creation of a streamlined organizational chart, the former Post Headquarters, building 202, now an annex, will house the following offices: Inspection division, Finance office, limited facility branch of the First National Bank of Portland, Gas Ration board, Billeting officer, Claims officer, Mess officer, Post Judge Advocate, Post Intelligence officer, Special Service Branch and Public Relations office.

Abbot March to Top Radio Show

New Masthead Designed By T/4 E. R. Kroepelin

Strikingly portraying the aims of ERTC troops here is the new masthead drawing appearing for the first time in this issue of the Abbot ENGINEER increased to eight pages.

Created by T/4 Ernest R. Kroepelin, skillful lithographer of ERTC publications, the artistic sketch is the first in a series of drawings that Ernie will execute to "dress" up the official post weekly newspaper.

Latest News Available to Troops Here

Troops stationed at Camp Abbot will receive last minute world-wide news, hot from the wires of the Associated Press, United Press, Transradio and International News Service. The news bulletins will be distributed in mimeograph form to every unit on the post, Lt. P. H. O'Brien, Special Service Officer, announced.

The new service has been inaugurated because the Army knows that a well-informed soldier is a better fighting man and through introduction of this service every man on the post will know the highlights of action on all war fronts in most instances before it appears in metropolitan papers.

The news budget, of approximately 1500 words, will be received here through teletype facilities of the post signal office, through arrangements made with the Army's special service division.

When tried out as an experiment three months ago such a hearty reception was accorded its appearance by officers and enlisted men alike that instead of the report being sent to the larger posts it is now being sent even to remote detachments.

The mimeograph bulletins will be prepared from the wire report by the Public Relations Office and will be distributed speedily. They will appear on company bulletin boards, and later, when they are opened, in service clubs and post libraries.

Camp Musician Composes Song For Waring Unit

Balloting Heavy for Other Selections on Nationwide Broadcast

Camp Abbot will have its own march, "The Song of the Abbot Engineers," broadcast over 129 stations of the NBC, Red network Thursday evening, July 29, when Fred Waring and his orchestra dedicate their 15-minute "Victory Tunes" program to the Post and the nation's newest Engineer Replacement Training Center.

Composer of the march is S/Sgt. Jack Hayes, leader of the Camp Abbot dance orchestra.

Another feature of the show, arranged by the Special Service Office, will be a narrative episode on the history of the camp. Material will be supplied by the

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Public Relations Office. Musical and vocal selections, which Camp Abbot soldiers have been asked to select by balloting, will round out the coast-to-coast program.

The Camp Abbot song, described by Hayes as a simple march which can be played with "a lift," has a "catchiness" that makes it easy to memorize and sing.

No lyric has been written yet, but Hayes vows there will be one within a week. Equipped with a ream of manuscript paper, a gross of pencils, a volume of rhyming verses, a piano and some peanut butter sandwiches, the composer plans to lock himself in a room and remain there until the job is finished—or he is.

The Public Relations Office was deluged with ballots listing favorite selections this week after forms appeared in the Abbot Engineer. Balloting will continue throughout next week.

The form may be filled from page 8 of this issue. Soldiers are requested to mail their ballots through the Message Center or deliver them in person to the PRO, Bldg. 202.

They'll Sing Abbot Request Songs



VICTORY TUNESMITHS—These four cute vocalists will warble in their inimitable style the most popular songs selected by Abbotmen when famed Orchestra Leader Fred Waring dedicates his "VICTORY TUNES" program to ERTC Thursday evening, July 29. If the names will help, here they are, Donna Dae, left; Daisy Bernier, Ruth Cottingham and Jane Wilson.