

Fifty-First Men Learn Uses of Engineer Tools

Capt. Owen Hammer Directs Training to Equip Men for Tasks

Abbot trainees of the 51st Bn. this week became acquainted with the engineer tool chest.

The tools and equipment training in the third, fourth and fifth week prepares ERTC trainees for work in general construction and fixed bridge training, digging of foxholes and proper use of hand and power tools.

A peep at the tool chest discloses carpenter tools which include the hand saw, hammer, plane, chisel, compass, saws, auger and brace. With these the trainee builds such articles as work tables, saw horses and foot locker stands from working drawings.

There are pioneer wood tools such as axes and adzes, crosscut saws, machetes, brush hooks, peavies. During training with pioneer wood tools the engineers build bridge timbers which are later used in fixed bridge training, equipment racks and other articles to improve training facilities.

"Articles built by trainees are utilized as the work progresses and the course is planned so the soldier may visualize the ultimate aim of the work under construction," said Capt. Owen S. C. Hammer, Engineer Training Officer, whose name befits his assignment.

Trainees are taught the proper use of pioneer earth tools, including picks, railroad picks, mattocks, post hole augers and shovels. Use of these tools with either hand leading prevents fatigue. They also receive instruction in proper manner of digging foxholes.

Additional instruction in use of power tools includes cross-cut chain saw, circle saw, nail drivers and augers. Later in the course specialist training utilizes blacksmith tools, tinsmith sets and sign painting equipment.

The training area in the 56th and 57th Bns. will be cleared of undergrowth, small trees and the area prepared for close-order drill. Also the area at 57th and Center will be cleared of brush and trees that create a fire hazard. This is part of regular training and not a "fatigue drill."

It is planned in the tools and equipment training to clear many of the training areas too thickly wooded for efficient training.

"Cougar" Found To Be a Porcupine

A case of mistaken identity recently caused the death of an apparently well-meaning porcupine acting as self-appointed guard at a post-property dump on the Deschutes river near the main encampment.

The porcupine, awake to the need of adequate protection for such garrison caches, had occupied a strategic position and was ready to let fly at intruders, when Pfc. William Hodges and Sam Kemp, SCU 1973 military police guarding the area, discovered the animal, mistook him for a cougar and fired.

To prove their story, Hodges cut off the animal's foot and brought it to headquarters. "We didn't want to get stuck with the rest of the animal," they said.

Motor Transport Launches Freight Service to Bend

Freight and transportation service for official business between Bend and Camp Abbot has been instituted by the Motor Transportation Branch. Trucks leave camp for Bend from building 320 each morning at 0900. To place service requests phone 511 before 0830. Trucks depart from Bend to arrive at building 320 by 1200 and 1400.

Afternoon requests must be transmitted to the dispatcher by 1330 daily. Trucks will depart from Bend to arrive at building 320 by 1700.

Engineer Tools Interest Rookies



(ENGINEER Photo by Hahn.)

HANDY KIT FOR COMBAT TRAINING — Gathered around the compact, expertly-designed Engineer tool chest are an officer and enlisted men of the 51st Bn. T/5 Charles K. Kessler, left; Cpl. Ralph E. Ingersoll, Lt. P. B. Ribbeck, in charge of instruction, and T/5 Carl L. Gosselin. These tools play an important role in the education of Army combat Engineers.

ROTC Students to Train At Abbot

Advanced R. O. T. C. students, members of engineering units at various universities and colleges throughout states in the Ninth Service Command, and who were inducted in the Army as privates at the beginning of the Spring school term, are arriving at Camp Abbot as part of the regular trainee quota. The first group has been assigned to the 51st Engr. Tng. Bn.

These former junior and senior college students will be given the same 12-week training as regularly inducted trainees. At the conclusion those considered most proficient will be sent direct to Officer Candidate Schools; others less proficient but considered capable material for specialists, will be ordered to Army Specialist Training Schools in this command area.

Those who do not qualify for either of the first two groups will continue as enlisted men in the Corps of Engineers.

Arrival of a group from the Oregon State College at Corvallis is expected soon, furloughs being granted last week at termination of the school term. They will report to Camp Abbot upon expiration of their respective leaves.

New Furlough Regulations Set

Abbotmen dreaming of one of mother's home-cooked meals, or a date with the chick on Main St., will be happy over the new furlough ruling released by HQ NSC allowing furloughs not to exceed five days to personnel prior to departure for a Port of Embarkation or a Replacement Depot subject to overseas shipment, except where urgent military necessity prohibits.

The bulletin applies to enlisted men regardless of length of service who have had no furlough since ordered to active duty and those who have had no furlough in the past six months.

As graduates of this replacement training center are subject to overseas shipment, each soldier will be eligible for furlough upon completion of the prescribed training and prior to such shipment. Men will be canvassed by their organization commanders to determine furlough possibilities.

Enlisted men leaving on furloughs will return to Camp Abbot upon expiration of visit. Men approved for training in Officer Candidate Schools or ASTP are not eligible for furlough, under the new provisions.

BAGS SEEK OWNERS

Thirteen unclaimed pieces of baggage may be unlucky for as many people if not called for at Warehouse 307. Barracks bags or express held at the L. C. L. warehouse bear the following names: T/Sgt. W. D. Higginbotham; T/Sgt. Peter S. Radsik; T/Sgt. Carl J. Ranta, S/Sgt. Jos. A. Jones; S/Sgt. Jos. R. Kessler; Sgt. J. F. Hanback, Cpl. Francis J. Tighe, Pvts. Marion L. Ahrens, E. G. Anderson, Robert Bollbaugh, Donald D. Woodworth, Robert Zimmer, R. V. Zimmerman and R. A. Newton.

Gen. Noce Causes Axis "Jitters"

Appointment of Brig. Gen. Daniel Noce, commanding general of the Amphibian Command at Camp Edwards, Mass., and former executive officer at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to a new assignment in North Africa was announced by the War Department this week. Associated Press dispatches said the assignment was a new cause for Axis "jitters" and described the general as an expert in amphibian and debarkation tactics.

Many of Camp Abbot's cadre served under Gen. Noce when, as a colonel he was executive officer under Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III at Ford Leonard Wood in 1942. With the general on his new assignment are a number of officers and men transferred from Fort Wood to Camp Edwards when he left the Missouri station.

Attach 'Wings' to Letters Home

Camp Abbot soldiers like to attach "wings" to their letters.

Airmail stamps are the most popular type sold at the camp post office, according to Lt. Joseph S. Sickler, postal officer. Three-centers and penny and a half varieties follow closely behind the leader.

CIVVY CHOW RULES

The lunch box gained new prominence at Camp Abbot this week following the closing of the civilian mess in Building T-230 on Headquarters avenue last Saturday. Civilians living on the post were instructed to board at their nearest company mess or to bring lunches.

Mess Sarge: "We have thousands of things to eat."

Rookie: "Yeah, what are they?"

Mess Sarge: "Beans."

Short Shirt Story; Uncle Sam Freezes GI Fancy Creases

The scene—any barracks, any place, in any army camp in the U. S. A.

The participants—A couple of soldiers dressing for that weekend pass.

Camera—lights—action! "Remember when we use to have our shirts creased, boy, that was the time."

"Yeah, but what happened?" "Oh, some manpower shortage so they cut out our creases."

"Curtain." On recent edict from Washington creases in G. I. shirts are out for the duration. The rule is in force at Camp Abbot, too.

G.I. Panes Washed By Numbers

During civvy days window washing was just a part of Spring housecleaning, but with inspection a calendar event, it's now regular weekly G.I. detail.

It has been noted at Camp Abbot that window screens are being removed for the purpose of washing outside windows. That this practice will be discontinued at once is not a "hint" but an order, as it causes damage to the tar paper, screen and casing.

The following instructions, from camp authorities, have been issued for the sliding type window:

Remove either the lower or upper guide and lift the sash out. When replacing the window exercise care that the guide is securely nailed in place.

For the tilting type window such as found in barracks, the sash may be removed by raising it over the top of the frame . . . after the window is open to its normal position.

To insure satisfactory results, equip a detail with a carload of rags, tub of hot water, bag of soap chips and a hefty noncom to prod the dogfaces to set a "shining" example of their endeavors.

Two WAAC Officers Here For Administration Study

Two new WAAC Third Officers were in Camp Abbot this week for a month's training in company administration and operation.

They are Emily Caldwell from Camp Shelby, Miss., and Jane Carter, Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. The former is a native of Atlanta, Ga., while the latter was sworn in on her 21st birthday in Dallas, Texas.

IT'S DE-LAVALY

Wonder if the exploration of nearby lava caves will tempt Abbotmen to coin a new phrase to replace "pitchin' woo?" Already we've heard a couple of G.I.'s talking about "cutting a little lava rock!" With so many good looking chicks around here we think it's a "laval" suggestion.

"You can be mastoid of ceremonies."

"A mestoid is a pain in the ear."

"See what I mean?"

Camp Exchanges Receive Goods; 8 Units Set Up

Offer Variety Items for Troops Needs; Hours Locations, Designated

Business is good!

That is the only way to describe the activities of the eight exchanges at Camp Abbot, according to figures released by Mr. H. B. Potter, civilian manager, Friday. Based on tentative figures the eight exchanges did a \$19,000 business the first three weeks this month which isn't exactly hay.

The one sour chord in the entire setup from the soldier standpoint is the unhappy note that beer may be rationed in order to make the golden brew go around.

However, at the present time, a continual new stock of goods are rolling in regularly with some of the newer items including razors and blades, pocket knives, combs and yes, WAACs' cold cream.

At the present there are 32 soldiers doing part time work in the various exchanges or warehouse and 20 civilian full-time employees. Under the present set up there are eight outlets with two more scheduled and also a setup for each battalion as it fills up.

Capt. Del B. McClure heads up the Exchange setup at Abbot and is assisted by Lt. Charles Keithahn, who recently came here from the Presidio of San Francisco.

At the present time canteens, that is places to purchase articles to eat, drink and smoke

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FOR BETTER OR VERSE

THE MIGHTY BESSON ROD
By Cpl. John Abrahamson
(Roving Cadre, D-51)

When at roll-call they are missing,
And the sergeant they are hissing,
That's the time to prod,
With your BESSON ROD.

When from police-call, they are hiding,
And the sick-book they are riding,
That's the time to prod,
With your BESSON ROD.

When they duck the side-straddle hop,
And on their bellies refuse to flop,
That's the time to prod,
With your BESSON ROD.

Non-coms mustn't rant or rave
Nor do the things they sometimes crave;
All they do is wave this stick,
And pray that the response is quick.

If the trainee doesn't jump,
He may wind up with a lump,
Colonel thinks it is a Magic Wand,
But mine will wind up in the pond.

To non-coms, its a nemesis,
For when we find a moments' bliss,
We receive a prod,
From that BESSON ROD.

When ourselves we are concealing,
And a puff or two are stealing,
Then we get a prod
From that BESSON ROD.
When from barracks we slip away,
Next day our C. O. makes us pay,
When he starts to prod,
With that BESSON ROD.

We must hold it like a saber,
Tho really it's no great labor,
For we love to prod,
With our BESSON ROD.

Friday night, I went out dancing,
Then I tried to go romancing,
But I got a prod,
From that BESSON ROD.



"I love my wife too, Alfred. But that's . . . that's Art!"