

Fifty-Third Battalion to Be Activated Next Monday

Uncle Sam's newest recruits began infiltrating the 53rd Engr. Tng. Bn. this weekend as Camp Abbot's third training unit awaited activation with first phases of training scheduled for Monday, June 28.

"We have a marvelous group of officers and cadre," said Major C. A. Looney, 53rd Bn. commanding officer. "Everything will be in readiness by Monday."

Like their buddies in the 51st and 52nd, trainees assigned to this new battalion are from scattered areas of the United States. Majority of the boys with brand-new fatigues expressed appreciation of the camp's ideal location and facilities.

The battalion will occupy its row of "theater of operation" type of barracks fronting 53rd Street which will be filled up as fast as the balance of men arrive.

Lt. T. F. Weisman, battalion adjutant, reported that these trainees are arriving in camp at the most ideal time—climatically, as well as for basic training, since July, August and September are considered the "ideal months" in Oregon.

Officers in charge of the companies consist of Capt. D. O. Elliott, "A"; Capt. H. A. Kidbe, "B"; Capt. J. F. O'Grady, Jr., "C"; and Capt. C. W. Weil, "D".

Commissary Chief Keeps G.I.'s Happy

To keep foods seasonable to the taste, good health and appetite of all Camp Abbot personnel is the job of the Quartermaster sales commissary, under the direction of Capt. Emil L. Mosheim.

Balanced menus, vitamin content and the obtaining of best products available to keep Abbotmen marching "on their stomachs" makes Capt. Mosheim's detail one of the most important on the post.

The commissary has increased its personnel since moving from Bend and now employs seven enlisted men, three WAACs and five civilians. It is located in the Supply and Service Building.

Vocalists Invited to Join Camp Choir Organization

Camp Abbot will have an excellent mixed choir if attendance figures for recent rehearsals are any indication. Lt. John H. Stenmark, choir leader, said this week. Some 25 soldiers and members of the WAAC section are attending rehearsals in the new Post chapel held each Wednesday at 1930. Vocalists interested in joining the chorus are invited to attend. Organ accompaniment is provided by S/Sgt. Frank A. Mader.

Hospital Dietician Arrives for Duty

To plan menus, diets and supervise all meal planning for Camp Abbot's Station Hospital is a pretty big job for the slight, young shoulders of Lt. Janet E. Charters, who assumed her duties as dietician.

Lt. Charters received her degree in home economics at Ohio University. On graduation, she returned to her alma mater as dietician in Residence Hall. She spent a year internship at Henry Ford hospital at Detroit. A member of the American Dietetics Association, she is a native of Williamsfield, Ohio.

At Station Hospital, she will have charge of menu-planning and food output for all officers, patients and personnel of the hospital mess halls.

Alaskan Highway Officially Named

Constructed by Army Engineers, the controversial word "Alcan" was officially discarded recently and the famous 1630-mile road from White Horse, Yukon Territory to Fairbank, Alaska, will be known henceforth as the "Alaska Military highway."

Brig. Gen. James A. O'Connor, according to press dispatches, said the road was rechristened because the name "Alcan" never was accepted by the press of the U. S., Canada or Alaska.

A number of trucks used in construction of the highway are currently undergoing repairs in Camp Abbot by ERTC mechanics.

Camp Awaits Branch Bank Facility Opening July 1

Next Thursday, July 1, has been set as the opening of a limited banking facility for the convenience of Abbot personnel in Post Hqs. Annex, Bldg. 202, it was announced by Mr. J. B. Cusick, assistant manager, Bend branch, First National Bank of Portland, who will manage the camp branch.

A feature of the bank will be facilities to cash personal checks, as well as accept deposits, making loans and sale of War Bonds and stamps.

In order to cash a personal check, a soldier must sign his name, rank, ASN, and countersigned by any officer. Banking hours will be 1000 to 1500 weekdays and until noon on Saturday. There will be four tellers' cages, a modern vault installed in the camp bank and three civilians will be employed.

Trainees Like M/Sgt. Likens; Likes 'Em, Too

By Cpl. Harlan L. Weeks
(ERTC Message Center)

A seven letterman on the gridiron and basketball courts of Kentucky is the athletic background of the sergeant major of the week, M/Sgt. Lloyd W. Likens of Enlisted Men's Personnel Branch.

Likens has the largest group of enlisted men working under him of any section or branch in the post with more than 60 reporting daily. The branch sergeant major enlisted in the army on September 17, 1940 from his home in Bowling Green, Ky., where he was an engineer for a utility concern. However,



M/Sgt. Likens

he now claims Raton, Texas as his home. He won four athletic awards in the Bowling Green high school and three more at Bowling Green College of Commerce.

Lloyd took his training at Fort Bragg, with the 15th Engineer Battalion. On April 26, 1941 Sgt. Likens came to Fort Leonard Wood as personnel clerk with the rating of corporal. His climb to his present rating of master sergeant was done within eighteen months after he was at Fort Wood. In August, 1941 he made sergeant, November of the same year, staff sergeant. He received his technical sergeant's rating in April of 1942, and master in November of 1942.

At Fort Wood he was attached to Company A, 28th Engrs. and became first sergeant of Company B of the same battalion. He went into Personnel EM in November, 1941 and left and then returned in April, 1942 after serving his "hitch" as first sergeant. In November, 1942, Likens was named sergeant major and held that position until his transfer to the Camp Abbot cadre.

The personable young sergeant major said that his main duties consisted of seeing that the trainees and their problems confronting them were handled as quickly as possible to make them feel more at home especially in relation to their folks back home.

He might be termed "godfather" to the trainees, since in finishing the interview, Sgt. Likens stated "I am the most available of availables for trainees."

He, with Mrs. Likens, resides in Bend.

(Editor's Note: More about another sergeant major of the Camp Abbot organization next week. These interviews are printed with the thought of acquainting the enlisted men with the "key" sergeant majors on the post.)

CAMP ABBOT CHURCH RITES

JEWISH SERVICES
Jewish Services will be held Friday, June 25, at 1900.

CATHOLIC SERVICES
Catholic Services will be held at 0830, Sunday June 27. Confession will be heard before Mass at 0900.

PROTESTANT SERVICES
Protestant Services will be held on Sunday, June 27 at 1000 and 1930.

SPECIAL SERVICES
Special Services for 52nd Bn. ERTC in Chapel 754 at 1830.
Special Services for 53rd Bn. ERTC in Chapel 1255 at 1830.

Wednesday, June 30, 1930
Choir rehearsal in Post Chapel (Bldg. 208).

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE POST CHAPEL

"What's the difference between a girl and a horse?"
"I don't know."
"Gosh, I'll bet you have some swell dates."

Beautiful Post Chapel to Open Tonight for Services

Abbot GI's Take Over USO for Fun

Senior hostesses of the USO in Bend and their husbands saw social life from the soldier's angle last night when Camp Abbot soldiers "took over" the USO, served refreshments and staged an entertainment program to show their appreciation for the hospitality shown them by the city's residents.

Refreshments were prepared by camp cooks, and soldiers operated the USO's snackbar. Arrangements were in charge of Cpl. Ralph Bloch, ERTC Enlisted Personnel.

"The hostesses thoroughly enjoyed the affair," said charming Ann McLoughlin, USO associate director.

MORE ABOUT Exchanges

(Continued from Page Three)

are set up in the recreation halls, while toilet articles and other items are handled only by the Exchanges.

Exchange No. 1, located in building 755, open from 1500 to 2200 daily is the only place to purchase bus tickets.

Other exchanges are in buildings 2756, a "rec" hall; 1026, a "rec" hall; the officers exchange in building 215; another in building 1257; No. 6 at 1251. No. 7 is located in the Station Hospital, while No. 8 is located in building 1452. All of the exchanges are open from 1800 to 2200 daily with the exception of the Station Hospital which opens at 1300 and closes at 2000 and building 1257 which opens as does No. 1 at 1500. The Officers' exchange is not open on Sunday but the others are for the convenience of soldiers.

Three civilian barbers are busy at the No. 1 exchange, building 755 from 1100 until 2100 and are now planning to move to larger quarters and to be assisted by "G.I." barbers.

Trainee Jig on Tuesday; Friday Night Dance Off

A dance for trainees and cadre of the 51st and 52nd Engineer Training Battalions will be held at the All-Purpose Recreation Hall, Center street and Group avenue, Tuesday night, the Post Special Service Office announced. Music will be provided by the Camp Abbot dance orchestra.

The regular Friday night dance open to all men on the Post will not be held this week.

CADRE STUDY TASK PLANS

To familiarize cadre of each battalion with task plans, informal discussions will be held at least four nights weekly under supervision of group commanders, a recent ERTC training memorandum stated.

The Chaplain's COLUMN

One generation shall praise thy works to another.

Psalm 145:4
In this short sentence God sums up this program or plan of religious education. Each in its turn, the older generations are to make known to the younger God's wonderful works. The mighty works in nature, in earth, in sky and sea, revealed in beauty and power, in light and life, are all from His Creator hand. Each generation must make known to the next God's goodness and mercy. His redeeming love in Christ, His saving, active grace in the work of the Holy Spirit.

Through long centuries God's plan of education has been in operation. Many generations have functioned poorly, but none has ever failed completely. The great, God-given tradition goes on. Our generation is much occupied in home, in church school, in colleges, trying to make this plan effective in the life of the next generation. The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God.

Camp Abbot's new and beautiful Post chapel, located in a peaceful setting surrounded by giant pine trees, will be occupied by worshipping soldiers for the first time tonight, it was announced by Maj. William H. Andrew, post chaplain. The chapel is in Bldg. 208, on Group Ave., just off Center St.

Servicemen of Jewish faith will conduct services at 1900 under the direction of Ist. Lt. B. Klabanoff, and assisted by Sgt. Morris Staysky, Med. Det. SCU 1973.

On Sunday, June 27, six religious services are scheduled, Chaplain Andrew said. At 0830, Catholic soldiers will gather for prayer, and at 0900 there will be a Mass ritual.

Protestant services will be conducted at 1000 and at 1930. Two special services are also scheduled for the convenience of recruits undergoing training in the Engineer Replacement Training Center. Services for men of the 52nd Bn. will be conducted in Chapel Bldg. 754 at 1830, while soldiers of the 53rd Bn. will assemble in Chapel Bldg. 1255 at the same hour.

Chaplain Andrew announces that any soldier interested in joining the chapel choir should attend rehearsal next Wednesday at 1930 in Post Chapel.

Assisting the post chaplain in providing religious guidance for the personnel here are Lt. Vernon C. Cooley, assistant post chaplain, and Lt. David Segerstrom, who has been assigned as Station Hospital chaplain.

Bend's Theaters Slate Reel Fun

Bend's two downtown cinema centers—Capitol and Tower—offer pleasant film fare during the forthcoming week for the convenience and recreation of military personnel. Popular prices prevail for G.I.'s.

At the Capitol: "Amazing Mrs. Holliday," short, and news, June 27 to 29; "Desperadoes" in Technicolor, sports reel, Bob Benchley comedy and news, June 30 to July 3.

At the Tower: "Good Morning, Judge," "Sarong Girl," news, June 27-28; "The Ape Man," "Texas to Bataan," news, June 29-30; "She Has What It Takes," "Tarzan Triumphs," news, July 1-3.

Good Conduct Medals to Be Awarded Abbotmen

Good conduct medals will be awarded Abbot enlisted men who on or after Aug. 27, 1940, shall have completed three years of active service, or after Dec. 7, 1941, completed one year of continuous active military service while the United States is at war, according to a new AR just received at post headquarters.

The medal is awarded only to those enlisted men who have demonstrated fidelity, through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency, through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation.

Recommendations will be submitted to headquarters by the enlisted man's immediate commanding officer and will be referred to the post commanding officer for approval or disapproval.

Old Pals Stage Reunion At 51st Trainee Dance

Two G. I. jitterbugs from Missouri had a joyful, jubilant jitterbug jubilee of joviality and jocularly when Mary Christie, D. R. O., WAAC Det. SCU 1973 was spotted in the crowd at the Trainees Dance Tuesday night by Pvt. Al Smith of 51st Bn.

Aux. Christie and Pvt. Smith are old friends from St. Louis and had a jaunty evening reviewing events and former dances attended together in their home town.

PASSES FOR CIVILIANS

Civilians employed at Camp Abbot desiring passes may secure same at a new location—building 337. Previously passes were obtainable in building 327. All civilians must have proper credentials, camp authorities announced.

Abbot n' Around

* Being a weekly calendar of events listing activities in Camp and Bend for Camp Abbot personnel.

FRIDAY

BEND USO: Quiz and Game Night; refreshments.
BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs., 1800.

SATURDAY

ELKS CLUB: Dance, Enlisted Men and Waacs; Hostesses in attendance.
BLDG. NO. 211: Officers' dance, Informal, in Officers' Mess, 2100 to 2400.

SUNDAY

ATTEND CHURCH: Three chapels on post or churches in Bend.
BASEBALL GAME: Camp Diamond. Baseball game between two Abbot teams, 1400.
SUNDAY DINNER: Register at USO for Home Hospitality; family dinner.
BEND USO: Dunkers Club, 1015-1100; Musical Gems (classical recordings), 1500; Buffet Lunch, 1500-1700; Snacks, 1900-2200; Party Night-Games, refreshments, community singing.

MONDAY

PILOT BUTTE INN—ARMY WIVES-USO Club Meeting, 200.
BEND USO: "Do as you Please Night"—Open House.
ERTC BARRACKS 919: String Ensemble Practice, 1830.
BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs. 1800.

TUESDAY

ALL PURPOSE BLDG.: Cadre and trainees dance, 51st and 52nd Bn. USO Hostesses and Waacs.
BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs. 1800.

WEDNESDAY

STATION KBND: "Camp Abbot on Parade," Studio in Pilot Butte Inn, 1945-2000.
BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs. 1800.
CHOIR PRACTICE: Post Chapel, 1930.
BEND USO: Bingo Party-Telephone call home to winner, 2000.

THURSDAY

BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs. 1800.
BEND USO: "Learn to Dance" Class 1800.
BEND BOWLING ALLEYS: Waac Tournament Night, 1930.