

"Pell" of My WAACy Days Is Efficient, Smart "Top Sarge"

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WAAC 1st Sgt. Eleanor L. Pell is a darn good egg when you get to know her—and admits it. If the WAACs in Camp Abbot had any expectations of having a "top sarge" who runs her company like a girls' boarding school, it didn't take them long to find out they had better change their ideas, as they have a top-kick of real G.I. qualities. Sgt. Pell, a striking brunette, has a vivid personality and sufficient force to really handle the job.

She joined the WAACs in December, 1942, having enrolled in her native New York City. She was sent to Daytona Beach, Fla. for basic training after which she was appointed to cadre in the new Cantonment Area at Daytona Beach. She was promoted to platoon sergeant and then 1st Sgt. in March 1943. Prior to coming to Camp Abbot she was 1st Sgt. in the 16th Co. 5th Regt. at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Before joining the WAACs, Sgt. Pell was engaged as a free lance advertising writer in New York City. She is married to Burt Pell, now connected with the U. S. Navy Public Relations Department in New York.

Sgt. Pell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Leopold of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mother Leopold says Eleanor's a "born 1st sgt." as she was always trying to boss her younger brother who is now attending Georgia Tech, studying engineering. He is proud of his sis and is quite interested in her new post at ERTC and the engineering activities now in progress at Camp Abbot.

In civilian life, Sgt. Pell was quite active in USO work, having been coordinator in USO recreation activities in Brooklyn, near Fort Hamilton.

Sgt. Pell likes her busy life here. Asked if she had to adjust her demeanor on getting her three stripes, three rockers and lozenge to that of the tough sergeant, she said, "Well, somewhat," but "I've found in most instances it hasn't really been necessary with the WAACs as they have adopted the military attitude like good soldiers."

However, Sgt. Pell must have gotten a little sturdier from her army experience as on her first furlough home, when grasping a thin stemmed glass for the first time in seven months, she found it cracked in her hands—pell mell!

DID YOU LOSE A RING?

A gold wedding ring was recently found in Exchange No. 5 (Bldg. 1257) and may be claimed by any person giving an accurate description of the band. The Exchange is open from 1500 to 2200 nightly.

No. 1 Non-Com



HARD WORKER—Here's Camp Abbot's highest ranking WAAC non-com, 1st/Sgt. Eleanor L. Pell, attending to duties of a smoothly functioned organization.

(ENGINEER Photo by Hahn.)

Army Savings Account Yields GI's 4 Per Cent

Although relatively few members of the armed forces stationed in the United States take advantage of the opportunity, an increasing number of enlisted men serving overseas are depositing surplus funds with the Finance Department of the Army Service Forces, War Department. The deposits are repayable when a soldier is discharged and at the rate of four per cent per annum.

Soldiers stationed at Camp Abbot desiring to deposit savings may do so by giving money to his company commander or the personnel adjutant and is given a deposit book. A depositor must open his account with at least \$5.00 and may make subsequent deposits of that much or more. To insure against loss, duplicates are kept by the Office of the Chief of Finance. Only in case of extreme hardship may any of this money be withdrawn prior to discharge from the army.

Adequate Street Lighting Assured Via New Lamps

Area Engineer employes are installing a new-type overhanging outdoors lamps to provide adequate street lighting throughout Camp Abbot.

Powered at 300-watts, the new lights already have been attached to poles fronting Center street and Group avenue, and work will continue until other areas are illuminated.

Cuadra Named To New Post in Reorganization

Selection of officers and enlisted personnel to supervise operation of the recently reorganized SCU, ERTC Hq. Co. and SCU training branch was completed this week with Maj. M. J. Cuadra filling the position of Hqs. Commandant. His office is located in T-1023.

Capt. Ab Jolly, former camp provost marshal is the commanding officer of SCU, while Lt. Fred B. Hohenhorst is CO of the ERTC Hqs. group. Other company officers are Lt. H. B. Stafford and Lt. W. L. Murray.

Diminutive, well-liked 1st/Sgt. Omar K. Squibb has been selected "top sarge," and a veteran soldier, 1st/Sgt. Fred E. Millikin is the personnel sergeant major. Sgt. William D. Theiford has been designated acting first sergeant of the MP section.

With the incorporation of DEML, QM, Finance, Ordnance, MP, Signal Corps and Cooks and Bakers sections into one organization, the Hqs. Co. will operate more efficiently. Orderly and supply room is in Bldg. T-1022.

Sgt. Condororo Pitale is the supply sergeant, and Cpl. George C. Lange and Pfc. Louis Kotick are company clerks, while Pfc. Robert Rosenthal is file clerk.

In Maj. Cuadra's office is Sgt. Clifford J. Martin, battalion drill sergeant; Cpl. Francis P. Weaver, company clerk and Pvt. George D. Knudson, messenger.

The MP section recently moved from their former barracks in SCU area to the stockade.

Civilian Workers In Camp Obtain Benefits From JIT

What's JIT? No, it isn't slang for a nickel!

That question was asked frequently by both soldiers and civilians at Camp Abbot during the past few weeks. At last, the cryptic abbreviation is solved.

JIT means Job Instructor Training, a program set up by Training Within Industry of the War Manpower Commission. Camp civilian employes were introduced to JIT last Monday when two groups of 12 each began the ten hour course. Group I is scheduled to meet from 0900 to 1100, Monday through Friday, with Group II meeting from 1400 to 1600 the same days.

In four weeks time, 96 civilian employes will have completed JIT, and will be applying it in the training of several hundred civilians they will supervise at Camp Abbot. Plans call for every civilian employe to be given JIT eventually.

That everyone may strike a harder blow in prosecution of the war is the intent of this program.

The imbuing of both military and civilian personnel with the program has been authorized by Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, with Lt. Col. Clarence J. Douglas, director of the Training Division, supervising the application to the military, and Major R. D. Turrill, Director of Personnel, supervising the applications to civilians.

Mr. John G. Jones, formerly commercial manager of radio station KBND, Bend, recently attended a JIT institute and was certified as trainer for the civilian courses by the War Manpower Commission. Training will be conducted in Bldg. 1154, room 1.

Wednesday Night Choir Practice Attracts Crowd

Wednesday evening choir practice is attracting many Abbot soldiers and WAACs as voices are blending for a well-balanced chorus.

At present approximately 25 members are in the choir group. More singers will be welcomed at regular choir practice each Wednesday at 1930.

If you sang in the choir at home you should join with your Chapel here on the Post . . . if you weren't active in church activities at home, Abbot's a good place to start.

K. P. MEDITATION

Why shouldn't our coffee look muddy? It was just ground this morning.

Abbot 'Messmagician' Cooks Up Baffling Menu for EM's

Conjurer



"PRESTO—IT'S GONE" — Says T/5 Johnnie Koll as his deft fingers manipulate a baffling sleight-of-hand trick. Read interesting story of this Abbot-magician in accompanying column.

(ENGINEER Photo by Hahn.)

Officers' Wives Aid in Essential Red Cross Work

Organization of a group of army wives to prepare surgical dressings for the Station Hospital at Camp Abbot has been announced. Meetings are held at the Bend courthouse Monday and Thursday mornings. Chairman of the group is Mrs. Frank S. Besson, wife of Colonel Besson, post commander.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, acting chairman until the return of Mrs. Besson from the East this weekend, has requested wives of all men stationed at Camp Abbot to attend meetings and aid in the preparation of dressings. Mrs. Hall is the wife of Colonel Hall, post executive officer.

Those attending meetings held recently include Mrs. Hall, Mrs. A. H. Bond, Mrs. Merrill A. Pimentel, Mrs. Frank G. Crandall, Mrs. W. C. Rogers, Mrs. J. C. Burgeson, Mrs. H. B. Stafford, Mrs. Howard Pulver, Mrs. John H. Hayes, Mrs. John E. Sweeney, Mrs. L. M. Tierney, Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Mrs. E. B. Merrill, Mrs. L. P. Staman, Mrs. J. L. Ostrander, Mrs. Everett Miller, Mrs. H. W. Elgin, Mrs. M. C. Wilson, Mrs. J. R. Meeks, Mrs. R. A. MacKnight, Mrs. L. O. Yancey and Mrs. W. T. Pascoe.

SOUND OFF IN THE NIGHT

A corporal of the guard was changing his sentry when the following challenge was called: "Halt! Who's there?" "Corporal of the guard and relief," came the reply. "Oh—thank you," said the sentry in a subdued tone.

Hundreds of dogfaces at Camp Abbot have coined an apt title for T/5 Johnnie F. Koll—"messmagician."

True, he's a cook and a good one, but his forte is sleight-of-hand tricks. It is not uncommon to see a mob around him when he performs his baffling acts of conjury.

"I've messed around with magic since I was 10 years old," the husky, personable Hqs. Co. SCU first cook said. "It's the most fascinating pastime in the books."

Today, the 29-year-old former Fort Dodge, Iowa soldier, in the service 16 months, is doing a dual job here.

First, like other Army mess chiefs, he sees that the men have ample to eat of the proper nutritive foods, served in clean and inviting environment.

Secondly, he pinch hits in providing entertainment for his buddies. Feats of magic is a natural method of entertainment.

Possessing a bag of tricks in excess of 100 feats, his deft, elongated fingers literally pull rabbits from the thin air. (P. S: they aren't served on the menu, either! He recalls, in moments of nostalgia, his former association with the "Great Leonard," world famous prestidigitator.)

His current GI specialties include the abracadabra sealed envelope disappearing note trick, vanishing bottle baffler, routines with silk handkerchiefs and palming coins.

Everyone in the outfit heartily agrees that his chow is just as pleasant as his magical demonstrations, which some nimblewitted guy remarked aren't kept in "Koll storage."

BARS and STRIPES

- CAPT.
- 1st Lt. Del B. McClure, Inf.
- 1ST LT.
- 2nd Lt. Benjamin Klabanoff, AGD.
- 1ST/SGT.
- T/Sgt. Erwin A. Nadeau, Medical Det, SCU.
- S/SGT.
- Sgt. Robert E. Johnson, Medical Det, SCU.
- Sgt. Donald M. Bull, Hq. Co., ERTC.
- ACTING T/SGT.
- Sgt. Thurman S. Justus, Hq. Co., ERTC.
- SGT.
- Cpl. Bernard Stoller, Hq. Co., ERTC.
- Cpl. Condolara Pitale, QM, SCU.
- Cpl. Roy Rider, Hq. Co., SCU.
- CPL.
- T/5 Michael A. Barkey, Hq. Co., ERTC.
- T/5 Frederick Kegan, Hq. Co., ERTC.
- Pvt. Loy H. Ross, Hq. Co., ERTC.
- Pvt. Arthur Brinkerhoff, Hq. Co., ERTC.
- T/5TH
- Pvt. Morris Schneider, Hq. Co., ERTC.
- Six members of the Engineer Replacement Training Center dance and military bands were promoted recently. They are:
- TO T/4
- T/5 Harry Bray, saxophone.
- T/5 Claire L. Coburn, trombone.
- T/5 Jack E. Smith, trumpet.
- TO T/5
- Pfc. Jess Castiaux, saxophone.
- Pfc. Robert Rigelman, drums.
- Pfc. Agho G. Tierman, Jr., piano.

LIBRARY CHIEF COMING

Mr. X. Smith, chief, library branch, Special Service branch, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah is expected to arrive in Camp Abbot July 9 to inspect library facilities.

