



# ABBOT ENGINEER Sports

## Saving Best Blows for the Axis



**MASS BOXING TRAINS FIGHTING ENGINEERS**—Jabbing piston-like punches at opponents in circle rings, this group of 51st Bn. trainees display their eagerness in physical education development—vital to combat Engineers. Officers and cadremen watched over the spirited battle royal to see that no one was hurt. Mass boxing develops individual combat technique. (ENGINEER Photo by T/4 Ed Pitra)

## Mass Slugfests Introduced by Fighting 51st

Individual Combat Is Stressed in Hectic Battle Royal Fistics

Trainees in the Engineer Replacement Training Center here began taking it on the chin recently with the introduction of "mass" boxing to the recreation program. First unit to participate in group slugfests was the 51st Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Coke Matthews.

Using large circles in lieu of regular rings, two opposing squads donned 16-ounce gloves, lined up in a ring and at a given command, starting slugging. Men who stepped out of the circle or were knocked down were eliminated. Rounds lasted three minutes, after which gloves were given to another group, and the program continued.

Recreation officers said boxing will be included in the recreation schedule of each battalion. A program of this type not only aids in physical conditioning but teaches the men self-defense and coordination as well as establishing esprit de corps, they said.

A number of high ranking officers, including Col. Frank S. Besson, Post Commander, Col. L. H. Hall, executive officer, and Col. Robert M. Copeland, 11th Gp. commander, were on hand to witness the initial program.

## WAAC Pin Busters Roll High Games

Bowling — America's most popular indoor sport — has caught fancy with Camp Abbot's WAACS and the soldierettes show improvement after every practice session on the Bend alleys.

Aux. Florence Schroeder walked off with top honors in last Thursday night's competition, scoring 149 for a three-game average, which isn't bad for a novice. Aux. Sara Stoddard bowled 170-average for two games. The WAACKers showed promise on the alleys, averaging 94 and 72, respectively, for three games. The WAACKers perform every Thursday and invite competition from other feminine pin busters.

Other high scorers included Aux. Rose Schneller, Mary L. Conway, Dora Puckett, Aux. Ledener, Heble and Wheeler.

## Tell The Engineer About Your Fish!

Attention, Camp Abbot Engineers!

If you have made an unusual catch—be it a 12-pound trout, a girdle or the latter's occupant—tell the ABBOT ENGINEER about it. Our phone is Extension 8.

We don't know whether this is prompted by a touch of the sun or just plain damn foolishness, but we'll even attempt to pacify doubters. Good photographs will be appreciated, used and returned to the donor in the same condition they arrive here.

A mess of fish also will be accepted with open arms!

## Son of Olympic Champion Is Now An Abbot Officer

Husky, good-natured, efficient Lt. H. Chester Kolehmainen, 12th Gp. Hqs. ass't adjutant, is reticent to speak about his famous father, the all-time Olympic champion runner, Hannes Kolehmainen, who resides in Finland.

However, a hasty reference in the World Almanac reveals that the Camp Abbot officer's father won the 1912 cross-country run, the 5,000 meters run, the 10,000 meters run, and at the 1920 Olympiad, triumphed in the gruelling marathon.

"I hear frequently from my Dad," Lt. Kolehmainen said. "He operates a sporting goods store and is still active in athletic events."

Lt. Kolehmainen, who was born in this country, graduated from Fort Belvoir, Va., last December, and after five months at Fort Leonard Wood, was transferred here.

## McGarry Selected To Ball Club Post

Veteran of 15 years of semi-pro ball playing, Pvt. Johnnie J. McGarry, who gained fame for his sterling catching ability in New York leagues, has been appointed non-playing manager of Camp Abbot's varsity ball club.

Native of Flushing, N. Y., "Mac" used to receive "em for the Springfield and Cedarhurst, N. Y., semi-pro outfits, and also put in a couple of seasons behind the home plate for the Jacksonville, (Fla.) Tars.

He is a heavy-set soldier, attached to Hqs. Co. ERTC and well-liked by the gang performing on the diamond for Abbot Engineers.

"Mac" will assist Sgt. Roy Rider, athletic director, Special Service branch, in the management of the club.

## Ask Me Another A Sports Quiz

Some sporting figures, like Johnny Vander Meer, who once pitched two consecutive no-hit ball games, seem predestined to accomplish the un-accomplishable. Such were the men who hold the records listed below. What were their names? This athletic brain-racker, released by Camp Newspaper Service, will appeal to sports-minded Abbotmen.

1. In modern baseball, six pitchers have won 300 or more games. Who won the most?

- ( ) Walter Johnson. ( ) Cy Young. ( ) Christy Mathewson. ( ) Joe E. Brown.

2. Who holds the Olympic record for the 100-meter dash?

- ( ) Charles Paddock. ( ) Jesse Owens. ( ) Eddie Tolan. ( ) Ernie Lombardi.

3. Only one modern fighter has held three world titles simultaneously. Who is he?

- ( ) Gene Tunney. ( ) Henry Armstrong. ( ) Beau Jack. ( ) Tony Galento.

4. Four big league ball players have hit four home runs in one game. Who was the last to pull this stunt?

- ( ) Chuck Klein. ( ) Lou Gehrig. ( ) Babe Ruth. ( ) Connie Mack.

5. Only one race horse has succeeded in winning the top four races for three-year-old thoroughbreds. What was his name?

- ( ) Whirlaway. ( ) Man O' War. ( ) Sir Barton. ( ) The Black Stallion.

## July 4 Baseball Game Slated With Bend Team

A baseball game between Camp Abbot and the Bend Elks will highlight Camp Abbot's observance of the Fourth of July, the Special Service Office announced today. The contest is scheduled for 1500 on the Bend diamond.

Camp Abbot suffered an 11 to 1 defeat at the hands of the Bend aggregation in a season-opener two weeks ago. Both teams are entered in Central Oregon League competition.

Training schedules preclude the possibility of any special celebration of Independence Day on the post, officers in charge of training said.

## EM Pencil Pushers Hurl Challenge to Abbot Softballers

The Pencil Pushers softball team of EM personnel are out to challenge the world and especially the softball teams of Camp Abbot. Anyone caring to pick up their challenge is cordially urged to contact Cpl. Lou Ernst at extension 47.

The team is composed of some of the top notch softballers of Abbot and is in shape for the coming season. Cpl. Ernst, manager, said that they have been practicing during spare time every evening for the past couple of weeks and are ready for any challengers.

The team is composed of the following players: left field, T/5 Duane Warman; center field, T/5 Howard Buckman; shortstop, Cpl. Bill Guappone; pitcher, T/5 Donald Tucker; third baseman, T/5 George Duns; first baseman, T/5 George Casbeer; shortfield, Manager Ernst; secondbaseman, Cpl. Fred Keegan; right field, Cpl. Frank Ales; catcher, PFC. Gabe Norcini. Others on the squad who are eligible substitutes include Cpls. Lloyd Johnson, John Friga, Charley Rew, Bill Hackett, Michael Barkey and T/5's Mickey Schneider, Ed Hayes and Tom Mavity.

## Answers to "Ask Me Another" Quiz

1. Denton Tecumseh (Cy) Young, pitching for Boston, St. Louis and the Cleveland Indians, won 511 major league games in 32 years. Walter Johnson was second with 414, all won for Washington.

2. Eddie Tolan ran 100 meters in 16.3 in 1932 at Los Angeles, top mark for Olympic competition.

3. Hammering Henry Armstrong once held the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns all at once.

4. Chuck Klein, of the Philadelphia Phillies, was the last man to hit four home runs in a single game. Others to accomplish this feat were Lou Gehrig, Bobby Lowe and Ed Delahanty.

5. In 1919, Sir Barton won the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, the Withers Mile and the Belmont Stakes. No other horse has ever duplicated this feat.

"What's wrong with the guy asking you if you can dance?" "I was dancing with him when he asked me."

## Abbot Varsity Team Drubs Independent Outfit, 12 to 1

Kern, Zande, Tagnetti Okay as Regular Hurlers; Wainwright, Fitzpatrick and Ward Best Hitters;

The Camp Abbot baseball team won its first game of the season Sunday when it gave an ERTC independent nine, composed largely of Hq. Co. personnel, a 12 to 1 drubbing on the Camp Abbot diamond.

## Table Tennis Voted Popular Sport By U.S. Servicemen

According to a recent poll of members of the armed forces the most popular sport is table tennis, and in line with that idea, table tennis is springing up in "rec" halls all over Camp Abbot.

The biggest reason for the popularity is the fact that it can be easily played in a small space and consequently many trainees and soldiers alike are enjoying themselves over a hot game of table tennis.

Among other sports offered or going to be offered at Abbot are volley ball, basketball, badminton, soccer and possibly tennis and football. Golf can be played at the Bend country club by soldiers, while softball and baseball teams are mushrooming up like hotcakes all over the place.

## Abbot Hoop Fans Workout In Gym

The All-Purpose rec hall was the scene of several hectic "just for fun" basketball games several nights last week when cadremen, trainees and several officers displayed spirited competition—a rarity during the season when baseball and softball occupy the sports attention of GI's at Camp Abbot.

Regulation basketballs can be checked out from the Special Service office by any non-com desiring equipment for practice games. Players, however, if obtainable, are urged to wear gymnasium shoes to prevent roughing the maple-lined floor.

A feature of the basketball setup at the AP is a set of metallic hoops — free from former cage dressings—enabling hoopsters to rifle the rim with uncanny aim.

## Diediker Brothers on Duty at Camp Abbot

Heading the list of brothers in service at Camp Abbot is Maj. Paul L. Diediker, director of administration, and Pvt. Donald M. Diediker, recent recruit in B-52.

Donald was a senior R.O.T.C. student at Washington State College when he received his "Greetings" letter.

Commenting on his younger brother's presence here, Maj. Diediker said, "It'll go him good. Camp Abbot is a rugged training center."

Biggest inning for the Camp Abbot squad was the first when it scored four runs. Independents, handicapped by a lack of practice and spiked shoes, were held scoreless until the eighth frame. Ryan, short stop, scored the lone tally.

Kern, leadoff hurler for Camp Abbot, gave up three hits, Zande one and Tagnetti three.

The contest was the second for Camp Abbot, the squad having lost its opener to the Bend Elks in the Central Oregon League, 11 to 1, at Bend the preceding Sunday.

A trio of Abbotmen who grazed the pastures accounted for the largest number of hits. Wainwright, left fielder, and Fitzpatrick, center, and Ward, in right field each connected with two bingles out of that many times at bat. The latter also slammed a long three-bagger.

The varsity pitching staff turned in a commendable performance, displaying top form in moments when strikes counted.

For the Indies, Cpl. C. E. Tucker and Cpl. Mike Barkey proved most effective in the hitting dept, slamming three out of four wallops. Sgt. Larry Ryan also batted out a timely drive.

Despite inclement weather, a fair sized crowd watched the game on the camp diamond in the Obstacle Course area.

BOX SCORE										
INDEPENDENTS—										
	AB	R	H	O	A	E				
Ryan, ss	1	1	2	1	0	0				
Tucker, 3b	4	0	3	3	1	0				
Miller, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0				
Tsacoumangos, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0				
McCloud, 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0				
Barkey, lf	4	0	3	1	0	0				
Malone, 1b	4	0	0	7	0	2				
Strickland, cf	1	0	4	1	1	1				
Halloran, p	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Kerr, c	2	0	0	6	0	1				
Greschke, p	2	0	0	0	1	0				
Totals	32	1	7	24	8	5				
CAMP ABBOT—										
	AB	R	H	O	A	E				
Sherwin, 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0				
Seid, 3b	4	1	1	1	3	1				
Puchek, ss	4	1	1	2	0	0				
Orloff, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0				
Wainwright, lf	4	2	2	0	0	0				
Fitzpatrick, cf	2	1	2	0	0	0				
Pizzi, c	4	0	1	3	1	1				
Maalam, 1b	2	1	0	7	0	0				
Kern, p	1	0	1	0	0	0				
Zande, p	2	1	0	0	1	0				
Ward, rf	2	1	2	0	0	0				
Fieca, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0				
Kile, 2b	2	0	0	1	0	0				
Tagnetti, p	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Christiano, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Totals	37	12	11	28	9	2				

Three base hits: Ward. Two base hits: Barkey. Bases on balls, off Zande, 5; off Halloran, 1. Stolen bases: Sherwin, 2; Seid, 3; Fitzpatrick, 1; Ward, 1. Double plays: Seid, Sherwin and Maalam. Umpires, Wagner and Christino.

Hey-diddle-diddle  
The cat and the fiddle  
The bugler has left the platoon  
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When they heard the news  
And soundly slept until noon.

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