

**Male Call**

by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

**Quite A Battle Sight**



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**Pvt. Head Proves Headliner in 52nd GI Show**

**Rookie Amazes Crowd By Eating Glass, Razors; Drill Squads Win Honors**

Camp Abbot came into its own in the strange realm of the theatre Wednesday night when the 52nd Engr. Tg. Bn. came up with a snappy variety show complete with one of those fellows who eats everything but the rear end out of a tank.

It was inevitable that a glass eater and razor blade chewer would be assigned to Camp Abbot (every ERTC has at least one). Pvt. Donald Head, whose taste runs in that direction, was "discovered" and used as a receptacle before he'd completed a month's training. He came through with flying colors.

Nor is Head's immunity to sundry jagged objects confined to his mouth parts. After giving razor blades and an electric light bulb a gastronomic workout and topping off the act with a bit of fire eating, he removed his footwear and jumped from a piano stool (it doesn't have to be a piano stool!) into a box filled with broken glass. He didn't even make a face.

Other highlights of the program were drill demonstrations by the "Awkward Squad" which managed to get its thumbs caught in virtually every mechanism on an M-1 and the Drill Masters whose abilities leaned to the other extreme. Both groups are composed of Junior R.O.T.C. men from Oregon State College, Corvallis.

The Drill Masters, led by Cpl. John Cimko, performed the manual of arms with amazing proficiency and polished off the demonstration with a "Queen Ann" salute.

A backdrop of music was provided by the Camp Abbot dance band, directed by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes. Musical selections were presented by a quartet composed of Privts. R. A. Leech, J. C. Patterson, M. O. Herster and H. G. Hutton, Pvt. A. B. Zimmermann, drummer, was guest artist with the band, and Pvt. S. B. Norris was master of ceremonies. The program was sponsored by the 11th Group Special Service Office, directed by Lt. Stephen D. Hopkins.

**HOSPITAL SERVICES SET**

Hospital Chapel Service will be held Sunday at 1000 in the conference room in the X-Ray laboratory with Chaplain David I. Segerstrom in charge. On arrival of furniture for the Red Cross recreation room, services will be held there.

**Request for "Victory Tunes" Program**  
Fred Waring's Radio Show Honors CAMP ABBOT

In order to obtain a representative musical program with selections that are favorites of everyone at Camp Abbot, YOUR vote for the "Hit Songs" is necessary. Please list three songs that you'd like to hear on the July 29 program.

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....

(Mail or Bring Votes to Special Service Office)

**Abbotmen—Here's Lowdown on A.S.T.P., O.C.S. As Explained by Board Secretary**

By. Cpl. Harlan L. Weeks

"With the establishment of the minimum Selective Service age at 18, the Army was compelled to assure itself that there would be no interruption in the flow of professionally and technically trained men who have hitherto been provided in regular increments by American colleges and universities," said Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, in the foreword to a booklet of questions and answers on the Army Specialized Training Program.

That in a nutshell gives every enlisted man the general idea for the establishment of the ASTP, but the biggest question to all of them is the whys and wherefores of the program.

In an effort to learn more of the plans for the program at Camp Abbot, Lt. John A. Maxson, recorder for the board and camp Personnel Procurement officer was interviewed this week by the ENGINEER.

Lt. Maxson revealed that at the present time some 275 enlisted men of the 51st battalion are being processed by the ASTP board with another 260 eligible in the 52nd battalion. The figures for the 53rd battalion, now in the stages of activation, are not available but are believed to be about the same. Besides the three battalions, there are several hundred other eligible enlisted men, who have filled out the questionnaires, in the cadre of the post.

It is expected that a large group of eligible candidates for the specialized training will be called from the 51st battalion at the end of their training cycle to the many units throughout the United States.

At the present time the ASTP board is meeting three nights

weekly and personally interviewing between 50 and 60 candidates. The board has purposely chosen evening meetings so as not to interfere with the extensive training program of the trainees now at Abbot.

It has been erroneously rumored that ASTP is pointing toward postwar work by members of the armed services but it was definitely stated that for the most part the trained men will be placed in the army in the many branches where they can realize the value of their training and do a good job there. Some of the qualified technical experts may be used for reconstruction and rehabilitation work but the majority will be utilized for the army's immediate needs.

Another board which is most active and of considerable interest is the Officer Candidate board, of which Lt. Maxson is also recorder. He pointed out that this board is meeting regularly to interview the men qualified for OCS. At the present time there are some 110 trainees in the 51st battalion and 35 members of the ROTC who are qualified. In the 52nd battalion there are 75 members of the ROTC and 110 trainees who are qualified for OCS interviews and pos-

sible appointments. Also 30 members of the cadre are going before the board this week for interviews and possible acceptance.

At the present time, Lt. Maxson pointed out, the quotas are limited so qualifying candidates are placed in a "pool" and those best qualified will be called, upon the receipt of quotas.

It was further pointed out that at the present time the qualifications are extremely high because of limited quotas and hence only the so-called "cream of the crop" will be selected to attend Officer Candidate training, which was recently extended from three to four months in length.

Personnel of the boards are as follows: ASTP—Maj. Wm. T. Avery, president; Maj. Willis N. Nelson, Capt. Ab Jolly, 1st Lt. John A. Maxson, recorder; 1st Lt. Wm. L. Murray, Jr., 1st Lt. H. B. Stafford, 1st Lt. James B. Meeks, and 2nd Lt. John A. Alders and 2nd Lt. Henry L. Hansen.

Personnel of the OCS board is composed of Maj. Avery as president; Maj. Nelson, Capt. Winston W. Ebmeyer, Lt. Maxson, recorder; Lt. Murray, Lt. Stafford, Lt. W. F. Ward, Capt. Jolly, Lt. Carl C. Putzier and Lt. Hansen.

**First Summer Day A Total Washout**

Monday, June 21, 1943 was the first day of summer according to the calendar, but ask anyone at Camp Abbot what they thought of the day in relation to summer—yes, the answer was just plain "NUTS".

As one outfit in the northern forces of Alaska said, "The Chamber of Commerce calls it unusual but we don't. Yes, it rained and hailed and was far from summer.

Now all we can hope for is that the weatherman will take a slight peek at the calendar and give us a break as long as the coal miners are on strike so at least we can stay warm.

**G-2 CHIEF IS INTERVIEWED**

A branch of the armed forces with not much glamor but plenty of guile, the Military Intelligence that spies out the enemy's movements, veils our own and lays the groundwork for every offensive, was the subject of a recent Camp Abbot quarter hour radio discussion between Capt. M. P. Coover, post intelligence officer and Lt. P. H. O'Brien, public relations officer, over station KBND.

**WAACs Get Masks—Not Beauty—But GI**

Gas masks and helmet liners were issued to members of the WAAC detachment this week. No special significance can be attached to issuance of this additional equipment, according to 2nd. O. Stephanie A. Podzunas, company commander. "It is merely regulation equipment that has not been available before," she said.

**Assistant Finance Officer, Like His Boss, Ex-Dukers**

Addition of Lt. Samuel Choritek as Assistant Finance Officer brings together two graduates of the Army Finance School of Duke University, Durham, N. C., since his superior officer Lt. G. F. Crisman also graduated from the same finance school—which should make Camp Abbot finances come out even . . . as they do!

Lt. Choritek is a native of Madison, Wis., and before graduating from Duke, was stationed at Fort Benj. Harrison, Ind.

**RED CROSS OFFICE LAUDED**

The field director's office of the American Red Cross, Camp Abbot, in charge of Mr. Frank Dunning, was complimented by Mr. Verl Lewis, field supervisor for Oregon, southern Washington and Idaho, after a tour of inspection here recently. Mr. Lewis said he was pleased with results obtained by the newly-established unit. Mr. Lewis, whose offices are in San Francisco, formerly was child welfare consultant for Bend.

**G-2 OFFICER TO SCHOOL**

Capt. M. P. Coover, post intelligence officer, is attending a course of instruction in civilian protection at the University of Washington.

**Bend Lions Club Hears Post Chaplain Andrew**

Role of a chaplain in the Army was explained to members of the Bend Lions' club last Tuesday noon by Maj. William H. Andrew, post chaplain, who was recently voted a complimentary membership for his previous service in the organization in other cities.

S/Sgt. Frank Mader, pianist, 56th Bn. and Pvt. George Doumani, violinist, Hq. Co. SCU, furnished a delightful musical program.

**First Meeting for Wives Of Abbotmen Set by USO**

First meeting of Abbot soldiers' wives will be held Monday, June 28th at 20000 at the Pilot Butte Inn dining room.

Miss Ann McLaughlin, Associate Director, USO, has been instrumental in organizing the group, assisted by Mrs. Ed Schaefer, Mrs. Marion Ungar, Mrs. Peggy Simerlink, Mrs. Raye Mound, Mrs. Cleve Redig, Mrs. Robert Kerr and Mrs. Remo Vigo.

**New Clerk-Typist on Duty in Camp JA Office**

In the absence of Mrs. Mary Esther Ridenour, recovering from illness, Mrs. Ann Hamilton has been temporarily assigned as clerk-typist in the camp Judge Advocate Office.

A native of Chicago, Mrs. Hamilton held similar positions in Camp White, Ore. CCC and with the Home Owners Loan Corp. She resides in Bend.

**SEEK PACKAGE OWNERS**

An assortment of items—ranging from soap to sweat-shirts—reportedly lost on buses from Bend to camp may be claimed at the downtown office of the Pilot Butte Transit Lines, according to Mr. Harold Murphy, manager.

**Officers Attend Training Confab**

Two high-ranking Camp Abbot officers were this week in Fort Belvoir, Va., attending a conference sponsored by the Army Service Forces training division to discuss latest methods of warfare instruction.

The Abbot representatives are Col. Aubrey H. Bond, commanding officer of the 12th Gp., and Lt. Col. Clarence J. Douglas, chief, training division.

Both are expected back the early part of next week.

**News About Taxes Received In Camp**

Of interest to Abbot personnel relative to the recent Pay-As-You-Go tax bill, signed by President Roosevelt two weeks ago, is the announcement by Hqs. Ninth Service Command that the "current tax payment plan of 1943 merely provides for collection of taxes which are already imposed by the Internal Revenue code. No new taxes are imposed."

At the same time, the camp Judge Advocate's office reported availability of statements of financial condition which military personnel may gain exemption benefits under Section 513, Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, 1940.

The JA's department will assist soldiers in properly filling out the statement, notarize it and route to proper authorities for record.

**New Phone Extensions Are Installed in Camp**

Installation of new telephone extension numbers in Camp Abbot has been completed, but the former exchange digits—116—remain the same.

New extension of the post Special Services Branch and Public Relations Office is 60.

News items intended for the ABBOT ENGINEER may be phoned to Extension 8.

**Backers Needed for Camp Little Theater**

Camp Abbotmen interested in organization of a Little Theater movement are urged to contact T/Sgt. William V. Hanson, chief of the ERTC Massage Center.

Hanson is a graduate of the famed Pasadena Playhouse and has written and starred in numerous stage successes in Hollywood.

**S. S. O. FURNISHES PAPERS**

Pending formal opening of the camp's main and two sub-libraries, daily newspapers from all sections of the United States, intended for the reading rooms are currently being distributed to patients in Station Hospital by the Special Service Office.

**BARRACKS FOR PHONE GALS**

Workmen today were putting finishing touches on a new barracks for two telephone operators. The two-story living quarters is located in rear of the main telephone and exchange office on Center street.

**Baby's Picture To Reach Daddy**

The War Department has announced that pictures of infants less than one year old may be sent overseas by way of V-mail. They'll give many a Yank fighting man a glimpse of one of the many things he is fighting for.