

# ERTC Musical Unit Seeks More Players

Solid Senders Needed to Bolster Organization, Says Maestro Spalding

If you know the manual of arms for a piccolo, if you can pipe one hot or sweet, opportunity awaits—you may be able to get into the ERTC military band, Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, bandleader, announced Friday.

Besides a piccolo player, clarinetists, trumpeters and a good dance piano player are needed to bring the band up to its authorized strength. Experienced musicians are requested to contact Mr. Spalding at the Band barracks (building 919) at Center St. and Group Ave.

The band is making every effort to provide the type of music soldiers most enjoy when it's most needed, the director pointed out. Every morning at the crack of dawn, bandsmen are out blowing into frosty mouthpieces to start off the soldier's day with music.

Special tunes have been arranged by Mr. Spalding as an accompaniment to individual battalion marching songs. Even swing is included in the scores to give soldiers an added lift. This "singing battalion" program was originated by Col. Frank S. Besson, Post commander, on the theory that a singing soldier is a fighting soldier.

"In addition to playing for military formations, the band is preparing programs for concerts," Mr. Spalding said. "We're throwing out the old-time band music unless it is still proving a favorite, and substituting spine-tingling marches, plenty of popular music, a sprinkling of novelties and a reasonable amount of the fine music the great masters have written. This is our recipe for the soldier's musical palate."

Mr. Spaulding, a graduate of Harvard, Columbia and the Army Music School, has two assistants. They are T/Sgt. Glen Roberts, the band's top sergeant, drum major and veteran of 21 years of service as a bandsman, and S/Sgt. Jack Hayes, leader of the Camp Abbot dance band and former arranger for radio and motion pictures. In July, 1941, Sergeant Roberts and M/Sgt. Harry L. Dalton organized the first ERTC band at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Sergeant Hayes, former leader of the ERTC orchestra at the Missouri station, organized the Camp Abbot dance unit and has developed it into one of the most popular musical organizations in this section of the state. The dance band is featured over radio station KBND in Bend from 1945 to 2000 each Thursday night.

## Is Your Wife an Ex-School Teacher? Bend Jobs Open

Wives of military personnel stationed at Camp Abbot who have had experience as school teachers, are requested to report their qualifications to the camp Director of Personnel Division with a view of obtaining employment as instructors in Bend public schools.

There is an acute shortage of qualified teachers in Bend, and appointments will be made to fill vacancies.

# Camp Abbot's Musical Organization



**THEY DOUBLE IN BRASS BETWEEN ROLES AS SOLDIERS—**Here you see, amid the stately pine trees, the 24-piece ERTC Military band under the baton of Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding. They have been instrumental in supplying rhythmic creations to spur trainees in singing battalion songs, and their smooth brand of melodies greet every new increment arriving here. Besides, the band provides a fitting musical tribute as Old Glory is lowered nightly from Headquarters flag pole. Without a doubt, it is one of the finest GI musical groups in the country.

(ENGINEER Photo by T/4 Ed Pitra)

## Think It Over!

Five minutes tardiness is not very much! No? If one man is five minutes late to work it seems negligible. If training of one thousand soldiers starts five minutes late it means that 5000 minutes or 84 man hours have been wasted. It means further that 10 men have been unnecessarily drafted. It means also that 10 men should have been released for combat. Lost time cannot be regained!

Contributed by  
T/Sgt. William V. Hanson  
Hq. Co. ERTC

# WAACs Billeted In New Home

Well, Camp Abbot's WAACs are now "at home" in their own subdued-green, GI double-decker barracks at Hospital road and 56th St.

After several weeks of anxious waiting, the gals, assisted by several platoons of cooperative dogfaces staged an orderly, wholesale moving last Sunday. Trucks transported heavy equipment, barracks bags and footlockers. Trainees who helped out lugging articles were feted at the first chow that evening.

Reveille next morning the gals were serenaded by the ERTC military band, earning plaudits of the feminine soldiers.

Lt. Stephanie A. Podzunas, commanding officer of the WAACs, commenting on the new quarters said: "Everything is wonderful. We have adequate living, recreational and administrative space."

The WAACs are quartered according to their own assignments; motor pool auxiliaries in one, and other unit workers, the second. Cooks and non-coms drew cadre rooms located on each floor.

## OUR WAACs MEET AIRMEN

A bevy of Abbot Waacs will be the cynosure of all eyes at the Madras air base Saturday night when they attend a varied evening of entertainment, highlighted by a dinner, tour of the base and a dance at the Madras USO.

# ABBOTIZERS

PIN-UPS FOR CHIN-UPS



**SIGHT FOR BARE WALLS—**Is this highly photogenic Camp Abbot civilian employee who has been selected to lead off the weekly series of attractive gals working on the Post. **VITAL STATISTICS:** Name: Alice Nelson. Age 23. Height: 5' 4 1/2". Weight: 115 pounds. Color hair: Platinum blonde. Color eyes: Blue. Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif. Hobbies: Poetry, literature, tennis, hiking, dancing. Formerly worked at Ft. Belvoir and Fort Leonard Wood. At present she's an eye-ful in the office of the ERTC Training Division Director. Ambition: To finish the sweater she began "ages ago" for her favorite GI.

(ENGINEER Photo by Hahn.)

## Pvt. Sheldon Flynn Coins Puncty Anti-Waste Slogan

Pvt. Sheldon Flynn, B-52, contributes one of the punchiest remarks of the week at Camp Abbot. Here it is:

"Tojo, Hitler & Co. are daily laughing with gusto at your stupid and needless waste of food in the mess hall. Eat all you put on your plate!"

The ENGINEER replies: "Flynn—you're in!"

MEOW

"Your neighbor dresses very sensibly and modestly." "Yes, she'll do anything to attract attention."

# Purple Heart Awarded to Abbot Vet

Twenty-six-year old Pfc. Alex C. Dalley, dining room orderly in QM branch, SCU 1973, was signally honored at a formal retreat ceremony recently when he was decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on Nov. 21, 1942.

The medal, oldest of all U. S. orders for military merit, was pinned on the short, rugged Delta, Utah, soldier by Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, as troops of the 51st Engr. Tng. Bn. stood at attention.

Dalley, who has nearly six years of service in the Army, was escorted to the reviewing stand by Lt. Col. Coke Mathews, CO of the 51st, and Lt. F. B. Vanewall, Bn. adjutant.

Standing with Col. Besson, flanked on both sides by the post commander's staff, the honored Abbotman watched four companies parade in review.

Dalley was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action when a Jap sniper, hidden in a cocoanut tree at 1000 yds., hit Dalley in the head and shoulder. Dalley gives some vivid descriptions of Jap warfare and says the fate of all the yellow devils will be that of his attacker, whose camouflaged sniping days were nipped in the bud by Dalley's buddies.

# USO-Army Wives Sponsor Picnic on July 4; Dance Set

Excited over their first sponsored social affair, members of the USO-Army Wives' club and their husbands will enjoy a full afternoon's fun next Sunday at a picnic in Shevlin park, on the outskirts of Bend, according to Miss Ann McLoughlin, associate director.

Plans also have been completed for a dance on July 9, with the following "girls" in charge: Mrs. Gladys McIlvenna, Mrs. F. J. O'Connor, Mrs. Cecilia Gnatek and Mrs. Elsie Hicks.

The club wishes to invite wives of enlisted men stationed at Camp Abbot, to a meeting on July 5 at 20000 o'clock in the Pilot Butte Inn.

## NEW OFFICERS' CX HOURS

Effective last Tuesday, the Officers' Exchange in Bldg. 215 will open at 1200 and close at 2000. As in the past, the Exchange will be closed all day Sunday.

# Movie CALENDAR

Two Shows Nightly—1830-2030; Matinee, Sundays at 1400

## BOOKINGS FOR WEEK OF JULY 2 - 8

**FRIDAY, July 2—"FIVE GRAVES TO CAIRO,"** with Franchot Tone, Anne Baxter, Eric Von Stroheim. "Popeye" cartoon, Pathe newsreel.

**SATURDAY, July 3—"MY SISTER EILEEN,"** with Rosalind Russell and Brian Aherne. "Superman" cartoon and Grantland Rice Sportlight.

**SUNDAY and MONDAY, July 4-5—"MISTER BIG,"** with Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan. "The War"—a screen feature for service men only, and Pathe News.

**TUESDAY, July 6—"HARRIGAN'S KID,"** with Bobby Readick, Frank Craven and William Gargan. "Sportscope," and color cartoon.

**WEDNESDAY, July 7 (Double Feature)—"COWBOY IN MANHATTAN,"** and "WINGS OVER THE PACIFIC," with Frances Langford, Robert Paige, Leon Errol; and Inez Cooper, Edward Morris, respectively.

**THURSDAY, July 8—"CONEY ISLAND,"** with Betty Grable, George Montgomery, Cesar Romero and Charles Winninger, Pathe News, March of Time feature, "Invasion."

## Male Call

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

## The Boy In Upper 13

