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## ABBOT FACE!

**WACinations**—During a smoke break, a group of Abbot Wacs compiled a list of Wac-ky definitions, herewith reprinted for worthy additions to the glossary of feminine G. I. lexicon:

**WActivation**—any new camp where the gals are sent.  
**WAcademy**—where they're taught the Army ropes.  
**WACessory**—G. I. gadgets, but female.  
**WACcident**—the gal had a mishap.  
**WACquaintance**—a gal with whom you have a nodding friendship.  
**WACrobat**—former trapeze star in the service.  
**WACtress**—former showgirl in the ditto.  
**WACination**—“where it won't show, please!”

**RIDING HERD**—A young shavetail, reports one of our fave mags, was given a command of a tough outfit in Georgia. Giving orders in a soft voice, he made a poor impression. Suddenly from the rear rank in a deep bass voice a yardbird chortled, “. . . and a little child shall lead them.” The officer flushed, finished stuttering his orders for the day. The men broke ranks with sly smiles. The next a. m. they gathered in front of a bulletin board to read: “C Company will report at 0600 with complete equipment for a 20-mile hike. And a little child shall lead them on a damned good horse.”

**REUNION AT ABBOT**—It was old-home week here one day last week when three former residents of Ardmore, Okla., renewed acquaintances in the SCU 1973 orderly room—**Capt. Ab. Jolly**, commanding officer, **Pvt. Roy Simpson** and **Pfc. James W. Denton** were the participants in the gabfest . . . after retreat.

## Married Couples Invited to Dance

All married EM's on the post and their wives are invited to attend an informal dance to-night in the Pilot Butte Inn, starting at 2030, with music provided by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes and his ERTC band.

Sponsored by the Bend USO-Army Wives club, similar affairs are scheduled every other Friday evening, said Miss Anne McLoughlin, associate director, who with the following “girls” comprise the committee on arrangements: Mrs. Kay Schatz, Mrs. Henry Ungar, Mrs. Ruth Weeks, Mrs. Elsie Hicks and Mrs. Florine Hauser.

The club will also sponsor a picnic every other Sunday. The group meets at 2000 on Mondays in the Pilot Butte Inn.

## Four Abbot Wacs Appear on Top Portland Radio Program

Northwestern America learned about Camp Abbot from an officer and three privates of the Wac Det. SCU 1973, who appeared last Wednesday evening on “Northwest Neighbors,” one of the most popular shows on the ether lanes, broadcast over radio station KGW in Portland.

Fauctured on the show, sponsored by a utility concern, were **Lt. Emily Caldwell**, third officer; **Pvt. Agnes Sonnenfelt**, one of the nation's best known feminine motorcyclists; **Pvt. Florence Vandergriff**, talented comedienne, and **Pvt. Bettina Gorham Stout**, whose job at Abbot—and one of the toughest in camp—consists of driving a demolition ammunition wagon to the range area and hauling dynamite caps.

Consisting chiefly of the interview-type program, Abbot's Wacs proved highly entertaining performers before the microphone. The script was prepared by Miss Vivian McMurty. Port-

## 23 Abbotmen Awarded Good Conduct Ribbons

The scarlet ribbon with the two white pencil stripes vertically crossing its field—the symbol of the Good Conduct Medal—was awarded to 23 Camp Abbot soldiers yesterday at a formal retreat parade as the entire 52nd Tng. Bn. watched with interest the honoring of veteran G. I.'s by Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander.

The review and awarding of ribbons was held on a vast grassy stretch of land in rear of the 51st and 52nd areas. Martial music by the ERTC band filled the air, furnishing rhythm for cadence as the recruits, in arrow-like formations, marched in front of the reviewing site, under command of Maj. Lawrence J. Fuller, Bn. commander. Lt. Vernon E. Vrana, battalion adjutant, read the official orders and served as parade adjutant.

Attired in raincoats, O. D.'s wearing helmet liners and gas masks, the medal winners represented every leading organization in camp.

Hq. Co. ERTC led the list with 10 awards, followed by Hq. Co. SCU, 1973, and 11th ERTC Gp. with four each; 12th ERTC Gp. three, and Med. Det. SCU 1973, two.

This was the first time in history of the Army's newest ERTC that “good kids” badges” were awarded to Abbotmen having demonstrated exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.

Winners of ribbons from Hq. Co. ERTC and their home towns: **M/Sgt. Herbert E. Ramsey**, Seattle, Wash.; **M/Sgt. Newell M. Hunt**, Burkville, Ky.; **M/Sgt. Vilmer R. Shaffer**, Russell, Kan.; **M/Sgt. Lloyd W. Likins**, Rotan, Texas; **M/Sgt. Bill V. Anthony**, Earlham, Iowa; **M/Sgt. Glen Roberts**, Brownsville, Texas; **T/Sgt. Walter E. Deugaw**, Norfolk, N. Y.; **M/Sgt. Willard E. Larson**, Odebolt, Iowa; **T/Sgt. William V. Hanson**, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and **T/Sgt. William C. Cortis**, San Augustine, Texas.

Hq. Co. SCU 1973 soldiers honored: **Cpl. Morrie C. Guss**, Salt Lake City, Utah; **S/Sgt. William D. Thetford**, Fort Worth, Texas; **Pfc. Louis Kotiek**, Los Angeles, Calif. and **1st/Sgt. Omar K. Squibb**, Salem, Ill.

From the 11th ERTC Gp. **1st/Sgt. Fred A. Bode**, Corpus Christi, Texas; **S/Sgt. William R. Heard**, Des Moines, Iowa; **S/Sgt. William F. Thompson**, Philadelphia, Pa.; and **Pfc. John Tartaglia**, Newark, N. J.

Medalists in the 12th ERTC Gp.: **1st/Sgt. James G. Sawyer**, Castine, Me.; **1st/Sgt. Doyle W. Bell**, Eugene, Ore.; and **T/4 Arthur P. Rodwell**, Warrenton, N. C.

Winners in the Med. Det. SCU 1973, **M/Sgt. Arthur L. Smizer**, San Francisco, Calif., and **S/Sgt. Stanley D. Inlow**, Vandalia, Mo.

land advertising agency writer, who spent several days at the post gathering material.

While in the “Rose City,” Abbot's skirted soldiers, were feted by the utility company and also appeared as special entertainers at the Victory Center in downtown Portland. Thursday evening they were guests of the 29th Engrs.

## Two Original Cartoons Appear in Today's Issue

Supplementing the usual array of art features in the ENGINEER—comparable to any G. I. newspaper in the world—are two original cartoons by talented ERTC artists.

T/4 E. R. Kroepelin, lithographer in Publications, drew the punchy pen-and-ink mural plugging G. I. insurance on page 2, while Pfc. Eric L. McKittrick, Hq. Co. 12th Gp. premiered his funny rookie adventure strip, “The Compleat Abbotter,” appearing on page 3.

## Library Unit Is Opened In 11th Group

More Than 11,000 Books Will Be Available in Three Reading Centers

The 11th Engr. Tng. Gp. sub-library on Group avenue will serve all personnel of Camp Abbot until a main library building has been constructed, Miss **Caroline Paddock**, Post Librarian, said this week. Construction of a principal unit has been approved and work is expected to begin soon.

Three libraries eventually will be established at Camp Abbot, a main library and sub-libraries in the 11th and 12th Gps. In addition, a limited number of books will be available at Recreation halls and day rooms.

Some 6,000 books have been ordered by the Special Service Office for distribution to the three large units. Several shipments of new volumes already have arrived and are being catalogued. This supply is supplemented by 4,000 books donated in the Victory Book Campaign (Continued on Page 2)

## Requests Pour in For July 29 Radio Dedication Show

Fred Waring's “Victory Tunes” radio show will just have to do without S/Sgt. Jack Hayes' march, “The Song of the Abbot Engineers,” when the nationwide hook-up program is dedicated to Camp Abbot July 29, Jack Dolph, manager of the orchestra, advised the Post Special Service Office this week.

Since the “Victory Tunes” series was instituted, the band has been forced to turn down unpublished tunes written by dogfaces from camps all over the country. Mr. Dolph explained. However, Dolph added, Hayes' song is well above average.

Waring and his crew of expert musicians have been working on a “general” Engineers' song with the cooperation of military authorities, that will be premiered if finished in time for the Camp Abbot show.

Leading in the balloting for popular selections on the program this week were “As Time Goes By,” “You'll Never Know,” and “Don't Get Around Much Anymore.” “Body and Soul,” an old favorite, was close behind.

## Think It Over!

Ten thousand dollars worth of Govern life insurance giving you full coverage during time of war costs approximately the same as your monthly bill for cigarettes.

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

## Beautification Around Flag Pole Nears Finish

Beautification of the area bordering the 102-foot camp flag pole neared completion today. Three lanes, bordered by logs, have been constructed and segments sodded with velvety grass.

Cpl. Sal Martignetti, Hq. Co. ERTC, one of the handy boys in the carpenter school, and Cpl. Jack Cowan, C-53, supervised the work by recently-arrived 54th Bn. trainees.

## Progress Noted In SSO Units

Various units of the post Special Service Office, designed to provide Abbotmen and women with recreational and social activities, were progressing in high gear this week much equipment having been purchased.

Notable events included re-completion of the exterior of Service Club No. 1 on Group Ave., adjacent to the Post Chapel. The Guest House, opposite the All-Purpose rec hall on Center St., awaited arrival of furniture. The cafeteria equipment is nearly assembled and grand opening is slated “in the near future” in the annex of the A-P building.

A dance for trainees of the 51st and 52nd Bns. is scheduled next Tuesday from 2030 to 2230. Wacs, USO junior hostesses will be on hand, and the ERTC band will give out with very danceable music.

## Activation of 54th ERTC Announced; Maj. Brook Is Chief

Under command of Maj. Howard F. Brook, veteran C. E. officer, Camp Abbot's fourth activated ERTC unit—the 54th—will begin training Monday, July 12.

An orientation period has been scheduled for Sunday between 0900 and 1000 with Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, and Col. Aubrey H. Bond, 11th Gp. commanding officer and battalion officers, as speakers.

The first week's training consists chiefly of basic subjects. Company officers are (A) Lt. Louis M. Tierney; (B) Capt. Charles F. Trapp, Jr.; (C) Lt. Robert L. Schick, and (D) Capt. Robert T. McClure.

## WANTED: News About You You You You You You

Seven-league boots aren't included in the TOA. Sometimes the G. I. fourth-estaters in the Public Relations Office wish Uncle Sam would. It would make coverage of the camp for NEWS easier, and silently allow us to emit a hearty chuckle at gas coupons and tire rationing. Besides, the vehicle assigned to our office could be utilized for a more important reason in camp.

The Abbot ENGINEER wants news about you. Everything that's happening to you and other buddies in your organization. Look over carefully today's issue: is there any news about your platoon, your company, your Gp. in the paper? Probably the reason is we didn't receive any! If your organization hasn't appointed an “official” reporter, why don't YOU volunteer? We'll print all the news there is about your organization, if only you'll send it in. We'll even take pictures! Send us stories or short news items, preferably typed, double-spaced on only one side of the page.

On big events, we'll be happy to send along one of our “star”

## War Maneuvers Slated Near Area of Abbot

Guadal Hero Commands 4th Army Sham Battles; Landowners Cooperate

One of the dauntless heroes of the Guadalcanal campaign, Maj. Gen. A. M. Patch has been named commander of the Fourth Army maneuvers to be staged in September and October over a 10,000 square mile area embracing three Oregon counties, including Deschutes, where Camp Abbot is located.

Thousands of troops of every part of the army will take part in the maneuvers, largest ever held in the Northwest.

Gen. Patch commanded army forces on Guadalcanal, then came to Fort Lewis, Wash., early in June as corps commander. His Oregon headquarters will be at Camp Abbot.

Assembling of land for use in the large scale maneuvers has been a job involving many long hours, much travel and burning the midnight oil, according to Maj. Ernest H. Keene, ranking officer of the Lands and Claims Board of the Ninth Service Command, stationed at Camp Abbot.

Knowledge of the terrain of the northwest by reason of his long residence in this section of the country paved the way for Maj. Keene to a certain extent, but he attributes much of the speed in which land owners consent is being obtained to the whole hearted co-operation shown by Oregonians in the war effort.

Major Keene is a veteran in military circles. He has served with the Washington National Guard and the U. S. Army Reserve for over 40 years and has seen the military establishment of the United States grow into the most formidable in the world.

## VISITORS INSPECT CAMP

Impressed with the progress of Camp Abbot noted during a recent visit here were Dr. and Mrs. John H. Besson, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, all of Portland, Ore. The doctor is a brother of Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander. Lt. Comdr. John Henry Besson, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Besson, also inspected the camp.

## Only Pillows and Cases For Abbot Dogfaces

Abbotmen will be issued only half of the Morpheusque requirements, namely pillows and pillow cases. Sheets? Not a chance.

Only ones being issued sheets are EM quartered in Station Hospital and Wac contingent. Even officers won't receive sheets, but they may buy them at the QM warehouse 301 at the unit price of 92 cents, plus overhead. Sorry, only four to a customer and an officer has to have a room assigned to him at OQ.