

WANTED: Sports Correspondents

How would you like to be a G. I. sports writer? The ENGINEER wants news about sports happenings in every platoon, battalion and Gp. on the post. If you have any news that should appear on the Sports Page, either submit it to the ENGINEER via Message Center, or phone Ext. 8.

P. S.: You get in free to all of the games, too. Maybe we can design a "PRESS" card for hard-working correspondents.

ABBOT ENGINEER

Sports




Elks Stage a Stampede to Beat G.I. Nine

WE PLAY 'EM AGAIN

Maybe there's a charm in the third time. Anyways, the camp varsity baseball stars oppose the Bend Elks day after tomorrow at 1330 on the Bend diamond. The Elks will also tangle with Redmond Air Base in a second game slated for 1530. Admission for G. I.'s is 40 cents.

Providing the biggest thrill during the Fourth of July celebration in Bend was the baseball game between Camp Abbot's slugging Engineers and the Bend Elks.

It was the second time the GI's locked horns with the Antlers—and lost. The latest score: 12 to 6. In their first clash the tally was 11 to 1.

The camp aggregation looked hotter than any firecracker which was touched off before the war. Since pyrotechnics are out for the duration, the socks of polished bats provided last Sunday's necessary sound dept. noise. Right off the start, Pochek, sensational shortstop, slammed out a homer to pace a hitting streak which, at the end of the second canto, hoisted Abbot in front of a 3 to 0 lead. When the Elks came to bat in the first of the third Zande, Army pitcher, hit an airpocket and his deliveries were clothed with Maggie's drawers. In eight consecutive hits, the Elks garnered seven runs, forging to the front and, while pushed during the waning innings of the game, maintained the lead.

Jimmy Farmer, winning twirler, scattered out the eight hits chalked up against him, while Zande permitted 15 drives. Nehl, cf; Bailey, 2b, and Douglass, rf., shined for the hometown nine. Maslan, Abbot first sacker, led the Engies with two timely hits.

Camp Volley Ball Tourney Set With Teams of 10-Men

Playing with ten men instead of six, a camp-wide volleyball tournament is slated to get under way next Monday on battalion recreation fields.

Sponsored by the post Special Service Office, the tourney will be a one-game elimination affair, with platoons pitted against other units, to determine battalion champs and later, inter-battalion winners will engage in a play-off to determine Gp. leaders.

In official match play, six positions are utilized—right forward, center forward, left forward, right back, center back and left back. In this GI tournament, the sextette will be augmented by a "left netter" and "right netter," playing in front of the net, and "right center," and "left center," gracing the middle area between the forwards and backs.

Teams engaged in the volleyball tourney are requested to phone their results to the ENGINEER, Ext. 8 after each game.

Abbot Bowlers Are Invited to Form Teams for Action

Bowling enthusiasts at Abbot—and their number is legion—are invited to form teams for league play during the summer months at the Bend Recreation Alleys, 744 Bond St.

Spurred by the incessant requests for competitive play, Mr. Bob Dowsett, owner of the alleys, has agreed to set aside Thursday night of each week for the next three months for match action between military personnel teams.

The eight-alleys will close July 12 for two weeks during which the slick maplelanes will be thoroughly resurfaced, and when reopened, will be available for Abbot teams.

In the meanwhile, GI pinbusters interested in forming teams, should contact Bob at the alleys nightly, or by phoning Bend 532. Officers, Wacs, Army Nurses, as well as enlisted men can comprise teams.

QM Sews on Piping For Abbot Units

QM repair shop seamstresses today were doing a "piping" swell job stitching appropriate braid around rims of garrison caps worn by Abbot EM's.

A recent camp memorandum stipulated that GI's should have piping representing their individual units; red for ERTC, green for SCU; cobalt blue with golden orange for Chemical Warfare Service; silver grey with golden yellow for Finance; maroon with white for Medical Det; yellow with green for MP's; crimson with yellow for Ordnance; buff for QM, and orange with white for Signal Corps.

Because many organizations on the post lack adequate sewing facilities, the QM repair shop was selected to stitch on the hatcords.

Seven Training Bags Arrive To Toughen Mitts of GIs

To develop punches, toughen hands and bolster coordination, Abbot trainees will slam-bang at 75-pound heavy training bags, used by prize fighters to increase their dynamite-laden socks.

Seven of these monstrous, canvas-covered bags arrived in camp several days ago and will be distributed to the 11th, 12th and Hq. Co.s of ERTC and SCU. First bag to be installed is in the All-Purpose rec hall.

WELL, HE WAS
And there was a GI who came to see Miss Baigel in the War Bond office to make his purchase.
"What denomination?" she asked.
"Presbyterian," he replied.

The Wolf by Sansone



—sandwiches, cake 'n' coffee Everything's free!

51st Makes 100% In Rifle Shooting; Co. A Best Shots

Effectiveness of rifle marksmanship training in the ERTC here was demonstrated recently when the 51st Bn., the first Camp Abbot unit to fire for record on the range, qualified 100 per cent of the men who fired.

Co. A took top honors in the battalion, qualifying 32 men as experts, 75 as sharpshooters and 69 as marksmen. Figures were for both record firing and first supplemental firing. Only 64 men of the entire unit have not fired. They will receive additional instruction before firing for record.

Preliminary firing by the 52nd Bn. indicates that unit also will qualify 100 per cent and probably will give the 51st a close race, Maj. LeCompte Joslin, supervisor of weapons training said. The 52nd is scheduled to fire for record today and Saturday.

Members of the 51st Bn. this week studied field fortifications, camouflage, use of the bayonet, road construction, Engineer reconnaissance and fixed bridge construction. Training tests were held.

Individual security, scouting and patrolling, rifle marksmanship, first aid and training tests were on the 53rd Battalion schedule. The 52nd covered rifle marksmanship, tools and equipment, marches and bivouacs, defense against air attack, demolition, field fortifications, camouflage and rigging.

Front & Center! D-52 Is Honored

Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, tossed a garland of GI "wardhids" to D-52, commanded by Capt. Donald J. Dickson, for being an "alert organization."

Returning from the target range, and passing Old Glory flying triumphantly on the camp flag pole shortly before 1730, the company, instead of "rushing by, halted and stood at parade rest during the sounding of retreat. The company then presented arms for the National Anthem. It was an inspiration."

The commendation appeared in a recent DIB, under Col. Besson's signature. That's getting the ABBOT HABIT!

Strawn Named as Wac Games Clerk

Now that they've become honest-to-goodness G.I.'s, Camp Abbot's Wacs this week completed plans for an ambitious recreation program and named Pvt. Ruth Strawn as recreation clerk.

Ruth has had considerable experience in athletics and organizational work and has tabbed the following diversions: swimming every Thursday night, swimming several nights weekly, tennis on the Bend high school courts, basketball, volleyball and softball. Over the weekends, picnics and game sessions also are planned.

July 26 Set As Opening of Softball Meet

Championship Slated for Aug. 1; 24 Teams Sign Up To Compete for Awards

Softball showed signs of becoming Camp Abbot's No. 1 sport this week following an announcement by Sgt. Roy L. Rider, athletic director of the Special Service Office, that 24 teams will be organized here to compete in a U. S. Service Camp tournament sponsored by the Amateur Softball Association.

Following the tournament, scheduled for July 26 to August 1, awards will be made to winning teams by a well-known soft-drink concern.

Organizations which will be represented are the four companies of the 51st, 52nd, 53rd and 54th Engr. Tng. Bns.; Hq. Co., SCU Engr. Tng. Co., ERTC; the Motor Co.; the Medical Det., and the 55th, 56th and 57th Bns., the latter three of which will have only one team because their activation is not scheduled in time for organization of company teams. An officers' contingent also will compete.

Teams will be eliminated after losing two games. Preliminary games will be played during off-duty hours in battalion areas, and the final contest, scheduled for August 1, on Camp Abbot diamond.

Gin Pole Construction Interests Abbot Trainees

Using shears to lift the heavy gin pole in operating position, 51st Abbot ERTC recruits this week spent many an arduous hour on the training area learning one of the fundamentals of basic engineering principles—rigging.

Purpose of the course is to teach trainees how to tie the common knots and hitches, make lashings, prepare anchorages, and uses of block and tackle.

Also included in the instruction offered by competent instructors and coached by veteran cadre are the techniques in using a combination of these prin-

ciples to form the necessary expedients for lifting and moving heavy loads.

Each Engineer soldier at Abbot has in his possession at all times a training rope with which he practices in spare time tying the knots he has learned.

Abbotmen also are taught other allied subjects including tripod, high line and boom derrick, and the particular application of each.

Later in their training period, the Castlemen get practical application of what they have learned about rigging during construction of fixed and floating bridges.

No! This Isn't a G. I. Maypole Dance



ABBOT ROOKIES LEARN HOW TO MOVE HEAVY LOADS— All soldier-engineers must acquire the technique of rigging—expedient methods of moving bulky loads. Shown above are recruits of the second platoon, D-51, constructing a gin pole, which, when completed is a standardized means for loading and unloading heavy equipment, placing heavy bridge timbers and other uses taught in the ERTC. (ENGINEER Photo by Hahn.)