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S. S. O. Chief Toasts Camp Hostesses



WELCOME TO ABBOT—Photographed at a recent G. I. dance in the All-Purpose Rec Hall, Lt. P. H. O'Brien, post Special Service Officer is shown engaged in an animated conversation with these three charming young women who have been selected as hostesses. Miss Helen M. Sourhada, left, in charge of the cafeteria; Mrs. Helen Strong Smith, Service Club director, and Miss Caroline Paddock, chief librarian.

Public Address System Will Amplify News

Special Service Office Project May Soon Air Reveille, Retreat Calls

Up to the minute news flashes, important announcements from post headquarters, popular phonograph records and bugle calls will be "broadcast" to personnel of Camp Abbot through the medium of a new public address system installed this week in the All-Purpose Recreation hall at Center St. and Group Ave.

In addition to public announcements and news flashes, a daily war summary will be read probably around 0800 daily except Sunday. Lt. P. H. O'Brien, director of Special Services, will be announcer, and newscasts will emanate from a soundproof "penthouse" studio in the recreation hall. As soon as a turntable, ordered recently arrives, calls for formations and popular records will be included in the program.

The amplifying unit can be heard distinctly in the 51st and 57th Bn. areas on either end of Group Ave., at the Station Hospital and on target ranges, Signal Corps officers who supervised installation and testing of equipment reported. Reception is expected to be improved considerably with the installation of
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Learn In Army Program Starts

Retreat Parade Is Slated Today for Gen. Sturdevant

Honoring Brig. Gen. Clarence J. Sturdevant, assistant to the Chief of Engineers, a retreat parade is scheduled Friday between 1700 to 1800 on the parade grounds by the 11th Engr. Tng. Gp.

Gen. Sturdevant, accompanied by members of his staff will make an inspection of ERTC training facilities and confer with camp authorities, headed by Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander.

Education Is Offered in Off-Duty Hours

Ninth Service Unit Chief Reveals Varied Plans for Camp Abbot

By Cpl. Morrie C. Guss (Editor, Abbot ENGINEER)
A six-point educational program, designed to increase military efficiency and assist ambitious Abbotmen who wish to get ahead in life, has been instituted by the Special Service Branch Hqs., Ninth Service Command, Ft. Douglas, Utah.

These off-duty educational opportunities, available to all men and Wacs in camp, consists of (1) correspondence instruction, (2) self-taught foreign languages, (3) self-taught basic subjects, (4) art and hobby groups, (5) tours of places of historic interest, and (6) group discussions.

Armed with colorful posters, text books, catalogs and praise-worthy letters from other Army posts in the NSC, Capt. George H. Ivins, education officer, outlined the program to camp authorities who immediately approved its worthiness and began plans to formulate classes among all units stationed on the post.

The program will be directed by the post Special Service Office. Lt. P. H. O'Brien, director, said full information about any phase of the educational plan is available, and assistance will be given to organizing the necessary classes, supplying self-teaching texts and materials, and aid soldiers in selection of correspondence courses through the Armed Forces Institute.

The latter organization, under government supervision, covers almost the entire conventional
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ABBOT FACE!

STRIP TEASE—A story is told of a draftee who needed a minor nose treatment. "As long as you're the one who discovered this," he told his draft board doctor, "how about you doing the treatment?" The doctor told him to report at his office the next morning . . . When he arrived, the doctor said: "Go into the next room, and remove all your clothes" . . . "Just for a nose treatment?" the patient protested. The doctor repeated: "Remove all your clothes." The man went into the adjoining room, and removed his clothes. There he saw a stranger, nude, holding a package. "All I need is a minor nose treatment," the draftee told him, "and the doc makes me take off all my clothes" . . . "That's nothing," sighed the nude stranger. "I just came to deliver a bundle."

RED LINE ITEM—Personally we don't cherish the idea of being a tattle-tale but to prevent a sartorially-minded M.P. from being "gigged" we pass this information along to the guilty member of the camp Motor Patrol squad. Several days ago you were seen (yes, we saw you!) astride your powered scooter, License No. 61333, on highway 97 wearing red socks, which, definitely isn't G.I.

Hostesses Are Glad as Units Near Finish

Three happiest women in Camp Abbot today—aside from the Wacs—were civilian hostesses whose jobs it will be to supervise recreational, social and educational facilities established for enlisted men by the Special Service office.

Mrs. Helen Strong Smith, director of the Service Club was jubilant because workmen reached the interior phases of the beautiful and large G. I. rendezvous on Group Ave. Contractors hope to have the building ready in mid-August.

Miss Helen M. Sourhada was flashing her prettiest smile as draymen unloaded van after van of furnishings and furniture for the cafeteria in Bldg. 205, adjacent to the All-Purpose Rec hall. The cafeteria, which she will manage, accommodates 120 persons and 40 may be served in the fountain located in a wing. Civilians will staff the cafeteria, serving a variety of meals, snacks or dessert at economical prices.

Miss Caroline Paddock, chief librarian, has completed cataloging the thousands of books eventually to be placed for distribution to all camp personnel in the main library in the Service Club and sub-libraries in each of the two Groups here. At present, books, magazines and
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B-51 Builds First Ponton Bridge

Using a short crew of 92 men, instead of 106, B-51 became the first Abbot unit to construct a heavy ponton bridge over the swirling Deschutes river in the vicinity of the ponton warehouse last Tuesday.

Utilizing 13 two-ton ponton boats, the trainees built a 205-foot bridge in 3 hours and 50 minutes. Capt. C. E. Spahr, company commander, was enthusiastic over the manner in which his rookies mastered the rugged job. The bridge, having a loading capacity of 25 tons, was dismantled in 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Large Majority of Abbot Wacs Will Remain in Service

Over ninety-five per cent of the Wac contingent at Camp Abbot have indicated their intention to "take it" as an answer to the Army's offer to "take it or leave it" when the oath of service is administered to the women's corps in the near future.

A 60-day period of grace has been granted to presently-enrolled Wacs to decide whether or not they will remain in the service to release a man for active fighting duty. There is to be no coercion used to persuade the women in khaki to "stand by their guns" and Army and Wac officials are of the opinion that the number who leave the corps will be "very small."

S/Sgt. John L. Overman to Attend Finance School

S/Sgt. John L. Overman, Finance branch, Hqs. Co., SCU 1973, today was en route to the Army Finance school at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., for a three month's special finance course.

Camp Housing Board Reports Results on Questionnaire

Camp Abbot authorities today studied results of a comprehensive housing survey initiated several weeks ago as a project of the Personnel Relations Division.

Members of the Housing Board, named by Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, comprises Maj. Russell D. Turrill, Director, Personnel Relations; Capt. Thomas B. Fulkerson, QM Property Officer; Lt. John Q. Gelder, Assistant Sales Officer, and Lt. John N. Alders, Assistant Classification Officer, Enlisted Men's Personnel.

Members of civilian committees with whom joint meetings

have been held in Bend are: Mr. C. J. Lindh, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce housing committee; Mr. S. Deitrick and Mr. John Cusick, committee members; Mr. D. H. Peoples, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. W. C. Coyner, chairman, fair rents committee and Mr. P. B. Johnson, Mr. J. F. Arnold, Mr. R. H. Prentice, and Mr. W. A. Wirtz, committee members.

Of 356 housing questionnaires completed by civilian personnel working at Camp Abbot, 285 have indicated that they are satisfied with their accommodations
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"You're Turning Out Swell Soldiers"



CONGRATULATIONS—Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, left, was proud of Capt. Winston W. Ebmeyer, C-51 after records revealed that his company was adjudged first in the Bn. rating chart, shown in the background. Tabulations were based on company marksmanship, tactical, technical and administration achievements.

Date for Waring Band Camp Abbot Dedication Nears

Thirteen days before the nation learns about Camp Abbot when Fred Waring's "Victory Tunes" radio program is dedicated to the Army's newest ERTC, names of songs to be played by the famed band were still undisclosed due to the numerous requests yet pouring in the Special Service Office.

On July 29, from 2000 to 2015, over 129 stations of the NBC red network, the Waring organization will tell in story and song the aims and present achievements of the camp that is destined to become the largest ERTC in the country.

The July 23 issue of the ENGINEER will carry full details of the Waring program, including the three most popular songs with Abbotmen. Plans are underway to carry the quarter-hour program over the public address system.