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**ARE YOU GOING TO PEDDLE APPLES?**

After months of preparation, the first invasion of modern Europe by American troops last weekend electrified a world cherishing the ideals of Democracy.

We, who are in the Army, should think of our return to civilian life. Millions of men will return to seek the jobs they temporarily stepped out of in order to perform a more pressing assignment. Although most of us have jobs waiting for us, we must realize that there will be a period of revision and reorganization during which war industries must convert to civilian production. During this period, most of us will have to depend on our savings to tide us over.

If we neglect to prepare now for this inevitable period, we may find ourselves in straitened conditions. It is true that our incomes are in most cases far below that which we enjoyed as civilians, but nevertheless, preparation for our re-entry into the world of business and industry, calls for a consistent savings program, even though it may require our giving up certain pleasures we now enjoy.

War Bonds, guaranteed by Uncle Sam, which over a 10-year period, return four dollars for three dollars invested, seems a profitable method of making such savings. The various allotment plans afforded Camp Abbot personnel offers a painless and simple method of putting aside your savings. But whether you invest your money in War Bonds or put it in an old G. I. shoe in the corner of your footlocker, some definite plan of savings should be followed, to serve as a bulwark against any period of unemployment or want.

Let's not have any soldier sell apples on street corners when we've won this war!—M.C.G.

Many soldiers here are forgetting the necessity of maintaining attractive grounds within battalion areas. Cigarette butts, matches, and scraps of paper catch the eye of scrutinous officials. When there's "policing" to do, bend, down, soldier and pick everything up!

Petty thefts within barracks have been reported. This type of action undermines the "esprit de corps" of fighting men. If any article doesn't belong to you—don't "borrow" it. Leave it alone.

**MORE ABOUT  
G. I. Education**  
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range of instruction through correspondence instructions. Servicemen enrolling and completing such courses receive credits towards their high school or college degrees, and also on their Army Qualification cards. There are 64 courses offered by the A. F. I.

Abbotmen can learn, through diligent application in a short time, any of 10 foreign languages by means of phonograph records and printed material. These language album sets will be available in the near future.

Mathematics, business subjects and physics are to be taught in organized classes, with the necessary textbooks provided free of charge.

Encouragement of hobbies among Abbotmen and women, is hoped, will result in the early formation of groups interested in photography, radio, stamp collecting, metal and woodworking, model making, painting, wood

carving, stage designing, sculpture, and handicraft.

Through carefully planned and conducted tours to nearby points of historical interest, soldiers here will acquire a picture of the background of the Oregon region, its industries, its geological formations, its pioneer lore and its natural resources.

Group discussions where khaki-clad citizens can meet and present views on modern problems, planning for the post-war world and develop the proper "esprit de corps" is another off-duty project to be formed soon.

Informational films, supplemented by lectures, also will be presented. In a few days, bulletin boards all over camp will be decorated with posters on the six point educational program.

Maj. Walter L. Roche, Ninth Service Command War Bond officer, who accompanied Capt. Ivins here, expressed satisfaction with the camp-wide response towards the various types of allotments. He, too, conferred with camp authorities relative to the campaign, now in process, for Army men to begin and maintain a consistent savings program by buying a "share in

**Hard-Working Abbot Engineers**



**NOT A FAKE SHOT**—When the ERTC was emerging from its construction stage, facilities for unloading and moving railroad cars were unobtainable. As a result, these two Abbotmen, first ERTC'ers to land here, had to do plenty of rugged work by brain and brawn. M/Sgt. Bill V. Anthony and Sgt. Tommy Simerlink show how they used to move r. r. cars. Looks easy, well, it isn't! (ENGINEER Photo by Hahn).

**FOUND: First ERTC Men Here, Anthony and Simerlink**

The old adage, "Necessity is the mother of invention," took on a new significance for M/Sgt. Bill Anthony and Sgt. Thomas Simerlink of the Motor Transport branch when the two arrived here as a vanguard of troops from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., last March and began unloading equipment for the new Engineer Replacement Training Center here.

Anthony and Simerlink were the first soldiers from Fort Leonard Wood to set foot on Camp Abbot soil—or snow, as it happened to be. Both tried to be the first off the truck that brought them out from Bend. Simerlink won by a narrow margin.

"When we started in to work, we had as high as 17 carloads to unload each day and no crane or heavy equipment of any sort," Sergeant Anthony recalled. "Metal pontoons were a big problem. We finally solved it by pulling them over the ends of the coal cars in which they were shipped."

"For most of the work, we had a detail of only about 15 men from Service Command Units. That's not much of a crew when it comes to unloading 17 box cars. There were no warehouse facilities at all, so we just had to leave the equipment in the open and protect it from the elements the best way we could."

"Housing also was a big problem," Sergeant Simerlink pointed out. "We stayed in Bend, came to work at the crack of dawn and returned to town just in time to get to bed around 9 or 10 o'clock at night. The snow was more than two feet deep when we got here, and it started falling just about every time you turned around, sometimes so thick you could hardly see."

Simerlink formerly was a resident of Youngstown, O., and was an inspector in a steel mill before induction. Anthony, a native of Earham, Ia., formerly was a truck driver. He completed his third year of service this week. Both are members of Headquarters Company, ERTC.

**"Flying Tigers" Ace Visits Camp to Recruit Air Cadets**

Take it from bronzed, smart, slow-talking Maj. Eric K. Schilling, former member of the heroic air circus performing with the "Flying Tigers" in China and Burma, Yanks stationed in off-the-beaten posts hypo their morale by frequent servings of such favorite American dishes as fried chicken, apple pie and frozen strawberries.



Maj. Schilling recently returned from Africa, where he was for 10 months operations officer for the Army Air Corps. He visited Camp Abbot last week in connection with a special recruiting mission for aviation cadets.

Nearly 40 Camp Abbot soldiers were interviewed by Maj. Schilling and their applications have been forwarded to the CAB in Portland, Ore., for consideration. "Life in the African desert is

no picnic," he said. "The spirit among all of the men at our post and those which I visited was healthy and enthusiastic. These fliers and mechanics can dish it out as well as take it. Majority of the time—they dish it out."

Speaking of "dishing it out" prompted the former member of Gen. Chennault's staff to extend praise, "gobs of it" to the Army Supply Service for ferrying in foodstuffs from QM depots.

"Food is a vital ingredient to sustain the proper morale of troops," he added. "Frequently, the men were served frozen strawberries, fried chicken and deep apple pie just like Mom used to bake."

Despite the variance in climate, American troops attached to Army Air repair bases, turned out the work in typical precision-like manner.

Enlisted men and officers below the rank of captain are eligible for transfer to the Air corps providing they pass the physical and mental examinations.

**"Bub" Shaffer Is "Top Sarge" to Hq. ERTC Men**

By Cpl. Harlan L. Weeks (ERTC Staff Correspondent)

He's "tops". That's what they say about M/Sgt. Wilmer R. (Bub) Shaffer, first sergeant of Hq. Co. ERTC. And when we say "they" it is taking in a lot of territory because Shaffer is first sergeant to one heck of a lot of men.

At one time, the Hq. Co. of Fort Leonard Wood, of which he is a graduate, was called the "largest single company in the US army". Today, the Hq. Co. at Abbot isn't too far away from the same figure. Shaffer has a difficult job coordinating the whereabouts of a good many hundred men all assigned to the various sections of the post, but only a few to the company itself. The actual number of men assigned to the company does not total thirty. All of the men working in the many sections and divisions "room and board" in Hq. Co. and are under the genial supervision of Sgt. Shaffer.

He hails from Russell, Kan., where he was a bank cashier before his induction into the army on April 29, 1941. He went through the Fort Leavenworth induction station and was sent to Fort Leonard Wood for his basic with Co. D of the 26th Engrs. After graduating he was assigned to the message center of the Sixth Gp. and moved to Hq. Co. as a corporal in Oct. of 1941. After a couple of weeks at the ERTC message center he went to the company as clerk. Later in the same month he was made personnel sergeant and moved up the ladder of promotion to sergeant. He won his staff and later his technical sergeant's rating in Oct. of 1942 in the same job. Two months later he was named master sergeant and assumed the duties of first sergeant of the company. At that time there were nearly 800 men in the company.

Shaffer is a former collegiate basketball player, having won three awards at the University of Kansas.

**KNEW WHAT SHE WANTED**  
Cpl.: When I told that girl my father was very wealthy she refused to marry me.  
Pvt.: Didn't make any difference, huh?  
Cpl.: She's my mother now!

**ABBOTIZERS  
PIN-UPS FOR CHIN-UPS**



**SO NICE TO COME HOME TO**  
—Third camp civilian employe chosen to wear the mythical string of pine cones symbolic as an Abbotizer is this winsome miss who works in the post-office. **VITAL STATISTICS:** Name: Helen Moore. Age, 19. Weight, 115 lbs. Height 5'5". Color Hair: Dark Brown. Color Eyes: Brown. Home town: Bend. Favorite Color and Flower: Blue and gardenia. Hobbies: Dancing, Singing and Fishing. Favorite Sport: Badminton. She gets most of her mail from a "male" named Jack.

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**PROTESTANT CHOIR PRACTICE:** Post Chapel, Wednesday at 1930.

**BIBLE CLASS,** Post Chapel, Monday at 1930.