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Camp Housing

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 tions. Sixty are dissatisfied for reasons of poor refrigeration, lack of cooking facilities, bath and toilet facilities, poor heating, or general poor condition of accommodations. Others signified their intention to move their families here at a later date or not at all.

Of 640 housing questionnaires completed by military personnel, 258 are satisfied with their accommodations. 125 are dissatisfied for reasons as already shown. 134 intend to move their families to Bend at a future date and 123 do not intend to move their families to Bend.

Maj. Turrill, president of the board, pointed out that the housing problem will be aggravated for the next few months because of the influx of families of military personnel coming to Bend for the maneuver period. In this connection a communication was dispatched to the Commanding General, 4th Army Corps, requesting that families of such personnel be directed not to bring them into this area.

He also stated that figures have been given to Mr. Fred A. Cuthbert, of the National Housing Authority in Portland, for the purpose of considering the possibility of approving construction of housing for war workers in Bend. Accommodations vacated by war workers, who have first priority to new housing, would then become available to civilian and military personnel of Camp Abbot.

"SUNNY DAZE"

BY PVT. MARY "SUNNY" GRAHAM
 (Special Service Office)

Look, soldier, you asked me why I joined the Wac?

Have you ever walked by the Deschutes river in the twilight, wading through fields of blue iris . . . seeing a silver flash in midstream as a trout leaps for his evening meal . . . and the dusk is deep where the pines are thick and the lights of Camp Abbot gleam through . . .

There's Nick polishing his shoes in one of those barracks; there's Bill in the Orderly room on CQ, probably writing Janie—that boy's in love!; there's Officer's row, a string of golden beads lying along Hq. Ave. and in one of those lighted rooms is Captain—wow! Can that man say "At ease" and mean it! And there's a lump in your throat . . .

Some of those men will leave soon and never see a camp in the twilight, silver flashes will be bullets; the evening song won't be the chirping of crickets . . .

A white cross shows in the dimness and two hearts are buried there . . . tramping feet sound along a road . . . a yellow slip of paper brings no outcry, only a bleeding starts inside . . .

Twilight thickens into night

Good Conduct Medal Winners



EXEMPLARY ABBOTMEN HONORED—Here's the first group of men awarded the G. C. M. Actually, red-and-white ribbons were presented, with the medals coming when we've won the war. Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, made the presentations to the G. I. "good kids."

First Wedding Performed In Beautiful Post Chapel

Miss Jeanne M. Peirce and Cpl. John D. Laughead, Jr., Hq. Det. 11th Gp. will always remember Camp Abbot's Post chapel for it was in Bldg. 208 they were married by Post Chaplain William H. Andrew last Monday night.

The bride, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., dressed in a white suit with matching accessories, carried a white prayer book, a gift from her mother, with gardenias fastened on the cover. Her attendant, Mrs. Henry F. Tognetti, wore a pink suit with a gardenia corsage.

Sgt. Henry F. Tognetti, also of the 11th Gp. was best man for the groom. The ceremony, a double ring one, was the first to be conducted in the Post Chapel.

"Wings Over Jordan" Singers Plan Concert

The rich, melodious and traditional American spirituals of the South will be sung by a quintet of Negro soldiers next Sunday at 1930 in the Post Chapel, Bldg. 208 on Group Ave.

The singers, members of an Engr. Construction En, in this area for the Fourth Army maneuvers, will present many well-known spirituals and levee ballads. Several members of the group have appeared on the nationally-known radio program, "Wings Over Jordan," and promise a delightful 45-minute song-fest. Maj. William H. Andrew, Post Chaplain has issued an invitation for all Abbot personnel to attend.

Wacs Go Nautical Ride In Pontons

Having ridden in classy convertibles, streamlined station sedans, bouncing jeeps and weapons carriers, Camp Abbot Wacs tonight will experience "floating" down the Deschutes river in pontons when C-51 plays host at the third in a series of picnics arranged for by Special Service Office, Lt. P. H. O'Brien, director, with the cooperation of Lt. Patricia Elwell, acting commander of the Wac Det. and Capt. Owen S. C. Hammer, chief, Engr. Branch, Tng. Div.

Wednesday evening A-51 sponsored the picnic supper and boat ride, and B-51 on Monday.

and there's hair to be set and a weary body to lay in a narrow bed; a bed that's still wider than a slit trench and has a blanket of wool instead of a blanket of stars . . . dawn comes soon, bringing again those thoughts which make one strong and eager for her duty in khaki . . .

You asked me, soldier, why I joined the Wac—need I say more?

Make It A Habit to Let Another Soldier Read The ENGINEER.

Fancy Stitches Cover Stripes Won by 21 Wacs

Twenty-one efficient, hard-working Camp Abbot Wacs sewed on new stripes last Tuesday morning after officers presented them at reveille formation.

As each promotion was announced, Lts. Patricia E. Elwell, acting C. O. and Emily Caldwell, personally congratulated the gals. Jeanette M. Anderson rated the highest honor, jumping from Pvt. to Sgt. She is in charge of Wacs assigned to Post Hospital. Other promotions follow:

T/4

T/5 Josephine Gruca.

Cpl.

Pfc. Lois H. Smith, Pfc. Myrtle L. Oliver, Pvts. Luberta Stone, Martha G. Wheeler.

T/5

Pfcs. Florence Breiting, Lillian Feldman, Rosemary Kasap, Marjorie Lederer, Lillian Mayer; Pvts. Margaret M. Casey, Mildred K. Cooper, Faye B. Honea, Barbara Kennedy, Denva M. Myles, Beatrice Silberman, Ruth M. Strawn.

PFC.

Pvts. Flora M. George, Mary J. Good and Elizabeth A. Heble.

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Hostesses Joy

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hometown newspapers are available in the 11th Gp. unit, where Miss Paddock and Wac helpers are preparing for the future opening of other branches.

The tall, charming Mrs. Smith also manages the Guest House, Bldg. 210, where sleeping accommodations for 20 guests are available. Attractive furniture is awaited, as are writing tables, lamps and curtains. Guests may utilize the Guest House at present, but are requested to bring their own towels and have arrangements for meals. The charge is 75c cents per night with visitors limited to three nights. Reservations are suggested to insure quarters.

JUST TOO, TOO, TOO!
FORT —, March—WAAC service records are in the pink!
 In tune with its accent on femininity (Sic) the War Department has designed the service records and most allied papers of the women's army with gay coral-colored borders, while the familiar white forms have been dipped in pink dye.—Press Release.

New Band Is Featured on 53rd Bn. Show

Pfc. Sid Youman Directs "Musical Engineers;" Hill-Billy Trio Scores

A new Camp Abbot dance orchestra, the Musical Engineers, made its debut at a show presented before members of the 54rd Engr. Tng. Bn. recently, highlighted by novelty acts by trainees of the battalion.

Although the new musical organization has had only a few rehearsals and personnel and instrumentation have not been set, the performance was enthusiastically received by the future Engineers. Organized by Sgt. Harry Bray and Pfc. Sid Youman, the band has a violin section and features "sweet" music and novelties. The unit will alternate with the Camp Abbot orchestra, directed by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes, in providing music for dancing and entertainment programs for Camp Abbot soldiers.

Youman, who will direct, is a talented clarinetist and sax performer.

Playing in the orchestra for the show were Sgt. Bray, Pfc. Youman, and Cpl. Milt Adcock of the ERTC band; Pvts. Harold Collar and Tom Warbuton of A-51; Pvt. Harold Giandrone, D-51; Pvt. Holmes G. Hutton of D-52; Cpl. John Tobias of Hq. Det., 55th Bn.; Pvt. George Doumani of Hq. Co. SCU 1973 and Cpls. Casmir Jeleniewski and Dwight Newton, Hq. Co., ERTC.

Highlight of the battalion's portion of the program was a performance by "The Arkansas Trio," members of which are Pvts. J. D. Bull, J. A. Stevens and J. Gullege, all of Co. C. Other numbers included a harmonica and piano solo by Pvt. G. W. Gonlier, vocal solos by Pvt. Q. M. West and Pvt. W. H. Lopez, and a skit entitled "Company A on Guard." Pvt. G. W. Altman of Co. A was master of ceremonies.

BILLETING OFFICE MOVES

Location of the Camp Abbot Billeting office is now in Bldg. 1023 at Center St. and Group Ave., with Lt. Gene Foley of Al martin, officer in charge. The telephone number is 93.

First Abbotman Promoted Enroute Home on Furlough

When the colorful history of Camp Abbot is written, Leonard E. Grolinek's name will be included as he was the first EM to be promoted on March 19, 1943—nearly two months before activation of the Army's newest ERTC.

Grolinek, accompanied by three other servicemen, arrived here on March 13 from Camp White, Ore. At that time there were only four officers on the post. A week later, Co. Order No. 1, Hq. Co. SCU 1973, attested to the fact that he had been promoted to Pfc.

This week, after 10 months in the Army, he was enroute to Los Angeles, his home town, on a furlough.

Alert Abbot Wac Wins Praise in Fire Drill

During a recent fire drill in the QM office, Pvt. Rose Schneller won the commendation of every male soldier and civilian in the office. While others filed out in an orderly manner, the alert Wac grabbed her typewriter and joined the line, "rescuing" the only item of equipment in the simulated blaze.

Movie CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY, July 16—"MR. LUCKY," with Cary Grant and Larine day. "THE WAR" exclusive, interesting movie short exclusively for G. I.'s; newsreel.
 SATURDAY, July 17—"SEVEN DAYS LEAVE" (Revival), with Victor Mature, Lucille Ball, Ginny Simms; swell musical; cartoon and Pete Smith short.
 SUNDAY & MONDAY, July 18-19 — "PRESENTING LILY MARS," with Judy Garland, Van Heflin; Tommy Dorsey and Bob Crosby bands; newsreel.
 TUESDAY, July 20—"SPITFIRE," a drama with wings starring Leslie Howard, Donald Niven; Terrytoon and "All American Band."
 WEDNESDAY—(Double Feature)—"SPY TRAIN," with Richard Travis, Evelyn Brent; "CHATTERBOX," with Judy Canova, Joe E. Brown, Rosemary Lane.
 THURSDAY—"HIT THE ICE," Abbot and Costello, Ginny Simms, Johnny Long's band; "Doctors at War," and newsreel.

Male Call

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

Flank Coverage

