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ABBOT FACE!

New Chaplain Arrives for 12th Engr. Gp.

Capt. N. M. Goldberg To Deliver First Sermon Tonight in Post Chapel

Arrival of Capt. Norman M. Goldberg has increased Camp Abbot's Corps of Chaplains to four, who, as spiritual advisors are the best friends soldiers can have.

Chaplain Goldberg, in active service for over two years, was recently stationed at Camp Stoneman, Calif. Prior to that time, he was assigned as a divisional chaplain for troops quartered at Fort Ord, San Jose and Camp San Luis Obispo, all in California. He is an Army reservist since 1934.

Post Chaplain William H. Andrew said that Chaplain Goldberg will serve as an assistant post chaplain, assigned to the 12th Engr. Tng. Gp. He will also supervise the religious activities of Jewish personnel at Abbot.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Chaplain Goldberg was rabbi for 13 years at Temple B'nai Israel in Sacramento, Calif.

"I am extremely happy to be transferred here," Chaplain Goldberg said. "The camp is ideally situated, the facilities modern and impressive."

The new chaplain will deliver his first sermon tonight at 9:30 o'clock in Post Chapel, Bldg. 208, highlighting the regular weekly services for Jewish soldiers and Wacs. A musical program has been arranged, followed by a get-together. All members of the Jewish faith are invited to attend the services.

Casting Date Set For G. I. Musical, "Castles O' Fun"

"CASTLES O' FUN" has been selected as the title of a slapstick musical comedy revue, now in preparation, for presentation to every incoming increment of rookies in Camp Abbot.

Designed to set a new high in hokum and pure G. I. comedy, the action will take place all over battalion rec halls where the opus will be shown. Actors (?) will break into each other's routines with heckling, ribbing, (Continued on Page 4)

"Victory Tunes" Selected by Abbotmen for July 29 Radio Dedication by Waring Band

The editorial staff of the Abbot ENGINEER emerged from a stack of ballots this week tightly clutching a list of four tunes selected by soldiers as their favorite ballads for the Fred Waring "Victory Tunes" program to be dedicated to Camp Abbot from 2000 to 2015 Thursday, July 29 over a coast-to-coast network arranged by the post Special Service branch.

Attitudes of three G. I. schools of thought apparently were reflected in the titles chosen. From the homesick tribe came the blushing avowal: "I Just Kissed Your Picture Goodnight." Occasion for rejoicing was prophesied by the second school

Distinguished Engineer Visits Camp



INSPECTION HIGHLIGHTS—Last weekend Camp Abbot was host to Brig. Gen. Clarence J. Sturdevant, assistant to the Chief of Engineers. Upper photo shows the General, Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, and Col. Aubrey H. Bond, C. O. of the 11th Gp. inspecting the battalion. Lower left, close up picture of Gen. Sturdevant and Col. Besson. Lower right; executive officers of the 11th Gp. whose troops paraded during a retreat ceremony. Col. Bond, front center; Lt. A. J. Minke, Jr., adjutant; rear left; Lt. Col. Carl G. Kustner, executive officer and Capt. John P. Gilboy, S-4.

Gen. Sturdevant Inspects Abbot on Two-Day Visit

Transformed in six weeks from raw recruits into smartly-appearing, cadence-minded troops, the 11th Engr. Tng. Gp. drew praise from Brig. Gen. Clarence J. Sturdevant, assistant to the Chief of Engineers who watched the Abbotmen stage a retreat parade last Friday.

The future combat engineers looked like veterans as they entered the vast, rolling plain designated as the 11th Gp. parade grounds. The silver-haired, bespectacled, sun-tan clothed distinguished visitor evoked a smile as he saw the soldiers step off, their bodies erect, their M-1 shouldered at the correct angle and eyes on the alert as they moved forward.

Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, likewise, was pleased at the demonstration, as were other visitors in the reviewing line.

For two days, Gen. Sturdevant toured the camp in Col. Besson's jeep and obtained a personal picture of the efficient ERTC schedules. On Friday he saw trainees construct floating bridges, hurl hand grenades, rigging, operation of machine

guns, traverse the rugged obstacle course, use hand and power tools, disable and demolish equipment, squeeze off dead ringers on the rifle marksmanship course, watched training tests, inspected buildings and facilities.

Gen. Sturdevant's most recent assignment was in connection with the construction of the 1,671-mile-long Alaska Military Highway from Dawson Creek, Edmonton, Alberta, to Fairbanks, Alaska, a superb feat accomplished by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Lt. Col. Ralph A. Tudor, Portland district Engineer; Lt. Col. A. D. Harvey, Bend area Engineer; Capt. Hayward Andrews, training inspector, Hq. Ninth Service Command, Ft. Douglas, Utah, Mr. Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, Mr. Frank Loggan, advertising manager, and the following camp officials comprised the review line, fronted by Gen. Sturdevant and Col. Besson: Col. L. H. Hall, post executive officer; Col. Robert M. Copeland and Lt. Col. Clarence J. Douglas, Director, Training Division.

G-2 to Chart War Results By Map Data

Action on All Fronts to Follow Official News From Radio and Press

"Straight dope" as to who's winning the war, what forces are where, who's in charge and why a particular campaign is significant will be available to Camp Abbot soldiers soon through the medium of large maps to be posted in the Public Relations Office and kept "up to the minute" by the Intelligence Branch, Capt. M. P. Coover, Military Intelligence officer, announced today.

Action in four major theatres—the European, Russian, Chinese and South Pacific—will be comprehensively charted. Battle lines will be shown in tape and, in some theatres, farthest points to which the Axis advanced in earlier campaigns by vari-colored lines.

Tabs will show the location of both Axis and Allied units, their strength and officers in command. Alongside the maps will be placed a chart showing the comparative strength of units of various nations.

Latest newspaper releases, newscasts, magazine articles and information supplied by the War Department will be used as sources of information.

As an indication of the completeness of the new service, Capt. Coover pointed out that of the 206 Nazi divisions said to be participating in the Russian campaign, all but 10 will be identified on the map.

Posting of the maps awaits the installation of wall board material on the rear wall of the Public Relations Office in Annex "A". Opening of the service to soldiers will be announced. Meanwhile, the maps are being prepared by Intelligence personnel.

It's T/5 O'Neil, Bob!

A Camp Abbot Wac is keeping pace with her husband in climbing the Army ladder. Promotion to a T/5 for Frances O'Neil, native of Portland, Ore., meant only two jumps below her husband, S/Sgt. Robert L. O'Neil, attached to a combat Engineer outfit somewhere "down under." Frances, who joined the Wacs last March, is a stenographer in the office of Maj. M. J. Cuadra, commandant Hq. Companies.

LIFE SAVERS



THE BEST PROTECTION from a daylight air raid is to lie flat on the ground or in a ditch, shell hole or shadow and not move.



IF DETAILED ON lookout duty be sure to watch in every direction, especially that from which attacks are to be expected.

which chose "Great Day," evidently with visions of a victory parade. Apathy had its followers

RADIO SHOW FACTS

Date: Thursday, July 29, 1943
Time: 2000-2015.
Songs to be featured:
"I Kissed Your Picture Goodnight."
"Great Day," "Day In, Day Out."
"Body and Soul."

FOR BEST RECEPTION TUNE IN BEND'S STATION KBND — 1340 ON YOUR DIAL.

in the third clique which listed "Day In, Day Out," a title sug-

gestive of ERTC routine.

"Body and Soul" was chosen as the "extra" favorite not included in the list of suggestions by the Waring aggregation.

The program will be broadcast over 129 stations of the NBC Red network. As a special service to soldiers at Camp Abbot, Station KBND in Bend, 1340 kilocycles, has made arrangements to carry the program.

Should the program originate in a New York studio, two Abbotmen—Sgt. Alex Orloff and Dale Evans—on furlough in Manhattan plan to attend the radio show. Both are attached to Hq. Co. SCU 1973.

Tank Warfare Added as ERTC Subject

Tank warfare soon will be included in the program for soldiers of the Engineer Replacement Training Center here, Lt. Col. C. J. Douglas, director of the Training Division, said today.

Six obsolete light tanks which otherwise might have been consigned to a scrap heap and a 1939-model medium tank arrived here this week and are being reconditioned by the Motor Transportation Branch for service in the field.

Object of the training is to accustom soldiers to the presence of tanks and to teach them proper employment of cover, Col. Douglas said. The armored vehicles will be driven over fox holes and similar entrenchments occupied by trainees. In addition, light tanks will be used to test mine fields and fixed and floating bridges built by trainees. Medium tanks will test traps and other obstacles prepared as part of Abbot's intensive training program.

Classed as salvage material, the light tanks were manufactured on order from the Chinese government several years ago but failed to measure up to specifications and were not accepted. Instruments bear Chinese symbols instead of English lettering.

Three more medium tanks have been requisitioned and should arrive here soon, Col. Douglas said.