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"ODB... A FRIEND IN NEED"

When Breadwinner John Doe Becomes Private John Doe, there is usually one question uppermost in his mind: How are my folks back home going to get along? One year ago, our government answered that question by establishing the Office of Dependency Benefits of the Army Service Forces. Today, the ODB issues four and a half million checks every month to take care of soldiers' dependents. And Private John Doe fights with greater spirit because he knows his folks will not want.

The task of "getting 'em paid" is a tremendous one. It requires a staff of ten thousand men and women, working in three shifts, twenty-four hours a day to see that Dependency Benefits are paid. The ingenuity of American mechanical genius has come to the aid of the ODB by perfecting special machines that facilitate the process of writing checks and sealing envelopes. These remarkable machines also keep errors down to a bare minimum.

But the job of ODB will not end with the mailing of checks. Its work is highly personalized. Approximately 60,000 letters are received by the ODB every day. These letters vary from the usual question of "When will I receive my allotment?" to a mother's plea for a package of safety pins for her baby. Every letter is answered individually. Wherever possible, the ODB finds an answer to every problem.

The Office of Dependency Benefits, located in Newark, New Jersey, has pledged itself to "Get 'Em Paid." It is living up to that pledge. Today our men on the battlefronts are fighting with greater confidence and faith; confidence in the knowledge that their families are free from want, faith that we shall win the Victory and the peace.

56th Bn. to Be Activated on July 25

Under the command of a West Point graduate, the 56th Engr. Tng. Bn. will be activated July 25 and will begin its arduous combat engineer training schedules the following day.

Capt. Allen Jensen, battalion commander, graduated from the University of Utah in 1937, then appointed to the United States Military Academy in West Point, and upon graduation was assigned to a post in Hawaii. He remained there until Nov. 1942 when he returned to the States and became executive officer of the 31st Engr. Tng. Bn. at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He arrived at Abbot May 15.

The 56th is a component unit of the 12th Engr. Tng. Gp.

Company commanders include (A) Capt. W. H. Zwick; (B) Capt. S. M. Lane, (C) Lt. John Griffin, and (D) Capt. W. H. Yarborough.

HIGH SCHOOL M. R.'s INSTRUMENTS TO HOSPITAL

The problem of obtaining instruments for members of the newly-organized Station Hospital orchestra was solved, at least temporarily, this week when the school board of the Bend High school agreed to lend the soldier-musicians a number of the school's band and orchestra instruments.

Whew-w-w! Sure Is a Hot Day for Xmas Shopping

While Old Sol beats down on Abbotmen is hardly the ideal time to remind G. I.'s here that there are only 169 shopping days to Christmas.

But a July hot spell does not preclude thoughts of Yuletide. Thus, the Post Office department in Washington, D. C., announced this week that Xmas gifts for Army personnel overseas must be mailed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 to assure delivery.

The dates for gifts to Navy men overseas were fixed at Sept. 15 to Nov. 1.

Do your shopping early!

Army Chaplains Serve on All Global Fighting Fronts

Many chaplains already have given their lives for performance beyond the call of duty, Post Chaplain William H. Andrew said in a radio broadcast over KBND on the regular Camp Abbot hour Wednesday night.

"They are at the front, they are in the hospital, they are with the commandos, paratroopers, every branch of the service, doing their best," he said.

NO SHORTSTOPS, PLEASE!

"When in Wacland, do as the Wacs do," will be the motto of the women of the Guild, women's service club of the Episcopal church of Bend, who will enjoy army mess for the first time tonight as guests of the Wac Det. SCU 1973.

Abbot n' Around

* Being a weekly calendar of events listing activities in Camp and Bend for Camp Abbot personnel. For listings phone Ext. 8

FRIDAY

BEND USO: "Juke Box" dance, Elks Club, 2030.
BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs., 1800. Try out for the team.

SATURDAY

BEND USO: "Yank Heaven" Dance, 5-piece band, 2030.
BLDG. NO. 211: Officers' dance, Informal, in Officers' Mess, 2100 to 2400.

SUNDAY

ABBOTheater: Matinee, 1400; Regular Shows, 1830, 2030, week-days. On weekdays, 2 shows nightly: 1830-2030.
ATTEND CHURCH: Chapels on post or churches in Bend.
CAMP BALL PARK: Baseball game between Camp Abbot and visiting team, 1400. Support the camp team. Free!
BEND USO: Duncers Club, 1015-1100; Musical Gems (classical recordings), 1500; Buffet Lunch, 1500-1700; Snacks, 1900-2200; Party Night-Games, refreshments, community singing. Register at USO for Home Hospitality.
BEND CITY PARK BAND STAND: Concert by ERTC Band, 1630-1800.

MONDAY

PILOT BUTTE INN—ARMY WIVES-USO Club Meeting, 2000.
BEND USO: "Do as you Please Night"—Open House.
ERTC BARRACKS 919: String Ensemble Practice, 1830.
BIBLE CLASS: Post Chapel, 1930.

TUESDAY

BEND USO: Dance. Music by ERTC Band, 2030.

WEDNESDAY

STATION KBND: "Camp Abbot on Parade," Studio in Pilot Butte Inn, 145-2000. Interviews, speakers. Audiene invited.
BASEBALL PRACTICE: Post Hqs. 1800.
CHOIR PRACTICE: Post Chapel, 1930.
BEND USO: Bingo Party-Telephone call home to winner, 2000.

THURSDAY

ALL-PURPOSE BLDG.: Try outs for camp show, 1930.
BEND USO: "Learn to Dance" Class 1800.
CHOIR PRACTICE: Post Chapel, 1800.

Rules Cited for Enrollment In G. I. Learn-by-Mail School

Besieged with requests for details regarding enrollment in the Armed Forces Institute, Uncle Sam's correspondence school for enlisted men, the post Special Service Office today announced five regulations governing off-duty educational pursuits by Camp Abbot soldiers.

(1)—Enrollees must have served in Army as an EM for at least four months.

(2)—Approval must be obtained of respective organization commanders on applications submitted in letter form, through GI channels, to the Director, Personnel Division.

(3)—Be willing to pay a tuition fee of \$2 for each course for which application is made. If correspondence course taught by any of the 76 cooperating universities and colleges is chosen, applicants must pay one-half of the total cost for text material

and tees, the other half to be paid by Uncle Sam, except that the latter's share will not exceed \$20 for any one course.

(4)—Enlisted personnel must not be subject to early discharge.

(5)—Applicants' requests will not be okayed if there is any reason to expect that they will not satisfactorily complete the courses requested.

Covering almost the entire conventional range of instruction, Armed Forces Institute offers 357 courses for college and university credits and 87 towards high school degrees.

Group, battalion and company Special Service officers have copies of the AFI catalog and application blanks. Full information also may be obtained from the camp librarian, presently operating in the 11th Gp. sub-library. The Armed Forces Institute is located at Madison, Wis.

The Chaplain's Corner

There are some periods in a man's life when you just have to take it. Now we are an integral part of a great civilian Army. You have been accustomed to a free society where a man can speak his mind. Now you are restricted. There is no way around this except to realize that the Army is not a debating society and never can be. Command cannot be distributed; it must be centralized. While you are here it is best to learn to accept orders. It may seem like a paradox but we need to defend our Democracy by an army and an army has to learn to take orders. So for the duration be a good soldier! You will appreciate the freedom your forefathers fought for by enduring their trials. And you won't be unhappy. In a larger sense we have to learn what Paul means when he says, "I have learned how to be content in whatever state I have found myself." And as soldiers and officers of this great Army of the United States, we can also say with Paul, "We're marching forward," in the right spirit.

SIGN SERVICE REVEALED

Besieged with requests for indoor and outdoor signs, post authorities today announced that Publications section will design and paint signs to identify offices, branches and sections on cardboard, while outside signs of wood will be painted by the Post Engineer.

Lt. Willis' Bargain Costs 35 Bucks

Dead center bulls-eyes by trainees of the 1st platoon, A-52, cost their commander, Lt. Al Willis merely 14 cases of beer, or roughly 35 bucks. But it was worth it!

Faring not so hot in their preliminary firing, Lt. Willis had an idea. "If this outfit shows improvement, practices hard, and really does some expert shooting during record squeezing, I'll buy the 3.2 and you can drink it."

Last Monday night the boys had a sudsfest in rear of the 52nd Bn. Hq. and everyone had a "ale-ava" good time. Pvt. Rudy Foschi emceed the show. Pvts. Cota and Madrid strummed their gee-tars and Lt. Willis, happiest person at the G. I. clambake, sang in his best baritone voice "Gina Nina Mia" and garnered plenty of mitt-noise by his carbon copying Jolson's epic, "Sonny Boy," finishing with an assortment of funny Sam Lapidus stories.

T/5 Ruth Strawn Chosen for OCS

Camp Abbot's first Wac selected to attend OSC at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, is T/5 Ruth M. Strawn, 23-year-old former Los Angeles county recreational playground supervisor.

When You've Read it—Please Pass The ENGINEER AROUND.

ABBOTIZERS
PIN-UPS FOR CHIN-UPS



FOOTLOCKER QUEEN — Her lovely tresses doing a left flank as the wind blew, this charming Camp Abbot civilian employe, working in the Camp Exchange office, is the fourth in a series of pictorial glamorizations. **VITAL STATISTICS:** Name—Vivian Landenberger; Age 28; Height, 5'5"; Weight 112 pounds; Color hair and eyes, chestnut and grey; Hometown: Olney, Ill.; Hobbies, dancing, knitting; Sports, swimming and tennis; Favorite color and flower, Blue and Gardenia. Lives in Bend. She was one of the original crew of civilian workers on the post, starting in late March. (ENGINEER Photo by Hahn.)

G. I. Cinema Sets New B. O. Record

G. I. movie patrons flocked fast and furious to the ABBO Theater last Sunday to establish, for the second consecutive week, a new daily attendance record, Lt. B. Klabanoff, theater officer announced. Previous b.o. mark of 1495 paid admissions was for "Stage Door Canteen" screened two weeks ago. Judy Garland's looks and ditties must have magnetized the crowds to see "Presenting Lily Mars." A total of 1498 responded.

A Pair of Corporals Were Busy During Retreat

A Hopkinsville, Ky., soldier, Cpy. William G. Johnson, 1st Det. 11th Gp., was signally honored last Friday upon his selection as "general's orderly" when Brig. Gen. Clarence J. Sturdevant was honored at a retreat parade by the 11th Gp. troops.

Bill stood in rear of the reviewing line, firmly holding a red guidon with a single silver star.

T/5 Wayne Appel, Hq. ERTC, was Col. Besson's jeep driver during the colorful review.

Let's Go to Church

(Post Chapel is Bldg. 208 on Group Ave., near Center Street.) **JEWISH SERVICES:** Post Chapel, Friday at 1930.

CATHOLIC SERVICES: Until further notice Mass will be said Sunday at 1630 at the Post Chapel.

L. D. S. SERVICE: At Chapel No. 1225, 11th Gp. Chapel Sunday at 1500.

PROTESTANT SERVICES: Post Chapel at 1000 and 1930.

STATION HOSPITAL: Services at 1030, Red Cross room.

CATHOLIC CHOIR PRACTICE: In Post Chapel Thursday at 1930.

PROTESTANT CHOIR PRACTICE: Post Chapel, Wednesday at 1930.

BIBLE CLASS, Post Chapel, Monday at 1930.

SPECIAL SERVICES: Services for 55th Bn. (quarantined) in Post Chapel, 1830 Sunday. Services for 56th Bn. (quarantined), same time, place to be announced in DIB.

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