

SO I AM UP A TREE!



NO "BUTTS" ABOUT IT! "But sir — But sir!" the captain mocked, "You've excuses, I don't doubt it. "But the next time I inspect this street, "Let there be no 'butts' about it."

NO EAR FOR MUSIC "How come you didn't turn out?" demanded the sergeant. "Didn't you hear the bugle blow reveille?" "Honest, sarge, I'm afraid I'm going to be a flop as a soldier. I don't know one darn tune from another!"

"TEASE" FOR TWO A lady from Chicago, who was visiting Camp Abbot, remarked to a soldier from Fort Bliss, "There must be a great many men from Texas in the Army?" "Yes, ma'am," replied the rookie, "you'll find them everywhere." The woman replied, "Oh yes, everywhere I go I see soldiers with a "T" on their arm."

ONCE IN AWOL At Camp Upton, N. Y., a chaplain saw a new soldier in civilian clothes, about to leave camp. He had been discharged and was going home, he told the chaplain. Then he unfolded the story. After twelve days in the Army, the soldier told his sergeant he didn't like it. . . thought he'd go home. The sarge, busy at something, looked up briefly, said, "Scram, buddy." "And," explained the soldier seriously, "where I come from 'scram' means 'go home'."

BED MANNERS For two weeks a certain recruit at Camp Abbot had the most perfect bed in his company. No OCS candidate could touch it. Day after day the C. O. and top sarge gazed on it with awe and admiration. Finally they decided to take it apart and learn the rookie's system. The bed wouldn't budge. No wonder. It was held together by two dozen safety pins.

G. I. Q. GAGG It happened in a military organization class. The instructor was conducting a True or False quiz. Instructor: "A major general has one silver star on each shoulder. True or False?" Student: "False." Instructor: "That's right. (And as the student was taking his seat) What's the right answer?" Student: "One gold star."

WILL MANAGE CAMP BANK Mrs. Eleanor Wilcoxon and Mr. Robert K. Innis have been named to manage the Camp Abbot limited banking facility of the Bend branch, First National Bank of Portland, it was announced by Mr. John B. Cusick, assistant manager of the Bend branch, who has been on duty since the camp unit opened four weeks ago.



IF YOU occupy an observation post for several days be careful not to make trails that can be noticed from the air by the enemy.



WHEN APPROACHING a previously selected observation position always stop and observe it closely for at least 15 minutes to be sure it's not occupied by the enemy.

Keep 'Em Rolling Is Theme Of Motor Unit

Approximately 500 vehicles, with chauffeurs, operations, maintenance and supply, keeps Capt. J. M. Haile, chief of the Motor Transport Branch on the ball rolling all the time.

The vehicles represent every type used in engineering and range from jeeps, C&R, weapons carriers, pick ups, ton and a half cargo, ton and a half dump, two and a half cargo trucks, four and six ton trucks, road graders, bull dozers, tractors, shovels, cranes, cement mixer, road rollers, tanks, witching machines, rock crushers, half tracks, scout cars, motorcycles, well drillers, gasoline saws, barco hammers and compressors, to one to 20 ton trailers.

Three branches comprise Motor Transport: Operations being responsible for the more than five hundred army vehicles, with chauffeurs and operators, serving the first echelon. Under operations comes three sections with clerks, responsible for all personnel; record section, which records every mile covered, and gasoline records for each car. Maintenance is the second division of Motor Transport Branch taking care of maintaining all the various types of equipment used at Abbot. Maintenance and supply serve the second and third echelons.

Supply, the third division, handles all supplies for the Motor Transport Branch. There are 313 Hqs. ERTC members in Motor Transport, 20 Wacs and 25 QM.

Nine Guys From Bend Train Here

One of those comparatively rare "breaks" in the assignment of soldiers to camps for basic training occurred recently when nine men from Bend were sent to the Engineer Replacement Training Center at Camp Abbot, almost in their own back yard.

In the Bend contingent, assigned to the 56th Bn., are John C. Bunce, former assistant to the operations chief, U. S. Engineer office in Bend which was in charge of construction of the camp; Robert W. Powell, former grid star for Bend High school; Marshall D. Fix, formerly of the high school track team; Lewis N. Spencer, former senior class president; Tom W. Ives, basketball player, and Patrick Tierney, Herschel L. Griffith and Lee Barnett, lumber concern employes.

Four other trainees of the battalion also remained near their homes. They are Joseph F. Lyles, James L. Byars and Elmer Cousins of Prineville and David A. Crawford of Redmond.

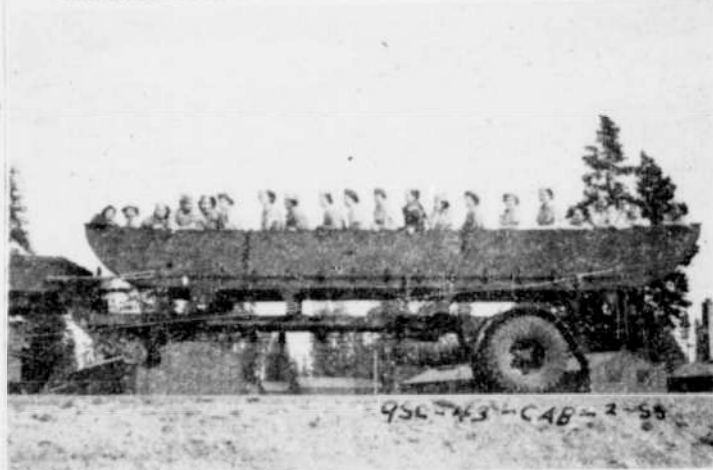
Abbot Rookies From Every State

Every state in the Union, and Alaska and Mexico, are listed as home addresses of trainees who have arrived at Camp Abbot.

The largest number are from California, with Texas as runner-up. Next in order, with approximately equal number, are Minnesota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Colorado. Arkansas, Washington, Iowa, Nebraska, Oregon and New Jersey are about equally represented. Three men list Washington, D. C. as their home address and two are from Delaware. South Carolina has a lone representative in company with one trainee whose home is Ketchikan, Alaska, and another, Jalisco, Mexico.

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

Nautical But Nice—Abbot Wacs



APPOINTMENT IN A PONTON—Wearing their sports apparel (strictly GI, too) all of the Wacs in camp were guests of the 51st Engr. Tng. Bn. recently at a picnic, highlighted by riding a ponton, shown above with a load of soldierettes.

Abbotmen See Deadly Real Training Films During Basic

There is not a laugh in a million feet of the training film the army is showing the trainees at this new engineer replacement center, but there's nerve, skill and step by step development of the individual.

There is no Hollywood touch in these training pictures, for they are not to entertain. The modern soldier is getting his "know how" by going to the movies and they are as an integral part of his training here as is his appearance on the rifle range, the bayonet and hand grenade courses.

Training film worth has been proved many times over and officers here say introduction of the films is estimated to have cut training periods 40 per cent. The army has found that men learn fast in a room where silence prevails, the only noise being from the film sound track. Trainees are shown closeups, and there are pictures of commando raids, booby traps, strafings and slugfests. Actual scenes in the orientation course acquaint them with the history and underlying principles of why we are at war.

FOR BETTER OR VERSE

Combat Engineers at Work

When the army has a job to do. We're the boys who see it through, Combat Engineers at work. Be it bridge or be it road, Remove a mine or move a load, It's the Engineers that work. Where the terrain is the toughest, And the fighting is the roughest, It's the Engineers at work. Tho' no one sings about us, They cannot do without us, In the snow or in the rain, There is one thing that is plain, It's the Engineers that work.

Where the jungle is the thickest, And the rivers run the quickest, It's the Engineers that work. Where the swamps are full of slime, And you need to cross in time, It's the Engineers that work. When you need an air-field laid, So your planes can load to raid, It's the Engineers that work. We're in on every fight, And stick thru day and night, Even if it lasts for years, And it's blood and sweat and tears, We're the boys who have no fears, It's the Combat Engineers at work.

By Cpl. John Abrahamson (Roving Cadre D-54)

BILL OWEN OF B-52, MARRIES MILDRED HEATH

Miss Mildred Heath became the bride of Pfc. William W. Owen, B-52, recently in the Bend First Presbyterian church, with the Rev. R. H. Prentice officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Heath of Richmond, California, and the Abbotman's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William H. Owen of Golden, Colo.

It's No Picnic Weekending Now, Say GI's

Weary Camp Abbot soldiers spending the week-end in Bend searched in vain for hotel accommodations last Saturday when housing conditions, taxed by even the normal week-end influx of soldiers, reached the critical stage with the arrival of "maneuver" soldiers and their families.

"No vacancy" signs were displayed by hotels early Saturday, forcing many families to search for accommodations in nearby communities or sleep in automobiles. Hotel lobbies were crowded with sleeping soldiers early Sunday morning.

The army housing desk in Bend reported early this week that more than 100 applications for rooms had been filed and no rooms were available. All persons having spare rooms to rent, even for a single night, were asked to notify the housing desk at the Bend Chamber of Commerce.

Families of Camp Abbot soldiers are given priority in the assignment of rooms, housing desk official said. Many soldiers here for the war games chose to bring their families despite warning by unit commanders that the housing problem would be acute.

Effects of food rationing also were felt. Items were depleted from menus until only a few commodities were available. The city's only open-all-night restaurant closed its doors at midnight Sunday when demands exceeded supplies, and one establishment displayed a sign early Sunday night reading: "Out of food, will open Tuesday."

G-2 Chief Sees 27 Deer, Hears a Lion

Famed Explorer Frank Buck should have been in Camp Abbot last weekend to "bring 'em back alive."

An assortment of animals, headed by a mountain lion, "about 27 deer," and several large woodchucks were seen and heard in various sectors of ERTC, according to Capt. M. Coover, Director, Internal Security and Intelligence, who was field officer of the day.

The spindly-legged deer were spotted (no, they weren't spotted deer!) in a meadow near the ponton construction area, while the mountain lion sought refuge in the thickly-treed site of the camp water towers. The woodchucks—well, they were all over the camp.



"Well, she asked for one of those G.I. haircuts and I give her one!"