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Abbot Face!

WHY BARS MELT — S/Sgt. "Rajah" Branham, top sarge of Service Co. SCU always earns a chuckle from listeners when he spins the yarn about a shave-tail passing a private who failed to salute. The officer glared. "Don't they teach you to salute in your outfit?" "Yes, sir," said the T/7, adding "I didn't want to attract any more attention than necessary. I'm not supposed to be out without a pass."

GI REUNION—A sea of khaki covered Bend's downtown sector last Sunday night. . . veritably a teeming mass of GI humanity. Out of the thousands roaming the streets, Cpl. Jerry La Selle, Med. Det. SCU, his kid brother, Pvt. Christie La-Selle whom he hadn't seen in nearly two years. Following a spirited reunion on an intersection, the brothers staged an impromptu feast. Christie is with an outfit on maneuvers in this region.

TOAST THAT BURNS — T/Sgt. Marty Riis, brainy EM in ERTC Publications, suggests an appropriate toast that might be of interest to some foxes (a wolf who sends flowers).

To the ladies: Our arms your defense; your arms our recompense, **FALL IN!**

Fitness for Duties Is Yardstick as "L. S." Is Abolished

"Limited service" has disappeared from the vernacular of army records effective last July 31.

Abbotmen now classified as such have undergone physical examinations, and those who meet present minimum standards for induction will be retained on active service. Those who do not meet the prescribed minimum standards for induction will be discharged. Exceptions to this requirement may be made in the case of a man who is physically qualified to perform his present job and the commander desires to retain him. EM so retained will not be transferred from Camp Abbot.

War Dep't circular 161 states that the title "limited service" must be deleted from service records and allied papers of the soldiers retained.

Summing up the circular adds up to this: If the Army can't use your brains or brawn, you'll be discharged . . . however, don't turn in your equipment yet!



My guess is that the real reason Bad Boy Benny Mussolini scrambled out of Italy is that now he knows we ain't kiddin' when we say we'll bomb military targets in Rome or anywhere else. A chin the size of his would be awful easy to hit even without a bombsight.

311 Abbotmen Released to Work in Mines

Rallying to aid in the production of vital non-ferrous metals including copper, zinc and molybdenum, 311 Camp Abbot soldiers this week were released from the army to accept employment in 35 of the west's essential mines.

Transferred in grade to the Mining Casual Det. at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City, Utah, the shipment formed the first large troop movement from the nation's newest ERTC. 2/Lt. John N. Alders, assistant classification officer, was the train commander; 1/Lt. Oscar Rozett, M.C., the medical officer, and

MORE MINERS ARE NEEDED!

Soldiers with mining experience still are needed to operate the western properties. Applicants for mining employment will be interviewed Friday (today) in Bldg. 202, from 1300 to 1700.

Sgt. Joseph R. Stonfer, B-57 the ranking line NCO. Mess sergeants included S/Sgt. Joseph T. Kuzaro, C-57, and S/Sgt. Norman H. Yost, D-57. Preparing typical GI chow en route were T/4's Tony J. Napolitano, C-57; Nicholas C. Ligosh, A-57; Chong L. Chin, D-51, and Louis Pizzano, B-57. The men ate from regular mess gear which was returned to camp upon arrival in Salt Lake City.

Band Concert Set Sunday in Bend

Music of the United Nations will be featured on a concert program to be presented by the Camp Abbot band in Bend's Drake Park Sunday, Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, director, announced. Maj. William H. Andrew, Post chaplain, will deliver an address on "A United America" during intermission.

Musical selections will include "American Patrol" march, an English march entitled "Colonel Bogey on Parade," a Czechoslovakian rhapsody, a Russian composition and an Irving Berlin waltz melody. The concert, sponsored by the Bend USO, city authorities and the Post Special Service Office, will begin at 1630.

POST INSPECTOR NAMED

Veteran of 27 years in the Army, Maj. Arthur Davidson, formerly of Camp Kohler, Calif., has assumed the job as post director of Inspections Division,

"This Is The Army" Premiere Set in Bend

Best show of the generation—"This Is The Army"—the Technicolor movie version of Irving Berlin's smash stage success will be premiered Aug. 18 in Bend's Capitol theater with proceeds going to the Army Emergency Relief.

Camp Abbot's participation in the gala opening night festivities includes selections by the post band under direction of Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, and T/Sgt. William V. Hanson, chief of the ERTC Message Center, who will briefly outline aims and achievements of the AER.



LEAPS TO CONQUER—Anticipating the day when he and his buddies go over the top, Pvt. Thomas C. Moseley, A-51 is shown hurling in mid-air, his trusty piece with bayonet attached, seeking an enemy target. Bayonet technique is heavily emphasized in the ERTC. (ENGINEER Photo by Hahn.)

K-9 Corps to Serve Here With MP's as Sentries

Man's best friend—the dog—will in the near future play an important role at Camp Abbot as vigilant guards.

Alert, aggressive four-footed commandos are scheduled to arrive from the war dog training center at San Carlos, Calif., during the latter part of September for assignment with the post Provost Marshal's office.

Sgt. Raoul Mound, in charge of the stockade guard, who is a graduate from the Ft. Robinson, Neb., dog training depot, will attend a refresher course at San Carlos and, upon graduation, bring the K-9 Corps to Abbot. He will be in charge of the dogs. Use of dogs by the Army in

S. S. O. Chief Slates Visit to Camp Abbot

Lt. Col. William M. Beveridge, chief, Ninth Service Command Special Service Branch, is expected to arrive in Camp Abbot this weekend on a periodical inspection of SSO facilities here.

Col. Beveridge's last visit in Camp Abbot was about two months ago, at which time he expressed satisfaction over the camp site and projected morale-building facilities. His headquarters are in Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Shown in Camp Sept. 2-3

At regular GI prices—15 cents — Abbotmen will view "This Is The Army" when it is shown in the ABBOTheater on Sept. 2 and 3, as a feature of the camp dedication events.

officials and business men in staging the premiere — one of nine throughout Oregon on that night.

Dedication Program Nears Completion

Gen. Abbot's Birthday Today; Liberty Ship Launched for Founder

Today, Friday the 13th marks the 113th anniversary of the birth of Brig. Gen. Henry Larcom Abbot, famed Civil war soldier and Army engineer for whom this ERTC is named. No formal camp ceremonies are planned.

However, in Portland, Ore., yesterday the Oregon Shipbuilding Co. launched a 10,500-ton Liberty-type vessel, honoring the memory of the distinguished camp founder. Mr. Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, delivered an address at the launching.

Camp Will Play Host to People In Bend Sector

Varied Events Planned For Sept. 2; Notable Speakers Are Invited

An army of civilians from Bend and neighboring cities will "invade" Camp Abbot on Sept. 2 as colorful dedication ceremonies are staged on the 88th anniversary when the camp's founder, Brig. Gen. Henry Larcom Abbot bivouaced on site that is today the heart of the nation's newest Engineer Replacement Training Center, under command of Col. Frank S. Besson.

Highlighting the varied events will be "open house" to residents of Bend and environs who will obtain a first hand glimpse how combat engineers are trained here, and dedication of the Post Hospital. Conducted tours will cover every phase of activity, with officers and non-coms serving as guides. The Bend Chamber of Commerce will distribute the tickets to citizens in this locality.

A formal retreat parade with all organizations participating looks to be another colorful spectacle. Camp Abbot's now-famed band will provide martial tunes for the marching troops.

Heading the list of distinguished speakers are Governor Earl Snell of Oregon, Senators Charles L. McNary and Rufus Holman. Brief remarks also will be delivered by the chairman of the day, by a representative of the Division Engineer, by a high-ranking officer representing the Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, by a staff officer of the Corps of Engineers, and by Mr. Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, who played an important role in selecting the location (Continued on Page 4)

Dance for T/5's and T/7's Slated for Tuesday Eve

Next Tuesday night's dance in the All-Purpose rec hall will honor Camp Abbot's hardest working GI's—those attached as cadre to Hqs. companies and Training Bnches. Only corporals and privates will be eligible to attend.

Music will be furnished by the camp dance band, featuring the hottest (and sweetest) melodies this side of the Cascades. Wacs, civilian gals employed on the post and Bend USO junior hostesses will serve as dancing partners.

Save for Security! Save with Security!—Buy BONDS!

Ex-Servicemen Eligible For Lapel Buttons

Service lapel buttons will be awarded men and women, both officers and EM, honorably discharged from the army in this war. Robert P. Patterson, acting secretary of war, announced recently.

The small, gold-plated plastic buttons have an eagle within a circle, with wings extending beyond the circle's edge. When buttons are available, eligible persons may obtain them.



Pvt. Sidney Resnick, Service Co., who gained fame as the "nation's No. 1 singing postman" while touring the country with a Major Bowes trio unit, comes up with this lulu:

Mrs. Skunk to Mr. Skunk: "Sammy, dear, I think we are going to have a little stinker."