

ABBIE N. GINEER

Says:—

Clean Your Barracks
Like Your Home,
Then You'll Never
Want to Roam!



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If You Want to Make
Some Dough
Buy Bonds and Watch
Them Grow!

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Abbot Face!

SOLEMN PSALM: Abbot's Wacs, according to "Sonny" Graham, a staff writer, have memorized a GI version of the famed 23rd Psalm. It goes: The sarge is my shepherd—I am in want. She maketh me lie down in pup-tents; she leadeth me over drill fields; she hurteth my feet! The Lieutenants and Captains—they frighten me. Yea! though I walk through the valley of the shadow of doubt, I anticipate nothing better for she is with me. She preparast a reduction of my salary in the presence of my competitors. She annointeth the duty roster with my name. Surely KP and fatigue will follow me all the days of my army career and I shall dwell in pup-tents forever." The gals down in Daytona Beach launched the verse.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?—Abbotmen have been getting a treat of some fancy-schmency monickers appearing on various maneuver vehicles seen in about camp. One dogface reports seeing "Barrelhouse Beulah" and "Boardwalk Belle" on the nameplates of a couple of tank destroyers. Our favorite tag, however, is stenciled on a jeep in yellow and red—"Powerful Penunia."

WAC-ADENCE—is a bright new variation in the same old drill that is as entertaining as a four-ring circus to the spectators . . . and probably as hard on the vocal chords as the feet of the drillers. We've heard a number of times when Abbot's soldierettes displayed their chorus-like girl precision. "Cadence, command," yells the drill leader. And the young lusties boom out with a bass "Hup, tup, thrup, four!" in conscientious unison. Four steps farther on, the drill master screams, "WAC- adence, command." In the same unison, the response comes back, but in a high falsetto, "Hep, tep, threp, four!" "It gives you the feeling that the rookies are stepping lightly on the balls of their feet . . . and may produce long, chiffon scarves any minute!"

LAURELS FOR LOREN—A classic example of GI determination is best exemplified by Pvt. Loren Selleck of C-53. Last Saturday night he was seen running the rugged obstacle course—not once—not twice—but three times. Asked why? he replied: "I didn't do so hot the first time around, so I'm practicing every time I get a chance."



Some weeks before Benny Mussolini took it on the lam he sent his boys in Sicily a message which said he was with 'em in spirit. Bet he wishes he was with 'em now in the flesh so he could surrender and retire to a nice comfortable prison camp in America instead of having to explain to Adolf what went wrong.

Post Hospital Dedication Plans Are Set

Ceremonies Will Occur Morning of Sept. 2; Col. Crandall, Chairman

Dedication of the Station Hospital at Camp Abbot and an inspection of the unit's facilities are scheduled Thursday, Sept. 2, in conjunction with the dedication of Camp Abbot and the nation's newest Engineer Replacement Training Center, Col. Frank G. Crandall Jr., Post surgeon and chairman of the program, announced today.

The ceremony will begin at 1000 with music by the Hospital orchestra. Speakers on the program will include Col. Crandall, Mr. Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of The Bend Bulletin, who played an important role in selection of the site of Camp Abbot and naming of the camp, and representatives of the Oregon State Medical Society, the Central Oregon Medical Society and the Central Oregon Dental Society.

Invocation will be by David I. Segerstrom, Hospital chaplain, and benediction by William H. Andrew, Post chaplain.

Highlights of the program will be a flag raising ceremony and marching exhibition of army nurses. Following the dedication, visitors will be permitted to inspect hospital facilities.

A huge American flag donated by the Camp Abbot Red Cross Field Office will be hoisted atop the Station Hospital's 50-foot pole. Dimensions of the flag are nine feet by 15 feet.

Sgt's Club Seeks New Members

With ambitious plans under their belts, members of the Sergeant's Club this week sought additional members among three strippers and the top four grades.

M/Sgt. W. R. Shaffer, club president, announced that several rooms will be furnished in the very near future. Members of the board of governors are S/Sgt. William R. Heard, Hqs. 11th Gp; for the 12th Gp—1/Sgt. John Goodling, A-57, and 1/Sgt. James G. Sawyer, D-56; Hqs. Complement—1/Sgt. Fred E. Millikin, Supply Co., and T/Sgt. Max E. Millsap, Classification section sarge majo.

The clubhouse is located in Bldg. T-205 and open evenings for members and their guests. A complete fountain is now in operation.

Camp Broadcasts On New Schedule

New schedules of broadcasts over the camp public address system featuring latest news from the war fronts and musical transcriptions, were announced this week by the post Special Service office.

T. N. T.—today's news today—will be broadcast daily, except Sunday, from 12 noon to 1215. "Supertime Serenade" composed of popular recordings, is aired from 1745 to 1815.

Pvt. Seymour Goldston, Service Co. serves as the news commentator, assisted by staffmen of the SSO. The broadcasts emanate from a studio in the All-Purpose rec hall.



KHAK-EYED WORLD EVENTS AT ABBOT—These three events figured prominently in the camp's activities. Top: our band records transcriptions of reveille and bugle calls. Center: a thrilling episode filmed on the infiltration course. Below: Mrs. Frank S. Besson, wife of the Post Commander, shown leading a group of 35th Bn. trainees in singing at their dayroom dedication ceremonies.

Dedication Guests to See Rookies at Work

Souvenir programs and maps will be distributed to residents of Bend and neighboring communities when they attend an "open house" of Camp Abbot's dedication ceremonies on Sept. 2

Plans are progressing to accommodate an estimated visiting entourage of approximately 500 citizens. The maps will point out training sites and locations of principal buildings within the cantonment. The tours, conducted by the Training Division will begin at 1330 o'clock, lasting until 1545 when troops will assemble for a gala parade. Post Commander Frank S. Besson will serve as Chairman of the day.

Detailed program of the colorful and impressive ceremonies will appear in next Friday's issue of the ENGINEER.

G. I. Lend-Lease

There's a story about the soldier who was planning to cash in his War Bonds and "take-off" on a three-day pass. He changed his mind because of a dream he had that night.

It seems he was in a fox hole, picking off Japs in large and satisfying quantities. Suddenly, a sergeant tapped him on the shoulder and took his rifle away from him.

"What's the big idea, Sarge?"

"The guy who lent us the money for this rifle wants it back."

C. W. S. CHIEF COMING

Col. John M. Morris, chief, Chemical Warfare Branch of the Ninth service command, will conduct a camp-wide inspection of gas training among Abbot personnel today and Saturday, it was announced by Lt. Leonard S. Brooks, post Chemical Warfare officer.

NSC Theater Chief Schedules Visit

Lt. Chester Dowse, theater officer of the Ninth service command, Special Service Branch, will visit Camp Abbot in the near future to determine facilities required for the presentation of stage shows in the ABBOTheater and All-Purpose rec hall.

Lt. Dowse, a veteran theatrical producer and actor, will also confer with post authorities relative to future bookings of USO-Camp Shows and other entertainment for servicemen.

Service Club Sets Opening on Aug. 28

With arrival of some furniture and equipment it is believed that Camp Abbot's Service Club will open during the week of Aug. 28, said Mrs. Helen S. Smith, principal hostess.

The soda fountain will serve ice cream specialties and the main branch of the post library will be in operation upstairs.

Abbot Rookies To Invade 'Foe Village'

Ranger Training Added To ERTC Curriculum; Aimed to Develop GI's

A charge through an "enemy village" replete with land mines and booby traps will be a final phase of Ranger training now included in the curriculum of the ERTC here, Lt. Col. Clarence J. Douglas, director of the Training Division, announced today.

Although not termed "Ranger training" heretofore, tactics identical to those employed in Ranger camps have been part of the training program since this camp was activated. Trainees run obstacle courses of a pattern suggested by officers in the North African campaign, learn to avoid tanks which "attack" them unexpectedly on day and night marches and go through an infiltration course with machine guns firing 40 inches above their heads.

The "enemy" village is built on hilly terrain and offers more difficult problems than those in regular Ranger camps, Training Division officers said. Dummy snipers operated from pits add realism to the course. Trainees will use live ammunition in their charge through the mine-sown streets.

Engineer soldiers must know "Commando" tactics for they are as much the shock troops of modern warfare as paratroopers, Col. Douglas said. They pave the way for advance of both foot and mechanized troops and are first to land at beach heads and face the initial blast of enemy opposition, he added.

"MAGNIFICENT"

The Corps of Engineers drew high praise from General Dwight Eisenhower this week for its "magnificent" work in the Sicilian campaign.

Lauding the clock-work co-ordination of Allied land, sea and air forces, the general paid particular tribute to Allied Engineers who hacked out the paths of advance through mountainous country, across dense mine fields and beyond enemy demolitions.

"Only through the Engineers has the end of the campaign come so quickly," General Eisenhower said. "Their work was magnificent."

REC HALL TO OPEN

Camp Abbot's newest rec hall for the convenience of EM's in Service Co. SCU 1973, ERTC was scheduled to open this weekend, post exchange officials said.



Pvt. "Meg" Killmartin, whose sensayuma is refreshing, wins a pair of fur-lined dog tag holders for submitting the best quip this issue.

In civilian life, she says, a fellow who picks up a cigarette is a bum. In the Army they merely say he's "policing the area."