

# General Abbot Organized Siege Against Richmond

## Record in Combat Tells Thrilling Narrative of Officers Brilliance

Henry L. Abbot, after whom Camp Abbot is named, was born August 13, 1831, in Massachusetts. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, on July 1, 1854, and was made a brevet second lieutenant, Engineers, on that same date. He was commissioned a second lieutenant October 2, 1855.

He first served as Assistant in the Office of the Pacific Railroad Surveys, Washington, D. C., from October, 1854, to May, 1855. From May, 1855, to May, 1856, he served on survey of a railroad route between California and Oregon, and as Assistant in the Office of Exploration and Surveys, Washington, D. C. He was on hydrographic survey of the delta of the Mississippi River, Louisiana, from May 1856 to July 1861.

### Wounded at Bull Run

He was promoted to first lieutenant, Engineers, on July 1, 1857. He served during the Rebellion of the Seceding States from 1861 to 1866 as: Assistant Topographic Engineer on the Staff of Brigadier General McDowell; as Chief Topographical Engineer of General Tyler's Division in the Manassas Campaign; the Battle of Bull Run in July, 1861, where he was wounded; as Assistant Topographic Engineer in the Defenses of Washington on the Staff of General McDowell; as Assistant to General Barnard in the construction of field works south of the Potomac; as Aide-de-Camp to General Barnard in the Virginia Peninsular Campaign (Army of the Potomac); and various engineer duties of the Seven Days' Operations before Richmond, including the preparation of maps; again as Aide-de-camp to General Barnard, being engaged in fortifying the southern approaches to Alexandria, Virginia; as Chief Topographical Engineer of General Banks' expedition to the Gulf of Mexico; in command of a regiment or brigade in the defenses of Washington; as member of Board of Engineers to reorganize system of seacoast fortifications; in organizing Siege Train for the armies operating against Richmond; in command of the Siege Artillery of the Army of the James; and of the Siege Artillery of the armies operating against Richmond; as Chief of Artillery of the Expedition to Fort Fisher, North Carolina; in

command of the Siege Artillery of the armies operating against Richmond, being engaged in the Siege of Petersburg, including the mine assault, Battle of Fort Steadman, and assault of the Rebel intrenchments, as Chief of Artillery of the Department of Virginia; and in command of a brigade in the defenses of Washington, D. C.

### A Brevet Major General

He was made a brevet captain on July 21, 1861; brevet major on May 4, 1862; was promoted to captain, Engineers, on June 18, 1862; brevet brigadier general, United States Volunteers, on August 1, 1864; and a brevet major general, United States Volunteers, on March 13, 1865. He was made a brevet lieutenant colonel, brevet colonel, and brevet brigadier general, United States Army, on March 13, 1865. He was mustered out of Volunteer Service on September 25, 1865, and was promoted to major, Corps of Engineers on November 11, 1865.

His next service was in command of the Engineer Battalion at Willet's Point, New York, and as Superintendent Engineer of the construction of Fort Schuyler, New York, for one month, from November to December, 1865. He then became Assistant Engineer in examination of the Mississippi levees until May, 1866, when he assumed command of the Engineer Battalion and Engineer School of Application in June, 1866. He also was in command of the Post and Engineer Depot at Willet's Point, New York, in June, 1868, to May, 1868. During this our of duty he served on various Engineer Boards and was Superintendent Engineer of various constructions.

### Died in 1928

He was promoted to lieutenant colonel, Corps of Engineers, on March 31, 1880, and to colonel, Corps of Engineers, on October 12, 1886. His next assignment was as Chief Engineer for the inspection of engineer work of the Northeastern territory of the United States in December, 1888. From January, 1890, to August, 1895, he was stationed in New York City as President of the Permanent Board of Engineers; President of the Harbor Line Boards of New York and Boston, and of various other boards; and member of the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications. He retired from active service as a colonel on August 13, 1895, and was promoted to brigadier general on the retired list, April 23, 1894. He died on October 1, 1928, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

His ancestors served in the War of the Revolution: Major Abiel Abbot, Captain Nathan Hale, Lieutenant Joseph Hale.

(Taken from General Cullum's Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy.)

### Chicago Organist of Note Member of Engineer Bn.

Private William H. Sumner, Co. B., 56th Eng. Trn. Bn., was a musician of note in his home town, Chicago. Before induction he was organist at the First Congregational Church, Evanston, and accompanist for the Chicago Association of Commerce Glee Club. His music educational background includes three years study at a conservatory of music.

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## IT'S A WEAKNESS



What with pulchritude being a scarce item in these parts, we can't help letting things like this slip into our copy. In addition to singing on an NBC program with Bing Crosby, Pat Hyatt (that's her name) models garments such as these occasionally. Hmm, nice piece of goods.

## Clothing Valued at \$10,000 Reclaimed by Salvage Unit

Clothing valued at \$10,000 was reclaimed and restored to quartermaster depot stocks for further use by the salvage division of the Supply and Service division at Camp Abbot, Capt. John B. Burgeson reported this week. Forty thousand pounds of tin, in the form of tin cans, almost two-thirds of a car, was gathered; 51 tons of scrap iron, 40,000 pounds of cardboard; 10,000 pounds of cooking fats, 6,000 pounds of chuck grease and 2,500 pounds of bones and meat trimmings, rounded out the list of recent major activities of this department.

Other activities included the reclamation of several thousand blankets, beds and mattresses, formerly used in the dormitories and bunk houses erected by the building contractor of Camp Abbot, all of which have been cleaned, sterilized and repaired for use in prisoner of war camps. A total of 9,000 egg crates help add to the impressive total of work accomplished by the division.

The division also handles all salvage for IV corps troops now in the Central Oregon maneuver area. At the conclusion of the war games, Capt. Burgeson's division will salvage 360,000 pounds of copper wire, used in construction of the 6,000-mile network of wire communications necessary in conduct of the maneuvers.

The army's program of clothing and equipage repair and salvage resulted in saving \$4,942,000 in the Ninth Service Command during the last fiscal year, it has been announced by headquarters of the Ninth Service Command at Fort Douglas.

Shops repairing clothing and equipage were credited with the largest single amount, \$2,579,439. Shoe reclamation added \$1,263,904. The remainder—\$1,098,826—resulted from the sale of salvage, articles of no further military use such as un-serviceable containers, broken

glass, grease and garbage and similar items.

During the year, 1,464,111 pairs of shoes were repaired in this command. This is approximately one-quarter of all the 5,584,028 pairs repaired for further soldier use by Quartermaster Corps shoe repair installations in the United States. Clothing and equipage repaired and altered numbered 2,821,485 pieces.

More than 112,411,000 pieces of apparel were processed in quartermaster laundries during the last six months of the year, headquarters of the Ninth Service Command reports. Laundry service, reserved strictly for military personnel, has been growing rapidly. During January of this year, 14,773,52 pieces were processed. The number increased steadily to the June total of 22,380,774 articles.

Capt. Burgeson is assisted in operation of the Salvage Division by 1st Lt. Charles E. Smith and 2nd Lt. Ralph Loewy.

**JAMES BECOMES 'BUGLER'**  
Hollywood (CNS)—Harry James will record all army bugle calls for use on public address systems at training camps.

## Urge Insurance Before Too Late

A survey of troops with respect to National Service and U. S. Government Life Insurance coverage is being made by the Ninth Service Command in an effort to obtain maximum insurance for every man before he is sent to a staging area or port of embarkation, Post Headquarters has announced.

Intensification of the insurance drive was made necessary by the fact staging areas and ports of embarkation have continually been required to process soldiers desiring to take out insurance or increase their insurance coverage to the maximum before they depart for overseas, the Ninth Service Command pointed out. This activity, in addition to requiring added personnel, sometimes does not always allow units engaged in this activity sufficient time to make an adequate survey of insurance needs. By obtaining full coverage for troops before they leave for staging areas or ports of embarkation, the Service Command will be able to relieve port and staging area units of the insurance burden.

Termining the recent intensive insurance campaign "extremely successful," the Ninth Service Command announced that 93 per cent of the command was insured at the end of July. Policies averaged \$8,838 per soldier. Coverage at Camp Abbot was said to exceed the percentage figures for the command by approximately three per cent.

## Gal Who Cut Recording Queers Marriage Proposal

Camp Chaffee, Ark. (CNS)—A dogface walked into a Red Cross recreation hall here and asked to send a proposal of marriage by record to his best girl back home. "Okay," said the Red Cross gal, adjusting the needle, "now begin."

The yardbird made his proposal, shipped the record to his lady love and in a few days got a curt refusal. She wanted no part of a man who had to be told by a woman when to begin proposing, she wrote.

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