

War Prisoners Disparage Fate to Laud Fuehrer

German prisoners of war are almost idolatrous in their worship of Adolf Hitler, according to Lt. Ralph Lowey, assistant salvage officer of the Supply and Service Division. He gained this insight to the nazi mind while returning to the United States on a transport loaded with prisoners of war. He was at the time enroute from England to the Officer Candidate School at Camp Lee, Va., where he was commissioned last June.

Officers May Play Role of Drivers Here

Officers, warrant officers and enlisted men will be authorized to drive motor vehicles at Camp Abbot to meet transportation needs arising from a reduction of personnel allotments, Post Headquarters has announced.

Only jeeps, weapons carriers and sedans may be driven by personnel not assigned to the Motor Company, but limitations may be extended to include ambulances and 1½-ton cargo trucks in exceptional cases on specific authorization from the executive officer.

Previous experience in driving various types of vehicles in no sense qualifies an individual to drive government motor vehicles, it was pointed out. Before driving army vehicles, individuals must be certified by the chief of the Automotive Section, Schools Branch, Training Division, and licensed by the chief of the Motor Transport Branch, Supply and Service Division.

Classes designed to qualify individuals as drivers are being held by the Schools Branch in Building 1462 from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. Completion of the course is a prerequisite to a driver's license.

TRAP TRAIN IN TUNNEL

Sicily (CNS)—American artillerymen bottled an Italian train and its crew in a tunnel here. Every time the train stuck its snout in the open the Yanks' guns opened fire and shooed it back inside again.

WAC SALUTES, BREAKS ARM

London (CNS)—WAC Betty Hurley of Salem, Ore., met an officer on the steps of a replacement depot here, gave him a snappy salute, lost her balance, fell down stairs and broke an arm.

This fantastic loyalty may be ascribed to the fact that most of the prisoners were young and had been firmly schooled in Nazi philosophy, Lt. Lowey said. The arrogance of the Germans was best typified, he said, when the transport approached New York harbor. The prisoners spent an industrious night in pressing up their uniforms so certain were they that they would be paraded down Broadway.

Lt. Lowey, stationed in England for several months as a member of a U. S. engineering unit prior to his being called for OCS, was warm in his praise of the English people. He cited the unity shown in the war effort, where all, regardless of political belief, have subordinated personal opinions to only one thought — that of winning the war.

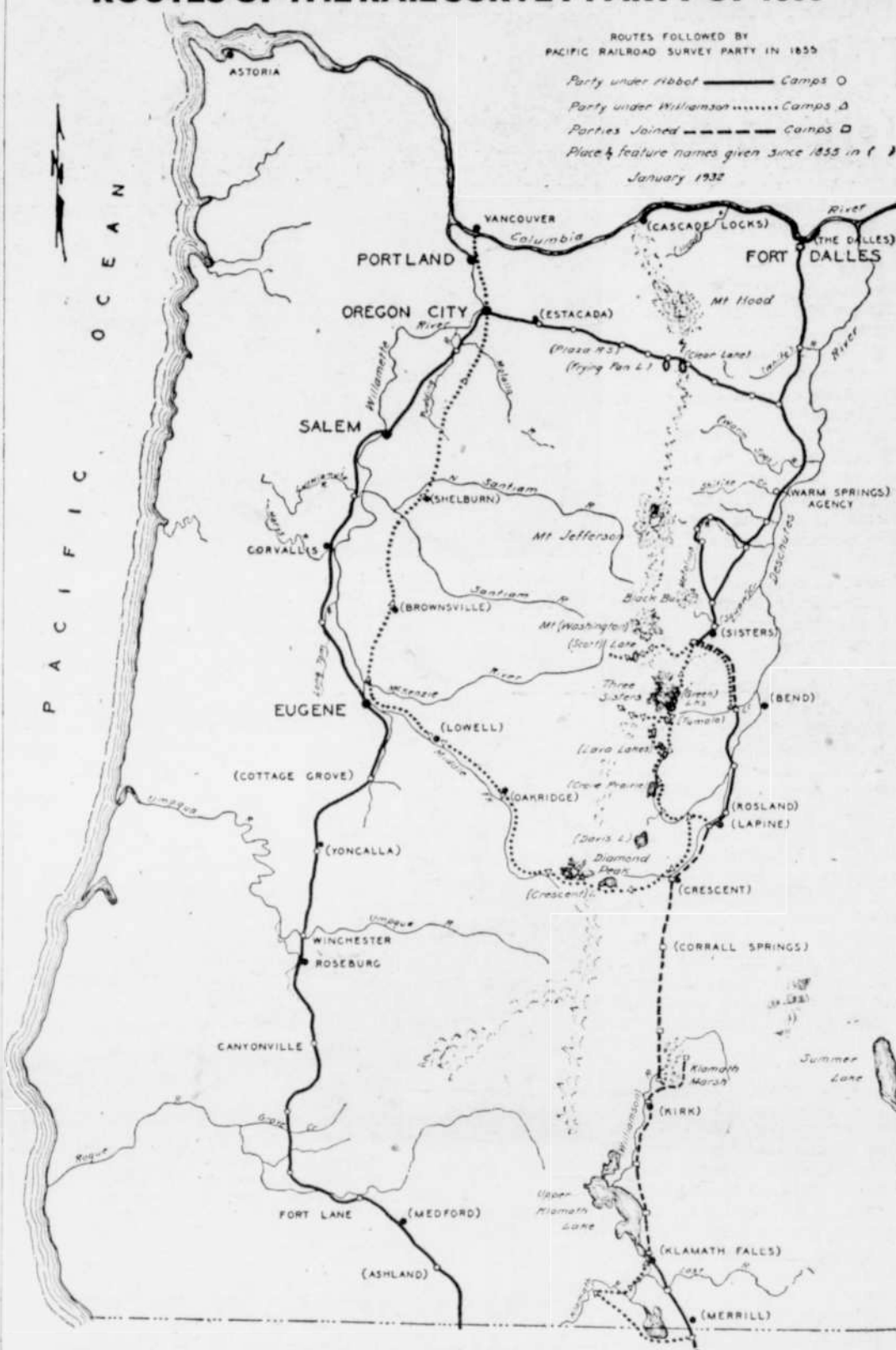
His unit was attacked several times by German planes, Lt. Lowey said, but on each occasion the bombs fell wide of the apparent target. He is of the opinion that most of the recent raids over England are merely of a nuisance variety, with no particular objective. The officer also indicated an opinion, shared by many other soldiers, that bombing from such tremendous heights, as the Germans do over England, leaves much to chance in aiming at a direct target.

The devastation of London, by raids during last year's holidays, were described by Lt. Lowey, and cited as a proof that bombings cannot shake the morale of the people of England. One almost miraculous incident of the bombing was related. The area around famed St. Paul's cathedral was leveled by bombs, yet the church itself escaped almost unscathed, being struck by only a few bombs, none of which caused irreparable damage.

Prior to entering the army, Lt. Lowey was engaged in the advertising business in New York.

A word to the spies is sufficient!

ROUTES OF THE RAIL SURVEY PARTY OF 1855



Mapped here is the Abbot trail of 1855—a trail which 88 years ago today touched the upper Deschutes river of Oregon at the location where America's newest engineers' replacement training center now stands. Henry Larcom Abbot, for whom Camp Abbot was named, was a member of the Williamson survey party that entered Oregon from the south, near Merrill, in search of a railroad route from the Sacramento valley to the Columbia river. The spot where the Abbot party camped on the night of Sept. 2, 1855, is shown just north of Rosland. Lt. R. S. Williamson, Lt. Phil Sheridan and their dragoons explored the Three Sisters Cascades while Abbot and his party rested at Rosland. Abbot then moved north for a camp on the Deschutes within the present confines of Camp Abbot.

SWIMMING—1943 STYLE



—Photo By Vincent, Post Photographer
Cpl. Robert Farmer, ERTC cadetman, demonstrates functional swimming techniques used in debarking for invasion or in an emergency at sea. In classes supervised by the Red Cross, Camp Abbot soldiers learn to swim with full field packs and rifles.

Promotions Come Faster For Army Officers Abroad

Officers serving overseas are being given preference to those serving in the continental United States when it comes to promotions, the War Department announced this week.

"One out of nine officers of the Army serving overseas received promotions during the two months," said the announcement, "as compared with one out of 13 serving in the continental United States."

"These figures reflect the War Department's policy of giving preferences in promotions to the maximum extent practicable to those who have had overseas duty."

Simultaneously, a system of rotating assignments is bringing large numbers of officers back to the U. S. from combat theaters for assignment to new units and other commands in positions qualifying them for promotions. The positions vacated in units overseas are then filled by promotion of officers from lower grades.

This is how our duty sergeant organized the platoon to police up a certain area: He divided the platoon into three groups: college graduates, high school graduates and the others. To the college men he assigned the task of picking up cigarette butts, the high school men were told to pick up the match sticks. "The rest of you guys without any education," he said, "can stand around and learn something."

CAST YOUR VOTE

Soldiers — It's getting around toward voting time again for you. Remember you're a long way from home and mail doesn't travel too fast. Your first sergeant should have a form post card with which you can request an absentee ballot. If not, write a short note to the Secretary of State at your own state capital. One of the things you're scrapping for is the right to vote. You might as well exercise it.

Civilian Employees Resign To Enter Seabee Camp

Lewis A. Stratton, civilian employe, who served as chief clerk in the transportation office, has enlisted in the Seabees. Given a rating of machinist's mate, he left for the Seabee training center, Norfolk, Va., last week-end.

DANCE AT STATION HOSPITAL

Enlisted men of the Medical Detachment, Station hospital, and members of the Wac company held a dance in the Red Cross recreation hall at the hospital, Tuesday night. Music was furnished by an orchestra of a medical regiment stationed near here in the maneuver area.

Chapel of Seven Sorrows Ain't What You Think It Is

An unsuspecting soldier of one maneuver unit might visit the "chapel" in search of divine sanctification and wind up with devilish retribution. On the orderly tent, tribunal of company punishment, is a sign proclaiming in large letters "Chapel." In smaller lettering is written "of seven sorrows." Listed below are these sorrows: "Duty, Kitchen Police, Pass, Furloughs, Domestic Affairs, Detail and Restriction." The work is signed by "Father" Nicado, a "confessor" sometimes referred to as the first sergeant.

ASTP Post-War Service Rumor Called Unfounded

The Army Specialized Training Program carries the same obligation as to period of service as is imposed on other soldiers of the army, the War Department said this week in stepping on rumors which indicate ASTP graduates will be required to serve in the army from three to five years after the cessation of hostilities. Many highly qualified men are being dissuaded from applying for ASTP training because of such unfounded rumors, the War Department said.