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Name Council To Assist in SSO Activities

Appointment of a Post Special Service council and a Post Special Service staff, both of which will assist in making plans for recreation programs for enlisted personnel, was announced by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, this week.

Principal duties of the council will be to assist the commanding officer in formulating Special service policies and programs, to operate facilities, administer funds, effect civilian coordination and plan athletic programs and recreational activities. The council will meet between the 10th and 15th of each month.

Members of the council are Lt. V. G. Henderson, Special Service officer; Capt. Thomas Huber, assistant executive officer; Maj. M. J. Cuadra, Headquarters commandant; Maj. Ernest W. McNeil, Jr., 11th E. T. Group S-1; Maj. Lilburn P. Staman, 11th Gp. S-1; Capt. Charles H. Moore, assistant director of Personnel Division; Maj. F. J. Landenberger, assistant director of Supply and Service Division; Maj. William H. Andrew, Post Chaplain, and Frank Dunning, Red Cross field director.

The Special Service staff will meet each week to assist in solving functional problems of the Special Service Branch and to discuss and adopt an effective program for the ensuing week.

Staff members are Lt. Henderson, Mrs. Helen Smith, Service club director; Miss Helen Souhrada, cafeteria hostess; Miss Caroline Paddock, librarian; Lt. Henry Hansen, theater officer; Lt. Stephen D. Hopkins, athletic and recreation officer, and Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, director of the Camp Abbot band.

Bond Rally Nets \$775 in 54th Bn.

A war bond rally sponsored by Company D of the 54th Battalion Wednesday night in connection with the Third War Loan Drive resulted in the purchase of \$775 worth of bonds for cash and 70 new class B allotments, Lt. William A. Barnes, company commander, reported. All told, 93 per cent of the company now are signed for class B allotments.

Program for the rally, held in the company mess hall, included a dance with music by the Company D orchestra, group singing and an entertainment program by members of the company. Refreshments were served. Approximately 150 soldiers, wives and guests attended. Admission "fee" was purchase of a war bond for cash or an allotment.

NEW ARRIVAL

Born: to Capt. and Mrs. T. M. Huber, Sept. 17, a son, Thomas Martin Huber Jr., at St. Charles hospital in Bend. Capt. Huber is assistant post executive officer.

Bride Waits as Trainee Thumbs To Portland

The organ played, the candles burned, the coffee brewed and the bride "stewed"—but the bridegroom kept right on thumbing to Portland, and sent an occasional bulletin of his progress.

The bridegroom was Pvt. William R. Lewis of the ERTC here, and the wedding was set for eight o'clock in Portland on Saturday night.

First news from the bridegroom came at 7:50. The minister mounted to the pulpit.

"The bridegroom has telephoned that he is hitch-hiking, is now at Government Camp and will be at the church as soon as possible," he announced.

The bridegroom's father set out to look for his son.

Sometime later "The bridegroom now is in Gresham," the minister announced from the pulpit.

At 10:15 in ran Private Lewis, looking as though he'd traveled the distance on foot.

"The sergeant gave me my pass too late for me to catch the bus, so I had to hitch-hike," he explained.

The bride, Miss Geraldine Morris of Portland, forgave him and the ceremony proceeded.

Soldier Offers His Blood To Help Out Young Buddy

A Camp Abbot soldier volunteered to give blood to the Red Cross blood bank this week to make certain his buddy, a 12-year-old patient at St. Anne's hospital in Chicago, received the transfusions he needed to save his life.

The soldier, a member of Company C, 56th Battalion, said he'd heard blood could not be drawn from the blood bank unless someone agreed to contribute a certain amount in return. The youngster already had been given several transfusions.

Red Cross workers told the soldier there were no facilities for collecting blood here and wrote a letter to the hospital requesting the boy be given all the transfusions he needed.

New Training Cycle Begins For 51st Bn.

The new 17-week training program recently authorized by the War Department went into effect here Monday when the second increment of the 51st Engineer Training Battalion, Camp Abbot's newest training group, began its training.

In store for the battalion, commanded by Capt. W. C. Rogers, are six weeks of basic training, eight weeks of advanced and three weeks of unit training involving problems similar to those undertaken in specialized maneuvers. In undergoing the course, the 51st will be playing the role of "guinea pig" for the second time, the first increment of the unit having been the first to "test" the 13-week training plan which went into effect soon after the camp was activated in May.

Trainees of the unit arrived between Sept. 12 and 17, the majority coming from Fort Douglas, Fort Lewis, Fort MacArthur, Fort Hayes, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Fort Arlington and the Presidio of Monterey. The battalion consists of three companies (Cos. A, B and C) with a combined strength of approximately 700 men.

Since its arrival here, the 51st has completed orientation, taken its "shots" and practiced rifle marksmanship. Under the new program, preliminary firing is scheduled for tomorrow.

Move Main Entrance Gate To Aid Maneuver Traffic

The main entrance gate to Camp Abbot has been moved temporarily to the junction of the access road within the main entrance highway, just across the underpass on Center street. The move was made necessary in order to more fully check traffic of vehicles in connection with IV Corps maneuvers, headquarters of which is at Camp Abbot.

Second Weekly Radio Program for Camp Indicated as Trial Shows Given Praise

Possibility that Camp Abbot may have another regular weekly radio program, in addition to the week "Camp Abbot on Parade" broadcast which has been on the air each Wednesday night since the camp was activated over Station KBND, was indicated by a series of trial programs originating on the post and heard over KBND Bend, and KWJJ, of Portland.

Four broadcasts have been given in the past week. The most recent was a program by the Camp Abbot band, on the air yesterday afternoon. The first of the series was composed of informal interviews with members of the Wac detachment, a soldier on duty in post publications as an artist and draftsman, and another who works in the ERTC carpenter shop. The second featured members of the pocket musical in-

struments, recently organized here by Capt. King G. Stacey, music officer of the Ninth Service Command. Thursday, Warrant Officer Charles F. Spaulding, director of the band, was interviewed and told of his work in music, both in civilian life when he was employed in the musical library, of the U. S. Library of Congress, and as organizer of the Camp Abbot band. All have been given praise.

The series, which may be extended into a regular weekly feature, was arranged through the efforts of Lee Marcus, radio program director for Station KWJJ in handling details of IV Corps maneuvers, and Lt. V. G. Henderson, special service officer.

Camp Abbot has been on the air more frequently than the average Army post. Besides the regular weekly program, an in-

Check Your Rifle! If You're Lucky It's Worth \$100

Field and Stream magazine is offering a \$100 War Bond to the lucky soldier having a Garand rifle number 1600-114.

If you have his number get in touch with the Public Relations Office, Extension 8.

Office Workers Claim Bulk of Firing Awards

Cadre of the Personnel Division proved they were equally adept with a paper clip and a Garand Sunday by taking three of the four cash awards offered for the best marksmanship scores in Service Company. Prizes totaling \$20 were offered by Capt. Fred Hohenhorst, company commander, for best scores in record firing.

Sgt. Robert McClelland claimed the first prize of \$10 by scoring 188. Sgt. David Delph, the only Training Division cadman to finish in the money, collected \$5 for second place with a score of 186. S/Sgt. Sam Dunn took the \$3 third prize with 184 and Sgt. Alan Marsau the \$2 fourth prize with 183.

Lt. Elwell Named CO Of Camp Wac Company

Lt. Patricia Elwell, acting commander of the Wac company since the departure of Lt. Stephanie Podzunas to an assignment at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., has been assigned as company commander.

BLOUSES AFTER RETREAT

Camp Abbot soldiers will be required to wear blouses after retreat both on and off the Post beginning October 1, Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, has announced. Personnel living off the post will be permitted to wear field jackets or shirts going to and from home and camp providing no stops are made in the down town area.

Alcan Highway Foiled War Plans of Japs

By Sgt. George S. Fly

A dramatic narrative of how the Corps of Engineers pushed through deep forests, across uncharted streams and spanned mountain gorges to complete famed Alcan highway in almost unbelievable time was related Thursday night by Col. Russel Lyon, commanding officer of the 12th Group, in an illustrated lecture before a joint meeting of the American Legion post and auxiliary at Bend.

A conjecture that the Japs, fearful of completion of the highway to Alaska would rob Nippon of a chance to seize the strategic Aleutian islands, and a base on the mainland of the United States's northernmost territory, may have been the prime reason for the battle of Midway, was advanced by the speaker.

It was evident that the Japs had planned the seizure of bases in the Aleutians, particularly one at Dutch Harbor, before the highway could be completed, the prime purpose of which was to provide supply routes for strategic airfields, Col. Lyons told his audience.

Drawing to the fullest on his keen powers of observation, years of analytical study and fresh memories of his duty as commander of an engineer regiment which hacked its way through the Alaskan wilderness, Col. Lyons glossed over the hard-

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Band to Present First Concert At Service Club

The Camp Abbot band, directed by Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, will present its first concert at Camp Abbot Thursday night when it presents a program of marches, popular and light classical selections at the Service Club.

Included in the program will be a special arrangement by Jack Hayes of Saint-Saen's "Le Cygne." Other selections will include "Semper Fidelis" (march) by Sousa, "Golliwog's Cake-walk" by Debussy, "Pavanne" by Gould, "Sunday, Monday or Always" by Burke-VanHeusen, "Echoes from the Metropolitan Opera House" (from "Iolanthe") by Sullivan, "Zigeuner" by Coward, "Dance of the Tumblers" by Rimsky-Korsakov and "Them Basses" (march) by Huffine.

A concert by the band was broadcast over Station KBND in Bend and KWJJ in Portland from 4:30 p. m. to 5 o'clock yesterday. Featured on the program was an arrangement by Hayes of "Turkish March" by Mozart. The number was scored for a small instrumental group. Selections were announced by Mr. Spalding.