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FUN SCHEDULE

Entertainment On and Off the Post for Week
September 25 to October 1

SATURDAY

Informal Dance, Officers' Club, Camp Abbot.
Open House, Bend USO.

MONDAY

Bible Class—Post Chapel, 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

"Camp Abbot on Parade"—KBND, 7:45, weekly radio show.

FRIDAY

Open House, Bend USO.

THEATER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY—"FRONTIER BAD MEN," Diana Barrymore, Lon Chaney, Andy Devine; Short Subjects.

SUNDAY and MONDAY—"DESTROYER," Edward G. Robinson, Glenn Ford, Marguerite Chapman; Short Subjects.

TUESDAY—"SWING SHIFT MAISIE" Ann Sothern, James Craig, Craig.

WEDNESDAY—"PHANTOM OF THE OPERA," Nelson Eddy, Suzanne Foster, Claude Rains; Color Cartoon.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY—"BEST FOOT FORWARD," Lucille Ball, Virginia Weidler, Harry James' orchestra; RKO News.

SATURDAY—"ADVENTURES OF A ROOKIE," Wally Brown, Alan Carey, Margaret Landry; Short Subjects.

New Bayonets Designed to Aid Troops in Jungle Fights

Production of a new 10-inch bayonet for the Army and Marine Corps is underway, according to the current issue of the Army and Navy Journal. The new blade and scabbard will replace the present 16-inch blade as quickly as supplies become available. Just as deadly as the longer blade, the new 10-inch blade possesses a number of advantages over the older bayonet. Affixed to the end of a rifle, the new bayonet being much closer to the hands can be manipulated to give a faster and deeper cut. Its shorter length makes it valuable as a trench knife. Six inches less of bayonet to tangle with underbrush in jungle fighting and six inches less of scabbard to slap against thighs while men are on the march may also be listed as advantages.

FOUR TO OCS

Four Camp Abbot soldiers left this week to attend the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va. They are: Sgt. Clarence W. Dietterich of Company B, 56th Battalion; Sgt. Kenneth M. Holmberg of Co. B, 55th Bn.; Sgt. Hugh R. Holstrom of Headquarters Detachment, 11th Engineer Training Group, and Cpl. James E. Johnson of Co. B, 56th Bn.

MILITARY STRATEGY

Sgt. "I only go out with the girls who wear glasses."

Pvt. "Why?"

Sgt.: "I breathe on 'em and then they can't see what I'm doing."

Takes More Than One Man To 'Lick' Wac Company

Stout Field, Ind.—During maneuvers here one (1) soldier was sent to the WAC barracks to tell the gals they were captured. The WACs, who take maneuvers seriously, tittered among themselves and then rebelled openly with the attitude that it would take more than a single soldier to capture them. Before the captor knew what was happening the WACs had rushed him, thrown him to the floor and he was begging them to give him back his rifle.

TRAILERS AVAILABLE

Approximately 15 trailer units still are available at the Bend Trailer camp, the Personnel Division announced this week. Qualified civilian employees may obtain application forms from the Civilian Personnel Branch, Building 201.

NEW OFFICER HERE

Louise L. Bloodworth, 2nd Lt., Wac, arrived at Camp Abbot Sunday, September 19, to assume duty with the Wac Company here. Lt. Bloodworth was formerly Recruiting Officer at Seattle, Wash.

ANOTHER WAC ARRIVES

Assigned to the Medical Detachment at the Station Hospital Pfc Bevely Potasnik, Wac company, began duty this week following her arrival from Butte, Montana, where she had been in recruiting service.

Pass The ENGINEER To Another Abbotman—He'll Appreciate It.

Chance to Make OCS Now Remote

Although all enlisted men still have a chance to apply and be considered for officer candidate schools, it will be practically impossible to be accepted, according to new restriction and revisions in that system.

In a memorandum just issued by the AGO in Washington advised commanding officers to insure the selection of only "the most outstanding accepted applicants to fill their current quotas."

"These restrictions virtually mean that commanding officers will recommend only superior candidates for interview before the OCS board," was substance of a statement from the Camp Abbot procurement section.

These restrictions have been instituted as result of a large number of Army officers at the present time. The quota in practically every arm and branch has been filled. In view of this some of the officer candidate schools have been closed. The latest is the Army Administration School at Ft. Washington, Md. The Adjutant General School has been reduced to 150 students per year.

Ancient Scroll For Jewish Rite

Priceless vellum bleached white and minute Hebrew characters, each a jewel of perfection, is the Jewish Torah, which will be used for the first time here at holiday services of Rosh Ha-Shona and Yom Kippur the end of the month. Rolled on two spools of polished mahogany, the scroll contains the first five books of the Bible and is used at services much as the Bible is used in Protestant and Catholic services.

Approximately four feet in length, the scroll is complete with a cover of silver satin and an exquisitely-carved hand of ivory to be used as a "pointer" in following the text. It is inscribed in the purest Hebrew, various characters being embellished with very fine brushstrokes which add to the beauty of the manuscript.

Each synagogue has its own Torah, usually a gift from a member, and there is no specification as to the size of the scroll; however, it must be of either parchment or vellum and the characters inscribed by persons chosen for the delicate task because of their saintly character. Almost a lost art, the Torahs in existence today are extremely valuable and, in many cases, are many hundreds of years old, claiming their origin in the Balkan countries.

The Torah, which will be used at Camp Abbot by Chaplain Norman H. Goldberg, was obtained from San Francisco through the efforts of the Jewish Welfare Society of that city. It is more than 100 years old.

Ex-Abbot Officer Finds "Dream" Assignment

Life as commanding officer of an ASTU unit is "all this and heaven too," according to a letter received by a Camp Abbot officer from Capt. Ab Jolly, former commanding officer of Supply company, SCU, here.

Capt. Jolly is commander of a company, composed of three platoons, he writes. In addition he acts as instructor in seven subjects.

The former Camp Abbot officer added "we go dressed up all time."

48 Will Receive Conduct Medals

Good Conduct medals (ribbons until after the war) will be awarded to 48 Camp Abbot soldiers at the first parade to be scheduled in October, the Personnel Division announced this week. The awards will represent both September and October quotas, the awarding of ribbons in September having been cancelled because of a conflict with the Dedication ceremony.

Unit quotas: Service Company and Camp Abbot band, 11; Supply Company, 11; Military Police Company, two; Casual Company, one; Medical Detachment, four; Special Training Company, one; 11th Engineer Training Group, 10, and 12th Group, eight.

Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, will award the ribbons. Time and date of the parade will be announced.

New Troop Cars to Provide More Comfort for Soldiers

Traveling soldiers will make their station-to-station jaunts in greater comfort once newly-designed, triple-decked sleepers recently ordered by the Transportation Corps hit the rails. Three hundred of the new cars, previewed by government officials last week, have been ordered and will be in service in three months.

Designed exclusively for transportation of troops, each of the cars will carry 30 men. For daytime travel the triple-wide seats are grouped in sections on one side of the aisles. Upper berths are fixed and can be used any time. Backs of seats are raised to form the middle bunks and the seat itself is converted into the lower. Each car has washrooms and a drinking fountain and each section a rack for weapons.

Three hundred kitchen cars also were ordered by the Transportation Corps.

New Directional Signs To Guide Visitors in Camp

A number of new directional signs will appear soon along Center St., Maj. C. C. Hull, Post Engineer, said today.

The signs will be patterned after the one now at the intersection of Warehouse and Center Sts., and will indicate the routes to the various Camp areas.

The making and erection of the new posts is part of the program being carried out by the Post Engineer's office to place signposts on all streets within the confines of Camp Abbot both directional and, where needed, for traffic.

New Units Under Headquarters Commandant

Two new units came under the supervision of Maj. M. J. Cuadra, Headquarters commandant, last week with the transfer of the Special Training unit from the 11th Engineer Training Group and creation of a Casual Company.

The newly-formed Casual Company is in charge of administration for all casualties and discharge cases. Previously, casualties were assigned to almost any unit which could accommodate them.

Personnel includes trainees returning from furlough and awaiting assignment, men awaiting discharges and former ASTP students. Since strength of the unit may vary from just a small group of men to several hundred and the company itself has accommodations for only 250 men, it may be necessary to quarter excess casualties in training battalions.

Other units under Major Cuadra are Service Company, the Wac Company, Supply Company and the Military Police Company. Commanding officer of the Special Training unit is Lt. Robert L. Schick. Capt. William F. Ward is in command of the Casual Company.

Officers Sponsor Program At Post's New Picnic Site

Officers of Camp Abbot sponsored a picnic at the new picnic site near the fixed bridge area last Sunday evening. A feature of the outing was group singing, with musical accompaniment by Mrs. J. E. Campbell, wife of Major Campbell of the 12th Engineer Training Group, and daughter, Betty Jean, accordionists.

Volleyball, horseshoes, bridge, ping pong, boating and darts furnished entertainment during the early part of the evening, following which a picnic supper was served by the Officers' mess. About 100 guests attended.

In charge of arrangements were Major M. J. Cuadra, Lt. V. G. Henderson, Lt. John D. Tracy and Warrant Officer Marvin L. Tragerman.

ONLY FIT GO OVERSEAS

A recent War Department circular reveals that no soldier may henceforth be shipped overseas if he doesn't meet the minimum induction standards or if he has a neuro-psychiatric condition of any kind, hernia, perforated eardrum or Class 1 dental condition.

The Wolf

by Sansone



SOLDIERS, It's Your Duty to Write Home . . .

We can't all send a captured Jap or Nazi home to Mom but each of us can send letters that will be appreciated almost as much. Every soldier knows that next to chow call the most popular is mail call. He knows how avidly he looks forward to letters, cards and any other evidence that his friends and loved ones are well and thinking of him.

This same thing is true of the folks at home. They are just as anxious to know all about you. Your activities, promotions and general well being, are of vital interest to them. You owe it to the friends and family to contribute in this manner to civilian morale.

Your letters need not be long but make them cheerful and interesting. And above all see that they are sent with a regularity that is assurance of the love and affection we hold for intimates on the Home Front. The postman's whistle is a welcome sound . . . Write, soldier, write!