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## A SIGN WITH TEETH IN IT



The above sign outside the Camp Abbot War Dog kennels contains a pertinent message for those who'd rush in where angels fear to tread, especially now that the canine corps has been trained to regard as a suspicious character virtually everyone except their trainers and the civilian guards they (the dogs) accompany on patrol. To make doubly certain no one gets hurt, post officials have placed an off-limits ban on the area.

## Winter Clothes Distributed by Red Cross Here

Several thousand wool sweaters, helmets and mufflers knitted by volunteer workers of the American Red Cross were distributed to Camp Abbot soldiers and members of the WAC Company this week by the Camp Abbot Red Cross field office. Every soldier destined to remain at Camp Abbot during severe winter months had the opportunity to obtain one of the three articles of apparel simply by making a request through his company supply room.

Garments were not distributed to training units which will finish training here and leave for other stations before winter sets in, Frank Dunning, field director for the Camp Abbot unit, said. Many of these men will be sent to warmer sections of the country where winter clothing will be of no use, and those who are sent to camps where winters are severe will be given Red Cross garments on their arrival there, he added. Soldiers arriving here for training during cold weather will receive Red Cross clothing.

Under the Red Cross program, garments are knitted by volunteer workers throughout the nation and sent to the Red Cross depot at Ogden, Utah, for distribution to camps, Mr. Dunning said. Yarn is furnished by the Red Cross. The majority of garments are sent to troops outside the United States, but because of the severity of the Oregon winter, the Camp Abbot field office was able to requisition supplies

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## PLUTOCRATS!

Breakfast in bed, a favorite dream of plutocratically-inclined soldiers, will become a reality for members of one squad of Company B, 52nd Battalion, probably a week from tomorrow. As an added inducement to riflemen, officers of the company have promised that the winning squad will receive its Sunday morning fare in bed.

Prizes also will be awarded to the man turning in the highest score and to men shooting "possibles" in sustained firing. Company C fired for record yesterday, and Companies A and B were scheduled to fire today.

## Bend Cafes Get Aid of Soldiers

Due to an emergency which has arisen in eating establishments in Bend as a result of a shortage of employes, Camp Abbot soldiers will be permitted to accept part time employment in restaurants during off-duty hours, at least until maneuvers have ended and possibly thereafter, Post Headquarters has announced.

Vacancies exist for fry cooks, quick order cooks, dish washers and bus boys. Prevailing union wage rates will be paid. Those desiring to assist during the emergency may apply for employment through their unit commanders to the Service Club office. Applications will be accompanied by a memorandum from the unit commander stating the type of work the applicant is qualified to perform. Soldiers employed will be cleared through the United States Employment Service in Bend and assigned by the agency.

## Over \$10,000 in Exchange Profits Earmarked Here

The first dividend declared by the Camp Abbot Post Exchange council was in excess of \$10,000, it was revealed this week. Of this amount \$2,796.00 was distributed to various company funds, while \$7,726 was set aside for special projects which include the Chaplain fund, Group Recreation Funds (11th and 12 groups), band, Post Commanders fund, and for loud speaker sets for both ERTC groups.

The handsome profits, which reflected the patronage of Camp Abbot soldiers, also bore further dividends for the military personnel. The council announced reduction in price of candy bars from four cents to three, and carton cigarettes were reduced from \$1.30 to \$1.25. Toilet article prices were reduced as were those on 100 other items.

The council also took occasion to point out that virtually all of the items for sale in the exchange were purchased through firms in Bend. All soft drinks, ice cream and cigarettes are bought from Bend firms and many items purchased direct from manufacturers are so routed that Bend dealers share in the profits of the transaction. Insurance firms in Bend are also beneficiaries of the exchange as all stocks are fully protected against possible loss by fire and windstorm.

Another dividend for the month of October will be declared shortly, officials of the council said.

Save for Security! Save with Security!—Buy BONDS!

## Abbot Loses Two Pioneers With Transfer Cols. Hall, Douglas to New Commands

Executive Officer and Training Chief Who Played Major Roles in Camp's Development Assume Duties at Fort Lewis, Camp White

Two of Camp Abbot's key officers this week were ordered to new posts. Col. Lester H. Hall, executive officer, and Lt. Col. Clarence H. Douglas, director of training, left to serve under new commands. Both have been members of the headquarters staff since the camp was activated and both have played a prominent part in the development of the Army's newest ERTC, and their activities here played no small part in the post's recognition as one of the best installations of the armed forces by an inspector of the Army Service forces.

## Personnel Chief Now Lt. Colonel

The Personnel Director of Camp Abbot, Maj. Russell D. Turrill was promoted from the rank of major to Lieutenant Colonel Wednesday.

Col. Turrill, a reserve officer since 1933, has risen rapidly in the Army since he was called to the colors on January 6, 1941, with the rank of first lieutenant. Immediately after being called to active duty he attended the first Adjutant General's School held at the Army War College, Washington. He was assigned to Fort Belvoir, Va., on completion of the course, and served as assistant personnel chief. On November, 1942 he was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to take the Services of Supply staff course in the Command and General Staff School. Upon graduation he was assigned to the ERTC at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. When the Camp Abbot cadre was organized he was assigned as chief of the personnel section.

Col. Turrill's home town is Battle Creek, Mich., and before being called to active duty was production manager of a small steel mill.

## NSC Units Top 8 Million Mark

Military and civilian personnel of the War Department in the Ninth Service Command lent Uncle Sam \$8,410,005.38 in cash during the Third War Loan drive, Col. Edwin J. O'Hara has reported to Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr., commanding general of the command.

Military personnel in the eight western states embraced by the command paid \$5,488,728.68 in cash for war bonds during the drive and civilian personnel another \$2,921,276.70. Full and complete figures on purchases by soldiers were not available due to extensive maneuvers in progress during the drive.

Cash purchases were in addition to \$5,799,134.23 worth of bonds at cost prices purchased through the payroll allotment plans, bringing the total during the drive to \$14,209,139.61.

Few officers were ever faced with a more exacting task than was Col. Hall when he arrived at Camp Abbot. The speed and tempo of wartime training made it essential that the camp start functioning on full-time basis as soon as possible. He was faced with a myriad of details that required constant and personal attention. As a veteran of the first World War, and with a long record of service in the nation's military establishment, he used the years of experience as a member of the infantry, air corps, coast artillery, signal corps and corps of engineers, to perfect speedily a smoothly functioning organization. He spent much time in the field and as he departs Camp Abbot is functioning as smoothly as an Army garrison many years established.

## Staff School Graduate

Col. Hall is a graduate of the command and staff school at Fort Leavenworth. His ability as an administrator was recognized by the War Department when the Civilian Conservation Corps was organized. He served eight years with the CCC, most of the time as district adjutant, at Vancouver Barracks, district headquarters, in which capacity he was on the staff of Gen. Marshall.

He served as personnel director at Fort Leonard Wood and with the organization of the Camp Abbot cadre, plunged into work that has afforded him little time for recreation since. He leaves to assume an important post at Fort Lewis, Wash.

## Goes To Camp White

Duty with field troops means much to Col. Douglas, who will join an engineer combat unit at Camp White, Ore. Few men of the ERTC have worked more earnestly and sincerely than has the University of Vermont graduate who has put into operation one of the most exacting training schedules in the Army. His ability as an organizer is shown in the staff with which he has surrounded himself, and through close coordination with the post commander, brought recognition of the camp in the report of an inspector of the Army Service Forces.

Col. Douglas is a native of Vermont and attended the same school from which Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the former

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