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# Camp Abbot Six Months Old

## REMEMBER THIS, FELLERS!



Here's a picture of the first dance held at Camp Abbot. Not so many Wacs then. Now that the camp has passed its first half year as an Army post notice the difference. A swell service club where a real floor, and real music is available.

## Breakfast in Bed a Reality For Trainees

An old soldier would never believe it. But it happened. Breakfast in bed, often a dream of all soldiers, was a reality last Sunday morning when the third squad of the third platoon, Co. B, 52nd Engr. Trng. Bn., reposed in bed and ate breakfast from trays served by the second squads of the first platoon.

This unusual feature of company rivalry grew out of a suggestion by the company commanding officer, Capt. Ernest G. Fritsche, who said the squad qualifying the highest on the rifle marksmanship range would be accorded this honor. The winners qualifying with an average of 169. Officer in charge of the losing platoon was Lt. Eugene Nonemacher, while Lt. Earle Wilson was in charge of the winners. Lt. Robert D. Foster is administrative officer of the company.

The boys will probably enjoy their day of fame—if they ever get to see a newspaper. For the Associated Press, when advised of the unusual incident in Army life, requested a photo (incidentally it was taken by a Wac—her first time in a men's barracks) for use on wire-photo.

## Ye Ed Crashes Literary Gates

S. Sgt. George S. Fly, long an aspirant to literary fame, believes he has at last crashed the gates of the immortals. He received notification this week of acceptance of a story submitted more than two years ago in a book contest for stories of the Deep South. His story is unusual in the fact that it deals with the early days of Louisiana Territory and the literary effort is the result of extensive research, part of which required translation of early French archives. For another story, which he wrote while making the same research work, he was honored by the National Archives and the magazine in which that story was published now reposes in that institution in Washington, D. C.

He is also the author of more than a score of short stories and co-author of a novel dealing with the Tennessee Valley. His recently accepted story will be published in December by Mac-Millan.

### PHONE BOOKS ARRIVE

Arrival of a large number of telephone directories from most of the leading cities of the nation, and many smaller towns, this week has been announced by Miss Caroline Paddock, post librarian. They are available in the Service Club library on a special shelf.

**ARMISTICE DAY—1943**  
"Carry on" . . . The message comes this morning  
As it come for a quarter of a hundred years  
Now the Argonne woods are hushed and quiet  
Passed and gone the storm of steel  
But o'er our dead—The bugles still are sounding in the rain  
From Montfaucon to Batheville.  
—Joseph S. Sickerler  
1st Lt. AGD.

## Service Club Adds Features

Camp Abbot's Service Club, with its variety of programs, cafeteria, soda fountain and library, is becoming more and more the mecca of the camp GI's.

Thursday night the third group variety show was presented by Service Company. Previously the 12th Group, the Wacs and the Medical Detachment staged shows that were given a most cordial reception.

The Tuesday night Bingo games which are staged under the direction of Pvt. Walter Chandler and John Wersinger draw many contestants.

The Classical Music program held each Sunday in the Guest House, with Cpl. Morris Cohen as commentator, are meeting with favor, according to Mrs. Helen Smith, Service Club director. She announced this week's program will be: Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G Minor and Tschalkovsky's Concerto o. 1.

Mrs. Smith also announced the arrival of 12 bridge tables and chairs and the model airplane supplies for the hobbycraft class.

## Lodge Women Hang Drapes in Post Rec Hall

Drapes in the Recreation Hall of the 51st Engr. Trng. Bn., which were furnished by the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star of Bend, were hung yesterday by the lodge committee composed of Mrs. A. E. Stevens, Mrs. Harry Hamilton and Mrs. Frank Bockman. They also took measurements of the other 12 day-rooms for which they will make drapes from material furnished by the American Red Cross.

## NCO Club Draws Record Crowd; Wacs Star in Show

The Non Com Club really threw a whing-ding Monday night. Their "open house" was one of the best-attended, convivial affairs ever held on the post. Everybody was happy and everybody had a good time.

The affair was a credit to the board of directors and the committee they had named to handle it.

Sgt. Pat Halloran was in rare form as master of ceremonies, and the Wac show, which, after all, was the main feature, was a real "julu." All the gals, Pvt. Agnes Sonnenfelt down to Cpl. "Sunny" Graham brought down the house with their specialty acts.

## Rated Higher Than Many Older Posts

Camp Abbot, the Army's newest Engineer Replacement Training Center was six months old Friday. Orders transferring the camp headquarters from Fort Leonard Wood were effective as of May 12.

Vast improvement is noticeable since that wintry day in May when the camp opened. It was in the last stages of completion; some facilities were not as yet in operation. Today, however, finds almost completed a modern Army cantonment. So efficient has been the direction of Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander and his staff that a recent inspector of the Army Service forces said its training and general facilities were equal to cantonments established many months.

Much has transpired in this six months period. Many changes have taken place, and many officers who were responsible for the high standard set by this ERTC are now at other posts. An officer who was deeply interested in the camp's improvements—Col. L. H. Hall—is now on duty at another post. Lt. Col. Clarence H. Douglas, who established the training schedule to mold hundreds of trainees into combat soldiers, has left to join an outfit destined for overseas service. Many officers in key positions have been promoted. Among the first was Paul H. Diediker, administrative officer, who arrived at Camp Abbot as a captain; Capt. William Pascoe came as a first lieutenant and as assistant adjutant officer sports captain's bars. Maj. Russell D. Turill, whose work as personnel chief requires perhaps the most exacting work on the post has been justly rewarded and is a lieutenant colonel. Capt. Fred B. Hoenhorst, of Service Company, one of the largest on the post, won his double silver bars after arrival. As a first lieutenant he commanded for a time the largest company in the ERTC. It would take more words than space permits to recite the rise (Continued on Page 4)

## War Vets Pay Tribute Here To Ex-Buddies

Soldiers who fought in France a quarter of a century ago gathered in the Post Chapel Thursday to observe Armistice Day. They were joined in the observance by soldiers of the new army and civilian employes, men who themselves may face shot and shell, trudge through the mud of Flanders before the present conflict ends. Present too, were representatives of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans of Bend.

These veterans of a war that seems so remote today recalled memories of the day so long since past. They had gathered because they felt they wanted to pay this brief tribute to those men who had died for the flag.

One veteran present recalled his narrow escape from being listed as a casualty only five minutes before the Armistice came. But he recalled with sad-

## Abbot Officers At Food Parley

Returning from a five day food saving and conservation conference at Fort Lewis, Wash., Maj. Arthur Davidson, division inspector and food service supervisor, said the salient feature covered at the conference was the importance of food wastage elimination with special emphasis on the proper utilization of food. Accompanying Maj. Davidson to the conference was Lt. Keith W. Beardmore, assistant commandant, Cook and Bakers School, and Lt. Willard J. Langhaus, nutrition officer.

Maj. Davidson likewise said that the highly critical food condition in America was discussed and the shortage that may be expected in connection with American troops taking over occupied countries which will inevitably lead to America being forced to share food with their citizens.

## 300 Maneuver Men Guests At Service Club Dance

Three hundred members of the 104th Division, one of the units which participated in the recent IV Corps maneuvers, were special guests of Camp Abbot Wednesday night at the regular weekly Service Club dance.

## Officer Who Effected Treaty With Dutch Stationed Here

An officer who assisted perfecting the agreement by which military forces of the United States were permitted to land in the Dutch colony of Surinam, South America, is now Judge Advocate at Camp Abbot.

Major John B. Mohum, who traveled extensively in South and Central America, loaned by the War Department to the State Department to act as a diplomatic representative, perfected the agreement with the Netherlands government for the purpose of protecting the valuable bauxite mines in the Dutch Colony.

national agreements is noted in the document which Major Mohum and the commanding officer of the U. S. military forces in Surinam perfected with the Dutch Colonial governor and his legal representative. The final article of the agreement refers to the translation of the document, which was in the two languages. It says: "In event of dispute as to interpretation, considerations will be given by both governments to the spirit of the agreement rather than any hidden technical meaning which might be placed upon any one particular word or phrase used by either government in their respective language."

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