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LUCK COL.  
LYONS

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CAMP ABBOT, OREGON

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# Camp to Observe Thanksgiving Sunday

## Abbot Pushes War Fund "Over the Top"

### ERTC Troops Will Worship At One Meet

The personnel of Camp Abbot will observe the Thanksgiving season in a general service at 1000 hours in the Post Chapel Sunday morning.

All the regular Sunday morning services of all faiths will be combined. The Chaplains Branch will be assisted by the Chaplains Branch of the Army and the ERTC Band in this observance. The principal address will be delivered by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander. Group Commanders Col. Aubrey H. Bond and Maj. Gordon D. Moritz will assist. Post Chaplain William H. Andrew will preside.

As this will be the only Thanksgiving service of any kind at the camp, the entire personnel who are not on duty are urged to attend. Extra chairs have been provided.

Due to the exigencies of war there will be no deviation from the regular post training schedule on Thanksgiving Day. In some companies and sections it is possible that liberality may be shown in the issuance of passes. In this connection the USO at Bend is anxious that any soldier who wishes to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner as the guest of a Bend resident register at the first opportunity at the information desk of the USO. A number of people who wish to entertain soldiers have postponed their dinner meal until evening.

An informal dance will be held at the Officers Club Thanksgiving. (Continued on Page 2)

### YEP, IT REALLY HAPPENED



The dream of every soldier becomes a reality. Look at these smiling GI's rewarded for proficiency on the range. It's the third squad of the third platoon, Co. B, 52nd Engr. Trng. Bn., being served breakfast in bed by the second squad of the first platoon.

### Camp Proves Generous, as Total \$5,129

The military and civilian personnel of Camp Abbot with a contribution of \$5,129.67 provided the momentum that pushed the Deschutes county War Fund drive "over the top."

The handsome contribution of both groups brought a smile of satisfaction on the countenance of the ERTC commander, Col. Frank S. Besson, when a check for this amount was handed him by Lt. Col. Philip M. Bedessem, chairman of the drive. Col. Besson was in even a more jovial mood when he in turn, a few minutes later, delivered the Camp Abbot contribution to William Niskanen, county war chest chairman. The drive for funds had been a matter close to the commander's heart and at the outset of the campaign he urged every member of the military and civilian personnel give a donation. The contribution of the civilian personnel was made to the ERTC commander last Saturday when Merle Ballantyne, chief employe relations, delivered a check in the amount of \$1160.12. In tendering the check Mr. Ballantyne told Col. Besson that valuable assistance in the campaign had been given by the following: Miss Teresa Breslin, medical division; Gerry Horstkotte, post engineer; Arthur Larson, laundry; Margaret Walter, civilian personnel; Oliver Michaels, Wesley Purdy and H. R. Schanno, of the post engineer's office; Irene Jones, supply and service; Orval Johnson, Jr., fireman; Helen Moore, postal section; Margaret Keith, control branch; John Jones, training division; Phyllis Webb, signal branch; Clara Moore, salvage; Fred Becker, supply and ser- (Continued on Page Four)

### No Extra Gas For Furloughs

Officers and enlisted men applying for holiday furloughs were warned this week that the Bend gas ration board will not issue supplemental gasoline to reach leave or furlough destination and to return. Local gas ration boards will allow only five gallons to military personnel on leave.

A statement from the Personnel Division asks that all enlisted men submit to the Rail Transportation Officer by 8 a. m., Nov. 18, a letter signed by their commanding officer that the applicant owns a car, or is to travel with a friend who owns a car. Unless such letters are received, transportation will be arranged by either bus or railroad and enlisted men will be required to travel by the type so selected by the Transportation Officer. The statement warns that unless these instructions are complied with he faces danger of being left stranded at the nearest railroad.

### Col. Lyons Leaves Post To Join Ground Forces

Col. Russell Lyons, for the past three months commanding officer of the 12th Engr. Trng. Group, has left for a new assignment. He will join the ground forces and quite likely will be bound overseas for the second time at an early date.

It is doubtful if a more popular officer was ever stationed at Camp Abbot. Col. Lyons, himself, on the eve of his departure asserted that never in his long career had he been stationed in a camp which made such a profound impression on him. "I never worked with a better group of officers or enlisted men," he said.

### C-51 Brings Band to Help Win Contest

It seemed like old times in a college gym when C-51 cagers took the floor in the All Purpose building. They were escorted to the building by their own versatile eight piece band. The band, under the direction of Pvt. Salisbury, inspired the team to a 55-14 victory.

Col. Lyons has a long and distinguished record in the Army. He was one of the first 25 officers sworn in as reserve officers under the act of 1916 authorizing the reserve corps. Later, he was made a provisional officer, then a lieutenant in the Regular Army. He served in France with the famed Third Division, the outfit credited with saving Paris from capture in the German's last great offensive. (Continued on Page 4)

### Wac Sergeant Dances With Brig. General

Sgt. Mary Bartoswiz, of the Wac company, was dared to ask Brig. Gen. Byrant Moore, assistant commander of the 104th Division for a dance at the Service Club last week. But the Wac sergeant was not in the least shy. The general was preparing to leave, in fact, had his overcoat on, when up marched the pretty Wac who said: "General I have been dared to ask you to dance. How about it?" The general gallantly removed his overcoat and said: "Certainly." Not in the least abashed the Wac and the general tripped the light fantastic and many other gals looked on with envious eyes.

### NEW HOSPITAL EXECUTIVE

Maj. Ferris Arnold is the new executive officer at Station Hospital. He reported for duty Monday. His last assignment was with the 203rd General Hospital, Fort Lewis.

### New Panoram Now on Sale

The current issue of Panoram, Camp Abbot's picture magazine represents another neat job by Dale Vincent, post photographer. The training shots, which run from the infiltration course to the practice of swimming across streams with full pack and rifle, make it highly interesting from cover to cover. The pictures of the dedication ceremony make it invaluable as a keepsake to hang on to after the war. Of particular interest is the large full page photo on the back of the magazine which shows lowering of the huge garrison flag at retreat on Dedication Day. Copies may be obtained at any Post Exchange. Mr. Vincent has another issue in the course of preparation and it promises to be equally as interesting as the first two issues.