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Camp Leader In NSC Insurance Coverage

ABBOT EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE AWARDS

ERTC With Average of \$9,974 Top

Camp Abbot, the Army's newest engineer replacement training center, although established only seven months ago, leads all major installations of the Ninth Service Command in the percent of military personnel insured and average policy.

A special report issued Nov. 22 from the office of the Commanding General at Fort Douglas shows that 98.7 per cent of Camp Abbot personnel have National Service and U. S. Government life insurance. The average policy also shows the high mark attained by the camp and is listed at \$9,974. This is considered phenomenal in view of the fact that the camp has been established but a relatively short time in comparison to other posts in this command.

The nearest contender to Camp Abbot's top honors was Camp Roberts, Calif., with the percent of personnel insured listed at 98.1, and average policy \$7,675.

A discussion of National Service Life Insurance, and the three types of insurance into which any policy that has been in effect a year may be converted, will be the subject of discussion over the regular Camp Abbot weekly radio broadcast over KBND next Wednesday night, 8 to 8:15 p. m. Lt. V. G. Henderson, Special Service officer, who is also insurance officer, and Capt. Dudley S. Triplett, will discuss various phases of government insurance that may not be clear to all military personnel or their dependents.

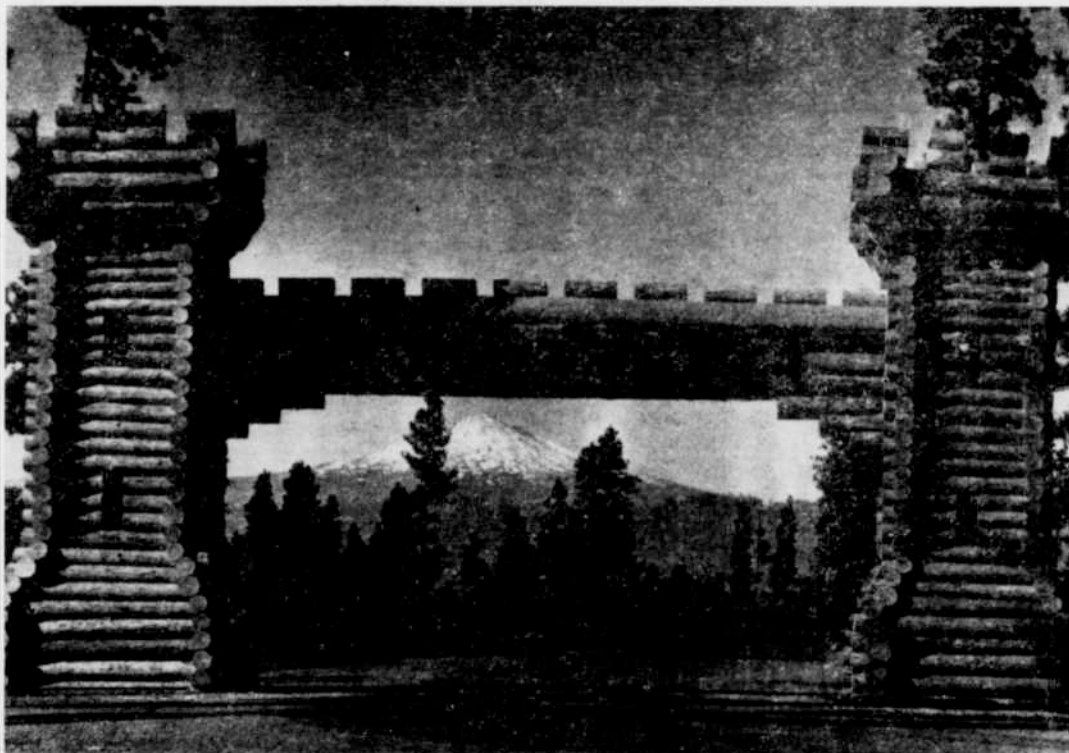
Choral Group For Camp Now Seems Certain

Although the number reporting for practice was not up to expectations, it is believed that a creditable chorus can be organized in time to participate in the holiday season, according to Lt. Helen Martin, who is in charge of the camp's newest musical organization.

Lt. Martin was more encouraged by reason of the presence of seven feminine voices in the tryout. Previously only soldiers had shown up for rehearsal and in order to form a good chorus feminine voices are necessary. It is hoped the chorus will be in sufficient form to sing Christmas carols both at the hospital and Service Club.

All interested persons are requested to report for rehearsal at the Service Club, Monday night, 7:30 p. m.

THE PORTAL OF ENGINEERS



A remarkable photographic study of the new entrance gate to Camp Abbot. Long planned, in fact on paper before the cadre left Fort Leonard Wood to activate the Army's newest ERTC, this replica of the Corps of Engineers insignia represents many hours of labor by soldiers who felled, sawed, and put in place the logs which form this castle. The photographer spent several days in obtaining this unusual photo.

—Photo by Vincent, Post Photographer.

68 Will Get Emblems at Formal Fete

Ribbons, emblematic of the award for Civilian Service on the basis of six months satisfactory work at Camp Abbot, will be presented to 68 civilian employees at 1045 Wednesday morning in the Post Theater by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander.

Lt. Col. R. D. Turrill, director of personnel, will be the master of ceremonies and will introduce Col. Besson.

Following presentation of civilian awards, John J. O'Connell, director of civilian personnel, will make a short speech of acceptance in behalf of the employees honored. Music will be by the Camp Abbot band.

In a personnel memorandum describing the awards Lt. Col. R. D. Turrill said: "It is the policy of the War Department to recognize the contribution being made by its civilian employees to the successful prosecution of the war, and to encourage a greater awareness of their active personal participation in the achieving of ultimate victory by presenting to Civilian Employees who have rendered faithful and meritorious service."

An additional award known as the Emblem of Meritorious Service may be presented to civilian personnel who have rendered such service in accordance with standards set forth in Col. Turrill's memorandum. These include exemplary performance of assigned tasks, setting records of achievement, and inspiring others to improve the quantity and quality of their work. Also initiative in devising new work methods that will result in substantial saving of manpower; achievement in improving morale and improvement in work performance and esprit de corps; initiative in developing of skills of subordinate employees, and receipt of cash award for suggestions that resulted in economy in operation of the post.

It was pointed out, however, that these qualifications would not preclude granting of this (Continued on Page 5)

'Debut' Edition Of Khaki Capers At Service Club

A large audience of Camp Abbot soldiers, wives and guests heard vocal selections ranging from hillbilly to opera, and witnessed a burlesque of Mussolini and sleight of hand demonstration Thursday night when the first edition of Khaki Capers, an all-soldier variety show destined to become a regular weekly feature, was presented at the Service Club.

Despite the cancellation of several scheduled acts, club patrons saw a well-balanced program. There were vocal selections by the popular Arkansas Trio, a contribution of the Military Police Company; songs by Cpl. Fern Sheppard of the Wac Company and arias by Pvt. George Kruto, former professional opera singer. The magic phase of the program was handled by Pvt. Jack F. Marick of Company C, 54th Bn., who performed card and coin tricks. Pvt. Andrew Underhill of Casual Company did the burlesque of Mussolini, and Cpl. William G. Hesse of the Medical Detachment was master of ceremonies. The program was arranged by Lt. Robert Herring, program director for the Service Club.

MEDICS DANCE

The medical detachment band made its first appearance at a hospital dance Thursday night.

Santa Claus to Visit Kiddies At Service Club

Santa Claus will visit the children of Camp Abbot military and civilian personnel at the Service Club, Sunday, Dec. 19, at 4 p. m.

Music, a Christmas tree, presents, and Christmas "goodies" will be furnished. The presents and "goodies" will be planned for all children registered or not. If the need justifies special transportation will be provided.

Parents are requested to register their children with the Post Chaplain, Building 208, by Dec. 10. Name, age, address, and information whether or not bus transportation will be required, should be furnished for each child. An additional announcement regarding this party will appear in the next issue of the ABBOT ENGINEER.

Save Those Shrunken Sox; The Laundry Can Fix 'Em

If your wool socks come back from the laundry resembling booties for a midget, don't curse and consign them to the nearest waste can—The laundry can fix 'em up good as new.

All you have to do is turn them in to your supply sergeant with a slip listing the size they were originally. The laundry will re-dip them and stretch them back to size.

Wool must be laundered at a certain temperature, Lt. Howard I. Pulver, laundry officer, pointed out. A few degrees above or below and shrinkage is inevitable.

Red Cross to Give First Aid Training

All civilians who are interested will be given the opportunity to take first aid training under the supervision of the American Red Cross during the next few weeks.

The standard 20-hour course will be available to all, and the advanced course of 10 hours to civilians attending First Aid Stations or those who expect to render first aid service.

The Red Cross program will be under the direction of Mildred Neilsen, of the office of Frank Dunning, field director, American Red Cross, Camp Abbot.

POSTAL SERVICE

To take care of holiday mailing the Camp Abbot postoffice will remain open each Wednesday night until 2100 hours, Lt. Joseph S. Sickler, postal officer, has announced.

PX Dividend \$3,586.00

A dividend of \$3,586.00 was declared for the month of October by the Post Exchange Council. The money was apportioned as follows:

- \$100 for Christmas gift wrapping which will be done at the Service Club by wives of officers who have volunteered to do this work.
- \$300 to the Chaplain Fund.
- \$270 to be divided equally between the 11th and 12th Groups.
- \$300 to Station Hospital.
- \$400 to Recreation Fund (which also covers cost of publication of Abbot Engineer.)
- \$200 to Headquarters Fund.
- \$2,285.75 to the troops stationed at Camp Abbot for their respective company funds, an average of 41 cents per man.