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CAMP ABBOT, OREGON

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Bond Sales Hit \$33000 Mark In New Drive

Sales of war bonds in connection with the Fourth War Loan drive reached \$33,000 at Camp Abbot Friday, and volume was good despite the fact soldiers were in the midst of a week-before-pay-day period, which was bound to slow sales, Lt. George F. Crisman, agent finance officer, announced. The Post finance office is preparing to handle a record volume of sales Jan. 31, immediately following the distribution of pay envelopes, he said.

Sales are coming in from all sections, Lt. Crisman said. Laundry workers have figured prominently in purchases. Daisy Hale of the Post laundry purchased a \$1,000 bond, Mrs. Huldah Edith Beasley a \$500 bond, and Zetta M. Watts \$400 worth of bonds. Sgt. Julian Shirk of the schools branch purchased a \$1,025 bond.

The first active solicitation program, which begins Jan. 25, will continue through Tuesday when the campaign will revert to education and publicity. A second solicitation is set for Feb. 8 to 15.

Soldiers can greatly assist the finance office in handling the influx of purchases by filling out the information required in purchasing bonds before they reach the office, Lt. Crisman said.

Free Show for Bond Buyers

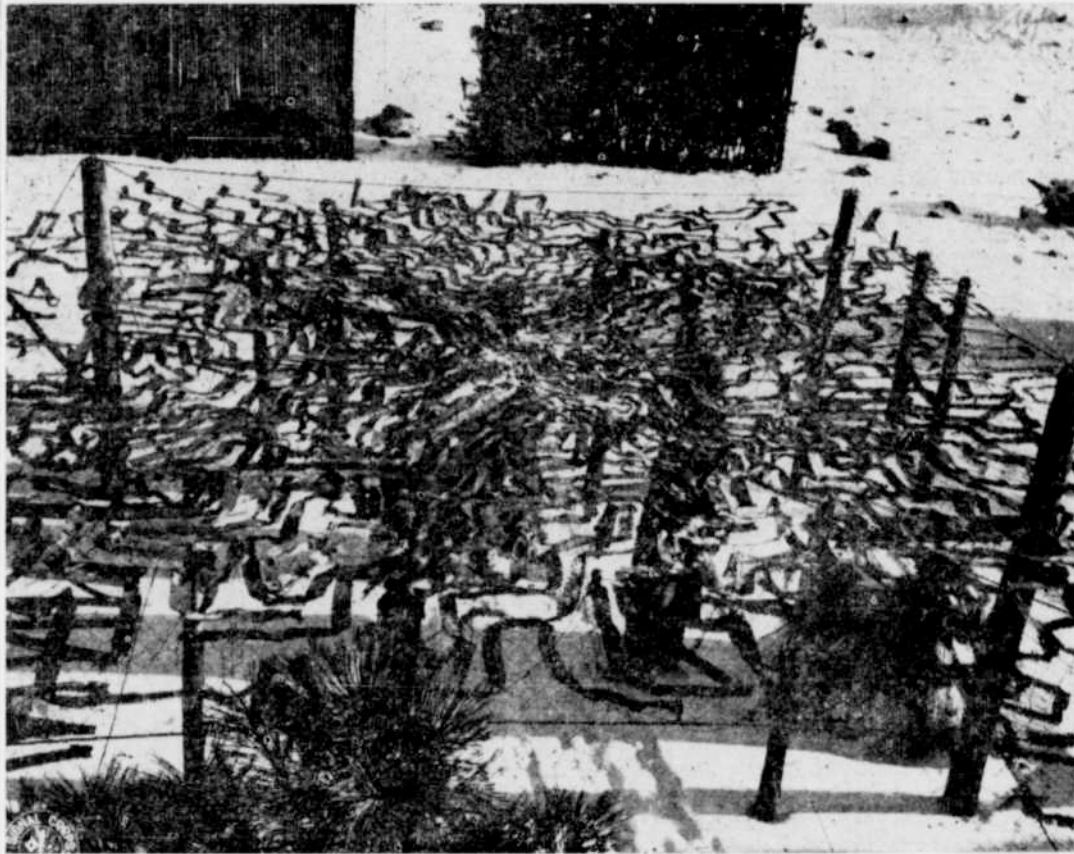
If you've bought a bond from the Post Finance Office since Jan. 18, you can obtain a free ticket to the War Bond premiere showing of "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" at the Tower theatre in Bend at 10:30 p. m. Monday, the War Bond Council announced this week. The offer will apply up until time for the premiere, and you can pick up your tickets from the Finance Office.

BOUDOIR, MANEUVER STYLE



Although it lacks some of the comforts of a beautyrest, this sleeping bag used by soldiers on Camp Abbot's three-week unit training problems was cozy enough to bundle this soldier off to sleep in short order. Our man admitted something was missing all right, but he didn't have reference to a mattress.

CONFUSION WITH A MOTIVE



Trainees studying camouflage tactics at Camp Abbot demonstrate the effective concealment offered by overhead netting by walking under a camouflaged section and all but disappearing from view. If you don't believe they're pretty well hidden, even against the white background of snow, try counting them. Give up? They're are three. This is but one of many phases of camouflage taught soldiers in the Engineer Replacement Training Center here. (See story on page 4).

March of Dimes Dance Nets Total of \$116

A formal March of Dimes Dance, held at the Service Club Wednesday night, highlighted the Post's participation in the battle against infantile paralysis this week and netted \$116.20 in contributions.

Described by Service Club hostesses as one of the most successful dances in the history of the club, the program, held in honor of the President's birthday, featured a grand march and a brief talk by Mrs. Frank S. Besson, wife of the commanding officer.

Miss Bernice Jensen, USO Junior Hostess, and Pvt. Norman Bixman of Company A, 55th Battalion, led a grand march in which service men, their wives and guests, Junior Hostesses, civilian employees of the Post and members of the Wac Company participated. A drawing was held to determine who would lead the

march and who would cut a huge cake prepared by Sgt. William Frost of the Post Cooks and Bakers School. Sgt. Peggy Smith of the Wac Company cut the cake, which was distributed to the entire assembly.

Colonel and Mrs. Besson, who headed an impressive list of patrons and patronesses, opened the dance. Other patrons and patronesses included Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. M. Mock, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Merrill A. Pimentel, Maj. and Mrs. M. J. Cuadra, Col. A. H. Bond, Lt. Col. Philip M. Beddesem, Lt. Col. Russell D. Tur-rill, Lt. and Mrs. V. G. Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Arnold. Mrs. Arnold is Deschutes county chairman for the campaign.

The hall was appropriately decorated with the national colors and red flags bearing a white castle, symbol of the Corps of Engineers. Corsages with a patriotic motif were distributed as favors.

Soldiers who donated their time serving guests include Pvts. George C. Doney, Burriss C. Liggett, Harvey Hooten and Roy Fine, all of Casual Company, and Walter Chandler of the Motor Pool.

An additional \$27.60 was raised by the Non-Commissioned Officers' Club at a dance held in its club rooms Saturday night.

The bulk of Camp Abbot contributions to the campaign are expected on pay day Tuesday when pay tables will be placed on pay tables for the convenience of soldiers wishing to make donations. Chairman for the drive is Major Cuadra.

Photos Sought For Sweetheart Of Post Contest

Members of the Wac Company, Junior Hostesses in Bend, girls employed on the Post and girl friends of Camp Abbot soldiers were urged by Mrs. Helen Smith, Service Club director, to submit photographs for the "Sweethearts of Camp Abbot" contest to be held as a feature of the Post's formal Valentine's Day dance Feb. 16.

The contest is open to all girls who'll be at Camp Abbot on the night of the dance, Mrs. Smith said. Photographs will be numbered and displayed in the Service Club to give soldiers an opportunity to make their selections and girls will wear corresponding numbers at a dance Feb. 9 when balloting is scheduled. Winner of the contest will be announced at the Feb. 16 dance.

Longer Furloughs Under New Policy

Clarifying its stand regarding furloughs, Post Headquarters this week issued the following statement:

"It will be the policy of this Headquarters to grant furloughs in excess of 15 days only when necessary in order to enable EM to spend a minimum of 7 days at their home or destination."

The declaration was in answer to a War Department Circular which provided that commanding officers within the limits of the continental United States will give consideration to the travel factor and, when practicable, grant furloughs which would provide for 15 days at home, not counting travel time.

Buy National War Bonds Now!

State's Polio Drive Boosted By Post Show

Camp Abbot gave additional impetus to the infantile paralysis campaign in Oregon Thursday afternoon when entertainers of the Post staged a radio broadcast in the Post Theater. The program was put on the air by Stations KBND in Bend and KXL, Portland's 10,000-watt transmitter.

Featured on the program were selections by the Camp Abbot band, directed by Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding; Popular music by the Camp Abbot dance band; a brief address by Mrs. Frank S. Besson, wife of the commanding officer; group singing and instrumental selections by members of the 54th Battalion; a vocal number by Sgt. James Gilbert, member of the band, and a skit by Cpl. James Gordon of the 54th Battalion. The script, theme of which was the March of Dimes, was prepared by Sgt. Buddy Hyde of the Special Service Office, who also acted as master of ceremonies.

Instrumentalists included Pvts. Constantino Merazzo, banjoist, and Otto Frerichmann, guitarist. Appearance of 54th Battalion personnel on the show was made possible through the cooperation of Maj. Burr E. Adams, battalion commander.

A similar broadcast to be held from 5 to 5:30 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 10, will feature the 55th Battalion, Mr. Spalding announced.

Post Warned to Heed Smoking Ban

All military personnel of Camp Abbot will be expected to conform with the Oregon state law prohibiting smoking in public motor conveyances, Lt. Richard Brisbin, transportation officer, warned this week. It has come to the attention of Post Headquarters that soldiers are reluctant to comply with requests of drivers of Pilot Butte buses to refrain from smoking, he said.

Morale Officer For Post Named

Lt. Charles Frucht arrived Tuesday from Camp Beale and has assumed duties here as Morale Officer. The establishment of his office is one of a number of contemplated moves to divide the duties of Special Services into a Morale and a Special Service Division in order of better care for the entertainment, education, and esprit de corps of the armed forces.

Camp Abbot soldiers will have an opportunity to appear at their rustic best Wednesday night when the Service Club turns its regular weekly dance into a "loggers' jam session," Mrs. Helen Smith, club director, announced. Soldiers will be permitted to wear fatigues or virtually any rustic raiment they see fit.