

3 Plaques Given Units for Best Mess Operation

For the first time since the start of the Food Conservation program, three plaques and certificates were awarded yesterday for the month's best mess operation. Previously only one award was made.

Winners were judged on elimination of waste, cleanliness, and ingenuity in food and meal preparation, on the basis of weekly suggestions. "One of the winning organizations earned the extra points necessary to top their competitors by submitting worthwhile suggestions on food conservation and the utilization of leftovers," Maj. Arthur Davidson, Post Inspector, explained.

The following organizations were each presented a plaque and certificate by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC Commander:

Eleventh Group: Co. C, 54th Bn., Mess Sgt. Rocco Biviano, winner; Co. C, 55th Bn., runner up. Twelfth Group: Co. B, 58th Bn., Mess Sgt. Louis Pizzano, winner; Co. C, 58th Bn., runner up. Headquarters Commandant Group: Wac Co., Mess Sgt. Sarah Spray, winner; Supply Co., runner up.

NO TRICKS NOW, YOU GUYS!



These trainees undergoing Camp Abbot's rigid three-week unit training problem aren't kidding as they march "enemy" prisoners back to field headquarters. A number of prisoners were captured and placed on work details during the maneuvers. And guards weren't troubled with escapes.

Post Has First USO Stage Show; Others Set Soon

Promising GI's here that they'd be "getting a lot of USO shows from now on," Eddie Stanley, veteran of vaudeville, radio, and the Aleutians, emceed a sparkling song-and-dance show through five performances Wednesday and Thursday.

Penny Gill, Stanley's partner, a former Earl Carroll star, and does of the authentic Hula, helped liven the show with brave attempts to teach the Hawaiian dance to a couple of unsuspecting dogfaces.

Rounding out the troupe were Jan Royce, cafe singer, Kay Adell, dancer, and Ann Norman, sweet balladist. Calls for encores and enthusiastic applause followed each number.

Highlight of all the shows, however, occurred at the Thursday performance when Jan Royce wanted a man to sing a love song to. She got more than she bargained for. "Tiny" Claasson, the six-foot-six lad from Co. A, 54 Bn. stomped to the stage. After a compromise on the height of the mike, they performed a creditable duet.

varied distances. Tracers and night signals made a beautiful display.

Our first actual experience with demolition came last week. Most of the men found this type of training exceedingly interesting, and enjoyed the day immensely. We also had our first instruction in proper use of the bayonet.

Guest House May Have New Annex

A suggestion by Lt. Col. A. M. Mock, Post executive officer, that a portion of the Deschutes county Red Cross Camp and Hospital Committee's funds be used for enlarging the Camp Abbot guest house was approved by the committee at a meeting Monday night.

Committee members agreed that inasmuch as the Special Service Branch has made considerable progress in purchasing furniture for day rooms not sponsored by the Bend groups, weekend or emergency housing of soldiers' wives and families was a problem they could assist in solving.

Proposed plans provide for the addition of about 15 rooms, more than double the space now available. The guest house is now booked full until the latter part of March.

The committee also authorized the installation of linoleum in Hospital Recreation halls and lounge. Draperies also have been purchased for hospital day-rooms, and the committee is considering plans to redecorate walls of hospital recreation halls. R. Leonel Gray, acting Red Cross field director for Camp Abbot, said.

Abbot Face! GI Jazz "Sends" Hospital Patients

A "teaser" advertising coming attractions at the Post theatre last week was devoted to promoting "Career Girl" and hinted of yet another treatment of the timeworn struggle between love and the call to fame. At the end of the "teaser" was this solemn exhortation: "When you come, bring the one you love." The audience's reactions ranged from titters to outright fuffaws, but one burly trainee didn't crack a smile. He leaned over to Sgt. Ed Winters of U. S. Military Band No. 362, who happened to be sitting next to him, and whispered: "Would you care to go, dear?"

Someone has a misconception about this post, or else a soldier with shipping orders Bend-bound anticipated a bad time.

At any rate, when the newcomer finally received his mail forwarded from another post, the first letter he picked up was addressed: "SCU 1973, Casualty Company."

THINGS TO COME DEPARTMENT (Wife and Kids Division) —Sgt. Dennie Adams of the Training Division swears that when the war's over he's going to make the wife and kids fall out in the street for reveille and lie comfortably in bed while the little woman delivers a complete morning report.

Salt Lake City (CNS)—An expectant mother called at the local ration board office to request additional gasoline ration coupons to take her to a maternity hospital. "Sorry," said a board official, "there will be a slight delay." "Very well, said the woman. "I'll have my baby here." She got the coupons.

GI Jazz "Sends" Hospital Patients

Sulfa pills and music produced by the 12-piece Medics' dance band are bouncing patients at the Camp Abbot Station Hospital to phenomenally rapid recoveries.

Patients receive their daily dose of jazz through the medium of the hospital's public address system which "pipes" the music direct to the wards.

Personnel of the band includes Pvt. Ben Teitlebaum, who lays claim to having played drums with Jimmy Dorsey; Pvt. Edward Erben, who boasts a pre-war association with Jan Savitt and Pvt. Nick Ballister, former tenor saxophonist with Don Juan Rodrigo and his Latin band. Erben plays piano, arranges and leads the unit.

U. S. Casualties Set at 146,186

Total American casualties of the war now amount to 146,186, including 33,153 dead in addition of recently reported victims of enemy torture, the Office of War Information announced this week.

The number of prisoners of war is given at 29,898, and the enemy has reported the death of 1,933 of those prisoners, mostly in Japanese territory. Including the 7,700 believed dead as a result of ill treatment in the Philippines, a total of 9,633 who were prisoners now are presumably dead.

New York (CNS)—The board of directors of the New York Philharmonic society gave Conductor Arthur Rodzinski an unusual gift on his 50th birthday. It was a cow for his farm at Stockbridge, Mass.

Battalions Here To Form Bands

Camp Abbot's music program, already far in advance of those at the majority of installations, was augmented considerably this week with the arrival at the Special Service Office of a large supply of band instruments which will be issued to each of the nine battalions in the Center for use on the march and for entertainment programs.

Included in the shipment were bass and snare drums, trumpets, cornets, clarinets, and trombones, sufficient instrumentation to assure each unit of at least a sextet. Musicians will be selected from the ranks of each battalion.

Art Exhibit Set For Mid-February

Mid-February has been set as the date for Camp Abbot's first art exhibit to be held in the Library of the Service Club, Miss Caroline Paddock, librarian, has announced.

"Response to a call for artists has been good, but still more paintings are needed, Miss Paddock said. "Exhibits will not be confined to fine art, but will feature cartoons and commercial art work as well."

Soldiers interested in exhibiting their work are urged to contact Miss Paddock at the library. Artists who have paintings at home are requested to send for them for use in future exhibits.

Notes From C-58



With six weeks of training almost concluded, the big talk of the past week has been specialist schools. Many experienced men have been selected to study clerical work, cooking, baking, truck driving, automobile mechanics, heavy equipment operation, camouflage, bridge construction, woodwork, electricity and demolitions. Men not selected for specialist schools will continue in advanced Engineering training for eight weeks. At the end of this period all men will go on bivouac for three weeks, which will end the 17 weeks of intensive training and study.

Final tabulations on the record day firing, show 19 experts, 62 sharpshooters and 86 marksmen. All "bolos" in the company qualified on their second record day. There were four experts, 10 sharpshooters and 11 marksmen.

A cold clear night with a sky full of constellations and the Camp Abbot lights in the distant background set the stage for our "fireworks display" last Wednesday. It wasn't exactly a fireworks display, but another night problem dealing with the sounds of low trajectory fire at

Male Call

UNCLE SAM - hatter...
HIS VARIETY OF ISSUE HEADGEAR IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY THE WAYS G.I. JOE AND JOSEPHINE HAVE FOUND TO WEAR THEIR SHAP-PO



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

CHINA-SIDE JOB-VERY MASKEE... only seagoin' Gurenes with hash to the elbow can do this justice...

NAVY'S DISHPAN... who wouldn't wear earphones? If gets lonely in there - you can pick up Bob Hope between Zeros...

COAST GUARD IMMIGRATION RESTRICTOR. Those guys are always going to the beach at the wrong time of year...

THE GOOD OLD ALL-PURPOSE M-I BUCKET

THE MARINE CATS. TERPELHUND with chic...

THE DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE makes every Dogface look like he built the PANAMA CANAL - well, maybe a foxhole

POOPED DROOP one thing about this lid - it was good to sit on during 10 minute breaks...

THEY never seemed to finish the NAVY NURSES' hat...

THAT FIELD CAP ISN'T BUILT FOR THE R.A.F.'S PICCADILLY TILT. -ESPECIALLY ON WINDY DAYS...

ARMY NURSES allowed to wear new brown peaked cap on the street - and WACS get field cap for post duty - All goes well until dumb civilian mis-takes one branch for the other...

100 MISSION CRUSH - For that first furlough home from FLYING SCHOOL

THE A.A.F. DONALD DUCK on Dish-FACED Jokers this is MUR-DER!

REMEMBER ?

MILTON CANIFF