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Commanders In NCS Discuss Problems

A conference of Post Commanders, Directors of Personnel, and Control Officers, was held at Headquarters, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, between Feb. 10 and 12, 1944; the following problems were discussed: Post Organization, Relationship of Post Commanders with Control Officers, On-the-Post Surveys and Work Simplification, Ninth Service Command Progress Report, Work Loads, Yardsticks, and Use of Reports, and Problems Relating to Personnel.

The conference represented 49 of the larger posts, camps, and stations throughout the Ninth Service Command.

In his remarks opening the conference, General McCoach impressed those present with the importance of the reduction of operating personnel to the absolute minimum, and the objective of increased efficiency and work simplification. He expressed the importance of making preparations to turn over all general service personnel in the near future and replacing them with civilians and limited assignment personnel.

The General expressed satisfaction.
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52 Camp Abbot Soldiers Become U. S. Citizens

Fifty-two Camp Abbot soldiers, representing sixteen nations, pledged allegiance to this country and became naturalized citizens last Saturday. These men, being members of the armed forces, were permitted to waive first papers and a number of other civilian requirements.

Servicemen granted rights of citizenship were John Amestoy, Alfons Lallinger, Robert Bohme, Kenneth McKenzie, Alfredo Batista, Salvatore Licon, Jindrich O. Semler, Angelo F. Hernandez, Edward S. Parisian, Ralph Calleros, Richard Hernandez, Nicolo Bavaro.

Jesus Martinez, Gustav C. Walun, Cruz H. Renteria, Daniel G. Gracia, Meleo S. Pechet, Roy D. Wilson, Jesus G. Ortega, John M. Bonifazi, Lorenzo Loza, Mario C. Robert, Michael Permante, Jr., Frank Sckert, Ricardo Galindo.

Leslie H. Flitt, Joseph Saruk, Frank F. St. Pierre, Kurt W. Reif, Jesse J. Hutchinson, Antonio Diaz, Alfonso M. Zuniga, Duanne R. Peterson, Szlama L. Kajzer, Bernardus DeBruin, Horst G. Steinmann, Wallaw Rodzinski, Jesus R. Valle.

Andres O. Garay, Martin Wimmer, Vincente de la Rosa, John E. Seikkula, Ernst E. Newmann, Delfin R. Picon, Hans Stern, Joseph Holas, James H. Pinto, Manuel Aisenberg, Wallace H. Cameron, John R. Murray, Petromilo R. Montes.

ENGINEERS WORK AND BRIDGES GO UP



The Engineers prepare the way for the advance—building roads by land and bridges by water. Shown here are the men of Company A, 56th Battalion, learning by doing. They're laying a heavy ponton bridge across the Deschutes in record time, and, judging by their expressions, they like the work.

Maps, Compasses Vital Engineering Tools

The map and compass have assumed a vital role in the training of an Engineer, Lt. John H. Stenmark of the Training Division pointed out this week. Mobility, reconnaissance and great striking power concentrated in small units have made it necessary for Engineer soldiers to become proficient in map reading, he said.

All men on the Post now are undergoing training in the subject. Trainees have eight hours of class room instruction by a Training Division officer and four hours of practical work, during their second month of training. These are followed by a month of Engineer reconnaissance work in which they put their classroom lessons into practice under simulated battle conditions.

After a basic introduction to the subject, night and day compass problems are undertaken, and the men are taught to read aerial photographs and maps. The army supplies many training aids that help to make instruction more graphic, including charts, manuals, and small scale maps.

All training is by the "Follow me" system, in which the instructor explains a problem and then the class goes immediately into a practical demonstration under his leadership.

At the present time all members of the cadre without recent instruction in map reading are undergoing a ten-hour course, under the direction of Lt. Stenmark, in the rudiments of day and night compass readings, aerial and grid maps.

CONCERT SELECTIONS

Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances Nos. 3 and 8" and "New World Symphony," and Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" will be featured on the Recorded Hour of Classical Music at 7:30 p. m. Sunday in the Guest House lounge.

USO Executives Survey Bend Club

With the examination of USO facilities in Bend yesterday by four executives of the USO, some definite action is expected soon on the lost-postponed plan for renovation of the local servicemen's club.

"We have prepared a recommendation on the basis of our observations, which will be immediately presented to USO headquarters," explained Richard P. Saunders, regional director, building service. It is expected that this report will result in some rapid action in the matter, he explained.

Mr. Saunders was accompanied on the inspection by Laurence Johnson, associate regional executive, Margaret Mealey, NCCS regional supervisor, Women's division, and Dermid Nallen, assistant regional supervisor, NCCS Men's division.

ARC Here Handles Nearby Air Bases

The Camp Abbot Field Office of the American Red Cross has taken over organizational activities at Redmond and Madras Air Bases, Frank Dunning, director, said this week. The field director also announced that R. Leonel Gray, acting field director during Mr. Dunning's absence recently, had been named field director for Fort Worden, Wash., and that two Red Cross workers will be assigned here soon, one to fill the vacancy and the other to handle Redmond and Madras assignments.

5,000 Wacs Now Serving in NSC

More than 5,000 Wacs are now performing military duties at posts, camps, and stations within the geographic limits of the Ninth Service Command, it was reported today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

The Ninth Service Command is comprised of eight Western states: Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada and Arizona.

The report added that of the 406 different Army jobs classified as non-combatant, 239 are now being competently filled by Wac personnel.

From September 22 to December 7, 1943, during the All-States Recruiting campaign, enlistments within the command were greater than those of any of the other eight commands in the nation. Leading states were Oregon, Washington, and California.

National strength of the Women's Army Corps on January 1, was 62,859 officers and enlisted personnel, an increase of more than 40,000 since January 1, 1943.

At the present time 3,002 Wacs are serving overseas, are assigned to duty in various theaters of operations as follows: 1,789 in North Africa, and 1,143 in England, with smaller numbers in the Southeast Asia Command, in India, Egypt, Italy and New Caledonia.

BOND SALES MOUNT

The Abbot drive to put over the current war bond campaign showed continuing success as yesterday's total reached \$63,075, an announced by the Post Finance Office. Officers accounted for \$43,250, enlisted men bought \$12,975 worth of bonds, and the remaining bonds, \$6,850, were purchased by civilian employees of the post.

Bond Quota Met With GI Show Help

Take a handful of talented dogfaces, show them a roomful of pretty high school girls, give them a mike and time on the air—and they'll sell bonds, plenty of them!

It happened Tuesday evening. Sgt. Buddy Hyde emceed, played the piano, sang, gagged, and plugged war bonds. Pvt. Jimmy Stilwell gave out with songs. Pfc. Bill Sumner played several piano solos. Pvt. John Pasek forewent his song class graduation and helped finance the war effort with a number of fine classic violin selections, and Pvt. Raymond Briggs played everything from marches to hymns on his plaid-wrapped bagpipes.

For five hours the spontaneous entertainment went over the airwaves. When Hyde finally said "Good night," the record stood at 97 calls, an average of one every two minutes, and \$20,000 worth of series E bonds were sold—enough to put the county well over its quota.

58th Song Class Graduation Held

Twelve members of the 58th Battalion song leaders class were awarded certificates by Col. A. H. Bond in a "graduation" ceremony at the Service Club Tuesday night. They were Pvts. William Dummer, Walter K. Corrin, Malcolm Meeks, Merrill Day, Mike Rappo, Charles Langhammer, Austin Hughbanks, Ausie Yocham, Ramon Villalobos, John Pasek, Asa Putnam, Abe Rankin and Clarence Morse.

First Sergeant Receives Nod for Sweetheart Title

A first sergeant was crowned "sweetheart of Camp Abbot" in a contest held in connection with the Post's formal Valentine's dance at the Service Club Wednesday night. She is Sergeant Mary Moscatello of the Wac Company, who was chosen over Misses June Brown, USO Junior Hostess, and Betty Jean Maxie of Bend, the only other contestants.

Only three candidates were named in the contest because only three submitted photographs for a "pin-up" display in the club. Last week, when only one picture had been submitted, Mrs. Helen Smith, club director, announced that unless additional photographs were received all girls attending the dance would sport a number which soldiers would use to identify their favorites in the balloting.

"When two additional photographs came in, we held a conference and decided that since the contest was supposed to be of the pin-up variety originally, three pictures would be enough from which to select a winner," Mrs. Smith said.