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## NO SERPENT IN HER HEART



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Camp Abbot soldiers lived through a rare moment in history last week when they saw nothing but sweetness and light radiate from a first sergeant. The occasion was the crowning of Top Kick Mary Moscatello of the Wac Company as "sweetheart of Camp Abbot" at a Valentine dance at the Service Club Wednesday night. Others of the "Queen's" court are June Brown (left), USO Junior Hostess, and Betty Jean Maxie of Bend, the only other contestants. At the microphone is Sgt. Buddy Hyde who was master of ceremonies for the affair.

## Overseas Shipment of Personnel Clarified

Recent War Department directives require that all enlisted men qualify for overseas service now serving in Army Service Forces units in the continental limits of the United States be released for service overseas. Information has also been received to the effect that as enlisted men physically and mentally qualify for overseas duty complete one year's service they too will be released for service overseas.

## Red Cross War Fund Drive to Start March 1

Plans for conducting the American Red Cross National War Fund drive on the Post Wednesday through March 31 were discussed at a meeting of a committee composed of representatives of various Camp Abbot branches this week.

Active solicitation will be confined to officers and civilian workers, but enlisted men are invited to contribute, Frank Dunning, Camp Abbot field director for the Red Cross, said. Officers will be personally solicited by members of the committee, and civilian "minute men" will take care of personal solicitation of civilian employees. For the benefit of soldiers who wish to contribute, jars will be placed on pay tables Tuesday. Enlisted men contributing more than \$1 will be placed on the Red Cross membership list, but contributions of any denomination will be appreciated, Mr. Dunning pointed out.

Members of the committee in charge of solicitation are Maj. Ferris Arnold, chairman; Maj. Paul L. Diewiker, Maj. William H. Avery, Maj. Lilburn P. Staman, Maj. M. J. Cuadra, Maj. F. J. Landenberger, Capt. V. G. Henderson, Lt. Thomas P. Krucic, Lt. Paul S. King, Jr., J. J. O'Donnell and Mr. Dunning.

In outlining the purpose of the drive, Mr. Dunning pointed out that more than 65 per cent of Red Cross expenditures last year were devoted to the armed services. At Camp Abbot alone the Red Cross made 1,674 loans (Continued On Page 3)

## Average? It May Get You \$5000

If you think you're just an average GI, don't "hide your light under a bushel"—you might miss some big dividends.

Eddie Cantor is launching a national search for an average U. S. fighting man, "GI Joe," and the winner will receive \$5,000 as a post-war nest egg. The big-eyed comedian will appear on the "People Are Funny" program Friday, the Jack Benny program Sunday and the Fibber McGee and Molly show Tuesday to begin his search, with the official kickoff scheduled on his own program Wednesday.

If you're interested, listen in on the programs for further details.

It was pointed out by Col. R. D. Turrill, personnel director, that here are two types of replacements, namely, casual replacements and unit replacements. Casual replacements are those who are qualified for service overseas with combat forces. Unit replacements are those who, although they have certain physical deficiencies, may be qualified for duty with Army Service Forces table of organization units in theaters of operation overseas.

Most of the replacements for enlisted men now qualified for overseas service will come from two sources: Either from among personnel made available for assignment due to inactivation of certain service units, or by others returning from overseas as a result of the rotation program of the War Department.

It was also pointed out that replacements for the training cadre in the Groups and for certain positions in the Training Division would come from trainees completing their training in specialists schools as well as regular training in the training battalions.

Colonel Turrill expressed the desire that enlisted men who are being released not make definite plans for departure until further information becomes available. It was pointed out, however, that in the case of enlisted men being replaced by trainees in training at this Center upon completion of 17 weeks training, that they could make plans for their departure on or shortly after dates planned for their release.

Colonel Turrill expressed the desire that wives of military personnel who will in the future be affected by the release of enlisted men qualified for overseas service remain at Camp Abbot as civilian employees whenever possible, pointing out that with a limited supply of qualified civilian employees available every person who remained would help to solve this problem. In this connection, it was stressed that the present goal for civilian employment at Camp Abbot is 659 civilian employees by March 31, and if possible any greater figure that might be attained.

## Impromptu Party May Start Friday Series at USO

An impromptu party complete with dancing and refreshments may establish a new precedent for Friday night programs at the USO in Bend. Junior hostesses and Camp Abbot soldiers gathered at the club Friday night to decorate the hall for a George Washington dance held last Saturday. Following this, they decided to celebrate with a party. The idea caught on and met with such popular acclaim, club directors are considering making similar affairs a regular entertainment feature.

## Long-Sought USO Shows Enroute

With three USO shows scheduled for post appearance in the next few weeks, it looks like the long-promised entertainment is at last on the way.

First of the shows will play in the post theatre Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 9—a talented tabloid troupe consisting of a comedy and dancing team, an accordionist, a dancer, and a songstress. They will also give a show in the Hospital at 2 p. m.

Hal Darby, who has appeared in the flickers as well as on most of the important stages of the country, mixes his music with Gertrude Ardelle's dancing and acrobatics to provide one of the (Continued On Page 3)

## Army OCS Quotas Greatly Reduced

Army officer candidate schools, which have graduated 240,000 officers, now will have a graduation list of from 2,500 to 3,000 with further reductions in prospect, the War Department has announced.

OSC graduations reached a high point in December, 1942, when 23,000 candidates became officers. Between June, 1942, and November, 1943, almost 15,000 graduates were enlisted men selected from combat areas and sent home for training.

## Fatigue Fracas Slated Wednesday

A logger's jam session, which gave soldiers an opportunity to cavort at their rustic best recently, met with such approval that a similar program has been planned for next Wednesday's dance at the Service Club, Mrs. Helen Smith, director, said. Fatigues will be the order of the day, and music will be provided by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes' Camp Abbot dance band.

## Wacs Here Retain 'Athene' Insignia

The enlisted women of this post will not wear the Engineer castle insignia until the situation is clarified by the Ninth Service Command, Lt. Patricia Elwell, WAC commanding officer, said, replying to a question regarding the recent War Dept. directive which provides that all members, enlisted or commissioned, of the Women's Army Corps, will henceforth wear the insignia of the Arm of Service to which they are detailed or assigned.

The present insignia of the newest U. S. Army Unit is the Pallas Athene, which dates all the way back to Greek mythology. The goddess reputedly is gifted with talents of counsel which legend relates never failed to bring victory.

## Congress Okays Muster Out Pay

A windfall of from one to three hundred dollars will come the way of discharged GIs, now that Congress has passed the mustering-out pay bill.

The bill, which provides smaller payments than those previously agreed to by the Senate and the House, was the result of a compromise. As enacted, the bill will pay \$100 to veterans with less than 60 days service, all in the United States; \$200 to those with more than 60 days in uniform, all in the U. S.; and \$300 to those with service overseas or in Alaska.

All servicemen and women un- (Continued on Page 2)

## New Orientation Officer Assigned

Lt. Jesse N. Bailey, platoon commander of Co. A, 51st Bn., and in charge of the first group of trainees to arrive at this post last May, has been assigned to the Personnel Division, Special Service Branch, and will work as orientation officer.

Lt. Bailey will prepare and conduct programs for the trainees in the furtherance of the War Dept. aim to make the American soldier not only the best trained, but also "the best informed" fighting man in the world.