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## Abbot 'n Around

Entertainment On and Off the Post for the Coming Week

### SATURDAY

Service Club—Open House.  
Station Hospital—Quiz Program, 7 p. m.  
Bend USO—Dance, 8:30 p. m.

### SUNDAY

Service Club—Open House.  
Station Hospital—Red Cross Open House.  
Classical Music program in Guest House lounge at 7:30 p. m.  
Bend USO—Breakfast, 10 to 11 a. m. Buffet, 4 to 5 p. m. Music 4:30 to 5:30 p. m.

### MONDAY

Service Club—GI Movies, 8:30 p. m.  
Station Hospital—Slides of National Parks presented by Pvt. George Sholley, 51st Bn.

### TUESDAY

Service Club—Bingo, 8:30 p. m.  
Station Hospital—"Cowboy From Manhattan," 6:30 p. m.  
Bend USO—Social Evening.

### WEDNESDAY

Service Club—Informal Dance, 8:30 p. m.  
Station Hospital—Community Sing; Open Forum.  
Bend USO—Stamp Club.

### THURSDAY

Service Club—"Khaki Kapers" show.  
Station Hospital—St. Patrick's Party, 7 p. m.  
Bend USO—Bingo, 8 p. m. Music Appreciation, 9 p. m.

### FRIDAY

Service Club—"Record Your Voice" session.  
Station Hospital—"Tales of Manhattan," Charles Laughton—6:30 p. m.  
Bend USO—Decoration party.

### THEATER SCHEDULE

TONIGHT—"My Best Gal," Jane Withers, Jimmy Lydon; "The Curse of the Cat People," Simone Simon, Kent Smith, Ann Carter.  
SUNDAY and MONDAY—"The Uninvited," Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey, Donald Crisp; RKO Pathe News; March of Time.  
TUESDAY—"Lady, Let's Dance," Belita, James Ellison; "Merry-Go-Round," Popeye cartoon; "The Practical Joker," Pete Smith specialty.  
WEDNESDAY—"Nine Girls," Ann Harding, Evelyn Keyes, Jeff Donnell; "In Winter Quarters," Speaking of Animals series; "Imagination," color cartoon; "Salt Lake Diversions," Fritzpatrick Traveltalk.  
THURSDAY and FRIDAY—"See Here, Private Hargrove," Robert Walker, Donna Reed; "With the Marines at Tarawa," RKO Pathe News.  
SATURDAY—"Rosie the Riveter," Frank Albertson, Jane Frazee, Vera Vague; "Into the Clouds," Sports Parade; "Red Hot Riding Hood," color cartoon; Popular Science.

## Veterans Cite Merits Of Training at Abbot

When Sgt. John Ball or Pfc. William J. Reagan, Pioneer Branch of the Training Division, tells a Camp Abbot trainee to forget the cold and take off his gloves before trying to de-activate a mine, that advice is worth heeding. They learned the hard way—under fire, at the cost of men's lives.

In fact, getting this battle "know-how" almost cost the two instructors their lives.

Sgt. Ball is back from Italy, a victim of a mine explosion which killed one man and wounded two others, and Pfc. Reagan spent nine months in the hospital after fourteen pieces of shrapnel and two machine gun bullets had made him their mark.

Both Ball and Reagan are convinced that serious effort here can save American lives and take a heavy toll on the enemy.

"Mines and booby traps cut the speed of an advance in half and accounted for 50 per cent of the casualties," Sgt. Ball explains. "No one can tell how a man will behave in combat the first time, but if he can handle mines and shoot well, he's won 90 per cent of the battle."

The sergeant is a veteran of Italy, Africa and Sicily. He was with combat engineer troops of the 3rd Division when the Volturno River was bridged. A mule sent him back to this country; it kicked him "indirectly."

Engineers were bringing up needed supplies to the infantrymen who already had crossed the river. Standing beside Ball

was a loaded pack mule. A cleverly concealed German mine was set off by the animal and Ball was on his way home.

Pfc. Reagan is a veteran of the famous stand at Kasserine Pass, where despite terrific casualties, Engineers held the pass against a continual artillery barrage for 61 hours, a delaying action which members of the high command considered worthy of notice in history. He landed at Oran with the first Ranger unit, fought along the Libyan border, at Faid Pass and at El Guettar. He campaigned in Africa until an 88 mm. shell came his way.

The two soldiers, both wearers of the Purple Heart and a presidential citation, are emphatic about the opportunities offered in training. "The men today can learn almost everything about battle conditions, before they go over; we had to learn ours under fire."

Boise, Ida. (CNS)—Mrs. Harry Mook, 23, gave birth to a boy weighing 18 pounds. Mrs. Mook is a big girl herself. She weighs 303.

## Special Chemical Warfare Classes Underway Here

Preparing them to serve as unit gas defense personnel in field operations, 30 officers and non-coms are taking a 34-hour, two-weeks course in chemical warfare activities under Lt. L. S. Brooks, Chemical Warfare Officer.

The class, which opened last Monday, follows a War Department recommendation that certain personnel be given intensive training in order to fit them for instructor's posts as well as combat jobs. Similar classes, with volunteer personnel, may be held later if the need arises, Lt. Brooks said.

In the class are three Wacs and one nurse, with line cadre and E. R. T. C. men making up the balance of the group.

The program, consisting largely of practical work in the field, includes repair of gas masks, protective measures against all types of chemical warfare agents, offensive use of gas, first aid measures, knowledge and identity of gasses, fighting incendiaries, handling violent mobs with gas, and night reconnaissance of gassed areas.

The program will include actual use of mustard and other vesicant gasses.

## Notes From B-52



By Pvt. Alfred M. Litinski

This space allotted to me in the Camp Abbot Engineer is dedicated to the flute tooters under the capable direction of Corporal Dixon. It is amazing how the men have mastered those intricate little musical instruments in such short training. Favorable comment was heard from outsiders throughout the route of march.

They say Corporal (Stokowski) Dixon was wielding a baton before he was able to walk, seems to be a natural-born maestro. Many requests have been made by the personnel of B-52 to have the corporal dressed in a drum majorette outfit, shorts and all. We are sorry to disappoint the boys. Regulations, you know.

A very few fortunate men witnessed the wrestling match between Lt. Foster and Cpl. McCune. Being lucky enough to be participating in a little pearl diving session in the kitchen, I was present for the occasion. The contestants really did rough-up each other for a while, but of course, the corporal (being a member of the overhead) could not last very long. He was quickly subdued. His alibi was a firecracker somebody had placed in his pocket during the match.

Some of the trainees have been grossly misled concerning the physical fitness of our officers and cadre. These men can take it and dish it out alike. Personally I would hate to tangle with a man who has been through training with two or three increments.

For the benefit of those men still in doubt, the pace setter on your long hikes is your company commander, Captain Nelson. It is obvious there is no time lost between paces.

## Snappy Miss



Ready to snap or be snapped is the camera-totin' cutie above—19-year-old Elaine "Lanny" Stembach, just chosen "Press Pin-Up Girl for 1944" by Chicago Press Photographers' Association at Chicago exhibit.

## OCS to "Post" Commander" in 2 Short Months

Just a year ago a second lieutenant two months out of officer candidate school was assigned to his first post. He arrived to find himself "post commander" of Camp Abbot.

Lt. Howard I. Pulver, laundry officer, came out here under orders from the War Department attaching him to the station complement. After some initial difficulty he found this post, which consisted of a railroad spur, one small building on the Deschutes, and a lot of trees—cut and about to be cut.

Lt. Col. R. J. Dicey, who a month later became post commander, was at first merely liaison officer for the Ninth Service Command. Lt. Pulver was the only assigned officer in the embryo camp—and as such the only one empowered to sign shipping tickets, make inventories, and assume the responsibility of post operations.

The second lieutenant was post commander of Camp Abbot for one week—until Maj. Emil L. Mosheim, QM branch, arrived.

## Pay Allotments Held Untaxable

Wives of Army men or other dependents receiving family allowance checks or Class E allotments of pay need not pay income tax on such receipts, the War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits has just announced.

The sole exception is a divorced wife receiving an allowance or allotment of pay in payment of alimony, according to Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, director of the O. D. B.

The money received through allowance or allotment of pay, according to the Internal Revenue code, is "not taxable to the assignees or dependents" and should not be figured as part of earned income on the tax return.

Returns on 1943 incomes must be filed by next Wednesday, March 15.

Pass The ENGINEER To Another Abbotman—He'll Appreciate It.

## MANEUVER EXTRA



A GI truck serves admirably as a bulletin board for soldiers of the Company A, 56th Battalion, as they take time out from a field problem in the fixed bridge area. Living up to the War Department's policy of making the American soldier the best informed fighting man in the world, the company keeps its men posted on current events by supplying daily newspapers even when troops are far from the main encampment.