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Enriquez Wins Boxing Title; 51st Fights On

A fast jabbing left gave Pvt. Enriquez, C-59, the middle weight post championship Thursday night when he outpointed Pvt. Dillon, B-56, in what proved to be "the fight of the evening" on the Post Recreation Hall's boxing show.

Eight other bouts featuring members of the 51st training battalion kept a crowd of more than 200 persons in constant suspense. Opening the fisticuffs Edwards, 159 pounds, A-51, decisioned 158-pounder Brown of C-51. In the 175-pound division Bostick, B-51, beat out Cockman, also of B-51, in the second duel of the evening. Levi Espinoza, B-51 had little difficulty in winning a decision over another B company man, Adams, when they threw punches in the 125 class. First technical K.O. of the evening went to 150-pounder Norton, B-51, when the latter managed to connect in the third round with some damaging blows to the head and body of Burton, B-51.

Felax Espinoza, B-51, followed the pugilistic victory of Levi with a jabbing right which caused the judges to award him a decision over Giacomini, A-51, in the 145-pound class. B company scored again when the towel was thrown in for Beebe, 160-pounder from C-51, giving Kasalik credit for a technical in the second round. Another knock-down drag-out affair gave Mann, B-51, a technical K.O. over Furst, A-51, in the 145-pound weights. Final bout of the evening witnessed an evenly-matched fight between Youngstrom, A-51, and Barnes, B-51, both tipping the scales at 164 pounds. Barnes won a very close decision. Welsh Easterling and Sam Little acted as "refs."

Red Cross Loans Total \$4,634

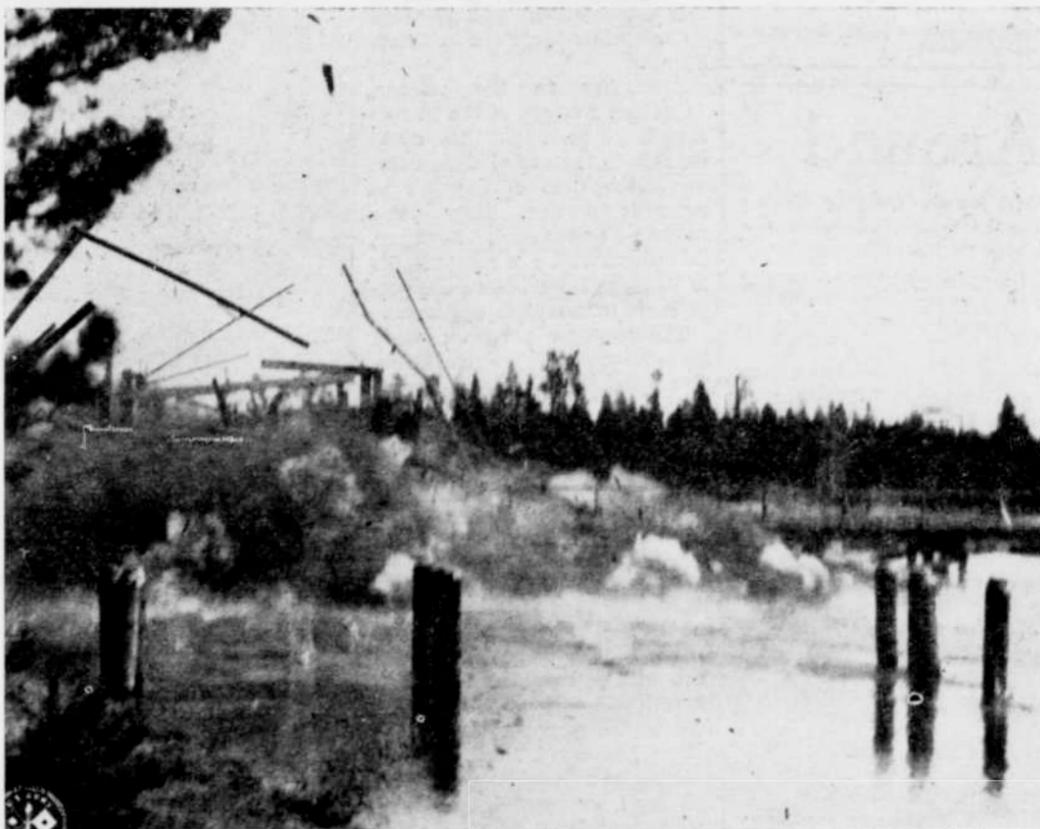
Ninety-nine loans totaling \$4,634 were made to military personnel by the Camp Abbot field office of the American Red Cross during February, Frank Dunning, director, reported this week. In addition, the office made outright grants totaling \$1,277 to 43 soldiers during the 30-day period.

Cases acted on by the office during the month totaled 561. Other services included the handling of 924 incoming and 618 outgoing letters and 421 incoming and 473 outgoing telegrams.

USO Troupe to Appear March 28

Camp Abbot soldiers will again be entertained by a USO tabloid troupe show scheduled to arrive here on March 28. The sprightly one-hour show, emceed by veteran comedian Jack Watson, features song and dances, music and magic—all presented by a talented group of entertainers.

UP SHE GOES



Timber flows as if in a drunken game of pickup sticks when Abbot added actual demolition of a fixed bridge to its training program recently. Blasting of the bridge, a plan conceived by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC Commander, when he was CO at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., was executed by Company A of the 58th Battalion.

Abbot Soldiers Learn How to Blast Bridges

Capping off a number of "dry runs," actual demolition of a fixed bridge—an idea suggested by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, more than a year ago while at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.—has recently been put into practice by the Training Division here.

Last week Company A of the 58th Bn. spent their next-to-final period of demolition training destroying a standard H-15 timber trestle bridge with steel spans. The spans were tied with cables to the shore to prevent them from sinking. Then, after a number of practice placements, a charge of nitrostarch and other explosives, detonated electrically, blew up the Deschutes river span.

It is planned to have one company in demolition training blow up a fixed bridge and another unit, training in fixed bridges, repair it. The first bridge, destroyed by A-58, was repaired by the entire 57th Bn.

NSC Gets Coveted Flag For Civilian Bond Program

From the Headquarters Ninth Service Command flag pole on the Fort Douglas, Utah, parade grounds soon will fly the Treasury Department's coveted "T" flag, Major General David McCoach, Jr., Commanding General of the Army Service Forces' largest command announced this week.

Three other military commands—the First, Third, and Seventh—in the nation now fly the award, which symbolizes participation by at least 90 per cent of their War Department civilian employees in regular purchases of War Bonds through payroll reductions of not less than 10 per cent of their wage.

Showers Tops, Says Rec Crew

New locker rooms and shower facilities, installed in the Post Recreation Hall in response to suggestions submitted to Post Headquarters via company "idea boxes," were used for the first time this week and pronounced "excellent" by directors of the Post's athletic and recreation programs.

Equipment, which occupies a new addition on the west wall of the building, includes 25 lockers, six showers, two wash basins, water heaters and latrine facilities.

Compromise on GI Vote Reached

A compromise on the soldier vote bill has been reached, providing Federal ballots but limiting their use to men overseas who apply for State absentee ballots but don't get them in time, and who come from states whose governors approve their use.

Although there are still some minor details to be worked out, it seems probable the compromise will be accepted by both houses. The State governments will, it appears likely, bear the brunt of servicemen's voting by using or authorizing the use of absentee ballots.

Here's Program Which May Fill Station Hospital

How would you feel if one day an attractive Wac were to approach and kiss you while you were lying in bed?

Well, such was the good fortune of several soldier-patients during a newly-inaugurated ward to ward entertainment program given last Wednesday by Wac Cpl. Agnes M. Sonnenfelt and Sgt. Buddy Hyde.

The idea of touring the camp hospital with a piano was conceived by Red Cross program hostess, Mrs. R. E. Charleton, but plans were held up until the hospital requisitioned a small moveable studio piano. The program was well-received especially by the recipients of a "smack" from "Sonny" Sonnenfelt during her rendition of "How You Going To Keep Them Down On the Farm." Sgt. Hyde accompanied her and also gave forth with a few songs of his own. Cpl. Sonnenfelt was transferred to the special service department from the motor corps after a recent illness.

Earlier Night Rate Calls Economical for Soldiers

Night rates on long distance calls now start at 6 p. m. instead of 7 p. m., a change which is expected to help soldiers who are able to telephone only during the early evening hours. Day rates will continue to go into effect at 4:30 a. m.

There will be no change in the hours that the camp telephone building will be open, Blaine Johnson, acting manager for the post, said. Calls may be placed on weekdays from 6 p. m. to 11 p. m. and on Sundays from 9 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Abbot Pushes RC Campaign 'Over the Top'

A check for \$2,472.60 was presented to the Deschutes County Chapter of the American Red Cross by the Camp Abbot field office this week to push the county unit over the top in its goal to raise \$22,250 in the American Red Cross National War Fund Drive.

The bulk of contributions were from enlisted men, but since solicitation among civilians on the Post still is underway it is probable that several hundred dollars still will be poured into Red Cross coffers on the post before the drive ends March 30, Frank Dunning, field director, said.

Contributions this week included \$39 from officers of the Training Division, \$33 from officers working under Maj. M. J. Cuadra, Headquarters commandant, and \$74 from Red Cross workers of the Station Hospital.

Reports of collections still are forthcoming from officers of the hospital, but otherwise solicitation among officers and enlisted men has virtually been completed, Mr. Dunning said.

Solicitation of civilians is in the hands of workers who served as "minute men" in the Fourth War Loan Drive conducted here during February.

Engineers Find Early Booby Trap

Army engineers dredging the Delaware River near Philadelphia recently uncovered what may be the first American "booby trap." It is believed to have been set by George Washington's army in 1777.

The trap, called a "stockade," was a wooden crib 30 feet long and 20 feet wide, weighted down with boulders and fitted with long spikes facing downstream just below the surface. The spikes were intended to pierce the hulls of wooden ships.

The story is told, however, that the British were shown how to avoid the stockade by a traitor, and so were able to sail up the Delaware and capture Philadelphia.

USO Gals Sport Shades of Erin

Kelly green will come into prominence at the USO in Bend tonight when USO junior hostess sport skirts and hats of Ireland's favorite color in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The hall will be appropriately decorated with shamrocks and other gadgets suitable for the occasion.

The costumes, purchased by the girls themselves, were worn for the first time at the Wednesday night dance at the Service club.