

54th Blossoms Out With New Battalion Band

Inaugurating an idea conceived by Col. Frank S. Besson, Post Commander, to organize military bands within each battalion with musical instruments purchased from the Post Commander's Fund, the 54th Battalion stepped out proudly Thursday morning and decorated the parade ground with its own brand-new, bang-up battalion band.

Drum Major Pvt. Neil F. Stahl put the 15-piece outfit through its paces as Major B. E. Adams, battalion commander, and Lt. Zellman Stienberg, administrative officer of company "B," looked on.

The advantage of each battalion having its own band was recognized by the colonel a short while ago when he noticed a small group furnishing music for the 51st Battalion on a march. A subsequent investigation revealed an abundance of talent. Then came the question of instruments. Every possible source was considered then it was decided to purchase them from the Post Commander's Fund.

Retreat formations and battalion parades are only the beginning for the new 54th Battalion band, according to its enthusiastic members. Already, plans have been made to play for future battalion dances and social functions. Even a battalion radio program is being considered.

Abbot Face!

We can't vouch for the authenticity of the story, but some people will swear it happened. A trainee guard rushed to a telephone in the middle of the night and called the operator. "I want to tell somebody that something's burning over here in a building. You see, I—"

The operator broke in with highly appropriate questions as to the exact location, the building number, etc. Then, before the lad could utter another sound she pulled the plug and called the Post fire department.

When the trucks screeched to a stop before the given address, firemen swung off and approached a lone guard who stood beside the door. "What's burning?" they asked, looking around and seeing not even smoke.

"The light," came the answer. "Somebody left the light on."

Oh, well.

New York (CNS)—Fred Kuhner, a pedestrian, saw a man trying to get his automobile out of a snowbank. Kuhner pushed while the owner got behind the wheel. The car started abruptly, knocking Kuhner to the pavement and breaking his leg. "Thanks," said the car owner, driving away.



Photograph shows the newly-organized 54th Battalion band as it appeared Friday afternoon just before stepping out on the drill field to provide musical cadence for their own battalion. Some of the instruments in the band were purchased from the Post Commander's Fund. Members of the new musical organization are: Pvt. Neil Stahl, drum major; Pvts. Robert Severson, Alton Bloxham, Donald Steiner, clarinet; Pvts. Paul Campbell, Jerry Castro, Carl Knudson, cornet; Pvts. Wilfred Stocks and William Kayser, trombone; Pvts. Leslie Neilsen and Carl Fairchild, snare drums; Pvt. Mitchel Nelson, bass drum; Pvt. Dewey Calvin, baritone; Pvt. Charles Bond, sousaphone; and Pvt. Ralph Kniefkamp, melaphone.

Abbot Officers Trace Source of Nazi Paper

One day last week Lt. Emanuel Freedman arose from his table in Officers' Mess, retrieved his hat and strode leisurely to the door. At a railing he paused and idly scanned a neatly typed sheet lying there which could have been an unofficial notice. His eyebrows hoisted themselves slightly when he read: "You democrats! You weaklings! You have enemies among you and you let them insult you. If we Germans have enemies we kill them!" His eyes raced to the top of the page. Merely the words, "Germany Triumphant" were typed there.

The young officer grasped the paper and began reading in earnest: "You train in this camp for one month, you complain; two months, you complain more! And then you say you are soldiers. In Germany we train all the time, five years, ten years; and we fight and fight until we are strong and we tell other people what to do, to live or die! And they do it! We are the masters!"

There were several more paragraphs but the Lieutenant decided this was a case for the Security and Intelligence Division. Surely, a nazi agent was in our midst. Presently he was seated with Capt. M. P. Coover, Director of Intelligence. Together, they read:

"You have been months in Italy. You think you will conquer the rest. You will get tired of fighting; you will say, 'We want peace! Why should we fight?' And why should you? Lebensraum is for those who reach out and get it!"

On and on it went, the familiar brand of German propaganda, finally ending with, "Germany will rule the world. Heil Hitler!"

"This looks like something significant," said the Captain. "We'll get right on it."

Now, it happens that no

two typewriters type exactly alike. There are always minute characteristics unique to each machine. Therefore, investigators can definitely determine by comparing samples of typed matter if a given machine was used.

In due time the machine was found—just around the hall in the Morale Services office! It was the typewriter. There could be no mistake.

Finally the mystery began to unravel. Lt. Charles Frucht of the Morale Services Branch had carried the paper to Officer's Mess and laid it casually aside while he had lunch. It was a page from a script of a dramatic sketch which was to be presented in an orientation class!

Accountants Sought By Army

An urgent call was issued this week from headquarters, Ninth Service Command, for auditors and accountants of either sex or any age to assist in contract renegotiation and termination at salaries ranging from \$3,200 to \$5,600 yearly plus overtime, according to ratings under Civil Service.

Candidates must be: (a) Certified Public Accountants, or (b) College graduates with accounting major, or (c) public account-

Col. Mayo Here To See Training

Colonel George Mayo, Air Engineer for the air corps and member of Gen. Arnold's staff, arrived at Camp Abbot Wednesday from Washington, D. C.

Wednesday night and Thursday morning Col. Mayo was shown the various training areas and stages of progression by Maj. Le Compte Joslin, Director of the Training Branch.

ants with at least three years experience, or (d) responsible cost accountants with at least five years experience in a manufacturing concern, governmental agency, railroad, bank, or similar business.

A radiogram from Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces, reflected the urgency of the present need. It says, in part, "In order to carry out promptly and efficiently the mission of the Army Service Forces in the termination of contracts, it is necessary to secure the services of well-qualified certified public accountant and auditor that we can obtain, whether in or out of the army."

Interested persons residing in Washington or Oregon should contact the Seattle Officer Procurement District, Lloyd Building, Seattle, Washington.

Topeka, Kans. (CNS)—A "Hug Social" was held here recently at a war bond rally. It cost 50 cents in stamps to hug anyone between the ages of 15 and 20, 25 cents from 20 to 30, \$1 to hug another man's wife, bachelor girls two for a quarter and women lecturers free with a chromo thrown in.

Abbot Author's Book at Library

A variety of new books has been received by the Post Library, including a non-fiction work, History of Salem County, New Jersey, written by Camp Abbot's own Lt. Joseph S. Sickler.

Four new books on military subjects are: They're All Yours, Uncle Sam—Barris; Waacs—Shea; Engineers in Battle—Thompson; Yes, Ma'am!—Pollock.

Other new books: Victoria Grandolet—Bellmann; They Shall Not Sleep—Stowe; Hallelujah—Hurst; The Signpost—Robertson; c/o Postmaster—St. George; None But the Lonely Heart—Llewellyn; But Gently Day—Nathan; Stream of Music—Leonard; Toward a Better World—Smuts; Growth of American Thought—Curti and Another Claudia by Franken.

Red Cross Cuts Nutrition Class

It has been announced by the Bend Red Cross headquarters that nutrition classes scheduled to start this week have been cancelled. The cancellation was due, the announcement said, to the lack of response on the part of local women to avail themselves of enrollment opportunities.

It is possible that classes may be opened some time in June, provided sufficient interest can be aroused, the announcement concluded.

YANK Prints First Issue In Naples, Italy

Last week, YANK, the Army Weekly, inaugurated its first European Edition by printing an issue in Naples, Italy. From now on troops in Italy, Sicily and the surrounding Mediterranean area will be reading copies of YANK as fresh from the press as the ones on PX counters in Camp Abbot.

In charge of YANK's new European Edition is Major Robert Strother, who made arrangements for starting the long-disused rotogravure presses rolling in Naples. The editorial staff is made up of crack YANK correspondents including Sgts. Burgess Scott, Burt Evans and George (Slim) Aarons, who recently returned from the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead below Rome, Sgts. Walter Bernstein and John Frano, and Cpl. Tom Shehan.

A rotogravure production expert, Cpl. Harry Sloan, was flown to Italy from the U. S. to direct the difficult printing operation on a press that had probably been used to print fascist propaganda in the Mussolini era.

Chicago (CNS)—Larry Klein asked the court to cut his alimony payments from \$15 to \$10 a week. When the judge asked why, Klein replied that he needed the extra five dollars so he could conduct a courtship—with his former wife.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Must Have Come From Under The Rock Of Ages

