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Standardized Orientation Program Set

Camp Abbot's Sunday orientation programs, heretofore in the hands of individual battalions to a great degree, have been standardized and streamlined to assure the newly-arrived trainee of a uniform and overall picture of the Engineer training he is about to undergo and the personal services available to him. The new program was introduced last Sunday before the 57th Battalion.

Informational material contained in earlier shows, staged jointly by battalions and heads of various departments, has been incorporated into the new program which, it is thought, is presented in a more interesting manner. Skits replace what once were straight lectures in many instances, and the need for elaborate programs "dreamed up" by battalions is eliminated. Only two simple stage settings are required. Battalion commanders act as masters of ceremonies.

Battalions will have the privilege of selecting their own talent for supporting casts needed in skits. Any changes in the program must be approved by the Post commander.

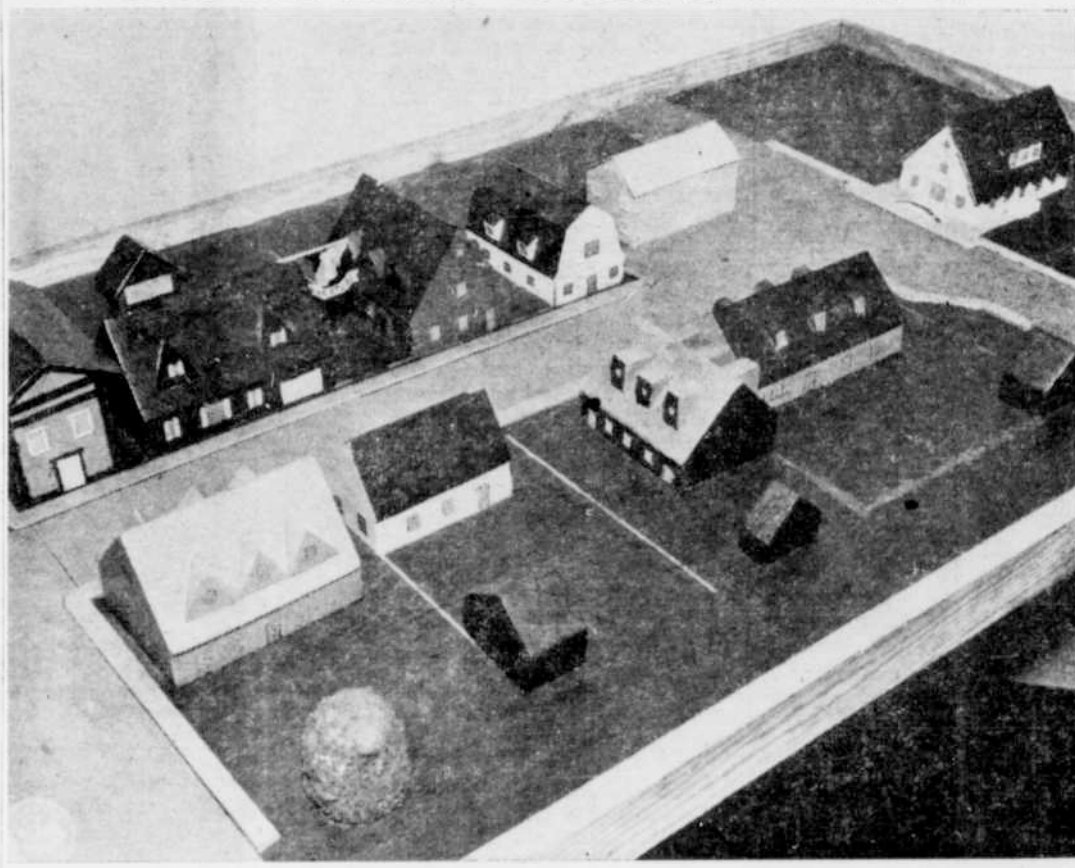
The standard program, requiring 79 minutes for presentation, includes: National Anthem by the band; remarks by Col. Frank S. Besson, center commander; remarks by group commander; remarks by battalion commander; song (battalion choice); skit by chaplain's branch; remarks by Red Cross field director; skit by Special Service Branch; skit by Post Judge Advocate; battalion song; skit warning costly mistakes; training slides and commentary; "Creed of the Rifle;" and a film, "The Fighting Engineer."

The skit of the Chaplain's Branch outlines facilities for church services on the Post, and the Red Cross program the services which the soldier may expect at the Camp Abbot Field Office.

In the Special Service Branch skit, the soldier learns what he can expect in the way of entertainment here, while the Judge Advocate's skit sets forth the penalties imposed for violations of the Articles of War, principally those applying to AWOL cases.

One of the most impressive skits is "John Doakes Speaks" in which a narrator visits a number of graves on the stage and points out the error which brought each occupant to an untimely death.

JUST THE THING — WHEN IT GROWS UP



Here's a model of one of two typical war zone villages which will give future trainees practice in street fighting, routing snipers and mopping up operations. Buildings will be cleverly booby trapped, and targets will pop up unexpectedly to add realism to problems. The Training Division is making an attempt to secure furniture for the various units.

K-9 Korps Gets Mascot; You Guessed It—a Dog

Morale of the Canine Corps of Camp Abbot was boosted considerably last week when a seven-week-old collie, Bonnie Gallack (Gaelic for Lassie), was presented to the war dog kennels as mascot.

Donor of the dog was Mrs. Kate Mateson, more widely-known as "Klondike Kate," whose career as a dance hall girl in the Klondike has made her an almost legendary character in these parts and whose experiences have been the topic of several network broadcasts and the basis for a recent movie entitled "Klondike Kate," which had its premiere in Bend several weeks ago.

Despite the dog's excellent background—her mother is champion of the Portland Kennels—a lack of basic training and War Department regulations will prevent Bonnie Gallack from serving as a war dog. Collies, hunting dogs, chows and great danes are barred from defense work by the War Department because of peculiarities of their breed, and regulations also stipulate that war dogs meet certain physical requirements and undergo a course in training.

As mascot, Bonnie will have the run of the kennels, Sgt. Raoul Mound, who is in charge of the war dogs, said. She has been assigned quarters in one of the isolation kennels.

Mrs. Matson, a resident of Bend, also has donated several dozen books to the Service Club library.

Supplies Arrive For GI Artists

Soldiers with a yen for painting, drawing or modeling now can find an outlet for their talents at the Service Club. Three cases of paint, charcoal, paper, pens and ink, modeling clay and other art materials have arrived at the club and are available to all soldiers desiring to use them. Arrival of the supplies was expected by club officials to give impetus to a program planned by the Abbot Art Club, a newly-organized unit which plans to sponsor a number of art projects. Soldiers interested in joining the club are asked to notify Miss Caroline Paddock, librarian. The supplies are available to all soldiers, however, regardless of whether they are art club members, it was pointed out. Artists will be permitted to keep their work, but unused supplies should be returned to the Service Club.

Army Casualties Total 134,632

Army casualties totaled 134,632 up to March 23, Secretary of War Stimson has announced. Casualties include: 23,332 killed, 55,066 wounded, 28,014 missing, 28,230 prisoners. Of those listed as prisoners, 1,677 are reported dead.

Here's Lowdown On New Law for Soldier Vote

After months of Congressional debate, the hotly-contested servicemen's voting bill has now become law, providing for a limited use of Federal "Official War Ballots" in the November general elections.

Under the provisions of the bill, servicemen may also apply for state absentee ballots in conjunction with state laws in primary, special and general elections between now and November. A United States War Ballot Commission has been established to help administer the act.

"The Official War Ballot," however, covers only the National election in November of President, Vice President, senators and representatives. Its use by soldiers with voting residence in any state depends upon whether the laws of that state allow it to be counted. It will be impossible to determine which states will okay the ballot and which will not until July 15 when state governors certify to the War Ballot Commission, the

New Designation, But Rose By Any Other Name—

Designation of SCU 1973 at Camp Abbot, heretofore known as "SCU 1973, Engineer Replacement Training Center, Camp Abbot, Ore." has been changed to "SCU 1973, Army Service Forces Training Center, Camp Abbot, Ore.," the Ninth Service Command has announced. The new designation became effective April 19.

Record Crowd Expected for Club Program

Reservations exceeding dining room seating facilities have forced the committee in charge of the formal opening tonight of the new officers' club to revise its plans and hold a buffet supper instead of a dinner. A record attendance of officers, their wives and guests, is expected.

The program, one of the most diversified ever planned for the club, will consist of a series of talks, a formal dance and floor show.

Festivities will begin with the serving of refreshments from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by a buffet supper. Talks by Col. Frank S. Besson, post commander, Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, Maj. LeCompte Joslin, director of training, and Chaplain William H. Andrew are scheduled from 9 to 9:30 p.m. Dancing will be from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., with Mrs. Jean Adams and Mrs. Helen Smith directing the grand march. Two bands, the Camp Abbot dance band, directed by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes, and A. G. Tiemann's orchestra, will provide music.

Numbers on the floor show, scheduled from 10:30 to 11 p.m., will include an orchestra selection featuring Pfc. Jimmy Wyler on trumpet; the "singing waiters," a quartet composed of Pvts. Brown, Friedman, Gooding and Law; a piano solo by Cpl. William Sumner; a solo by Sgt. Buddy Hyde featuring the "Abbot Song," his own composition; a flute solo by Sgt. Dante Di Thomas and a dance by Lt. and Mrs. R. J. Sammarco. The flute which Sergeant Di Thomas will use was donated to the post by Marion B. and Elinor Russel, granddaughters of Brig. Gen. Henry Larcom Abbot, for whom the camp was named. Sergeant Hyde will be master of ceremonies.

Lt. Col. Alvin M. Mock is general chairman, and Maj. M. J. Cuadra, co-chairman.

Col. L. H. Hall, executive officer at Fort Lewis, who formerly held that post at Camp Abbot, is a visitor here and will attend the formal opening of the new officers' club tonight. Col. Alexander B. O'Rourke, IGD, of the Inspector General's Department, Ninth Service Command, also will be a guest.

Service Club May Sponsor Series of Jam Sessions

Jam sessions and an impromptu dance may become regular features of the Saturday night entertainment program at the Service Club, Mrs. Helen Smith, director, said this week in issuing a call for musicians. First experiment in the jam session line will be held tonight, and if the program is successful, it will be adopted as a regular feature. All musicians interested in playing, whether members of a band or not, are requested to meet at the club at 7 p. m.

RC CONFEREES RETURN
Frank Dunning, field director for the Camp Abbot office of the American Red Cross and Miss Lorraine Anderson, assistant field director assigned to the Station hospital, returned Tuesday from Seattle, Wash., where they attended a meeting of field directors and regional supervisors of the San Francisco Office of the American Red Cross.