

Photo, Papers Of Gen. Abbot Given to Club

A photograph of Brig. Gen. Henry Larcom Abbot, noted army engineer for whom this Post is named, and several documents pertaining to the general's survey trip through this section of the state in the 1850's were presented to the Camp Abbot Officers' Club by Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, at the club's dedication program Saturday night. Col. Frank S. Besson, Post commander, accepted the gifts on behalf of the club. Approximately 500 officers and guests witnessed the presentation.

Included in the documents were two copies of the Oregon Historical Quarterly of March and June 1932, containing articles on the Abbot railroad surveys of 1855; two photostatic copies of pages from General Abbot's diary; two maps and a sketch of the Pacific Railroad party's route in 1855 and a volume published in 1857 entitled "Explorations for a Railroad Route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific." Contained in the volume was the report of General Abbot (then a lieutenant in the Corps of Topographical Engineers) on routes in Oregon and California, part of the railroad exploration program carried out under the direction of the Secretary of War in 1854 and 1855. The photograph is in a 20-inch by 24-inch stained, white pine frame.

Officers described the entertainment program for the dedication as "the best to date." Included in the floor show were a trumpet solo by Pfc. Jimmy Weiler, quartet selection by the "Singing Waiters," a piano solo by Cpl. William Sumner, a flute solo by Sgt. Dante Di Thomas, a dance by Lt. and Mrs. R. J. Sammarco and a solo by Sgt. Buddy Hyde, featuring the "Abbot Song," his own composition. Sergeant Hyde was master of ceremonies. Music was provided by the Camp Abbot dance band, directed by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes, and Sgt. A. G. Tiemann's orchestra.

Class B Issue

(Editor's note: Every item in this column was written with a pair of eight-inch scissors.) GI's favorite song: "I wish I had a paper dollar I could call my own."

—Fort MacArthur Alert

There's a barbershop in Chicago that has in its window a sign reading "G. I. Haircuts Repaired." Does quite a brisk business, we're told.

—The New Yorker

She was like this look at the kind you of girl

—Army Times

APPETIZER



Take a deep breath, brother, before you begin your survey. There's really no reason to put cutlines under this sort of thing, but the gal's name is Bunny Waters, and she works for MGM, in case you're interested.

11th Group Commander Taught at West Point

If you're faced with a problem concerning engineering, river and harbor installations, army construction in Alaska, life in Hawaii or just plain mathematics, you undoubtedly can get the answer from Col. Charles Baish, commanding officer of the 11th Group.

Colonel Baish came to Camp Abbot recently after having spent two years in Alaska in charge of army construction work, and his career in the army covers a period of 28 years and a wide variety of assignments.

A native of Sharon, Pa., the colonel was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point into the Corps of Engineers, in 1918 and from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1921. He also has completed training in the army industrial college and the army engineer school and has served as instructor of mathematics and engineering at the West Point academy and secretary of the army engineer school. In addition, he was assigned to river and harbor duty at Pittsburgh, Pa., and Galveston, Tex., and duty with the Eighth Engineers and Third Engineers. He was with the latter unit in Hawaii from 1924 to 1927.

Sailing for Alaska in command of a regiment of engineers immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Colonel Baish had an active part in the strengthening of defenses in that territory. Although he helped plan the battles of Attu and Kiska,

he saw no combat duty until near the close of the Attu counter attack. With headquarters in Anchorage, he was in charge of army civilian employes working on army construction during his last year in Alaska.

CHURCH RITES

Post Chapel, Bldg. 208; 11th Gp. Chapel, Bldg. 1255; 12th Gp. Chapel, Bldg. 754; Hospital services, Red Cross Recreation Hall.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday—7:30 p.m., Post Chapel.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Mass daily in 12th Group Chapel—Monday at 7 p.m. (For 58th Battalion only). Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 5:15 p.m., and Thursday and Friday at 7 a.m.

Tuesday—Choir rehearsal, Post Chapel, 7 p.m.
Saturday—Confessions, Post Chapel, 7 to 9 p.m.

Sunday—Mass at Station Hospital, 7:30 a.m. (Open to others besides Medical Personnel) and confessions before mass; Mass, Post Chapel, 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday—Services for 58th Bn. only, 12th Group Chapel, 8 a.m.; guardhouse service, 9:15 a.m.; Station Hospital service 10 a.m.; Services in Post chapel, 10:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday—Choir rehearsal, Post Chapel, 7 p.m.

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES

Monday—Lutheran communion, Post Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday—L.D.S. Service, 11th Group Chapel, 7 p.m.

Thursday—Christian Science, 12th Group Chapel, 8 p.m.
Recorded music Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon in Post Chapel.

Tell Us Lowdown About Your Fish

Attention anglers! If you have made an unusual catch—be it trout, an old girdle or the latter's former occupant—tell the ENGINEER about it. Our 'phone is extension 8.

We don't know whether this is prompted by a touch of the sun or just plain damn foolishness, but we'll even attempt to pacify doubters. Good photographs will be appreciated, used and returned to the sender in the same condition they arrive here.

A mess of fish also will be accepted with open arms.

MORE ABOUT 58th Battalion

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The ASF directive specifying the basis for selection states: "Personnel for this course will be selected from outstanding unassigned Army Service Forces trainees who have completed all of the prescribed seventeen (17) weeks of training at the replacement training center or have completed the prescribed six (6) weeks of basic military training at a replacement training center, a specialist school course of eight (8) or more weeks in length and three (3) weeks field training and who have exhibited qualities of leadership sufficient to indicate their ultimate use as non-commissioned officers."

Students may include also, replacement training center cadre desiring or recommended for further training.

The thirty-six men thus selected from the Battalion are granted an immediate two-week furlough. Upon their return to camp they begin nine weeks of training, consisting of two phases. The first includes three weeks of theoretical instruction in which much of the training is carried out by the practice teaching method. Following are six weeks of practical application of the principles learned in the first phase. During the latter phase the students are acting corporals in training companies that are in their first six weeks of training, and assume the status of cadre, with attendant benefits, such as over-night passes.

Theoretical training includes: leadership, orientation, physical training, voice and command, public speaking, training methods, bayonet and infantry drill, military courtesy and other new and refresher courses.

The course was begun at Camp Abbot on April 10 with personnel from the 56th and 57th Battalions then in Casual Company.

Fresno, Cal. (CNS)—Mrs. H. L. Marley won her divorce but lost a petition to bar her ex-husband from their home. Hubby told the court he had no other place to sleep.

B-51 High Unit In Groups' Mess Award Program

Placques were awarded to Company B, 51st Battalion, Co. A, 57th Bn., and the Supplemental Training Company this week in recognition of outstanding work in the food conservation program at Camp Abbot during April. The 51st unit made a high score of 91.50 per cent as compared with 89.20 per cent for Co. A, 57th Bn., and 90 per cent for the supplemental training unit.

Honorable mention went to Co. A, 54th Bn., with 90.50 per cent; Co. A, 58th Bn., 88.50 per cent, and Supply Company, 89.25 per cent. Although two of the companies receiving honorable mention had higher scores than winning companies, they placed second because the award setup provides for a trophy for one unit of each the 11th, 12th and Headquarters Commandant Groups.

Points considered in making the awards, in addition to regular inspection reports, include: Analysis by a committee of all inspection reports for the month, final inspection of most qualified messes, initiative of mess personnel in cooperating with the training program and solving mess problems, attendance of mess personnel at food program meetings and interest displayed, and original ideas submitted to the Bakers and Cooks School or put into practice by organization messes.

Bend Mother Has 6 Sons in Army

Until the mother of a Camp Abbot trainee is mentioned for the honor, this post will probably string along with Mrs. Oliver Fringer of Bend for the title of "America's War Mother of 1944." Mrs. Fringer, whose name has been entered as an Oregon candidate by the Bend Bulletin, has six sons and one grandson in the service. Her son, Robert Skaggs, and stepson, Francis Fringer, are engineers.

The mother who has the greatest number of sons or daughters in the service will be accorded the War Mother honor in Oregon, and her name will be submitted to the National Organization of American War Mothers for additional recognition in connection with the observance of Mother's Day on May 14.

FORUM MONDAY

An open forum on the subject, "The War—Brought up to Date," will be conducted by Pvt. Samuel Finifter of the Service Company at the Guest House Monday night at 8:30. Anyone with a thought or wishing to obtain one on the subject, will be welcome.

It's your life, soldier—INSURE IT!

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Not Afreud Of The Dark

