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Abbot to Get Coveted Bond Flag May 24

The coveted "T" flag, awarded by the Treasury Department to army installations in which civilian personnel payroll deductions for war bonds total 90 per cent participation, with 10 per cent deduction, will be formally presented to Col Frank S. Besson, Post Commander, by Major Walter L. Roche, War Bond Officer for the Ninth Service Command, at a retreat ceremony at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 24.

Lt. Col. R. D. Turrill will act as master of ceremonies. The 362nd Army Services Forces band, under the direction of Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, will present a musical program.

Special arrangements are being made for bus transportation for civilian personnel in view of the large number expected to attend the ceremony. Each civilian employee will be presented with a handsome program, a memento of the occasion.

The flag, a beautiful blue and white banner, will fly from a new flagpole which is being erected for that purpose at the southeast corner of headquarters building.

Since winning the Treasury award, civilian employees of this station have increased war bond purchases through payroll deduction to one hundred per cent and 11.1 per cent deduction of pay.

Spare Parts for Humans Foreseen

Forecast of frozen-human spare-part banks and of new miracles wrought by the drug, penicillin, was made in a recent issue of the Department of Commerce publication, "Domestic Commerce."

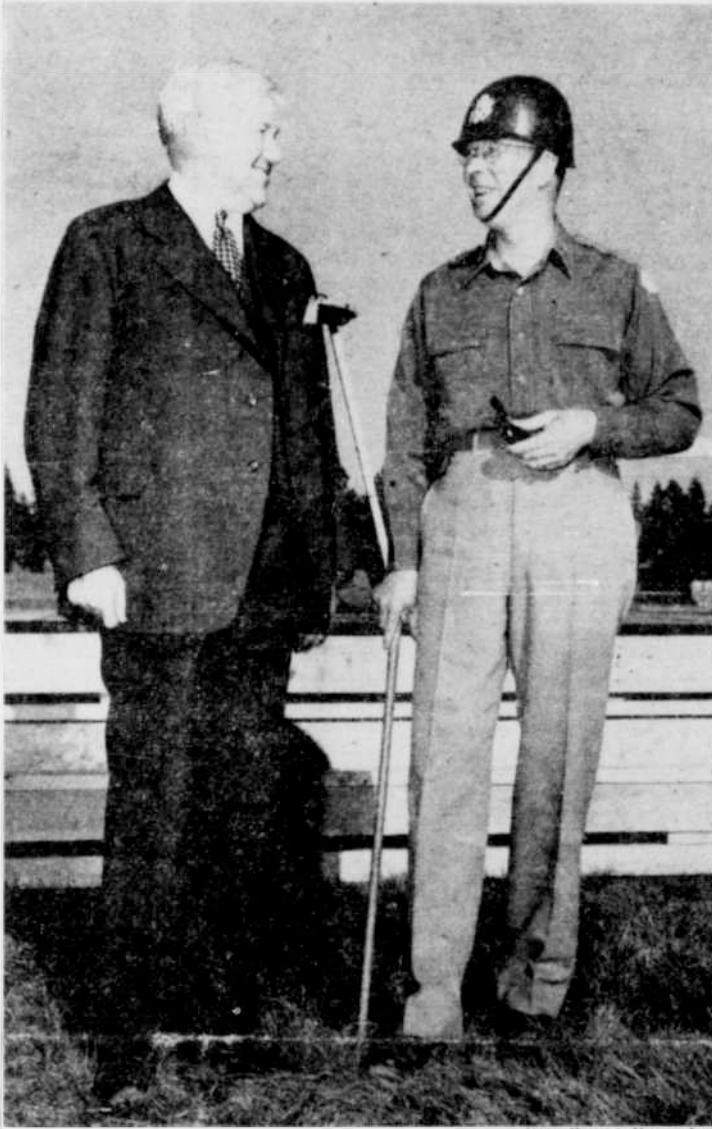
Medical banks will become commonplace, supplying hospitals with frozen human parts for surgical emergencies, Evelyn Schwartztrauber of the department's drug and pharmaceutical unit, and author of the article, predicts.

Penicillin holds the key to "a new world of mold therapy," she writes. Such new strains as patulin, clavacin, actinomycin and fumagtin have been laboratory proved as great killing agents, and it is not too great a stretch of imagination to envision "a whole new series of mold derivatives specific for a great number of disease causing infections."

She also noted the possibility of substitutes for blood donations after the war, mentioning that beef blood now is being considered as a possibility.

Camp Abbot is now officially known as an Army Service Forces Training Center.

GIVE 'EM THE ONCE OVER



Photograph shows United States Senator Rufus C. Holman, member of the Military Affairs Committee reviewing with Col. Frank S. Besson, Post Commander, a retreat parade, staged by eight battalions in the Senator's honor recently. Other state and local officials were present at the ceremony.

USO Program for Mother's Day Set

A Mother's Day breakfast, to be served at 9 a.m. tomorrow in the parish hall of Saint Francis of Assisi in Bend, will be the first of a series of affairs planned for Camp Abbot soldiers by the National Catholic Community Service USO Club and Knights of Columbus, William Frey, director of the Bend USO, has announced. An entertainment program is scheduled following the serving of breakfast.

Tickets for the breakfast may be obtained from Mr. Frey or Catholic Chaplain Camille J. B. Chasse of Camp Abbot.

First Military Personnel Arrived Year Ago Monday

A year ago next Monday, a nucleus of 245 officers and 1,253 enlisted men arrived at Camp Abbot to begin establishment of administrative and tactical units in what is now one of the most important Army Service Forces training centers in the nation.

Two troop trains traveling a day apart brought the pioneer contingents from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where Camp Abbot Headquarters had been activated several weeks earlier. A couple of inches of snow covered the ground, and the camp was less than 75 per cent complete. A skeleton force of Ninth Service Command Army personnel had been "running" the camp until the Engineer officers and cadre arrived.

Shop Fixes GI Clothing Free

Next time an officer gives you the proverbial bad time about that snag in your pants or the button off your shirt, don't bother, brother, to offer an excuse—because there isn't any. The C & E Repair Shop, building 325, will make all the necessary minor repairs on GI duds—and for free. The alterations include shortening and lengthening trousers, shirt sleeves; sewing buttons and chevrons; reducing or enlarging waist sizes and repairing small rips and snags.

There is one way and only one way for the soldier to avail himself of this service. First, he should gather up everything he wants repaired in one batch—not in dribbles—and turn it in to his supply sergeant. Then all he has to do is wait a couple of days. The stuff should be clean, naturally. Unnecessary alterations, such as streamlining OD shirts, will not be made. The service is available to enlisted men only.

BRIDGE, TEA HELD

Hostesses this week for the regular tea-bridge of wives of officers stationed at Camp Abbot were Mrs. D. H. Griswold, chairman, and Mrs. J. R. Meeks, Mrs. Phillip B. Ribbeck and Mrs. R. J. Sammarco. Playing begins at one o'clock, and tea is served at four, each Wednesday afternoon.

GI Instructor Course Set Up

Assigned Personnel to Undergo One Week's Class in 'Guidance'

Army camp training will pass from the little red school-house stage at Camp Abbot Monday, when the new Instructors Guide Course set up by the War Department for all Army Service Forces posts is inaugurated by the Specialist Branch of the Training Division. Instruction will be started with approximately 20 enlisted men from the Training Division, and eventually every assigned officer and enlisted man on the post will complete the one-week course covering 48 hours of instruction.

On the theory that every military person is liable to some teaching assignment during his Army service, Capt. Smiley Raborn, Chief, Specialist Branch, stated Friday that the purpose of the course is to inculcate in as many as possible the proper principles and methods of Army instruction.

Building 861, now partially occupied by the demolition and clerk schools, will house classes. Such almost unheard-of-features in post schools as sound-proofing, fluorescent lighting, scientific heating through circulation of air, and student chairs with desk arms, have been provided.

"No stone has been left unturned to make conditions ideal for learning," Captain Raborn said Friday. "The Commanding Officer of the post, the Director of Training, the Post Engineer, and many other officers have contributed to bringing this about."

The plan is to house members of future classes under one roof, as it is thought this would facilitate study. "We want to give them the most perfect set-up possible," Captain Raborn said.

The class schedule was worked out by Lt. Elwyn J. Fonk of the Specialist Branch, who has had many years of teaching experience and who will be the sole instructor. Basically a breakdown of the five training methods: preparation, presentation, application, examination, and discussion and critique, the course will include such subjects as selection of materials for instruction; how to study; psychological and physiological aspects of learning; public speaking, and use of visual training aids. At the conclusion of the instruction stage, ten hours will be devoted to practice teaching of the class by students.

Nationally known commercial artists from the training aid shop are producing an elaborate training aid in the form of 29 colored charts six feet by 42 inches, which if produced commercially would be valued at about a thousand dollars. The artists are Sgt. George D. Terrel, Cpl. Raeburn W. Rohrbach; Pfc. Harold F. Marks, and Pfc. Bruce D. Baumberger.

CIRCULAR RING TRIED

Perhaps the first actual ring ever used in boxing will be tried out May 18 in Civic Auditorium, San Francisco. The circle, rigged up within the regular canvas square by the use of rope and guy wires, was tested by wrestlers last month.

Post Talent Has Leading Role in Portland Show

Camp Abbot entertainers will make their second appearance at Portland's Victory Center Monday when members of the 362nd Army Service Forces Band and several well-known soloists participate in a program devoted to the Fifth War Loan Drive and the second anniversary of the Women's Army Corps.

The program, sponsored by the War Finance Committee, will be presented from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the center and will be broadcast in part by transcription over Station KALE in Portland (1320 kilocycles) at 3 or 8:15 p.m. Monday night.

Featured in the WAC portion of the program will be Lt. Harriett M. Whiteman, assistant Public Relations officer for Camp Abbot, and members of the corps from Fort Stevens and the Portland area.

The music portion, in charge of Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, band director, will include "El Capitan," march; a Glenn Miller arrangement of "The Anvil Chorus;" "Sam You" (Continued On Page 3)

Help! We'll Need It For Our Huge Birthday Edition

News editors are usually meek, timid little souls who seldom call for help, but merely sit and suffer the whole thing out. The time has come, however, to emit a few loud and lusty yells. We're getting out a birthday issue May 27 which will be the biggest ENGINEER ever published, and as we have only two hands, maybe some kind person with journalistic inclinations will lend theirs.

Human interest stories, news items of general camp interest, and personality sketches are needed. Also, department heads are invited to submit brief summaries of any interesting aspect of their department's function.

The editors can't guarantee to publish your piece, but they'll try. And please don't fret if your story is edited somewhat. All stories should be as brief as possible, and . . . please . . . PLEASE . . . let's don't polish any apples.