

Attend
Dedication of
Chapel
Tomorrow at 11



Remember
5th War Loan
Drive Begins
Next Month

SWEETHEART SPECIAL



—Signal Corps Photo Lab.

No five o'clock whistle is needed to tell these wives of enlisted men that their husbands may be through training for the day. Each afternoon bus load after bus load of women arrive, many with children, to spend a few hours with their husbands who are prevented by training from visiting their families off the Post. The picture above shows a typical group greeting husbands at the bus station.

Abbot to Have Representation At Bond Meeting

Officer and civilian personnel from this station will attend one of the six regional War Bond conferences to be held by the Ninth Service Command War Bond Officer, Maj. Walter L. Roche, when a meeting concerning this area is called in Portland Tuesday to discuss Camp Abbot's participation in the Fifth War Loan Drive, it was announced today by Lt. Thomas P. Kruzic, Camp Abbot War Bond Officer.

The conference, which will be attended by Maj. Arthur Davidson, Post Inspector, Lt. Kruzic and J. J. O'Donnell, Civilian Personnel head, is being held for the purpose of discussing ways and means of inducing civilian employees at military installations to increase War Bond purchases during the drive. (It was pointed out, however, that civilian personnel at Camp Abbot are already signed up for payroll deduction one hundred per cent.) Promotional ideas will be exchanged, and members of military stations

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Newshawk Flies Off to New Nest

As news editors, we have occasion to hammer out all kinds of copy, but we must confess that tear-jerkers are definitely not our specialty. The present time is extremely appropriate, however, for the entire ENGINEER staff to feel a bit sad. For yesterday, Cpl. Richard Shearin, one of our most valuable men (and one of the best Joes who ever donned ODs) was shipped out.

We don't know where you're going, Dick, but wherever it is, we know you'll click. We know other people will be knowing you and liking you as we do. And we know that one good thing about the Army is—you meet such swell people.

Thirty, Richard . . . and good luck.

You Can Slick Up Now, Joe; GI Trim Is Out

Does your GI haircut make your head feel like a coconut on display at Slutz's market? Do you take cold behind the ears? Does your best gal look at you and snicker and say, "You poor darling!"? Is your noggin sometimes mistaken for a shoe brush? Well, dry your tears, dogface, for Fate has maneuvered the inscrutable elements into a happy event that will please you like all get-out. At Camp Abbot, the GI haircut is no more!

Yessir, out of a clear sky, Col. Charles S. Baish, in his capacity as Post Commander, announced that from now on, they will be known as "military haircuts." Specifications for the new shingling job inaugurated Tuesday night at Ye Old Post Barber Shoppe, are: 1) Clippers all around—not too high. 2) Sides and back well tapered. 3) Hair on top trimmed so that it will not fall below the eyebrows. (2 to 4 inches.)

"As far as possible," men may select their own style, parting the stuff wherever the urge urges, or straight back, the announcement said.

As far as we're concerned personally, we'll just continue to comb our glistening dome with a washrag. Ho hum...

PX Envisions Shortage of Watches, Fountain Pens

Due to urgent overseas needs, no fountain pens or mechanical pencils will be allocated to the Post exchanges at Camp Abbot or other domestic exchanges in the United States during the second quarter of 1944, the Army Exchange Service has announced.

Domestic allocations of watches also will be drastically cut. Camp Abbot will receive no watches during May and thereafter will receive only 30 assorted watches monthly. All three items will be available in staging areas and Army general hospitals, however.

Celebration Week to Herald Anniversary

New Set-Up in ASF Training Plan Revealed

Why was the official designation of Camp Abbot changed from Engineer Replacement Training Center to Army Service Forces Training Center? What is the new ASF set-up, and how does it effect this station? What does it all mean?

These and other questions have been persistently asked around camp since it was revealed several days ago that a change was in the offing. But today the entire picture was greatly clarified when a directive from Post headquarters, setting up the specialist training schedule, an important phase in the plan, was issued.

The Army Service Forces Training Program is being established in all installations of the Ninth Service Command as a unified training schedule. In all stations, the program will be essentially the same in its basic aspects. Taking Camp Abbot's new set-up as an example, the training cycle will follow this general pattern:

The complete training picture is divided into three distinct phases: 1) Basic. 2) Technical and Tactical. (or) Specialist. 3) Field.

The trainee will first undergo a six-week basic training period. (Continued On Page 3)

Goal for Fifth War Loan Set At \$16 Billions

A goal of \$16 billions has been set for the Fifth War Loan drive from June 8 to July 12, the Treasury has announced. In lifting the amount asked for \$2 billions above that of the fourth drive and \$1 billion above the third, the Treasury has outlined a program that will call for more intensive effort than any of the previous campaigns.

While the new goal is well below the \$18.3 billions actually raised in the third loan, it is within \$1 billion of the total of non-banking subscriptions received in the fourth. Moreover, the drive will come at a time when most of the cream of banking funds which could be allotted for the purpose already has been skimmed off in previous drives.

Main feature of the Fifth War Loan drive will be the concentration on sales of Series E bonds. This means it will be necessary to plow deeper into the great mass of small individual savings, Secretary Morgenthau has pointed out.

'Open Camp,' Parade, Tour of Sites Among Events Scheduled

- Sunday, May 21—Dedication, Post Chapel, 11 a.m.
- Monday, May 22—Open camp, 1:15 to 6 p.m.
Conducted tour of training areas, 1:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Conducted tours of hospital, 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.
Retreat parade, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 24—Retreat ceremony—award of Treasury flag, 5 p.m.
Formal dance, Service Club, 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 27—Formal dance, Officers Club, 9 p.m.
Semi-formal dance, Non-com Club, 8:30 p.m.

A week of celebration to mark the first anniversary of Camp Abbot as a training center will begin Monday, when "open camp" will exist from 1:15 to 6 p.m. During those hours the public will be welcomed to all but a few restricted areas, and tours are being planned to facilitate inspection of points of particular interest.

Special events Monday will close with a retreat parade at 5:30, in which the participating units will be the 362nd Army Service Forces, and 11th and 12th Group bands, 53rd to 55th Battalions of 11th Group, 56th to 58th Battalions of 12th Group, and Service, Supply and WAC companies. Col. Charles S. Baish will be commander of troops. The parade will be reviewed by Col. F. S. Besson, Center Commander, and his staff.

From 1:15 to 3:45, a tour of training areas, under the direction of Maj. LeCompte Joslin, head of the Training Division, will be made. Because of the distances involved, the tour will be practicable only to those guests having cars. The head of the line will form in front of Headquarters Annex "A," facing west, and extend down Center Street. During the period of the tour other guests will be admitted to the various recreational buildings on the post, such as the Service Club, Officers Club, Non-com Club, Guest House, Rec Hall, and battalion recreation rooms. Barracks will not be open to the public. Although guests may visit company messes, they will not be permitted to eat in them. They will, however, be able to patronize the cafeteria in the Service Club.

Regular visiting hours will be maintained at the post hospital, with conducted tours from 3:45 to 5:00.

Wednesday also will be an important day, with hoisting of the new Treasury flag to proclaim participation of at least 90 per cent of civilian personnel in regular bond buying under the payroll deduction plan to the extent of 10 per cent or more of their earnings. The ceremony, beginning at 5 o'clock, will be followed by retreat. A formal dance for enlisted personnel of the post and their guests will be held Wednesday evening at the Service Club.

The officers club and non-com club will hold their anniversary dances Saturday evening, May 27, the officers' formal and the non-coms semi-formal.

In anticipation of assembly for the parade at 5:00 p.m. the training program will be advanced an hour Monday by elimination of the first period. Noon mess will be from 11:15 to 12 o'clock, and supper immediately following the parade.

Col. Besson to Cut Ribbon in Dedication Rites

At 11 a.m. tomorrow, Col. Frank S. Besson, Post Commander, will cut a ribbon stretched across the entrance of the Post Chapel to dedicate the Camp Abbot structure. This will immediately follow the colonel's dedication proclamation, which he will deliver at the door, the Chaplain's Branch has announced.

Maj. Zack S. Beiser, Post Engineer, will give the key to Col. Besson, who in turn will hand it to Post Chaplain William H. Andrew. At this point, the Chaplain will formally dedicate the chapel.

The remainder of the service will be held inside, the announcement said. The 11th Group Band will provide appropriate music for the occasion, in which all Chaplains will participate. Chaplain Andrew will preside.

Date of the dedication, long delayed because it was desired to await the arrival of an organ, expected weekly for several months, was set for tomorrow when recent developments revealed the instrument will not be available until some time in July.

The dedication program will replace the regular Sunday morning Protestant service.

7 Officers Here Gain Promotions

Promotion of Capts. Robert H. LaBree of the Medical Corps and Robert T. McClure of the Corps of Engineers at Camp Abbot have been announced by the War Department.

Other promotions: To captain—Lts. Harold A. Rhodes of the Corps of Engineers and Darwin E. Smith of the Medical Corps.

To first lieutenant—Lts. Gene D. Foley-Gilmartin, Army United States; and Frank M. Pease and John C. Steighner, both of the Corps of Engineers.