

Need Seen for Civilian Morale Program on Posts

With the gradual conversion of the army installations in this country from military to civilian personnel, it has become necessary for the army to concern itself with the physical fitness and morale of all civilian personnel in government service. Accordingly, henceforth, all civilian employees will be invited to participate in the athletic and recreational programs, including music and theatricals. Headquarters of the Ninth Service Command announced this week.

"Where and whenever possible, it is recommended that Post facilities and equipment be made available for use of civilian personnel," the announcement added. It was also stated that command-wide tournaments are open to civilian employees.

J. J. O'Donnell, Chief of Civilian Personnel at Camp Abbot, suggested that the new announcement does not change matters here for the civilian employees. "We have always received the finest cooperation from the Special Service Branch in that respect," he said.

MORE ABOUT ASF Training

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This part of the ASF picture is fundamentally the same at all ASF installations. The period will cover all general military subjects including rifle marksmanship. After this, the trainee may proceed to the next chronological phase at this station, or he may be transferred elsewhere to enter an equivalent stage of training other than engineer.

The second step is divided into two parts. On completion of basic, a number of trainees will be selected for specialist training. The number is determined by a quota set by Army Service Forces headquarters. Those men not selected for the 8-week specialist course will advance into the technical and tactical period, also of eight weeks duration.

The specialist branch breaks down into two parts: "Schools" and "Courses." Schools are exactly what the name implies. They are periods of instruction given in outside educational institutions in various parts of the country under Army sponsorship. Courses in the specialist branch are part of the Camp Abbot program designed to train men in such engineering subjects as carpentry, logging, sawmill operation, and heavy construction. These are set up under the operations section of the specialist branch. There is also a motor transportation section which will function in the instruction of motor maintenance and operation. In addition to



POST ENTERS RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

This week, which saw the second anniversary of the Women's Army Corps, Lt. Col. R. D. Turrill, Director of the Personnel Division at Camp Abbot, acting in his capacity as WAC Recruiting Officer for the post urged all personnel to try to recruit at least one woman for the Corps. "The need for additional members in the Women's Army Corps is urgent," he said. "WAC personnel have performed in a most creditable manner to date, and their importance in the service and the war effort will be more greatly recognized as we progress toward final Victory."

these two sections, all other courses will be sections of the branch. They are: Cooks Course, Clerks Course, Demolition Specialist Course, NCO Leadership Course, Instructor Guidance Course and Supplemental Training Company.

In the event the trainee is not selected for specialist training, he will normally proceed to the Technical and Tactical phase. This period also covers 8 weeks. Here, the soldier will continue with his combat engineer training.

The third and last phase of training under the new ASF set-up is Field Training. This is a three-week period spent continuously in the field. Regardless of whether the trainee goes through Specialist training or the Technical and Tactical phase, he will undergo the final stage of field training.

SQUARE DANCE TONIGHT

Square dancing will be the feature of a party sponsored by nurses and members of the American Red Cross staff of the post hospital tonight at 9 o'clock at the hospital officers' club. Lt. Louise Phillips, chief nurse, is in charge of arrangements.

Camp Abbot WAC officers will be guests.

Typical Overseas Services Held

An additional service to military personnel at this station was inaugurated last Sunday by the Chaplain's Branch when 11th Group Chaplain Lt. Lawrence A. Leonard conducted a general religious service in a slow, drizzling rain at the bivouac area for members of the 51st Battalion who were encamped there.

The outdoor service, attended by men seated on logs and rocks of the rugged terrain, was typical of the religious ceremonies held in combat areas overseas, Chaplain Leonard said. "The only difference is that inasmuch as this has been declared a non-tactical area, we are able to assemble a large group, whereas in a tactical zone, it would be prohibited," he added.

A rustic altar, built by trainees of natural logs, supported a silver cross and two candles. Pvt. George D. Kinsman played the portable organ and a speaker system carried the Sabbath message to the assemblage.

The service, highlighted by

Chaplain Leonard's message, included hymns, a scripture lesson, responsive reading and silent meditation and prayer. Immediately following the sermon, protestant worshippers participated in a communion service.

WACs Honored at Largest Dance

The largest Wednesday night Service Club dance in the history of the weekly series was held this week, when 695 escorts secured tickets for themselves and their wives and girls. In celebration of the second anniversary of the Women's Army Corps, the affair was formal and included a grand march, directed by Mrs. Jean Adams, Mrs. Helen Smith, and Pvt. Samuel Finifter. Corsages were of carnations, tied with pastel ribbons.

Indianapolis (CNS)—A window cleaner working on the windows of the Board of Trade building kicked the bucket just as a group of school teachers was passing beneath him. The bucket, in this instance, was full of soapy water. And so, eventually, were the school teachers.

It's your life, soldier—INSURE IT!

Buddy Hyde Off To Hollywood in Quest of Old Pix

Combining business with pleasure, Sgt. Buddy Hyde will leave for Hollywood Tuesday on furlough, during which he will contact various motion picture stars for the purpose of obtaining old films of the Charles Chaplain and Mack Sennett era for showing at the Abbot Service Club, it was announced today.

A new film series, "Gay Nineties" is planned as a regular feature, the announcement said. In addition to the professional Hollywood films, slides are being made which will tie in with the general idea.

Sgt. Hyde also will investigate the possibilities of securing additional motion picture equipment for use at the Service Club.

Another purpose of the trip to Hollywood is to interview Ed Lowery, head of the Victory Committee in charge of USO Camp Shows, with the view of arranging for bigger and better programs of that type.

It was stressed that Sgt. Hyde's trip is purely unofficial, and was not arranged in any way through any official Army channels.

Abbot Face!

Then, there's the one about the trainee guard who was approached one midnight by the Officer of the Day.

"Halt! Who's there?" yelled the guard in his best military manner.

"Officer of the Day," replied the OD calmly.

The youthful guard at that point, obviously confused, merely stood and fidgeted, saying nothing.

"You're doing fine," assured the OD. "Go on with it. What do you say next?"

The lad, standing at rigid attention, didn't smile. "I don't know right now, sir," he stated firmly. "But you'd better not move until I think of it!"

When Pvt. Pedro Miranda, bass horn player in the post band, Abbot-faced recently for reassignment, he found himself under the same commanding officer he had soon after he began his Army service in World War I. As a member of the first division of the First Engineers in the first world war, he served overseas under Col. Frank S. Besson.

In addition to the ribbon Private Miranda wears for that service, he wears the American Defense, American Theater, and Asiatic Pacific. His total Army service covers 24 years.

Seattle (CNS)—"Please step to the back of the bus, folks," the bus driver pleaded, "it's going the same place as the front." Everyone smiled at this remark. Nobody moved.

Male Call

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

Very Low-gistics



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