

Abbot Paper Is Year Old

Editors Talk Shop to Reveal 'Inside Dope'

The first issue of the ABBOT ENGINEER was dated May 21, 1943. An entire year has rolled by since then. We are celebrating our first birthday with this issue.

The original ENGINEER carried a four-column headline announcing the fact that Camp Abbot was 75 per cent complete, and the lead story stated men were enroute to officially activate the post. Two photographs adorned page one: a portrait of Col. Frank S. Besson, center commander, and an old print loaned by the "Bend Bulletin" of Brig. Gen. Henry Larcom Abbot, for whom the camp was named.

The present editors feel that some progress has been made in the right direction since the sheet was born. It is our aim to publish a paper which meets the approval of all, and while we know that may be impossible of achievement, yet we shall continue to try. Our policy is to write news and features of general interest throughout the post. The ENGINEER staff welcomes suggestions of any nature. We know the only way in which we can please is to be informed of what is desired.

In order to understand fully the activity behind publication of the ABBOT ENGINEER, let us follow a single story from its source to the printed page:

An announcement comes, say, from the War Department, which incorporates an important change in the operation of a given Camp Abbot function. The Public Relations office is among the first to receive the news. The announcement is studied carefully, then the executive officer, or an officer directly in charge of the department affected, is consulted. The story is broken down and its local application analyzed. Armed with the facts, an ENGINEER reporter then writes the story. It is checked, then sent to the printer, the "Bend Bulletin," which handles the publishing on a yearly contract basis with funds provided through profits of the Post theater. Occasionally these funds are supplemented to a minor degree with profits from the Post exchanges.

Local features are handled precisely as on city newspapers, with photographs made available through the Post Signal Corps Laboratory in charge of Lt. Clifford V. Eckhardt.

The Camp Abbot ENGINEER is published weekly under the supervision of Capt. V. G. Henderson, Public Relations Officer. The present staff is composed of

Notes From B-59

BY PVT. O. G. WHITCRAFT

Company B-59 started training with a new roster of trainees from all over the United States. Five men in this cycle have had former military service to their credit.

Pvt. Harold J. Donaldson served from May, 1929, to June, 1931, with the 129th Inf. at Rockford Field, Ill., then at Luke Field, Hawaii, and from May 1934 to March 1935, at Chunte Field, Rantool, Ill.

Pvt. Bruno R. Markowski served from 1934 to 1937 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Pvt. Frank W. Nolte had one year at Camp Carson, Colo., with the 607th Field Artillery, and four months at Hunter Liggett Reservation in California.

Pvt. Donald L. Williams has been in the service for some time, including three years with the Coast Artillery at Fort Warden, Washington, and two and one-half years in Co. C, 163rd Infantry, of the Montant National Guard.

Pvt. Frank W. Cassinelli has been in the service for two years. He was with a tank destroyer unit at Fort Alix, New Jersey, and at Fort Lewis, Washington. He also spent 11 months of this time in desert warfare training at Camp Young, California.

Pvt. Ewell P. Miller has a son in the U. S. Marines, stationed at San Diego. Young Miller joined the Marine Corps on the 16th of April, and his Dad was drafted on the 6th day of March, '44. Good luck to both of you.

Pvt. Felix B. Negri, of the second barracks, is bound and determined to give the camp barbers a good run for their money. He has started a shop of his own, and you should see the hair cuts he is putting out. They sure are Ultra.

Richmond, Va. (CNS)—A serious shortage of grave diggers is the latest manpower crisis precipitated in Richmond by the war.

Lt. Harriett M. Whiteman, assistant Public Relations Officer, Sgt. Curt Foreman, and Pvt. R. C. Marcus. In addition to its own local reportorial staff, the newspaper has several news service connections. The Public Relations Branch of the War Department, Army News Services, American Legion News Service, and Camp Newspaper Service are all news sources from which material may be drawn. The paper is provided with pictorial features, such as cartoons, etc., through regular subscription. Various publicity agencies furnish additional pictorial and art material upon request.

Only one member of the original staff remained during the year. But even he is not with us now to share in the celebration this week. Last Friday, Cpl. Richard Shearin was shipped out, after having served on the ENGINEER since its inception.



—Photo by Signal Corps Photo Lab. Charles Cotes, Bend Bulletin pressman, stops press as ABBOT ENGINEER run is completed. Looking over the paper are (left to right): Cpl. Richard Shearin, member of Engineer staff until his transfer to Camp White last week; Pvt. R. C. Marcus, present member of staff; Robert W. Sawyer and Henry N. Fowler, editor and publisher and associate editor, respectively, of The Bend Bulletin, and Lt. Harriett M. Whiteman and Sgt. Curt Foreman, of ENGINEER staff.

Notes From B-58

As B-58 marches towards completion of its third week of training, the determination to be the best in the camp soars upward. The competition is running high between the platoons to see which will excel in firing, fisticuffs, and other feats. To date, the first platoon has managed to hold the fisticuffs plaque, and hopes to continue to do so.

Many of the fellows looked good in practice-firing, and the company hopes to produce a number of Experts and Sharpshooters.

Our third platoon has added a fine quartet to the company. At many of our song sessions they have led us in some of the well-known Abbot songs and—are very good at it!

The company's softball team, under the leadership of Lieutenant Spradley, and Corporal Taylor, is forging ahead with five wins and only one defeat.

A volleyball team, and boxing team, are being organized, and other companies can expect some stiff competition.

In the musical department, the singers have been having regular meetings, as have the members of the band.

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Trinidad, Colo. (CNS)—Eddie Mantelli, 11, penned this plaintive note to the City Council: "On March 16 I paid \$1.10 for a dog license. On March 22 my dog died. My mother won't let me have another dog. Can I have my money back?" The refund was granted.

Kansas City (CNS)—"Look," the bus driver pleaded as passengers crammed into his vehicle at a street corner, "please don't crowd me." The passengers paid him no heed, so the driver, slightly miffed, climbed out the window, locked the bus doors from the outside and walked away—never to return.



—Photo by Signal Corps Photo Lab. Harold W. ("Red") Rice "making up" the ABBOT ENGINEER, as Cpl. Richard Shearin observes the set type being placed in metal frames, which will then be fitted on the press. Mr. Rice, ad man for The Bend Bulletin the past ten years, is well-known among newspaper people on the West Coast, where he has been connected with printing shops for fourteen years.



Esther Williams, above, can swim as well as act. Previously, she was an aquatic star. Now, she is one of MGM's lovely young starlets. We predict you'll be seeing more of her as time goes by.