



Above is a recent picture of the WAC company at Camp Abbot. The first members of this unit arrived last May when Camp Abbot was beginning to be developed, sharing with the men the inconveniences of those early days. Since then more than thirty WACs from Camp Abbot have gone overseas, and some replacements have come in, although not enough to fill the requests for WACs by branch heads. First Lt. Patricia E. Elwell, company commander of the unit, is seen to the right of her company.



A platoon of Company A, 56th battalion, executes "Quail Cadence," for T/5 Cora Nell Wilson and Cpl. Kathleen Rogers, passing WACs. At the command, "Quail Cadence—Count!" delivered by Sgt. Alton White, the unit took a half step backward and one forward, then bowing low, doffed their helmets, at the same time pursing their lips for a shrill whistle on a rising and descending scale. They finished off with an approving "My, my!"

Notes From B-55

By Privates Billings and Shores
B Company is leading the 55th battalion in training efficiency, as shown by the plaques presented by Major Brook for the first six weeks of training. The plaques will be re-awarded at the end of the tenth week to the company leading in each of three categories, the third one being for Administration. The men of B Company are showing a spirit which makes them the odds-favorites for winning the plaques again.

The company's softball team is imbued with the same spirit, having won their first two games and are all set to break the legs of A Company in their third game of the post softball tournament. Manager Corporal Samp is confident the boys will be in on the trips to district contests which will be sponsored by the Ninth Service Command.

Another event taking place which is proving interesting to every man of B-55 is the series of murals being drawn on panels of the mess hall walls by Pvt. Heisler, depicting operations of Engineers in the field. The murals are being done in pastels with a protective coating of transparent fixative. Pvt. Heisler suggested the intriguing idea of placing a glamour girl in a panel here and there. The girls are to be friends of the men of B Com-

pany. The men have been invited to submit pictures of their favorites. Three girls are to be selected by popular vote for the honor of having their picture done in a color mural. When finished, the murals covering the walls of the mess hall, will make a beautiful and informative display to both, visitors and the men of the company. The work has the all-important professional touch of Pvt. Heisler.

The boys are still talking about their party held in the company mess hall.

All in all, the boys of B-55 are feeling pretty cocky these days!

Some vicious individual, in a particularly dastardly mood, tied Pvt. (Louisiana) Black's training rope to the back of the seat in the theatre. Black, completely absorbed in the movie (?) of course never noticed. The lights went on, leaving Black turning on his bench like an octopus shaking hands with himself.

Private Blick of the first platoon was a student of ballet dancing. Now he finds splendid opportunities to practice while on our forced marches. On the last mile of the ten mile interpretation of the last struggles of a wilted radish was superb.

Pass The ENGINEER To Another Abbotman—He'll Appreciate It.

Laundry Workers Win Bond Plaque

Employees of the Camp Abbot laundry were presented a special award by Col. Frank S. Besson last Thursday morning, when he handed a plaque to Ernest W. Ruden, laundry superintendent, at a meeting of all civilian personnel held to extol the employees for outstanding achievements in the purchase of war bonds.

Proceedings of the gathering revealed that the employees of the Abbot laundry bought 35 per cent of all bonds sold here for cash. In addition, these same people purchased bonds through payroll deduction in amounts aggregating 10 per cent or more of their pay.

The meeting, which was attended by Capt. Russell C. Azara, director of district 3, civilian personnel division of the ninth service command, was opened with a brief statement by Lt. Col. Russell D. Turrill, who introduced Col. Besson. He in turn presented the plaque. It was immediately given to Mrs. Daisy Hale, supervisor of the marking department, who accepted it on behalf of the personnel.

In making the presentation, Col. Besson remarked that such accomplishments "show that civilians are doing their part in the war effort."

Notes From B-57

Remember those singin' Sams in the mess hall the other evening? They represent the first contribution to your musical education. Frankly, if their voices get any hoarser, we'll call 'em our "donation" instead of contribution. From left to right, they are: Corporal Bollinger (note the guitar), and Privates Skeele, Harris, Troxel and Harvey.

Pvt. McGuirt, the long Louisianan, seems to rate top honors for good luck these days . . . his wife's in Bend for a visit. How about that!

Proudly acclaimed as the one and only "possible" shooter to date Pvt. Howard Foster cracked off a 45/45 the second time out on the range.

The barracks has quieted down a little of late since Pvt. "Big Tom" Wagner and his cohort, Pvt. "Sunny" Summers, have eased off on the tall tales of life in the woods. Matter of fact, the first day or so during TMA week, they had the boys in stitches with dialect yarns of lumberjacks.

Pvt. Albert Rubalcava, the short gent with the long punch, claims someone is trying to make him take up KP as a career.

Qualifications for the paratroopers are claimed by those who have experienced Pvt. Jake Wintrop's tank destroyer punch in the sawdust circle. One sock and they just float through the air.

"Button, button, whose got the button unbuttoned! Fourth platoon trainees and cadre must pay a fine for each button not resting in its proper slot while in rank or drill. The assessments will fatten the platoon "Kitty" for Record Day "Hot Shots."

"Maggies" undergarments on the breeze means a dime per fan now when the fourth platoon is on the firing line. Just more "Kitty" cream for Record Day.

Lieutenant Brooks, of the Chemical Warfare Department, has really made good believers out of some of the men here at Abbot. Pvt. Hollis Gill of Hq. Barracks, B-57, is very much so, as he has been seen for the past few days with his gas mask on, wherever he goes.

Our softball team really looked good in our first League Game with A-57. We took them into camp to the tune of 3-1, with our second team playing most of the time. After a little more practice, our club should be hard to beat by any team on the post. The attendance in the bleachers for our first game was a little light, so how about a little more support at our next game fellows?

Speaking of athletics, why not schedule a volleyball game between the battalion officers' team and our company team. The officers are reported to have a smooth-working aggregation, but with Pvt. Carl New of the 2nd platoon, who towers close to 7 feet, spiking them at the net for our team, we should be hard to beat.

Hayes Orchestra On GI Air Show

"Camp Abbot on Parade," Wednesday night radio feature broadcast by the Public Relations Office over station KBND, this week presented the music of S/Sgt. Jack Hayes and his 15-piece orchestra.

Several original numbers writ-

Promising Song Written By GI

A new song, "Those Fighting Abbot Engineers," written by Pvt. Jerry Castro of Company B, 54th battalion, will be featured on the Camp Abbot weekly radio broadcast Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock over station KBND. This and other numbers will be played by the 362nd Army Service Forces band under the direction of Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding.

The new song has been well received on the post, with indications that it might develop into a marching song in the near future. Here are the words:

We're engineers, the best in all the army.
We're out to fight and that is no Ba-larney.
We're going to win this war, just wait and see.
We're going to fight with all our might, no matter what the odds may be.
We build the roads, the bridges and the air fields.
We lead the way, no one will make us yield.
We'll raise the flag of everlasting cheers—
We are those Fighting Abbot Engineers.

Post Cafeteria Gets New Wing

Filling a sorely-felt need, kitchen facilities of the cafeteria at the Service Club were expanded this week by addition of a new wing in which additional equipment was installed. The alterations were made necessary, the announcement said, in view of an increased volume of business.

Two new dressing rooms for kitchen personnel were provided, and space was made available for a separate dishwashing room. Additional baking facilities were also installed.

These alterations constituted the second enlargement of the Service Club kitchen, Post Engineer Zack Beiser said.

GIs Benefit By New Pass Rule

It is now possible to stretch that three-day pass into four days—and legitimately—according to a recent administrative memorandum from post headquarters.

Previously, it was impossible to issue a three-day pass to begin on Monday or Saturday, but that provision has been amended to read that one 3-day pass "may be issued to holder of Class A pass to precede or follow Sunday or any single holiday."

More New Books At Post Library

Receipt of a large shipment of books, including works on engineering and mathematics, as well as new fiction, is announced by Miss Alma Halvorson, assistant librarian and acting post librarian in the absence of Miss Caroline Paddock, who is on leave. Among the fiction are Lillian Smith's controversial "Strange Fruit," "The Fall of Paris," by Ehrenberg, and "Good Night, Sweet Prince," biography of John Barrymore by Gene Fowler.

ten by Sgt. Hayes, including "GI Jump" and "Kicking It Lightly" were heard on the program. A special dance arrangement, the Hayes version of "To a Wild Rose," was also featured.