

# Depict Soldiers in the Making

## Year Show Engineer Activities



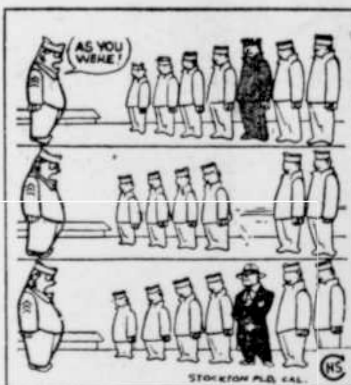
Mass boxing is an established part of the engineer training program at Camp Abbot. This picture shows trainees slugging it out with anybody who gets in the way. Mass boxing develops hand-to-hand combat technique and at the same time plays a vital part in physical development.



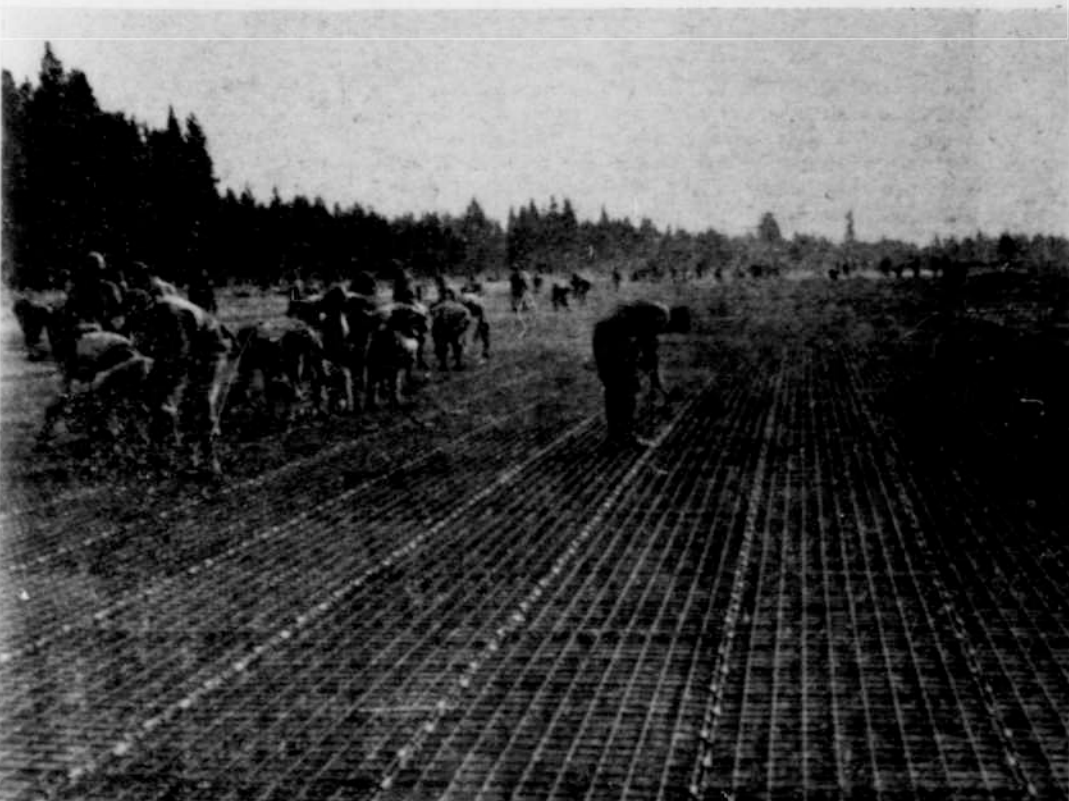
Learning to tie anchor hitches, sheet bends, mooring hitches, square knots and bowlines is a small but important part of the Camp Abbot engineer training program. Above photo shows the first station of the rigging application course. The trainees are tying anchor hitches. The entire course is composed of five stations, through which the trainee travels, hoisting himself to the tops of towers, climbing rope ladders, and making lines secure by fashioning various types of knots.



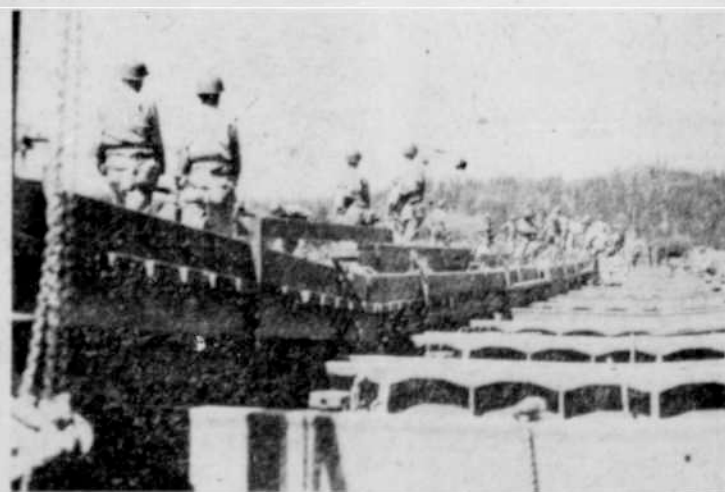
Booby traps might be found anywhere, as the above photograph suggests. Trainees here are locating traps previously secreted by other trainees. Once a trap is discovered, disarming it is routine matter. Trainees at this station are given thorough training with booby traps and anti-personnel mines.



The technique of ambushing a tank with rifle grenades is demonstrated in the above photo. The Camp Abbot training schedule calls for a complete course in defense against mechanized attack. In this form of combat, the soldier must take a position very near the tank in order to destroy it.



Often enemy airfields are bombed heavily before being captured, necessitating hasty repairs when our forces move in. These engineer trainees at Camp Abbot are shown laying a landing strip. Long sheets of metal lath are used to provide an even surface. The same method is employed in the construction of new fields.



This photograph shows Camp Abbot trainees engaged in the construction of a ponton bridge similar to the one engineers were cited for building in a few hours to hasten the Sicilian advance, after German units had destroyed all bridges in the path of the American forces. The time element is a vital factor in the building of bridges in combat areas.