

Keep
the Habit
Go to Church
Tomorrow



Remember
5th War Loan
Drive Is
Now On



For the first time at Camp Abbot, a single company won all three plaques awarded for outstanding performance in the Technical, Administrative and Tactical fields, when Company A of the 58th battalion walked off with the three honors last month. Above photo shows officers and cadre. Top row: Capt. John J. Coyner, Lt. Arthur J. Schoenlein, Lt. Harold G. Jerger, Lt. Jean S. Brooks, and Lt. John J. Williams. Middle row: Sgt. Mearl O. Allen, S/Sgt. Joseph R. Kesler, 1st/Sgt. James G. Sawyer, Sgt. Henry F. Tognetti, S/Sgt. Clinton E. Mann, Sgt. Benard Caress, Sgt. Earle E. Wood and Cpl. Von L. Johnson. Bottom row: Cpl. Harry V. Leeman, Cpl. Phillip H. Kidder, Cpl. Lester R. Hart, Cpl. Max L. Mudd, Cpl. Angelo J. Maniaci, Cpl. Olen L. Freeman, Cpl. Gibney Kendrick and Pfc. Gene E. Arthur.

Open Forums For Trainees

Squad Leaders Will Conduct Discussions on War Subjects

An orientation feature involving group participation, which ultimately will be incorporated into the Camp Abbot training program, has been developed under the direction of Lt. J. N. Bailey, orientation officer.

Lt. James H. Snelling, assistant orientation officer, outlined the program Friday as a weekly series of forums conducted by squad leaders for their groups, with all members taking part in the discussions. It is contemplated that the

assignment will have the additional effect of increasing self-possession and prestige among squad leaders.

Subjects for discussion, which might be covered by the general designation, "Why We Fight," will be suggested by changing war conditions. Dissertations on such through-eliciting subjects as "Are We Lending Enough Aid to China?" and "What Shall We Do About Germany After the War?" also will be encouraged.

Under the plan, Lieutenant Snelling and his assistant, Cpl. Samuel Finifter, will hold a one-hour meeting preceding the squad meetings with the nine squad leaders of one company, familiarizing them with the subject matter and inviting questions. The squad leaders will then conduct meetings of their respective groups in the barracks. Later the orientation office expects to follow the same plan on a battalion unit basis.

A convenient reference department will be available to trainees in the new "orientation center" opened in Lieutenant Bailey's office in Headquarters Annex "A." Equipped with wall maps, periodicals, radio, orientation records, and books, it will be open at all times, including evenings.

The principal training aid will be maps on which the course of the war in the various theaters can be charted. One for each squad room will be provided. Maps already have been sent to the 52nd battalion in the bivouac area.

The discussion series has been started also at the post hospital, where twenty-five to fifty convalescing patients attend each meeting, held in the hospital auditorium.

The general plan was borrowed from the English and Russian armies.

\$750 Purchase By B-52 Private First in Drive

ABBOT WAR BOND COUNCIL NAMED; CAMPAIGN IS ON

Pvt. Louis D. Haeuser of Company B, 52nd battalion, started the ball rolling in the Fifth War Loan Drive at Camp Abbot this week by purchasing a \$1,000 bond. First unit to go over the top and achieve the goal of 100 per cent participation and 15 per cent payroll deduction was the Inspection Division, headed by Maj. Arthur Davidson, which allotted 40 per cent of its gross earnings for pay reservation purchases.

Preparations for the drive got under way earlier in the week with the naming of the War Bond Council Committee. Members include: Col. Frank S. Besson, chairman; Major Davidson, vice chairman; Capt. V. G. Henderson, chairman of the Publicity Committee; Lt. Thomas P. Krusic, secretary; Lt. George F. Crisman, Lt. Jacques Sklarow, Lt. John F. Flanigan, John J. O'Donnell and Rose Strathde, recorder.

Competition, publicity and personal solicitation will play vital roles in the drive here, the committee decided at a meeting held

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Write Play; Win Dough, Schoolin'

The National Theater Conference, with the approval of the War Department, has announced its second playwrighting contest for men and women of the Armed Forces. Cash awards totaling \$1,500 and the opportunity for valuable post-war scholarships, are the prizes.

There are five classes of competitive writing: long plays, one-acts, skits and blackouts, musical comedies, and radio plays. Deadline for material sent in this country is November 1. Overseas GIs may also enter the contest by sending their stuff prior to December 1.

Budding authors at Camp Abbot who are interested should write to the National Theater Conference, Western Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio, for a copy of the terms which govern the contest. It is emphasized, however, that all written material, including scripts, must be cleared through the Public Relations Office here before being sent.

Sergeant Kept Wires Open Under Heavy Fire

Change of the post designation from Engineer Replacement Training Center to Army Service Forces Training Center has brought to Camp Abbot men with impressive war records who wear, in addition to one or more banks of campaign ribbons, the insignia of branches of the service other than the Corps of Engineers.

One of these is T/Sgt. William E. Murphy of Helena, Montana, member of the Signal Corps, with four years of Army Service to his credit. Sailing for England in August, 1942, he later took part in the North Africa campaign. He was in the initial landing near Oran, and subsequently participated in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. In all of these sectors he had charge of crews laying telephone wires and maintaining other forms of communication.

Sergeant Murphy and the men under him accomplished their North Africa mission through heavy enemy fire by dodging from foxhole to foxhole. At Cassino they lived in caves and dugouts, keeping communications open during that difficult siege. Sergeant Murphy recalls that at one time he and his men existed for twenty days on C rations and whatever stray cattle, sheep and chickens they could find.

Sergeant Murphy pays tribute to the courageous way in which the Italian people are bearing hardships of war. Where he was stationed, Italian civilians had no medical care except that provided by American troops, although typhus was rampant. He said some of the civilians he met living in caves shared with his group, C rations, that had been given to them by other American soldiers.

Post Librarian Calls in Books

In keeping with the mysterious activity observed generally on the post this week, the librarian called in all books from branch libraries and has requested that volumes still in the possession of borrowers be brought to the Service Club library immediately.

Miss Caroline Paddock, post librarian, reports that although no more books are being lent, the reading room is open during established library hours.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—Arthur Smith's telephone rang. "Want to buy a case of Scotch?" asked a voice. "Sure," said Smith, who hasn't been able to buy a jug in three months. The next day two men arrived with the case. Smith paid them \$110. Inside the house he opened the crate. It contained bricks.

New Orientation Film, 'Battle of China' Coming

The release of a new orientation film, "Battle of China," which will be shown here in the "Why We Fight" series, has been announced by Lt. James H. Snelling, Post orientation officer. The new film is scheduled to arrive in mid-June.

Films previously shown in the present series have been "Prelude to War," "The Nazis Strike," "Divide and Conquer," "The Battle of Britain," "The Battle of Russia" (in 2 parts).

Minneapolis (CNS)—Guy W. Moe, 64, of Alexandria, Minn., was visiting in Minneapolis when he slipped on the wet pavement and fell down. A couple of kindly strangers helped him to his feet, dusted him off, snatched his wallet and ran away.

Let Your Buddy Read The ENGINEER After You've Finished.

Millions Paid to Abbot GIs; Save Plan Available

Three million, six hundred, seventy-seven thousand, two hundred, forty-one dollars and sixty-four cents. That's a lot of cabbage, soldier—but it's exactly what you and your Abbot buddies have collected from local pay tables since the Post was activated slightly over a year ago, according to a statement today by Lt. G. F. Crisman, finance officer. The money was disbursed through every type of soldier-payment.

Contrary to popular belief, the finance branch has functions in addition to relieving financial distress of embarrassed GIs on pay day. One of the most important of these is a service to the soldier in the form of an army-wide savings plan. It works exactly like a bank, only better.

If you have an urge to salt away a few bucks—must be over five—in a safe place, where it will earn 4 per cent interest, a depository that travels around wherever you go, an ironclad sock from which you may snatch your geetus at any time, then maybe you'll be interested in how the plan works. Your topkick arranges an appointment with the proper people in Per-

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Eisenhower to Use Lavish Trailer on Western Front

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will travel in style when he moves into the field on the western front. According to a London dispatch, the general will use a combination office and home on wheels built by a Hollywood designer.

Constructed by the 8th Air Force repair depot, the unit consists of an operations headquarters and living quarters hauled by semi-tractor, and is a study in glistening chrome and modern design.

Applicant Can Begin With Us

(Ed. note: After a week of journalistic horror, which the Engineer spent trying to confirm a rumor, the mails brought in this request.)

Have you an electroencephalographic apparatus man in your outfit? The Ninth Service Command is looking for such specialists among the enlisted personnel, although in its directive seems reconciled to the fact that "This type of personnel is very scarce."

As far as we can figure out, an—er—see first paragraph—operates a machine that measures brain waves.