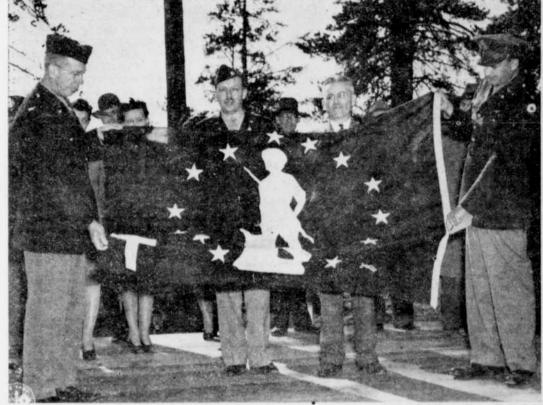


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Frank S. Besson (left), Center Commander, and Maj. Walter L. Roche, representing Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr., Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, display the Treasury Department "T" flag presented by the Major in behalf of the War Bond Committee of the Ninth Serv ice Command to Camp Abbot civilian personnel in recognition of their war bond buying record. Colonel Besson accepts in behalf of the civilian personnel. Behind the flag are Lt. Col. R. D. Turrill, personnel director at Camp Abbot, and J. J. O'Donnell, chief of the civilian personnel section.

Parade Heralds News of D-Day

News of the long-awaited Dday invasion was greeted at Camp Abbot with flying of the seldom-used garrison flag and a the main encampment playing patriotic songs and national anthems of United Nations participants.

Before reveille formations were dismissed Tuesday morn-ing the news had reached campwide proportions, and in every barrack and office D-day was barrack and office D-day was given precedence over the Post's Outlined Here move to Fort Lewis as a topic of conversation. Further excitement grew out of announcements that Engineer troops had played an important part in the assault.

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Bull Market in **Bond Sales Here** When Pvt. Louis D. Haeuser of Company B, 52nd battalion, planked out cold cash for a thousand-dollar war bond last week, he touched off the Camp Abbot bond drive in a big way. With a considerable number of others following suit in the purchase of smaller demoninations, total sales aggregated \$5200 for the week, Major Arthur Davidson, co-chairman of the Abbot War Bond Council, said today. A canvass is being made, the major said, to determine what bond allotments have already been made by military personnel here, and those who have made none will be afforded ample opportunity to do so.

Abbot and Costello **Planned Visit Here**

S/Sgt. Buddy Hyde, whose departure for Hollywood on furlough and as unofficial emissary for the Special Services branch of Camp Abbot was announced in the May 20th issue of the ENGINEER, returned Wednesday with an antique motion picture comedy featuring Jack Duffy and, parade by the 362nd Army Serv-ice Forces band, which toured it is hoped, with a rain check on many more entertainment items promised by prominent people in the film capital.

Ways to Obtain

this week that only one issue of gasoline ration certificates or coupons will be made for a permanent change of station and of their pictures and have ofthat relatives or friends driving cars to Fort Lewis are required to certify that the car in question will not be returned to this Lloyd's Oddsstation under any circumstances. Gasoline will be issued for either of the following situations but not both: (1) Where travel pay allowance is authorized for military personnel and they drive their own cars, OPA Form R-544 will be issued; (2) where relatives or friends drive cars of military personnel, OPA Form R-552 will be submitted to the Bend War Price and Ration Board for approval through the chairman of the Camp Abbot Rationing Committee. Practices not in conformity with this procedure are contrary to OPA regulations and may result in disapproval of requests and embarrassment to personnel concerned, officials pointed out.

One of Sergeant Hyde's most important contacts was made with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, acquaintances from his Hollywood days, who agreed to fly up to Camp Abbot any time after their present picture is finished. However, upon his return Wednesday, Sergeant Hyde discovered that if they fly at all, their destina-Officers and cadre were re- tion will have to be a little more minded by Post Headquarters to the northwest. Wherever they are, Camp Abbot personnel probably will have access to the library of 16 MM films which the comedians have made (Continued on page 4)

Confirm Move **To Fort Lewis** Engineers, Medics and Signal Corps on Post

Gen. Gilbreath Named to Fort Lewis Command

Major General Frederick Gilbreath has been assigned as com. the transfer was not given. manding general of the new army service forces training center at Fort Lewis, Washington, leased through the United Press headquarters of the ninth serv- Association by Col. Max W. Sulice command announced today.

The new Ft. Lewis training center, initially composed of engineer and medical personnel, is Signal Corps units. "destined to become one of the largest installations of its kind in the United States", the command said in announcing the assignment.

General Gilbreath was graduated from West Point in 1911 and consolidation of the several began military service in the cavalry. He served in the Philippine ing with the present War De-Islands with General Pershing, partment policy to streamline and went to Europe on active activities for greater efficiency. duty in World War I. His last The economy of clerical and command of line troops was other overhead personnel thus with the 7th Cavalry, famed as effected releases more men for General Custer's former outfit.

A period of rumor and speculation was terminated Monday with confirmation by the Ninth Service Command of the fact that the military personnel of Camp Abbot would be transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, to become part of the Army Service Forces Training Center there. In keeping with the military secrecy that attends all troop movements, exact date of

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Amplification of this announcement was received Wednesday in a dispatch relivan, commanding officer at Fort Lewis, who stated that his post would include in addition to the engineers, medical and

"The facilities of Fort Lewis will be used to train troops in technical duties, both as unit and individual replacements for overseas duty," Colonel Sullivan is reported to have said.

He pointed out also that the groups in one camp is in keep-(Continued on Page Four)



Windshield stickers, given to bond purchasers who drive their own cars, made their appearance this week.

The wise old owl says: IT'S SMART TO SAVE BUY WAR BONDS NOW

100-3 Against Invasion Death

Lloyd's of London, which traditionally is willing to gamble on anything, on the basis of careful observation appears to believe that a nonbelligerent can take a trip to europe with second-front troops, hang around the place for six months, and have only three chances in 100 of losing his life, according to a Lebanon dispatch. This optimistic, and for prospective non-fighting second - front excursionists highly encouraging, attitude is reflected in the terms quoted by the great insurance center for term life insurance to cover correspondents accompanying assault troops.

When the move to Fort Lewis was announced officially this week, it was a glorious triumph for the builders of the Extrominzaperti-galtograph, or rumor detector. It proved beyond all doubt that the ingenious device really works. This complicated mechanism, con-structed by men of C-57 whose reputations in the scientific field are still being questioned, is capable of pulling rumors out of thin air. It is completely equipped with a pipe line into headquarters, a grapevine connection, bedspring antennae, beer bottle condens-ers, tin can amplifiers . . Oh, it's a helluva gadget. From the expressions on the pans of the two GIs, something new must be coming in over the waves. At a late hour last night, one soldier swore he heard a soft, whispering rumor coming in on the ma-chine to the effect that Camp Abbot was to be turned into a sub-marine base for the Swiss navy. When the move to Fort Lewis was announced officially this week, marine base for the Swiss navy.