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Four Softball Games Wind Up Play at Abbot

About the only noticeable change in the standings of the post softball tournament as the result of four games played this week, is the fact that Service company is now tied with C-58 for top honors in the American league. What with "conditions" and all, future ball games will just have to wait until everybody gets up to—you know where. Scores in the final Abbot games were Service company, 55, B-58, nothing; B-55, 18; Supply Co., 3; A-58, 9, C-56, 0; B-54, 9; Hdqs. Officers, 00.

The final standings at Camp Abbot are:

American League	
C-58	5
Service Co.	5
A-58	3
B-58	3
A-56	3
B-57	3
C-57	1
A-57	1
B-56	0
National League	
C-54	6
B-55	5
A-54	4
C-55	3
Supply Co.	3
B-54	2
Hdqs. Officers	2
A-55	0

Rec Hall Ramblings

Lt. Butz of basketball, volleyball, and softball fame, dropped into the gym Thursday and passed out those good two-for-a-nickel cigars. Occasion: A certain bouncing seven-pound boy. The newcomer has the same color hair as his father.

Feeling a need for exercise the other day, an energetic duo from Service company, Sgts. Joe Harty and Gordon Hatert, skipped merrily down to the obstacle course hand in hand, only to discover the course just ain't. It was "struck" last week. Undaunted, the non-conditioned government issues ran up Lava Butte non-stop, as a substitute (it says here).

Pvt. Pease, 59th battalion, an exceedingly slick boxer, surprised everyone by defeating Pvt. Ankerman in the table tennis tournament this week. Ankerman was a strong favorite.

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Combat Rations Include Sponge

Soldiers subsisting on the 10-in-1 combat ration in areas remote from organized messing facilities are finding a small cellulose sponge packed with the ration for assistance in cleaning their mess equipment.

The 10-in-1, containing rations for 10 men for one day, consists of carefully selected processed foods. They are packed in five different menus and may be eaten without cooking. The ration also includes cigarettes, matches, water purification tablets, soap, and paper towels.

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ferred to lend the camp free of charge.

Buster Keaton, co-director at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, was another Hollywood figure who extended a friendly hand, agreeing to lend his assistance where contact with the studios would help.

Hollywood Film Enterprises, Inc., offered the camp at no cost, use of its collection of Keystone and Christie comedies and other old timers. Ed Lowrey, head of the Victory Committee, expressed willingness to comply with any request approved by the Ninth Service Service Command.

In his meanderings about Hollywood and visits to movie sets, Sergeant Hyde met many prominent figures with whom he had worked in his civilian days, including Fred Astaire, Marie Wilson of the Ken Murray radio show, and Sam Hayes, networks newscaster.

The Duffy picture, built around a character resembling the conductor of the Toonerville trolley will be shown at the Service Club Monday evening at 8:30.

Guest House to Close Refunds at Service Club

The Camp Abbot Guest House will close at noon June 19, the Special Service office has announced. All men who have made reservations subsequent to that date were advised to call immediately at the Service Club for refunds.

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



—Photo by Signal Corps Photo Lab.

Speaking of pin-ups! Don't stop to count 'em, but there happen to be exactly 273, including the one Sgt. Raoul Mound is thumbtacking here. This limitless sea of pulchritude is located in the sergeant's quarters at the Post kennels. But the latest addition is not Lana Turner or somebody like that . . . it's a picture of Mound's only son, aged 4 months.

Hughes Paddles Hauser; Hubby-Wife Win TT Set

Out of a field of 28 entries, 18-year-old Thomas M. Hughes, company A, 56th battalion, of Racine, Wisconsin, won the men's singles portion of the second annual Post table tennis tournament by defeating Sgt. Hauser of the Provost Marshal's office in three out of five games in the semi-finals at the Rec hall last Tuesday night, Sgt. Leo Frizzo, athletic coach, has announced.

Hauser displayed considerable improvement over his performance in the last tournament, and was expected by many to win. But Hughes' "cut" and "kill" proved too devastating. The Wisconsin lad won the YMCA Junior singles back in 1939, 1940 and 1941.

Phyllis Hubbard took the women's singles the same night when she emerged victorious over Helen Souhrada in three games out of a fast five. There were six starters in this field.

Mrs. Hubbard joined her husband, Cpl. Harold Hubbard of Service company, later in the evening to win the mixed doubles. This came to pass when the husband-wife combination defeated a team composed of Miss Souhrada and Sgt. Ed Charles of Supply.

The evening was not to slip into history, however, until Helen Souhrada had tasted the sweet nectar of victory. She and Mrs. Helen Smith, her vocational associate at the Service Club, trounced Mary Bender and the Hubbard lady to win the women's doubles.

In the he-men doubles, Cpl. Fred Higginbotham and Pvt. Sam Rosenstock, both of Service company, defeated the Charles-Hauser combine.

Only Staffs Up To Live Off Post

Regulations in effect at Fort Lewis at present prohibit enlisted men not in the first three grades from living off the post, Maj. M. J. Cuadra, headquarters commandant, announced this week. The ruling will apply to enlisted men leaving Camp Abbot for Fort Lewis, he said.

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overseas assignment.

Immediately upon receipt of official word of the transfer, civilian employees at the post, a great many of them wives of trainees, started preparations for their removal also. In an effort to place as many of them as possible in other Federal positions and assist them in making the transfer with the least possible inconvenience, Lt. Col. R. D. Turrill, personnel director of Camp Abbot, and J. J. O'Donnell, chief of civilian personnel, have been in touch with various War Department agencies.

A complete list of civilian employees who wish to transfer to Fort Lewis has been submitted to the civilian personnel office on that post. It is expected that all can be absorbed there, and definite requests for individuals will probably be received within a week. Their civil service employment will be considered continuous.

Lists have been submitted also to various other Government agencies, including the civil service office and the Bureau of Reclamation in Bend. These agencies would place personnel in the immediate vicinity of Bend.

Names have been sent also to the Portland Air Base, and representatives of that installation will come to Camp Abbot to interview prospective employees at their desks or the Civilian Personnel office.

Fort Stevens, near Astoria, Oregon, and the Seattle port of embarkation, have also taken lists.

Thomas W. Craig, assistant director of the 11th Civil Service Region, Portland, visited the camp with Robert Halliday, Bend civil service representative, to acquire a list of persons who wish to find employment in Oregon, and will make every effort to place them in similar jobs in the Bend and Portland areas.

Transportation of those transferred on request of Fort Lewis will be paid by the Government. Camp Abbot headquarters has wired the Secretary of War in Washington, D. C., to ascertain whether their household goods can be shipped at the expense of the Government also.

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Our Attitude Is, They're All Good

Last week we published a picture of officers and cadre of Company A, 58th battalion, with merit plaques, battalion colors, and other unit identification banners generously displayed, and made the rash statement that A-58 was the first company to win all three of the Technical, Administrative and Tactical plaques in a single month.

The ENGINEER was still dizzy from its ride through the press when a company officer, who came to talk for the men under Capt. Jack P. Burch, commanding officer of Company C, 52nd battalion, dropped in to inform us that that company not only had held the three battalion plaques since its sixth week of training, but in addition had received the May mess award in the 11th Group.

Before we had thoroughly masticated the words we were thus forced to eat, a company officer appeared in behalf of Capt. Warren J. Neiman of C-57 and his command. From him we learned that the former increment of that company had held the three plaques through its 14th to 17th weeks, had won the battalion fisticuffs championship, and had held the battalion obstacle course pennant throughout the increment. Furthermore, we were told that the new increment qualified one hundred per cent in its first record fire.

O'Seas Show Man To Produce Here

Sgt. Bert C. Cole of Hollywood, who recently returned from a Special Services post in the China-Burma-India theater, has been assigned to the Special Service Branch here as a talent scout and program director.

In the overseas theater, Sergeant Cole supervised a number of entertainment projects in cooperation with Anglo-Indian and British organizations. Until illness forced his transfer to a less strenuous branch of the service, Cole was assigned to the Chinese Training and Combat Command. Prior to entering the service, the sergeant was an announcer and script writer for Hollywood broadcasting studios.

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"You play a pretty fast game!"