

No Sports Except Maybe a Red Hot Horseshoe Game

The sports page this week is conspicuous by its absence. The gentle truth is—there just ain't any sports. All week long, a continuous stream of GIs have been observed lugging boxes and crates and things out of the Rec hall and placing them laboriously onto trucks. Seems that rumor is going to turn out to be true, after all.

So there's our sports story this week: No softball, no volleyball, no bowling, no boxing, no nothin'.

Come to think of it . . . there IS a sports story. An unidentified man, wearing the uniform of a United States soldier, was seen to defeat another unidentified man, wearing the same kind of suit, this week in back of Service Company in a red hot game of horseshoes. The score was not available. Neither was the man who saw it.

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Army Overseas

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overseas strength of the army in World War I, and is only 400,000 men short of equalling the entire strength of the army at the close of World War I. A year ago, 1,466,000 troops were overseas, 21 per cent of army strength at that time.

The United States Army Air Forces and Army Service Forces are almost completely deployed, and the movement of Army Ground Forces is nearing the peak. The flow of ASF personnel and AAF personnel now is on the decline, having reached its peak during earlier phases of the war, when Ground Forces troops were retained in the United States, where they were being welded into fighting divisions.

As the period of decisive action approached, the flow of ground personnel increased. The flow of AGF troops overseas, consequently, is on the increase today, while the flow of ASF and AAF personnel already has reached its peak.

Abbot Face!

Due to a not-too-hazy policy of this sheet, which frowns (with sound effects) on the telling of any story dealing with an inebriated GI, the character who contrived in some strange manner to ease himself into the bedroom of a respectable young lady, happened to be in some other line. He stood glaring at the girl until she awakened, then he brandished a pistol and ordered her to get out of bed.

The lady refused, illogically we think, on the ground that she wasn't wearing any pajamas. The fact is, she wasn't wearing anything at all. But this made no impression on the soused citizen whatever. "Get up," he said.

"I won't," she replied. "I haven't anything on."

"Get up," he said.

"I won't," said she.

Well, that went on for some time, until the soak got pretty threatening with the gun and the girl decided she would rather be alive though immodest. Out she got—barefooted, as they say, up to her chin.

The drunk looked her up and down, and slowly shook his head. "Nope," said he, "you're not the babe that shot my mother." With that he turned on his heel and walked out of the room. Hasn't been heard of since, either.



Post Signal Photo Lab.

Lt. Patricia E. Elwell, commanding officer of the Camp Abbot WAC unit, finds her days filled with many responsibilities besides keeping her company healthy, well fed and clothed, and in good military form. Here she is comforting "Grumpy," six-weeks-old pet kitten, whose leg is in splints because of a fracture sustained in a fall.

New Center Will Speed Discharges

Activation of a separation center at Fort Dix, N. J., the purpose of which is to speed discharges and help in the readjustment from soldier to civilian, has been announced by the War Department. First unit of its type activated in this country, the new center is designed to serve as a model for others to be established as conditions warrant.

Men ordered to the centers from Army posts and ports will there receive final pay, finish their military careers, and be offered vocational guidance intended to facilitate adjustment to the civilian status. Only 48 hours are required for the new separation process, as compared to three weeks or more, formerly required.

Personnel of the Affairs Division are available to assist the soldier with problems such as continuation of life insurance, war bond allotments, personal effects in post, and transportation of family and household goods.

Salvage of Huge Liner Abandoned

Attempts by the Navy to salvage the USS Lafayette (formerly the Normandie) have been suspended, it was recently announced by the Secretary of the Navy. From thorough tests it has been found that, under existing conditions, it would be a monumental task to convert the giant liner into a serviceable vessel.

The Normandie burned and capsized at Pier 88, West 48th Street and the Hudson River, New York City, on February 9, 1942, and was refloated in October, 1943.

May Not Be Records, But It's a Cinch They're Fit

Pfc. James Smith of Wendover Field, Utah, recently did 422 push-ups during a physical fitness session. Cpl. Herbert Prewitt of Randolph Field, Tex., welterweight boxing champion, did 286 situps as part of a recent physical fitness test.

Red Cross Sends Capture Parcels

In expectation of the invasion, the American Red Cross shipped 26,000 "capture parcels" to Europe for distribution to American prisoners of war in Italy and Germany, and 24,000 more parcels will be sent to International Red Cross headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland within thirty days, Red Cross officials announced this week.

Capture parcels, it was explained, contain necessities and comfort articles for servicemen who are taken prisoner "with little in their possession except the clothing they wear." The gifts are from people back home through donations, and are issued by the International Red Cross Committee to American prisoners of war as soon as possible after their capture.

RC Unit Here to Serve Ft. Lewis

The Camp Abbot field office of the American Red Cross will be transferred to Fort Lewis to serve personnel of the Engineer section, Frank Dunning, field director, has announced.

Ten Red Cross workers now at Camp Abbot will be on duty at Fort Lewis, and additional personnel will join the staff there. John Butler, assistant field director for Camp Abbot, left earlier this week to make preparations for the move to the Washington station.

Morale, News, Problems On Brass Hat Pow-Wow

Forum discussions by commissioned officers on such subjects as current events, missions of the Army Service Forces, and leadership problems and factors, has been added to the Army orientation program, Major General David McCoach, Jr., Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, has announced.

The discussions are designed to emphasize the responsibilities of officers in the maintenance of morale of troops. The program will continue weekly for an indefinite period.

It's your life, soldier—INSURE IT!

Major Describes Task of Moving Hospital Cases

The delicate process of transferring bed-ridden hospital patients, some of whom suffer from contagious diseases, is being accomplished according to a carefully laid plan, with an eye toward patient safety and comfort, Major Stanley F. Stockhammer, acting post surgeon, said today.

For the past ten days there has been a gradual dismissal of the less serious cases, leaving only bed patients. With the exception of contagious cases, which will, of course, be kept isolated, patients have been grouped, affording adequate care by reduced medical personnel.

When "moving day" comes, bed patients will be transported to a special hospital train in the station metropolitan ambulance, a luxurious, automatically heated limousine, which accommodates four patients and two attendants at one time. The contagious cases will occupy a special car in the train. All patients will be put to bed on the train and travel to Fort Lewis under the care of medical personnel. Patients too seriously ill to be moved to the new station will be transferred to St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

Henceforth, patients requiring general hospital care, Major Stockhammer said, will be transferred to Barnes General Hospital. This is in accordance with the requirement that such patients be located at the general hospital nearest their permanent stations.

WAC Still Leads In Enlistments

Enough women to fill approximately 800 average size companies now are serving in the armed forces of the United States, and new women recruits are joining at the rate of 2,000 per week, according to latest reports. Approximately 65,000 are members of the WAC, 56,000 the WAVES, 15,500 the United States Marine Women's Reserves, and 5,500 the SPARS.

Will Somebody Please Tell Us What Happened?

In one of those features which The New Yorker magazine creates to point out the mistakes of other publications, Camp Abbot this week made the "Most Fascinating News Story of the Week" department thus:

"(The following item, reprinted in its entirety, is from the San Francisco Examiner) "Bend, Ore.—Camp Abbot soldiers and visiting servicemen attending the annual ball of the police department made an embarrassing discovery."

To Release WACs For Nurse Corps

Personnel of the Women's Army Corps, both officers and enlisted, may be released from the WAC for appointment in the Army Nurse Corps and in the Medical Department of the army as dietitians or physical therapy aides, if found to be professionally and physically qualified for such appointment by the Surgeon General, the War Department has announced.

If accepted, women will be honorably discharged from the Women's Army Corps the day preceding entry upon duty with the Medical Department so that service may be continuous.

All interested persons wishing to make application for the appointment should forward to the Adjutant General full information as to professional qualifications, as well as report of physical examination, final type, rendered on Form 63.

A critical shortage of nurses, dietitians, and physical therapy aides was given as the reason for making the appointment available to members of the Women's Army Corps.

Detroit (CNS)—Mrs. Dorothy Malin won a divorce here after she testified that she had not protested when her husband brought his former wife to live with them, but became fed up when he insisted that she entertain his girl friends, too.



The army's new "stratosphere gun" is one of the most powerful of American weapons. This big 120 mm. anti-aircraft blaster is capable of firing a projectile 20,000 feet higher than any other gun of its type.