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LET FREEDOM'S BELL TOLL TRIUMPHANTLY

All day, from the early morning, the streets of quiet old Philadelphia were filled with a throng of people. Earnestly they talked in little groups, but ever their eyes swept back to the door of the State House. There the Continental Congress was meeting. It was July 4, 1776.

The waiting people knew that debate on Mr. Jefferson's resolution was coming to a head. It was a declaration of complete independence, no less! Some were not prepared to go so far. Many had doubts. The very foundations of the world they knew seemed slipping away.

It was hot. The hours passed. The sun swept through the zenith. At about two in the afternoon the door opened, and a voice was heard to cry excitedly, "It has passed."

The old bellman, waiting dejectedly in the belfry, caught a signal from a boy sentinel shouting "Ring! Ring!" He threw the iron clapper of the bell against its side. Its metallic voice was the song of a new world to be. It spoke aloud the words prophetically graven round its rim:

"PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF."

Historians reveal this background on how the Declaration of Independence was adopted 167 years ago next Monday.

The eyes of billions look hopefully to America . . . the land of the free and of opportunity for the common man. This nation's progress toward the better life is the inspiration of mankind everywhere.

We owe it to our children and theirs to continue to demonstrate the achievements of true government of the people, by the people, for the people.

The solid rock on which our forefathers built is the Divine precept of the equality of man. On that rock our foundation is universal education, freedom of speech, and tolerance.

Freedom in America has been growing for more than five generations. With each succeeding generation the growing light in men's minds has revealed new freedoms our forefathers never dreamed of.

We must cherish these ideals of American Democracy!

Dances Galore For GI's in Store

Three dances will highlight Camp Abbot's recreation program this week-end and next week, the Special Service Office announced.

Scheduled are a dance at the USO in Bend Saturday night; a dance for men from Hqs. Co., ERTC, and SCU 1973 at the All-Purpose Rec Hall here Tuesday night, and a dance for married men and their wives at the Bend USO Friday night. Camp Abbot's dance orchestra, directed by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes will play for both Tuesday and Friday night affairs.

The All-Purpose building had its largest crowd Tuesday night when a dance was held for members of the 51st and 52nd Engr. Tng. Bn. Special representatives were appointed by battalions to introduce trainees to feminine guests.

ASF Training Conference Attended by Officers

New techniques in training fighting Yanks were discussed at the recent Army Service Forces conference at Ft. Belvoir, Va., according to two high-ranking Camp Abbot officers who attended the four-day meeting.

Representing the ERTC, Col. A. H. Bond, 12th Gp, commanding officer and Lt. Col. Clarence J. Douglas, director, Training Division, participated in numerous demonstrations, including simulated "street fighting," and toured training sites especially created for the many representatives of arms and branches in attendance. Brig. Gen. W. L. Weible, ASF Director of Training, was conference chairman.

THE WORST "ISM"

The speaker was enumerating the evils of the day. "We shall get rid of them all—bolshevism, socialism, communism, anarchism."

An old gentleman in the front row spoke louder than he meant to. "I wish," he said wistfully, "he'd throw in rheumatism."

ABBOT ENGINEER SUBSCRIPTION

The Abbot ENGINEER can be sent to the home front for 13 weeks at a cost of 50 cents, or 26 weeks for \$1. If you wish the ENGINEER sent home, fill out this blank, enclose money and forward via Messages Center or U. S. mails to: Abbot ENGINEER, Public Relations Office, Camp Abbot, Oregon.

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Getting a Bead on Dem Axis Bums



AIMING FOR VICTORY SHOTS—ERTC recruits at Camp Abbot learn the rudiments of modern soldiering through personalized and unique training aids. Here's a typical scene on the post Preliminary Rifle Instruction course where Pvt. Sidney Baker of the 51st Bn. is receiving helpful tips from Pvt. Harold Beresford on the Marine sighting device.

(ENGINEER Photo by Hahn.)

Trainees Progress in ERTC Work

Members of the 53rd Engr. Tng. Bn., newest of three such units activated at Camp Abbot, are winding up their first week of training with a trip through the gas chamber, a tearful episode in the ERTC's chapter on defense against chemical attack.

Earlier in the week, trainees of the unit underwent orientation and were introduced to the obstacle course, marches and bivouacs.

Meanwhile, the 51st Bn. became the first training unit to

ranges. An exceptionally high percentage of men qualified. Other subjects embraced in the schedule included demolitions, engineer reconnaissance, rigging, guard duty and night problems in patrolling. Training tests were given to check on the unit's progress.

Defense against mechanized attack and grenade practice were among the more interesting subjects covered by the 52nd Bn. during the week.

fire on the Camp Abbot rifle

Grenade Science Studied by All ERTC Soldiers

(Picture on front page)

The grenade course offered to Camp Abbot trainees is the first to give a soldier a chance to throw a live "pineapple" as part of his training.

Men of the 52nd Bn. recently spent half day periods on the grenade courts where they demonstrated firing live rifle grenades at the hull of an old tank.

Each man must know how to make Molotov cocktails, sticky bombs, and receive instructions on the "Bazooka" — (rocket launcher).

The objective is that each trainee be able to recognize, sight or throw the various types of hand and anti-tank grenades. Hand grenades are playing a most important part in this war in numerous ways and a properly trained soldier can stop a tank very effectively by himself, according to Maj. LeCompte Joslin, chief, Weapons Branch.

MORE ABOUT Lyrics Ready

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With strength and courage high We're in there to do or die So we say when there's a road to clear— Just leave it to the Engineer.

Meanwhile, ballots by the boxful occupied the attention of the Special Service branch to determine the three most popular songs requested for playing by the famous Waring musical organization. If you haven't cast your ballot, scissor out the "tune tally" on the bottom of this page and mail it to the Special Service branch, Bldg. 202.

Lt. Klabanoff Is Theater Officer

Camp Abbot's theater officer is a veteran of 17 years in the Army.

He is Lt. B. Klabanoff, former assistant adjutant, who assumed his new duties last Saturday, in conjunction with the role as Special Service property officer.

He arrived in Abbot on March 25 from Arlington, Calif., Reception Center, where he was life insurance, war bonds and assistant records officer.

His office is located in the Special Service branch, Post Hqs. Annex, Bldg. 202.

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

TORCH OF LIBERTY

Dedicated to July 4, 1943

Tho our lands have been invaded, And our people been degraded, We will fight with all our might, For what we know is right, As we carry the torch for Liberty.

Tho the despot has defiled us, And his actions have reviled us, We will work and we will pray, To hasten a new day, Carrying the torch for Liberty.

Millions of souls, In the dark like moles, But we'd gladly give our all, Wearing iron chains, Hope at times seems vain, Yet we wait for Freedom's call.

If the nations free will aid us, To destroy those who enslave us, We will aid as best we can, To restore the Rights of Man; And all carry the Torch of Liberty

By Cpl. John Abrahamson Roving Cadre D-81

CHAPLAIN'S PHONE NO'S

Pending installation of telephones in their respective offices, Camp Abbot's three Chaplains may be reached at nearby telephones by phoning 243 for Post Chaplain William H. Andrew; No. 127 for Assistant Post Chaplain Vernon C. Cooley, and No. 104 for Chaplain David I. Segerstrom at Station Hospital.

Request for "Victory Tunes" Program Fred Waring's Radio Show Honors CAMP ABBOT

In order to obtain a representative musical program with selections that are favorites of everyone at Camp Abbot, YOUR vote for the "Hit Songs" is necessary. Please list three songs that you'd like to hear on the July 29 program.

- 1. ....
2. ....
3. ....

(Mail or Bring Votes to Special Service Office)

Aviation Cadet Training Opens

Qualified enlisted men and officers below the rank of captain are encouraged to apply for Aviation cadet (air crew) training, Camp Abbot Headquarter has announced. The War Department recently advised that an urgent need for aviation cadet exists.

Enlisted men may obtain application forms from Lt. John A. Maxson, personnel procurement officer. Blanks together with a birth certificate and three letters of recommendation must be submitted to the applicant's immediate commanding officer who will forward them, if approved, to the Personnel Branch, From Camp Abbot, applications are sent to the Portland Army Air Base for consideration.

The only educational requirement necessary is that the applicant be able to pass a mental screening test given by Aviation Cadet Boards. Candidates are not required to complete basic training in other branches of the army before applying for aviation cadet training.

Officers must apply on AAF Form W-5252 in duplicate to Post Headquarters. If approved, applications will be forwarded to the Aviation Cadet Section, Army Air Force Hqs. in Washington, D. C.

MORE ABOUT Theater Opening

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open half an hour before show schedule.

Abbot personnel are urged to purchase a movie coupon book, valued at \$1.50 for only \$1.20, thereby saving 30 cents on 10 admissions. The coupon books are on sale at the boxoffice.

Prior to opening, officials of the U. S. Army Motion Picture Service completely inspected and approved the theater.

Other enlisted personnel assigned to the Abbotheater include Cpl. F. W. Fadum, chief projectionist; Cpl. Joe Ramirez, assistant; Cpl. Carlton W. Joseph, ticket taker; Pvt. Leslie J. Martin, janitor, and Pfc. T. W. Crews, usher.

CAMP ABBOT CHURCH RITES

Friday July 2, 1943

Sunday, July 4, 1943

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday, July 2)

Jewish Services will be held Friday, July 2 at 1900 in Chapel No. 208 on Group Avenue.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

0800 — Episcopal Communion conducted by Rev. G. R. V. Bolster, rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Bend, in Chapel No. 208.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

0900 — Catholic Services at Chapel 208 with Confession at 0830 (side door) providing the priest from Bend can be present. Please watch DIB and bulletin boards.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

1000 and 1930 at chapel No. 208 on Group Avenue.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Services will be held for the 53rd Tng. Bn. at 1830 in Chapel No. 1255.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

General Services will be held at 1000 in the Conference Room behind the X-Ray Laboratory, Bldg. T-119.