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Overseas Song Program Gets Added Boost

Camp Abbot's pocket instrument and song programs showed promise of leaving the neophyte stage and reaching musical adulthood this week when the Training Division announced that each newly-activated unit will arrange courses of instruction in both subjects and that trainees will march to songs and the flute-like music of the small horns.

Classes in small instrument playing will be arranged by battalion commanders, and each platoon will be represented by at least two trainees. Members of the battalion cadre will act as instructors.

On the march, small instrument players will form in columns and play in march cadence. In the field they will present musical programs during rest periods.

Song programs, already in vogue here, received a strong boost this week with the introduction of a 15-minute songfest at the Post theatre. First program in the series was presented Thursday night with Sgt. Claire L. Coburn of the Camp Abbot band leading the singing and Lt. Helen Martin, theatre officer, playing piano accompaniment.

Classes in song leading will be organized by battalion commanders within two weeks after activation of a training unit. Periods will be scheduled outside regular training hours and will continue until proficiency is attained. Songs will be used to achieve proper cadence on the march.

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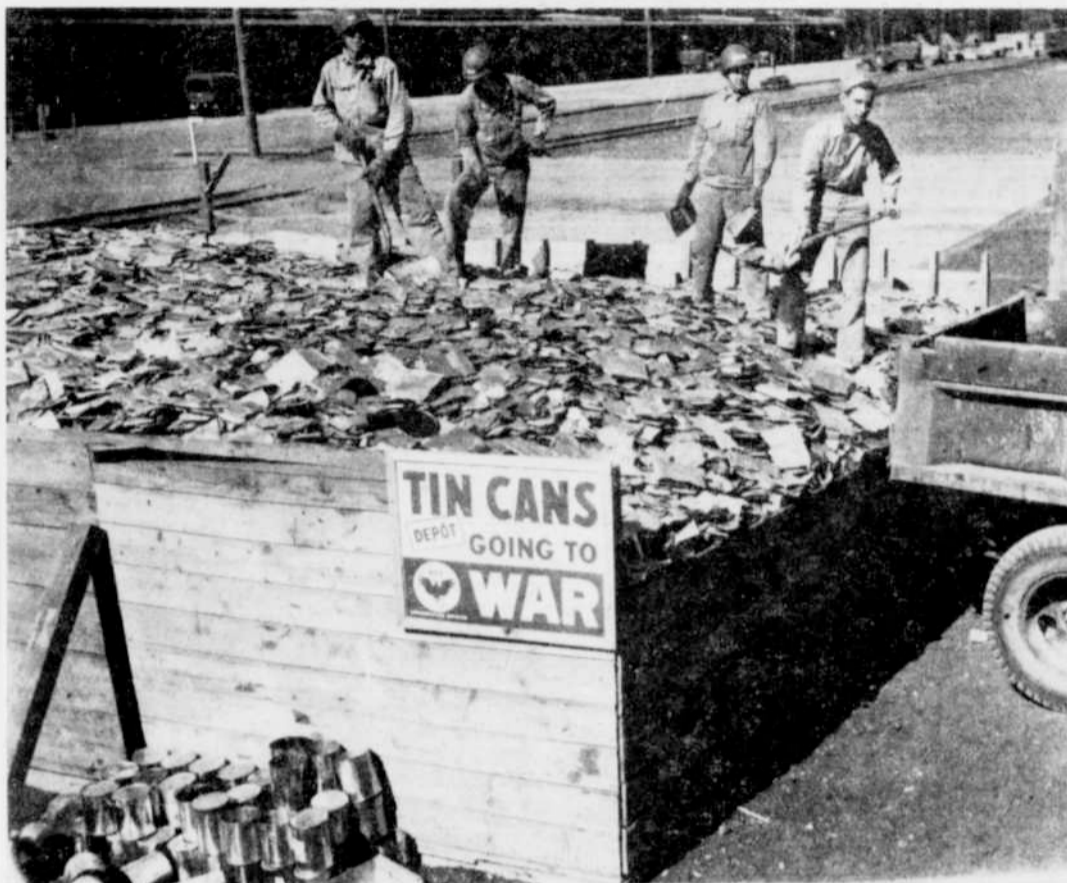
Month's Liquor Quota Available In Single Lump

The Oregon liquor control commission sounded another cheerful note this week with the announcement that ration regulations published recently have been modified and customers are permitted to purchase a full month's quota of whiskey and what have you on one visit to the store—providing the agency has the stock on hand.

Although the purchaser may obtain his quota or any portion thereof in quarts, fifths or pints, the latter size container may be difficult to obtain owing to a bottle shortage facing the wholesale trade, Administrator Ray Conway said. According to Mr. Conway, the modification in rationing plans was made as the result of an inventory survey.

To purchase liquor of any description, a soldier now must have a validated purchaser's permit and ration card stamped "military" and must show his identification tag on making each purchase. The new rationing system went into effect yesterday.

FOR CANNING THE AXIS



Thousands of cans collected from Camp Abbot mess halls during the past few months are loaded into a truck for eventual shipment to concerns which will convert them into war materials and bad news for the Axis. Virtually every scrap of salvage metal is saved by camps and stations as part of the army's thorough conservation program.

—Photo By Vincent, Post Photographer

Army Will Need 7,700,000 Men by Dec. 31 to Execute Attack Plans

The United States already has made its plans for attacking the Axis, possibly on all fronts at once, and to carry out its program must have a strength of 7,700,000 officers and men, members of the army high command told Congress last week in answer to the growing demand that pre-Pearl Harbor fathers be exempted from the draft.

Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, deputy chief of staff, told the Senate Military Affairs Committee flatly and simply:

"To carry out the strategical missions which were determined upon at the Quebec conference, the Army must reach by Dec. 31 of this year a strength of approximately 7,700,000 officers and men. The collapse of Italy does not affect these figures. This includes 190,000 nurses and

Wacs. The approximate strength of the Army of Sept. 1, 1943, was 7,300,000. Inductions for the rest of the year will probably vary from 145,000 to 175,000 a month.

Many congressmen, just back from vacation, pointed out that "the people back home" are dead set against drafting of fathers and want the services to take those single men now working in defensible jobs.

The Army countered: About half the fathers are working in jobs not essential to the war effort and if excused will make no switch to war production.

And it will be necessary to draft some 75,000 men a month merely to replace discharges, casualties and similar losses, General McNarney said.

At present nearly 2,000,000 men are abroad, but unless the

decrease in ship losses improves conditions somewhat, it will be impossible to increase that figure to 5,000,000 until the end of 1944.

"Where those men come from is immaterial to me as long as we get them," General McNarney said. Undersecretary of War Patterson pointed out that 800,000 fathers are in active service and that no other nation at war excuses fathers as such.

To an observation by Senator Wheeler that fathers of draft age "are worried about their families," McNarney snapped: "Every soldier is worrying about his family. That might make him fight a hell of a lot harder.

"I think it is a lot better not to be defeated by the Axis than to please the people back home," he added.

Chorus of Mixed Voices Organized

Under the direction of Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding a choir of Wacs, enlisted personnel, and civilians is being organized at Camp Abbot. First rehearsal was held Monday in the WAC dayroom with over 30 in attendance and, it is hoped, the number will be doubled before final arrangements are completed for the chorus.

Activities of the group, as planned by Mr. Spalding, include a program to be presented during the Christmas season as well as the rendition of numbers at future Service Club and theatre programs.

Lt. Helen M. Martin, Wac Company, is accompanist for the chorus.

When You've Read it—Please Pass The ENGINEER AROUND.

Officer Saves Day by Giving Tie to Soldier

Hurrying to catch a bus on an emergency furlough, a Camp Abbot private arrived at the depot to find, in his haste, he'd forgotten his tie. Stores were closed and he hadn't a spare in his luggage. Appeals to MPs brought sympathetic expressions, but they couldn't be worn around his neck.

To the rescue came an unidentified Warrant Officer who, overhearing the tale of woe, stripped off his cravat and insisted the private accept it. He declined all offers of payment. Nor would he divulge his address so the neck-piece might be returned.

Recreation for Shutins Planned

Miss Naomi Riggs, a representative of Red Cross headquarters in San Francisco, has been on the post this week working with Miss Lorraine Anderson, director of the Station Hospital unit of the Red Cross, on plans for a recreational program for patients confined to wards and proposed activities for the hospital Recreation Room.

Handicraft, such as wood-carving and clay-modeling, is being planned for bed-ridden patients, and a series of talent programs, participants in which will be solicited from among patient ranks, is being outlined.

Plans also are being considered for more effective distribution of library books through use of a cart which can be taken from ward to ward.

Enlarged SSO To Plan Post Entertainment

Reorganization of the Special Service Office and assignment of additional personnel was announced by Lt. V. G. Henderson, Special Service Officer, this week. The move was made with a view toward providing a more expansive and better balanced recreational program for enlisted men, Lieutenant Henderson said.

Newly-assigned members of the staff are Lt. Helen Martin, theatre officer and dramatics director, and Lt. Carl Volz, music supervisor for the Training Division.

In the process of reorganizing the Special Service setup, Lt. Stephen D. Hopkins, former athletic and recreation director, was named Service Club officer, Lt. Henry Hansen, former theatre officer, became successor to Lieutenant Hopkins, and Miss Helen Souhrada, cafeteria hostess, was appointed assistant recreation supervisor for the Service Club. Miss Souhrada will assist Mrs. Helen Smith, principal hostess in planning recreational programs for the club.

Some 200 Hear First Concert by Camp Abbot Band

The Camp Abbot band, widely-acclaimed in Central Oregon for its participation in radio programs and concerts in Bend, presented its first Post concert at the Service Club Thursday night. Bandsmen were applauded vigorously by some 200 soldiers and guests.

Arranged by Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, director, the program consisted of marches, currently popular music and light classical selections, chosen for their soldier-appeal. One of the selections, Saint-Saens' "Le Cygne" (The Swan), was arranged especially for the band by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes.

As an encore, the band played a Hayes arrangement of the "Turkish March" by Mozart. The selection adapted for presentation by a small instrumental group, was broadcast over KBND in Bend and KWJJ in Portland last week. Featured instrumentalists were Sergeant Hayes, piano; Sgt. Dante Di-Thomas, flute; Cpl. Robert Rigmans, drums; Sgt. Jack E. Smith, trumpet; Sgt. James Gilbert, clarinet, and Sergeant Owen, bass.

Bond Sales in 11th, 12th Groups at \$15,000 Mark

War bond purchases resulting from the Third War Loan Drive total approximately \$10,000 in the 11th Engineer Training Group and \$5,000 in the 12th Group, officials in charge of the drive said yesterday. Figures, which are incomplete and unofficial, include both cash purchases and Class B allotments.