

Post Chapels All Furnished

With the arrival this week of chancel draperies and a record reproducing system, the chapels at Camp Abbot, are completely furnished for the personnel and enjoyment of the personnel of the camp.

Chancel drapes and carpet for the chancels have already been installed. The "church-like" appearance of the interiors adds restfulness and becomes an aid to a religious atmosphere.

The record playing system was procured from several sources, and will be used each evening after supper for an hour of good music for all the camp. Several records have already arrived. The Chaplains invite suggestions as to the records desired. An attempt will be made to procure these selections chosen by the men and women of the camp.

CHURCH RITES

LOCATION OF CHAPELS
Post Chapel, Bldg. 208; 11th Gp. Bldg. 754; Hospital Chapel in Red Cross Chapel, Bldg. 1255; 12th Gp. Chapel, Recreation Hall.

JEWISH SERVICES
Friday, 7:30 p. m. Post Chapel (Bldg. 208).

CATHOLIC SERVICES
Confessions Saturday, and Post Chapel. Masses at 9 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Sunday at Post Chapel. Masses daily, except Thursday, at 5:10 p. m. at Post Chapel. Study rehearsal 7 p. m. Tuesday. Church Club, Wednesday, 12th Group Chapel, at 7:30 p. m. (Bldg. 754). Mass, Wednesday, Post Chapel, (Bldg. 208), at 6:30 p. m.

PROTESTANT SERVICES
Service Sunday at 10 p. m., Post Chapel (Bldg. 208). At 6:00 p. m. services for 56th Bn., (quarantine) at 12th Group Chapel and at 7:30 p. m. Post Chapel.

HOSPITAL SERVICES
Hospice confessions at Red Cross Recreation Hall at 7 a. m. Sunday. Mass (visitors invited) at 7:30 a. m. Sunday. Protestant service at Red Cross Recreation Hall at 10 a. m. Sunday. Catholic Mass, Red Cross Rec Hall, Wednesday at 7 a. m.

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES
L. D. S. Service, 11th Group Chapel at 7:00 p. m. Christian Science service, 12th Group Chapel, Thursday.

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Army Gains Since War I Revealed in Official Figures

The United States Army, completing its second year of global warfare, stands today as one of the mightiest fighting organizations the world has ever seen.

A recapitulation of the Army's manpower and equipment figures, recently made available by the War Department, shows that the Army today is rapidly nearing its wartime goal of 7,700,000 officers and men while U. S. industry is producing the tools of war at a rate unapproached in the history of man.

When the first World War ended, 1,057,101 men of whom 2,086,000 were serving overseas. Today the Army personnel almost doubles the old figure and 2,500,000 of these highly trained men are serving abroad in every corner of the globe.

Our enemies in World War I were the Central Powers with Germany the main threat. Our principal Allies were Britain, France and Italy. Most of our fighting was confined to the front between Germany and France.

Our enemies today are Germany and Japan, the latter a minor ally in 1918. Our primary allies are Britain, China and the Soviet Union. Our fighting fronts are spread throughout the world.

Despite the huge scale of the war and despite the fact that we have been fighting 23 months already as compared to the 19 months of combat we had in the last war our casualties are fewer

today than they were in 1918.

World War I casualties totaled 260,496, including 35,560 killed in action, 14,720 dead from wounds; 205,690 wounded; 46 missing in action, and 4,480 prisoners of war. In the present war U. S. casualties number 89,650, including 12,841 killed, 30,263 wounded, 23,954 missing and 22,592 prisoners.

The War Department has released some interesting comparisons of war production in this war and the last one. Here are a few pertinent figures.

When the U. S. entered World War I, it had 55 airplanes and an Air Service numbering 1,200 men. By the end of the war it had 11,000 planes and 200,000 men in the Air Service. Today the Army Air Forces number 2,880,000 officers and men and in a single month the U. S. manufactures more planes than it did in an entire year during the last war.

During World War I the U. S. produced a total of 132,000 machine guns. In two months of this year alone is produced 150,000 sub-machine guns and 132,000 machine guns.

In 1918 it turned out 278,000 rounds of small ammunition a month. In 1943 this amount is produced every week.

The last war saw 80 tanks built. Now 5,000 tanks are made in two months.

On paper and in the field the Army has been streamlined, modernized, revolutionized. The old square division of World War I has given way to the new triangular division, which is smaller, more compact, faster—and tougher. Army personnel has moved ahead to keep pace with the up-to-date equipment it uses.

This, then, is a portrait of the American Army—the biggest, strongest and best Army ever to represent the Nation on the field of battle—on the eve of the second anniversary of U. S. entrance into the war.

Notes From D - 56

By Pvt. Glen Nance
Celebrities seen at the D-56 shindig last Friday night were distinguished and many. Highlights of the occasion featured First Sergeant James Sawyer cutting a neat rug with Mary Muscatello, top kick of the Wac company. Capt. Yarbrough enjoyed the evening dancing with Wacs, while Mrs. Yarbrough enjoyed swinging it with various members of D company. All personnel of D-56 were present and enjoyed the refreshments of sandwiches and beer. Pvt. and Mrs. Billy McGinnis, and Pvt.

Chaplain Hears Plenty of Woes; Who Listens to His?

It is a standard Army joke for soldiers listening to a tale of woe from a fellow dog face to advise the complaining soldier to "go see the chaplain." However, it is not such a joke, after all. Many soldiers take this advice—and there are many at Camp Abbot who seek the solace of the Chaplain's branch whenever they are beset with troubles without the tongue-in-the-cheek urging of their buddies.

Chaplain William H. Andrew is quick to verify the fact that it is no joking matter.

"In addition to all those who come to us," says the chaplain, "there are many cases in which the soldier is unable to do so, and as result we go to them."

Chaplain Andrew has on file records of approximately 750 in-

dividual cases with which his branch has been concerned since Camp Abbot was activated last May. He, and other chaplains stationed here, have helped solve problems of all types and descriptions — some serious; some of an ordinary minor nature.

It was suggested that Chaplain Andrew might write an interesting book. He agreed that some of the incidents would make good reading, but, of course, everything is kept in the strictest confidence.

All in all, the chaplain has a busy time of it, and has plenty of troubles himself. However that brings up a question. Where does the chaplain go when someone tells him to "go see the chaplain?"

and Mrs. Willard Holly were voted the best dancing couples on the floor. Pvt. Loren Gerard was the champion jitterbug. We enjoyed the party very much and look forward to another one in the near future.

Much interest is being shown in the pinup gallery, back of headquarters section. If attendance increases much more we will be forced to consider fixing an admission charge.

Upon arrival of the cold snap Monday night, I entered the barracks to find everyone running about in his "John L. Sullivan" attire. Pvt. George Wilson could hardly be distinguished from a circus aerialist.

D-56 forfeited one of its men to the former Miss Gladys Thompson, of Bend, Saturday night. The man, Pvt. J. L. Bowman. He remarked that an elopement would not have been too effective, so they spent their honeymoon within the limitations of a week-end pass.

Well, I regret I must stop, but I have remained out of this pillow fight long enough. I'll have to stop and defend myself for awhile!!

Notes From C-54

By T/4 Eugene Plank
When we went down on the rifle range a few days previous to Thanksgiving, Sgt. Vincent Ryan very nobly stepped to the P. A. system and made the following announcement: "Every man that makes a possible gets excused from duty Thanksgiving and breakfast in bed." Capt. J. F. O'Grady, company commander, turned and with a twin-

kle in his eye and that omnipresent Virginia smile, took the mike in hand and, in his best southern accent said: "and the sergeant will serve the breakfasts." Early Thanksgiving morning Sgt. Ryan, with tray in hand, shuffled up to three men and very daintily served them their morning meal. The lucky lads were Pvts. James Whitlatch, Emery Tako and Lewis Andrews.

The Thanksgiving party given by Sgt. Ryan, and his men of the second platoon, turned out a great success, thanks to Mrs. Helen Smith, Service Club hostess. She assisted the sergeant when the problem of securing a hall confronted him, the music, and lest we forget, the young ladies for partners. We believe that Mrs. Smith is doing a grand job and deserves a big hand for the way she is providing entertainment for the boys. Take a bow, Mrs. Smith.

After Pvt. Otto Prerichmann got his steel, electric guitar warmed up Pvt. Emery Lake, the second platoon, gave us his version of the Hula.

Our mail is coming through better these days now that Pvt. Elmer Deiba is back on the job, after a furlough.

Another heir comes to Company C. This, too, is an engineer and the proud papa is Pvt. John Pelto. He was on the alert for the blessed event, but was almost too nervous to open the telegram announcing the youngster's arrival. Good luck, fellow, we know exactly how you feel. That makes us one up on Co. B. of the 52nd. You get the girls down there and we'll furnish the boys.

