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CAMP ABBOT, OREGON

Camp Abbot, Ore., Jan. 22, 1944

Training Here Gets Plaudits Of Inspector

The training program at Camp Abbot and personnel responsible for its operation drew high praise from Lt. Col. William W. Brotherton of the Office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington, D. C., following an inspection of facilities Jan. 12-16, Post Headquarters revealed yesterday.

In discussing the program informally, Col. Brotherton said it was his observation that active supervision of training is the primary concern of Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, and that the commanding officer's interest is reflected in the high standard of training in the center. He described instructor-trainee relationship as "excellent" and outdoor training facilities as "superior."

Commenting on a newly-introduced program which provides for three weeks of training in the field under simulated battle conditions, Colonel Brotherton said the program was fully as good as that embraced by the best maneuver training. Full advantage is taken of terrain, and all field exercises are designed realistically, he added.

Other general comments were to the effect that Camp Abbot utilizes housing, training and recreation facilities to best advantage and makes an excellent organization for training.

ARC Discontinues Furlough Loans

Soldiers will no longer be able to borrow money for furloughs unless an emergency exists, R. Leonel Gray, acting field director of the Abbot Red Cross chapter said. This move is pursuant to a recent war directive, which limits the work of the American Red Cross in army camps to its original outlines.

"The powers granted to the Red Cross by the War Department have never been enlarged by the Army," explained Mr. Gray. "We had allowed our interpretation of this charter to be liberalized until it reached the stage where over 25 million loans had been made. More than \$1,700,000 had been given out on the Pacific Coast alone. The thing had gotten out of control."

The Army directive was released the first of the year, and gave the Red Cross until Jan. 15 to put its recommendations into effect. "This just gave us time to take care of the outgoing 51st battalion," the field director said.

Still available to GI's, however, are loans for emergency furloughs, convalescent furloughs from the hospital, and small comfort loans when soldier has missed receiving his pay.

Belgrade, Neb. (CNS)—Mrs. Adelia Ward called the plumber when the drain pipe clogged. The plumber removed 60 garter and bull snakes from the pipe.

NO GAS SHORTAGE HERE



Post Signal Photo Lab.

Here's a sample of the simulated, but realistic battle problem faced by units of the Engineer Replacement Training Center here under the newly-introduced, three-week unit training program. A reconnaissance car bearing key personnel of the 51st Battalion, first unit to undergo the training, and a weapons carrier are shown literally feeling their way through rugged terrain following "gas attack" from the air.

Camp to Join Nation's Third Issue of Battle Against Polio Panoram Enroute

The men and women of Camp Abbot take up arms Monday in a battle against an enemy which is "over here." That enemy is infantile paralysis—acrippler which last year attacked 12,000 people, most of them children under 14 years of age.

The war against this disease for which there is no known preventative, no known cure, began 103 years ago. The past decade has brought forth a new weapon—the stream of silver ammunition provided by the people of this nation to fight the children's enemy on the national healthfront.

To get this ammunition—to collect the dimes and dollars which will save children's lives, this camp will stage a number of events to commemorate the President's birthday. All proceeds will go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Fund.

At the Service Club Wednesday a formal dance will be held with girls from Bend as invited guests. Admission will be one dime for the March of Dimes. A big birthday cake, honoring President Roosevelt, a grand march, and special decorations will be features of the program.

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GI's Must Use Absentee Ballots

Although Congress has given some attention to the problem of soldiers' vote, including several new ideas which would use V-Mail, no new methods have as yet been approved. Absentee ballots are still the only way to vote at the present time.

Five States—Kentucky, New Mexico, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York—do not permit voting by absentee ballot in the primaries; but all allow it in general elections. The ballots are already available in many states, and imminently expected in the others.

\$50,000 Contest Open To GI Writers

New York (CNS)—Service-men are eligible to share in the \$50,000 in prizes in the Pabst Brewing Company is offering for the best article of not more than 2,000 words submitted on "Post-War Employment." First prize is \$25,000 in war bonds, second prize is \$10,000 in war bonds and 15 additional awards of \$1,000 each will be made. Envelopes containing manuscripts must be postmarked not later than Feb. 7 and should be sent to the Pabst Brewing Company, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, 17, New York.

Library Gets New Supply of Books

A number of new best sellers have been added to the shelves of the Service Club library. They include "The Promise" by Buck, "In Bed We Cry," by Chase, "Journey Among Warriors" by Curie, "Hungry Hill" by Du Maurier, "Mother Russia" by Hindus, "Battle Is the Pay-Off" by Ingersoll, "Also the Hills" by Keyes, "Between Tears and Laughter" by Lin Yutang, "So Little Time" by Marquand, "Ten Commandments" by Robinson, "Burma Surgeon" by Seagrave, "Battle Hymn of China" by Smedley, "Life in a Putty Knife Factory" by Smith and "Forgotten Ally" by Van Paassen.

Bond Sales Net \$12,825 Since Jan. 1

More than \$3,000 worth of war bonds were purchased within an hour Wednesday following an officers' call held at the Post Theater Tuesday night in the interest of the Fourth War Loan drive. Purchases since the rally had swelled the total to \$12,825 by noon Friday.

In announcing that War Bond sales from January 1 through noon Friday totaled \$12,825, Lt. George F. Crisman, agent finance officer, pointed out that \$6,475 worth of bonds or more than half the total were sold Thursday. Purchases have averaged over \$200, he said, and while the volume has not been great, the higher value bonds have been in demand. One \$2,500 bond and three \$1,000 bonds were sold Thursday. Most unusual purchase was made by Sgt. Jake J. Puleo who bought in a cigar box filled with silver to invest in two \$100 bonds.

The program opening the campaign Wednesday included a talk by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander and chairman of the Post War Bond council, in which he exhorted personnel to give full support to the drive; an outline of the program by Lt. Col. Russell D. Turrill, vice-chairman of the council, and a talk by Forrest Cooper, deputy manager of the Oregon State War Bond sales staff in Portland.

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Longer Furloughs Recommended

Good news for homebound soldiers are the recent instructions from the War Department to camp commanders that, where the military situation permits, the normal 15-day furlough may be extended by the amount of travel time involved.

The move was started when Senator Millikin of Colorado remarked that soldiers often spend more than half their allotted time on trains and busses. A soldier from the East Coast, for example, would spend five days (if the train was on time) going home and five returning to his camp, giving him less than ten days a year with his family.

The Senator discussed the matter with Undersecretary of War Patterson, and was later advised by letter that remedial instructions had gone out to all continental camps.

New USO Director To Arrive Feb. 1

A new associate director for the Bend USO has not yet been selected, Robert Weis, director, stated. The Women's Division of the NCCS is at present considering a number of applicants and it is planned to have Miss Ann McLaughlin, who left this week on a leave of absence, return about February 1 with the new director and remain until the new executive is familiar with the duties of the office.

Even Better Than Cheesecake

This ad appeared in the Daily Information Bulletin last week. FOR SALE—CLEARANCE—25% OFF: Beautifully engraved pictures of former presidents of the United States at the following rates:

	Value	Now
GEORGE (NMI) WASHINGTON	\$ 25.00	\$ 18.75
THOMAS (NMI) JEFFERSON	\$ 50.00	\$ 37.50
STEPHEN GROVER CLEVELAND	\$100.00	\$ 75.00
THOMAS WOODROW WILSON	\$500.00	\$375.00
ABRAHAM (NMI) LINCOLN	\$1,000.00	\$750.00

Finance Office, telephone 32, Building T-203, will take orders now either by telephone or in person, or will furnish any additional information.

If you haven't already figured it out, the pictures are on War Bonds. And we might add if you're not perfectly satisfied after a ten year trial, your money will be very cheerfully refunded. And, for your trouble, you get a 33 per cent bonus.