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CAMP ABBOT, OREGON

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Polio Drive On Post Nets Nearly \$1000

Contributions to the March of Dimes campaign at Camp Abbot stood at \$965 Thursday afternoon even before tabulation of receipts had been completed, Maj. M. J. Cuadra, Headquarters commandant and chairman for the drive, announced. The figure represented well over a dime per person.

Camp Abbot's program, conducted on a strictly voluntary basis, included the collection of funds through social events, coin jars and birthday card folders.

Three dances, held at the Service Club, the NCO Club, and the Officers Club in celebration of the President's birthday, provided over \$200 to the fund for victims of infantile paralysis. Individual company contributions ranged as high as \$45.

"I wish it had been as easy to count as to collect," said Major Cuadra.

The money will be sent, accompanied by a big birthday card for the President signed by each organization, to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

NCO DANCE TONIGHT

The NCO Club will hold a dance in the clubrooms tonight at 8:30, with music provided by the ERTC Dance Band. All members are invited to attend.

LET 'EM EAT CAKE!



USO Junior Hostesses, Waes and guests of soldiers donned formal attire for last week's March of Dimes dance which netted more than \$116 for the campaign against infantile paralysis. The group is shown as it waited in line for a piece of the huge cake served in celebration of the President's Birthday.

Post Signal Photo Lab.

Latrine, Shower Facilities Obtained for Post Rec Hall

Shower and latrine fixtures will be installed in the Post Recreation Hall as a result of suggestions contributed through the "idea boxes" of units throughout the Center, Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, announced this week.

52nd Maneuvers Draw Plaudits of Commander

If members of the 52nd Engineer Training Battalion leave Camp Abbot puffed up like pigeons, it probably will be because of a letter prepared by Maj. Lawrence J. Fuller, battalion commander, listing the accomplishments of the unit on its recent three-week unit training problem.

The letter, a copy of which was given to each man in the battalion, follows:

"To: Officers and Men of the 52nd Battalion.

"1. In concluding your 17 weeks here, you have completed a conspicuously successful three weeks' Field Training Problem. Your performance has drawn highest praise from the 11th Group, from the ERTC and from each of the branches of the Training Division. You have been graded by the Center as superior with a score of 97 for this problem.

"2. In 12 training days you have shown how much 14 weeks of training can teach you.

"3. In eight hours you built four H-15 bridges and eight foot bridges across the Deschutes River.

"4. In four hours, 45 minutes, of darkness you marched 15.2 miles through snow and ice.

"5. In 16 hours you laid 12 extended sections of deliberate mine fields, blew six tank trap craters, put down 600 yards of double apron fence and prepared 12 Deschutes River bridges for demolition. In four hours you cleared lanes through all these obstacles and then removed them completely.

"6. In four days you completed 32 reconnaissance missions, 18 squad combat missions, six platoon night reconnaissance patrols, shaped more than two miles of road, located, developed and produced rock from a cinder cone deposit and rocked one and a half miles of road, and, lastly, cleared, graded and laid bar and road on an airfield 1200 feet long

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Abbot Devotes Radio Shows to Bond Campaign

The fourth war loan campaign will be the subject of Camp Abbot's regular bi-monthly radio show to be broadcast from the Post theatre through the facilities of Stations KBND and KXL in Portland Wednesday, the Special Service Office announced. The thirty minute program will begin at 5 p. m.

Featured on the 30-minute program, which begins at 5 p. m., will be special numbers and vocal selections by the entire 57th Battalion, music by the U. S. Military Band No. 362, directed by Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding, and the Camp Abbot dance band, directed by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes. Pvt. Buddy Hyde of the Special Service Office will emcee the show. A staff officer, as yet unnamed, will be speaker.

A program in the regular Wednesday night series of "Camp Abbot on Parade" broadcasts also was devoted to the war bond program this week. Taking part on the broadcast were Maj. Russell D. Turrill, personnel director; Lt. George F. Crisman, agent finance officer in charge of bond sales; Sergeant Hyde and Pvt. Charles Drake. Lt. Charles Frucht, morale officer, who wrote and produced the show, made the introductions.

Victor Mature To Visit Post In Bond Drive

Camp Abbot will get its first look at the "gorgeous hunk of man," now referred to as Chief Boatswain's Mate Victor Mature in U. S. Coast Guard circles, when the star appears with Camp Abbot talent on a bond show at the Post Theater Thursday night. Appearance of Mature here will mark the first time a celebrated cinema idol has set foot on Camp Abbot soil.

Mature has just returned to the states after 14 months of convoy duty in Atlantic waters and is devoting 15 of his 30 days' leave to a tour of Oregon cities in the interest of the nation's fourth war loan drive. The star's tour is being arranged for the treasury department by the war activities committee of the motion picture industry.

Plans for Mature's participation on the program are not yet complete, but it was announced the star will bring a large supply of photographs which he will autograph for members of the War Company here.

Tentatively scheduled on Camp Abbot's portion of the program are vocal selections by Pvt. Jimmy Stillwell of the Post Engineers, music by Cpl. Agho Tiemann's ERTC dance band and sleight of hand demonstrations by Pvt. Paul Steinmetz of the 54th Battalion. Sgt. Buddy Hyde of the Special Service Office, who will welcome the star on his arrival in Bend, will be master of ceremonies.

Since Mature is scheduled to appear on a bond show at the Tower theater in Bend following the show here, the star's Post performance will be a race against time, and it will be impossible to clear the theater of moviegoers, it was pointed out. The stage show will follow the first showing of the evening's feature film and will last approximately 30 minutes. Following this, short subjects will be shown, the house will be cleared and the feature will again be shown.

Music by the Camp Abbot dance band, directed by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes will be a feature of the Bend show.

Bond Sales Here Near \$50,000

Camp Abbot is rapidly approaching the \$50,000 mark in cash sales of war bonds, Lt. Col. Russel D. Turrill, personnel director, announced yesterday. Enlisted men and civilians are doing "splendidly," with 99% of the civilian employees setting aside pay reservations of 10% or better. Purchases by enlisted men were reported to be good but officer allotments are described as "slow."

LET'S GET 'EM UP THERE



This happy little "necktie party" was arranged near the post's flagpole to show Camp Abbot soldiers and civilians what their purchases of war bonds are doing to "Hitler" and "Tojo." Although no goal has been set for Camp Abbot sales, the \$100,000 represents the figure the Post War Bond council believes Camp Abbot will reach. The \$50,000 "dubbed in" is what we believe will have been sold by the time you read this. Pvt. Mildred Robichaux of the Special Service Office hoists the effigies while Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, looks on.