

Chaplains Trace Year at Abbot

Only one of the three chapels at Camp Abbot was complete when the camp opened a year ago. All services for several months were held in the 12th Group Chapel. Chaplain Vernon A. Cooley, now in Italy, served as Post Chaplain for a month prior to the arrival of Chaplain William H. Andrews who has served as Post Chaplain for the whole year. Chaplain Cooley remained until July and had the pleasure of officiating at the first wedding on the Post.

An event of note was the opening of the post chapel with appropriate ceremonies. It was not until fall that the complete furnishings were obtained for all three chapels. Through the courtesy of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and the First Lutheran Church of Bend, two small organs were loaned. The Park Rose Lion's Club of Portland donated a piano for the Post Chapel. A complete record playing system with a complete record library was installed early in the present year.

Three Faiths are represented among the Chaplains stationed here. For Jewish personnel, Chaplain Norman M. Goldberg arrived in June from Camp Stoneman, having served as assistant division chaplain with the 7th Division. For members of the Catholic faith, Chaplain Camille J. B. Chasse arrived in July from Maine.

Protestant Chaplains include the Post Chaplain, Chaplain David I. Segerstrom, assigned to the station hospital, and Chaplain Lawrence A. Leonard. Chaplain Irel T. Monroe and Chaplain Clarence L. Hammond, each assigned here for a few weeks, were later reassigned for contemplated overseas duty. Chaplain Earl B. Clark, arriving from overseas, served a month. Now in Chaplain's School, he will return in June.

Chapel services have been unusually well attended at Camp Abbot. In addition to regular services, special services have been inaugurated for the battalions in field training. The bulk of chaplains' activities centers in personal interviews. Assistance in readjustment from civil to military life has been given to hundreds of trainees each month. Numerous wedding ceremonies have been performed during the year.

Notes From C-54

By Sgt. Eugene Plank

May 13th, 1944, at about ten o'clock in the morning, Co. C of the 54th Battalion, under command of Capt. John F. O'Grady, moved into Camp Abbot. Dull, one story buildings greeted our weary eyes as we took over. We turned on a light here, and started a fire in a space heater there,



Typical scene as troops who have completed engineer training at Camp Abbot leave post. Seeing the boys off are (left to right): Col. Chas. S. Balsh, commander of 11th Group; Lt. Col. A. M. Mock, Executive Officer of Camp Abbot; Chaplain Lawrence A. Leonard, Chaplain William H. Andrews, and Chaplain Norman M. Goldberg (in front of Chaplain Leonard).

thus activating C-54. Our quarters, occupied now by B-58, were quickly turned into livable barracks. Staff Sgt. William Galestok was handling supplies.

We soon learned the use of the slit trench. Under the supervision of Lt. G. T. Nelson, two of company C's cooks covered the first outdoor latrine used by our cadre. Snow fell a few hours after we arrived, and by nightfall nine or so inches of "Oregon dew" covered our many paths over the newly cleared earth.

The first few weeks at Abbot presented many new adventures and difficulties for these "pioneers" from all parts of the country. Food was one of the many problems, as a system hadn't yet been set up by subsistence. These men realized they weren't on a picnic, and they meant to make a go of it, or die in the attempt. Mess Sergeant Rocco Biviano had his hands full explaining why he couldn't supply the steaks he had promised.

First Sgt. Edmund Pado supplied us with the official news of the camp with his up-to-the-minute bulletins, and Pfc. Edward Beckley saw that we got our mail.

Many details came up—work to be done, training areas to be cleared, and courses to be finished. Out of this confusion we remember "Duffy's Detail" best. With Sgts. Vincent Ryan, Bill Gween and John Butler, and Cpls. Dick Watters, Joe Gilbert, Lou Ginsburg, Frank Williams, John Breedlove, Robert Turner and Jack Cowan as cadre, this sad gang was led by Lt. Frank R. Duffy, and Abbot's obstacle course took shape.

On the morale end, in the absence of the Abbot Theatre and the Service club, there were only the PX workers under the direction of Lieutenant McClure, Abbot's first PX officer. These included Sgt. Ray Andrews, Cpl. Harold Yingst and yours truly, assisted by other members of Co. C. Where the barber shop now stands, we dished out the beer, cigarettes and candy to the newly arrived WAC's and cadres.

It was at this first Abbot PX that we met Mrs. Helen Smith, our gracious post hostess, when she dashed into the building and told Mr. Potter, then the PX civilian buyer, that he was the father of a seven-pound baby boy. Coffee and doughnuts were a special feature in the mornings, served by lovely, blonde Geri Youman, who now resides in Bend. Lt. John Fisher and I made our routine visit there each

morning before starting the day.

We watched with pride as the service club took shape, and made many visits to Bend to see movies until our theatre was equipped.

Camp Abbot grew, and so did the 11th Group, and during the week of June 22nd our first

trainees arrived. The activation of C-54 was then in full swing.

August found us losing some of our cadre. Cpl. Harold Yingst left for overseas duty. A few weeks later Cpl. Lester Cummings moved to the Vancouver Hospital for discharge. Still later, Corporal Turner left for an electrical school in New York.

Captain O'Grady moved out soon afterward, and Lieutenant Cauley, our new CO, took up where he left off. Sergeant Gwynn and Cpl. Gilbert were sent to the MP's up Idaho way. Sgt. Harry McSweeney, one of the men who helped build the debarkation tower on the river, is now at Camp Berkeley, Texas. Mr. Beckley now is a civilian and lives in Bend.

Yes, the original C-54 is slowly thinning out, and new faces are beginning to appear. But we feel, after one bivouac and almost three training periods at Camp Abbot, that we are well on our way to helping in a great cause.

CHURCH RITES

Post Chapel, Bldg. 208; 11th Gr. Chapel, Bldg. 1354; 12th Gr. Chapel, Bldg. 154; Hospital services, Red Cross Recreation Hall.

JEWISH SERVICES
Friday—7:45 p.m., Post Chapel.
Saturday—7:45 p.m., 11th Group Chapel.

CATHOLIC SERVICES
Daily—Mass in 12th Group Chapel at 7 a.m., except Monday, 7 p.m. (for 19th Bn. only).
Tuesday—Choir rehearsal, Post Chapel, 7 p.m.
Saturday—Confessions, Post Chapel, 7 p.m.

PROTESTANT SERVICES
Sunday
9:15 a.m.—Service at Guardhouse.
10:00 a.m.—Service at Hospital in Red Cross Rec. Hall. (Open to others besides Medical Personnel.)
10:45 a.m.—Post Chapel.
6:15 p.m.—11 Group Chapel (19th Bn. only).
7:00 p.m.—Central Service for 12th Bn. in Field.
7:30—Post Chapel.

Wednesday
7:00 p.m.—Post Chapel, Choir Rehearsal.

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES
Wednesday—L.D.S. Service, 11th Group Chapel, 7 p.m.

Thursday—Christian Science, 11th Group Chapel, 8 p.m.
Recorded music Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon in Post Chapel.

HOW TO VOTE IN STATES HOLDING PRIMARIES IN LATE JULY AND AUGUST

NAME OF STATE	DATE OF ELECTION	HOW TO APPLY FOR BALLOT	Ballots Issued Before	Ballots Issued After	Final Date Ballots to be Issued	SPECIAL STATE PROVISIONS
Alabama	18 July	a) In accordance with Alabama law. b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Phoenix, Ark.	Any time	18 May	18 July	
Alabama	22 July for first primary; 8 Aug. for second primary	a) In accordance with Alabama law. b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Little Rock, Ark.	Any time	8 May for first primary; 1 Aug. for second primary	22 July for first primary; 8 Aug. for second primary	Note that Alabama has two primaries. A separate application is required for each primary ballot and application on first application that he wishes to be registered as a voter for both primary ballots. Note that in the second primary, the state allows only eight days between the date it mails the ballots and the date it requires them to be back in the state.
Delaware	Not held	Delaware does not provide a state absentee ballot for primary election.				Delaware soldiers may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper election polling place.
Kansas	1 Aug.	a) By making a special application form furnished by State of Kansas. Servicemen may request this special application form. b) By writing to the Secretary of State, Topeka, Kan., or to the appropriate local election officials if they are known to servicemen. c) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, writing in writing on post card that it is to be regarded as request for application for state absentee ballot.	1 April	1 July	21 July	Servicemen should request an application for a ballot at the earliest possible moment, either by letter or by WD post card on which he has written that he wishes it regarded as a request for an application for a state absentee ballot.
Kentucky	3 Aug.	a) In accordance with Kentucky law. b) By sending WD post card to Secretary of State, Frankfort, Ky.				There is no official information available from Kentucky on when soldiers should make applications for ballots or when the state may act on applications. Procedures in administering the new state law have not yet been set up. But applications should be made as soon as possible. State absentee ballots cover Federal officers only.
Massachusetts	22 July	Massachusetts does not provide a state absentee ballot for soldiers.				Massachusetts soldiers may vote in primary only by appearing in person at proper local election polling place.
Mississippi	28 Aug.	a) In accordance with the Mississippi law. b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Jackson, Miss.	Any time	8 July	28 Aug.	Note that this information applies to Mississippi's second primary. The first primary takes place 4 July. An application for the first primary ballots for the second primary, but if applicant's address has changed since he made first application, it is necessary for him to make a new application.
Missouri	1 Aug.	a) In accordance with Missouri law. b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Mo.	Any time	1 May	1 Aug.	
Montana	18 July	a) By making special application form, furnished by State of Montana. Servicemen may request this form. b) By writing to Secretary of State, Helena, Mont., or to appropriate local election officials, if known, or c) By sending to the Secretary of State the WD post card, writing on it that the serviceman wishes it to be regarded as a request for an application for an absentee ballot.	18 June	30 June	18 July	Note that soldier must request an application for a primary ballot, which should be done at the earliest possible date, either by a letter or by a WD post card on which he has written that he wishes it to be regarded as a request for an application for a state absentee ballot.
New Hampshire	22 July	New Hampshire does not provide a state absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.				New Hampshire soldiers may vote in primary only by appearing in person at proper local election polling place.
New York	1 Aug.	New York does not provide a state absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.				New York soldiers may vote in primary only by appearing in person at proper local election polling place.
North Carolina	28 Aug.	North Carolina does not provide a state absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.				North Carolina soldiers may vote in primary only by appearing in person at proper local election polling place. Note that North Carolina may hold legislative or party sessions which may make some changes in these primary election laws.
Tennessee	1 Aug.	a) In accordance with Tennessee law. b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Nashville, Tenn.	Any time before 1 June if outside the U. S.; any time before 18 July if in the U. S.	15 June	1 Aug.	Note that soldiers outside the U. S. must have their applications for ballots in Nashville not later than 15 June. Soldiers within the U. S. must have their applications for ballots in Nashville not later than 18 July.
Texas	22 July for first primary; 26 Aug. for second primary	a) In accordance with Texas law. b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Austin, Tex., accompanied by a poll-tax receipt or affidavit of its loss.	Any time	2 July for first primary; 8 Aug. for second primary	22 July for first primary; 26 Aug. for second primary	Note that WD post card application for ballot must be accompanied by poll-tax receipt or affidavit of its loss. A separate application is required for each of the two primaries unless the serviceman writes on the first application for both primaries. In any event, in case of change of address, he should make separate applications. Soldiers who are members of the English Army on active duty are not eligible to vote in Texas.
Utah	11 July for first primary; 15 Aug. for second primary	a) In accordance with Utah law, or b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Salt Lake City, Utah.	Any time	15 June for first primary; 18 July for second primary	11 July for first primary; 15 Aug. for second primary	Note that there are two primaries. One application will suffice for both the first and second primaries, but in case of a change of address, servicemen should make separate applications.
Vermont	8 Aug.	a) In accordance with Vermont law. b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Montpelier, Vt.	Any time	18 June	8 Aug.	
Virginia	1 Aug.	a) In accordance with Virginia law. b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Richmond, Va.	Any time	18 May	18 July	
Wisconsin	22 Aug.	a) In accordance with Wisconsin law. b) By sending WD post card to the Secretary of State, Madison, Wis.	Any time	11 July	11 Aug.	
Wyoming	18 July	a) By making a special application form furnished by Wyoming. Servicemen may request this application form. b) By writing to the Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyo., or to the appropriate local election officials, if known, or c) By sending to the Secretary of State the WD post card, writing on it that he wishes it regarded as a request for an application for state absentee ballot.	1 July	1 July	18 July	Note that servicemen must request an application for a ballot, which should be done at the earliest possible date, either by letter or by a WD post card on which he has written that he wishes it to be regarded as a request for an application for state absentee ballot.

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