

Quiz on Brutality to POWs Hears Testimony from Col. Abbott

Heavily-decorated Lt. Col Robert N. Abbott of Rochester takes the witness stand today in Washington to testify of brutality inflicted on captured Nnited Nations troops in North Korea by "war criminal" Reds.

Abbott is one of 10 American ex-POWs to testify as the Senate Investigations subcommittee winds up three days of public hearings.

The veteran infantry officer, whose home is at 6 Aldern Pl., is expected to testify along these lines:

That approximately one-third of 1,000 captured Americans died in a North Korean prison camp dubbed by inmates as "Death Valley."

That there was no food there except stewed corn of the type fed cattle; that prisoners got only a handful of this stuff daily, with

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their only water coming from a small, untreated stream.

That men were jammed into unheated, tiny rooms where they could not even sit down. That the rooms were lice-infested and baths were unheard of.

That so-called Red "hospitals" in reality were death houses, from which only 10 per cent of the emaciated prisoners in them "ever came out."

That Abbott's own prison life

pretty much followed this familiar Red pattern recounted by o'her POWs who came out of captivity alive:

At first hunger, brutality, fear, untreated wounds, ruthless marches and deaths by the hundreds.

ABBOTT TOLD of these experiences when he finally came home to Rochester last Sept. 21. He did say that, as talk of 'ruce developed, the Red captors gave better treatment spiced, however, with constant propaganda.

Abbott was captured in November, 1950, while serving with the Republic of Korea's 7th Division, with which he was an adviser.

Abbott, now 38, had suffered wounds from grenades and small-arms fire. Despite his condition, and the condition of other wounded, they were forced into a 100-mile, 25-day trek—with little food or water—that terminated Christmas Day in the "Death Valley" camp.

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The speaker at a big rally thundered, "You are living under the highest tax load in our history." A bewildered taxpayer in the rear asked, "This is living?"



Col. Abbott