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Memorial Service Honoring President Roosevelt Planned Tomorrow at Amphitheatre

Military and civilian personnel of Camp Claiborne this week joined countless millions in mourning the loss of one of the great leaders of all time, the Army's commander-in-chief and president of the United States—Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Highway Built By Camp Unit To Be Opened

Traffic again will roll over the Forest Hill-Lecompte highway Sunday afternoon when the new nine-mile stretch of road constructed by Camp Claiborne's 744th Engr. Base Equip. Co. is opened.

The highway is to be dedicated at special ceremonies in Forest Hill and Lecompte in which Brig. Gen. Louis F. Guerre, commanding general of Camp Claiborne, the 356th ASF Band, a military honor guard comprising members of the 766th Military Police Co., and local and Louisiana State Highway officials will participate.

The project, which was built and surfaced by the 744th Engr. Base Equip. Co., was undertaken as a training problem by the Claiborne unit. Materials were provided by the Louisiana State Highway Department.

Several bridges along the new road were constructed by former Claiborne units, including one by the 1307th Engr. Gen. Serv. Regt. These also were training projects.

The dedication program Sunday will begin at 2:30 p. m. at Forest Hill. A half-hour later, Gen. Guerre and his party will arrive and after being received by Mayor L. N. Mizell, of Forest Hill, and Mayor Ed Hardy, of Lecompte, a plaque will be unveiled by the military honor guard upon a signal from the General.

At the same time they offered a silent prayer for the man who is to determine the nation's destinies for the next three years and nine months, the 32nd president—Harry S. Truman.

Led by the commanding general of the Post, Brig. Gen. Louis F. Guerre, Camp Claiborne in a memorial service on Sunday will pay solemn tribute to the only four-term executive in the country's history. The service will be held at 9:00 a. m. in the Open Air Amphitheatre near Claiborne and I Sts., opposite 19th Gp headquarters. All Post military personnel will attend and civilians are invited. In case of inclement weather the service will be conducted at the Sports Arena.

The 356th ASF Band will open the memorial service with church music after which the invocation will be offered by Chaplain Lewis S. Steed. Following a reading of scripture by Chaplain Joseph Ware, General Guerre will deliver the memorial address.

The remainder of the program, which is to conclude at approximately 9:30, will include singing a hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," a closing prayer and benediction by Chaplain Edgar F. Seigfriedt, taps by soloist and bugles and the "Star Spangled Banner" by the 356th ASF Band. The service will end with all singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Reflecting the reaction of the entire nation, Claiborne received the tragic news of President Roosevelt's death Thursday incredulously and sorrowfully.

But the Post's shocked personnel prepared immediately to pay tribute to the country's departed leader.

This afternoon all work on the Post ceased from 4:00 to 4:05 p. m.

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