

Disabled Vets to Get Employment Aid After War

By Camp Newspaper Service

Worthy disabled soldiers who cannot pursue their prewar profession as result of injuries suffered in the line of duty may receive training for post war jobs under the Veterans' Vocational Rehabilitation Act which was passed by Congress last March.

As a result of the program, veterans who wear the scars of war may come back to a better job than the one they left behind.

Under the Act certain veterans may have all expenses paid for training in a profession or an industrial or farming job.

Suppose you drove a truck before the war. An injury suffered in the line of duty makes it impossible for you to resume this type of work, so the Government decides what your other capabilities are, sends you to school which develops them.

There are four conditions you must meet before you may become eligible for this training. First, you must have been in the active military or naval service any time after Dec. 6, 1941 and during the present war. Second, you must have an honorable discharge. Third, you must have a disability incurred or aggravated by the service. Fourth, you must be in need of vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap of your disability.

Now, suppose you received an injury that entitles you to the regular disability pension paid by the Government but doesn't prevent you from doing the job you did before you went into service. In that case, you are not entitled to vocational rehabilitation.

If you are eligible for training, you will get an early opportunity to learn a new trade and you'll be paid while learning it. Unmarried men will receive \$30 a month; married men will get \$90 a month and \$5 a month additional for each child. There is also an allowance of \$10 a month for each dependant parent.

When you have finished your training the Veterans' Administration will try to place you in a job. With the aid of the U. S. Employment Service and other agencies you'll have a good chance of landing in a spot you're fitted for—fully rehabilitated and ready to work.

LIBRARY MOVED

The 11th Engineer Training Group library was moved this week to two rooms in the rear of Building 1152, north of 11th Group Headquarters. The building is open to soldiers who desire to read during off-duty hours during the day and serves as a workshop for librarians and a store room for books donated in the Victory Book Campaign and circulated through recreation halls. The post's main library in the Service Club is open during evening hours.

POPULAR SPORT



This week's piece de resistance is Ann Rutherford, who has just finished her role in "Whistling in Brooklyn." After studying Miss Rutherford, we can't understand why the whistling should be confined to Brooklyn, but it's not hard to see why swimming is one of the nation's most popular sports.

Tall Story Club Formed; GI's Assured Best

Maybe you have your troubles now, but—did you ever hear the story of Sgt. Gordon J. Haterct, of Service Company, of his trip to the Lava Caves and the beautiful mermaids he saw when he explored a side tunnel?

Well, it's a dilly. But it must wait until later for we have some important news for you.

Do you know any such a yarn as this might be? If you do, there's an organization set up to take care of you—and it's not the booby-hatch! Yes, at last you can join an organization to which you rightfully belong—the Liars' Club.

Membership is open to any GI who has run his barracks mates to the top bunks with his stories of Paul Bunyan and other people and things "which actually happened, so help me!"

And instead of being thrown out into the cold night for telling your favorite story, you will get a warm welcome, a chance to tell it to a large and appreciative audience, and a beautifully engraved membership card that will identify you to all and sundry for what you are.

Just write your story down and send it into the Public Relations Office. In return you will receive your membership card and your entry will be entered in the Liars' Contest. The best stories will be chosen and if you are on the list of the Best Fish Stories of the Week, you will

have a chance to appear on a week night Jawbone Jamboree and read your story (or tell it) to the assembled GI's.

A chance to tell his story to a large audience which won't throw pop bottles or old shoes should be an incentive to any teller of tall stories. So pick out your best story, write it up and send it in. And if your story wins—let the audience take the consequences.

New Furnishings For Camp Chapels

Post Chaplain William H. Andrew, accompanied by Corporal Melvin E. Morris, Chaplain's Assistant, have returned from Portland where they purchased items of furnishings for Camp Abbot Chapels. Altar covers and pulpit hangings for the Group Chapels are not furnished by the government and were purchased in Portland. Carpet for the Chancel and linoleum for the aisles and foyers in the Post Chapel will be installed. Dossal curtains in velour, matching texture and color of the altar covers have been ordered for all three chapels.

It is the desire of the Chaplains Branch to afford the entire personnel of the Camp with a worshipful environment for religious services not unlike that in the home churches, according to Chaplain Andrew.

Telephone Gals Ensnconced in Elaborate New Quarters

The "hello girls" of the Camp Abbot Telephone Exchange are comfortably settled in their new home, a two-story barrack in the rear of the Post Signal office, which is perhaps the most luxurious spot in the ERTC.

The spacious and modern quarters were furnished by the Army. The barrack is equipped with an individual heating plant and each of the 16 rooms is fitted with special furniture and equipment. Eight bedrooms, each with two modernistic type beds and individual dressing

tables, will accommodate the eight operators, the chief operator, May Belle Beals, and the house mother, Mrs. Freda Jackson. Each room is gaily decorated, reflecting the personalities of the occupants.

New Phone Book Brings Cheers

No improvement or innovation at Camp Abbot could bring more universal approval than the issuance of a telephone directory this week. No more will it be necessary to search for the mimeographed sheet which might have the correct number, or again it might not.

The new directory, prepared by Publications Section, lists all offices by divisions, giving building number and phones. In the rear of the book are listed, alphabetically, all officers on duty here with their home addresses and phone numbers as well as office numbers.

On the first page is listed the classification of phones showing those available for transaction of business in Bend and other official Army business off the post, and those which are restricted solely for post use.

The cover, printed in black and red, has four artist sketches. One showing a ponton bridge, another the obstacle course, the engineer and signal corps insignia.

New 'Panoram' Due Next Week

The second issue of "Panoram" Camp Abbot's picture magazine will go on sale in post exchanges next week, Dale Vincent, post photographer, and publisher of the pictorial publication, announced today.

The second issue, more elaborate than the initial publication, will cover many activities of the training battalions not shown in the first issue. An effort has been made to give a more comprehensive coverage of the various ERTC units and a special section of the magazine is devoted to pictures in connection with the formal dedication of Camp Abbot.

Mr. Vincent already has the third issue of the popular magazine in the course of preparation.

MESS ENLARGED

An addition has been authorized for the north end of the Supply Company mess hall to facilitate serving of the more than 350 men assigned to the unit. To accommodate truck drivers, warehouse workers and heavy equipment operators with irregular hours, the company serves mess six times a day.

The entrance to the dormitory opens into a large reception and living room, where guests may be received and a buffet snack served. An innovation is the addition of a "midnight snack bar," where any gal off shift may prepare her own lunch. This is located in a small and complete kitchen, which is directly back of the living room. A laundry room, washroom and shower and guest bedroom complete the arrangement of the first floor. On the second floor are bedrooms, a linen room and two locker rooms.

Lamps and personal effects add to the attractiveness of the living room, the floor of which is covered with a thick rug. Later in the year the "hello girls" will play hostess to camp officials.

The majority of the "hello gals" have previous experience in other Oregon camps. They were especially selected by the telephone company because of their familiarity with Army communications routine. They are: Neah Hamman, Gladys Miller, Myrtle Newland, Betty Wittig, Helen Durant, Mabel Meek, Marcelle Hilton and Louise Cooper. May Belle Beals, chief operator, was formerly at Camp Adair.

In the rear of the girl's dormitory another building, rapidly nearing completion, will afford Camp Abbot soldiers protection from the wintry blasts as they await completion of long distance calls. The building will be equipped with eight pay booths and a special switchboard will handle all calls. Chairs and other conveniences will be installed for patrons awaiting calls.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The chaplains have been put in the Army to promote all phases of religious matters. Certainly public welfare is a religious matter. Therefore, it is a pleasure for all the chaplains at Camp Abbot to give their unqualified endorsement to the current War Fund drive. There is no man among us but has at some time been benefitted by some one or more of the agencies involved. Now it's our turn to pass on these benefits to someone else.

"All that you hold in your cold dead hand is what you have given away."

See you in church.

—Post Chaplain

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

It Was Rank

