

6,760 Cases To Attention Of Red Cross

A total of 6,760 cases were acted upon by the field office of the American Red Cross, at Camp Abbot, during the month of November, Frank J. Dunning, field director, reported to Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander yesterday. The number of soldiers calling in person at the field office, and who were stationed at Camp Abbot, and who received assistance other than financial totalled 1757 during the 30-day period.

Of the 2122 cases acted upon by the field director's personal staff, loans were made to soldiers in the amount of \$14,058.65. Fifty-one grants in the amount of \$1,824.00 were made to soldiers whose allotment commitments would have made it impossible to repay a loan.

In addition to the cases handled by the field office personnel, the Station Hospital office handled 221 social welfare cases in addition to carrying on a complete recreation program. The Red Cross now has three full-time recreation workers administering the program at the hospital. The office also handled seven Wac cases and made one loan in the amount of \$45.00.

The field office also wound up its final month in administering service to IV Corps troops, stationed in this area, in connection with recent maneuvers. The office had supervision of 4417 cases which included loans in the amount of \$50.00.

The month was one of the busiest in serving Camp Abbot troops since the post was activated.

Abbot Face!

By Pvt. Jack Dement
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There was a strange collection of men on K. P. Saturday night. It all dates back to the previous Monday, the day Co. B. was working on booby traps. Anyone setting one off, of course, lost his dog tags. The strange situation arose in that the cadre and the captain were the principal ones who lost their tags. So among the faces on K. P. Saturday were Capt. Fritsche, Sgt. Lawrence, of the third third platoon; Sgt. Reese, fourth platoon; Cpl. Keltner, third platoon; Cpl. Abrams, fourth platoon, along with many others. Lt. Wilson, of the third platoon, escaped by sheer luck, in spite of many narrow escapes.

Rock Springs, Wyo. (CNS)—A group of men here bought a herd of buffalo from a nearby rancher. Buffalo meat is ration free.

LEGION BEAUTIES IN TRAINING



The first postwar convention of The American Legion will be a lulu! It bids well to eclipse all the great Legion gatherings of the past. The drum majorettes are in training for the colorful new Legion era. Here is a group of the prettiest, each of whom is looking toward strutting ahead of a Legion drum corps in that tremendous first postwar American Legion grand parade.

ERTC Trainees Learn Value Of Bangalore Torpedoes

Although the engineer soldier is trained in all phases of combat, one period in use of demolitions—the Bangalore torpedo—has proven of unusual interest to the new trainee and it is permitted to be disclosed publicly for the first time.

The Bangalore torpedo is not an entirely new explosive used by the American army. In fact, it first came into prominence during the first World War. It is used primarily to blast a gap through barbed wire aprons. The torpedo is five feet in length and two and three-eighths inches in diameter and has a metal case 25-1000 inch in thickness.

Its most recent successful use in the present conflict was by the Marines on Guadalcanal. Digging into past experience, the Leathernecks improvised the weapon, using bamboo poles. Since then the War Department has manufactured and issued the metal cased ones. Advantage of the metal casing is that in the explosion the case fragments cut the wire.

In the demonstrations at Camp Abbot the trainees first view the barbed wire apron under which one of the ten-pound torpedoes is placed. They then retreat to a place of safety and the torpedo is detonated. On return they find that the terrific explosion has completely cut and thrown aside the wire.

The torpedo can also be used for cutting wire gaps, or as an anti-tank mine or for booby traps. Adding to its effectiveness as a booby trap is the fact that it can be detonated by blasting caps, prima cord, electricity or any other standard firing device.

The torpedo is constructed with four inches of TNT in each

end of the tube to act as a booster for the amatol which constitutes the main part of the charge. It is effective against tanks and torpedoes may be assembled in sections of any length desired. Some of the most recent innovations in the use of the Bangalore is employing them in such lengths that this usage is referred to as a "snake." The main effect of their explosion is upward and relatively little damage is done on either side of the spot in which the torpedo is placed.

Ex-Windy City Court Clerk Is Engineer Here

A former bailiff and deputy clerk of the Municipal Court, Chicago, is learning the craft of being a combat engineer at Camp Abbot.

Not many weeks past Pvt. Salvatore B. Bonafede Co. A, 51st Eng. Trng. Bn., was worried with no more work than preparing dockets, listening to pleas of those who happened in clutches of the law, and keeping up with Windy City politics.

He is well known in Chicago political circles, but is as good an engineer soldier as he was a courthouse attache, according to his superior officers.

Gate Picture Gets National Publicity

The picturesque entrance gate to Camp Abbot has attracted nation-wide attention. The photograph taken by Dale Vincent, staff photographer, which appeared in the last issue of the ABBOT ENGINEER, will grace the picture pages of Yank and Army Times, the two weekly publications for military personnel.

The structure was designed by Capt. John V. Banks, and the Engineering Section Branch of the Training Division. It was built by students of the carpenter school, under direction of Sgt. Caress. It varies from the originals plans drawn at Fort Leonard Wood, in that those were found too elaborate and the present structure was designed so that only materials and work originating in the training division were used.

Cookie Canteen For Patients

A home made cookie canteen will be a feature of the entertainment schedule of the Red Cross recreation department at Station Hospital next week. On Monday and Thursday afternoon members of the Womens' Junior League at Bend will bake cookies in the kitchen of the recreation department and serve them hot from the oven to hospital patients. Other features of the week's entertainment provided by the recreation aides includes a talent show on Monday evening, at 7:15, under direction of Sgt. Roy L. Rider; a performance of "Khaki Capers," Thursday night at 7:15, and a classical music hour in which Christmas carols will be featured, Wednesday night at 7:15. Movies will be shown Tuesday and Friday nights and Saturday a "Track Meet," a novel entertainment stunt arranged by Miss Olive Greaves, principal recreation aide, will be staged. Sunday will be open house. This afternoon hospital patients will witness a performance of "The Young in Heart," by students of the Bend High School, and a Bingo party will be held tonight.

Gift Problems Solved by USO

If soldiers have difficulty selecting Christmas gifts or wrapping them for mailing, it won't be the Bend USO's fault. Hostesses are on duty from 2 to 5 p. m. daily in the downtown club-rooms, and materials, including paper, ribbon and stickers are available to soldiers whenever the club is open. Hostesses also have volunteered to aid in the selection of gifts.

War Hardships Described in Bond Program

The hardships faced by American soldiers in the fox holes of fever-infested New Guinea and the importance of buying the war bonds which enable United Nations forces to carry the fight to the enemy were outlined by Capt. Ralph Reed, Training Division officer and veteran of the New Guinea campaign, at a meeting of Camp Abbot civilian employes at the Post theatre last Friday.

In describing the Battle of the Beaches at the outset of the New Guinea campaign, Capt. Reed pointed out that United States troops were forced to live in slit trenches for days on end or risk being shot by an unseen foe. Conditions are better imagined than described, he said. There were no sanitary facilities and water obtained from holes dug near the trenches could not be purified. As a consequence, disease was as great a threat as the enemy. Yet, despite these difficulties, the men displayed amazing courage, refusing to quit the fight even when sick and weak from fever.

"The American soldier is different from any other fighting man," Capt. Reed said. "Other soldiers can stay in trenches playing a waiting game until they discover what they're up against. This is difficult for our forces. After a couple of hours, the American soldier begins to fidget and wants to tear into the enemy no matter who or what he is fighting."

"Troops soon learn what has become a slogan in this war—'it's either kill or be killed.' A man fighting the Japs doesn't consider them human. They live like rats; they act like rats, and they are rats."

Lt. Col. Russell R. Turrill, Director of Personnel, complimented civilian workers for the co-operation in buying bonds and exhorted them to give still further support to the bond program. He pointed out that the goal for army installations is 90 per cent participation with salary allotments of at least 10 per cent and that Camp Abbot is striving to reach the 100 per cent mark.

The program here has made great progress during the past few months, he said. At present 88.2 per cent of post personnel is purchasing bonds, and salary allotments total 7.8 per cent.

Music for the program was provided by the Camp Abbot band, directed by Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding.

Summerfield, Mass. (CNS)—Pupils of Summerfield school filed out of the building in their routine monthly fire drill. Outside they took a nonchalant look at the building. It was ablaze.

Male Call



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



You're Ridin', Now, Red!

