

59 Civilians Get Service Awards Here

Fifty-nine civilian employes of Camp Abbot will be entitled to the blue and silver ribbon bars, emblematic of the award for civilian service, in the second group to be awarded these War Department honors, the Personnel Division announced today. Ribbons will be awarded by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, at the post theater at 11 a.m., Dec. 31. The ERTC commander has requested that all civilian employes of the post be present when the awards are made, whether included in the present list or not.

The following will be awarded ribbons: Administrative Branch—Sadie Amundsen, Lola Blanchard, Bernice Combs, Marion K. Dubuis, Lily L. Eppes, James A. Hennings, Bessie M. Howard, Dorothy M. Khahmer, Earl Allen Lintz, Ida A. Rhines, Nettie B. Shirk, Velma D. Snelson, Ruby B. Stewart, Mary L. Walrath and Elizabeth Lane. Engineer Branch—Thomas C. Merchant, Sharon E. Moore, Ralph E. Porterfield, Benjamin F. Riley, Harry J. Sadoris, Harold R. Schanno, Glenn V. Thompson, Richard Thompson, Leighton Waters, Percy L. Armstrong, Troy Beaver, Zelbert L. Braly, Arthur M. Brown, Oliver O. Carlson, John E. Damewood, John A. Dudrey, Ole W. Grubb, Carey Harkness, Glenn L. Hill, George W. Kanoff and Arthur Kentner. From Civilian Personnel Branch are Corrine Betcher, Alice W. Bonnemort, Edna J. Coulter, Margaret Treon, Phyllis Webb and Norma Powell of the signal branch. Maxine L. Frisbey and John G. Jones of the Schools branch.

Quartermaster branch: Ardis W. Grunditz and Rosalind A. Manny; special service, Alma E. Halvorson and Clarine Van Grondelle. Professional: Mary E. Gignac and Margaret Walter. Ordnance: Ralph D. Maddox and Harold Tucker. Margaret T. Nadeau, adjutant's branch. Mary E. Mathews of the Dental branch and Dave L. Andrews of maintenance. Frances S. Sparks, purchase and contract; Charles F. Thompson, security; Leonard Henderson, operation and John Jensen, special training.

Alex Campanis, formerly of the Brooklyn Dodgers and now of the Navy, is gunning for a Chief Petty Officer's stripes. He's now attending a Naval physical fitness school at Camp Peary, Va. and if he completes his schooling successfully he'll become an instructor with the top noncommissioned rating.

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Post Signal Photo Lab. A USO Junior Hostess and Camp Abbot soldier are shown collaborating on a Christmas tree project at the USO in Bend last week. Other soldiers decorating the tree suggested the young lady be placed on the upper branches as a permanent fixture.

Formidable Ring Warrior Now Medic Soldier Here

By Pvt. Max Katz
Med. Detachment

Sergeant Steve Millen of the Station Hospital is one of the real fighting Medics. For not only has Sergeant Millen put in over 17 years in the regular army but his record boasts over 330 bouts in the squared ring. Millen in his time has faced them all including Jack Dempsey, Ace Hudkins, Maxie Rosenbloom, Jack Johnson and Leo Lomski.

He holds victories over the famed Cecil Harper, Garfield Johnson and other ranking middleweights and light-heavyweights of his time. Surprisingly enough, Millen admits being decided a couple of times by such clever campaigners as Billy Griffiths and Cliff Remies, but he stoutly maintains he could have taken them if he could ever catch those famed dancing masters.

Millen, who fought under the name Fighting Steve Mullins or sometimes Moon Mullins, had his last fight in 1931 when he tangled with the formidable Bearcat Baker for the heavyweight championship of the Northwest, although Millen scarcely came up to the light-heavy tonnage. In spite of the edge in weight, the best Baker, a 193 pound Negro, could do was hold Millen to an unpopular draw.

Sergeant Millen's service rec-

ord is almost as formidable as his ring record. His blouse shows five hash marks earned by 17 years of service in the Regular Army. He has served with the famed 248th Coast Artillery, in the 10th Field Artillery, the Tank Destroyers and is now with the Medical Corps. His service was at Fort Worden, Fort Lewis, the Presidio of Monterey, Camp Haan, and Camp Abbot.

Millen did a lot of fighting at Fort Lewis, and together with the other pugs in his outfit, cleaned up all competition. Millen was sent out on special athletic duty to take on opponents in California.

Sergeant Millen is a rugged, fit, iron-gray soldier with only a slightly cauliflowered ear to show of his ring wars. When asked what his greatest thrill was, Millen surprised all who had expected a lurid tale of the ring. "Soldier, my greatest thrill was when General McCoach shook my hand and gave me the Good-Conduct Medal."

Lt. Tom Harmon, ex-Michigan gridiron great who was rescued by Chinese guerrillas after being shot down by Jap Zeros last month sent this telegram to his parents back home in Ann Arbor, Mich.: "Arrived safe and sound. Don't worry. Everything in perfect shape."

Patients Believe In Santa After Gala Yule Party

Patients at Station Hospital never again will say there is no Santa Claus—and they have abundant proof to back up their belief. Each patient was fairly loaded down with gifts following the Christmas party last night.

For patients who were able to get around, there was a big Christmas party in the auditorium of the Red Cross recreation building where a large, brilliantly-lighted Christmas tree sparkled in the glow of many colored lights. In every ward, a smaller tree, equally as attractive, brought Yuletide cheer to many soldiers away from home on Christmas for the first time. Members of Bend Junior Hostesses were on hand to help with the entertainment in the recreation hall, and in serving refreshments.

Each patient received a package from the Red Cross which contained playing cards, box of games, handkerchiefs, books, toothbrush, soap, razor blades and cigarettes. In addition, they received a ditty bag, prepared by the wives of Camp Abbot officers which contained book, puzzle, soap, handkerchief, stationery, razor blades, playing cards, chewing gum, pencil and candy.

An attractive feature of the recreational hall party was the puppet performance, under the direction of Lt. Tilden, of the Army Nurse Corps. The puppets, operated by strings gave a performance depicting a Christmas scene. As an encore the puppet show introduced "The Wolf" a familiar cartoon figure appearing each week in the Abbot Engineer.

Tonight 20 carolers from the First Baptist church in Bend will serenade the patients and tomorrow special Christmas music will be furnished by a group of carolers under the direction of Mrs. Aubrey H. Bond, wife of the commanding officer of the 11th ERTC Group.

The hospital Christmas festivities are under the direction of the Red Cross recreation department. A New Year's party will be a feature next week, according to Miss Olive Greaves, senior recreation worker.

Kapers Cast Has Staying Power

"Khaki Kapers," regular weekly feature of the Service Club, went into its third run last Friday night with virtually the same cast it had the preceding week with Cpl. Agho Tiemann's ERTC orchestra providing the musical backdrop instead of the Camp Abbot Dance band.

Featured in the vocal department were Cpl. Fern Shepherd of Wac Co., and Pvt. George

Kruto, formerly of the Chicago Civic Opera. Pvt. Buddy Hyde, former Hollywood emcee, was master of ceremonies for the second time, and Cpl. William Hesse of the Medical Detachment gave his impression of a conversation with a drunk.

Among the acts scheduled for tonight's edition of the show was an impersonation of Carmen Miranda by Aux. Agnes Sonnenfelt of the WAC Company.

Hundreds Attend Club's Christmas Party for 'Kids'

The Service Club here had the second largest crowd in its history yesterday when hundreds of soldiers, civilians and children attended a Christmas party for children of service men and civilian employes of the post. Attendance was surpassed only when the post was dedicated, September 2.

Included in the Christmas program were concerts by the Camp Abbot band and dance orchestra, a brief talk by Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander; the distribution of gifts to children by "Santa Claus" and a carol program in which the entire assembly participated.

Master of ceremonies was Chaplain Norman M. Goldberg of the Chaplains' branch, sponsoring organization. The band was directed by Warrant Officer Charles S. Spalding and the orchestra by S/Sgt. Jack Hayes. Leaders of the song program were Mrs. Aubrey H. Bond, wife of Col. Bond, commander of the 11th Engineer Training Group; Lt. Robert Herring and Lt. Helen Martin, both of the Special Service Office. Pvt. Paul Anderson, chaplain's assistant, was "Santa Claus."

Post's Yuletide Broadcast Topic

Christmas activities at Camp Abbot were outlined in "Camp Abbot on Parade," regular weekly radio feature over KBND in Bend Wednesday night.

Speakers on the program were Lt. V. G. Henderson, Special Service Officer and Mrs. Henderson, Miss Lorraine Anderson, assistant Red Cross field director for the Station Hospital; Sgt. James Gilbert of the Camp Abbot band and Cpl. Richard Shearin of the Public Relations Office.

The script was prepared by Pvt. Seymour Goldston, narrator for the program.

Hi Bithorn, big righthander who won 18 games for the Chicago Cubs last year, has been assigned to the Naval Air Station in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Bithorn, a native Puerto Rican, was inducted last month.

Male Call

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

Tasty Dish On The T/O

