

Vincent Opens Portrait Studio

The Camp Abbot Portrait Studio was moved Monday to a new location in the Post Photographer's Studio in Building 234, between the theatre and the Post Office, and now is under the supervision of Dale Vincent, publisher of Camp Abbot's pictorial, Panoram.

Staff of the studio has been enlarged, and soldiers can expect rapid service on their photographic needs, Mr. Vincent said. Hours for the new unit are from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily, including Sundays.

The Portrait Studio formerly was located behind the Officers' Exchange and operated separately from Mr. Vincent's unit.

Notes From B - 52

By Pvt. Alfred M. Lutinski

SUCCESS STORY

I had tried several times but failed. There had always been some alibi—my youth or perhaps my appearance or even my financial status. Nevertheless, the time had come. I was determined there would be no nonsense.

Elbowing my way through dozens of applicants, passing private secretaries, I headed directly into the spacious office of the big executive.

"Now look here," I began, speaking forcefully, brushing aside all protests. . .

Ten minutes later I marched out, smiling scornfully at the waiting mob. Success. At last, I was finally drafted!

A grand time was had by all at the B-52nd party. Plenty of good music, entertainment and refreshments were available. Music was supplied by members of this camp.

Privates Wills, Karnow and White took the spotlight in the entertaining field with their Hitler and Goering act. A tremendous applause followed their sketch, proving the best entertainment can be found in our midst.

Why pay high prices for movies and shows when we have parties with great men like Cpl. Stocklin, Pvts. Cherry, Maxwell and DeVaney in our company?

Negro Soldier's Part in Wars Related in New Film

The history of Negro Americans in this and previous wars will be the subject of the latest Army orientation movie produced by the Signal Corps. The film, entitled "The Negro Soldier" was directed by Col. Frank Capra, ex-Hollywood topnotch director, will soon be shown to soldiers as a stimulus to racial good will.

Pass The ENGINEER To Another Abbotman—He'll Appreciate It.

LATEST IN BRIDGES



This span, the latest development in "bridgework" at the Engineer Replacement Training Center here, is a combination of the 25-ton ponton bridge and the English Bailey bridge. A result of research conducted at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Va., the new unit has a load capacity of 45 tons and can be used over side streams with less difficulty than other models. Sections are assembled near the shore and floated into position.

Homestead Land Open to Vets

More than 50 million acres of land in 25 states and Alaska are available to servicemen willing to live on a tract of land for a year after they're completed terms of service, according to the provisions of a seldom-mentioned Homestead Act.

While civilians also are eligible for this grant, servicemen stand to profit most because their service automatically cancels two of the three years residence required by the act. Disabled veterans have the residence requirement waved altogether.

The procedure is not difficult, costing only about \$14 in fees, and a homesteader can get as much as 80 acres. The land must be "unreserved and unappropriated" and must be improved, which consists of cultivating not less than one-eighth of the tract after three years and building a habitable house after five years.

Around the Clock With B - 51

By Pvt. F. Patrick Ryan

GREETINGS: Have you heard this one before?—This is Pvt. F. Patrick Ryan—Reporting the strident magnificence of B-51—the Company that received the highest score in the battalion in both, technical and tactical tests, to say nothing of the two coveted plaques which now adorn the walls of our Mess Hall. Nice going men; let us, however, give credit where credit is due. Had it not been for the untiring efforts of our Officers and Cadre, we could not have accomplished this feat. Thanks again for coaching us G. I.'s through this six week storm.

Corporal Jennings, who was slated to leave for training as an aviation cadet, claims his future flew over him when his orders were changed. But he's consoled by the fact that Rommel the desert fox could not fly either. This happens to be the corporal's pet nickname. Sergeant Wynne (John Jr.) is wailing and moaning on account of no mail from home, a disturbing factor. It must be tough to be a newly wed. Corporal (Pullman) Post, who warbles "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" in the latrine, claims to be a combination Bing Sinatra. And last but not least, this writer would appreciate choice morsels of news, come on fellows, let's build this column up.

Topeka, Kans. (CNS)—A woman pedestrian started to cross an icy street. She slipped, fell, was struck by two cars and crawled the rest of the way. When she reached the other side she arose, brushed her clothing—and walked away unhurt.

Washington (CNS)—Charles Meyers, of Baltimore, an overnight visitor, couldn't find a room in overcrowded Washington. So he spent the night in a Japanese cherry tree.

Allotments Pass 2 Million Mark

Class E allotment-of-pay accounts for the Army have passed the two million mark on the books of the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits, it was announced this week by Brig. Gen. N. H. Gilbert, USA, Director. A total of 2,032,031 allotment-of-pay accounts are now in effect.

Authorizations for allotments-of-pay continue to pour into the ODB at the rate of 10,000 a day, with as many as 15,674 received in a single day. To date, the agency has mailed more than 14,814,744 allotment-of-pay checks totaling over a billion dollars.

Allotments-of-pay are assignments entirely from the Army men's and women's pay, General Gilbert stated. Most of them are sent for the support of their families or other dependent relatives.

Members of the Wacs have authorized more than 3,144 allotments-of-pay since September 1943, when they became part of the Army.

Army wives and other dependents of Army men and women, with a single exception, need not pay income tax on family allowances or Class E allotments-of-pay, General Gilbert said. Possible exception is the divorced wife who is receiving a family allowance or an allotment-of-pay in payment of alimony," the Director explained. "Such dependents should consult their local Internal Revenue Office for a specific ruling in their cases."

Personal Affairs Unit Organized

The War Department recently announced that an army-wide service designed to expedite the solving of personal problems of the individual soldier or his dependents, or the dependents of men or women who have died in the Service, was being established, and that the name of the organization was the Personal Affairs Division. The new service, which also is extended to honorably discharged soldiers and their dependents, is organized at Camp Abbot as the Personal Affairs Branch.

This Branch, which might be called a "clearing house" for all personal problems, will, in the execution of its mission, maintain close liaison with all army, governmental, state, and private agencies and activities. Any problem presented by any eligible person will be properly channeled through the Veterans' Administration, the American Red Cross, the Judge Advocate, Army Emergency Relief, Office of Dependency Benefits, the United States Employment Service, Legal Aid Societies, and other activities and agencies involved. The services of the Branch established at Camp Abbot will be additional duties performed by responsible officers concerned.

Lt. Colonel Russell D. Turrill, Director of Personnel, has been designated as Chief of the Personal Affairs Branch.

New Medal Open To Ground Forces

Aimed at boosting the morale of dogfaces who have been wondering where the airmen get all the medals is a new Bronze Star. The only place it cannot be won is in an airplane; it takes precedence over both the Air Medal and the Purple Heart and can be awarded to anyone in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard for meritorious service. Airmen may win the Bronze Star, but not in the air.

The ribbon, which will serve until after the war, is red, with a vertical blue stripe in the center. Ends of both the blue stripe and the ribbon are piped in white.

Number of Popular Books Added to Library Shelves

Addition of a number of popular, recently-published books to the shelves of the Post library was announced by Miss Caroline Paddock, librarian, this week. Included on the list are "Weeping Wood" by Baum, "Survival" by Bottome, "Avalanche" by Boyle, "I Am Thinking of My Darling" by McHugh, "Duel in the Sun" by Niven, "Flint" by Norris, "Yankee Lawyer" by Train and "Army Brat" by Wadleton in the fiction class and "Such Interesting People" by Casey, "Kaiser Wakes the Doctors" by DeKruif, "On Being a Real Person" by Fosdick, "Behind the Steel Wall" by Freborg, "Excuse My Dust" by Partridge, "Persons and Places" by Santayana, "Germany Will Try It Again" by Schultz and "Lend-Lease" by Stettinius in the non-fiction category.

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Male Call

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



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