ACROPOLIS HILL SERVICE CLUB PLAYED LEADING PART IN G.I. ACTIVITIES AT PRINCE RUPERT

Marvel Parriott, Red Cross Hostess, Did Great Job Since Arrival Here

By Cpl. Howard Sadler

The Acropolis Hill Service Club, formerly the Red Cross Service Club, has been in existence since November 10, 1943, when Miss Marvel Parriott, the Red Cross hostess, first arrived here from Seattle. Be- on the hill consisting of a musifore Marvel, as she is known by the GI's and by many of the citizens of Prince Rupert, arrived here, the Service Club building had been a mess hall at one end and the Officers' Club was at

the other end. Upon Marvel's arrival she began to make the club into what it is today. The furniture was still crated and the interior of the building was a far cry from what it is today, but with her ingenuity and her homemaking instinct she made the building into a home overseas for the men of the American Army.

The nicely Turnished club now consists of a large living-room was formerly the Post Library furnished with many chesterfields, easy chairs, floor lamps, men who prefer seclusion from coffee tables and a piano which gives an atmosphere of home for the men. There is also a game room where there are two table and at the extreme end pool tables and a ping-pong club which deals with aiding the of the game room is the club's snack bar where coffee and sandwiches are served every evening. Adjacent to the large liv- Many Activities ing-room and game room is the For Leisure Hours large cabinet radio with a rec- for the leisure hours of the men during their assignment here:

lied victory.

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ord-playing attachment and collection of over 200 popular and semi-classical records. There are also tables for games and letter writing with comfortable chairs placed about the room. On the walls of the music room Marvel has a collection of photographs of the many men who have become regular visitors of the club during their assignment at this station.

Behind the snack bar in what now is the reading room for the the rest of the club. Adjoining the reading room is the Red Cross office where Mr. Murphy, the club director, handles the administrative portion of the personnel of the command personal matters.

Signets of the American Army, Navy

and Coast Guard, familiar and wel-

come in Prince Rupert these last few

years, are the emblems of the forces

which contributed mightily toward Al-

We have been privileged to look on

them as our real friends.

EMBLEMS OF VICTORY and COURAGE

JOHN BULGER

Jeweller

Services Which Kept G.I.'s Happy at Prince Ruper

Lutheran Church Centre Popular

St. Paul's Lutheran Church social parlor was one of the smaller but most popular resorts for the G.I.'s in Prince Rupert. There, under comfortable and homelike surroundings, many happy leisure hours were spent by the American servicemen. Kitchen privileges were available and many a meal was cooked by the boys for themselves and there was a lot of fun doing it.

cal appreciation hour held every week, a picnic every Sunday when two truck loads of men and their dates embark for the cabin secured by the Red Cross for the summer outings; the GI Roundtable is held every Monday evening when important world topics are discussed. Last winter the club sponsored date dances for the men of the camp and their dates which proved to be very popular.

The club also has a darkroom for the men who have made photography their hobby. For the men who like to work with their hands there is a wellequipped craft room where many clever objects have been created during the past year.

The kitchen of the club is turned over to the men every Saturday night. On this particular night the club furnishes ham and eggs with coffee and the men are at liberty to cook for themselves. This and other gestures on the part of the club have been greatly appreciated by the men by making their music room which contains a The club has many activities leisure hours more enjoyable

Prince Rupert



HIGHLIGHT OF SOLDIER'S DAY-Mail-call is the highlight of a soldier's day. Here mail is being distributed to members of the 139rd Q.M. Truck Company, a unit which left the port several months ago. The advertising on the back of the coveralls is typical of GI humor.

Fair Sex of Port Guarded By Strands of Barbed Wire

Behind eight strands of barbed wire, and a guarded gate lies the "Last Resort." Just why it is called that is a point argument but there is no argument about the fact that the 100 ivilian women employees of the shown to themesives and others that 100 women can live together and be more or less happy about the whole thing!

Overlooking the harbor the ing was put into use as women's is today the post library. Later, originally, intended to use the signed and standard pews seatbuilding as officer's quarters.

The girls live in small comman's touch" and are now very of the Acropolis Hill Chapel. homey and comfortable.

On the main floor of the building lies the mess-hall, reception room, and laundry. The laundry is specially fitted with tubs, two electric washers, and a drying room with an electric

Adjacent to the building the Civilian Women's Club. Under the direction of Lillian Shen ard, president, the club hold many colorful affairs which helto highlight the social lives o the women civilian employees of the port.

EDUCATING GI'S HERE

Information-Education Branch Had Proud Record Here

By S/Sgt. Bob Elston

One of the newer branches of the Sub-Port, the Information-Education Branch nevertheless established a proud record during its short life here. Popularly termed the "I & E" Branch, the newest innovation of the Army was activated at this port on November 3, 1944, upon the arrival of Lt. F. S. Otis, of Earlville, Iowa. Captain Otis brought with him a host of fresh ideas of how enrolled in correspondence to help the men both in acquiring new learning along lines which would be beneficial to them in future vocational pursuits and in understanding the Army of which he was a part. and the energy which motivated the initial successes has not since diminished.

The initial off-duty class was one in public speaking. This class got the educational ball rolling and other and varied courses were quick to get under way. These included farm management, typing, business arithmetic, shorthand, bookkeeping and accounting, English grammar, French, blueprint reading, and radio announcing.

A hasty glance at the record shows the following achievements recorded by the I & E branch during its brief span of existence:

The number of students participating in off-duty classes

Chaplains Busy Men By Corporal Tom Maloney

Chaplain's Assistant

A common piece of advice to the griping American soldier is the oft-imparted "Go see the chaplain." The sageness of this advice, often given in fun, is however, attested by the privileged and enviable position the Sub-Port who live within have chaplain holds in the American Early in the history of the

Sub-Port, the Port Commander set aside a building for the conduct of divine worship. At first huge two-storey T-shaped build- the building assigned was what quarters two years ago when proving inadequate, a larger housing facilities on Acropolis building known today as the Hill became overcrowded. It was Acropolis Hill Chapel was asing 250 were installed. At Port Edward, owing to the

partments consisting of two bed- thousands of soldiers passing rooms and a sitting room. These through to and from Alaska, a compartments are reached from standard mobilization chapel, the central part of the building known as a GI chapel, seating by long glassed-in balconies. 400, was built. Included in the Many of the bare rooms, which standard appointments of the were formerly furnished with | Port Edward Chapel is a Minnothing more than two army shall electric organ while a fold- are the Army and Navy Hymcots, have been given the "wo- | ng field organ serves the needs

Catholics and Protestants and pert Defence Area. on Friday evenings for those of the Jewish faith. During the American Army's stay in Prince Rupert, the Jewish services conducted in the GI chapels were the only ones of that faith in the area and personnel of the Canadian services participated along with Jewish civilians. Pfc. Harry Hirshhorn usually conducts these services. Chaplain John J. Fleming conducts the Catholic services while chaplain Rebinson conducts the Protestant services, the latter recently replacing Chaplain W. D. Rowlands who long served here.

For the efficient service of the chaplains, one of whom is assigned for approximately every 1200 men, the Army provides each chaplain with a field desk, portable typewriter and a folding organ. Moreover an enlisted man is assigned to each chaplain as his clerk, driver, organist and general aide for official

Not the least useful of the equipment given to each chapel nals, 200 of which are assigned to each chapel. The books are Religious services are held in divided into sections for the resboth chapels on Sundays and pective uses of the personnel of



POPULAR DANCE BAND—"The Four Dukes," a small band with a large amount of music. Playing regular engagements at the Corporals', Sergeants' and Officers' clubs on the Acropolis Hill are (left to right) Cortland Grant, pianist, Tony Cino, Electric guitar, Bob Sanders, drums, and Bonnie Sprinkle, saxaphone.

reached nearly 200 by the first | weekly printed edition of the

More than 300 soldiers had courses of every description of aired over CFPR came from the

This institute makes available

The branch, in addition to the Howard Sadler.

Acropolis News, was publishing the only GI 4-page daily paper in the Northwest.

Many of the radio programs fered by the U.S. Armed Forces Armed Forces Radio Service, a department of I & E.

Key personnel of this new courses from the leading col- branch of the Sub-Port include An auspicious start was made leges and universities across the Sgt. Walt Montgomerie, Sgt. Bill Klemm, Sgt. Ed. Bailey and Cpl.

To The Americans In Prince Rupert..

In the more than three years you have been among us firm friendships have been formed. It is our hope that the coming years will further strengthen those ties.

Prince Rupert

SOPHISTICATES' SWEET MUSIC

Provided Tunesome Swing for Acropolis Hill Parties

For more than a year "The Sophisticates" have been providing the music for the majority of dancing parties held on Acropolis Hill.

With Sgt. Johnny Stroessler as band-leader, the band works as a 12-piece unit with alternates for various instruments and engagements. Their music is of the "smooth" style with each 000 pounds of all classes of m musician playing two or more different instruments, the unit APO. The regular staff of containing three vocalists and four arrangers within itself.

taken from their theme song, rand, Cpl. Bob Cox, Cpl. "Sophisticated Swing." Many of Haywood, Pfc. Kenny Ryan, the musicians formerly played Pfc. Charles Perry. in "big-name" bands like Eddie Duchin, Vincent Lopez, and States has improved gr Meyer Davis. Original composi- over the early days when it t tions and special novelty num- three days and more for a bers by members of the orches- ter to reach Seattle. Now, of tra, and Bob Wybrow of the going mail is taken by shu Canadian Army, have gained to Annette Island and t them great popularity in this flown by Army aircraft to 8

Weekly engagements on Acro- less than 18-hours. polis Hill for the "Sophisticates" includes the Sergeants' Club, mail of the Sub-Port the Corporals' Club and Officers' handles the transhipment Club. The band also plays many mail destined for the Sta engagements in the Prince Ru. Area at Port Edward, and m

Mail Call Big Thing

Mail Call in the Army is thing and the Army Post Of of the Sub-Port does a big by ness. Under the supervision Lt. Fayiz A. Kerbawy, eight mer postal employees hap more than 40,000 pounds of m and sell hundreds of thousar of dollars in money orders

During the Christmas p period last year more than 3 was cleared through the post office includes, S/Sgt. C ence Baker, Sgt. Henry Bar The name, "Sophisticates" was Sgt. John Beam, Cpl. Joe B

Mail service to the Uni tle, the entire movement tak

In addition to handling all Alaskan stations.

It Has Been Our Pleasure

during the past three years to serve many American soldiers and coastguardsmen.

For the job they have done, we say

"Thanks"

In the years of peace we sincerely hope that they will see fit to return to Prince Rupert as vacationists.

Oyster Bar Cafe

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Every true Cana

dian honors un mighty job you have done on the battlefields.. a n supply lines of the world.

In Prince Rupert we are glad to have been and to offer you a base of operations. We hope to see you again as civilians.

Fine Boots and Shoes

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THE EAGLE AND THE BEAVER Have Much in Common Perhaps nowhere on this continent has there been a more cordial mingling of Canadians and Americans during the war years than in Prince Rupert. We hope that in the future you and your friends will return from year to year to enjoy our incomparable vacation land. KAIEN HARDWARE

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