



I & E ARC LOSE MEMBERS

The entire personnel of the Twelfth, as well as the Information and Education Section, shall feel, both directly and indirectly, the transfer of Lt Charles H. Nichols, who was the I & E Officer until Thursday, 28 June, when he was relieved from duty and transferred to the 103rd Station Hospital. Although many will not miss his personality and capacity for work immediately, sooner or later all will realize his absence.

While at the 12th, Lt Nichols operated the Information and Education Office in a well-regulated manner and supervised the establishment of the 12th Unit School, which is perhaps his greatest achievement. The men who today are taking advantage of this school are fully aware of the contribution which Lt Nichols made towards their goals.

LT ELLSEY REPLACES LT NICHOLS AS

I. & E OFFICER OF 12th.

Lt H. I. Ellzey, Special Service Officer, has replaced Lt Nichols as I & E Officer of the 12th, having assumed responsibilities as such on Thursday, 28 June. The role of I & E Officer is not entirely foreign to Lt Ellzey, for at one time he and Lt Nichols worked together as I&E and Special Service.

Yesterday eleven men from the 12th were placed on Detached Service so that they might attend the GI Study Center at Florence. These men will study courses at a college level for a period of four weeks in various fields.

Selections were made on the basis of AEP questionnaires filled out some weeks ago and the ability of the men to meet certain requirements. Many men have expressed the desire to attend the Study Center, but they failed to answer properly their questionnaires.

The eleven men attending the Center are; T/Sgt Swartz, S/Sgt Friedman, T/4 Clements, T/4 Malovany, T/4 Rosenbaum, Cpl Glasgow, Pfc Adams, Pfc Cressey, Pfc Dawson, Pvt Protin.

MISS POWERS OF ARC TO RETURN TO STATES

Miss Powers, who has been on the ARC staff of the 12th approximately one year, will leave within the next few days to return to the United States. At present she is completing her preparations for the trip, which no doubt will be an enjoyable one.

Miss Powers, who hails from Paris, Missouri, came overseas in May 1943 and joined the staff of the 12th in June 1944. During her stay at the 12th, Miss Powers contributed greatly towards the betterment of the services

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MISS POWERS (Cont'd from Page 1)-----
and facilities of the Red Cross, and many patients have had a more pleasing convalescence as a result of her work and thoughtfulness.

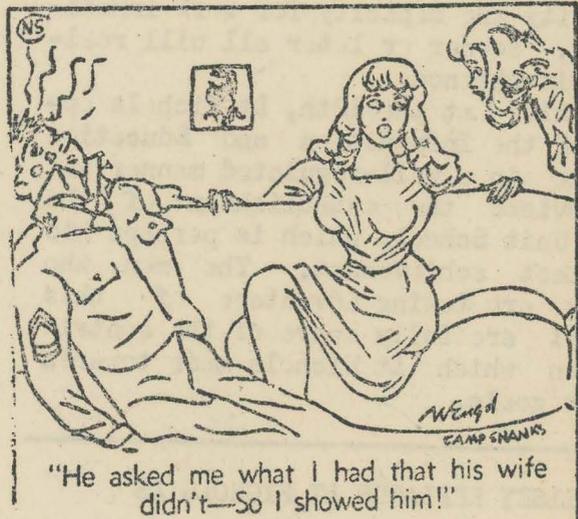
The departure of Miss Powers will be a loss to the hospital which every individual in the unit shall realize.

There is no doubt in the mind of any man in the 12th that one of the most widely-known 'characters' in the Detachment is one whose last name, although unknown, should be 'goldbrick', for he does nothing except eat, sleep, play, and hold the morale of the men at a high level. His antics are a source of constant humor, and his personality has touched upon every man in the area.

He is comparatively small in stature and light in weight and years, and his face, although not the most becoming in existence, has a touch of friendliness which cannot be surpassed by any or all. His personality is such that he seldom raises his voice in a tone of anger, but when he does the largest as well as the smallest trembles with fear.

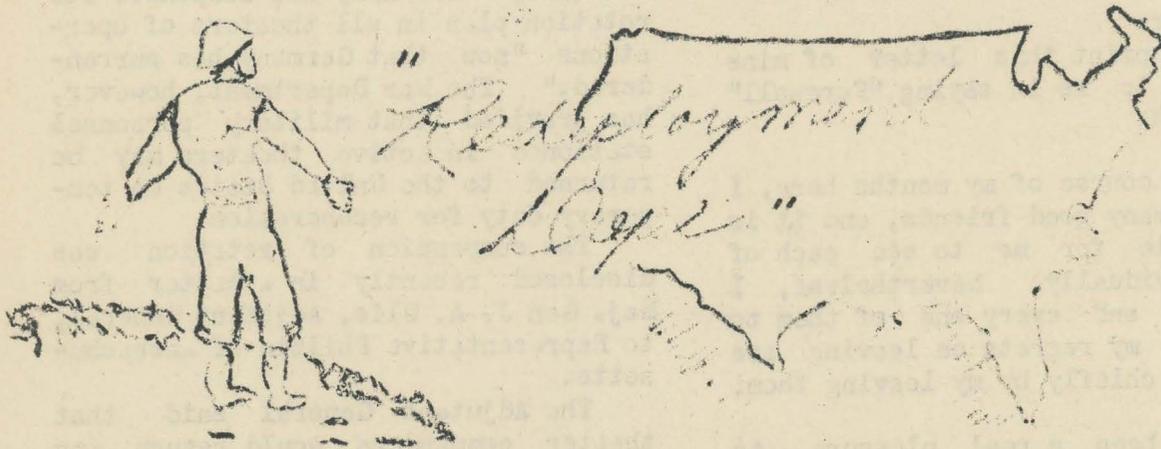
Although he is a newcomer to the Detachment, having arrived only seven weeks ago, he is as widely-known as any 'old man'. His arrival at the 12th from Lucca caused a great loss and gain---Lucca lost, and the 12th gained. It is rumored that a certain Sgt, T/4 Wycalin, lost \$20 when he made his appearance here, but now it the opinion of everyone that nothing was lost.

If by any chance anyone desires to have a man-to-dog talk with this cele-



brated character, they will find him in the immediate vicinity of the Detachment Mess Hall during the day, and in the evening he is causing havoc in a pantomimic manner at the softball games.

"Louie" will not be forgotten easily by the men of the 12th General.



WIVES OF MEN IN OCCUPATION FORCE TO JOIN THEM WHEN CONDITIONS PERMIT.

(ANS)--The War Department promised recently to allow families and fiancées of servicemen in occupied Europe to join them "when conditions permit."

In a letter to Rep. Margaret Chase Smith, Republican of Maine, John W. Martyn, administrative assistant to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, said:

"You may be confident that the War Department is fully aware of the desirability of dependents and fiancées proceeding to Europe and will certainly relax the present restrictions when conditions permit."

Mrs. Smith, in a previous letter, had suggested that wives be permitted to join husbands who were assigned for an indefinite stay or a period of one year or more. She said her proposal would include fiancées who would go to Europe for the purpose of marrying and remaining with their husbands.

The Representative said her proposal was promoted "by my desire to prevent further disintegration of the American home and the American family life. The absence of these men has already placed a severe strain upon the preservation of American ideals," she added.

SOLDIERS' DEPOSITS TO PAY OFF!

(ANS)---Husbands this year don't have to be handsome, nor do they have to be romantic, according to a survey made among University of Wyoming coeds. A dollar in your pocket--or a potential dollar because of your ambition--is far more important than a good profile, the girls say.

If a fellow has a bit of intelligence and can provide a reasonable amount of security, then the girls will not mind much if he happens to have big ears, or isn't particularly impressed by a nice moon.--

Besides security, the coeds prefer intelligence to charm, economic stability to personality, ambition to handsomeness and mutual interests to affection.



As a scientific fighter, the Jap can't measure up to the German. But his fanaticism compensates for many shortcomings. After you lick him tactically, you often spend weeks and months rooting him out and killing him.

ROTATION PLAN DISCONTINUED BY ARMY

(AMS)---The Army has suspended its rotation plan in all theaters of operations "now that Germany has surrendered." The War Department, however, has provided that military personnel stationed in active theaters may be returned to the United States on temporary duty for recuperation.

The suspension of rotation was disclosed recently in a letter from Maj. Gen J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General, to Representative Philbin of Massachusetts.

The Adjutant General said that theater commanders would return any individual they can spare for 45-day visits at home plus the travel time involved. He added:

"The selection of the men to be returned is entirely within the discretion of the commanders who alone are in a position to determine the status of the soldiers concerned."

Dear Editor:

Please print this letter of mine as an aid to me in saying "Farewell" to the 12th.

In the course of my months here, I have made many good friends, and it is not possible for me to see each of them individually. Nevertheless, I want each and every one of them to know that my regrets on leaving are occasioned chiefly by my leaving them.

It has been a real pleasure to know all of you, and I hope our paths may soon cross again----- not in CBI, but in the old familiar surroundings of the States!

Goodbye, literally, Goodbye!
Charles H. Nichols

Dear Editor:

I have been reading "Medi-Call" since the paper was first published, and throughout this time I have noticed something which the paper seems to have lacked for quite a few issues. This something is humor!

I think the paper would be a greater success if you cultivated a taste for things on the lighter side of life. People hear and see enough of the serious side, and they are certainly not looking for life in "Medi-Call".

You can't compete with the "Times"
A DISGUSTED READER



MALE CALL

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

PROTECTIVE COLORATIO



CONVALESCENT SWIMMING PART OF

THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT IN STATES

FACTS AND FIGURES ON WAR

SHIPPING TO EUROPE

(ANS)---The war at sea cost the United States 1,554 merchant ships up to V-E Day and a total of 5,579 crewmen dead or missing, while the Army lost 3,604 soldiers drowned in troop movements against Italy and Germany, it was disclosed in Washington recently.

Against these sobering figures, however, Americans were told recently that their shipbuilders constructed more than seven tons of cargo shipping for every ton lost to the Axis. In addition, the Army's safety record for its men was described officially as nearly twice as good as that of World War I.

The Maritime Commission said that the 1,554 vessels lost flying the United States' flag aggregated 6,277,077 deadweight tons. They fell prey to submarines, enemy mines or planes and wartime navigation hazards from 1 Sept 1939 to last May 8th.

Far outweighing this, were deliveries of 5,016 ships totaling 48,674,000 deadweight tons, built in the three years 1942, '43 and '44.

Estimating that the 4,453,061 troops embarked from this country made an additional trip at sea between theaters, Maj. Gen. C. R. Gross, chief of Army Transportation said the losses suffered by the Army amounted to only four out of every 10,000 as against 7 1/2 soldiers of every 10,000 in World War I. In the first World War, 2,008,931 troops were moved to France.

As he strolled along,
As he sang a song,
With an independent air,
You could hear the girls declare,
There goes a millionaire.
PLACE YOUR MONEY IN SOLDIERS' DEPOSIT
NOW!

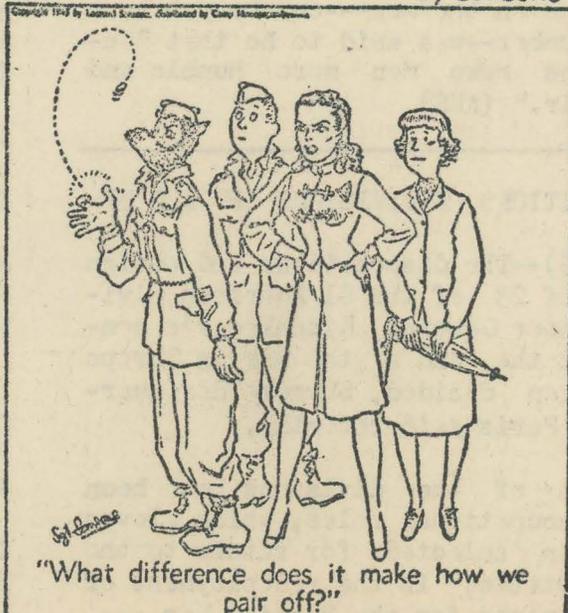
Thousands of war casualties undergoing therapeutic treatment at military hospitals in the United States soon will benefit from a new type of swimming instruction scientifically devised to meet their individual needs the American Red Cross said recently.

The announcement stated that "convalescent swimming" is well beyond the experimental stage and soon will be in use in every one of the 12 convalescent hospitals of the Army Air Forces, as well as in other hospitals.

The new course is described as "an adaption of the physical and recreational values of swimming to the reconditioning of physical and mental disability cases." Results already achieved in cases ranging from combat fatigue to permanent disability are sufficiently encouraging, it was said, to warrant extension of the program to military convalescent hospitals in the entire country.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



EX-GIs MAKE GOOD STUDENTS!

Veterans who have gone back to school are more acute and serious as students than the average, according to detailed studies of the records of more than 100 seriously disabled war veterans attending the American University in Washington.

At the same time, the studies indicated that age, marital status and physical handicaps made little difference in the individual capacity of a man to do his scholastic work.

The highlights of the survey included the following disclosures:

In classes where the median age is 29, and students range from 20 years of age to 43, "the age spread creates no serious problem."

"The men have developed," the report stated, "a genuine concern for the development of one another."

The influence of marital life on students, the report added, "has not been noticeable." Wives have taken a substantial interest in their husbands' progress.

The only noticeable effect of decorations on the men---and many have a large number---was said to be that "decorations make men more humble and more fair." (ANS)

DISPOSITIONS OF DIVISIONS SPEEDED UP

(ANS)--The dispositions and assignments of 23 of the 61 American divisions under General Eisenhower's command at the end of the war in Europe have been decided, Supreme Headquarters in Paris said recently.

Nine of the divisions have been given occupational roles, while eleven have been selected for return to the United States, in the redeployment of combat troops for the Pacific War.---

MRS. BARRET HAS A PARROT

Mrs. Barret has a parrot
And she keeps her in the garret,
For the parrot has a very nasty beak.
She can swear by every god
Like a sergeant at his squad,
Without respect of persons,
So to speak.

Now Mrs. Barret on the whole
Is a very pious soul,
Says her prayers, goes to church,
has never sinned;
But the neighbors just the same
Say the bird is not to blame,
For she didn't get her language
from the wind.

So Mrs. Barret in a rage
Stood before the cage
Denouncing her in every mood and
tense;
And Polly up and swore
She'd never utter more--
A single word or phrase to give
offense.

"But Mrs. Barret, dear,"
The parrot's voice was clear,
"Permit me, please, to say a
final word--
When I was in the trees
A-swayin' with the breeze,
I used to be a very decent bird.

If men would fill the air
Like birds with song, I swear,
This earth would be a peaceful place
to dwell;
And last may I suggest
That folks should try their best
To speak of Heaven more and less of
Hell!"

Mrs. Barret cleared her throat:
"You've struck the proper note!"
And she gave her Polly a cracker and a
carrot.
To save her precious hen
From the awful tongues of men--
Mrs. Barret keeps her parrot in the
garret. CHAPLAIN F. B. RILLY

S P O R T S

PBS BIG-TEN LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB
RED BIRDS	10	0	1.000	--
Boomers	9	2	.818	1½
Bladers	6	2	.750	3
Laundry Reds	7	3	.700	3
Motor Macs	2	6	.250	7
White Hats	1	4	.200	6½
Cobblers	2	8	.200	8
Flying Cats	1	6	.143	7½

LAST SUNDAY'S RESULTS

RED BIRDS 17; White Hats 8.

GAMES TODAY

White Hats at Laundry Reds

Friday July 6

Motor Macs at RED BIRDS.

RED BIRDS MAINTAIN LEAGUE LEAD

Ory Field, 24 June 1945The Red Birds served notice to the rest of the Big-Ten league that they are still the team to beat by swamping the 803rd M. P. White Hats 17 to 8 here this afternoon in a game that was cut to seven innings by agreement so that members of both teams could enjoy a few hours at Pen-Beach.

Ironman Prymicz was once again the Bird hurler and after a shaky start settled down and pitched steady ball.

The Red Birds started out with a bang by scoring four runs in the first inning only to have their head erased in the Hats half of the same inning.

But not to be outdone the flock came back with seven runs in the second to sew up the game.

Prymicz set the M. P. team down in order the next two innings. But he was in trouble when two singles and a walk filled the sacks with no one out. But the little lefty proceeded to

strike out the next two bsters before the third man singled to right on a two and two pitch for two runs.

In the meantime the locals scored single runs in the third, fourth, and fifth to increase their lead.

Bill Young, the curve ball artist, pitched the last two innings for the Red Birds and was touched for the final two runs in the last inning.

The Birds scored three runs in the last inning just to make the score look more impressive.

Lezarev led the Red Bird attack with four hits in five official trips to the plater.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

TONIGHT.....No Games Scheduled.

MONDAY.....Deadbirds vs Maulers
Mixers vs Stripes

TUESDAY.....Med Serv vs Lab
Mess vs Utilities

WEDNESDAY.....Surg Serv vs 85 Pointers
Medicall vs Stripes

THURSDAY.....No Games Scheduled.

FRIDAY.....Deadbirds vs Lab
Mixers vs Utilities

SATURDAY.....Med Serv vs 85 Pointers
Mess vs Surg Serv

(All games at Central Park, 1800 hours)

DO YOU KNOW BASEBALL?

When the count is three and two on the batter, who is in a tighter spot--the BATTER or the PITCHER?

NEWS BRIEFS FROM HOME

San Francisco (ANS)--You can't argue with a soman! When some coolie hats were placed on the block by the postoffice auctioneer, who was disposing of a large accumulation of undeliverable goods, a pretty blond started with, "two dollars." "Three dollars," said a man behind her. The blond bid again. "Five dollars," said the man, and the auctioneer said, "sold." "You.....," rasped the blond as she arose, brought her tightly rolled auction catalogue down on the man's head and stalked out.

Chicago, Ill (ANS)---Now that the spooning season is here, the peeping toms are on the prowl again. Edward Stepek, 31, pleaded guilty of tompeepery, and was let off with a \$15 fine after he promised to leave his binoculars with the police. He was caught spying on a soldier and his girl friend.

Pittsburgh, Pa (ANS)--When Patrolman Victor Grayber appeared before the Police Trial Board, there seemed to be a difference of opinion on the phraseology of the charge. Patrolman Grayber said he had "only a few drinks" and was merely "leaning against a down town doorway." But the Board said he had "more than a few" and charged him with "leaning against a sidewalk."

Hamilton, Mont (ANS)---Five motorists learned that nature in the raw is seldom mild. They were peacefully enjoying Bitter Root Valley's scenic beauty when they were rudely interrupted. A belligerent deer charged their car, smashed a door, bent a fender and fell dead.

12th Gen Hosp, Italy (MC)-From the PRO of the 12th, which is still in full operation, comes this story:

According to the latest 'dope', the 12th is now somewhere on the high seas to an unknown destination.

Inquiring Line

Q. Before induction I took a federal civil service exam. Now I understand that veterans are entitled to a 5 point credit in the federal civil service. When I am discharged, and become a vet, can I get those 5 points added to my score on the exam?

A. Yes, provided the list of eligibles for the job you're trying to get is still in existence.

Q. I am being discharged on that over 40 regulation. Do I get my mustering out pay?

A. Yes.

Q. I am married and have 2 children. If I am killed in action, could my wife who is 28 years old waive my insurance and hold out for a pension?

A. She would be entitled to both. In your case, the pension would be \$78 a month, \$50 for your widow, \$15 for the first child, and \$13 for the 2nd. If you are carrying \$10,000 in insurance, she would also receive monthly checks for \$55.51 for 20 years.

Q. I was inducted in California, although my home is in Ohio. Will I have to go to California to cash in on the GI Bill of Rights?

A. No. The GI Bill of Rights is federal and not state legislation.

Q. Are there any restrictions on the type of business I can borrow money to start under the GI Bill of Rights? I used to be a bartender and would like to open my own bar and grill.

A. There are no restrictions. But you must be able to convince the lending agency that you know the business and have a good chance of success.

Q. When do I get my mustering-out pay?

A. You receive \$100 in cash along with your discharge, \$100 by mail 30 days later, and, in the case of men who have served overseas, \$100 30 days after that.