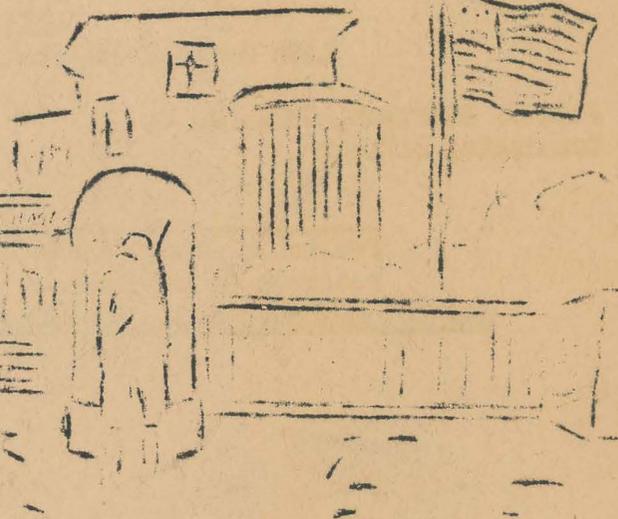




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SALVE ET VALE

A wise man once said, "I am only partly myself. My friends are the rest of me." This expresses the truth that friendship, like mercy, is twice-blessed: it blesses him that receives. Or to put it another way, there is a giving and a receiving end in this thing we call friendship.

And as if by some immutable law of nature, it is always he who gives most of himself who receives most in return from others. The man who is wholly himself is a friendless man.

We judge men, then, partly by the extent to which they possess the gift for friendship. The secret of a successful doctor is in part the ability he possesses to impart to patients the technical skill he has attained. Even more so is this true of ministers or as we know them in the army, chaplains. The most successful chaplains are not those who are the most eloquent or who know best the A.R.'s or who achieve the highest rank. The most successful chaplains, in the last analysis, are those who possess the ability to impart their spirit to other men.

Chaplain Eells came to the 12th a little less than a year ago, but in that time he has done more than a year's work. Not in the machinery of office work and the round of routine duties so much as in the winning of friends. In the motion picture, "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn", the most moving scene is that in which the little girl, Francie, reads her essay on her father. "He had the ability to make people love him," she wrote, "and he gave of himself generously."

What a tribute! Can one say more or render higher praise? Chaplain Eells possesses this gift and he has given of himself generously. As he leaves to take up new duties we wish him God-speed. And our feelings for him in a sense are expressive of our feelings for all those who have left and will yet leave us - we are only partly ourselves: these friends are the rest of us and will continue to be even though the immediate ties of relationship be broken.

As the Romans put it: Salve et vale!

----Chaplain Malcolm S. Sweet

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WEDDING BELLS

1st Lt. Hazel Morton and M/Sgt. William Cowan were married in the Post Chapel at a quiet but impressive ceremony on July 11th. Miss Morton made a lovely bride. She was dressed in beige uniform and wore a corsage of talisman roses and baby's breath and carried a white prayer book.

The maid of honor was 1st Lt. Olive Wicks and Sgt Paul Stringer was best man for Sgt Cowan. Chaplain Eels performed the ceremony. Miss Morton, new with the 17th General Hospital, was formerly a member of the 12th General Hospital.

We wish to extend to the bride and groom our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

Anyone inclined toward artistic talents will be interested to know that an Art Studio is being opened next to the school study hall. There will be an ample supply of modeling clay for those who want to try their hand at sculpture. You are invited to come up and wile away your free hours in the studio whether you be a novice or an accomplished artist. For further information contact the Red Cross.

LETTERS



MESS

DEAR EDITOR

SHOULD a soldier expect his wife to admit her indiscretions, if any upon the return of her husband from overseas? Or would it be wiser for her to remain silent in the hopes that he would never find out?

ANXIOUS HUSBAND

Dear Anxious Husband;

In the first place, how do you know your wife has been indiscreet? Has she admitted it to you? Or are you merely surmising that she has been untrue? I should say that what one does not know will not harm them. Perhaps you are suffering from a guilty conscience of your own. Better check up on your own action before jumping to any conclusions.

SUSAN AGONY

DEAR EDITOR:

I am a very lonely soldier after two years overseas and find life almost unbearable. Recently I received a letter from my wife threatening infidelity if I did not return this year. Shall I ignore this or make an issue of it?

WORRIED HUSBAND

Dear Worried Husband:

If she can't wait for your return, it is very clear that she is not worth your love and furthermore she apparently is not understanding enough to realize that when in the army a person is unable to do as they would like to do. Stop Worrying! Keep your own nose clean and return home when conditions permit.

USSAN AGONY

With the incoming of Medical personnel into our area, for staging, the Mess Dept., has acquired a different task than that of feeding patients.

The enlisted personnel staged here are being fed in what was previously the Patient's Mess. Captain C.E. Stone, Mess Officer of the 182d Sta. Hosp., has charge of this mess. The 12th personnel is handling its own E.M. and Officers Messes as well as the new Nurses Mess for staging personnel located in the area formerly occupied by A & D Office, patient's clothing, Pharmacy and Diet Kitchen #2. There are Italian K.P.s used here under supervision by 12th personnel.

A recent letter from Lt. Mary Kirkpatrick revealed that basic training finally fell to her lot—at Fort Knox, Ky. Miss Kirkpatrick has about three years service and came overseas with the unit. She sends greetings to all her friends here; and recommends the 'ole country' for your future homes.

To each person leaving the Mess—may it be a quick trip to a permanent stay in the States!!

Att: N.P. Section

A California farm laborer was induced by his family to visit a psychiatrist who asked him: "what troubles you?... The patient began: "I'm a sorter in an orange grove"... "What's that?" asked the psychiatrist.. "I stand at the foot of a sorting machine," the patient explained. "As the oranges come through they're all of different sizes, my job is to sort them and put them into different sections according to size."..... "Why should a thing like that trouble you?" suggested the psychiatrist... "Doctor," shrieked the patient, slapping the palm of his hand against his forehead, "such decisions."



Characters: Identify them if you can

Won 1st. prize for most heckling at "Red Bird" games this season. Draft horse type but well proportioned. Takes great pride in displaying his tremendous strength and unlimited stamina. Has a good foundation (size thirteen shoe) and an ambition for success that will be hard to corral.

Canvass of Opinion:

Three said handsome
Two said outstanding
One said unusual

Streamlined "Jeep" chassis with white side wall tires, fender flaps, radio, mirrors, glitter, charm and all the trimmings. She has a horn that issues soft sweet whispers of nothing on the least provocation and a "get along" resembling the flow of a gentle breeze. To see her eyes and her smile is to live again. Brunette, 5' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", weight 108, age 25, Status -single.

Canvass of opinion:

Four said beautiful
Three said cute
One boy swooned

Chow Hound. Protuding radiator that is well on the second mile before the body can hope to finish the first mile and outspoken on politics and life. Lots of pin-ups and shows very good taste. Outstanding snuzzle commanded attention recently at a gallop pole to determine 12th General's greatest horn blower. Flashy dresser and considered one of the best looking men on the post.

Canvass of opinion:

Two said handsome
Two said efficient
One said outstanding

FASHION PARADE

Spectators were gathered from around the world to witness a universal four dimensional exhibition of the body beautiful this week. Competition was strong and emotions burst into an uproar as contestants pulled those wily tricks you can't describe, on the spectators. The whole ordeal was very informal with no organization but true students of physical education recognized every candidate immediately on their arrival.

First place goes to a comely Italian Senorita draped in two G. I. Bath towels. Structure indicated ingenuity and creative ability. She was hesitant to reveal her identity therefore we are forced to withhold all names.

Second place goes to a beautiful girl with a wonderful sun tan trimmed with a two piece, snow white bathing suit. The only comment I can make is that "she had just the right amount at just the right place with a dazzling color combination and the suit was a perfect fit".

Third place goes to a soldier with a pair of SPECIAL SERVICE ATHLETIC TRUNKS. The rhythmical flow of muscular activity almost made this land lubber sea sick as he unconsciously flexed his biceps displaying a flawless physique that would put Charles Atlas to shame. The trunks were as snug as the skin that covered the remainder of his body and the over all picture was breath taking.

BIG TEN LEAGUE

TEAM	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Redbirds	11	0	1.000	—
Boomers	8	2	.800	2½
Bladers	6	2	.750	3½
Laundry Reds	7	3	.700	3½
Motor Macs	2	7	.222	8
Cobblers	2	7	.222	8
White Hats	1	4	.200	7
Flying Cats	1	6	.143	8

Ory Field 11 July 1945: Lefty Prymicz with the help of Hunt, Red Bird right fielder, went down to his first defeat of the season in a twilight game here this evening by the score of 8 to 6.

Prymicz pitched well enough to win most games, but three misjudged fly balls by Hunt in the first two innings were directly responsible for 7 of the 24th General's runs.

In the meantime Mitchell, the 24th. hurler, although wild was pulled out of numerous tight spots by the sparkling defensive play of his infield.

The bright spot of the game from the Red Birds point of view was the return of manager Bill Moerman who played two innings in right field. In his only appearance at the plate Bill sent a long line drive into right field on which Matzno, 24th right fielder, made a nice running catch.

Going into the 4th, behind 8 to 0, the Birds suddenly came to life and started to close the gap. Walks issued to Murata and Leiberman and Prymicz's Single accounted for one run in the forth.

In the 5th Ed Subjeck blasted his 6th. home run of the season for another marker.

The Birds added three more in the 6th. with a walk, two singles and Kelly's double to right field.

They ended the scoring in the 7th with a walk and two singles accounting for the final tally.

Subject led the Red Birds attack with a homer and single in two appearances at the plate.

Working with 12th athletics has been good fun. We have always had good teams and good sports. So from our new assignments in other units we will keep our eyes on 12th teams.

With hopes for best luck. Joe & Lester
Sports Writers

ATTENTION OFFICERS

A section of PEN-BEACH opened for Officers today. Swimming from eight to eight with sandwiches and coffee at the snack bar as an added attraction. Nice showers with a place for checking clothing and valuables.

Today many are preparing for security in regard to material things. Few prepare for Spiritual security not realizing that both are needed for a person to be properly balanced. When Spiritual values are rejected then we find drunkenness or other beggarly elements of the world in evidence in our lives. Spiritual values are possessed by regeneration without which there can be no effective reformation of man's character. After all we possess immortal souls whose salvation should be the primary thing in each individual's life. We cannot escape the fundamental, "What shall it profit a man if he gains the world and loses his own soul."

Germany desired to take the cross, the emblem of salvation or the Saviors' death to redeem us, and replace it with the Swastika the symbol of a material paganism with the theme, "Might makes right", which resulted in chaos. Let us face our necessity for Spiritual values. May we not only prepare for social security through our unit schools but also secure the Spiritual values to be had by an understanding and faith in our Creator's Messiah who died to redeem us all from the curse of a broken law. This need for Spiritual possessions is further emphasized by the truth that, "The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen they are eternal."

WANTED!

Help us to make this a better Unit Publication by contributing advice, criticism and your own talent. Due to recent transfers Medi-Call is sorely in need of talent, entertaining or otherwise, make your contribution today!

You will find me in some section of the Hospital (if you are unlucky enough to inquire during banking hrs.) admiring equipment that once surrounded a well staffed and busy office. Some one looked over the fence for my colleagues and saw greener pastures for the entire staff twice within a very short period. The only explanation I receive from fellow soldiers is that "things are tough all over". I feel that this office is typical of a great many ghost offices which were formerly a bee hive of activity stocked with the smiling faces of patients and tempered with the satisfaction of an honest days work well done.

This week finds many long-time members of the 12th leaving for new assignments. For many, leaving this organization will be somewhat similar to leaving home, its old friends, old associations, old customs.

It was assumed when the unit was formed that, when it had served its purpose, it would be deactivated. Now that the war in this theatre is won, the 12th has temporarily ceased functioning, and some of its personnel has been scattered through other Hospitals in the vicinity.

Those who go to new units will do well to remember that they were part of a good hospital, part of an organization with a long, excellent record. And no whole is better than its constituent parts.

The men that leave can enjoy the satisfaction that comes from a job well done. To each, MEDI-CALL wishes the best of luck in a new position--promotions, furloughs, discharges as soon as possible.