

MEDI CALL

12TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

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HAWAIIAN BOYS SERVE

WITH TWELTH

Kadota and Tokujo -- Know them? They are your buddies, and they have unusual backgrounds. Both are from the original 100th Infantry Bn composed of Hawaiian-Japanese-Americans; both were inducted December 8, 1940, at Schofield Barracks, TH; both made the Salerno landings, as did Chaplain Eells of our unit. And listen to this list of decorations: American Defense Ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign, one star; European-Mediterranean Theater, two stars; Good Conduct Ribbon. In addition, Kadota wears the Silver Star and Tokujo sports a Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon and the Purple Heart.

T/5 S. Walter Kadota was born at Hilo, Hawaii, but lists as "other favorite addresses" Los Angeles, La Crosse (Wis), New York, and Rome. When asked about his oddest war experience, he gave us this account in the historical present: "Strumming 'Silent Night' on a Hawaiian guitar in a German POW ward to the accompaniment of a Polish boy's accordion, blended with the voices of German patients in two-part harmony. One Russian prisoner with an arm in a cast has his back against mine, and an Italian janitor, leaning on his mop, is taking it all in with an amused, fascinated look."

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CAFE SOCIETY

TREATS E.M. TO

FREE P.X. RATIONS

PLANN ADDITION TO CLUBHOUSE

P.X. rations were free to enlisted personnel of the detachment this week. The bill was footed by CAFE SOCIETY, E.M. Club. Plans are being considered whereby more benefits of the club can be passed on to the E.M.

Four weeks ago, CAFE SOCIETY had its initial opening and since then, has been a "bang-up" success. Its management, not content to rest on its laurels, immediately launched a program for improvements.

CLUB TO BE ENLARGED

Work will start soon on an addition to the club, a Reading and Writing Room. Its dimensions are 16 by 32 feet and it will be annexed to the north front corner of the club. Present plans call for wood on the lower portions of the sidewalls and use of glass on the upper. The latest magazines, and books as well as writing materials will be available.

Other recent improvements are the decoration of the bar, the installation of ventilators, improvements of the fireplace for

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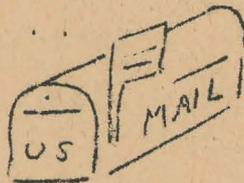
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COLUMN
WRITE



DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

RED CROSS TALK

It is desired (but not compulsory) that personnel sign their names to letters they submit to COLUMN WRITE. If, in our opinion, their question is not of sufficient interest to warrant a MEDI-CALL reply, an answer will be sent directly to the individual.

Once again, MEDI-CALL urges anyone with a question, gripe or suggestion to leave a letter addressed to this paper at the Special Service Office.

To the Editors....

In your article headed "Revised Rotation Requirements Released", there was a statement that I do not understand. It was #3, which deals with the men who are not to be rotated: "Those not clearly qualified to hold their present or higher grade in their arm or service". This whole statement isn't clear to me and I would like to have you print its meaning in your next issue.

A Reader.

(Ed. note....The statement is just the Army's way of saying that if you are inefficient in your job you are not eligible for rotation.)

The framework is up on your new building. It will be a large recreation room, cozy and home-like, we hope, and with a fireplace. We thot it might be fun to make some new furniture, and if any of you are talented along that line, we would be grateful for your assistance. The building should be completed within a fortnite.

Sunday afternoon is always open house day----hot chocolate or coffee, and music; today at 1400 hours Cortland and Cook will give an unusual ping pong exhibition--not only will it be skillful, but amusing as well. Thursday nite is Bingo nite; last week we had some mighty intense concentration for that bottle of beer.

Dancing lessons begin this week for those members of the detachment who do not know how to cut a rug but who have a yen to learn. The classes are for beginners only; you may sign up at the office.

The patients are putting on a talent show this Tuesday evening.. It looks very promising, but we can always use more volunteers so if any of you have a desire or ability to do something on the stage, let us hear from you.

10 LITTLE INDIANS
make quite a story -

8 OF THEM DEAD MEN
all very gory.....

"Ten Little Indians", another currently successful Broadway play was presented three nites last week in the hospital theatre. The play is adapted from Agatha Christie's 1939 best seller: "And Then There Were None". Eight murders occur in the mystery, several of which take place on the stage, and thruout the performance, the audience is held spellbound.

All members of the overseas cast are of professional dramatic standing; some left the original New York group to tour with this USO unit. During their stay here, the actors and actresses roamed the hospital, visiting the wards and swapping stories with patients.

A N N O U N C E M E N T

There will be a baseball meeting at the E.M. Club on Monday, 26 February at 1900. All baseball players in the 12th are urged to attend.

APO RATES ORCHIDS FROM
AREA POSTAL INSPECTOR

MAILMEN LIKE TO RECEIVE MAIL, MEN

Contrary to general opinion, the Post Office gang does like to see a lot of mail come in each day, because they, too, look forward to letters from home.

Staffed by detachment clerks and Army Postal Unit clerks attached to the 12th, the APO handles a daily average of more than 2000 letters, packages, and money orders. Army Postal clerks take care of the outgoing mail, stamps and money orders, while the detachment clerks are responsible for incoming mail.

When the mail bags arrive, the contents are sorted thru a series of breakdowns and distributed as rapidly as possible.

Records of patients in the hospital and of those who have been discharged are kept by means of a card index system which has drawn favorable comment from the Postal Inspector. In fact, our APO as a whole has been commended by him as being one of the best in this section.

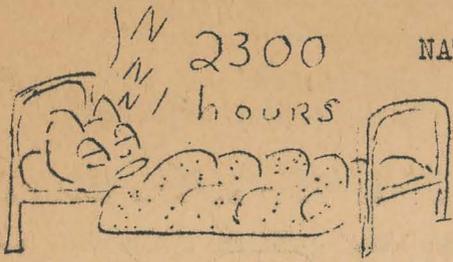
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C O O P E R A T I O N: An Editorial

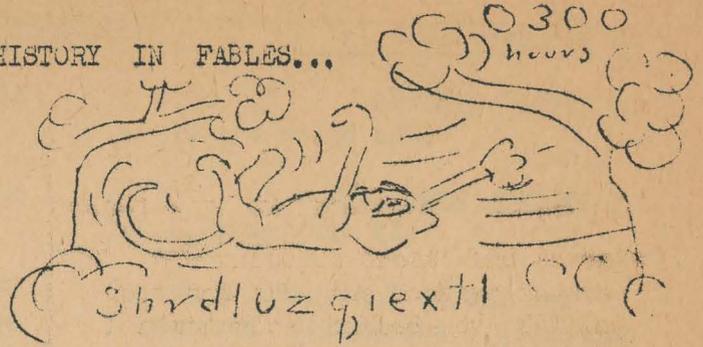
Since MEDI-CALL has come into existence, it has printed a number of letters written by enlisted men in which various suggestions or problems were discussed. There was a request for soup, a question about passes and furloughs, a suggestion that E.M. be excused from reveille on their weekly day off, and a discussion concerning bulletin boards.

Soup has been on the menu daily since the request appeared; a plan for 10 day furloughs was explained--some furloughs have been given; more are about to be granted. E.M. are now excused from Reveille on their days off, and a new large, glass-enclosed bulletin board is being built and will be placed in a suitable location near the mess hall. MEDI-CALL wishes to point out to all concerned the quick reaction to these letters on the part of the Mess Department, the Detachment Office, and Headquarters Office.

When a letter is submitted for inclusion in this paper, its subject is immediately investigated on behalf of the Commanding Officer by the Executive Officer or the Adjutant, and an answer is formulated for publication. Thus, the enlisted men's problems receive quick consideration and prompt action.



NATURAL HISTORY IN FABLES...



Zscgsczwiexyxtll

Shrdluzqiexxtll

Story 3—THE CAPUCHIN MONKEYS

Many wars ago there lived in a big jungle two Capuchin Monkeys. They were big, strong, had hands and feet, and both had long, graceful tails. They were alike in these things as, indeed, all Capuchin monkeys are. But the way they felt about where they were, (what Psychiatrists and Humans call "Environmental Reaction"),

was different. Zscgsczwiexyxtll was sober and serious. He played little, and was always in bed by 2300 hours. Shrdluzqiexxtll acted the way an unmade bed looks. He played much, studied none, and was in bed never before 0300 hours. He loved to race thru the treetops, while Zscgsczwiexyxtll did all of his swinging from the lower branches. The other monkeys in the forest used to make bets about how long Shrdluzqiexxtll would last, and five would get you ten that he wouldn't be around the next time the coconuts were ripe. On the other hand, it was well known that Zscgsczwiexyxtll was studying agriculture at nite, especially coco-culture, and everyone agreed that he was a Serious Student and would therefore Get Ahead.



WANT TO GET IN

PEOPLES' HAIR?

A recent issue of **MEDI-CALL** advertised for eight men, with or without experience, to become tonsorial artists at the detachment barber shop. These openings still exist. If you wish to learn barbering, this is an excellent opportunity. All you need do is contact Sgt Malenfant and start in at a good job with steady hours.

ADV

ADV

(When answering ads, please mention this paper.)

One nite, a Great Wind sprang up, and all the Monkeys in the forest were killed by falling green coco-nuts that bashed their brains out, including Zscgsczwiexyxtll, who was busy reading a book that was 1000 pages of fine print without pictures, and which proved that coco-nuts never fall until September. This was June. Shrdluzqiexxtll, however, was safe. He had been on his way to a Monster Party at the time the wind began, and knew that something was wrong. Rather than risk losing two quarts of cognac in the breeze, he retired to Joe's place, which was a dive and ten feet underground. He later made a lot of money going around lecturing to other monkeys about the Big Wind, and was finally elected to Congress.

MORAL: Tho there's certainly plenty of knowledge in books --- it quite often pays to take some good looks.

ODB PAID \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$
BILLIONS TO KIN LAST YEAR

Newark, N.J. (CNS) -- During the year ended June 30, 1944, the Office of Dependency Benefits mailed out 59,000,000 checks totaling \$3,250,000,000 to families and dependents of 5,500,000 service men.

Total number of dependents benefitted as of last June was 6,450,396. The figure now is 7,250,000. Of these the largest number, 2,485,908, were wives. Children to the total of 1,733,897, were the next largest group, followed closely by 1,696,028 parents of soldiers and 525,696 brothers and sisters. Divorced wives comprised the smallest group--3367 receiving checks regularly.

ASF PREPARES
GUIDES ON ENTERTAINMENT

New York (CNS) -- Two new volumes of variety show material have been published by the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division, Army Service Forces. They can be obtained, together with other publications previously issued by the division by requisition from the Special Services Division, Service Command or Theatre of Operations Headquarters.

One of the new volumes, "GI Reviews", contains 10 fully routined packaged variety shows that can be staged in any area with a minimum of technical preparation or rehearsals. The other, "GI Prize Winning Blackouts" is a compilation of prize winning and honorable mention comedy sketches and blackouts, selected from entries submitted in a world-wide contest among GIs.

WIFE CALL

A mother has two youngsters. Her husband is overseas. The other day her youngest one, a two-year old, said she'd like a baby sister. "We'll have to wait and ask Daddy", mother said. "Oh", was the retort, "let's surprise him!"

DRAMA GROUP MEETS
TO PRODUCE OLD
TIME MINSTREL SHOW

12th General Hospital's "Little Theatre Group" had its first meeting Wednesday nite. The sole object of "Little Theatre" is general fun for themselves and enjoyment for those who want to see them in action. Miss Connie Terry of the Red Cross originated the idea and hopes for the support of patients and members of the command.

Encouraged by the fun and results of the "Follies", the Group is considering production of a colored minstrel show soon. A committee was appointed to begin work; Lt. Nichols is chairman and he is to be assisted by Merle Pemberton, Joe Davis, Major Ory, and Capt. Wilson.

SONGSTERS AND DANCERS NEEDED

The script will call for singers, soft shoe and tap dancers. Anyone who can carry a tune, shake a leg, and face repeated rehearsals, is urged to come to the next meeting which will be held Monday (tomorrow) nite at 1700 hours in the Red Cross.

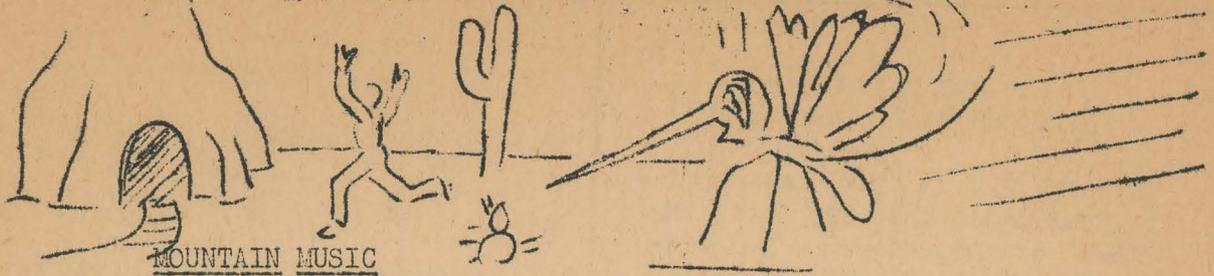
OPPORTUNITIES LOOM

No one on the committee knows much about shows; none of the parts are cast, so here's a chance to get in on the ground floor for lots of fun. You, too, can be a singer, dancer, comedian, banjo player, or what have you.

MOVIE GAG SLAYS
RAIN-SOAKED MARINES

Pacific (CNS)....."You are so dumb," the hero said to the blonde in a movie shown here recently, "that you haven't sense enough to get out of the rain."

The Marine audience roared with laughter. Theirs is an outdoor theatre. And it was pouring.



(Readers are invited to submit tall stories for publication.)

Nine years ago I had the great pleasure of taking a trip to Montana. I accompanied the junior member of the firm of Ace, Cowan, Ray and Wulf, Inc. as illegal counsel investigating mining property. We hired a guide named Puncheroo and travelled by canoe up the tortuous Snake river.

After much struggling, we arrived at the upper reaches of the river where we were met by a denizen of the wilds, a creature of nature whom we affectionately named 'Montana'. As we were eating bear meat that evening, a sudden change came over our host; he bore the expression of a hunted animal. Then we heard what had startled him: a distant drone as of aircraft. 'Montana' dived for a near-by ore car, quickly pulling it over himself.

As we covered ourself with bear meat, a giant object flew in toward our camp, emitting shrill whining noises. We saw it hit the ore-car with a resounding clang and realized that it was a giant mosquito; its proboscis had struck deeply in the steel of the car bottom. It then rose in the air with a mighty blast of wings, carrying off the ore-car with it.

'Montana' struck the proboscis with a piece of ore as the mosquito flew away, but evidently did not do much damage. The next evening we heard the same sound and dived for the nearest mine tunnel. A thunderous rumble echoed in the shaft; when we again looked out, we were amazed to see the apparition of the preceding evening roaring serenely away, ore-car and all, escorted by a formation of smaller editions of the same.

Recurrent attacks occurred; we were often saved by Puncheroo's timely warnings to take cover, but awakening to the undesirability of our project, the junior partner and I withdrew. We had returned to civilization when we read that the Montana School of Mines had discovered the carcass of a great insect. Autopsy indicated premature death by silicosis.

By the 12th GH Liars' Club, Chet Thomas, Tom Settlemier, Ray Wulf and John W. Martin, Presidents.

Chicago (ANS) -- The editor of a country newspaper recently retired with a fortune. When asked the secret of his success, he revealed: "I attribute my ability to retire with a \$100,000 bank account after 30 years in the newspaper field to close application to duty, pursuing a policy of strict honesty, always practicing rigorous rules of economy and to the recent death of my uncle, who left me \$98,500."

U. S. MINT MAKES MEDALS, TOO

Washington (ANS) -- Medals and money are practically the same to the busy U. S. Mint. Both are made there. The Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Medal of Honor, are made there. It likewise makes medals for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The Mint, under an 1874 authorization by Congress, also fills coinage orders for Australia, Belgian Congo, Belgium, Bolivia, Cuba, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji Islands, France, Greenland, Guatemala, Indo-China, Liberia, Netherlands and possessions, Nicaragua, Peru, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Surinam.



SPORTS



SURE SIGN OF SPRING

Warm sunny days remind us that the umpire will soon be yelling, "Play Ball." The Redbirds baseball team has always been the pride and joy of the 12th General Hospital.

In the past three seasons they have established a record that few outfits in the Army can equal. In 1942 the 12th General lads walked off with the Battle Creek City League title.

OVERSEAS RECORD EXCELLENT

The 1943 season found the 12th in Oran and the Redbirds went thru the season with only one defeat which was administered by the strong Navy "Red Sox" in a three out of five series to decide the Oran champions.

The title won, the boys hopped a plane for Casablanca to meet the 6th General Yankees in the NATCUSA semifinals. But the Redbirds lost the third of a three game series and the NATCUSA crown.

Last year the Redbirds started the season in Naples and when the 12th left for Rome, the team was tied for 1st place in their league with the 45th General Country Clubbers. Each team had won six games and lost one.

The 12th General quickly showed that they were "class" in Rome and in September they were invited to play in a tournament to decide the P.B.S. championship. But once again the boys were not equal to the task and they were eliminated in the third game.

HOPES ARE HIGH FOR THIS YEAR

Practice for this year will start shortly but the Redbirds are badly in need of more talent. Anyone interested in playing baseball this season should con-

FREE THROW WINS FOR

'BIRDS IN LAST PERIOD

Feb 20...The Redbirds returned to the victory column tonight by withstanding a late rally of the 391st Ordinance team to win by a score of 29 to 28.

Led by McGraw and Wilson, the Redbirds, playing with a revamped line up, were off to a fast start. McGraw's three field goals and Dolson's two baskets gave the boys from the 12th a 10 to 5 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period, Wilson came thru with a couple of nice shots and with help from Kelly and McGraw, the 'birds ended the half with the local boys on the long end of an 18 to 12 score.

The 391st Ord. came back strong and pulled to within two points of the Redbirds. The score as the last quarter began was 22 to 20.

In the last stanza, the game became a nip and tuck affair. McGraw's free throw late in the game proved to be the margin of victory.

McGraw led both teams in scoring with 11 points. Kelly and Wilson shared runner-up honors for the Redbirds with 6 points each. Robinson with 9 points was high man for the 391st Ord; O'Donan followed with 8 points.

tact Special Service Office at any time between 0900 and 1600.

Monday evening, 26 February, there will be a baseball meeting at CAFE SOCIETY at 1900. Let's go men, make 1945 a championship year for the 12th.

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Presiding over the office is Lt. Leon Shankin, who is also the unofficial ping pong champion of the hospital.

POSTMEN TAKE HOLIDAY

At present, "the Little Corporal", Max Tannenbaum, is on TD in the States. Last reports were that he was having a first class time. Opl Deehr, head nonscom, is on a 10-day furlough in Rome. No reports have been received from him.

The most mail the boys can remember handling in one day was 120 sacks which came in during the Christmas rush. They believe soldiers receive more mail than they send, even allowing for the large quantities of letters that catch up with patients hospitalized here.

The business of sending mail runs smoothly, but there is one comment from the Post Office: "Many fellows cut ends from an airmail envelope and wrap a Stars & Stripes in it to mail home. This is a waste of time and money, as they will be returned to the sender. A one cent stamp is all that is required; the wrapper must be plain, and airmail cannot be used.

Francis Kelly, detachment clerk in the Post Office, reminds us that if Mail Call sounds and blows only a sour note, the Post Office is conveniently located amidst the Chaplains' Offices.

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KNOW YOUR BUDDIES

Pfc Genei Tokujo was born on the island, Kauai, TH, July 16, 1917. At the age of six he was taken to Japan where he studied for a considerable time. Back home he worked in a distillery manufacturing a rice wine called "Saki". He declares that there is nothing in Italy more potent than a native drink called "Okolehas".

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E.M. TREATED TO

FREE PX RATIONS

BY CAFE SOCIETY

maximum results, a new "Club" bulletin board and the addition of tables and chairs, which, in the words of Manager Jack Shapiro are "damned hard to get". Jack spends long hours doing his duties at the club and handles the difficult job of procuring materials.

EVERYONE PROFITS AT CLUB

Drinks are sold on a near cost basis since CAFE SOCIETY has no interest in making money. The waiters and the bands constitute the only expenses besides the refreshments.

As the narrow profit margin accumulates a cash surplus, President Jim Sweeney plans to hand it back to the club members (all detachment personnel) in bonus form.

The boys compiled the following list of three questions most frequently asked about Hawaii, and then proceeded to give their own answers. 1) What about racial tolerance as regards the Japanese population there? "No problem at all where people are judged by their actions and conduct rather than by the color of their skin or the shape of their eyes." 2) Is Hawaii as glamorous and exotic as Hollywood depicts it? "The languorous, carefree life is no more. War has come to Paradise and the GI's have taken over. Even when the shooting is over, we won't be caught with our pants down again — ever!" 3) How is it that you boys from the Islands can speak English as well as the average American in the States? "Hawaii's public schools are a reasonable facsimile of any public school in the States. We've even got a university, as Capt Woolsey can verify."