

MEDALS AWARDED FOR VALIANT ACTIONS

T/5 Raymond L. Roberts, formerly of an Infantry Division, now an enlisted man of this unit, and Pfc Raymond C. Bird, an Infantryman patient, were awarded medals by Col. Sturgeon on Thursday at a formation on the drill field.

Roberts won the Soldier's Medal for entering a mined area in which two of his comrades had set off a mine. While attempting to aid the injured men, he himself was wounded, but he successfully completed their rescue.

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GALA OPENING OF E.M. CLUB SATURDAY NITE

NEW EM CLUB NEARS COMPLETION

Saturday evening, January 27th, enlisted personnel of this organization will be able to bend elbows (elbow room is guaranteed) in a new, lavish, completely modernized, partially winterized club, according to Jim Sweeney, EM Club president.

Construction on "CAFE SOCIETY" has been going on for the past several days. It was necessary to resurvey the ground and start construction at a point some feet

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ROTATION: FACTS & FIGURES

This is the latest information available. Nothing official has been received regarding General Marshall's statement of 16 January that will "increase markedly" in the next few months. When and if more news is received, this paper will give you all the data possible. *

DEFINITION

ROTATION is the return of personnel to the Zone of Interior for re-assignment by the War Department to positions outside this Theater of Operations.

Return on TEMPORARY DUTY is the return of personnel, to the Continental United States only, for rehabilitation, recuperation, and recovery purposes, the personnel not being dropped from the strength of the unit during the authorized absence. Temporary duty within the meaning hereof is not leave or furlough and is not chargeable against accrued leave or furlough credit.

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30-day furloughs *

QUOTAS

The War Department has allotted the theater a fixed number monthly quota of rotation places and a fixed number monthly quota of temporary duty places. From these quotas a sub-allotment is given to Headquarters, Penbase Section, by Headquarters, MTOUSA.

Of the personnel rotated by Penbase ten percent are officers and ninety percent are enlisted personnel. This same percentage is used by units in submitting recommendations to PBS. However, unit commanders may only nominate one (1) percent of their command. Of this one percent, one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) is recommended for rotation and the remaining one-half for temporary duty. (Female officers are under a separate quota.)

SELECTION

Personnel to be returned on rotation or temporary duty is selected upon consideration of the following criteria of eligibility in order of priority, and provided their services can be spared without detriment to the Army: (1) Length of continuous overseas service. (2) Combat service. (3) Wounds. (4) Decorations. In computing length of continuous overseas service, the following are deducted from period of overseas service: (1) For each 5 days leave, furlough, or temporary duty for rest and recuperation outside MTOUSA (but not in US) in excess of 10 days----1 month. (2) For each 5 days leave, furlough, or temporary duty for rest and recuperation in US----1 month. Travel time does not count.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Twelve (12) months overseas service is the mandatory minimum for personnel with combat service and eighteen (18) months for all others.

The following personnel are not eligible for rotation or return on temporary duty: (1) Those who are habitual disciplinary cases. (2) Those who are under disciplinary or reclassification action, unless proceedings have been completed, and then only under exceptional circumstances. (3) Those convicted by a General or Special Courts Martial for violation of any of the Articles of War. (This class of individual will be eligible when he has at least eighteen months continuous overseas service, of which six months must have been accumulated continuous service from the date of sentence, exclusive of the time required to be made good.)

An individual not physically qualified for overseas duty by standards established in current War Department directives is not eligible for return on TEMPORARY DUTY.

An application initiated by an individual requesting to be returned under the rotation policy will be returned "disapproved" by the first headquarters receiving it, except application for Emergency Rotation which will be considered.

EMERGENCY ROTATION

In instances of emergency, personnel may be returned on rotation or temporary duty. Personnel will NOT be returned for purely compassionate reasons on emergency rotation. To justify return as an emergency case, it must affirmatively appear from the supporting evidence that the individual's presence in the United States will accomplish results which are otherwise impossible. Units can only forward applications that show that an actual emergency is involved. Since the time between the initiation of a recommendation for regular rotation or temporary duty and authority to return the individual concerned has been materially reduced, emergency cases can be returned on the regular monthly quota and this policy is followed by this hospital if the case is deemed an emergency by the Commanding Officer.

SOUTHAMERICAN WAYS



PENBASE MAKES G-3

INSPECTION

A G-3 (Plans and Training) inspection of our unit was made this week by Major Steward Hamilton of the 6th General Hospital, temporarily assigned to PENBASE.

The Major checked training schedules, watched drilling, and questioned enlisted personnel. He asked guards questions about their weapons and General Orders; ward men about air raid procedures and current events.

SETTLEMEIER SCORES AGAIN

When the Major wandered into the Detachment Office, he decided to quiz Tom Settlemeier a little on the Philippine situation. He put his question to Tom who, without looking up from his work, waved vaguely and said, "See the First Sergeant."

The Major said he wasn't interested in the First Sergeant, he was interested in Tom. Tom then answered questions....and they weren't about Oregon.

My "Seasickness" socks, the ones I wear to bed (after spending a few hours at the bar) in case I have to get up during the night, are worn out. Will swap what I can spare or what you want for a good pair of heavy wool socks. See Sgt. Bill Quinn. (ADVERTISEMENT)

During the Civil War a Confederate soldier was tired chasing Yanks all over the countryside. Finally he could go no farther, and could not keep up with his company. He sat down, looked at his ragged clothes, shoeless feet and felt miserable. A Yankee sneaked up, pointed a gun at him and said, "I've got you." The Rebel looked up and replied, "Yes, but what a helluva git you got."

SKETCH OF A BUSY BRAZILIAN

To most of us he is already a familiar figure, if not by name, at least by sight. Some know him only as the fellow whose khaki uniform seems sharply in contrast to his heavy leather flight jacket. To identify him further, he is Henry Stozek, enlisted man working on the Brazilian ward.

Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Henry did considerable traveling within the limits of his own country until the draft claimed him. He entered the Air Corps, and received a variety of training before being assigned to the Medical branch of the service. Then he was sent to Panama for more training, and finally, his unit moved to the U.S. where it was stationed at New York.

HE COMES, SEES, AND CONQUERS

Within one month, Henry met a girl; he was married after another month had passed, and was forced to leave his bride at the end of the third month in order to move to Italy. Where does his wife live? Ah, yes, in Brooklyn!

Henry is now located on the third floor of Building #2, where he carries on activities similar to those of our own ward men. The organization of which he is a part is a component of the Brazilian Air Force, more specifically, the 1st Brazilian Fighter Squadron.

WARD SIMILAR TO OURS

The patients on this ward are all Air Force personnel; Captain Clovis de Moraes is in command of the medical unit. A visit to this ward proves to be pleasant and informative, as many of the staff and patients can converse easily in English. The general picture is much the same as in any other ward in the hospital; the men spend their time while convalescing by reading, writing letters, and listening to the phonograph as it spins out melodies of popular Brazilian

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A STUDY IN SAFFRON

(with no apologies to A. Conan Doyle, James Thurber, or Stephen Vincent Benet)

Once upon a time there were two brothers who were males. Their names were Gunk and Lunk. They had a father, also male, who worked in a doily factory, sang and drank Martinis whenever he could, and often when he couldn't. He died of liver tests at an early age and everyone cried and forgot him. His wife was a good woman, but not interesting. She does not appear again in this story.

Gunk was tall, smooth, mixed with people, and liked girls who mixed with anything. Lunk was a clunk. He was short, fat, bit citizens, and spent much time in prayer. He was a Republican.

When war came Gunk got a job in a defense plant packing Vienna sausage. Later he was promoted to wrapping Spam. He was happy, married a girl who was a woman, and drank Martinis until there were bumps on his liver. When all laboratory tests were positive, he died.

Lunk was drafted. He became a private and stayed one. He went overseas and stayed there, too. Then he got sick and his liver was big and tender. After all his lab tests were positive, he died too.

MORAL: No matter what you do, life will be the death of you.

..... A Story by H.W.

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Bird was awarded the Bronze Star for volunteering to cover the retreat of his squad from a position of intense enemy action. He maintained a steady stream of fire, killing one German machine gunner and wounding another. He then made his way to the new position and continued the attack.

Roberts hails from Hector, Minn., and Bird, who is now a patient in Wd. 11, is from Britten, Mich.

WINNERS
ANNOUNCED

MEDL-CALL, an entry submitted by Major Ory, was selected by the editorial staff as the winner in the Newspaper Naming Contest held this week.

Honorable Mention goes to John Wilkolek for his several suggestions.

Prizes were awarded Friday morning. The Major received the Grand Prize, a carton of cigarettes, a box of matches, a used pair of rubber gloves (high souvenir value) and a can of Vienna sausage left over from a Christmas box. Wilkolek was presented with a consolation prize consisting of two cigarettes and one lighted match.

Neither winner had a statement to make regarding his good fortune, but Major Ory blushed.

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away from the original site because of large amounts of traffic to the detachment office at nite.

Our new clubhouse will be marked by a huge electric sign. Other new features are: Italian waiters (imported from some of the leading New York niteries) will be on call for the more leisurely type of imbibers; members of the old school will discover a new bar -- longer, and of more rigid construction -- for support; an ersatzed-brass rail will give the shorties a lift. All these conveniences are housed in a building made entirely from natural-finish hardwoods (hard to get, that is). All in all, these unusual comforts will make even the club prices attractive.

To Grimes, Lord, Hazelwood, Shapiro, Mazzone, Harland, M. Cohen, Sinclair, Wildey, Sprenkle, Shryock, Dandel, West, and a handful of unpronounceable Alpines, to the whole bunch at Utilities, and to any others whose names we may have missed, the Board of Directors wish to say, "Thanks, and mighty fine work, gang".

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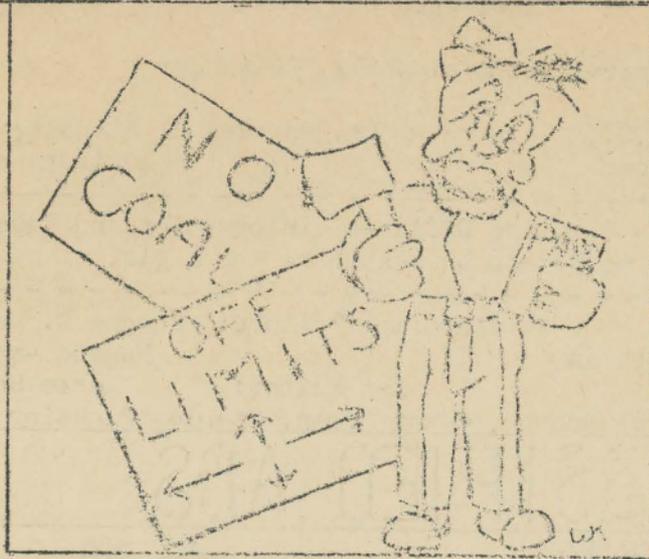
We need more men like Wallace Kelley, Detachment of Patients, who did much of the art work for this issue. Stories, news items, poems, sketches, jokes, and letters are desired.

Remember, Upon Its Friends,
The -CALL Depends

SECRET SERVICE

PRIVATE EXAMINATIONS

Major Fritz Liebertnal, G.U., MD.



PROSE IS BAD
BUT THIS IS WERSE

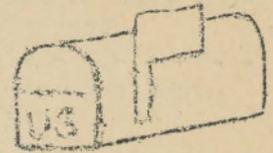
Don't Forget Your Helmet!

Our little stove once gave us heat
But now, alas, concedes defeat.
You see, the law: supply - demand,
Restricts the fuel that's on hand.
To warm the bones, to soothe the soul
We used to scrounge the bath-house coal.
The Sergeant says, "This cannot be;
Go take an axe and fell a tree!"
We form a line for axe and saw--
The Sergeant's word is always law.

You work all day from seven to seven
Then look for wood until eleven;
Get up at six for EXERCISE,
Which may be healthful but seems unwise.
For, "Breathes there a man
with soul so dead,"
Who wouldn't rather lie abed
Forgetting the whole of training schemes
And blotting them out with
blissful dreams.
You hate the morning's reveille call?
Just hope the war will end this fall!

Since three-day passes are no more
Unless our keep has been vouched for;
But then, one town's off limits,
another barred,
To find a place to go is very hard.
So, on your pass day, stay in the tent
And wait with patience till its hours
are spent.
Though sad the saga here set down
Its author hopes for no renown.
He utters G.I. blues and hopes
For better days to cure his mopes.

COLUMN
WRITE



(Our readers are invited to contribute letters on any subject; if desired, signatures will not be printed.)

To the Editors....

The French have their 'soupe', the Italians eat 'zuppa', the Germans have 'zuppe', and the Spaniard sips 'sepa'; but the enlisted men of the 12th have 'niente'. Veterans of the unit dimly recall some delicious, hot-the-spot, meat and vegetable soup last summer in Rome, but cold stomachs are not warmed by memories. Could a cup of hot soup occasionally be substituted for the beverage on the menu?

---A Lover of Soup.

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Roentgenology Service has elected Signorita Regina, the lovely doll from Brazil, as the girl most upsetting to an X-ray technician's well-ordered life. How about coming down for a cup of coffee some morning, Signorita?

SLIPS THAT PASS

From Disposition Boards.
1. Examination negative except for "gurgling gut". 2. Patient was hospitalized in the States three or four times and was sent overseas for Arthritis.



SPORTS



MEET THE TEAM



We present the "Orthopedic twins" who are playing their second season on the Redbirds basketball team, Frank "Sonny" Foley also known as "Old Folks"; and Tom Oliphant, known as Tom.

During duty hours, these two work together in the east room, applying or cutting off plaster casts. In their off time, they combine for 12th athletic teams.

Foley is a native of Boston, where he starred in basketball and baseball while he was in high school. He is well known in Boston and Detroit where he has been connected with semi-pro baseball and basketball for a number of years.

"Old Folks" joined the 12th in March of 1942, too late to be on their championship basketball team of that season. Since that time, however, he has taken an active part in athletics, playing three seasons of baseball and is now in his second year of basketball.

Oliphant hails from Bloomfield Indiana. After taking part in high school athletics there, he spent two years at Purdue and one at Butler where he played basketball, baseball and football. Tom joined the 12th at Fort Harrison in the fall of 1942. In 1943 he played first base for the Redbird baseball club but last season he shifted to catcher. There he proved to be one of the spark-plugs on one of the best teams in the league---the 12th General.

At the present, Oliphant is the leader in scoring for the Redbirds and his fine defensive work has been of great value to the team.

TWELTH BOWS IN ANOTHER CLOSE GAME

Jan. 14---874th Signal defeated the Redbirds in a hard fought game at Madison Square Garden. The Redbirds led until the last few minutes of play when field goals by Seminic and Pralle gave the Signal boys a 46-44 victory.

In the first few seconds of play. Pralle opened the scoring by sinking a field goal to give the Signal team a 2-0 lead. But then McGraw, Oliphant, and Kelly sparked the local lads, and the first quarter ended with the 12th holding a 17-11 lead.

The second and third quarters kept the Redbirds a constant six points ahead; at the close of the second, the score was 30-24, and at the end of the third, it was 42-36.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>SCORE</u>		<u>Pts:</u>
	<u>Goals:</u>	<u>Free Throw:</u>	
<u>12th General</u>			
FOLLY (F)	3	0	6
McCLOUD (F)	2	0	4
MALOVANY (F)	0	1	1
McGRAW (C)	4	0	8
OLIPHANT (G)	7	3	17
WILSON (G)	0	0	0
KELLY (G)	3	2	8
PAVELKA (G)	0	0	0
	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>44</u>

874th Signal

PRALLE (F)	11	2	24
BRILL (F)	1	1	3
CAMPFIELD (F)	0	0	0
SCHUMACHER (C)	4	0	8
COLLINS (G)	2	0	4
MAXWELL (G)	1	1	3
LEVAITT (G)	0	0	0
SEMINIC (G)	2	0	4
	<u>21</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>46</u>

A PRIVATE IS A PRIVATE

recordings. And, too, there are packages from home, which may provide some delicacy such as Brazilian bananas packed in sweet syrup.

WORK KEEPS HENRY BUSY

Always dashing back and forth on the innumerable errands that form a ward man's job, Henry keeps on the go. A private, he gets just a trifle more for doing his job than we do for ours. The financial balance of power is, however, more strongly in favor of the Brazilian EM in other grades, as compared with their respective grades in the American army. A nest egg for the future is more assured for the Brazilians, since more than half of the enlisted men's pay is deposited to their accounts in banks of their choice rather than paid to them directly as is the case in our service. It might be added that their overseas rate is considerably higher than their pay for home service; were Henry still in Brazil, he would be drawing approximately seven dollars per month. Overseas service still remains voluntary, however, in the Brazilian army.

EVEN AS YOU OR I

On his day off, Henry adopts a familiar attitude. He wants a change of scene to provide a break in his normal routine. Usually he takes a short trip to Pisa, where he can build up an atmosphere that recalls other and better days. He is looking forward, too, to the end of the war, when he plans to rejoin his wife and live in Brooklyn. Thus far he has experienced only the summer season in New York and it is to be hoped that winter weather in the U.S. does not disillusion him. It also remains to be seen whether he will ultimately become one of our highest examples of civic pride, a Dodger fan!

REDBIRDS LOSE GAME

Minus the services of Foley and Kelly, who are hospitalized with severe colds, and McClaid, also in the hospital for a knee operation, the Red Birds were swamped last night by the 526th Fighters by a score of 44 to 14.

In this emergency Manager Bill Moeman persuaded Russ Briney to come out of a four-year retirement from athletics so that the 12th would be able to put a team on the floor.

The fighter boys went out to a 11 to 4 lead in the first quarter which was never threatened.

McGraw with seven points, Cliphant with 4 points, and Wilson with 3 points, accounted for the Redbirds' scoring.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
526th F.S.	11	5	10	18	44
12th Gen.	4	2	2	6	14

LATE ANNOUNCEMENT

TOURNAMENT BID

Enlisted Men's and Officers' basketball teams of the 12th have received bids to play in the 114th Station Hospital Invitational Tournament the 24th, 25th and 26th of this month.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

21	Jan.	3271	Ord.	at	Ord. Depot
22	Jan.	496	Q.M.	at	MS G

League tournament opens 25 January