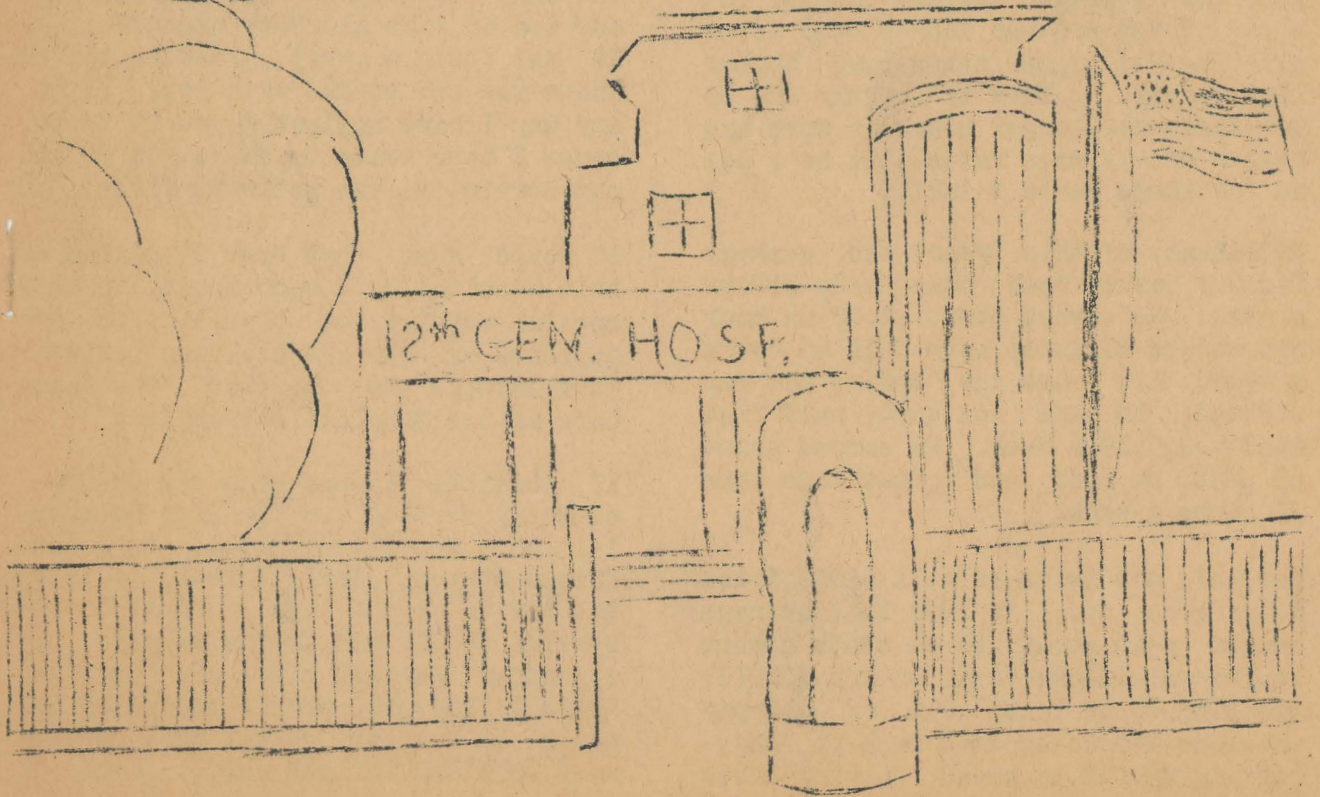


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THOSE HIGH WAGES

A good many of us in the army have the idea that every riveter makes a hundred dollars a week, while welders earn even more. That's bad for two reasons: We think of the war-workers as being over-paid; and we expect equally high wages when we return to civilian life.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average factory worker is ahead of his pre-war income even after allowing for higher taxes and higher living costs. This is largely due to two factors—longer hours of work and higher hourly wage rates—but he's not as far ahead as we think.

In January of this year the average factory worker back home made \$47.52 a week. He earned about \$1.05 an hour and worked slightly more than 45 hours a week. Six years ago, before the war started, he made not quite half that much—\$23.19 a week. He earned about 63 cents an hour and worked less than 37 hours a week.

But he's not twice as well off. Taxes have gone up. In 1939 this average worker paid about three cents a week in federal income taxes on his \$23.19; today \$7.60 is taken out of his pay envelope before he even sees it, leaving him \$39.92 to spend. Living costs are higher. Today his \$39.92 will buy

VALE!

The very kind words printed in Medi-Call in anticipation of my transfer have touched me deeply. Perhaps that transfer may not come through but just the same it is wonderful to have the hospital paper say those very nice things. If it does happen that I leave the 12th General Hospital this is an opportunity for me to say farewell to the many friends, who are the officers and men of this glorious organization. It has been a great pleasure to have known you and worked with you. If in any way I have neglected you it is because I have tried to do as you do and put service to the patients first.

It would seem that the Chaplains of this hospital have opportunity to do a special service for chaplains who are patients or who are visiting patients. This answers the question "Who takes care of the Chaplain's troubles?"

If possible I hope some day to conclude my service in the Army as chaplain of a general hospital in the United States. That, I feel, would be the way to do the last and best bit of service to the man in the service. In a general hospital there are opportunities I am sure we all recognize and which I believe we all hope we have used to their fullest value.

EARNEST E. EELLS,  
Chaplain (Major)

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# LETTERS



DEAR EDITOR:

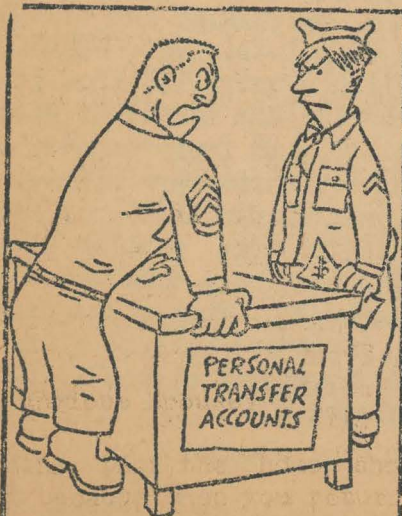
Should I allow my wife to work after the war? She is more interested in making money than in making a home at present. Should my home come first or should it be secondary to financial security?

ANXIOUS SPOUSE

Dear Anxious Spouse:

I think that the home should come first because when you return to your wife and home there will be a great amount of adjustment in getting the home organized and running on the old status of pre-war days. I think your wife should stay home and be a good wife and home-maker. Then, too, there will be many men returning home in need of jobs—A WOMANS PLACE IS IN THE HOME!!!

SUSAN AGONY



"You can send home all the money you want. But we do not say 'love and kisses to tookums' with it!"

## CAFE SOCIETY ADDS BEER GARDEN

Under the stars.....or the blue sky, depending on the time of day.....

With the "big three": Sweeney, Mc Nincit, and Shapiro.....

Cafe Society, 21 July 1945, 2359 hours

The "big three" called a super duper secret business conference this P. M. and conjured up one of the greatest morale builders of all times!

In the near future you will be served ice-cold beer in the spacious Shapiro Garden....boosting soft lights, sweet music and a tropical setting. Music furnished by trucks or any army ship wrecked musicians whose vehicle happens to break down near by!

The "big three" wish to inform all of the "bar flies" that conduct has been excellent and to "push up" every body some "jolly good luck."

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Passengers on a city bus driven by a discharged veteran sweltered recently—and wondered, first why it was worse in the bus with windows open than on the hot pavement, and second, why the driver remained cool and calm. The first mystery was cleared up when a customer noticed that all the heaters in the bus were on full steam. The enigma of the "cool and calm" bus driver was explained by the former vet himself. He'd just returned from a long stay in the South Pacific — and he was more comfortable than he had been since leaving the tropics.

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## CAFE SOCIETY RIVAL

Finally the 12th Club is catching up with the much advanced Cafe Society. Recently a snack bar was installed which has been a great boon to the already popular spot. It is good to see the new faces in a state of relaxation. The faces, I might add, have increased in beauty with the graciousness of the Italian sun. A spirit of gaiety prevails and the Saturday night dances are gaining in popularity. Frequent bridge games are played, while downstairs the ping-pong enthusiasts battle it out.

SPLASHES AND FLASHES FROM THE BEACH

## SEEN:

Two soldiers with only one bathing suit debating as to who would swim first.

A new dance step: in the water with both people facing and swimming in the same direction with disregard to rhythm and music.

Two well known men of this organization putting on a miniature trapeze act for the benefit of the fairer sex.

Angle: One man figured out a way to beat the lines at the snack bar and became the first ice cream hound. He buys tickets in bulk on day preceding ice cream service and avoids the bottle neck! Phone No. 20.

One G I blanket badly mistreated, over worked and abused.

The semi-tropical Italian Sun shine hammering away at a thousand scanty clad bodies.

## HEARD:

Ninety-nine different rumors about going home with no basis.

Complaints about the food which is about ten times better than ever before.

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## DETACHMENT DOINGS

While some departments are now on the in-active list the detachment office is now busier than ever since the re-deployment plan went into action. Men Have to be rounded up for transfer every five days. Thus the First Sergeant will be found on few athletic programs as he doesn't like to leave his work for others to do. Major BOZARTH, the new Detachment Commander, brings his good humor and encouraging manners to the office. Lt. LIVINGSTON, the young Assistant Commander, is popular with the detachment and brings his experience to use here. Sergeant SETTLEMIER, who is the best ping-pong player in the Detachment is the same reserved and conscientious worker that he always has been, and has a large Morning Report to make out these days.

The heat hasn't caused Sgt. DUNNING to lose any of his old zip. He still gives the boys their passes. Lt. JAMBORSKY, a recent addition as Assistant Commander, is quite a baseball pitcher and should make good. "DEACON" Pfc LOUIS SHERMAN is back on duty to take over his old job as runner. The flaming redhead SARCHIAPONE held the Deacon's job while he was on an inactive basis. The Deacon has 90 points and is "sweating-out" being discharged with Sgts. KERR, SETTLEMIRE and WILKOLEK who all have 89 points. Sgt. WILKOLEK, the young Polish country lad from Toledo is now continuing his efficient work here. Cafe Society, with improvements, is just the thing for these warm nights. The outdoor Beer Garden that was recently constructed is very popular with the men. The iced Coca-Cola's are one of their features. Things are changing rapidly and there will be a practically new detachment when all transfers are completed.

*Off. Louis Sherman*  
THE DEACON,  
Detachment Reporter.



BIG TEN LEAGUE

SPORTS CONSCIOUS 12TH

Team	W	L	Pct
Red Birds	13	0	1000
Boomers	8	2	800
Bladers	6	2	750
Laundry Reds	8	3	727
White Hats	2	5	285
Motor Macs	2	7	222
Cobblers	2	8	200
Flying Cats	1	6	143

RED BIRDS SMASH WHITE HATS  
13 TO 0

Ory Field, 18 July 1945 -- The Red Birds did not feel too good upon awaking this AM to find out that Kazarrov and Marada were transferred out at 0700 hours just two hours before the scheduled league game with the 803rd M P White Hats. In addition to these losses Kelly, star shortstop and pepper-upper for the Birds was limping around with a sprained ankle and Subject, PBS Home-run King, had a lacerated right thumb which was officially described as having occurred accidentally "while opening a bottle of beer, soldier put too much pressure on opener, breaking neck of bottle, and on downward push of hand soldier's right thumb struck the lower part of broken bottle causing severe laceration."

The only one who appeared not to be worried was Manager Bill Moerman who put a re-reorganized team on the field borrowing "Farmer" Briney from the

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Personnel of this hospital turn out in strength to defend the honor of the organization in all competitive sports. The post spirit is not far short of the spirit found in a training camp where men are selected for athletic ability and the "do or die" attitudes for the old Alma Mater. Major Ory, Special Service Officer, is constantly faced with suppressing, rather than encouraging team spirit, to avoid unpleasant scenes. Our teams are characteristic of the organization as a whole in leading the way toward sportsmanship and fair play.

The instance of participation in active sports is greater than eighty percent. Approximately fifty-two percent of the entire strength are members of organized teams in routine competition.

Men come and go at a rapid pace but never lose nor forget the competitive spirit or will to win that holds their self respect, self confidence, and morale together while with this unit. When our teams engage in outside competition support from around the world drives them on to victory.

The baseball team has been wrecked by the point shuffle system but will live on forever as a legend in the minds of players and supporters. The 1944 Red Birds met and defeated everything fast or slow and now stand in the coveted top league spot with thirteen straight wins. The original "Murders Row" was enough to make any talent scout percentage conscious.

Men, teams and wars will come and be gone, but out of each every individual gains some things that he will not and can not lose.

### RED BIRDS SMASH WHITE HATS (Cont'd from Page 5)

Little Reds. and putting Griero at short-stop.

The Red Birds scored one run in the third. Puplava, first man up walked. McGraw sacrificed and both runners were safe. McClaid flied out to center, Puplova going to third after the catch. Prymiez's grounder was bobbed by the White Hats short stop. Prymiez was safe at first and Puplova scored for the first run of the game. Wilson flied out and Grieco struck out to end the inning.

Going into the last inning with the score tied, Manager Moreman put in Kelly to pinch hit for Taroo. Kelly walked. Moreman, hitting for Briney, smashed a double to right center, sending Kelly to third. O'Brien, batting for Puplova, struck out. McGraw walked, filling the sacks. McClaid's grounder was juggled by the MP's third baseman, Kelly scored and McClaid was safe at first. Prymiez flied out to short stop. Wilson walked forcing in a run. In the last half Prymiez continued his air-tight pitching and held the Cops scoreless to keep the Red Birds on top of the Big Ten League with thirteen wins and no losses.

Flawless fielding by Grieco kept the White Hats humbly bowed before the favored Red Birds.

### DEAD BIRDS LOSE TWO CLOSE ONES

The Dead Birds, 12th General Officers softball team lost two close games this week. They were beaten by Stenky Stripers one to nothing and by Briney Barbs two to one. Elliott's and Scarlets pitching and Jamborsky's fielding featured the first game. In the second game, Wildfong's pitching and Ellzey's fielding were high lights of the game.

### RED BIRDS DEFEAT COBLERS

Ory Field, 15 July 1945 — The reorganized Red Birds kept their league slate clean today when they defeated the 10th Port Cobblers to the tune of eleven to ten in one of the most exciting games played at this field.

Subject started on the mound for the Birds and was touched for eight hits and seven runs in the four innings. He was relieved by Young who allowed four hits and three runs which were aided by three Bird errors.

The last of the ninth found the Red Birds behind ten to nine. Grieco, first man up flied out to Chopman at third. Murata, next up, reached first on a wild pitch and went to second while Torso went down swinging for the second out of the inning. Moerman, pinch-hitting for Yound, rapped a beautiful double to center field, scoring Murata. Lozaror, lead off man for the 12th slapped out another double to score Moerman for the winning run of the game.



## THE QUESTION BOX

QUESTION: Are you happy over seas?

ANSWER: Yes. I am completely adjusted to this enviornment and am just as happy as I would be if I were at home with my family. I can be happy any where by expersing will power and self control in the separation of pleasant and un-pleasant thought.

1st Lt.

ANSWER: No. Social isolation along with limitation make me very unhappy.

Sgt.

ANSWER: Yes. I was very unhappy over seas until I came to the 12th General Hospital and found that this unit would be going home within a few months.

Cpl.

ANSWER: No. There's a party waiting for me back in the States who is an essential part of my life. Nothing is worth while as long as we are separated.

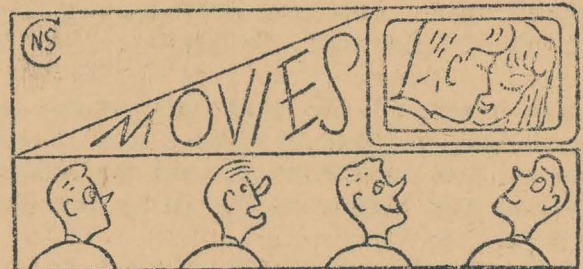
Pvt.

## H.A.D. WORKERS LAMENT

I have been bawled out, balled up, held up, held down, hung up, bulldozed, blackjacked, walked on, cheated, squeezed, and mocked; stuck for war tax, territorial 2% tax, dog tax and syntax; Liberty Bonds, Baby bonds and the bonds of matrimony; Red Cross, green cross and the double cross; asked to help the society of John the Babbist, G.A.R., Women's Relief Corps, Men's Relief and stomach relief. I have worked like hell and have been worked like hell, have been drunk and got others drunk, lost all I had and now because I wont spend and lend all the little I earn and go beg, borrow or steal, I have been cussed, discussed, boycotted, talked to and talked about, lied to and lied about, held up, hung down, robbed and damned near ruined and the only reason I am sticking around now is to see what the H\_\_\_\_\_ is next!!!!



"It's so I can see in a blackout, stupid!"



## 12TH GENERAL HOSPITAL THEATRE

MONDAY July 23.....Valley of Decision

TUESDAY July 24.....Bull Fighters

WEDNESDAY July 25...Salome, Where She Danced

THURSDAY July 26.....Those Endearing Young Charms

FRIDAY July 27.....Murder He Says

SATURDAY July 28.....The Southerner

SUNDAY July 29...Combat Bulletins and GI Shorts

Two Shows Daily, 1800 and 2000 hours.

PBS WAC SOFTBALLERS ISSUE CHALLENGE TO NURSES

The PBS WAC's, thinking that of the many nurses staging here, a good softball team could be organized, have issued a challenge to any nurses teams that can be organized here. How about it girls?

We have the victorious Red Birds and the Dead Birds--How about another team, the PIGEONS?

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BEACH FLASHES (Cont'd from Page 4)

Complaints about the weather. Always too hot, cold, wet, or dry.

Expressions of joy and gratitude for the new program of less work, more play, ice cold beer in Jack Superior's Garden and improvements in living conditions.

LOST:

One set of self respect and a bottle of cognac. Even though they disappeared the same night they will probably be far apart. If found please return to Morale Respect Repair Section and receive the reward that only reformed men are entitled to.

THOSE HIGH WAGES (Cont'd from Page 2)

him the same amount of food, clothing, lodging, etc. that \$31.40 would have bought in 1939. If he lives in a crowded boom area his cost of living is even higher.

A substantial portion of these higher earnings have gone into war bonds. In the first five war bond drives, Americans bought eighty-six billion dollars in bonds, as compared with goals of sixty-seven billion. Less than 10% of the redeemable bonds were turned in for cash. These are savings, of course, but many war workers will need them during the period of shifting from war jobs to peace jobs. There's no GI Bill of Rights to cover them.

Naturally our enemies -- both Germans and Japanese -- tried to exploit all these angles so that we would suspect and distrust the folks back home. When we really sit down and face the facts, however, we find that President Roosevelt was completely right when he said, in 1943, "The longer this war goes on the clearer it becomes that no one can draw a blue pencil down the middle of the page and call one side the 'fighting front' and the other side the 'home front' -- for the two of them are inexorably tied together." Vol. I, No 14 Army Talks

MALE CALL

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

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY

