



# UNIT SCHOOL MATERIALIZES

## "POINTS" AND TRANSFERS AND VACATIONS DISRUPT LIFE AT THE 12TH

During this past week, after all types of fantastic rumors, ten more men with the necessary "points" left the unit. Destiny: known - somewhere in the U.S.A. They are: White, R.B, Herschenfeld, Hulsing, Levin, Grossman Brandon, Bykowski, Creger, Thielenhouse, and Hollifield. (White didn't go last week as was reported in the Medi-Call.)

Following are the names of 43 men to be transferred to the 52nd Station Hospital. Willage, White, F. L., Resnick, Minter, Bedore, Martineau, Wilson, Swinson, Ambruno, Hoover, Gregory, Majdan, Drew, Parske, Krause, Williams, O'Connor, Scimeca, Atkinson, Manzo, Baraty, Biddle, Williams, R.A., Killewald, Veach, Barrett, Yiddleton, Clark, Theis, Duerr, West, Albertson, Heiting, Behling, Brunson, Voss, Martin, Wesson, McKee, Ferman, Meader, Brainard and Ruggiero. The 118th Sta. Hospital will receive the following named men: Durand, Lehr, Travis, Kramer, Skibo, Farber, Bass, Werneth, Atkinso, A.E., Gallagher and Nicholas. To these men, many of whom have been with the unit since the days of "Euster", we bid farewell and the best of luck.

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The Unit School, part of the Army Education Program which has been described at some length in recent orientation hours, will become an actuality at the 12th General Hospital in the very near future. It is hoped that classes will be underway Monday the 11th of June.

Captain Ray Wolf of the United States Armed Forces Institute has been placed on temporary duty with the hospital to assist in the organization of the new school.

### QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE ADMINISTERED

The first step in organization will be a general meeting scheduled for all personnel at the theater, 1900 hours, Monday, June 4th. Details of the plan insofar as they are settled will be announced at that time. The questionnaire, which gives the basic information necessary for setting up a curriculum, will be administered Wednesday afternoon. The detachment will meet in four groups, the same groups used for orientation, Wed., at those hours:

- Group A.....1300 hours;
- Group B.....1400 hours;
- Group C.....1500 hours;
- Group D.....1600 hours.

These two hours, that is, the general meeting plus the group meeting, will take the place of the customary orientation hours for the week of Monday, 4

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RED CROSS NOTES

Members of the detachment have always been welcome at the Red Cross but probably have found little available space in the past. However, with the recent drop in the patient census, we would like to extend once again an invitation to come and make use of the workshop and building. Games, as desired, can be organized—so, if you have any suggestions, do put a bug in our ear.

Last Saturday we saw Jeanne Sullo-way change her name to Mrs. Preston Low. The ceremony was simple and sweet, taking place in the courtyard of the Cinelli home in Florence. A small group of fifteen witnessed the ceremony.

Carmen Sarry, second baseman on the recently formed softball team, showed her skill the other night by single-handedly making a triple play. Was that a Deadbird Scout lurking in the audience?

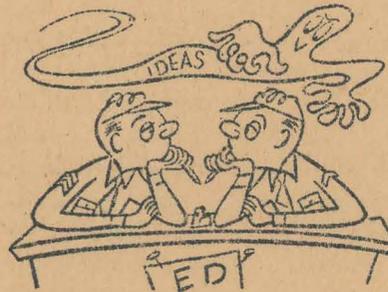
OVERHEARD AT THE DINNER TABLE

Capt Markham: "Hello — how are you?"

Maj Droegmueller: "Just fine. How  
Arzew?"

HARRY BIDS "FAREWELL"

The famous duck seen so much in the Detachment area bids farewell to his many friends and associates. "Harry" is leaving for the 52nd Station Hospital with his new co-owners, Al Hoover and John Martin. Formerly the protige of Angelo Calise, Harry was imported from Florence. He was then a mere "Babe-in-arms". Since coming to the 12th he has become famous by accomplishing several unheard of feats. First he has not only survived on Army chow, but he has actually grown fat on it. Secondly, he has faithfully stood reveille every morning with his tent-mates. Having completed his basic training successfully, Harry feels that his new assignment will offer no difficulties. Although he doesn't know it yet, Harry is being considered for an award — the Legion of Merit.



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(G.Stein)

# FORMOSA

16th century Spanish explorers discovered a large island 220 miles north of Luzon; the majestic beauty of its cliffs rising from the sea prompted them to name the island "Formosa". Today these completely forested cliffs and mountains (which cover two-thirds of the island) are an important factor to be considered by the Allies in an attempted invasion of Formosa. Unquestionably, Taiwan (Chinese name of the island) would be a desirable possession in the final onslaught against Japan. Its position 90 miles west of Free China and 300 miles east of Okinawa would make it the final link in the chain of Allied bases cutting off the Malay States and occupied China from the Japanese homeland. Expansive air bases, moreover, could be readily built on the plains of the western third of Formosa.

In deciding whether to occupy or bypass Taiwan, many matters must be weighed. For example, will its desirability as a base prove so important in speeding the finish of the war to justify the loss in men and equipment needed to take the island? And how great would this loss be? Formosa's rugged terrain and few natural harbors would increase the hazards of invasion. Its good roads and anti-Japanese population might lessen the danger.

Its climate is distinctly tropical; *the island is bisected by the Tropic of Cancer* (24 degrees Lat) which also runs through Key West, Fla. Rainfall is high and well distributed throughout the year. Taiwan is as long as the distance from Rome to Genoa, but is only 40-60 miles wide. Most of its four million Chinese inhabit the western plain and are engaged in farming (rice, tea), and mining (coal). Some 30,000 unsubdued aborigines live in the eastern hills and are engaged in hunting (heads). The Chinese have been anti-Japanese since the Japanese conquered Formosa in 1895. The aborigines are anti-social in general. Other than civil officials, few Japanese live on the island, but large numbers of troops are probably stationed there now.

## ENTERTAINMENT-WORLD

SPECIAL SERVICE PRESENTS -----THE WEEK'S MOVIE SCHEDULE

MONDAY....."PAN-AMERICANA" with PHILLIP CAREY, AUDREY LANG

WEDNESDAY....."HERE COME THE CO-EDS" with ABBOT and COSTELLO

FRIDAY....."GOING MY WAY" with BING CROSBY and BARRY FITZ-GERALD

SATURDAY.....TO BE ANNOUNCED

## ANOTHER OF THE DEPARTMENTAL SERIES

# QUARTERMASTER

Everyone knows the QM Department! This department has constant and daily contact with all personnel and with each patient as he enters or leaves the hospital.

Do your clothes fit? Take them to S/Sgt R.L. Hall at Detachment Supply! If he can't give you the fit that makes you look as sharp as the hero in the Coca Cola advertisement, he can tell you the reason why. And surprisingly enough, there are many reasons why he just can't "make" them. T/5 Gordon Davis, the merchant prince from Homer, Ohio, is the heavy thinker on the forms 32 and the requisitions. Their able assistant is Abe Korkin, the only one who isn't sweating out the "85 or over".

It has been said that Cpl John (Lefty) Prymicz developed that pitcher's arm in the throwing of patients baggage. We could not check on this for there's a counter that says "keep out" and means it, even for patients who have property there. This section receives property of patients, sends the soiled clothing to the laundry, stores the property, and inventories the property of all patients returning to the States. In addition the personnel daily answer questions ranging from "Who is the captain of the ship on which I'm returning?" to "Where is my Beretta and why don't they let me take it with me?" Never a dull moment as the pride of Fresno, Cpl Homer D. Cooper will tell you. And if you think you've had it rough just listen to the experiences Pfc Robinson had with the elite of the African Corps. Pfc Eugene Majdan is the other old timer in the department, having entered the QM Service in Rome. The two new men, Dundel and Rumkus, in addi-

tion to their duties are often seen on the softball field. Mr. George, CWO, is in charge of the department and he can verify that more things can happen to a patient's baggage than should happen to a dog.

The patients' clothing section works in conjunction with the patients' property room, though it is located in the regular QM issue room. The softball pitcher, Walt Deurmeyer, is the busy bee who issues the clothing to those patients who don't have enough to leave the hospital. The current mystery which Walt has dropped into the lap of his assistant, Martin Spiegel, is why walking patients returning to the States get a complete new outfit, including mess gear and fatigues. Spiegel is expected any day to arrive at the solution.

Of course, if you need anything for the wards, anything from insect powder to immersion water heaters, you see Wm A. Sperling in the QM issue room. If he doesn't have it, he will send you next door. Bill's job is to keep the ward men happy from the supply angle and as long as he has supplies he does just that thing.

T/Sgt Feese, the non-com in charge of the department, is also the spark plug of the Red Birds and has directly enriched the personnel (at least the betting personnel) of the organization by many shekels. With the little time remaining after working with the ball team and detail work at the office, Sgt Feese may be seen in different sections of the department straightening out those snarls of red tape with

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# G. I. - NEWS

(ANS) ----- A "Pocket Guide to Germany" has been issued to American Occupation troops warning them against fraternizing with the Germans and asking them to "keep faith with American soldiers who have died to eliminate German warmakers."

United Press correspondent Robert Meyer, describing the booklet, says the Yanks have been warned not to carry a chip on their shoulder or to kick the Germans when they are down, but adds, "you are not here on a good will errand either."

"Unless otherwise permitted by high authority, you will not visit in German homes or associate with the Germans on terms of friendly intimacy either in public or private," the soldiers are told.

The booklet gives soldiers the hard facts with which to answer German alibis, tips on how to stay healthy under German living conditions, and warns that marriage to foreign girls is complicated and impractical.

"Within the bounds of your instructions against fraternization and intimacy, you can by your conduct give them a glimpse of life in a democracy where no man is master of another, and where the only limit of success is a man's ability."

"But don't argue. Don't try to convince them. If you can plant the seed of your pride of country and its way of life, time and the others will do the rest."

## OFFICERS' RESERVE CORPS

(ANS) — The War Department, in an effort to build up a strong reserve corps after the war, announced recently that the highest temporary rank held on release from active duty will be offered for a period of five years in the Officers' Reserve Corps to all

qualified commissioned officers.

The provision does not apply to regular Army officers, many of whom now hold temporary ranks much higher than their permanent ranks.

Reserve officers represent 25 percent of the officer strength in this war, and it is expected that the strength of the postwar organized reserve corps "will be several times greater than it has been in the past", the War Department said.

## OBLIGING CHAP, WASN'T HE

(ANS) --- A corporal, wearing overseas campaign ribbons with stars, asked the housing desk of the servicemen's center in Denver, Colo., for a house for himself, his wife and their three year old son ----- an almost impossible request.

An excited attendant, who had just finished talking on the phone, told the corporal a landlord had offered a desirable vacancy, but that a family with two children was wanted.

"Tell him we'll take it", said the corporal. "If he insists on two children, we'll have another one."

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\* I & E MOVIES TONITE! \*  
\* THEATER -- 1930 -- ALL INVITED \*  
\* A PROGRAM OF G. I. SHORTS \*  
\* AND COMBAT BULLETINS \*  
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## THEY WEREN'T KIDDING!

(ONS) ---- Remember those Princeton students who caused all the commotion back in 1936 when they formed an organization known as "The Veterans of Future Wars"? They demanded an immediate \$1,000 bonus for all men between 18 and 36 so they could enjoy it before they went to war.

Well, of the nine charter members of the "Veterans of Future Wars" eight are in the armed forces and the ninth is 4-F.

BUY A WAR BOND TODAY!!!

# S P O R T S

Ory Field, 30 May 1945: The Redbirds nipped the 33rd General Hospital "Ramblers" here this afternoon, 4-3, in a ball game that was generally conceded to be the best played on this diamond all year. Having previously beaten the 7th Station and 64th General, the 'Birds are laying claim to the mythical Leghorn hospital championship.

All the credit for today's win over the neighbor rivals must go to John "Lefty" Prymicz, Ray Sparrs and Tom Oliphant, the latter pair each driving in two runs with singles, while the little southpaw turned in a magnificent 6-1/3 inning stint after relieving Bill Moerman with two out in the third when the Redbird ace had to retire with a sore arm after giving up a run in the 1st.

Oliphant's one base rap came with the bases loaded in the 5th and gave the Redbirds a short lived lead. The Ramblers, playing a great game, went ahead again in the 7th when pitcher Pointks singled across a pair after three Redbird errors put runners on 2nd and 3rd. Then in the last half of the same frame, big Sparrs rapped a single thru the box to score Prymicz and Kelley with what proved to be the deciding runs.

Prymicz, who entered the game in the 3rd without the benefit of a proper warm-up, gave up only one hit and fanned four Ramblers as he gained credit for his 9th straight victory without a setback. After walking the first man he faced, Lefty mowed down 10 straight batters and was never in trouble except for the 7th inning when the visitors scored their two unearned runs.

## PBS BIG TEN LEAGUE STANDING

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCTG.</u>	<u>GBH</u>
Boomers	8	0	1.000	-
REDBIRDS	7	0	1.000	1/2
Bladers	3	3	.500	4
Carcos	3	3	.500	4
Laundry Reds	2	3	.400	4 1/2
Motor Macs	2	4	.333	5
Cobblers	2	4	.333	5
Spareparts	1	5	.167	6
Flying Cats	0	6	.000	7

## SUNDAY'S RESULTS

REDBIRDS 14, Flying Cats 1

Boomers 3; Carcos 0

Cobblers 7; Motor Macs 1

## MONDAY'S RESULT

Bladers 16; Cobblers 5

## GAMES TODAY

Flying Cats at Carcos

Cobblers at Laundry Reds

Motor Macs at Spareparts

REDBIRDS at Boomers (Yankee Stadium, Leghorn, 3:30 PM)

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Ory Field, 27 May 1945: The Redbirds blasted two hurlers for 19 hits today as they swamped the last place Flying Cats, 14 to 1 this afternoon. Bill Moerman pitched 5 innings and got credit for his 9th victory of the year, while Harold "Kraut" Deehr rapped out four singles to lead the Redbird attack.

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REDBIRDS FACE BOOMERS

THE SHOWDOWN CLASH TODAY

The nip and tuck PBS Big Ten League lead will come to a showdown at Yankee Stadium this afternoon at 3:30 PM when the Redbirds tackle the 719 Ry Op Bn "Boomers" who hold a 1/2 game lead. Lefty Prymicz will carry the Redbird hopes on the mound.

DISRUPTED 12th (Cont'd from Page 1)

While these men have been sweating out plane rides, transfers and the straightening-up of "affairs", the following have been enjoying a peaceful week of relaxation and rest at the famous "Riviera": Major John Martin T/3 John Trainer of the EENT Dept., Sgt Ray Roberts of Registrar and T/4 Edwin Schlottach of Medical Service.

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June. Specially briefed assistants will be on hand to assist in the administration of the questionnaire.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS SET CURRICULUM

On the basis of questionnaire results, classes will be set up to accommodate groups of a minimum of five desiring the same subject, where possible. Limiting factors will be time available and teaching personnel.

Rooms off the main corridor of Bldg #1, formerly part of Ward 12, will be converted for class room use. Six such rooms, with an anticipated schedule of three hours daily, would make possible a total of eighteen different classes.

DUTY TIME DEVOTED TO PROGRAM

A certain number of duty hours will be allotted jointly to I&E and Special Services for their respective programs. One possibility being favorably considered is the creation of two shifts for the unit school, one a Monday-Wednesday-Friday shift, the other a Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday. Classes will probably run from 0830 to 1130 daily, though details of this nature will be determined largely by the results of the questionnaire. Afternoons would be devoted to the organized athletic and recreation program, with provision for the regular orientation hour. Men could choose one of the following alternatives: (1) straight duty, (2) the education program, (3) the recreation and athletic program, or (4) a combin-

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ation of the latter two.

BRIEF TEACHER TRAINING

Teaching personnel would be selected from the personnel of the unit, both commissioned and enlisted, on the basis of their qualifications for the particular teaching field. A brief refresher course in teaching techniques, amounting to four or six hours, would be given by Captain Wolf, school administrator in civil life with some twenty years experience.

SUPERVISED STUDY A POSSIBILITY

Some individuals will request subjects not sufficiently popular for the establishment of a regular class. For these people, supervised study periods are planned. They will be encouraged to apply for such courses through the United States Armed Forces Institute and permitted to utilize duty time for studying such courses in regular study periods scheduled by the school.

TO FORESTALL MISUNDERSTANDING

The Unit School is being established by Penbase authority; the unit has not been ordered into the Readjustment Program—as explained in orientation hours—and all are cautioned, therefore, not to jump to the false conclusion that the 12th has been declared a surplus unit. The Unit School will be the only phase of the Education Program operative immediately, though the regular questionnaire is being given. Those who indicate a desire for Technical Center or University Center training, however, may receive such opportunity at a later date.

DEMOCRATIC SCHOOL

The democratic nature of the school is emphasized. Participation is voluntary, the curriculum is based upon the choices of those participating, teaching personnel comes from the unit itself, and the school exists exclusively for the benefit of the students. In a very real sense, then, this will be a school by, and of, and for the personnel of the 12th General Hospital.

Q.M. DEPARTMENT  
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which we are all so familiar. Sgt Hale (don't confuse him with Hall) does the pounding on the typewriter and in between reports and requisitions writes such things as this. Cpl Duerr, (Manpower Duerr) is the "man on the truck", the unofficial representative of the QM Department at Depots in the Leghorn area. He draws all supplies for the department, and boasts 10,000 miles of travel--all within a 20 mile radius of Leghorn,--- and from his description of the roads a great deal of the 10,000 miles must be up and down.

The QM office is located with the Medical Supply office to form the Supply Office. Major Piper is the man who has the responsibility for all supply. 2nd Lt Fuha, a recent comer to the organization, is his assistant and has specific charge of the QM Department. His former experience in Medical Supply is serving him to great advantage, and though the nomenclature is different, it didn't take long for the Lt to learn that a Truck,  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton, 4x4, C&R, is a Jeep.

OH YEAH!

Kearns, Utah (AMS) -- "The roughest years of the Army are behind me," said 48 year-old Cpl Alfred O. Fumme of San Antonio, Texas, in turning down his discharge from the Army Air Force over seas replacement depot here.

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"WE HAVE RETURNED!"--MAC ARTHUR

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE THE FRONT IS

