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MEDI-CALL

FURLOUGH NUMBER INCREASED;

CHAPEL GROUP PRESENTS

12 ON T.D., 3 ON ROTATION

EASTER RADIO PROGRAM

Hot Dog!! T.D. allowance has been raised again! The Unit C.O. is now authorized to nominate 2% of his command for Temporary Duty in the States and $\frac{1}{2}$ % for Rotation. This means that 12 EM on TD and 3 EM on Rotation will leave for the USA in the month of May. (Tom Settlemier still hopes to see the Golden Gate by '48.)

FIRST UNIT CHOIR TO BROADCAST

12th General Hospital sponsored the Mediterranean Church of the Air Easter program last Sunday on the AES, PBS, radio station.

Chaplain Eells planned the half hour service and preached a short sermon. The unit choir was assigned a prominent part in the program and rendered two anthems, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" and "The Heavens Resound". Bill Morgenstern sang a solo, "The Holy City".

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Here's a list of those who left recently on the April quota:

On rotation were T/5 Samuel Platt, T/4 George Altmaier, and Lts. Mary Kalchik and Betty Bradford.

RECORDS OF SONGS MADE

The tourists on Temporary Duty include Capt Ross Johnson, Lts. Stuart Graham and Edith Swift, and Wilbur Kuhn, George See, Olen Stark, John Rutkey, Frank Tanzillo, John Sechanic, Stephen Slocker, Edward Ziobro, Frank Foley, and Clifford Polston.

This was the first time that a unit choir appeared on the program and to mark the occasion the officer in charge of the station made recordings of one of the anthems and of Morgenstern's solo. The records were given to Al Hoover (who had known the station manager in Naples) and Hoover presented them to Chaplain Eells.

C & R SECTION BORN IN P.X. FRONT YARD

Ten winterized ward tents are being erected between Bldgs. 1 and 2 for the 12th's Convalescent and Rehabilitation Section. Showers and latrine facilities will be included in construction.

Members of the choir are: Ruth Hotchkiss and Connie Terry of the Red Cross, Lts. Lieb, Gustafson, Corbin, Lake, Wanless, and Hyduk and Bill Morgenstern, Al Hoover, Henry Bormann, and Floris Scholtens.

SHARP BALL DIAMOND

SECTION SARGES WORK

GETS SHARP SIGN

OUT MODEL TENT PLAN

The Redbirds' diamond now sports a beautiful sign made by Tom Mietelski of Utilities. On top are the words 'Ory Field'. In the background mountains have been painted, and printed in the foreground is 'Home of the Redbirds'.

The original work order called for a simple sign, but Tom thought that a field as good as ours' deserved a sign worth of it. So he devoted a day and a half to the work and produced a sign that justified his feelings and one of which the 12th could be proud.

 MORE DUCK DETAILS

For those readers who may be further interested in 'Harry, the Duck', his god-father and adopted daddies in Tent 1, Row 5, wish to report that he is doing quite well. His health (and more important, his weight) have improved far beyond expectations, and tho he is now at sandwich weight, he should, with proper care, reach full-course dinner weight soon.

His antics delight his many visitors and well-wishers. Oranges continue to scare him, but he has taken admirably to his beer ration. He can now be termed a 'Chronic Alcoholic' although the first time he tasted beer his gears went into reverse and he just couldn't walk forward.

Anxiously his daddies and fellow tentmates are awaiting his first quack. His feeding formula consists of stale bread, matzos, and saltines, covered with sour milk. Harry is undoubtedly the best fed duck in Italy - and for a very good reason. Several weeks from now, invitations will be mailed to certain people, to attend a duck dinner. And you have probably guessed the name of the main course: 'Roast Duck a la Harry'.

Yesterday's inspection was not an ordinary one. In addition to the usual checkup, each section sergeant picked a tent in his row and had it arranged according to his idea of a model tent. Practicality was the keynote and the various display tents demonstrated ideas of the best method of hanging clothes, stringing wires, providing for mosquito netting, etc.

Section sergeants accompanied the inspection party comparing the 'model tents'. Best ideas from all tents will be incorporated into a single pattern after which each individual tent will be modeled.

 "WILSON", EPIC FILM
 TO PLAY AT 12th THURSDAY

This Tuesday, April 12th, the 20th Century-Fox film, "WILSON", will be shown at the 12th. Movie critics have acclaimed the technicolor picture one of the greatest to come out of Hollywood. It brings to the screen in brilliant panoramic fashion the globesweeping drama of an era and a nation; the most exciting years of President Wilson's private and public life; the tribulations that faced our nation during the turbulent years of World War I and the inside story of history being made.

The cast includes Alexander Knox (Wilson), Charles Coburn (Professor Holms-Wilson's intimate friend), Geraldine Fitzgerald (Edith Bolling Galt-Wilson's second wife), Ruth Nelson (first Mrs. Wilson), and Sir Cedric Hardwicke (Senator Henry Cabot Lodge). From all reports it sounds like a picture well worth seeing and one which will not soon be forgotten.

 NEW OFFICER JOINS UNIT

Capt. Earl H. Klabunde, MC, formerly of the 19th Engr. Combat Group, has been assigned to the Surgical Service of the 12th.

TRouble SHOOTIN' UTILITIES

The willingness and usefulness of the Utilities Department of this hospital is recognized by all of us; not only in setting up the outfit, but in keeping it a going concern is this section of vital importance. Their personnel receive SOS's for every type of job ranging from watch-repairing to outdoor advertising, and like the Boy Scouts, they are prepared for any emergency except the ones that go to O.R.

Most involved quarter of trouble is the Nurses' Quarters, and despite water, heating, and numerous other sources of complaint, the men of Utilities feel that they have been of some help and are sure that their efforts are appreciated by the ladies.

Utilities does the possible immediately while the impossible takes slightly longer, so should your work order be delayed, you will know that it has been placed in the impossible category and if you give the department a little more time, you, too, will be made happy. Everything from charm bracelets to automotive engines, from radio-repairing to the cutting up of captain bars for newly promoted 1st Lts. has been taken care of willingly and gladly.

Peering into sewers and miles of pipe lines and electrical lines has its humorous aspect and a sense of humor is as essential as common sense and technical skill in the department.

Five sub-sections make up the department: Carpenters, plumbers, electricians, stone masons and painters. The whiz-bang carpenters include little blondie, T/4 George Altmaier, who is the pet of the Nurses' Quarters. George is on his way home now and will soon be charming the ladies on the home front. T/Sgt Grimes hasn't missed a daily letter from



his girl in 2½ years; T/4 Amos Hazelwood from Texas is still mourning the death of Porkie, his prickly porcupine. T/5 Ad-

am (Old-Man) Wawrzynski, formerly a baker for Mrs. Wagners Pie Co., is now the left-handed carpenter. Cpl Kenneth Wildey is an old flak-shooter from wayback and is now shooting the plane at lumber. Pfc Fenton Grant has done much of the carpentry at Cafe Society; Pfc Robert Sinclair, an old infantry boy, is plugging for catcher on the Red-birds.

S/Sgt Calvin Scalpini, a mechanic on automotive installations is a former infantryman and now shoots the oil. T/4 Matthew Tarsso, from the "Windy City" is Utilities' electrician and the juice is plenty hot when he starts off! His assistants, T/5 Benny Provenzano and Pfc "Smiley" Krietzer, are now known as the "Pisa Boys". T/4 Edwin Hulsing, Pfc Kenneth Pufpaff, Pfc Merton Tatro, and Pfc Harvey Wever, Pfc Theodore Mills flip the switches at the power plant for your poker games and what-have-you.

John L. Montgomery is 'ye old sign painter' together with Pfc Thomas Mietelski whose slogan is: "you name em, we'll frame 'em". T/5 Steve Slocker, boss plumber, has laid so many pipes and fittings that he thinks he should lay down, too, for a much-earned rest. Pfc Doug Wallace always flashes his tongue while at work on the pipes--someday he'll forget to pull it back in. T/5 James Palomara is labor boss of civilian personnel assisted by Pfc Anthony Piazza.

The old railroad man in charge of water supply is Cpl Howard "Pop" Verzinski. Pfc Domenick Mazzone, stone mason, is on fur-

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lough to see his Mom and also a certain girl. Proud possessor of the Hokey Wagon (aptly named 'Sweet Rosie') is Pfc Aldoge Guilbert. Pvt Walter Lehr, the tool man, is the smiling-voiced male who answers the phone and never grows angry no matter how excited the party on the other end of the line becomes. Pfc Amata has made the boys contribute heavily to his post-war fund via the ivory cubes---there's a guy like him in every department.

In charge of this collection of characters is Lt. Hall, former infantry officer now in the Corps of Engineers. As a civilian he was connected with the maintenance department of the Interboro Subway System of New York, so you can see he's not in the dark when it comes to undercover work. Utilities Motto is: "On the Ball with Lt. Hall".

RED CROSS

CHAPTER

During March, the Red Cross unit here helped in arranging for visits of relatives to seriously ill or injured patients. Not only were the visits made possible by the ARC, but places to stay for the visitors were also provided.

Two old friends, Pfc Helmet, former Olympic ski jumper, and his colleague, Pfc McLellan, an instructor with Hans Schneider, met last week when they learned they were patients on adjoining wards. They are now busy comparing notes on their skiing experiences in the Army and are rejoicing over the fact that they will both be able to ski again.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



Cliff Gate, a patient from the 85th Mt Division whose address since mid-February has been Bed 41, Wd 33, has had ample opportunity to observe ward life, and he decided to sketch his impressions. Aided by suggestions from other patients and ward personnel he produced a series of drawings and because it was Easter time, he used a Rabbit motif.

One of the sketches illustrates Capt. Blair, Ward Officer, at work. Nurses, wardmen, and patients are similarly caricatured in long-eared hilarity. The drawings, with others representing divisional insignias, were seen by Red Cross workers who put them on exhibition in the new Red Cross building last Sunday.

MALE CALL by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" BRIEFS FOR OBSERVATION MISSION





SPORTS



REDBIRDS WIN 6 STRAIGHT

The Redbirds ended their spring training with three straight victories to give them a perfect spring record of six victories against no defeats.

REDBIRDS 7; 7th STATION HOSP. 0
April 1....Lefty Primicz was the first Bird pitcher to go the full route today when he shut out the 7th Station with only 3 hits. Lefty not only pitched a beautiful game but had a perfect day at bat with a single, sacrifice, and a walk in three trips to the plate.

The Birds were able to garner 6 hits off of the two 7th S. H. pitchers, and by bunching their hits with walks and errors they scored their 7 runs in clusters.

For the fourth consecutive game, the Birds won the contest in the first inning. A walk, 3 singles, and an outfield error gave them two runs. Clark got two of the Birds' hits in his two appearances at the plate. Lazarov had a perfect day also with a single, a walk, a sacrifice, and being hit by a pitched ball in four times at bat.

REDBIRDS 9; FIREBALLS 3
April 3..Banging out 10 hits, the Redbirds rang up their fifth straight victory at Ory Field tonight over the Fireballs of the 37th Q.M. Battalion.

Krause started on the mound for the Birds and pitched nicely for three innings, allowing but 3 hits and one run. But in the 4th he had trouble finding the plate, and walked his first two batters. At this point "Lefty" Bill Moerman was called in and he promptly quenched the fire. The first man to face him popped to Lazarov. He then settled down and struck out 8 Fireballs in succession. In the 4 innings he worked, Moerman struck out eleven men.

Once again the Redbirds won the ball game in the first inning, this time with a four run outburst. Lazarov, Kelly, Clark, and Oliphant led the Redbirds with two hits apiece.

REDBIRDS 11; 58th Q.M. 2
April 4..The Redbirds ended their pre-season exhibition series tonight by pounding out an 11 to 2 victory over the 58th Q. M. Bn. Lefty Prymicz went the distance for the second time this season, and set the Quartermasters down with 6 hits.

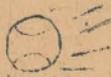
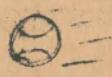
In tonight's game the procedure differed. Instead of scoring 3 runs early in the game, Redbird bats were silenced until the 5th and 6th innings when they exploded for 10 runs.

O'Buck with a double and single and Oliphant with two singles, in the 6th inning led the Redbird attack.

LITTLE REDS LOSE OPENER

April 5...The Little Reds lost the opening game of the National Softball League to the 33rd General Hospital team this evening at Ory Field by the score of 4 - 2.

McMillan, Little Reds starting pitcher, was charged with the defeat, although he was only touched for three hits. Wildness and two errors led to his downfall. Wildfong pitched beautiful relief ball for the last four innings.

 * BASEBALL TODAY 1400 HRS. *
 * Redbirds Vs. Spare Parts *
 *  at  *
 * 134th Q.M. Diamond *
 * (More details on bulletin board) *

REMEMBER MARIE?

Many of us have fond memories of the days we spent in Rome. A group of fellows were sitting around rehashing pleasant times as fellows will. The discussion, as discussions will, turned to the subject of women.

A good friend of many of the boys became the subject of the conversation, and they decided to immortalize her in song. The song is to be rendered slowly and with much feeling to the tune of 'Lili Marlene'. It is called:

DOWN ON NOLENTANA

Have you heard the story
of our stay in Rome?
We were very lonely
and far away from home.
We did many things we can't forget,
and all the girls we think of yet..
Especially Marie!

Down on Nomentana
where we used to live-
You should see the parties
that we used to give.
We had senorignas every nite,
Some were bad and some were right..
But you should see Marie!
Yes, you should see Marie!

You should see her lips and eyes,
You should see her hair;
You should see her hips and thighs,
The clothes she used to wear;
You should see her vino smile,
'Multa-belle' was her style-
You should see Marie!
Yes, you should see Marie!

When the war is over,
I'll go back someday,
To see my maria--from the USA;
I'll kiss the girl that I adore,
Kiss her again and then encore--
And then forget about Marie,
And say good-bye to Italy!

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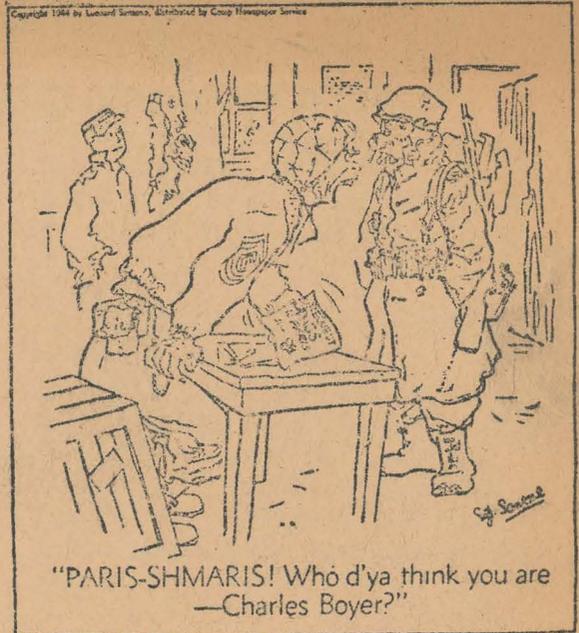
Capt.: "I was out with a nurse last nite."

Major: "Don't worry, old chap, pretty soon they'll let you go out alone."

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THE WOLF

by Sansone



PATIENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO GIVE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS!

\$10.00 plus "Liquid Refreshment" For Your Trouble

PATIENTS, IF YOU ARE SHORT of funds, thirsty, or wish for any other reason to give a blood transfusion, you may do so if you follow this simple procedure:

- 1) Secure a note from your ward officer stating that you receive his permission to give a transfusion. (You are not eligible if you have had or now have hepatitis, VD, or malaria.
- 2) Contact Sgt Scholtens or Pfc Dreyer in the Blood Bank located on the 3rd Floor of Bldg. 2, Telephone 30-52 for an appointment.

It's 500cc (about a pint) of your blood for \$10.00, 60cc (2 shots) of whiskey, and the feeling of satisfaction you'll get from helping a buddy when he needs it.

Detachment Personnel Also Eligible

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