



THE WEEK AT CAFE SOCIETY

Patrons of Cafe Society have found that the song "Rum and Coca-Cola" not only sounds good but drinks well, too. The six free cokes presented to each M in the 12th by the Club have proven a good advertisement, if new faces can see anything. Such remarks as, "This is positively a fine spot (hic!)" and "This is the first time I've been here at this place", added color to the Club the first two days the cokes were presented (usually with rum, as the above indicates. The rum and coca-cola, as most members decided at about 10 PM each evening is a fine drink—very smooth—and increases your liquid capacity—you think. But later you find that it's one of those sneaky drinks—watch out, brother!

Some of the "over 100 point" men who have been transferred out the past few days were on hand to celebrate. In fact they have been back each evening since their departure. Sgt Joe Argotia, a former 12th man who is sweating out the plane ride to the US with some of our men, has visited the Club the past three nights. He says, "Goodbye and good luck" to everyone and is beginning to look a little haggard after three nights of cognac and handshaking. It is rumored, after over watching the antics of some of the happy GIs who are stationed at the depot waiting for that plane, that the Army phrase "rations and quarters" has been rescinded and the phrase "Cognac and Quarters" substituted.

DSC TO 12TH PATIENT

The Distinguished Service Cross, second highest military award of the Nation, went to one of the 12th's patients this week, when 2nd Lt Charles W. Pierce was decorated by Brigadier General Oxx, Penbase Commander.

A native of Warren, Ohio, the Lieutenant came overseas in November of 1943 with the 88th Division. In November, 1944, Lieutenant Pierce, then a T/Sgt, was given a field commission.

In addition to the DSC, he holds the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, ETO Ribbon with three battle participation stars Presidential Citation (awarded to 351st Inf Regt), Good Conduct Medal, and the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon.

THE LUCKY WINNERS

This past week twenty men of the detachment left the unit to go home and be discharged from the Army. They were the organization's "100 Pointers" ———Barkivitch, Beregazzi, Mears, Dahlstrom, De Marco, Dickson, Hoza, Inks, Kadota, Klotz, Large, McCuen, Michaelis, Odom, Pyron, Rudys, Tokujo, Wells, White (Charles), and Wise. White and Dahlstrom were the high-pointers of the outfit, having 123 and 121 respectively. White has three children and three battle participation stars, while Dahlstrom has one child and six BPS's.

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MEMORIAL DAY---1945

Memorial Day was set aside as a day for paying homage to America's war dead. It is a day not only for decoration of graves, and flowery speeches, and parades, but for reaffirming the ideals for which those whom we honor gave their lives.

On Memorial Day, 1945, the crosses that lie in Flanders fields among the poppies are not forgotten. But there are many other crosses now, in many other fields. They are stark monuments to the eternal price of liberty.

It is we who can give these crosses meaning other than a useless sacrifice of human life. It is we who can rededicate ourselves to the goal for which we are all struggling. We command the lighthouse of freedom. We are the keepers of the flame.

TONIGHT !!

Tonight in the theater the I & E Office presents an evening of educational entertainment, with a program of GI shorts and Combat Bulletins. All patients and personnel are invited to attend: The time--1930.

COLUMN
MAIL
WRITE

To the Editor---

Several months have passed since members of the detachment have had an opportunity to pause for refreshment with a bottle of Coca Cola. Now that this very welcome liquid has arrived, a method of distributing it has been set up that seems to me practical from the point of view of bottle conservation but impractical in many other ways.

The EM Club is usually crowded with those who enjoy stronger drinks than coke. If there are 600 men in the detachment, 6 bottles of Coca Cola per man and 12 nights in which to drink the same, about 260 men must trek to the club per night (if he drinks one coke per night) in order to finish the quota of Coca Cola in the allotted time.

Thus, not only must a man drink a coke between certain hours when he might well prefer that luxury at other times, but he will surely feel it almost a task...Wade into a crowd, drink as much and as fast as he can and then get out. (Cont'd on Page 8)

NATURAL HISTORY IN FABLES

STORY NINE

THE SOUTH AFRICAN DIK-DIK

Years ago there was a South African Dik-Dik named Horace. He lived in the leaves of a great thorned Ju-Ju Bush, from which he would dash out to bite Humans and other animals. Then he would climb back into the bush and lick his fur, which was red, thick, and came down over his eyes. Like all Dik-Diks he also had a tail with which he picked bananas, fanned himself, and did other things that were only interesting to other Dik-Diks.

One day Horace jumped from his bush and was about to sink his 64 teeth into a Human when he heard it say: "Hold it chum! Why not shake paws instead? If you do this I will be your good neighbor and bring you nice things to eat".

This sounded nice to Horace, so he climbed back into his bush and waited. A few hours later he saw the same human returning down the path and sprang out to meet him, holding out his paw. The Human socked him so hard with a baseball bat that, although Horace got all the penicillin he could hold it was touch-and-go for a whole week, and I must say that his electroencephalogram was never quite the same again.



MORAL: Anyone submitting the best moral (not more than ten words) will get one spinal fluid examination absolutely free!



NO MORE SAD SACKS FROM SLEEPING BAGS

The Bag, Sleeping, M-1 went the way of all things GI this week when it was ordered turned in to the Detachment Supply Room. The men's emotions were varied at parting from the sack, but few could be observed shedding tears. Said one fellow, "Dammit, there goes the best pillow I've ever had."

Surprisingly few casualties were reported from months of wrestling with the Bag, Sleeping, but imagine Supply Sergeant Bob Hall's astonishment when one bag was turned in with a body still in it. It was thought at first that the poor emaciated corpus was completely dead, but artificial respiration quickly revived him. The unfortunate fellow had got into the sack months ago, and unable to extricate himself, had reposed there ever since. "Couldn't have held out much longer", he gasped, and then hurried away to figure up his points.

Most unconcerned about the whole affair, however, was Sam "Tiny" Roseman, who had never drawn a sleeping bag. Reason---he couldn't find one to fit him!

SOFTBALL-A SHORT HISTORY

With the institution of the inter-department softball league at the 12th, interest in the game has become more and more enhanced. We thought it might prove interesting to "Medi-Call" readers if we printed a short history of softball, so here goes.....

Legend has it that the game out of which Softball grew originated in the gymnasium of the Farragut Boat Club in Chicago, in 1887, when several members were playing catch with an old boxing glove. Suddenly someone picked up a broom handle, and holding it like a baseball bat said, "Let's play ball, boys!" Well, they played a funny little version of baseball right there in the gym, and it gave one of the members an idea. At the next gathering of the organization he presented to the assembled members a large ball and small rubber-tipped bat which have since been identified with the game called Indoor Baseball.

The game of indoor baseball with the larger ball and smaller bat was quickly transferred to the outdoor playground. Midwest playground leaders saw the possibilities of the game and soon worked out a code of rules which are fundamentally the framework of the rules of today. In 1908, an organization called the National Amateur Playground Ball Association of the United States was formed. This organization had national representation, a printed official handbook, plans for inter-city competition and great hopes for the future. The growth and development of this national organization did not continue, however, and it soon disappeared as an effective medium for promoting the game or securing uniform adoption of rules.



But the game itself caught on. All over the country, playground leagues arose, composed of unofficial untrained teams whose only motivation was a love of sport and the desire to "whip the tar" out of the teams from other neighborhoods. Newspapers publicized and encouraged the game, and alert businessmen began to sponsor teams for the privilege of having their names emblazoned on the uniforms. Softball teams representing "Joe's Bar and Grill" or "Jones' Hardware Store" are familiar in every town and hamlet in America today.

It's been claimed that the name "Softball" was first adopted at a meeting held in Colorado in 1926. At an organization meeting in Chicago in 1932, many names were considered, but the Colorado name was chosen, and the game has been nationally known as Softball from that year.



G.I. NEWS

TOJO'S HOTFOOT

(ANS) -- A jettisonable tank, which serves as a new incendiary bomb to rain fire on enemy installations, is now being used in the Pacific. Given the name of "Tojo's Hotfoot" by American airmen, the tanks are of 75-110 and 165-gallon size, which upon impact splash gobs of fiery gel of the kind used in the M-69 oil incendiary bomb and in flame-throwers.

The idea for the tank is said to have originated in 1942 when an Army flyer, having released all his bombs, followed up with his fuel tank, which exploded on the deck of an enemy warship in the Mediterranean. The tank weighs about 1,100 pounds when carrying a maximum load and is slightly more than ten feet long.

CHEST WOUND DEATH RATE DECREASING

(ANS) -- Although chest wounds are more serious in this war than in the last because of the increase in bomb fragments, the rate of recovery is three times as great, Army Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk has announced.

The death rate of chest wounded men who lived long enough to reach surgery was 24 percent in the last war as against 8 percent in this war.

G.I.'S POST-WAR PLANS

(ANS) -- On the basis of present plans, about two-fifths of the men in the Army--approximately 2,500,000 men--plan to go back to their old employers, a survey made by the Information & Education Division, Army Service Forces, shows.

More than three-fourths of all troops worked for an employer before entering the Army, but only two-thirds plan to take jobs as employees after discharge.

Men who were doing work requiring a high level of skill are more likely to return to the kind of work they did before they entered the Army than are men whose prewar jobs required a lower level of skill. Older men, men married before they entered the Army, and men with the longest work experience also are apt to return to the same type of work and to their pre-war employers.

The report showed that eight percent--or about 625,000--are definitely planning to attend full-time school, while another 13 percent--over a million men--are planning to be self-employed after discharge.

BEST-SELLERS

(ANS) -- Two of the late Ernie Pyle's human travelogues, compiled as he slogged his way across the battlefields of Europe with the Infantry, are listed in America's ten best-sellers for mid-May.

His "Brave Men" was leading all other books in the non-fiction bracket with "Here is Your War" in tenth place "Black Boy", Richard Wright's story of his youth was in second place for the month.

Samuel Shellabarger's "Captain from Castille" was out in front in fiction sales, followed by "The Green Years" by English author A.J. Cronin.

ARMY HORSE BIRTH RATE DECLINES

(ANS) -- The Army Horse Breeding reports that a total of 8,578 privately owned foals were produced last year from mares bred to Army stallions. This figure was the lowest since the war began and was a result of such war-time conditions as a farm manpower shortage and a scarcity of feed.

The breeding program is under the direction of the Quartermaster Corps Remount Branch, and has as its objective a general improvement of the type and quality of utility horses in the United States.

THE CURIOSITY CORNER

(ANS) -- One of the most elaborate weddings of this generation took place in 1936 in Surat, India. Bedecked with silks, pearls and diamonds, the principals were married in the great temple by a high caste priest using the complete Hindu ritual which requires several hours. Thousands attended the ceremony, thousands lined the streets to see the procession and hundreds were present at the wedding banquet for the bride and groom---a pair of monkeys owned by a millionaire.

(ANS) -- A tomb with a unique feature is that of a famous Moslem saint, Kalandar Lal Shanbaz, in Sehwan, India. Since his death and burial there in 1772, live lions in cages have guarded the entrance to this great mausoleum, to carry on the legend that Kalandar, when alive, kept several of these beasts as his constant companions and protectors.

(ANS) -- Under maritime law, all vessels that answer the SOS of a ship in distress by sailing to its rescue are entitled to a salvage award even when they can do nothing but stand by. A ship may also render a salvage service for telling another over the air how to disengage itself from an ice peak.

LET YOUR MONEY SAY

GOOD BUY

NOT

GOODBYE!

BUY WAR BONDS

MESS BURPS

1st Lt Ruth E. Baldwin, Head Dietitian, is temporarily leaving the department for DS with the 45th General Hospital in Naples. Seems like that old urge to "go south" holds true for Italy as well as the States. "Good luck, Ruth, and a speedy return, as we shall all miss you."

The softball team dropped its first game to the Mixers by the score of 7-3 but regained its winning form by eking out a 5-4 win over the Dental Clinic. Contrasting result the teeth experts were getting generous helpings, going through the chow line, while members of the Mixers received very little more than cold stares from the cooks for their trouble.

Question of the week---How come, no Brazilian Campaign Ribbon for the 12th when members of the 7th Station Hospital are seen sporting the snappy green and white decoration?

SOFTBALL HISTORY
(Cont'd from P. 4)

The game that has been played as a recreational activity, using fundamental skills of the traditional American game of baseball, has evolved into a national sport that is accepted and played by outstanding athletic clubs from coast to coast. Today softball stands on its own feet, occupying an important position in the sports world and securing in terms of active players and spectators' interest, a participation that is probably not excelled by any other organized team game. The former differences concerning names, rules and jurisdiction -- which cropped up in the early days -- have now disappeared and the sport now has a general acceptance under the term "Softball" that gives the game a national significance and standing.

12th - SPORTS - Gen. Hosp.

Ory Field, May 25th: The Redbirds proud winning streak, which reached 22 straight Thursday nite, is no more. The inevitable defeat finally came here tonight when the 345th Ftr Sqdn nosed out the Flock 2-1 in a 7 inning exhibition contest, concluding the finest victory string compiled in the Lophorn area in 1945. The airmen jumped on Bill Young, making his first appearance on the mound this year, for two runs in the opening frame which proved to be enough. Pinch hitter Don Clark's 7th inning home run accounted for the lone Redbird tally.

Young allowed only three hits in the last six innings but weak stickwork by his mates in the clutch and catcher Tom Oliphant's error in the first inning, deprived him of victory.

Bill Moerman continued his amazing strikeout performance on Thursday, fanning 13 and allowing only 1 hit as the Redbirds won their 22nd straight game of the season, blanking the highly regarded "Jeeps" of the 480 Pt Bn, 8-0. Ed Subjeck's three-run homer in the 1st inning was enough to ice the game but the 'Birds added three more in the second and Subjeck singled a pair across in the 4th to close out the run production for the evening.

With no game scheduled for last Sunday, the Redbirds went pick-nicking and a good time was had by all. Results: Worst sunburn -- Foose.....Most beers guzzled -- Declr (27).....Most sandwiches destroyed -- Tarso (30).....Best all around signorina chaser -- Kelley.

DIAMOND DUST: The long awaited

FBS BIG TEN LEAGUE STANDING

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCTG.</u>	<u>GBH</u>
Booners	7	0	1.000	-
REDBIRDS	7	0	1.000	-
Carcos	3	2	.600	3
Laundry Reds	2	3	.400	4
Motor Macs	2	3	.400	4
Bladers	2	3	.400	4
Cobblers	1	3	.250	4½
Spareparts	1	4	.200	5
Flying Cats	0	4	.000	5½

LAST SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Booners 3; Cobblers 1
 Carcos 6; Laundry Reds 6 (13 innings - called darkness)

GAMES TODAY

REDBIRDS at Flying Cats
 Booners at Carcos
 Cobblers at Bladers
 Motor Macs at Laundry Reds
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 * BASIBALL - TODAY *
 * *Redbirds* vs. FLYING CATS *
 * TRANSPORTATION FOR EM LEAVES *
 * DETACHMENT AREA AND FOR OFFI- *
 * CERS AT MAIN GATE AT 1:30 PM *
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HOSPITAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDING

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCTG.</u>	<u>GBH</u>
Med. Service	2	0	1.000	-
Stripes	1	0	1.000	½
Deadbirds	1	0	1.000	½
Medi-Call	1	1	.500	1
Mess	1	1	.500	1
Motor Pool	0	1	.000	1½
Lab	0	1	.000	1½
Dental	0	1	.000	1½
Utilities	0	1	.000	1½
Ducts	0	1	.000	1½

tilt with the 33rd General Hospital finally comes off at Ory Field Wednesday, May 30th and a record crowd is expected. Come early and bring your own blackjacks.

COLUMN WRITE
(Cont'd from P. 2)

While I appreciate the efforts of the E.M. Club in purchasing and cooling my coke for me, I would prefer to be allowed to buy my own, drink it when I wanted it and accept the responsibility of returning bottles under the penalty of receiving one less coke for every bottle I failed to return.

NOTE----The present system of handling Coca Colas was not hastily adopted. After careful consideration the plan was presented to the C.O. and it gained his approval. The fact must be borne in mind that the bottles must be returned if procurement of Coca Cola is to be continued. Many EM were asked their opinions on the matter and it was felt that the Coca Colas dispensed by the Club would afford the greatest good for the greatest number.

It is the desire of the Unit Exchange Officer to keep the majority satisfied. Therefore, if a workable plan which gives all factors consideration is submitted to the Unit Exchange Officer it will be given careful study.

THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

MONDAY---Movie---"BREWSTERS MILLIONS"

TUESDAY---EMSA (British) Stage Show----
"WE THREE"

WEDNESDAY--Movie--"THE SUSPECT" with
LILIA RAINES, CHAS. LAUGHTON

(REST OF WEEK TO BE ANNOUNCED)

To the Editor:

Now that the weather is warm, and in fact, sometimes quite hot, wouldn't it be a good idea to have a cold (or at least cool) beverage at the noon meal in the detachment mess? I'm sure it would work no hardship on anyone, and prove refreshing and welcome to all.

A READER

.....We think it's an excellent idea, provided a substitute can be found for GI synthetic lemon powder----Ed.

MALE CALL by Milton Caniff

PERMANENT PARTY WITH TEMPORARY ADVANTAGE

