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ROME PLEASANT CHANGE

TD to the U. S. Army Rest Center in Rome is usually summed up by members of the 12th with something like-- "Yeah----I had a good time -- I only regret being back in Leghorn." And anyone who has spent any time in the Eternal City will agree.

Since early this year the 12th has been sending at least 10fortunates weekly. Not counting traveling time, the GI is actually on the loose in Rome for approximately four and a half days. After a twelve hour train trip in not-too-comfortable coaches, the men are transported to the Center by truck, briefly oriented, and then issued blankets and passes and assigned beds. Then it's usually "off to the races."

Many are content to spend their stay right in the Rest Center. For those, there is swimming, tennis, movies, afternoon dances ("with many lovely Roman girls as hostesses"), the nightly summer festival dancing on the mall, an all-the-cold-beer-and-coke-bar open all day and an Enlisted Men's club for those who desire the harder stuff. Two photo shops, a souvenir shop, a ring maker, Red Cross snack bar, two barber shops and hot showers round out the facilities within the gates of the Center.

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12 MEN TRANSFERRED FROM 12th

In the past week the men of the 12th have seen the departure of twelve men from this hospital. To these men, who had many friends and acquaintances here, we wish to express our sincere wish that they have a full share of "good luck" in the future.

To the 40th Station Hospital went; Bob Fisher, Dave Pence, and Ray Tornavacca. The 34th Field Hospital received Bill Beverly, Roy Humes, Heinz Fairband, A. Gianliano, and Wilbur Wolf. The 81st Station Hospital is the present unit of Ken Wildey, S.E. Fletcher, John Mason, and Tracy Stockman.

JULY 4th QUIET HOLIDAY!

Independence Day at the 12th was a day of celebration-----a day of work. Large celebrations did not take place, and in general individual celebrations were at a minimum.

Although the feelings of the personnel were not shown by means of a "day off" and merry - making, each man in the unit realized the significance of the day and that it was better that they worked as usual.

A baseball game with the 603rd Ord
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TD IN ROME (cont'd from page 1)

105th AND 182nd STATION HOSPITALS NOW

Special Service provides daily sight-seeing tours of the city, a tour of the Vatican, and transportation to the golf course and a beach located on the Mediterranean, all of which generally draw a large number of men.

STAGING WITH 12th

Within the last week, two station hospitals, the 105th and 182nd, arrived at the 12th, which is now a PBS Medical Department Staging Area.

And for those who just like to make their own way around - things are still pretty much the same in Rome-- plenty of bars, night clubs, and feminine companionship are easily found. The long drag home (on the same beatup coaches) tends to take something from the trip, but after a short rest in familiar surroundings, one can look back on only pleasant memories of their TD at the US Army Rest Center in Rome.

To these two hospitals we extend our heartiest welcome, and hope that your stay with the 12th will be as pleasant as possible.

250 NURSES JOIN 12th

Apparently the role of the 12th as a staging area will not be a tough pill to swallow for the men stationed here, for that which is being staged is not, definitely not, something to be brushed aside as unimportant---the man who can brush aside the sight of 250 nurses without so much as a sigh is not an ordinary man.

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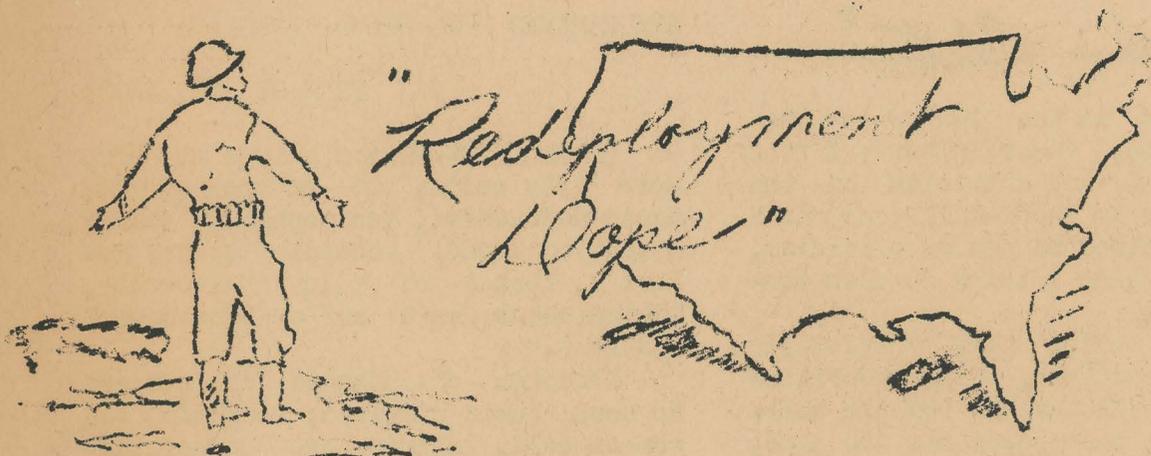
nance had been scheduled for the afternoon, but due to unforeseen difficulties, the game was cancelled.

At the 12th, the Fourth of July passed by quietly, but not unnoticed.

MAJOR ORY NEW HEAD OF SPECIAL SERVICE

Last week Major Ory became the officer in charge of the Special Service section of the 12th, a post which was formerly held by Lt Ellzey, who is now the I & E Officer.

Yesterday 250 examples of what the men of this hospital are overseas for arrived at the 12th. The staff of this paper feel sure that men of the 12th join them in giving the newly arrived unexcelled examples of feminine pulchritude a most hearty, welcoming sigh.



POINT DISCHARGES MAY TAKE A YEAR!

Washington (CNS)----You may have those 85 points or more, but that doesn't mean you're going right home. So says Major General Stephen G. Henry, assistant chief of staff. **Reasons:** necessity of finding and training replacements for discharges, and shortage of shipping. The involved discharge system is slowing up releases too, he said, but "this is the only fair way."

It may take a year to discharge those presently eligible, he declared.

And, said General Henry, the War Department is opposed to reducing the 40-year age limit.

Aside from Enlisted Men, some 40,000 ETO officers with 85 points are getting out.

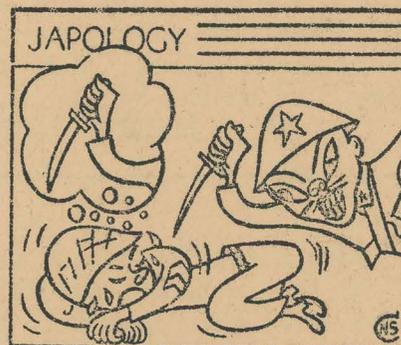
SECRET WEAPON REVEALED!

(ANS)---**Now** it can be told. Twenty hitherto secret pipelines under the English Channel are supplying most of the gasoline for the Allied occupation armies in Europe, releasing tankers for **use in the Pacific, it was disclosed** recently.

The British Ministry of Fuel and Power said the three-inch pipe-lines have been **pumping** an average of 1,000,000 gallons a day since early last autumn to points as far away as Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany.

10% OF COs TO BE DISCHARGED!

(ANS)----The WD recently announced Army discharge plan will release more than ten percent of all the conscientious objectors in work camps and other projects. Selective Service officials disclosed. Approximately 900 of the 8,368 objectors will be in the next year.---



The Jap is a night fighter. While the German is inclined at the end of the day's battling to sleep—and let you sleep—the Nip is a night crawler. He will filter through your lines and prowl through your positions at night. If you aren't alert, he'll blow up your guns, or burn your trucks, or slit your throat.

Laid down by British engineers, the first pipe was tapped at Cherbourg on D - Day plus 67. It was one of the **four** pipelines built across the widest part of the Channel, from the island of Wight to the Cotentin Peninsula in Normandy.

"Dear Editor"

Dear Editor;

Last week in the letter-to-the Editor column, "Dear Editor", I read an honest and just criticism on the lack of humor in "Medi-Call", and as a result I decided to pen my criticism, or "gripe", which I think is also honest and just.

It is my belief that "Medi-Call" is a unit newspaper, which theoretically covers the events of the unit. The paper not only presents the news, but also a little humor which will appeal to everyone, not just a few who know the background of an incident "Medi-Call" is for and of the personnel of the 12th.

Since it is the unit newspaper, "Medi-Call" should contain stories of the 12th and should not tell us such things as---- 2,592 Chinese "Mongrol-jans" are being discharged from the Army of China because they wear size 6 3/16 double F shoes. Tell the 12th about itself, for few of us know all there is to be known here. Get off the high horse and on the ball!

A HOPEFUL READER

Dear Editor;

Having seen a few letters of what is called, by the authors, criticism, I decided to write this letter to inform some of the other readers of "Medi-Call" that there are a few readers who are satisfied with the paper, taking it in its entirety. It is as good as many I've seen.

SATISFIED.

CHIMPANZEES MORE SOUND MENTALLY

THAN HUMAN BEINGS!

(From AMS)---Human beings may have more gray cells, but psychoneurotic, manic-depressive, schizophrenic chimps cannot be found. According to Dr. Robert M. Yerkes of Yale University, "Chimpanzees don't suffer from mental diseases."

Although chimpanzees are subject to most human diseases, including the common cold, chimps are completely free of cancer. "Why this signal difference between them and us in the incidence of such dread diseases?" asks Dr. Yerkes. "Have they immunity, or a better way of life than ours?" Although the answer to this pressing question is not known today, some day science will have it.

GIs MAKE HITLER PROPHECY

PARTIALLY TRUE

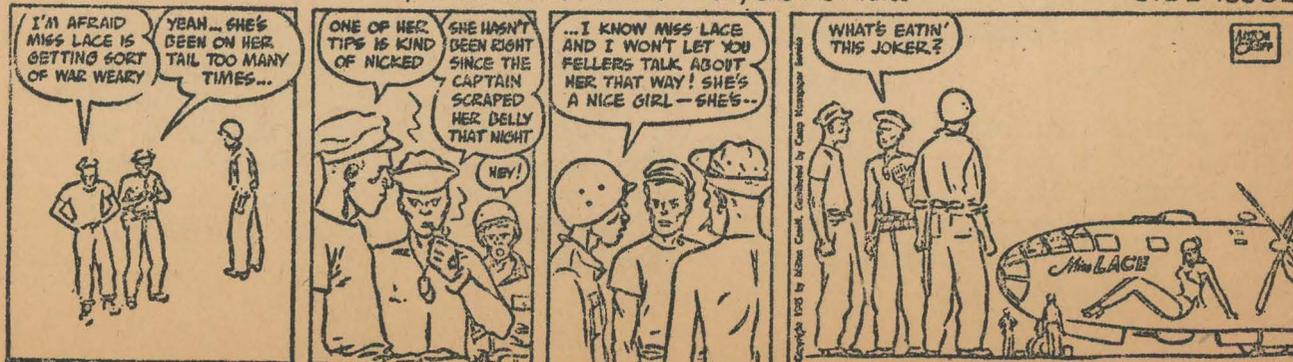
Nampa, Idaho (AMS)---According to a German prisoner of war, thinking sugar beets on a farm here, Hitler was at least half right in his statement about North America. The PW told his employer, "Hitler told us we would march across North America--but he did not say we would do it on our hands and knees."

PLACE YOUR MONEY IN SOLDIERS' DEPOSITS NOW!

MALE CALL

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

SIDE ISSUE



G I NEWS

MAJORITY OF HOSPITALS

OFFICIALLY CLOSED

With the flow of European battle casualties halted since Germany's surrender, 40 United States hospitals in the United Kingdom have been officially closed, the Army reported recently. Most of them were of 1,000 bed capacity.

The majority of wounded soldiers in Britain have recovered and returned to their units, or have been flown to hospitalization areas in the United States.

Convalescent wounded now remain on the Continent, where sufficient hospital facilities to accommodate the Army of Occupation are to be maintained after the rest of the U. S. forces there have been sent home or to other fighting arenas.

Five specialized centers also have been closed, including two for chest surgery, two for nerve surgery and one for plastic surgery and facial operations. (ANS)

SPECIALISTS PREPARE EQUIPMENT

FOR SHIPMENT TO PACIFIC

(ANS)--Trained in a Transportation Corps' school in Paris long before V-E Day, hundreds of experts in tropical packing are now helping to speed the Pacific. These hand-picked individuals were schooled in packaging procedures necessitated by the rigors of Pacific climate.--

In order to protect the equipment, the Army has developed several new materials: A glue which will not dissolve in extreme heat or rain; papers that withstand rain or swamps; lubricating oils that withstand salt water.

TIME TABLE FOR ----

With the passage of time, drinks, dates, and dollars comes the realization that on this eighth day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen-hundred and forty-five, there remains two years, six months, and four days less until we shall be ordered to desist from our useless existence at this universality of hard knocks in this state of exhaustion and proceed post haste to our respective domiciles.

POEM OF THE WEEK

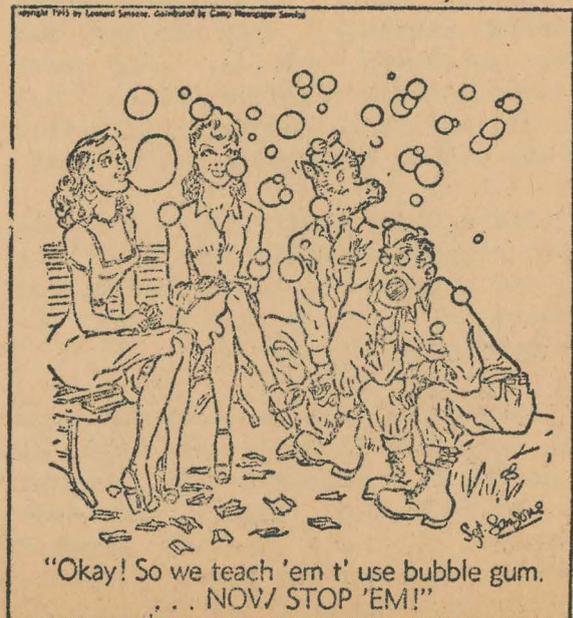
In the parlor a davenport stands
A couple is sitting and holding
 hands
So far--no further.

In the parlor a cradle stands
A mother is crying and wringing
 her hands
So far--no father.

PLACE YOUR MONEY IN SOLDIERS' DEPOSIT
NOW!

THE WOLI

by Sansone



NEWS BRIEFS FROM HOME

Albuquerque, N.M. (CNS)-----F.M. Griswold awoke one morning from a deep sleep to find that a couple of thieves had dug up and removed 300 feet of hedge surrounding his property. Made a clean break of it, too.

Evanston, Ill. (CNS)-----Les Belgrade bought a hard-earned steak, entrusted it to his trained cocker spaniel to carry home. Missing to date: One steak. One dog.

New York (CNS)-----Asked whether she thought male wolves were fun, and whether life would be as exciting with out them, Margaret Van Deirse told the Daily News "Inquiring Photographer":

"Wolves are much more fun than goody-goody boys. What good is a man if he isn't a wolf? I've never met a man who wasn't a wolf, not even the goody-goody boy, when he succeeded in getting a bit of courage from a few highballs. And I've never known a woman who wasn't a wolf."

Darien, Conn. (CNS)---- A woman phoned her minister, told him she was going to commit suicide, then drank what the medical examiner called "enough whiskey for 6 people." It killed her all right, but what a way to die!

Miles City, Mont (CNS) - Mrs. Gla Wilson stepped daintily into the bath tub, and hopped right out again, not so daintily. Her son had put an 18-inch catfish in first.

Tampa, Fla (CNS) -- When the cops found Sgt Carl Lokken's dog tags at the scene of a robbery, they thought they had their man. Turned out that Lokken was at an Air Service Command depot in Assam at the time. Moral: Keep a tight rein on those dog tags.

? *Inquiring Lines?*

Q. I was a PW at Christmas time and never got the presents my family sent me. Some of them were pretty valuable. What to do?

A. They should have been marked, "Prisoner of War", and returned to the sender. If they were not, sender should obtain Form 1510 from the post office and file claim.

Q. My dad is raising hell to get me to take out a family allowance payable to him so that he can save \$50 a month for me. I get little enough as it is. Can he get the Army to make me come across?

A. Family allowances are paid to Class B dependents (parents, grandparents, etc), only when the EM OK's the allotment. The EM's consent is not required in the case of Class A dependents (wives and children).

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that when a foreign-born girl marries an American soldier, she does not become an American citizen, nor does she lose her own citizenship; and as the wife of an American soldier, she can enter the U. S. on a non-quota basis?

Did you know that only two states out of the forty-eight recognize proxy marriages as being valid? These two are Kansas and Ohio.

Did you know that all promotions of enlisted men after 1 July 1941 are temporary? After the end of the war all men who were drafted will return to the rank from which they came---- CIVILIANS! Those men who desire to remain in the Army will have to start at the bottom, but promotions will come fast.

BRIDGING THE GAP WITH COGNAC

The lights were low and the music was softly intermingled with the whispers of the manufacture of love--what person could ask for more in this war torn world of unreality and make believe?

Mr. X had just arrived with Miss Y after having extravagantly and lavishly showered upon her frail carcass a five cent soda at the corner drugstore, which he promptly attempted to squeeze right out of the miserable body. Miss Y had resisted, naturally as characteristic of the fairer sex, and about now they were far apart because of Mr. X's attitude toward selfish, ungrateful people who don't appreciate the sacrifices of southern chivalry--imagine the living symbol of southern aristocracy bowed in humble submission and unconditional surrender before an ignorant peasant.

Surely he was no relative of Jeff Davis because the more the yankee girl applied her spurs the more obviously shattered became the symbol of aristocracy. When all but honor was lost Mr. X summoned courage to order double cognac as a choice of weapon to finish this delayed duel. The bloody struggle went on for ages crammed into a period of several minutes -- attention! Just received a late bulletin from AFS which cautions that all males retain their self-respect because Mr. X is pulling a "Dick Tracy" in this jam, and there is a possibility that all is no lost! Mr. X slowly raised his eyes from the floor and gazed into the crystal blue depths of the yankee girl's landscape with love as the chief motive. Several cognacs later he lost control and grabbed the fragile body and literally carried it through space at a terrific pace until he met his match on the stair case and very rudely dropped the cute little miss. The exotic fire was gone!

MORAL: DON'T GO OFF YOUR BEAM, BECAUSE SOUTHERN ARISTOCRACY WILL LIVE ON!

FORMER ITALIAN LINER NOW
LARGEST HOSPITAL SHIP

(ANS)---After a two-day trial run, the former Italian liner *saturnia* has been pronounced ship-shape and will leave shortly for the Pacific as the world's fastest and largest hospital ship.

Renamed the *Frances Y. Slinger* in honor of the first American Army nurse to be killed in Europe, the 24,470 ton liner was converted at the Todd Shipyards in Brooklyn. She has facilities for 1,776 patients.

Workmen installed 89 wards, three operating rooms, a chapel, library, reading room and recreational rooms for ambulatory patients. Before the war, the diesel-engined ship was in the New York-Italian run as a luxury passenger liner. She escaped from the Germans just before Italy fell and was used for several months as a troopship

MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY July 8.....Combat Bulletins and GI Shorts

MONDAY July 9....."Son of Lassie" with Peter Lawford, Donald Crisp, June Lockhart.

TUESDAY July 10....."Cinderella Jones" with Joan Leslie and Robert Alda.

WEDNESDAY July 11...."Thunderhead" with Roddy McDovall and Preston Foster.

THURSDAY July 12...."Something for the Boys" with Carmen Miranda and Michael O'Shea.

FRIDAY July 13....."Dragon Seed" with Walter Houston and Katherine Hepburn.

SATURDAY July 14."Keep Your Powder Dry" with Lana Turner, Lorraine Day, and Susan Peters.

Two shows daily, 1800 and 2000 hours.