



"RITA" ELUDES TWELFTERS

SCHOOL BELLS RING MONDAY

The Unit School of the 12th General Hospital will begin operations tomorrow, the 11th of June, after a strenuous week of planning, organization and preparation. The school will operate on a two-shift basis, each class meeting three times weekly. All instructors will come from the unit itself, all groups being represented. Classes will range through twenty-one subjects everything from Auto Mechanics to Personnel Management. Particularly well represented are the courses in Agriculture and Business.

Two hundred and sixty eight men indicated a desire to take the courses, a full two-thirds of those who took the questionnaire. It is expected that this figure will rise as courses are thrown open for additional enrollment of officers and nurses and those who failed to enroll previously. The instructors were briefed in a series of four lectures by Capt Wolf of USAFI on teaching techniques and well developed materials are on hand for all of the courses. The stage is set for a fine performance and there is every indication that the new venture in educational fields will prove highly successful. (And, for the new students, the school is located in the main corridor of Bldg #1, next to the theater.)

Rick Goodell, veteran Medical Supply man of the 12th, received quite a shock when he looked at the front page of last Tuesday's "Stars and Stripes." The page contained a picture and article about a girl for whom he and Jack Raysor (of Surgical Service) had searched throughout Rome and much of Italy.

The girl's name was Rita Zucca and her father, a famous Broadway restaurateur who knew Goodell's father and Raysor's uncle, had asked the boys to look her up as he knew she was somewhere in Italy but had not heard from her since before the war. He believed her to be in Rome so when the 12th reached the Eternal City Goodell and his friends scanned the phone book for "Zucca". They found one--upon investigation it proved to be the name of a very intelligent and fashionable family who were no relation to Rita but who treated the boys very cordially and provided them with many enjoyable hours at their home.

But Goodell and Raysor, Lancaster and Bernardo never did find Rita, and for a good reason--when they were at Rome, she was in Florence, and when they visited Florence, she had fled to Milan. Her dislike for liberated territory was explained in Tuesday's news paper article which also revealed her other name:- 'Axis Sally'.

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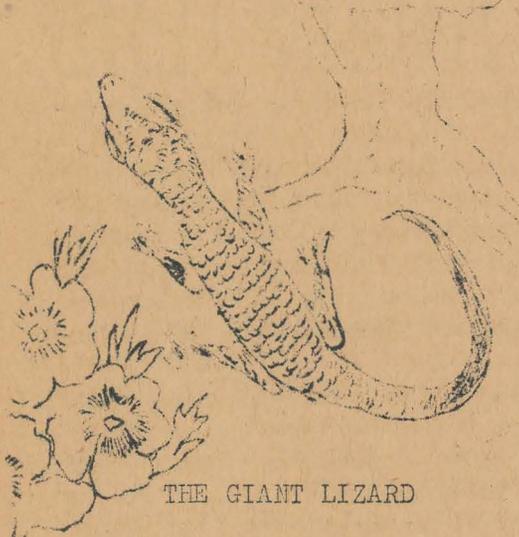
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NATURAL HISTORY IN FABLE:



THE GIANT LIZARD

This became pretty dull stuff, tho, so one day Ignatz sat in the living room in his Morris chair and started on his wife. He flicked his tongue into the kitchen and shut off the water, threw it upstairs and spilled the laundry on the floor, shot it at the icebox and dumped out the roast beef, rolled up the blinds in the music room, drove the canary into hysterics and tickled his wife in the ribs while she was poking around in the linen closet. In desperation she fled to the cellar with the laundry and started the washing machine. Sure enough, down came the tongue. In a flash the little lady fed it into the wringer and rolled her husband up like a carpet.

MORAL: (There isn't any!)

ELEGY

No longer will my tonsils know
The foaming of a glass of beer--
The taste of coke as cool as snow--
But for their loss I shed no tear.

No longer will my tonsils sit
And hug themselves down in the crypt.
I don't miss them one goddam bit
And cheer the fact their fanny's
clipped.

Farewell, my gallant lymphoid tissue!
You can be sure I'll never missue!

(Dedicated to the personnel of Ward 46
by a prominent, elfin Twelfter.)

Once upon a time there was a Giant Lizard named Ignatz. He was three or four feet long and had a wife named Mary who spent her time cleaning and sewing and canning flies for the winter season, a time when those articles are hard to come by. I forgot to say that Mary was ticklish and took vitamin "B" for her nerves, which were as taut as fiddle strings. Ignatz never did a lick of work and spent most of his time loafing around in tennis shoes or playing Spit-In-Your-Eye with the boys. He was very proud of his long tongue, which he could handle like you would a buggy whip, and for a cent or less he would open beer, pull corks, put out candles, open doors, shut windows, turn on lights and take in the milk. And he could do those things with his claws in his pocket at a distance of twenty feet or more.



Everyone is eagerly seeking information on redeployment, especially those news items that have some bearing upon his own situation. Here are some selected bits to keep you abreast of the situation.

FACTS AND FIGURES.....(ANS, 26 May)

Units scheduled for redeployment from Europe to the Pacific will receive the maximum amount of training permitted by the redeployment time tables, the War Department announced recently. Some units will train in the US, others in Europe and still others in the Pacific. Insofar as possible, instructors who have had combat experience against the Japanese will be used.

More than 250,000 troops, including the 86th, 97th, 95th and 104th Infantry Divisions, which will go to the Pacific after furloughs in the US, are scheduled to leave the European Theater in June. The four divisions will leave Europe in the order listed.

The June figure, according to a Paris dispatch, will triple that of 84,000 scheduled for May. The May returnees, it was announced, are expected to include 29,500 sick and wounded men; 28,000 former prisoners of war; 15,500 potential discharges under the point system; and 11,000 men in redeployed units.

The schedule for June includes 20,500 sick and wounded men; 15,000 former prisoners; 35,000 potential discharges and 180,000 men in redeployed units.

In addition, 4,000 Navy men are scheduled to return to the States in May and 5,000 in June.

OFFICER FOOD FOR OFFICER THOUGHT.....

(ANS) 26 May...The Army expects to release one officer for every nine enlisted men discharged from the service under the War Department's new demobilization plan.

However, it was pointed out, point scoring is secondary in determining whether any individual officer will be released after he attains the necessary 85 points. His particular value to the Army takes precedence over his score. Some eligible for release may be kept in the service as a "military necessity."

The War Department has explained that the stricter plan for the release of officers was adopted primarily because they had received additional training, have greater responsibilities and have developed specialized skills and leadership ability. They must be handled more on an individual, rather than a group basis.

A theater commander may decide that an officer is surplus and should be released, but this decision is subject to review by the commanders of the ground, air and service forces under the general supervision of the War Department. In other words, if the officer's abilities are needed elsewhere he will be retained regardless of his point score.

However, the War Department added,

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COLUMNWRITE FATHER'S DAY

To the Editor:

The Corpsman edition of June 4, 1945 carried the story of the baseball game played between the Red Birds and the 33rd General Hospital Ramblers.....and for your enjoyment, let me quote a few of the "choice bits of sportsman-like reporting".

"In the third inning with the Ramblers at bat and two out the celebrated Moerman obviously very nervous and jittery walked off the mound and retired from the game."

"A comparatively unknown lefthander named Prymicz relieved Moerman."

"Oliphant stuck out his bat, and the result was a ground single."

"Pointka loaded the bases by hitting Cognac Kelley with a pitched ball."

Now.....in the first place, had the writer of the story taken the trouble to inquire and get accurate facts, he would have learned that Moerman threw his arm out and had to retire. It is unlikely, isn't it, that Moerman would fear the batters of the Ramblers after having faced every leading team in the neighborhood.

In the second place....the comparatively unknown lefthander Prymicz, might have been unknown to the Ramblers....but you can be sure that they well knew him before the end of the game. Just to keep the record straight....Prymicz remains undefeated this
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June 17th has been set as Father's Day by some enterprising merchant. It has been taken as a joke by most of us, especially us fathers, as we usually have to pay the bills for Father's Day presents anyhow.

In a sense, however, it's no joke. At least it is no joke on the fathers. Every one of us has a father, just as surely as we have a mother; and the kind of a fellow we are depends as much on the kind of fellow our father was as it does on the mother we had... perhaps more. Certainly the same disgrace and dishonor we may create, or the honor, pride, and glory we may win will be more important to our fathers because we have our father's name.

Just as surely, everyone of us who has a child, son or daughter, will hand on with our name all that we are, all that people think we are.....our character and our reputation.

Some children will curse their father, because their father's name will be a curse to them. How much better to give them a good name to start with; a good example to look up to.

There is a lot to Father's Day and a lot to giving your children a good father with a good name. There is something to think over in the question, "Was your father in the last war son? What was his name?"

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

AND HE USED TO WELCOME COVER



G I NEWS

SHIMA JIMA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DANCING GIRLS

(ANS) 28 May.....For those who are confused by all the jimas, shimas, rettos and guntos in the headlines these days, here's a little dope on the peculiar ways of Jap nomenclature:

Jima means island, and so does shima. Japs use jima for one shade of meaning and shima for another. But the distinction is too complicated for even the people who write books on the beauty of the tropical isles. When a Jap wants to talk about a lot of islands he says shima jima and that clears up everything.

To and shu are also Jap words for island, or at least they are when combined with prefixes, as in retto and honshu. Retto means a chain of islands (in a line), as in Ryukyu Retto, while gunto means a group, such as the Okinawa Gunto.

Honshu, on which Tokyo is located, means Main Island. Hanto is the word for half an island, while shoto means small island.

Chishima Retto, which is the Japanese name for the Kurile group north of Japan proper, means Chain of 1,000 Islands.

Okinawa, off the shores of the main Jap Islands, connotes An Offshore Piece of Rope. Tokyo, a relatively new name in Japanese history (having been substituted for old Edo around the turn of the century) means Eastern Capital.

The Japs christened it with the idea it would become the great capital of the East, an illusion which is being shelled every day.

MAYBE THE WALDORF'LL SERVE

C-RATIONS SOON

(ANS) New York, 26 May..Irish Stew all dressed up with French names and paprika, has made its debut at the

ritzy Waldorf-Astoria where a world-famous chef once served only elite dishes to his aristocratic clientele. All of which has made some wiseacres wonder if the lowly C-ration, boon to many a combat stomach, will not be added to the menu as part of the rehabilitation program. It doesn't look that way, according to Gabriel Lugat, who reminds you of a movie version of a chef with his tall white cap and waxed mustache.

"Irish stew?" he says. "Sure, I can make it taste like filet mignon. People used to order steak, mashed potatoes, a salad, coffee and cake. Now they get food that appeals to their romantic interests---inspiring dreams of faraway places---like Irish Stew.

"But I think people will go back to steak after the war," he whispers in confidence. "I think I will, too."

THE GREAT RUSSIAN BEAR

With the demise of Trotsky, who was wanted in Russia for treason, the principle of world revolution for the promulgation of communism lost its foremost exponent. Russia had long since repudiated this policy. One still hears, occasionally, talk of Russian territorial ambitions. However.....



DIVERTING DENTAL DIFFICULTIES.....

(ANS) Chicago, 26 May...Eight-year old Clifford Cozens hates dentists. He even hates their assistants. His violent antipathy for the molar medics is so strong in fact, that it resulted in a warrant for the arrest of Dr. Rufus W. Lee, who sent the boy's mother, Mrs Roy Cozens, a bill for "\$10 and a good

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SPECIAL SERVICES SECTION

This section was organized in 1942 to build and sustain healthy minds and bodies and to maintain a high state of morale. The scope of this program has grown steadily and its future looks even brighter. Enlisted men of this section are all specialists in their given fields...two are continuing civilian occupations.

Bill Moerman, as senior man in this section, has a very odd tour of duty. Within any given ten-minute period he may jump from superintendent of a one man Italian ditch digging team to commissioner of a soft ball league. He teams up with Joe "Big Deal" Davis in handling live shows which is a very pleasant assignment. USO personnel often return for seconds at "Cafe Society".

Jack Shapiro does an honest days work as manager of "Cafe Society" and then throws the weight of his connections toward promotion of other programs. There are two ways to do anything and he is always very close to the fastest one. Jack is very conscientious about his work and will make any reasonable sacrifice on short notice toward promotion of the central program.

Bob Cotter has been with this section two years and has averaged running more than two movies per day for the total period. After tearing machines apart an unbelievable number of times in emergencies, he is classed as a mechanic and handles most repairs rather than depend on the Signal Corps. Bob spends quite a bit of time in Leghorn exchanging film daily and as courier for this office and I&E. He recently won a berth on the "Sad Sack" ball club and can be located under the

playing name "Cotter the Blotter."

Bernard Lynch is charged with keeping all athletic facilities in a usable state. He drags and lines up fields, issues and collects equipment and serves as official score keeper at soft ball games daily. This office acts as an intermediary for his social fence.

Joseph Brand is responsible for the theater. He is the man you don't see when the curtains go up and the fall guy when some irritated actor asks for the key to the city. His biggest weakness is wandering into "small rooms" without reading signs or knocking.

Joe "Big Deal" Davis is an asset to this section on a part-time, off-duty basis. He handles supplies, USO shows and heads a "Little Theater Group". The Dental Department has been very generous in lending his aid.

Latest addition to the Special Service Section is Tracy Stockman from Detroit, Michigan. He was formerly employed by Promotion Section, Education Department, General Motors, Detroit. At present he handles administrative work and the daily issue of expendable supplies.

Enrollment in the new athletic and recreation program is compulsory. You will be required to participate in one of the active sports for a minimum period of one hour each day of the program. You will be required to participate in some organized activity for the remainder of time allotted to this program. The field of choice is broad enough to reach every man's hobby and it replaces a training program; so that is every indication that it will prove popular.

S P O R T S

REDBIRDS NIP BOOMERS IN TEN INNING THRILLER, 8-7

Yankee Stadium, Leghorn, June 3rd

The Redbirds did it again this afternoon and this time it was the hard way. In a game that will be talked about for a long time, the fighting men of the 12th took undisputed possession of 1st place in the PBS Big Ten League by whipping the vaunted 719 Railway "Boomers" on Harold Deehr's 10th inning homer breaking a 7-7 tie the Boomers created with a 9th inning, two out single.

The Boomers led with their no-hit ace John Haney but the 'Birds didn't find him too tough. They scored braces of two runs in both the 2nd and 3rd, but the Boomers duplicated this in the same manner then took a 5-4 lead in the 4th. Haney had settled down after his shaky start but with two out in the 7th, Ed Subject drove one of the righthander's fast balls into the right field seats with a man aboard and put the Redbirds back in the lead 6-5. The Flock added another in the 8th and it looked like the ball game was all sewed up until the Boomers knotted it in the last half of the 9th with their Frank Merriwell rally.

It looked like the long game might go on forever when the 1st two Redbirds were retired in the 10th. But at this point, Deehr, playing his last game with the 'Birds prior to his 89 point departure, rifled a long drive to the left center field corner of the spacious stadium for the game winning inside-the-park homer.

Haney went all the way for the losers while Prymicz and Krausedi-vided the Redbird hurling, the latter getting credit for the win.

PBS BIG TEN LEAGUE STANDING

TEAMS	W	L	PCTG.	GBH
REDBIRDS	8	0	1.000	-
Boomers	8	1	.889	1/2
Bladers	4	2	.667	3
Laundry Reds	5	3	.600	3
Carcos*	2	5	.286	5 1/2
Motor Macs	2	5	.286	5 1/2
Cobblers	2	5	.286	5 1/2
Spareparts*	1	5	.167	6
Flying Cats	1	6	.143	6 1/2

* Teams have dropped out of league

LAST SUNDAY' RESULTS

REDBIRDS 8; Boomers 7 (10 innings)
Flying Cats 9; Carcos 0
Laundry Reds 3; Cobblers 0

GAMES TODAY

Boomers at REDBIRDS (2:00 PM)
Laundry Reds at Cobblers

SO LONG EVERYBODY!

1st Sgt. Ray (Sparrs) Wroblewski, Redbird left fielder, and Cpl Paul (Tom) Oliphant, catcher, asked us to say "so long" to all their many friends in the 12th. Both boys, recently transferred to the 114th Station Hospital, will, however, make a final appearance tomorrow afternoon against the Boomers. So if you didn't see them since they left this past Monday, come out to the game and extend your greetings.

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* T O D A Y 2 P.M. *
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* ORY FIELD *
* *Redbirds* 719th *
* *vs.* Ry Op *
* "Boomers" *

DENTAL DIFFICULTIES (Cont'd fr Page 5) fight." She accused the dentist of disorderly conduct. Dr. Lee tried to extract four of Clifford's teeth recently and succeeded in getting two out before a battle royal started. Mrs. Cozens on hearing her son and two of the nurses scream, entered the room and found that the boy expressed his resentment by grabbing one nurse's arm and socking the other nurse in the stomach. "The cost of the treatment was not for teeth," the dentist said, "but for damage to the office."

REDEPLOYMENT DOPE (Cont'd from Page 3) special consideration for discharge will be given to officers who have had long overseas and combat service. Another factor, too, may be the officer's desire to stay in the Army.

PROCESSING PROVIDED FOR.....

(ANS) 25 May.....American troops leaving Europe will be processed at the rate of 8,000 daily when operations of the new Assembly Area Command swing into high gear. Communications Zone Headquarters announced recently.

The new command, headed by Maj. Gen Royal B. Lord, has its headquarters at Reims, France, scene of the surrender. It has taken over a large area in northeastern France where some 350,000 troops at a time can go through processing.

General Lord has set two weeks as a maximum time for individual processing of soldiers going home and 25 days for those going to the Pacific. The maximum turnover rate of 8,000 daily is contingent upon ports and staging areas being ready to receive troops as fast as they are processed.

Some 80% of the troops passing thru the new command will head for the US for redeployment to the Pacific, for domestic duty or for eventual discharge, the announcement said.

AND THE LITTLE THINGS, TOO.....

(ANS) New York, 25 May....The Port of Embarkation here, preparing for the

return from Europe of 250,000 soldiers monthly, overlooks nothing in trying to make the boys happy. Officials provided a box of earth in the shape of a map of the US, which happy, homesick servicemen may kiss!

THE WOLF

by Sansone



TO THE EDITOR (Cont'd fr Page 4)

season.

In the third place.....Oliphant sticking out his bat and getting a single sounds like a bit of "sour grapes" on the part of the 33rd General Hospital Corpsman.

And....in the fourth place....tagging the word "Cognac" on a boy like Kelley is far from being brilliant slander. It would never occur to the writer to have named the 33rd General Hospital players "Boozer" Piontka or Haupt "The Lush" or Wolfe "The Drunkard".

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