



CENSORSHIP CONSIDERABLY RELAXED

12TH CELEBRATES V-E DAY

MEDI-CALL MAY BE SENT HOME

BUT WITH RESTRAINT

With the relaxation of censorship regulations in MTO, "Medi-Call" may now be sent through the mails. These new revisions came as a speedy answer to those who wondered just how far mail censorship would be relaxed following the defeat of Germany.

V-E Day was received with restrained joyousness by patients and personnel of the 12th. After the first burst of hilarity, most of us settled down to the cold reality that Germany's defeat was only half the job, and that we would have no total victory until Japan, too, has surrendered unconditionally.

UNIT CENSORSHIP SUSPENDED IN ITALY

VICTORY BONFIRE HELD ON SOFTBALL FIELD

The most important change is that unit censorship is now suspended in all units and organizations in Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica, except in those units alerted for movement to an active theater of war.

In celebration of Victory in Europe Day, Special Service and the Red Cross arranged an evening of entertainment centered around a huge bonfire, burning in the center of the softball field. The evening was highlighted by the songs of Miss Carmela Sarry, and Sgt Bill Morganstern, who led the crowd in a program of community singing. Capt Hugh Wilson, acting as Master of Ceremonies, added a delightful touch of humor, while refreshments, in the form of sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served by the Red Cross at an improvised "snack bar".

MILITARY SECURITY MAY NOT BE VIOLATED

However, this does not mean that security regulations may be violated. Although letters of soldiers in the specified areas will no longer need the signature of unit officers, they are still subject to base censorship.

LOCATIONS MAY BE GIVEN UNLESS ALERTED

Locations of individuals and units in Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica may now be stated in letters, unless the individual or unit has been alerted for movement to another theater of operations.

The most symbolic event of the evening occurred when the huge swastika, suspended above the blaze, caught fire and fell into the inferno, just as the government for which it stood, finally fell.

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TWO DOWN AND ONE TO GO

Here, in part, is an Agreement between the German, Italian, and Japanese governments, signed December 11, 1941:

In their unshakable determination not to lay down arms until the common war against the United States of America and Britain has been brought to a successful conclusion, the German Government, the Italian Government, and the Japanese Government have agreed upon the following provisions:

ARTICLE 1. Germany, Italy, and Japan jointly and with every means at their disposal shall proceed with the war forced upon them by the United States of America and Britain until victory is achieved.

ARTICLE 2. Germany, Italy, and Japan undertake not to conclude an armistice or peace with the United States of America or Britain except in complete mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 3. After victory has been achieved, Germany, Italy, and Japan will continue in closest cooperation with a view to establishing a new and just order along the lines of the Tripartite Agreement concluded by them on September 27, 1940.

This infamous agreement received its first blow on September 8, 1943, when Italy surrendered unconditionally to the Allies. The second shattering blow came this week with the unconditional surrender of Germany. How ingloriously doomed to frustration were the greedy ambitions of these three powers who sought to dominate the earth!

MESSAGE FROM AUTREY

T/Sgt Cornelius Autrey, 12th Generalite who recently left for the U. S. on TD, requested the Editor to convey his best wishes to all those whom he couldn't get around to see.

Said Autrey, "So long and good luck to all!"

FOR SALE

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NEW VOIGHTLANDER CAMERA

Uses 120 or 120 film
Takes 12 shots in a row
3X5 Lens---built-in filter
Visual light meter.

CONTACT LUPKING AT THE LAB

THE DETACHMENT OFFICE

The Detachment Office of the 12th functions apart from other administrative sections of the Hospital in order to enable full time work towards discipline and well-being of all enlisted men assigned and attached to the organization. All matters in this connection are given the personal attention of Lts Redd, Muha, and F/Sgt Kerr. Other necessary administrative details are attended by S/Sgt Settlemier and Sgt Dunning. The aforementioned men plus S/Sgt McGuire and Pfc Sherman comprise the total personnel of the Detachment Office.

Lt Redd recently stepped into the position vacated by Capt Graham, who was returned to the US on TD. The Lieutenant was formerly with the 118th Station Hospital where he had the same job. With his previous experience, he has been doing an excellent job since taking over the reins of our Detachment, and has been working hard at policing and improving the area.

Lt Muha, our assistant Detachment Commander, was recently commissioned. He was assigned to the 182nd Station Hospital, where he was a T/Sgt in charge of Medical Supply. Lt Muha, in addition to his duties as the assistant to Lt Redd, holds down the jobs of Detachment Mess Officer, Prison and Guard Officer, and Malaria Discipline Officer. In his spare time, the Lieutenant plays a smappy third baseman on the "Dead Birds" softball team.

F/Sgt Kerr needs no introduction to the majority of our readers. He has been First Sergeant since activation of the 12th and has held his warrant since 29 December 1941. He has seen many men come and go since taking over

the Detachment, and wishes to be quoted as saying, "I sure hope that this is the end". Sgt Kerr spends most of his day at his desk in the orderly room taking care of myriads of details that seem to keep cropping up during the course of an average day.

Sgt Settlemier, another of the original 12th, has worked in this office for the last four years, and can be quoted as saying, "I'm getting fed up, send me back to Oregon". He takes care of morning reports, correspondence, and all ~~stuff-like-that-there~~. Incidentally, Kerr and Settlemier have been heard to say. "We've worn out ten Detachment Commanders, and are now working on the eleventh.

Sgt Dunning, the interpreter who made good, may be seen any day filling out the sick book, typing passes, filling out the duty roster, playing ping-pong with his cohort - the "Deacon", or engaging in his old French custom -- just talking.

S/Sgt McGuire is a comparative new comer to the Detachment Office, taking over the job of detail work from Sgt Noirot. He has done most of the clean up and improvement work around our area, and it is felt that he deserves a big vote of thanks.

The last, but certainly not least member of our crew, Pfc "Deacon" Sherman, needs no introduction. The Deacon is the self-styled "best runner in the entire Detachment". He also plays a good game of ping-pong, and talks a good sermon to any interested or uninterested bystander. The writer, after daily contact with the Deacon, refuses to go further.

PSYCHOLOGY AT THE 12TH

Psychologists are easily recognized if you are in range of their voices (vocal chords are invaluable in our work) because you immediately hear slightly out-of-the-ordinary questions.... "In what way are long and short alike? If you were lost in a desert how would you find your way out?" These questions and many more are asked every day. What we are doing is trying to obtain an estimate of intelligence or IQ. Giving intelligence tests, writing up social histories, and helping the psychiatrist in any way are our main jobs. You might compare the relationship between the psychologist and the psychiatrist to the relationship between the medical doctor and the laboratory. Since giving IQ tests and finding out how much an individual knows takes up most of our time, here is something about the history of intelligence testing.

The first IQ test was devised by Binet and Simon in the latter part of the 18th century and is still being used today in a revised form. The big disadvantage of the Binet method, as far as its use in the army goes, has been the fact that it was designed primarily for children. Subsequent revisions have corrected this to some extent. In 1939, David Wechsler, of the Bellevue Hospital, aware of the urgent need for an adult test, devised one. Since that time this test is gradually becoming the most popular IQ

test used by psychologists. Intelligence tests are divided into two types--individual and group tests. An individual test is the more accurate of the two. However, when you have large groups to test, a group test is more desirable because of the time-saving factor. All tests administered by us are individual tests.

If you want to test your wits, here are some questions? If you can answer these without using pencil and paper, and within the three minute time limit for each, you are better than average.

1. A mother sent her boy to the river to bring back exactly 2 pints of water. She gave him a 5 pint can and a 3 pint can. Show me how the boy can measure out exactly 2 pints of water, using nothing but these two cans and not guessing at the amount. You should begin by filling the 5 pint can first.

2. In what way are prudence, rashness and deliberation alike?

3. What do we mean by the word AMANUENSIS?

The two clinical psychologists at the 12th General Hospital are, Lt Jacob J. Kounin, professor at the University of Illinois, and Pfc James E. Kean, University of Texas. T/5 A.P. Thayer of the 6th General Hospital is on detached service with us at the present time.

San Francisco, Calif (ANS)-- Lt Anthony Noyes, recounting his rescue after his Liberty Ship was torpedoed, said the first night large turtles surrounded the lifeboat. "We didn't try to catch any though, being too exhausted." When dawn broke, the "turtles" turned out to be floating mines, through which the boat had safely bobbed.

AND DON'T FORGET!

(Indianapolis (ANS) --Alfred Lindop complied when displayed a gun and asked for his billfold. But that was only half of it. When the thug spied Lindop's check book, he insisted that the victim write a check for 100 dollars, get it cashed and "meet me here tomorrow with the money."

G-I-NEWS

AIF REHEARSES FOR JAPS

(ANS) -- Veterans of the air war in Europe are sharpening up for their next engagement with the Japs by learning to operate the Army's newest and hottest combat bomber -- the A-26.

The Army Air Forces put on a full dress rehearsal for newsmen near McBee S.C. recently, simulating a military problem with everything they had in these flashy new planes.

Fifty-four A-26s went into a scintillating hedge-hopping routine, firing rockets and strafing their targets with multiple .50 caliber machine guns. They climaxed their performance by dropping parafrag bombs -- bombs whose fall is retarded by small parachutes to permit low-flying planes to get away from the burst.

The new Douglas A-26 is the fastest American attack bomber in operation -- without even a close competitor. It can be flown with crews of two or three and can gain altitude on one of its twin engines. Because of the all-around excellence of the new plane, the Army is planning to replace many B-25 and B-26 medium bombers and the A-20 attack bomber with the A-26, which is known as the "Invader."

WHO GETS ALL THAT GOLD?

(ANS) -- "Gold, gold, who gets the gold?" Senator "Turnbottom," one of Washington's inner sanctum boys, scratched his head over the \$100,000,000 question that has all the capital cut-ups completely stumped.

The gold in question is the \$100,000,000 cache which American soldiers captured in a German salt mine. The miscellaneous currencies found in the same place pose no problem at all -- each currency reverts to the country

which issued it. But the gold -- Ah, there's the rub.

In a way it doesn't represent a great deal of money -- so what's all the fuss about anyway? It would pay the cost of only nine hours of America's war effort.

Who will get the gold? It's in the possession of the U.S. Army, but it's ultimate disposition will be decided by the Allied Control Council sitting at Berlin, or the Allied Reparations Commission at Moscow, or both.

VETS COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS RELAXED

(ANS) -- There will be a general relaxation of college entrance requirements for veterans taking advantage of the education provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, and one educational commentator, Willard Waller, writing in the Ladies Home Journal, points out that some colleges and universities may even accept veterans without high school diplomas.

Inquiring into the nature of which veterans should go to college after their release from the Army and Navy, it was predicted that by and large, they are the same boys who would have gone if there had been no war.

Excepting the major colleges which are heavily endowed, Mr. Waller expressed fear that some of the small institutions, attracted by a bountiful flow of tuition fees, may lower their requirements too much. He also was of the opinion that some state and municipal colleges may be forced under political pressure to dangerously lower their requirements for veterans, helping neither the school or the former service man.

(ANS) -- The last of the Massachusetts Civil War veterans, 97 year-old Charles G. Purt, elected himself state commander of the Grand Army of the Republic at a one-man GAR encampment. "Who am I going to command?" he asked.

DEPARTMENT NOTES

THE CHAPLAINS' ASSISTANTS

One of the real contributions to the effectiveness of chaplains' work, and one that is little recognized, is that of the chaplain's assistant. Anyone who thinks an assignment as chaplain's assistant is a sinecure is greatly mistaken. In TM 16-205, the qualifications which a chaplain's assistant should possess are listed as follows: "Besides being possessed of good moral character and a good English education, he should also have one or more of the following qualifications: typist, musician (Vocal or instrumental), experience as a painter or publicity man, sign painter, stereoptician or moving picture operator. He should by all means be a man who holds the respect and confidence of both enlisted men and officers." As if this combination of Horatio Alger qualifications were not enough, the assistant should also be a good driver, mechanic, odd-job man, and clerk.

In our chaplains' section are the following assistant: T/5's Charles Reges and Ray Harper, and Pvts Bill Holtz and Michael Cohen. If you call the chaplain's office it is likely that you will hear the voice of one of these men. And when you hear, "Protestant Chaplain's Office, Pvt. Mike Cohen speaking," then you will know we are just one happy family.

RED CROSS TALK

Last Sunday some twenty-five patients went to Pisa to see the horse races, a trip which proved to be something delightfully different. German draft horses and mules added to the program. Next Sunday we will take another group.

Opera enthusiasts will be glad to

I & E

INTEREST ITEMS

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If any reader should like to clear up some point regarding the redeployment plan as presented in the War Department film, "Two Down and One To Go", he is referred to the projectionist team, Bob Cotter and Steve Skibo. There was no busier pair last Friday, and none more tired following completion of a schedule that kept them occupied from 0730 to 2300 hours. Meals were taken on the fly. In the course of the day, the film was shown 18 times with attendance figures mounting to 1,999.

Speaking of the film, did you catch that brief flash showing text material to be used in the Army Education Program? Lt Nichols, the Information and Education Officer, returned last week from the first course of the Army Education Staff School, where the plan was outlined in detail. As suggested in the movie, the plan will be operative in those units designated by the theater commander. Although the AEP is designed chiefly for units awaiting return to the US, facilities of USAFI are open to all men at any time.

know that the Rome opera company is in Leghorn. Two or three trips are made weekly, so if you are interested in attending the opera, sign up at the Red Cross office (patients only).

Helen McClure, of the Helen and Stan show, which has been entertaining in the wards lately, was in the cast of the movie "Music for Millions." Helen has yet to see this picture.

The "Where Do We Go From Here?" contest is progressing and promises some really good results. The winning entry will be published in next week's "Medi-Call."

SPORTS

The still unbeaten Redbirds ran their winning streak to 17 straight games this past week, grabbing off two PBS league contests and copping a close decision in a third contest, a 7 inning exhibition game.

The Flock had to come from behind twice last Sunday before the 499th Car Co. "Carcos" succumbed, 8-7. Doc McClaid's single with the bases full capped a 4 run rally in the 8th inning to give Andy Krause the decision. Krause had relieved Lefty Frynicz in the 7th frame.

This victory was number 15 in the string, and the Redbirds 4th straight in the Big Ten Circuit.

Krause came back on Tuesday evening to gain his 2nd victory in 3 days, as he pitched and batted the 12th to a 5 - 4 win over a fighting team from the 6695th Cond. Co., in 7 inning, non-league affair.

Trailing 4-1 as they came to bat in the 5th, the Redbirds exploded for 4 runs, climaxed by a tremendous triple by Krause with the bases loaded.

Bill Moerman had little trouble registering his 6th victory of the season on Wednesday afternoon as the Redbirds made it 17 in a row at the expense of the 10th Port "Cobblers" 12-3. 21 of the visitors went down on strikes while the Redbirds pounded two Cobbler hurlers for a total of 13 hits. Vince Kelley, with 4 safeties and 3 runs batted in, was the big gun for the 'Birds for the afternoon.

The scheduled 2nd game against the 7th Sta. Hosp. was cancelled.

*** BASEBALL!**
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 * TODAY - 2 PM *
 * *Redbirds* vs. 603 Ord. *
 * Motor Macs *
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 * TRANSPORTATION LEAVES DETACH-
 * MENT AREA FOR IM, AND FROM *
 * MAIN GATE FOR OFFICERS AND *
 * NURSES AT 1:30 PM. COME OUT! *

PBS BIG-TEN LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	PCTG.	GBH
Boomers	5	0	1.000	-
REDBIRDS	5	0	1.000	-
Carcos	2	2	.500	2½
Motor Macs	1	1	.500	2½
Laundry Reds	2	3	.400	3
Cammions	1	2	.333	3
Boosters	1	2	.333	3
Cobblers	1	2	.333	3
Spareparts	1	3	.250	3½
Flying Cats	0	4	.000	4½

Last Sunday's Results

REDBIRDS 8; Carcos 7
 Boomers 25; Cammions 0
 Cobblers 5; Spareparts 2
 Laundry Reds 7; Flying Cats 4

Wednesday's Results

REDBIRDS 12; Cobblers 3
 Boomers 10; Laundry Reds 3

Games Today

REDBIRDS at Motor Macs
 Boosters at Carcos
 Laundry Reds at Cammions
 Cobblers at Flying Cats
 Spareparts at Boomers

LITTLE REDS WIN 3rd STRAIGHT

12th General's softballers, the Little Reds, ran their own modest winning streak to 3 straight on Thursday evening with an 8 to 2 league win over the 604 Ord. Co.

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UNIT NEWSPAPERS MAY GO HOME

Prohibitions concerning enclosures of unit publications and local civilian newspapers have suspended, and they, as well as copies of and clippings from the Stars and Stripes, may now be freely mailed to the United States.

I & E HAS NEW LOCATION

NOW IN FORMER PROF SERV OFFICE

I & E and Special Service parted ways this week when the Information and Education Section moved into the former Professional Services Office in Building #1. Lt Charles H. Nichols assumes the primary duty of I & E Officer now, while Lt H.I. Ellzey, formerly Recreation & Sports Officer, takes on the title of Special Service Officer.

NO CHANGE IN OFFICE FUNCTIONS

The offices will continue to perform their functions as in the past, with Special Service handling all matters pertaining to entertainment, sports programs, athletic equipment, etc., and I & E taking care of USAFI material, educational guidance, orientation, and distribution of all publications. I & E will continue as the home office of "MEDI-CALL".

REDBIRDS HAVE V-DAY TOO

V-E Day also proved to be a victory day for the 12th's Redbirds, who defeated the 10th Port Cobblers in an afternoon game played at Ory Field. A doubleheader had been scheduled, but the latter game was cancelled.

CAPT GRAHAM HOME

HAS SMOOTH CROSSING

Word received from Capt Stuart E. Graham said he had a nice smooth crossing on the way home, arriving in the U.S. after but ten days at sea. The ship was a little crowded, but the two meals a day were excellent. He received his notice of promotion the day after his arrival home. Incidentally, the Captain expected to commit matrimony on May 9th.

Best wishes to you both, Captain, and congratulations!

MOST OFT-REPEATED PHRASE OF THE WEEK

HOW MANY POINTS HAVE YA GOT?! !

MALE CALL

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

PHYSI-OH-THERA-BEAUT-ICS

