

GERMAN SURRENDER IN ITALY

CAFE SOCIETY GROWS UP

BRINGS VARIED COMMENT

Nearly two years of bitter, bloody, uphill struggle were terminated this week when the Germans in Italy laid down their arms. The general feeling produced by this momentous event, as expressed by patients and personnel of the 12th, was one of great relief, but the occasion lost most of its meaning in the shadow of Germany's imminent doom. Expectancy of complete Nazi capitulation was at flood peak and anything less seemed almost disappointing.

A Medi-Call reporter, attempting to determine the average reaction to the news of German surrender in Italy, interviewed several patients and detachment members. Here are some of the answers he obtained:

Pfc George T. Willis, 85th Division rifleman....."I really find it hard to believe. I always thought the Italian front would be the last to fold up."

S/Sgt Peter Wallace, 88th Division squadleader....."Everything happens at once--Berlin falls, the Italian Front collapses. There's so much good news that the surrender doesn't seem as important as it otherwise might."

T/Sgt Charles Tiffney, 34th Division veteran....."The picture has changed a helluva lot in a year. Last
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Three months ago the 12th General EM Club, "Cafe Society" was just the nucleus of an idea. Today it is one of the most attractive EM clubs in all Italy.

The Club has musical entertainment three nights a week--Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, including frequent appearances of Sgt Hugler's "Thirsty Characters", who are so named because whenever they entertain there's always some question of "profit and loss".

Sandwiches are served nightly. The management intends to improve conditions around and about the "Sandwich Corner". This decision was reached following complaints from Club members. The corner does get crowded at times--as one complaint indicates:

"The other nite, I started away from the sandwich bar with three sandwiches. Walking in a low, slippery, weaving crouch and holding my sandwiches firmly above my head, I was back at my table in a flash--37 minutes. I had two sandwiches left, some crust from the third, two cigarette butts, one comb, three hats, one fountain pen top, and was wearing a pair of colored glasses. I yelled "fire!" once, gave five hotfoots, and growled like a dog a few times. Please do something to alleviate this situation".

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THOUGHTS FOR V-E DAY

MURAWSKI SAYS SO LONG

Certainly V-E Day should be a time for rejoicing. When the long, bitter struggle with our Nazi enemy has ended we shall all feel justified in some release of our pent-up emotions. But let our celebrations be tempered with Thanksgiving.....And in the midst of our cheering let us be silent for a while in memory of those whose white crosses are an everlasting monument to the price this victory has cost us.

Sgt. Henry Murawski, one of the original 12th men, who left for home on TD last week, asked the Editor to convey his best wishes to all personnel.

"I couldn't get around to see everyone," said Hank, "but I want to say so long and the best of luck to you all.

Good luck to you, too, Hank!

Let us remember, too, that the job is not finished. While we are celebrating, other Americans, on the other side of the world, are dying. War is still very real to a boy crouching in an Okinawa foxhole, and peace is yet a dream to a Marine storming a Japanese island stronghold.

*Poetry is Bad -
But This is Verse!*

Let us, on V-E Day, resolve to lend our minds, our hearts, and all our efforts to the battle ahead, so that we may go forward, with that eternal faith that has made our Nation great-- to a final, victorious Peace!

ETERNAL CYCLE

I used to think, "Why is it so,
Where Mother goes, Dad, too, must go?"
And if she wants to ride or walk
He must agree, he mustn't balk.

HEY, DEACON!

And if she wished a brand new dress,
He'd never fail to acquiesce.
I thought he was a timid cuss
To let a woman rule him thus.

Boston (CNS)-- Thirty million Americans are drinkers, according to a study recently completed by Washington Hospital here. A million or two of them drink heavily, the survey adds, while 750,000 are "addicted" to the evil brew.

But now I'm grown and have a wife
And find there's not much change in life,
For when first wed, she made it clear
She was the.....I'm coming Dear!

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE SERIES

THE LABORATORY

The laboratory of this hospital performs many functions which are essential to the intelligent care and treatment of patients. The diagnosis of some diseases, the treatment of others, and the detection of possible complications in a still larger group are all matters which can only be accomplished through various tests which the laboratory provides. In addition, the suitability of water and food for human consumption is determined by this department. Laboratory work is provided for a large number of outside army units as well.

To accomplish the above work, the services of a relatively large number of well-trained technicians is essential. The laboratory staff includes 18 enlisted men and three officers who work in six subdivisions of the laboratory. These are urinalysis, hematology, bacteriology, blood chemistry, serology, and pathology. A separate and important section of the laboratory is the blood bank, which is located over the operating room.

The volume of work done is considerable. Since the laboratory first opened in Africa over two years ago, some 170,000 examinations have been done. These range in nature from blood examinations for malaria to autopsy examinations on persons who have died of disease or injury while patients in the hospital. The variety of examinations which the laboratory is equipped to do equals that of the larger civilian hospitals and surpasses most of them. For the occasional procedure which cannot be handled locally the Army provides facilities at a large general laboratory elsewhere, which numbers some 25 trained laboratory officers and 75 technicians.

Considering its size, the laboratory uses more different items in its work than does any other department in the hospital. These range from two centrifuges capable of handling 128 bloods each and such large items as water stills, iceboxes, autoclaves, incubators and water baths, to tiny bottles containing only a fraction of an ounce of some infrequently-used chemical. The laboratory is surpassed only by the large mess in the matter of dish-washing; a large volume of glassware ranging from slides to large flasks must be washed and dried daily in order to keep pace with the demands of the various wards. The extensive use of burners necessitates their frequent repair, and for this and other purposes the laboratory maintains a small repair shop which is capable of performing a rather wide range of work.

In ten months' operation the blood bank had drawn and issued to the surgical service more than 2500 bottles of blood. This represents \$25,000 which the laboratory has paid out to donors, as well as 5,000 ounces of whiskey. In addition, literally thousands of blood typing determinations have been performed. Certain other tests also done in the main laboratory are made available to the operating room by the bank, and this has proved valuable on occasion.

Credit for work the laboratory has done must deservedly go to the enlisted personnel whose skill and loyalty have remained unflinching high through out the entire Mediterranean campaign. Their record is one of which the Army in general, and this hospital in particular may well be proud.

URINALYSIS

HEMATOLOGY SEROLOGY

BACTERIOLOGY

BLOOD CHEMISTRY

"NEST EGG"

PERSONNEL of this unit have established a splendid record in their effort to save money and to reduce the amount of money spent through non-military channels in Italy. However, the final goal has not as yet been reached. The ideal program for any individual is to send home, or otherwise save, every cent that is not essential for actual living requirements. A survey of the cash total received by personnel of this organization is still out of proportion to their immediate needs. Each and every soldier should be able to meet the following test: That he has sufficient assets at time of discharge to enable him to establish a business, or to tide him over the rugged path he may encounter on his return home and until reemployed. It is essential to each individual in this unit, and to his family, that he possess the proverbial "nest egg" at time of discharge, in order to facilitate readjustment.

The Army provides many convenient ways for the soldier to save money, such as Class F deductions, Class E allotments, War Bonds (by payroll deduction or cash purchases), Soldiers' Deposits, Personal Transfer Account and Post Office Money Orders.

Your unit Personnel Section will be glad to explain any of these savings plans to you.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



"NEW MICROBE" WAS PINE POLLEN

The lab thought it had found a rare bug recently when a new microbe appeared persistently in all types of specimens. Col. Davenport, when called in for advice, thought the situation over, and stepped outdoors. In a moment he returned, and set up under the microscope some of the powdery pine pollen which was so prevalent a few days ago. The unknown specimens were identical with the known pollen grains and the problem was solved.

SPECIAL SERVICE PRESENTS---THE WEEK'S MOVIE SCHEDULE

MONDAY--- "MUSIC FOR MILLIONS" with GLORIA JEAN, JOSE ITURBE

WEDNESDAY -- " HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME" with FAT O'BRIEN, GEORGE MURPHY

FRIDAY -- "CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT" with BARRERA STANWICK, DENNIS MORGAN

SATURDAY -- TO BE ANNOUNCED

G. I. NEWS

MINE-PROOF CARS

(ANS) -- Land mines are no longer a major threat to the drivers and occupants of the Army's light armored military vehicles. The secret of these mine-proof cars is a new floor, shaped to fit over the front axle housing, which affords great protection against these dangerous enemy devices.

The new floor, which was developed by Army Ordnance and automotive engineers, consists of five sections of armor plate. In tests at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, German-type mines were exploded beneath military cars equipped with new flooring. The floors bulged, but remained intact, and the cars rolled merrily along.

ACS OVERSEAS

(ANS) -- A total of 15,546 out of the Woman's Army Corps strength of 24,000 have packed up their duffle bags and gone overseas, the War Department announced recently. Nearly all of them are serving in the European Theater, 5,255 in Southwest Pacific areas, including Australia, New Guinea, Dutch East Indies and the Philippines, and 1,612 in Italy.

FLYING LOCOMOTIVES

(ANS) -- Air transport history was made recently when the Army Transport Command flew 18 five-ton locomotives from the United States to Burma, the War Department disclosed. Twenty-seven planes were used to carry the engines after they were dismantled. They were critically needed by the British in Burma to help combat an acute transportation problem. The engines were built in 92 days, with the last one leaving Miami April 17 for its trip half way around the world.

LONG-WINDED NAZI DECORATION

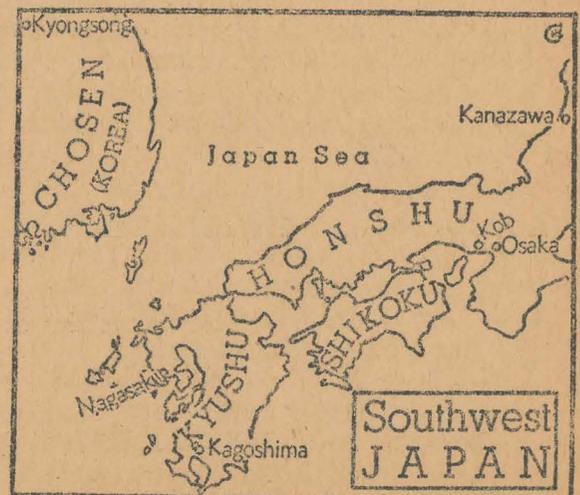
(ANS) -- A new Nazi decoration--the 32-letter word Tieffliegervernichtungssabzeichen, meaning "decoration for bringing down of low flying aircraft", was announced by the German High Command recently. The award was obviously designed to encourage Heinie troops to fire back at low-flying aircraft.

NEW AIRPLANE "BEACON"

(ANS) -- A new airplane beacon that will remain lighted at night for as long as a year has just been developed by civilian experts and the Air Technical Service Command. Protected against adverse weather conditions and equipped with automatic devices for switching off and on, the beacon has ten tanks of fuel and special deflecting walls that prevent the gas light from being blown out.

At daybreak the rays of the sun cause a black rod to expand and thus turn the light off. At night the rod contracts and automatically turns the light back on.

With the new beacon, mountain lights that formerly were extinguished after several months, can now be illuminated all the year.



FREQUENT B-29 TARGET


 "MESS DEPT'S" DEPARTMENT NOTES
 

The Mess Department lost one of its more popular members last week when Lt Mary Kirkpatrick, Dietitian, left for the States on Rotation. Everyone was tickled to see Mary get her "break", but she certainly will be missed by those who were fortunate enough to have worked with her.

T/Sgt Willage has been keeping his nose to the grindstone this past week or so, occasioned by the fact that his right hand man, Pfc O'Drion, was "swiped" by the Registrar's Office for what "Ace" Cowan archly calls an indefinite period. In the meantime Willage can be seen most any morning negotiating with Cowan for "Obie's" return. To date, as rumor has it, "Ace" has been offered fresh eggs and toast every morning but is still holding out for "Room Service".



RED CROSS TALK



Amazing coincidence department..... Theodore Miller had more than a welcome surprise yesterday, when his mother, a member of the cast of the USO show, "Wings Over Jordan", walked into Ward 33, where he is a patient. She, not knowing that her son was even in this hospital, was equally amazed.

That starry-eyed Red Cross girl floating through the wards these days is Jeanne Sulloway. Reason for her starry eyes---she's engaged! The lucky man is 2nd Lt Preston Low. A late May wedding is planned.

Barbara Fulton is the new girl who has recently joined us. Miss Fulton was formerly with the 118th Station Hospital.

THE CHAPLAIN AND HIS ASSISTANT

Most soldiers know that the function of the chaplain is to help them, but little do they realize the red tape and channels through which he must go to give them this aid. For example, take the case of a fellow who wants to marry an Italian. The necessary paper work, alone, is enough to scare off most of these men.

A hospital chaplain's primary interest must be the welfare of the sick and wounded. He must visit the patients of his faith, and make reports to the families of those who are critically ill or wounded.

The duty of the chaplain's assistant is, of course, to aid the chaplain. He has to keep the church or chapel clean and in condition for services. There are flowers, plants and pictures to be procured, and newly laundered linens must always be on hand.

When the 12th General arrived at its present site, my first impression of our church was one of discouragement, to say the least. Only half of the interior of the building was in presentable condition. The church had to be renovated--new fixtures had to be obtained. After several weeks, we finally procured the necessary supplies and incidentals. It is with a sense of satisfaction that we now realize our chapel is adequate for all services from now until departure time.

T/5 Harper
Chap. Reilly's Ass't

SPORTS

MOORMAN BLANKS PBS WITH 1 HIT

Ory Field, May 4th.....A Scratch single in the sixth inning was all that separated Bill Moerman from baseball's Hall of Fame this evening as he blanked the PBS Headquarters "Zebras" 5-0, fanning 16 of the visitors in a 7 inning exhibition game. The Redbirds sturdy-lefthander was in complete control all the way while his mates pounded 4 tallies across in the 4th inning when Ed Subject singled with the bases loaded and came all the way around himself when the Zebras' centerfielder allowed the ball to get past him. Doc McClaid added a final tally in the 6th frame when he homered down the right field line. The only threats made by the visitors came in the first and last innings, when, with runners on 1st and 3rd on each occasion, double steals were broken up by the alert Redbird infield.

It was Moerman's 5th straight success and the 14th victory in a row for the yet unbeaten Flock.

The game was the first played by the 'Birds since April 24th, the sudden cold spell postponing or cancelling four contests.

REDBIRD LEADERS

BATTING: Kelley .417; Subject .395
 RUNS: Kelley 20; Lazarov 16
 HITS: Kelley and Subject: 15
 R.B.I.: Subject and McClaid: 17
 2 BASE HITS: Sparrs: 4
 3 BASE HITS: Subject 3
 HOME RUNS: Subject and Moerman 1
 SACRIFICES: Kelley 3
 STOLEN BASES: Kelley 7
 PITCHING: Prymiec 6-0; Moerman 4-0
 (Not including game of May 4th)

PBS BIG TEN LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	PCTG.	G.B.
Booners	3	0	1.000	-
REDBIRDS	3	0	1.000	-
Carco	2	1	.667	1
Cannions *	2	1	.667	1
Motor Macs	1	1	.500	1½
Boosters	1	2	.333	2
Laundry Reds	1	2	.333	2
Cobblers	0	1	.000	2
Spareparts	0	2	.000	2½
Flying Cats	0	3	.000	3

* (Withdrawn)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

All Games Postponed (Weather)

GAMES TODAY

Carco at Redbirds (2:00 PM)

Spareparts at Cobblers

Motor Macs at Boosters

Flying Cats at Laundry Reds

LITTLE REDS FINALLY CLICK!!!

COP TWO STRAIGHT GAMES

12th General's Little Reds, door mats for their opposition for the past several weeks, finally broke into the victory column Monday evening and liked it so much that they came back for an encore on Thursday racking up their 1st PBS Softball League victory over the 14th M.R.U. ten, 9-3. Monday's win was at the expense of the 392nd Engineers, 8-6 in an exhibition game.

* T O D A Y O R Y F I E L D 2 P . M . *

BASEBALL!

* Redbirds vs. 499 Car Co. *
* "C A R C O S" *

GERMAN SURRENDER IN ITALY
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near this time we were just about beginning the big push towards Rome."

Pfc Louis Sherman, 12th General Detachment.....Another incident where the forces of good have triumphed over Paganism."

Shortest comment, and one that perhaps occurred to all of us, was expressed by Pfc Oliver Ingram, 91st Division aid-man. Said Ingram, "Where to now?"

HANDSOME HARRY HOSPITALIZED

In the years that the 12th General Hospital has been in operation, thousands of patients have passed through its healing doors. But it remained for the conclusion of the Italian campaign to bring the 12th General its best distinguished guest. He is not a General, nor an Admiral, nor a Victory, nor a leading figure of the sport world. Rather, he is our sartorial gift from the City of Cincinnati..... Harry Mandelzweig!!! Unfortunately, Harry the Tailor (not to be confused with Harry the Duck) is not hospitalized for anything as glamorous as a wound received in action.

"Bilateral tonsillitis is what I got," Harry croaked between sore spots that once held his tonsils. When Harry recovers enough to use his voice he will have to do a lot of explaining as to the sender of the lovely flowers hat repose next to his bed.

CAFE SOCIETY GROWS UP
(Cont'd from P. 1)

The Club contains what is probably the only "fire-proof" fire-place in this theater-- in fact, there's rarely been a fire in it, except for Opening Night, when some snafu tossed in some kindling and proceeded to warm the joint up. Since that time, however, Cafe Society has been heated strictly by "torso-topidity."

RECREATION & SPORTS OFFICER

THIS PROMOTION

2nd Lt H. I. Ellzey, General Recreation and Sports Officer, was promoted to 1st Lt this past week.

A native of Columbia, Mississippi, Lt Ellzey joined the 12th in December, 1944. Prior to entering the Army he attended Mississippi State, and Millsaps College where he starred in football. The lieutenant recently represented the 12th General at the Rome Sports School.

On behalf of the unit, Medi-Call extends hearty congratulations.

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.

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

ONCE OVER SLIGHTLY

