

## UNIT OFFICERS PROMOTED

## DETACHMENT COMMANDER NOW 1ST LT

1st Lt Paul W. Majerus, the 12th's Personnel Officer, was promoted to the rank of Captain this past week.

Formerly Adjutant of the 50th Station Hospital, Capt. Majerus joined this organization in December, 1944. He is a native of Chicago, and attended schools there, graduating from DePaul University.

The new Captain was a lawyer in civil life, a profession which is reflected in his military career, for he serves on the General Court Martial, Penbase—on the Special Court Martial of the 12th—and is Summary Court Martial Officer for this organization.

Redd changed from gold to silver earlier this week when Detachment Commander, Dale S. Redd was made First Lieutenant.

Lt Redd came to the 12th from the 118th Station Hospital, where he was commander of the detachment.

A Toledo, Ohio, resident, Lt Redd attended the University of Toledo in his home town.

On behalf of the unit, "Medi-Call" extends heartiest congratulations to these officers.

## DETACHMENT AREA FURTHER IMPROVED

## SIGN ADDS RUSTIC NOTE

Among the most obvious of the recent changes around the detachment area is the new archway and brightly painted sign over the path that leads to the area. The arch is constructed of logs and at the base several vines have been planted that will in time add a rare touch of beauty. The sign which was constructed in a rustic manner on varnished wood, and is painted with blue letters displays the words, 12TH GENERAL HOSPITAL, MEDICAL DETACHMENT, in a manner that exhibits the quality of work done by the sign painters and carpenters of the Utilities department.

One of the most appreciated additions is the new dressing room adjacent to the showers. The former dressing room has been converted into a wash-room, complete with hot and cold running water, and mirrors that can be moved like a sliding door from one wash-bowl to the next. With this addition, the wash room capacity has been increased 100%.

The new softball diamond is nearing completion and it is hoped that it will be ready for use in the very near future.

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A SOLDIER'S AMBITION

All my friends are corporals, sergeants or more.  
I'm still a buck private, the same as before.  
Some shirts have stripes, or bars, or citations,  
But mine is quite naked, without decorations.

I have no ideals, never had any notions.  
Don't want any stripes, and to hell with promotions.  
Oh, I've traveled these countries, o'erseas did I roam.  
I have just one ambition-----I wanna go home!

*Poetry 15*

Pvt. Chuck Schmidt  
Ward 12

SHOW TIME CHANGED  
It is brought to the attention of all personnel that the evening shows held in the theater will begin at 1930 hrs henceforth, rather than at 1900. When leaving the theater after the show you are asked to be especially quiet, since patients will be sleeping at that time.

*Bad*

*Put this verse!*

THE TRAGIC 20-YEAR CYCLE

(ANS)... A seemingly unfeeling American tradition that Presidents elected at 20-year intervals die in office, was borne out by the sudden death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The list includes:

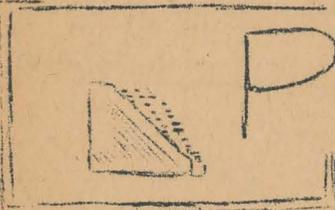
- 1840-- William Henry Harrison
- 1860-- Abraham Lincoln
- 1880-- James A. Garfield
- 1900-- William McKinley
- 1920-- Warren G. Harding
- 1940-- Franklin D. Roosevelt

KILL THE UMPIRE!

You may talk of Casey's striking out,  
Or Kelly's wrong-way run.  
Or Jones' costly error  
When the score was one to one.

O, toll of how that race was lost  
When Cunningham fell down.  
Or the time the count was over-long  
And Dempsey lost the crown.

Yes, many an error's cost a game  
And brought the crowd's derision.  
But nothing irks me quite as much  
As a thieving ump's decision.



# PERSONNEL - Y

## SPEAKING

The Personnel Section is staffed by five old timers of the 12th General Hospital, namely CWO George, M/Sgt Reichel, S/Sgts Wulf and McNinch and T/4 Sweeny. The newer members are Lt. Majerus and Pfc's Gleason and Dupont.

The purpose of the Personnel Section is to relieve the Headquarters and Detachment Commander from as many administrative duties as possible so that the former can devote its time to the integration and smooth functioning of the hospital as a whole and the latter can devote his time to the discipline and training of troops.

The Personnel Section is organized according to function and each subsection is in charge of a non-commissioned officer as follows: Morning Report and correspondence subsection is in charge of M/Sgt Reichel (Sgt Major) who is concerned with the Morning Report, daily correspondence, Civilian payroll, Statistical Report, Change of Status of Medical Department personnel including Brazilians, Personnel Requisitions, issue, loss and destruction of Identification Cards, and other related reports.

Enlisted subsection, pertaining to Service Records, Soldier's Qualification cards and Immunization, is in charge of S/Sgt Wulf. This section is a trying one because of the many changes pertaining to Service Records that have been inaugurated by higher headquarters and now recently by the issuance of a new Training Manual by the War Department which has superseded all instructions heretofore. Soldiers' Deposits handled by this section now amount to over a quarter of a million dollars.

Enlisted subsection pertaining to enlisted men's pay including authorizations, changes and discontinuances of Class "F" deductions and Class "N", "E" and "B" allotments is operated by S/Sgt McNinch.

Officers' subsection pertaining to pay and allotments is handled by T/4 Sweeny. Files subsection is run by Pfc Gleason, and Pfc Dupont acts as Interpreter in matters pertaining to civilian employees and assists S/Sgt Wulf.

An important task that is being dealt with by Personnel at the present time is the preliminary gathering of information on each officer, nurse, and enlisted man for the Readjustment of Military Personnel after the defeat of Germany.

Why don't you buy bonds with the excess money you receive on pay day? You can do this in two ways. The first is by telling PERSONNEL that you wish to buy a bond by payroll. The other is by stopping in at Personnel and buying a bond for cash. It will be sent home in the same manner as a PTA.

Personnel has a special bond that is for military personnel only. Its purchase price is only \$7.50 and it brings \$10.00 on maturity.

By purchasing a bond you help assure your future and you also do your part in the Seventh War Loan Drive that is now in effect.



## CHAPEL NOTES



The services at our chapel have been richly enhanced by the singing of the chapel choir. This group of nurses and detachment members has been devoting much time to rehearsals in order to bring the hospital's staff and patients a message in music.

The choir is composed of: Sopranos—Misses Hotchkiss, Corbin, Gustafson, Lieb and Mrs Wanless. Altos—Misses Perry, Hyduk, and Lake. Tenors—Sgt. Scholtens and Cpl Borman. Bass—Sgt. Morgenstern and Pfc Hoover. Miss Jensen is the accompanist.

We have particularly appreciated several solos rendered by Sgt. William Morgenstern. Sgt. Morgenstern has a rich baritone voice, which, together with expressiveness has brought forth many favorable comments from the congregation. We expect Bill to bring us any more of his fine renditions in the future.

The choir is now working on special music for Mother's Day, including many well-loved choral numbers. We have a fine choir at the present time and with the addition of a few more members it could be built into an excellent singing group. We cordially invite all interested personnel to join us in our weekly rehearsals on Thursday evening at 1930 hours.

SAM, YOU WORE THOSE PANTS TOO LONG!

Southington, Conn. (ANS)---- We'll have to get the name of Sam Gomez' tailor. Gomez, now 80, bought a pair of trousers in 1899 and is still wearing them. They're in good condition---not too shiny---but, of course, he's had to watch his weight a little to keep them fitting well.

His name is Mandelzveig. (Adv.)

## THE WOLF

by Sansone



## RED CROSS TALK

Ward movies in the surgical buildings were discontinued this past week due to the sudden influx of patients. They will be resumed as soon as possible.

Everyone seemed to get a great deal out of the bull session yesterday morning, even though the group was small. You are reminded that groups meet every Saturday morning in front of the fireplace in the Red Cross building to talk over various subjects of current interest.

The All-State Party last night proved to be lots of fun. Guests proudly wore a lapel gadget representing their states. These were later used in a variation of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey", except that we used a large U.S. map instead of the well-known animal. Excerpts on the various states were read and prizes, music, coffee and doughnuts completed the evening's entertainment.

# G.I. News

FIRST INVASION CURRENCY AT OKINAWA.

(ANS) For the first time in the western Pacific war, Marine and Army men invading Okinawa in the Ryukyus carried "Made In America" sen and yen notes for use on the island. Crisp sen and yen notes were issued in six denominations: ten and fifty sen, and one, five, ten, and twenty yen. The exchange was set at the rate of ten cents for one yen and ten sen for one cent. The largest of the bills -- the twenty yen note -- is about the same size as American currency. The other bills are half as long. American troops were given from \$10 to \$15 worth of the American-printed yen. Most of the first instalment was purchased by the troops for souvenirs.

## POW TOTALS IN THE UNITED STATES....

(ANS) The Army reveals that there were 365,437 prisoners of war held in the United States as of 1st of April. The breakdown as to nationalities included 311,630 German 50,549 Italian, and 3,258 Japanese. The prisoners were being held at 141 base camps and 319 branch camps located in all sections of the United States. The branch camps are designed to place prisoners near current work projects.

## ATC CARGO OPERATIONS TRIPLE IN YEAR

(ANS) After tripling its cargo operations nearly two and a half times in a year, the Air Transport Command at New York's LaGuardia Field has just announced that it is now scheduling an average of 740 flights a month. In addition, some 29,000,000 pounds of high-priority cargo, mail and passengers were delivered to fighting fronts in the past 12 months.

## SCHOOL CREDIT FOR ARMY EXPERIENCE..

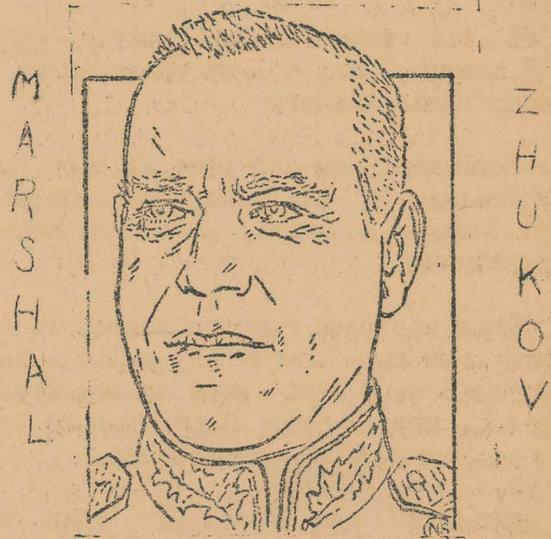
(CNS) This is addressed to servicemen everywhere, but primarily to those who plan to return to school after the war.

You can earn academic credit, while still in service, not only for satisfactorily completing courses offered through the facilities of the United States Armed Forces Institute, but also for a wide variety of military training and experience.

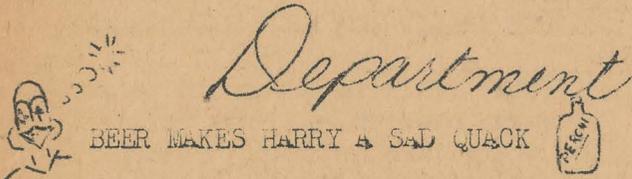
Even your basic training has an educational value, in the opinion of leading American educators. So have the various courses offered by Army and Navy schools, Army and Navy specialized training and actual experience handling a Service job.

USAFI officials and leading educators have devised certain guides and procedures designed to assure every service man and woman a fair evaluation by U. S. schools and colleges of his military training and experience and of off-duty educational studies.

All interested are advised to see Lt Nichols, Information and Education Officer of this unit.

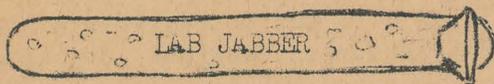


LEADER OF THE RUSSIAN FORCES  
ATTACKING BERLIN FROM THE EAST



## Department

"Harry the Duck" of Tent 1, Row 5 made somewhat of a fool of himself last Wednesday night when he over-estimated his alcoholic capacity and got himself "stinko". His quacking kept the boys up all night in about half a dozen tents. Another repetition of this unsoldierly conduct on the part of Harry will result in his tert-mates putting him under restriction and depriving him of his weekly beer ration. It is also a sad commentary that Harry could not have picked himself a better drinking companion than T/5 "Rick" Goodell.



The Lab staff has been in a huff and a puff this week. Huff because, like all other departments when the census is high, there has been much work, and puff because many of the boys are breaking in new genuine briar pipes from Sienna----wotta smoke screen!

At the poker table, applying Medi-Call quoted odds, a last month loser is a this month winner.

"Something new has been added!" Art hur Protin is his name. As most student labmen, he starts at the bottom---Urinalysis.

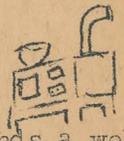
Blood has been running smooth at the Blood bank but there is still a need for donors. Last week on Scholten's day off, Dreyer drew blood from 28 donors by himself---a good record.

Patients and Personnel with any blood type are urged to call the Blood Bank, number 30 R/2, and exchange some of their blood for the satisfaction of helping a G.I. who needs it---not to mention the ten rocks and the two shots of whiskey.

## Notes



"MESS BURPS"



The mess department extends a welcome to two newcomers who joined the staff this week, T/4 Jewel G. Taylor and T/4 Annos G. Martin. These men come to the 12th as replacements for a couple of the cooks who went home on rotation. From first observation, the new boys seem to know their "pots and pans" and there should be many a tasty C ration meal in the future. Lest there should be cries of discrimination, the new "Chefs" have been assigned equally between the Officers' and the EM's Mess so that everyone can profit by their skill.

Some of the most rabid fans of the "Red Birds" are members of the Mess and not the least of these is our feminine contingent of Dieticians who are always on hand at game time and in our opinion account in good measure the large turnout of spectators who still relish a little decorative background with their sports.



I & E COMMUNIQUE



Latest addition to the I & E Office is a set of text books, recently obtained from the Information and Education Section, Penbase. The books are mainly on a college level, and included are such old favorites as Dumond's "History of the United States", Benns' "European History Since 1870", and "Physics" by Hausmann & Slack. The subject matter of this new text library is wide and varied, ranging from mathematics and mechanics to English and economics.

These books are intended primarily for reference use in conjunction with USAFI courses. All interested personnel, both patient and detachment, are invited to investigate this new material.

# SPORTS PAGE

## REDBIRDS COP TWO MORE

The unbeaten Redbirds racked up their 9th and 10th straight victories this past week on Ory Field, flattening the 681st Ordnance Boosters Tuesday, 5 to 3 for their 2nd league win, and nosing out the 64th Gen. Hosp. "Barons" the following evening 3 to 2 in a 7 inning exhibition contest.

Bill Moerman went the route for the first time this season, fanning 18 Boosters Tuesday afternoon for his 2nd win of the season. After jumping off to a 1 run lead in the opening inning, the 'Birds fell behind when the visitors got 3 markers in the 4th frame, only 1 of which was earned. With 1 out, a single and a bobble by Kelley put Boosters on 1st and 2nd. Two more singles and a bad throw by catcher Oliphant attempting to break up a double steal accounted for the visitors run production for the afternoon.

The Flock went ahead again in the 5th with a 3 run rally, capped by Tarzan McClaid's Texas League single with the bases loaded. The Redbirds added one for good measure in the 7th on Iz Lezarov's long triple and Ed Subjeck's fly.

The victory kept the men of the 12th in first place in the PBS Big Ten Loop.....  
 ...Despite some weird base running the Redbirds continued their unbeaten string at the expense of the 64th Gen. Hosp. Barons Wednesday evening before the season's largest gathering at Ory Field. Lefty Prymicz hung up his 5th win of the season limiting the visiting Aodics from crosstown to 5 safeties. The little southpaw finished in a blaze of glory by fanning the side in the 7th and final frame.

The Barons scored first in the opening chukker on a single, a fielder's choice, a hit batsman, and a long fly, but found the score knotted an inning later on Oliphant's tremendous triple and Subjeck's single. The visitors went ahead again in the 4th on two singles sandwiched around a sacrifice, but the Foesemen again evened things up in their half when Oliphant's fly to left sent McGraw across.

The home crew then pushed the winning marker across in the 5th on Prymicz's walk, Levarov's single and a wild throw past 1st by the 64th's 3rd baseman on Kelley's roller.....

### - LATE FLASH -

Ory Field, 20 April..The Redbirds plastered the 603rd Ord. "Motor Macs" tonight 15 to 2 behind the 6 hit pitching of Clyde Thrasher.  
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### LITTLE REDS KAYOED AGAIN

Leghorn, 19 April.....The 12th's Little Red softballers took it on the chin again tonight at the hands of the 26th Chem. Decontamination Bn. in a PBS league contest, 5 to 4. ... Despite the usual fine hurling of Laverne Wildfong, the Red's infield booted several grounders and dropped a couple of throws to leave themselves still without a victory for 1945.

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 \* **BASE BALL!** \*  
 \* TODAY \*  
 \* Redbirds vs. 631st Q.M. \*  
 \* "LAUNDRY \*  
 \* REOS" \*  
 \* **ORY FIELD** 2 P.M. \*  
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MOORE ASSUMES LITTLE RED MANAGERSHIP

SPECIAL SPECIAL SERVICE

GLEASON QUILTS POST

Charley Moore took over the reins of the 12th "Little Reds" softball team, following the resignation of Neil Gleason. Moore refused to make a definite statement for the press, saying only,

"I'll talk when we start winning."

The new mentor did intimate, however, that he plans to revamp the team completely, in an effort to stem its present downhill trend.

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STAFF ITEMS

Captain Isidore Legum, formerly of the 109th Medical Bn, joined the 12th General this week and has taken over the duties of Lt Otto Haber in the Dental Clinic. Lt Haber transferred to the 109th Medical Bn.

Capt. Harry L. Fulton, formerly of the Surgical Service, left the 12th this week for new duty assignment with the 2nd Auxiliary Surgical Group.

1st Lt Janet M. Fleming, one of the original "Angels of Mercy" of the 12th spread her wings and flew away from the organization this week to her new duty assignment with the 171st Evacuation Hospital.

Lt Colonel Harvey S. Allen has returned to his duties with the Surgical Service after two months of temporary duty with the Medical Section of Allied Force Headquarters.

We can't go to Times Square, so "Times Square" is coming to us. Anyway that's the title of a USO show, appearing here Tuesday. The show is a recent arrival in this area, and advance reports state that it ranks with the best.

Two unusual features highlight this week's entertainment bill. One is the Royal Ulster Rifle Band, which presents one of its superb concerts in the theater. The Irishmen will play on Thursday, at 1430 for patients and 1900 for duty personnel. The other unusual feature is an audience participation show, "Truth or Consequences" with Bob Keefe. This show has enjoyed tremendous success wherever it has appeared.

Movie-goers will be delighted to learn that one of the most publicized films of the year will be shown in the 12th Theater tomorrow---"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn".

Here's the rest of the week's movie schedule:

Wednesday-----"BRING ON THE GIRLS"  
with VERONICA LAKE

Friday-----"TOGETHER AGAIN"  
with IRENNE DUNNE & CHARLES BOYER

Chicago (CNS)---at least 101 U.S. physicians have died in action and 255 others have died while in military service since the outbreak of World War II the Journal of the American Medical Association reports.

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

AIR-GROUND CO-OPERATION

