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Exalt O shores, and ring O bells,
But I with mournful tread,
Walk the deck my captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

-----Walt Whitman

EDITORS WHITE AND WEINBERG
RELINQUISH POSTS

This issue of Medi-Call marks the first under the editorship of Jim Brown, Information & Education assistant, former editors White and Weinberg having requested relief from their positions. Few people realize the tremendous amount of work and co-operation required even for the publication of a four-page mimeographed paper. Since the inception of Medi-Call, the publication has been handled on a strictly volunteer basis, the lion's share of the burden, however, being borne by the editor and his associate. In these capacities, White and Weinberg have devoted many hours of their free time, frequently their entire free day, to the purposes of the paper, and sincere thanks are due them both. They will continue their association with the paper as staff writers.

PAPER HANDLED BY I & E OFFICE

Appointment of Brown brings the ed-

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MTCUSA I & E CHIEF

COMMENDS MEDI-CALL

The 12th General's unit newspaper was the recipient of an extremely complimentary letter from the MTCUSA Information and Education Section last week. The communication praised Medi-Calls's presentation of unit news, and emphasized the paper's value in the promotion of unity and morale in the organization. Some helpful hints for possible improvement of the weekly were also included.

This commendation mirrors the excellent work done by former editor, E. E. White, and his associates. It is our earnest hope that "Medi-Call" will continue to meet the standards laid down by them.

DETACHMENT COMMANDER IS PROMOTED

1st Lt Stuart E. Graham, detachment commander, who is now returned to the U.S. on a tour of Temporary Duty, was promoted to Captain.

Capt Graham came overseas with the Hospital and was Detachment Commander at that time. He was transferred from us in Africa, and rejoined us last December. He became Detachment Commander again when Major E.H. Overfield went home on TD in March.

Capt Graham's home is in Philadelphia, Penn. o. 1. 1. 1.

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Poetry is Bad ~
But This is Verse!

A NIGHT AT MC CARTHY'S SALOON

McCarthy's saloon was a peaceful place
Till the night of the Fireman's Ball.
Sure, I'd go there and drink
And I'd sit and I'd think,
Of people, and places, and all.

The night that the firemen held their big dance
I was sittin' alone by the fire.
One second 'twas quiet,
The next there was riot,
For McCarthy called Brogan a liar.

Dan picked up a chair and careful he aimed
For the back of McCarthy's big head...
Well, I started to go,
But, alas, was laid low,
For the chair hit my noggin instead.

Now everyone in the place started to fight,
And I in the midst of it all.
Sure, I'm mild as a lamb,
But 'twas too late to scran,
So I laid there and rocked with the brawl.

Well, the spell of McCarthy's is over for me,
And I'll never go there any more.
For whene'er I'm inclined,
Sure, that night comes to mind,
And I get just as far as the door.

J. R. Brown

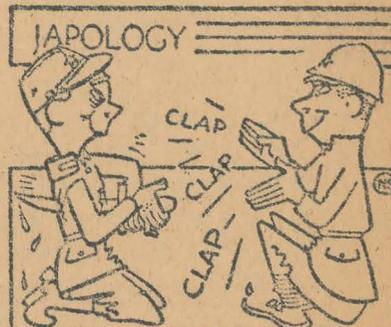
COLUMN
WRITE



Several suggestions were received by the editor. One of these was signed, "The Lonesome Three". This matter should be taken up with the Detachment Commander, and it is believed that good results will be obtained.

THIS IS YOUR COLUMN !!!

LET'S HAVE MORE LETTERS!



Among the western Democracies, suicide generally is regarded as an act of cowardice. Not so with the Japs. When a Jap commits hara-kiri (disembowels himself) he is performing a rite which symbolizes to the Emperor that the soldier has done all he can for Japan.

SURGI — — CALL

This week's spotlight is on the all-important Surgical Service, headed by Colonel Michael L. Mason. The fifteen surgical wards, containing 65% of the total hospital bed capacity, are staffed by 64 competent technicians and orderlies working directly under the supervision of ward officers and nurses. These men work long and hard to assure surgical patients the expert care they require.

The busiest department in the Service is the Operating Room, which once handled the amazing total of 1031 operations in one month. Here are eight operating tables in individual rooms, each of which receives its share of business. Cleaning up at the end of the day is no haphazard proposition for this department, in which cleanliness is an absolute necessity. The OR is kept spotless through the tireless efforts of Major Bradburn's crew, and if you don't think he's proud of them just ask him!

CENTRAL WARD SUPPLY DELIVERS THE GOODS

Central Ward Supply, operated in conjunction with the Operating Room, handles all the sterile goods for the entire hospital. Blood sets, I.V. sets, special sterile trays, gloves, solutions, syringes and needles, and sterile dressings are sterilized here and made available for wards whenever needed. These duties keep four people busy from morning till night, and Lt. Lake can tell you that Lt. Johnson, T/4 Wilkolek, and Pfc Arnquist never have a dull moment.

A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE IS PLASTERED

In the Cast Room, adjacent to the OR and Central Ward Supply, may be found four of the most proficient plaster men in the business. T/3 Bennie Drew is the NCO in charge, with T/4 Wycalis, T/5 Oliphant, and Pfc

Foley, constituting what the Orthopedic ward men call, "The Gruesome Foursome!" When not applying casts in the OR or removing them on the wards, they may be found in the Cast Room amidst a flurry of arms and legs, looking very much like bakers' assistants.

When patients aren't available for Plaster of Paris underwear, the boys are busy ripping and stringing crinoline and rolling their own plaster, a tedious and time-consuming job. The Cast Room is under the supervision of Major Newton C. Mead, who can tell you that his boys have the plaster business well in hand.

Before we close, here's a news flash from the hills of Indiana.....

T/3 "Skinny" Allen, orthopedic technical deluxe, from ward 23, and now home on TD, sends word that the corn in Indiana is still 10 feet high, and brings five dollars a pint on the black market.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



✠ THE CHAPLAINS' SECTION



Several weeks ago when Chaplain Sweet joined this organization he brought with him quite a few excellent ideas, one of which has been put into effect this past week. It provides that each incoming patient be given a mimeographed letter signed by each chaplain. This letter tells the patient what to expect from the hospital, and lists the personal services that we can perform for him. The help that hospital personnel have given, particularly Major Bozarth and his assistants, is greatly appreciated.

As well as adding to the spiritual comfort of the patients, the chaplains have tried to comfort them physically. This necessitates a personal visit to each patient, and while this may entail extra work, it is not in the least begrudged. The chaplains desire to have patients and personnel feel free to call upon them at any time.

While the church attendance has been increasing in the past few weeks, it is not all that it could be. The Military Service Christian League has pledged itself to assist the chaplains in increasing this attendance. The League extends an invitation to all interested personnel to attend next Wednesday evening's meeting. New officers, recently elected, are, president, John Martin; vice-president, L.E. Lively; secretary-treasurer, Gerry Fleming.

WEEK'S FUNNIEST STORY

Salt Lake City (CNS)...The Hesterman twins used to be identical until Jimmy got into the Army. Now brother Jimmy outweighs Johnny by 12 pounds or more. Jimmy says it's the chow.

LEGHORN "PALACE CLUB" FIT FOR A KING

The Red Cross EM "Palace Club" in Leghorn is in reality a palace, originally the home of Francis de Larderel, Count of Montecerboli. The building, finished in 1858, served as the summer home of the Count and his family.

The club is open daily from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. The Snack Bar, one of the most popular features of the club, has accommodated as many as 10,000 soldiers in a single day.

AMPLE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

A spacious yard makes possible outside volleyball, badminton, ping-pong, and horseshoe pitching.

Fencing lessons, which have proved popular with the soldiers, are given each night at 6 o'clock. Unit dances are held each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Jam sessions, USO shows and Special Service presentations are frequent entertainment features.

Reading and writing rooms and a library are available, as well as tailoring service and a barber shop.

MEET THE STAFF

Miss Mary Manson, of North Haven Conn., is the club director, and her very capable staff includes Alice Hallett, St. Louis, Mo.; Mary Kuhn, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dorothy Kyle, Princeton, N.J.; Annie Sue Harrison, Miami, Fla.; Mary Jean Levy, St. Louis Mo., and Dorothea Wilde, East Orange, N.J.

HE'LL BE SORRY!

Hollywood (CNS).....Cpl Chalmer Miller is a real salesman. Assigned to the WAC Recruiting Service here since last year, he recently signed up his wife!



DUMBARTON OAKS

New hope for a
war weary world
OBJECTIVE.....PEACE!

New York (ANS)...."What do you think of Dumbarton Oaks?"

The league of Women Voters recently put this question to persons at random on the streets of Chattanooga, Tenn. One young girl replied, "I don't know--we're strangers in town." A middle-aged woman said, "I live in Georgia, so I don't know." From a stenographer: "I don't eat anything but shredded wheat."

Final result: Of 98 persons polled in Chattanooga, only 46 had any idea what Dumbarton Oaks was all about. Among the 46, all but two said they approved it.

WHAT IT IS....

Actually, of course, Dumbarton Oaks is a red-brick mansion on an estate in the Georgetown area of Washington, DC., owned by Harvard University. It was the scene of a seven-weeks conference last Aug 21-Oct. 7 among representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China. Out of their preliminary conversations came the "Dumbarton Oaks Proposal for the Establishment of a General International Organization."

THE NEXT STEP....

In San Francisco April 25, the Dumbarton Oaks proposals will be laid before a conference of all the United Nations, now numbering 44, whose representatives there will draw up a formal charter for some type of postwar security organization. The charter will then be submitted for ratification by member nations according to their various constitutional methods. (In the case of the United States two-thirds approval by the Senate is required.)

Delegates to San Francisco may differ on details of the Dumbarton Oaks plan, but are expected to approve the formation of an organization to prevent war by (1) encouraging peaceful settlement of disputes between nations (2) adjusting conditions which seem to be leading toward war, and (3) using armed force to put down actual military aggressions if such occur.

HOW PUT TOGETHER....

Dumbarton Oaks calls for:

A General Assembly of all member nations, to which even former enemy states such as Germany and Japan might be admitted after long "parole" periods.

An 11-nation Security Council----- the Big Five (America, Britain, Russia, China and France) holding permanent seats, plus six nations chosen by the Assembly to serve two-year terms.

An International Court of Justice.

A Secretariat, or administrative body.

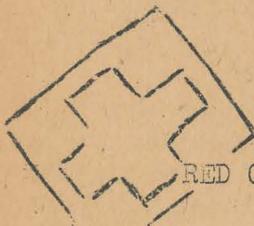
An Economic and Social Council comprising representatives of 18 member nations, chosen by the General Assembly for three-year terms.

A Military Staff Committee, combining chiefs of staff from Big Five Nations, who could consult other military leaders when necessary.

PROBLEMS AHEAD....

Voting procedure for the Security council must be ironed out at San Francisco. In the Yalta conference among President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin, it was agreed tentatively that any Big Five nation could exercise the veto power, even in matters affecting itself.

BUT IN THE SOLUTION OF SUCH PROBLEMS LIES NEW HOPE FOR A WAR WEARY WORLD!



RED CROSS TALK

Department Notes

LOVE REARS ITS UGLY HEAD

The craft shop is going full swing now. Not only are there some interesting rings and gifts being made, but our old furniture is taking on a new glow. The shop is open every afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30---so if you have the urge to putter or get into the tool boxes, that is the time to do it.

This afternoon at 1400 hours there will be an exhibition of the various things that have been accomplished in the work room.

Ping Ponging should become an increasingly popular pastime now that we have two new ping pong tables. A ladder tournament is now going on---maybe you, too, can climb to the top!

Gardening, both vegetable and flower, will start this coming week....Any assistance will be appreciated.

Mary Hotchkiss, AFD, left this week for TD in the States. During her absence, Margaret Powers will assume her duties.

The lovely grey haired lady you are seeing these days is Dorothy Cahill, formerly of the 50th Station Hospital. Miss Cahill is from Chicago, Ill.

A General, recently visiting the hospital, was being shown through the wards and introduced to patients. He greeted one with particular enthusiasm, found out later that the man was a PW. ---The General was slightly embarrassed!

---So was the wardman who made the introduction.

Have you ever heard the story that the quiet individual is the biggest wolf of all? Well, here is a story that should give an insight into the character of our own T/Sgt Bob (Swoon 'em) Hugler. Wednesday's mail brought him an envelope containing nothing more than a picture of a very beautiful girl. Of course, Bob disclaims any knowledge of who it might be, but those who know him best have the opinion that at long last his mysterious past is catching up with him. Is she wife, sweetheart or friend? Your guess is as good as ours. Or can it be that this Detroit lothario exerts a strange effect on American womanhood even at this distance?

"MESS BURPS"



No doubt everyone is wondering why the boys who "dish out the chow" are walking around with downcast eyes these days everytime the subject of Softball is mentioned. The reason is supplied by the fact that they were on the short end of a 7 to 1 score in a game with the "Little Reds" played last week. "Wild man" McMillan, who performed on the mound for the losers, gave his usual classic performance and left no doubt that he came by his name honestly. In justice to "Mac, it should be added that his team mates seemed more intent on finishing their beer rations, which happened to be handy, than they were in playing the game. In his weekly press release, "Coach" Friedman has promised that all future engagements will be played with a milder "thirst quencher" on hand than has stimulated the boys before.

SPORTS



REDBIRDS COP LEAGUE OPENER

Sparepart's Field, 11 April:--Paced by the air-tight pitching of "Lefty" Bill Moerman and Thrasher and the clubbing of McGraw and Oliphant, the Redbirds won their inaugural league game of the 1945 season here this afternoon defeating the 154th Q.M. Spareparts 5 to 0.

The Birds started the scoring in the first inning. Walks to Lazarov and Kelley, an infield out, and a single by Oliphant accounted for 2 runs. Moerman retired the Q.M.'s in order in the first inning. The Redbirds threatened again in the second inning when McGraw opened the inning with a single between short and third. Wilson advanced McGraw to third with a single down the right field line. But the threat ended when Moerman flied to left and McGraw was thrown out trying to score after the catch. Lazarov popped to second to end the inning.

In the third inning the Redbirds came back with three runs. Kelley leading off was hit by a pitched ball. He then stole second and went to third when the catcher threw into center-field trying to catch him. He scored on Subjock's fly to right. Sparrs walked and stole second. He then took third as Paplava beat out an infield hit. Both runners scored when McGraw singled to left and the left fielder let the ball get through him.

Moerman pitched seven innings and struck out 12 men while walking only one. A Texas League single over second was the only clean hit for the Spareparts all afternoon.

McGraw led the Redbird attack with two singles and a walk in four appearances at the plate. Thrasher pitched the last two innings for the Birds and retired six men in order.

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 * BASEBALL - TODAY *
 * ORY FIELD.....1400 HOURS *
 * 12th GENERAL REDBIRDS vs. *
 * 681st ORDINANCE BOOSTERS *
 * (League Game) *
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"BIRDS" FLY HIGH

Ory Field, 13 April...The Redbirds threw in everything but the player's bench today, hammering into submission the woefully outclassed 1751 QM "Yanks" 23 to 0, in a non-league contest. Prymicz and Krause divided the Redbird mound work.

SOFTBALL NOTES

The Little Reds lost still another practice game to the 437th Sig. Bn by the score of 4 - 2. The petite Reds cracked out 10 hits paced by Grossman with 3 for 5, while Wildfong held the opponents to 5 safeties.

More softball players are needed. Men who seriously want to play and practice are desired.

SPORTS SHORTS

(ANS).....Whit Wyatt's sale to the Phillies for 10 grand leaves the Dodgers with only Mickey Owen, Curt Davis, Augie Galan, and Dixie Walker of the 1941 championship team.....Lefty Hal Newhouser of the Tigers is on record as saying that he won't win over 20 games this year. Not that Hal thinks he isn't as good as last year, when he won 29, but he maintains that the Detroit staff as a whole is so much better that he won't be able to pitch enough to get over 20 wins.....

WHITE AND WEINBERG
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SPECIAL SPECIAL SERVICE

itorship into the Information and Education Office, sponsoring organ of the weekly and the department charged with the creation and maintenance of a unit publication.

SCHNEIDER JOINS STENCIL-CUTTERS

The stencil-cutting staff also has a new addition in the person of Joe Schneider, who has volunteered to fill a shortage in the ranks. Other stencil cutters include Willage, Quinn, Stewart, Merle, Raysor, Williams and Case.

SHORT PAGE NOW NECESSARY

Alert readers will observe another change in Medi-Call—the use of a shorter type of mimeograph paper. This change has no relation to editorial policy, but was dictated by a shortage of the long paper.

This weekly is meant to be by, and for, and of, the men of the unit, both patients and personnel. Send your contributions to the Information and Education Office.

Fort Worth, Tex. (AMS)...Word just reached here that the territory of Texas has been extended into Germany. Thanks to Lt. Col. William J. Satten, a sign erected in a hamlet north of Doveren, Germany says: "This town is annexed to Texas by courtesy of the 84th Division..."

Special Service offers a copious entertainment program for the coming week, headed by the musical comedy, "Pardon Me", which appears in the theater Monday and Tuesday at 1900 hours. Featured in a cast of talented performers will be Milton Frome, well-known M.C. and baritone. Milton brings with him 10 (count-'em) gorgeous gals, which should be a matter of slight interest to some of you.

The 37th Special Service Co is here on Thursday with a brand new show. If it's as good as their last, it will be well worth attending. The Swingsters will perform at 1500 for patients, and at 1900 for detachment.

An ENSA (British) musical revue highlights the activities for the latter part of the week. The aim of this show is merriment and it bids well to score a bulls-eye. The revue is called "Just a Minute", and it comes here on Saturday, at 1430 for patients, and 1900 for duty personnel.

For cinemaddicts, here is the week's movie schedule:

Wednesday... "IRISH EYES ARE SMILING", with Dick Haynes, June Haver

Friday....."A SONG TO REMEMBER" with Merle Oberon, Paul Muni

MALE CALL

By Milton Caniff

PERSONNEL OFFICER, FEMALE, CIVILIAN HEP

