

CAFE SOCIETY

STILL IMPROVING

Furniture for Cafe Society's Reading Room has arrived and has been put to immediate use. The new tables, chairs, and "swish" lamps make the EM reading room the swankiest in this area.

The club has received its spring housecleaning early and has been provided with screens for summer "air-conditioning."

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

A new piano has been acquired and a band stand has been designed and is in the process of construction. Cafe Society officials state that it will be "a real knockout."

SOMETHING OLD IS RUNNING LOW

Shortage of liquor is becoming a serious problem. When the present supply is exhausted, barring bathtubs, it is a puzzle as to where more can be secured. In view of this, 12th EM are requested to refrain from bringing guests to the club except on Wednesday's regular "Buddy Nite"—unless, of course, it's your long lost buddy from Kokomo!

EM DO GOOD JOB IN

DETACHMENT AREA

SAYS LT. GRAHAM

PASSES START MONDAY

The regular pass schedule will be resumed tomorrow. Lt. Graham is well satisfied with the accomplishments of the men in cleaning and policing the area. Several necessary tasks were completed. The swamp has been ditched so that mosquito control will be simplified and made more effective, and much burning, leveling, and clearing has made the area a cleaner, more habitable spot.

The little bridge on the gravel path from the mess hall to the main road has been rebuilt. This foot bridge has been subject from time to time to much abuse. Perhaps the individuals who are unnecessarily rough on the structure will realize that they are causing extra work for someone else in the Detachment.

Fire extinguishers have been set up on racks among the tents. The racks are firm enough to support the weight of the extinguishers but little else. So for best results, don't lean on the racks!

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COLUMN

WRITE

To the Editors....

The appearance of the EM's ar-
ea has improved vastly during the
past week; there is one more im-
provement I would like to see and
that is in the mess hall. I sug-
gest these steps be taken:

a) Remove all naps, signs, il-
lustrations from the walls of the
mess hall, excepting the one per-
taining to removal of hats.

b) Build a partition between
the mess hall and the kitchen.

c) Paint the inside of the
mess hall either cream, buff, or
white.

This may not make the meals
taste like those "mother used to
cook" but it will certainly im-
prove the atmosphere of the mess
hall. The time and material nec-
essary to make these improvements
would be justified even if the u-
nit remains in one location only
a few weeks.

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GOVERNMENT ISSUE

Sitting on my GI bed,
My GI hat upon my head,
My GI pants, my GI shoes--
I wish they'd give me GI booze;
GI razors and GI comb--
GI wish that I were home.

They issue everything I need:
Paper to write on, books to read,
My belt, my socks, my GI tie,
I'm what is known as a GI guy;
They issue food to make me grow--
GI want a long furlough.

I eat my food from GI plates,
Buy all I want at GI rates;
It's GI this and GI that,
It's GI work that breaks my back;
Everything here is GI issue--
GI wish that I could kiss you.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Earlie Byrd is a
patient on Ward 42?
Wonder if he has worms?

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Have supply of 116, 616, 127
film. I would like to trade
it roll for roll for 120 or
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MEDICAL SUPPLY CAN GET YOU EVERYTHING EXCEPT TOOTHPICKS

90% of all equipment used by the wards and departments of this hospital (which can care for 3000 patients) is obtained thru Medical Supply. This vital service has a personnel of only 13, who are split up among the Office, Warehouse, Issue Room, Repair Shop, Forms, and Linen Exchange. The men have compared their work to that of Hollywood Property Men as they may be called upon to produce any one of over 5000 items ranging in variety from potassium permanganate to pie plates.

SUPPLY HAS STURDY STRONG-ROOM

The department includes a sturdy looking little place called the "Strong-Room" which houses gold, narcotics, and liquor. To obtain an item from it requires almost an Act of Congress. The bonded whiskey, unfortunately, never reaches the bars of "Cafe Society" or the "Officers' Hunt Club" but is given only to blood donors and to patients who need it medicinally.

Medical Supply is probably one of the largest department stores in Italy and for this reason it proves to be quite a morale booster for the unit's female personnel, especially when they are able to get behind the counters and select their own items. When the hospital was being set up the nurses proved to be such a nuisance that an SOS had to be drafted to the Chief Nurse asking her to withdraw her angels and give Medical Supply mercy. Barricades were erected and articles were given out only with issue slips so that the inventories required could be made with accuracy.

EXPENDABLE OR NON-EXPENDABLE

Supplies fall into two categories: Expendable and Non-expendable. The former are items which are consumed during their usage such as drugs and bandages, while the latter are articles that can be put back into service after usage, either by replacement of

MUHA AND KAY, SIMON AND WAY, JOIN TWELFTH.

All four of the newly assigned MAC officers have arrived at the 12th General. The lieutenants are:

Lt Cameron Way, Michigan (City) N. Dak., was a M/Sgt at the 300th General Hospital. He has been assigned to duty here as assistant A & D officer.

Lt Michael Muha, Battle Creek Mich., was formerly T/Sgt in Medical Supply at the 182nd Station Hospital. He has been Appointed Assistant Detachment Commander.

Lt Thomas Kay, Chicago, T/Sgt at the 17th General Hospital prior to being commissioned is Ward Administration Officer for Surgical Service.

Lt Sidney Simon, Chicago, arrived earlier from the 103rd Station Hospital; He is Ward Administrative Officer for Medical Service at the 12th.

parts or repair of parts or else can be turned in for salvage. A complete display of Medical Property shelved and labeled makes up the Issue Room. Here all orders are filled from the shelves which are supported by a large warehouse containing the same items in case lots. The issue of every article is accounted for on drop sheets so that requisitions of more of the same item issued can be made to the Medical Depot when the supply runs low.

SUPPLIES RUMORS TOO.

Because supply problems sometimes give hints of things to come, Medical Supply serves as a moving barometer. When rumors are circulating, Supply men are often questioned for verification. Since it is bad army etiquette to leave a rumor unconfirmed and since the Supply boys have imagination, you can get them to verify a return to the States, or a quick move to India anytime. The rumors are expendable and new ones will be furnished when the originals are worn out.

Natural History in Fables

THE WEASEL

Story 6

Once upon a time there was a weasel named Waldo who lived within walking distance of his office which was a chicken coop. He had red eyes, long white whiskers and was very strong and clever. His wife, another weasel named Winnie, was a Nervous Woman but a good cook. And she had plenty to do, bless me, for when other weasels came home stony-broke, Waldo always showed up with a plump Plymouth Rock or maybe a nice buff Irpington for dinner. Other wives might have to open up a can of Spam or try their luck with fricasseed chipmunk-but not Winnie. Her Waldo was a good provider, and they even had poached eggs for breakfast. Well, these things will get around, and I must say that Waldo took no trouble to hide his luck. For on his way home he began stopping at Joe's for a quick one, and would throw his pullet on the bar, saying "Well, she'll only come to a coupla pounds, boys, but I guess we can stretch her!" And he would laugh like a weasel and order another double Scotch. The boys, who hadn't had a square meal for some time, would look mad and say nothing. But they thought a lot.

One day Waldo stepped in and the boys were ready. "Have a drink, Waldo, old boy!" they said, and poured it to him. "Boy, what a bird you have there, Waldo!" they said, and poured it to him. "I'll bet there aren't many left like this plump, juicy fryer!" they said, and poured it to him. Waldo became expansive. "I can get thousands of 'em", he leered, "thousan's an' thousan's of lovely plump lil' hennie-wennies! I guess ol' Waldo's a pretty smart ol' weasel, huh?" And he rocked back and forth with pride. "Tell you what I'll do", he said, smacking the bar, "c'mon up to the house for dinner." And he phoned his wife. "You weasel," screeched Winnie, "don't you dare bring those drunks up here. If you do, I'll get a divorce." But Waldo hung up and headed back for more chickens. His reflexes were not so good this time, though and he tripped over a brooder in the hen-house, waking up all the girls. They beat him up with rolling pins, stuck him with darning needles, and finally finished him off by running him through a wringer.

MORAL: "Be you weasel, man, or elf - keep a good thing to yourself."

SERVICE MEN'S

CHRISTIAN LEAGUE

Last Wednesday evening SMCL had an old-fashioned bible-study. Faith was the topic and as each person entered the Chapel he was given a slip of paper containing a verse of scripture. From that he was to make a short comment. The service was under the direction of Glenn Shunk, a patient. Clifford Nielson, secretary, read a letter from a former member, J. B. Cobern, who is now back in the States. The program Committee anticipates an unusual program this Wednesday when Chaplain Phinney of the 33rd General will be the guest speaker.

MALE CALL Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" IS HE TRAPPED OR IS SHE A MOUSE?



REPORT FROM HOME

T/4 Sid Braunstein has just returned from Temporary Duty in the States—here are a few of his impressions of conditions back home:

The most noticeable changes that struck me were the absence of young men who are not in uniform and the rationing system which has become a part of daily life since we left.

YOUNG MEN SCARCE AS HEN'S TEETH

It is very apparent that most of the young men are now in the services; those not in uniform are likely to be wearing the gold honorable discharge pin. While most people have difficulty in securing choice meats and butter, the restaurants are still stocked to the limit with almost anything in the line of food.

Not everyone back home is making the tremendous salaries we hear about. Some are getting rich from war contracts, but the average man, altho he is now receiving higher wages, needs the extra money to offset higher taxes and an increased cost of living. And by the way, fellows, don't believe those fantastic tales that filter back here about all the women running wild. Such is not the case. All of your wives, sweethearts, and parents are as hungry for the sight of you as you are for them.

CIVILIANS RESPECT OVERSEAS BARS

My furlough in the States was well spent. I was treated royally by all the civilians and accorded privileges I never had before entering the Army. I was wined and dined wherever I went and to top everything had an extension of twelve days added to my furlough because there was no shipment ready when I reported back at the end of the first 30 days. And....I'd go again if I had the chance. (Thought: Wonder how I stand on rotation?)

RED CROSS CHATTER

In line with the Sunday Stars & Stripes article on Red Cross we wondered if you might like to know more about your own Red Cross unit here.

We are supposed to be six, but Miss Wahler is home for 30 days and detached service people come and go. Since last June we have been: Mary Hotchkiss, Director, Social Worker, from New York City and Lyons, N. Y.; Margaret Powers, Social Worker, from Paris, Missouri; Jean Salloway, Recreation Worker, from Franklin, New Hampshire; Wenonah Wahler, Recreation Worker, from New York City; and Constance Terry, Secretary, from Orient, N.Y., and Washington, D.C.; Mildred Harris, Staff Aide, from Coronado, California.

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PHARMACIST BUILDS
BETTER MOUSETRAP

BEAT A PATH TO HIS DOOR

The threat of rats in Pharmacy's vats didn't daunt inventor Andy Kucek. He built a better rat trap - and it works. To date Pharmacy's trap has caught four mice in six nites.

Construction is simple: Take a large container (5 gallon can) with about six inches of water in the bottom. Lay a flat board from the floor to the top of the can. Balance a smaller wooden stick from the end of the board over the edge of the can and put the bait on the edge of the stick.

The mouse, smelling the bait, ascends the board and as he is about to grasp the bait, he is dumped into the water by the teeter-totter action of the balanced stick. Naturally, the mouse drowns. If the teeter doesn't totter, the mouse may be pushed into the drink with a ruler.

Demonstrations daily at the Pharmacy. Bring your own mice.

Leghorn - City of Commerce and Canals

Many Italian cities had accumulated glorious histories before Leghorn emerged from a tiny fishing village. Its growth to the status of third largest Italian port, boasting one of the best harbors in the Mediterranean, is due mainly to the Medici family. In 1571, Cosimo I began construction of the port and canal to Pisa; his son Ferdinand continued the work - to attract settlers, he permitted unrestricted immigration and by the end of his reign, Leghorn was second only to Genoa as the leading commercial city of Italy. Its shipping became so important that in 1635 the English and Dutch fought outside the harbor for control of its trade. The man-made harbor is protected by a 3/4 mile long breakwater; the canals which encompass Leghorn were formerly an integral part of the port but are now useful only for barges.

Italy's naval academy and largest shipworks are located in Leghorn. It also has refineries, mills, glassworks, soapworks, and many other types of factories. Exports include citron, coral, boracic acid, oxhides, briarwood, hemp, marble, alabaster, and talc. Many years ago, "Leghorn Chickens" were sent to the States, but few are to be found in the city now. Leghorn straw hats which are actually made at Signa (about 50 miles up the Arno) were also exported from here to the U.S.

Altho Baedeker has said in his famous guide book that Leghorn contains "little to detain the traveler", there are a few places of interest to almost anyone.

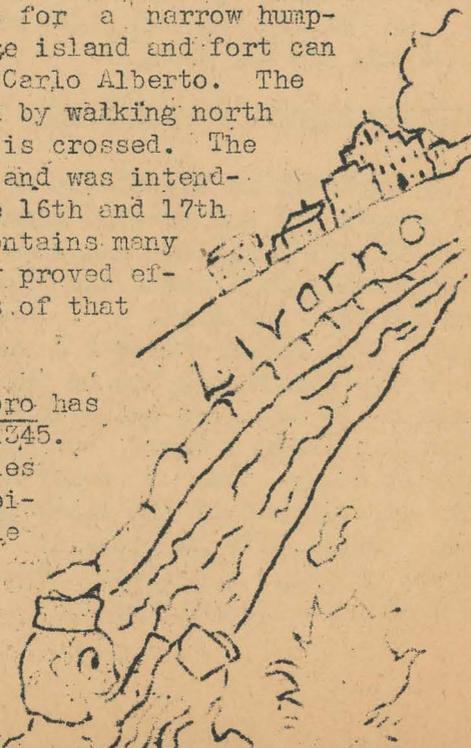
The Fortezza Vecchia or Old Fortress is at the northeast end of the "old town" on an island which forms the northeastern quay of Porto Mediceo. Once it guarded the busy harbor but today it looks down on the sleepy canal that borders it. The fortress can be easily reached from the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele (center of Leghorn) by going west down the Via S. Giovanni to the waterfront. It was built in 1534 and used for centuries as a military barracks; the fort is now in a state of disrepair, but the island fortress with its moat all around and old brick walls and turret is still interesting and intriguing.

The Fortezza Nuova is located just east of the "old town"; it is entirely surrounded by water except for a narrow hump-backed bridge to the southeast. The large island and fort can be seen from the north end of the Piazza Carlo Alberto. The footbridge onto the island can be reached by walking north on the Via dell'Angiolo until the canal is crossed. The new fort is much larger than the old one and was intended to guard the growing young city of the 16th and 17th centuries. It was erected in 1590 and contains many chambers and passageways that undoubtedly proved effective defenses against attacking forces of that period.

The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montomoro has been a famous place of pilgrimage since 1245. The church which is on a hill three miles south of Leghorn possesses a remarkable picture of the Madonna and is rich in marble and in pictures portraying the intercession of Our Lady in the troubles of various supplicants thruout the years.

Other points of interest in Leg:

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REDBIRD SPORTS NEWS

MAN WANTED!!

Manager Feese of the Redbird Baseball Club is still without an umpire. Each team in the Big Ten League must furnish one umpire to officiate at league games played by teams other than its own. Anyone interested in umpiring this summer contact T/Sgt Feese at QM-Phone 17.

TRAINING CAMP NOTES

As the third week of spring training draws to a close both the baseball diamond and the Redbird team are taking shape. The diamond looks better each day although a lot more labor will be needed to put it in playing condition. Manager Feese announces that a bulldozer will be available today and calls for volunteer help - all he can get. Working hours start at 0800 and continue all day; how about it, fellows?

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The infield problems are well taken care of with 15 candidates for the various positions. Fighting for first base are Ed Subject of Detroit (last year's regular first-sacker on the Redbirds), Sam Roseman of Chicago, and Ken Wilder of Stamford, Conn.

At second base the aspirants include "Tarz" McClaid of Lima, Ohio, (regular centerfielder on last year's nine), Abe Malovany of Hanover Neck, N.J., (utility player late last season), Iz Lazarov of Memphis, Tenn., and Lee Lemons of Detroit.

Battling for third base are Mike Puplava from Whiting, Ind., Harold Deehr of Berlin Heights, Ohio, (both of whom shared the job last season), and Bernard Durham, New York City.

LACK OF SOFTBALL DIAMOND

DOESN'T DAUNT LITTLE REDS

Manager Gleason and his Little Reds softball players have shown their determination to give the 12th a winning softball team by plowing thru the ankle deep sand in front of the PX for the past two weeks. How long their enthusiasm will hold up under present conditions of practice is questionable.

With the opening date of the league season less than two weeks away the Little Reds have not been able to obtain a diamond in spite of the untiring efforts of Gleason who says that he has the makings of a good team and their only drawback is lack of a good practice diamond.

INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

(CNS).....At Ladd Field, Alaska, admission prices to the ATC Divisional Basketball Tournament were posted as follows:

Adults.....	50 cents
Children.....	25 cents
Officers.....	25 cents

At the present time shortstop position seems to be between Vince "Commando" Kelly (last year's regular shortstop) and Emilio Dupont of Bietz, W. Va.

An abundance of catchers are available: there is "Ole" Oliphant of Bloomfield, Ind., and "Tiny" Tarso of Chicago, holdovers from the 144 team. New candidates for the backstop position include Bob Sinclair of Philadelphia and Homer Cooper of Fresno, Cal. Cooper has the job cinched if he can beat out Oliphant, Tarso, and Sinclair.

LEGHORN

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horn are:

The Piazza Carlo Alberto, situated on the Mavicelli Canal. In the square are two imposing statues of Leopold II & Ferdinand III.

The Navel Academy erected in 1871 is located on the waterfront. It is the only one in Italy and all Italian naval officers were trained here.

The old British cemetery in the Via degli Elisi is the oldest Protestant cemetery in Italy; it has many tombs erected in the 17th century. Many lovely villas are to be seen at nearby Ardenza where once lived Byron and Shelley, and there are also numerous fine villas and groves at Antignano.

RED CROSS

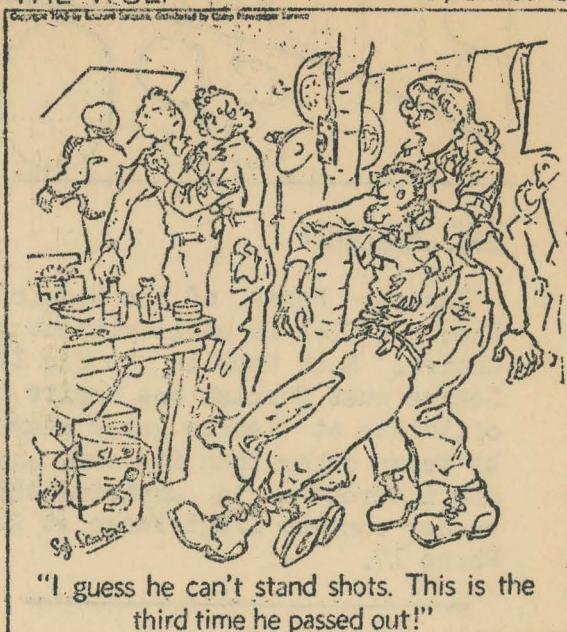
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We are attached to this unit by military order at the request of the commanding officer and have the function of providing Red Cross services to patients and personnel. According to Army Regulations, the Red Cross is "to act as a medium of communication between the people of the United States and its armies and to help the sick and wounded of the armies". Our first duties in recreation and supplies are to the patients, but we certainly like to help in every instance that we can. The unit provides space for our recreation program. Our supplies and equipment come from a Central Red Cross Supply, which gets what it can from the States (but ammunition comes before toothpaste), buys some from the Quartermaster, and some in civilian markets. We also use Special Service resources now that they are set up to include Recreation and Morale Services.

We have our own funds which we use for small supplies and entertainment, and to foot the P.X. bill for necessary items for those who have not been paid, or for "extras" such as prizes, etc. In our activities we are guided by the military who, in the last analysis is running this war.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



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PATIENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO
GIVE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS!

\$10.00 plus "Liquid Refreshment"

For Your Trouble

PATIENTS, IF YOU ARE SHORT of funds, thirsty, or wish for any other reason to give a blood transfusion, you may do so if you follow this simple procedure:

- 1) Secure a note from your ward officer stating that you receive his permission to give a transfusion. (You are not eligible if you have had or now have hepatitis, VD, or malaria.
- 2) Contact Sgt Scholtens or Pfc Dreyer in the Blood Bank located on the 3rd Floor of Bldg. 2, Telephone 30-R2 for an appointment.

It's 500cc (about a pint) of your blood for \$10.00, 60cc (2 shots) of whiskey, and the feeling of satisfaction you'll get from helping a buddy when he needs it.

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Don't ask us exactly what we do each day, for we are liable to be doing anything from just visiting to trying to find your brother. But like most people, we like to be of some use, and want to help you in any way we can.