



## CAFE SOCIETY TO

## ISSUE MEMBERSHIP CARDS

EM Club President Sweeney announced this week that membership cards for Cafe Society will be issued very shortly. These cards were printed in Rome, and their purpose is to certify that the holders are members in good standing of Cafe Society.

It is hoped that this innovation will help to conserve the already rationed liquor supply by eliminating uninvited guests who slip in unnoticed and consume liquor stock intended for club members.

All members are reminded that Wednesday night is Guest Night, and only at that time are outsiders allowed.

## 12 MORE HOMEWARD BOUND

## 10 ON T.D., 2 ROTATED

Twelve more 12th Generalites left for home on rotation and temporary duty this past Thursday.

Captain Ramon Wender and T/4 Irvin Tabolsky were the rotatees, while those on T.D. included T/Sgt. Bill Quinn, T/Sgt. Nelson Grimes, S/Sgt. Saad Rice, T/3 John Raysor, T/4 James Perrotta, Pfc Wesley Jorgensen, Pvt. Anthony Ranieri, Cpl. Horace Smith, T/5 Joseph Sarachinsky, and T/4 Gabriel Troino.

## ROME SPORTS SCHOOL

## "DOING WONDERFUL JOB"

## SAYS LT ELIZEY

In order to create a well-stocked larder from which to draw well-trained coaches and technicians for a post V-E Day sports program, the Army recently opened a central sports school at Rome for troops in the Mediterranean Theater.

Staffed by both Army and civilian instructors, the school is commended by Maj. E. Al Baggett, former basketball coach at West Texas State College. Civilian teachers include Cecil Isbell, Purdue football coach and one-time Purdue All-American—Ethen Allan, former major league baseball player—Dean Nesmith, athletic trainer at Kansas University, and West Point's boxing instructor, Billy Cavanaugh. Dr. Seward C. Staley, Director of Athletics at the U. of Illinois, heads the civilian consultants.

Classes, composed of 60 students—half officers and half EM—are held for two week periods, with a minimum of seven hours of daily instruction. Such subjects as "Philosophy of Sport" "Organization of Competitive Sports Programs" and "Schedule Making in Competitive Sports" are covered. In addition, each student is given practical experience in all phases of athletics.

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POETRY IS BAD.

BUT THIS IS VERSE



HOOLIHAN'S NOSE

Hoolihan's nose was a fearful thing.  
Why, it covered half of his face!  
In schoolroom or ballroom or poolroom,  
It was always a public disgrace.

At Hoolihan's birth, his father was vexed,  
And said, "What a fine kettle this is---  
Of all people that be, why must it be me,  
Whose son has this monstrous probiscus!"

Hoolihan led a most unhappy life,  
But it's over for him now, poor feller---  
He was learning to fly, O, so high in the sky,  
When his schmozzle fouled up the propeller.

J. R. Brown

HOSPITAL TALK



Why is your robe blue  
And the rest red,  
And why pajamas?  
You're seldom in bed.

What are you here for?  
How long is your stay?  
Is your wound still sore?  
Had you an x-ray?

I'll soon leave, they decide.  
I wish, like you, I just arrived.  
But you won't be here long,  
A month or two, if I'm not wrong.

These are the questions  
That come up here  
But in hospitals  
It's not queer.

Anthony M. Carrell

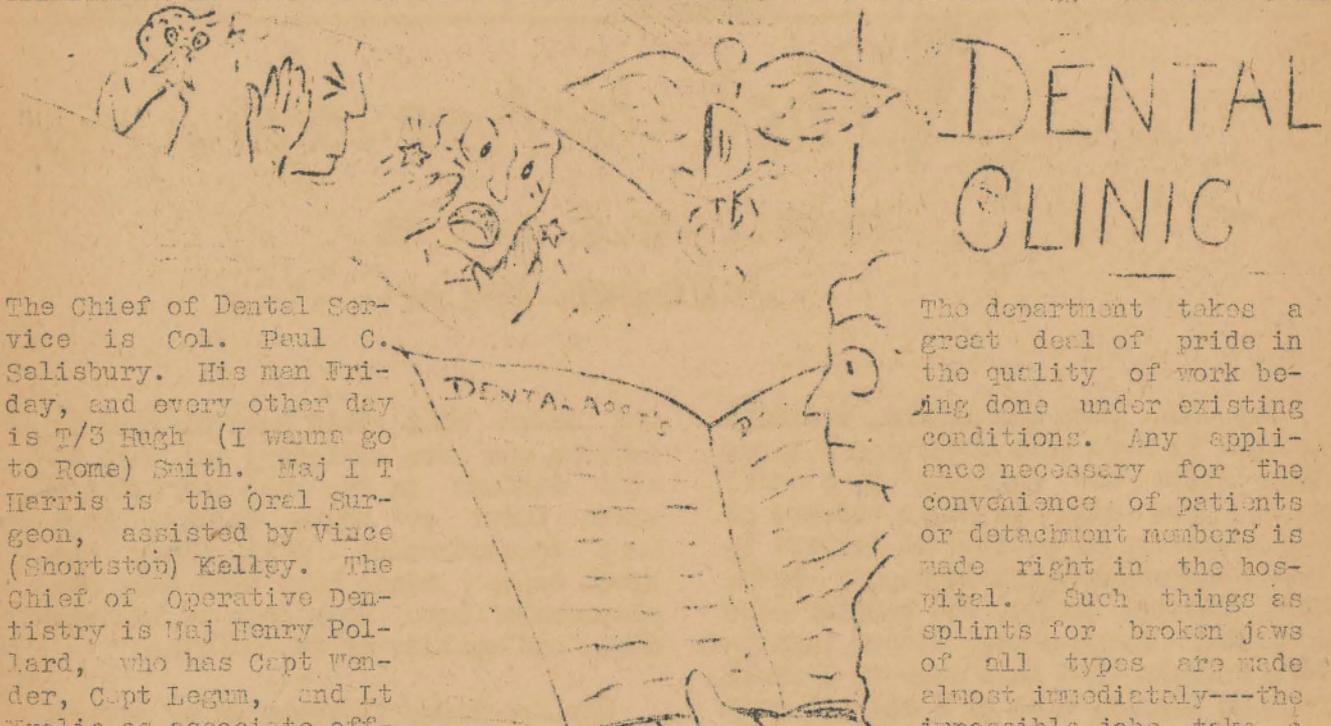
INTRA-MURAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Special Service Section is planning to start an inter-department softball league. Each department head is requested to select one team manager and submit his name to the Special Service Office as soon as possible. Your cooperation is asked in making this venture a successful one.

STARS & STRIPES SUBSCRIPTIONS

The time is once again at hand for the renewal of subscriptions for Stars and Stripes, Yank, and Time. The deadline is tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Absolutely no subscriptions will be taken after that time, since once the money goes into the Leghorn office, the totals cannot be changed.

(I & E Off)



# DENTAL CLINIC

The Chief of Dental Service is Col. Paul C. Salisbury. His man Friday, and every other day is T/3 Hugh (I wanna go to Rome) Smith. Maj I T Harris is the Oral Surgeon, assisted by Vince (Shortstop) Kelley. The Chief of Operative Dentistry is Maj Henry Pollard, who has Capt Wender, Capt Legum, and Lt Krolic as associate officers. They are assisted by T/5 Joe (ZI Me!) Trosko, and Pfc. "Meadows" Meador. The dental X-Rays are done by T/4 John (Thank You) Bernardo, whose "pill box" is a bee-hive of activity from noon til.... T/5 Chester (Tokio) Koslowski, besides being an assistant to the Dental Officers, is Chief Dog-Killer, Clean-up Pusher, Coffee-maker, and General Provider. Pfc Myer "Mike" Cantor is Supply Man and Carpenter. T/3 Harvey "Available" Jones is in charge of all records and paper work--he's the guy who makes appointments.

The Prosthetic Department (false teeth to you guys!) is headed by Maj Kuberich, with Capt. Maurice as associate. In the Clinic these officers are assisted by Marion. (I'll get it) Lewis, and Pfc. Waynard (Cookies from Home) Dodge. This department supplies the soldiers with all missing choppers and with necessary bridges and inlays. The Dental Lab is in reality a complete manufacturing plant.

The department takes a great deal of pride in the quality of work being done under existing conditions. Any appliance necessary for the convenience of patients or detachment members is made right in the hospital. Such things as splints for broken jaws of all types are made almost immediately---the impossible jobs take a little longer. The enlisted men in the Lab are: T/3 Robert (Curley) Holcomb, who has bent enough wire, that if it were laid end to end----but why waste time?----T/4 William (Junior) Dwyer does all the casting and the making of inlays and bridges, besides being the only guy in the Army who can smoke a pipe and cigar and chew tobacco at the same time.----T/4 Walter (The Plumber) Schworther does all the finishing and polishing of dentures, besides keeping the plumbing in working order. T/4 Joe (Special Service--I'll take 'D) Davis grinds and sets up all the teeth. T/5 Eddie (First Base) Subject, assisted by Pfc. Ed (The Kid) Kloss, makes all the models and does the preparatory work.

All these men, along with the officers, make a smooth, hard-working team and any hospital would be proud of them. Our motto----"Why go elsewhere? You can't beat our prices!"



"90 MUSCLES TO MAKE A FROWN,  
BUT 10 TO MAKE A SMILE.  
KEEP YOUR DATE WITH THE DENTIST!"





# The Electroencephalograph

INVALUABLE AID TO

MODERN PSYCHIATRY

For the past two months, visitors to Ward 13 have been observing a large sign above the entrance to a small room. The sign is large because of the necessity of getting 24 letters in it----"Electroencephalographic Lab". Upon looking inside, the visitor sees a rather large cage. Closer inspection reveals that this cage is a small room in itself, made of a mesh of copper wire, and containing a chair that looks not unlike one that may have come straight from Frankenstein's laboratory. On the side of the cage opposite the entrance is an apparatus which looks like a rather night-marish radio set.

Here is the history of this Buck Rogers-like contraption.....In 1874, an Englishman named Caton, discovered evidences of extremely minute electrical activity in the brains of living animals. In 1892 it was found that injury to the cerebral cortex, (the outer surface of the brain) modifies the electrical activity. Later years brought further developments, but it wasn't until 1924 that electrical activity was recorded from the cortex of the human brain by a German psychiatrist, Hans Berger, who is now generally conceded to be "The Father of Electroencephalography". In 1934 he proved that the brain has a rhythmic beat. He demonstrated that this beat is very small----about 1/20,000 of a volt, one of the smallest electrical measurements made by man. Later, it

was shown that this beat differs in persons who have epilepsy, and that it also differs in the area overlying a brain tumor or brain injury. Even deep concentration will alter the brain beat. Since that time many improvements have been made in the technique and quality of the machine.

The apparatus is composed of several units. There is a large chair, so made that the patient can sit perfectly relaxed. This chair is inside the copper mesh cage, which prevents static from electrical devices, such as motors and x-rays, from reaching the patient. Small metal discs are glued to the patient's scalp. Wires from these discs are then connected to the machine, which multiplies the brain waves about 50 million times and records them on a continuously moving strip of paper.

The EEG (for short) at the 12th Gen Hosp is one of the two machines in the Mediterranean Theater. The other is a mobile unit belonging to the 33rd Gen Hosp. At present this unit is touring the front lines, handling patients very shortly after injury.

The 12th's EEG was set up by Lt Col Benjamin Boshes and S/Sgt Dick Garber, and is operated by T/3 James Casby and T/4 William Walsh. Casby was trained in this work at Percy Jones Gen Hosp in Battle Creek, Mich., and Walsh at Walter Reed Gen Hosp in Washington DC.

# G.I. NEWS

PROFESSOR DEVELOPS INCENDIARY.....

ANS, 17 Apr -- A battle against Boston weeds by a Harvard chemistry professor led directly to the destructive fire raids on Japan's great cities, an Army officer disclosed recently.

Dr. Louis Fieser's unrelenting campaign against crab grass on the lawn of his suburban home resulted in the development of a new process whereby ordinary gasoline was transformed into a viscous incendiary jelly. The composition, very much like ordinary orange gelatin, is now also being used in flame-throwers.

"ALL IN," WAR DEPARTMENT REPORTS.....

ANS, 18 Apr -- They're all in the Army, Mr. Jones. The War Department reported recently that the Army was 8,050,011 strong at the end of 1944 and that New York led the States in the number of residents in the service.

THE WHOLE JOB INCLUDES JAPAN.....

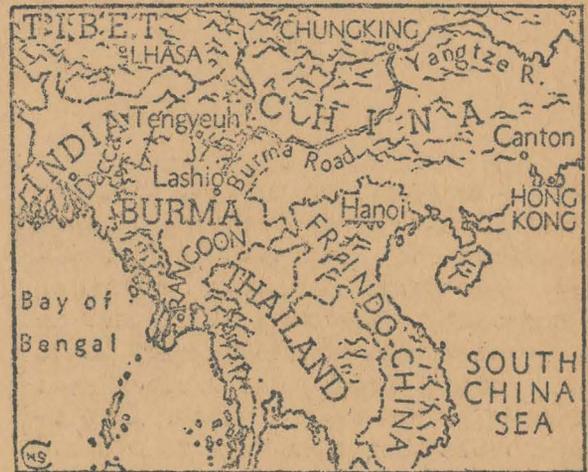
ANS, 19 Apr -- The tremendous job of shifting the war in Europe to the Pacific has already begun. It will be continued, without waiting for V-E Day on as large a scale as combat requirements and available shipping permit, it was revealed by General Brehon Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service Forces.

Units originally earmarked for Europe have already been rerouted to the Pacific, General Somervell disclosed.

This disclosure, in the light of General Dwight D. Eisenhower's recent statement that V-E Day will not be proclaimed in Europe until all important enemy forces on the western front have been wiped out, becomes especially significant. It indicates clearly that all the troops now in Europe will not be required for the final mopping-up operations inside Germany.

Improvements in several aspects of the transfer procedure has speeded up

the redeployment time table by four months, General Somervell said. This means that Army units and supplies will be available for the fight against the Japanese four months sooner than had previously been anticipated by the American general staff.



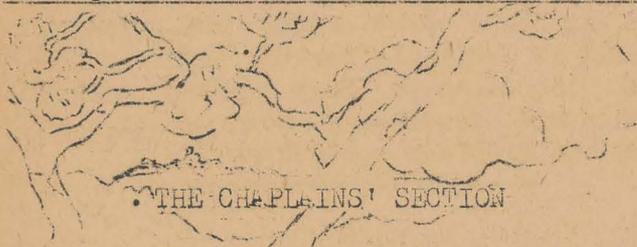
CBI -- NOW AND NEAR

"CBI" -- China, Burma, India-- is a term much on the lips of everyone these days. For an over-all view of the relationship of these three countries, see the map above.

Time was when these three were the essence of romance -- the long ago and far away. But the time is NOW, and the place is increasingly NEAR. There is no room for romance, only stark realism.

After V-E Day, some units will be demobilized, but they will definitely be a minority. More will be retained in Europe as occupation troops, and even more will find themselves on the way to the Pacific, either directly or following a brief furlough in the states. It would be highly unrealistic and even dangerous to one's state of mental health to regard himself in the minority group; the chances for disappointment would be overwhelming.

This is a world war, and Europe does not comprise the world; the war against Japan will still remain to be won.



### THE CHAPLAINS' SECTION

The Jewish personnel and patients of this hospital are represented by Chaplain Nachman S. Arnoff and his assistant, Pvt. Michael J. Cohen.

Since Chaplain Arnoff, who is assigned to the 64th General Hospital, has to take care of Leghorn and the surrounding area, he can be with us only two days each week, and in his absence Pvt. Cohen tries to supplement his work. Mike can be seen dashing about every morning with A&D sheets, and lists of new patients under his arms. Not only does he take care of the incoming patients of this hospital but he lists those who enter the 33rd General and 7th Station as well, so that the chaplain will not have to spend his valuable time picking out the men's names and ward numbers.

Chaplain Arnoff, who hails from Cleveland, by way of Chicago, visits the 12th General Hospital on Tuesday and Friday of each week. He makes the rounds of the wards, visiting patients distributing literature, and gladly offering help and advice when they are requested.

The Friday evening Sabbath Service will bring back many pleasant memories of things and people we have left behind and Chaplain Arnoff sincerely extends invitations to all Jewish personnel and patients who wish to attend. He also asks those who wish to visit him to come around on Tuesdays and Fridays.

A monthly bulletin is published containing current news of Jewish interest. If you have any item of interest that you would like to put in this bulletin, send it to Pvt. Cohen at the 12th General Chaplains' Office.



The department wishes to extend public congratulations to Captain Oliver C. Mitchell, Mess Officer, on his marriage last Tuesday, April 24, to Lt Russell, ANG, of the 181st Station Hospital. At present the newlyweds are honeymooning in Rome and we won't be a bit surprised if, on the Captain's return, he has a new recipe or two.

Many a fan was startled at last Sunday's ball game, when, through the efforts of this department, a real home-like touch was added in the form of Mc Millan "selling" Hot Dogs, with the "works". Everyone seemed to get a great kick out of the gag, and that in itself provided sufficient reward for the many members of the staff who devoted their time and work to make it possible. Incidentally, Mac almost got himself locked up for his efforts when a couple of MP's started to pull him in for 'selling' government property, but a free sample to the boys straightened him out.

### RED CROSS TALK

At last the garden is under way. The battle of bugs and weeds is here. With the able hands of Pierce and Bills of Ward 11, and Hamilton of Ward 17 (all of whom, incidentally, proved to be excellent gardeners) the American seeds were embedded in Italian soil. We hope that the results will be enjoyed by all. Vegetables are to be planted soon--more hands will add to the fun.

It is hoped that you all will see the full growth of the tree that started to grow in Brooklyn last week. A new projector has been installed, and now perhaps you can see an uninterrupted film--Ahem-providing, of course, there is no smoking!!



# SPORTS



## REDBIRDS TRIP LAUNDRY REDS 12-7

## PBS BIG TEN LEAGUE STANDINGS

April 22.....The shadow of defeat was creeping across Ory Field around five o'clock this afternoon. The Redbirds trailed the 631st QM Laundry Reds with one out in the last of the 8th, 7 to 6, when Bill Moerman, who had relieved Lefty Prymiec on the mound in the 4th, belted a long, game-tying home run to right field. Iz Lazarov fanned for the 2nd out, but after Vince Kelley walked, the Reds opened the gates and 5 more 'Birds poured across the plate on a single by Ed Subjeck and 4 errors by the visitors. When the smoke had cleared the all-conquering men of the 12th had packed victory number 12 in the bag and still roosted in a 1st place tie in the PBS Big Ten Loop. The see-saw contest, which lasted 3 hours and 10 minutes, saw the lead change hands four times. The Redbirds overcame an early four run deficit with rallies of 3 in the 4th and 2 in the 5th after the Laundrymen's 4 run outburst in the 3rd. For Moerman, it was his 4th victory of the young season, and his 3rd win in League competition.

| TEAMS            | W | L | PCTG  | GB |
|------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Boomers.....     | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | -  |
| REDBIRDS.....    | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | -  |
| Carco.....       | 2 | 1 | .667  | 1  |
| Cammions.....    | 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  |

### LAST SUNDAY'S RESULTS

REDBIRDS 12, Laundry Reds 7  
 Motor Macs 8, Carco 1  
 Boomers 10, Boosters 9  
 Cammions 18, Flying Cats 5  
 Spareparts-Cobblers (not reported)

### GALES TODAY

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

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### LITTLE REDS DROP TWO MORE

...The unvictorious softballers of the 12th, under new management and with a revised lineup, continued their losing ways this past week dropping two PBS league contests. The Little Reds fought hard Monday evening only to drop a 5-4 decision to the 522 Pt Bn Rough Riders in a 9 inning contest. On Thursday evening Howie Moore's charges suffered a 6-0 whitewashing at the hands of the 10th Port team. Wildfong was charged with both defeats in a pair of ball games that saw the Little Reds blow many opportunities with inept stickwork.

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DIAMOND DUST.....Lefty Prymiec with a 6-0 record, leads the Redbird pitchers while Vince Kelley's .417 average is high among the 'Bird hitters. McClaid and Subjeck are tied with 17 runs batted in apiece.

April 24.....Lefty Prymiec and Doc McClaid stole the show this evening at Connie Mack Park as the Redbirds, leaving their home roost for the 2nd time this season, battered the 64th Gen. Hosp. Barons 9 to 2. It was also the 2nd victory in a week for both Prymiec and the Flock over their cross-town rivals. McClaid led the attack with a 3rd inning base clearing double and repeated the stunt in the 7th stanza with a triple. Prymiec had a neat 3 hit shut out in his clutches until the last inning when a walk, and a cheap home run on a ball that took a big hop over McClaid's head in centerfield accounted for the Baron's 2 runs.

ROME SPORTS SCHOOL

PINE POLLINATION PERMEATES PLACE

(Cont'd from Page 1)

Lt. H. I. Ellzey, 12th General Recreation and Sports Officer, who recently returned from the school speaks of it in glowing terms:

"I think it's doing a wonderful job", he said. "I was impressed by the efficiency with which the school is managed, and by the high calibre of the instructors, who can never do too much for their students. It's certainly a fine monument to American athletics."

SPECIAL SPECIAL SERVICE

The famous "wings over Jordan" choir will appear in the 12th Theater on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. This choral group, noted for its radio and concert appearances, specializes in the singing of Negro spirituals. Tuesday's show will be at 1930 for duty personnel, and on Thursday, the choir will sing for patients at 1430, and for all personnel at 1930.

Flicker fans will be happy to know that the latest Errol Flynn pic will be shown tomorrow----1430 for patients and 1930 for duty personnel. The title of this film is "Objective Burma", and sadly enough, fellas, there isn't a single female in it---not one! Other movies for the coming week include:

WEDNESDAY---"Frisco Sal" with Susanna Foster

FRIDAY--- "Tonight and Every Night" with Rita Hayworth

The area, in fact the whole countryside, was covered this week by a substance which gave the tents and landscape a greenish hue. Those whose parents explained to them about "birds and flowers" will know that this substance is pollen from the many Pine trees in the vicinity.

Pollination from Pines is perhaps the most profuse of all plants--often covering huge areas with a layer of pollen. Corn produces nearly as much pollination. Ragweed, another heavy pollinator, is a chief cause of Hay Fever---Ah Choooo!

THE INGRATES!!

Louisville, Ky (CNS)--Two waiters walked out of a restaurant where 150 diners were waiting for their food. Undismayed, a couple customers donned aprons and served the other 148. Tips totaled 65 cents.

Things MUST be tough back there.

\*\*\*\*\* BASEBALL TODAY \*\*\*\*\*

12TH REDBIRDS vs 10TH PORT BOOMERS at

10TH PORT FIELD

TRANSPORTATION: For EM leaves

Det area 1:30 PM

For Off & Nurses

leaves Main Gate

1:30 PM. \*\*\*\*\*

MALE CALL

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

SNAPPY STORY

