UNIT PAPER TO BE PUBLISHED

CONTEST TO NAME PAPER OPENED

Most babies are not named until after they are born. So it is with this new entry into the G.I. Journalistic world. Conception, labor and birth are now history and the new product must have a name.

What's your suggestion?

Name contests are old as Benjamin's rumors but they usually produce results. So the staff of this newspaper takes pride in opening a contest to name this publication.

Since only one (1) name is required, only one (1) grand prize will be awarded. That will be presented to the individual who can suggest a name better than anyone else. The Grand Prize will be one box of Cigarettes donated by the Red Cross, one box of matches to light a few of them, one pair of used rubber gloves (high souvenir value), and one can of human sewage which was left.

A MESSAGE FROM COL. STURGEON

It is human nature for us to grow accustomed to our surroundings and take them for granted. Now we never realized our great advantages while still in the "Land of the Free", but took our sewage systems, the plumbing, the water supply, and the transportation systems as a matter of course, and only became interested in them when they suffered minor breakdowns.

Now we are part of a large organization. In fact there is no longer medical unit outside the continental limits of the United States. But each of us in our own sphere of that organization, take the rest of it for granted and soon come to feel that our sphere is the main part of the hospital, and the rest exists only to make our part function properly.

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Our purposes are these:
1. To present news of this organization as it pertains to us.
2. To acquaint our patients with our hospital routine, with our unit and our personnel.
3. To report noteworthy incidents of our area and short items of interest to soldiers.
4. To serve as a means of publishing the literary efforts of our patients, and our command.

Plans Made, Staff Needed

By the grace of the War Department, the approval of Headquarters, the provisions of Special Services and the work of all the efforts of our Group Staff, this, the first edition of your unit paper, is presented to you.
HISTORY REPEATED

Everything which comes into existence must have a beginning, and as each day becomes a yesterday, the events which took place in those by-gone hours become history. With the first edition of the 12th General Hospital paper, we wish to publish for the benefit of the many new members of the unit a few facts concerning the birth and history of the organization.

The 12th General Hospital was organized July, 1916, at Northwestern Medical School, Chicago, Illinois. It served overseas during World War I as a unit of the A.E.F. and was then known as Base hospital 322. It left the States May 22d, 1917, and reached England at Palmouth, and France at Boulogne; it arrived on June 11th, 1917, at Conques-Camiers (Seine-Maritime) where it operated until February 2nd, 1919. It returned to the U.S. on April 2nd, 1919, and was demobilized at Camp Grant, Illinois, on April 23rd of the same year.

REORGANIZED FOR PRESENT WAR

The unit was reconstituted the 12th General Hospital in 1936 and was allotted to the VI Corps Area as an Organized Reserve Unit. On July 12th, 1940, the hospital was withdrawn from the reserves and made an inactive unit of the Regular Army.

On January 28th, 1942, it was activated under command of Major Clarence C. Burby at Fort Custer, Michigan. On this date, some of the officers and enlisted men were sent from the 215th General Hospital to form the initial nucleus of the active until.

Colonel John H. Sturges, the present commanding officer, assumed command on February 10th, 1942. During the next month, officers, nurses, and civilians of the affiliated Northwestern University Unit joined the organization. In March, recruits from the Fort Custer Reception Center, together with the return of a few enlisted reservists, brought up the strength of the organization to its approved T/O.

September 1st, 1942, the unit moved to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. At this station, the basic and technical training of the enlisted personnel was continued by utilizing some of the facilities of the Station Hospital, Billings General Hospital, and the Medical Technicians' School.

DEPARTS FOR FOREIGN DUTY

The unit was authorized to prepare itself for overseas movement on November 13th. It arrived on November 24th at its staging area, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. On December 12th, the organization embarked from New York, made an eventful trip across the 'pond', and reached Oran, Algeria, on December 26th, 1942. It was stationed at Ain-el-Turck where it functioned as a general hospital for a year.

On December 16th, the 12th departed from Oran-al-Turck, Africa, for Europe. It arrived in hospital only one month after its departure. During this time, a large number of personnel were on detached service with other hospitals in the United States, and the rumble of the Fifth Army had hardly ceased resounding on the streets of Rome, when the last enemy miles for the Eternal City were at last crossed. For its present location, one of course, remains a military secret.
HOSPITAL NEWS

NO PAINING
FROM TRAINING

First Sergeant Wroblowski announces that numerous men of this outfit have told him they don't mind fiddling for an hour or two each week—in fact, he says, they enjoy it.

Whether this is the general opinion of the men or not is a subject that would make a poor debate, but in the army, training is no take-it-or-leave-it affair. It is taken.

P.B.S. recently issued this publication:

The training objective of medical units in this Base Section is the attainment of operational efficiency in support of operations. The training program is designed to improve the alertness, discipline, physical condition, reliability, appearance, and morale of personnel in the organization. In order to effect that objective, a minimum of six (4) hours per week (one hour of which will be for orientation training) will be devoted to military training.

As a result, the Detachment Office organized the training schedule with which the men are now familiar. Sgt. 'Mary' says that the second week's drilling showed much improvement over that of the first.

The Seventh Station Hospital, which will also use the sheep, has agreed to quarter the sheep in an animal pen located in their area. Thus far, the sheep has no name. Anyone having suggestions for an appropriate name for the ewe, contact Captain Wilson.

HOSPITAL CHIPS

SHEEP CHIP

Hospital officials may have to go into a huddle to decide whether the recent acquisition of the sheep should be included in the inventory of Quartermaster, Medical Supply, or be listed as native help in the Hospital Dept.

The item causing the consternation is a sheep which has been attached to the Laboratory Staff for Temporary Duty, Station, and Quarter.

It all started when it was decided to run Wassermann tests at this hospital. Sheep blood cells are required for this test, and a sheep as required for the blood.

For several weeks, Captain Hugh (Mk) Wilson of the laboratory staff made trips into the surrounding countryside with Gil- do Lillio as driver and interpreter to secure sheep's blood. Always there was a little talk with the farmer to explain the purpose of the visit, the exchange of a canny bag, etc., for the privilege of the bleeding. Being practical, window, and often alarmed from chasing the sheep, Captain Wilson decided that the trip was too much effort for the results.

SING HOMIE THE MUTTON

The driver and the lab officer went into a huddle to see about obtaining a sheep for constant use. Being all the diplomacy and tact, any which the two are already well known, they inquired about purchasing an animal. The result is that the Italian farmer offered the use of a sheep for as long as it is needed at no cost.
WHY A NEWSPAPER?

When dawn first broke and
starred the slime
Of ageless sluggish sea,
Its faltering light enthralled
a mite
Who fell upon his knees.

With Lilliputian whisper his
rapture thrilled
The brackish bound of brine,
And soon enamoured, where'er
they faced.
The others of his kind.

As eons passed and lands grew up
Among the waste of waters,
The mites could talk--
or so they thought--
And thus they taught their
daughters.

These last were women,
so they left
Their aqueous surroundings;
And on the land they found
their men--
So humans had their foundings.

But even then the ladies talked
and talked,
And males wore in a plight;
They dared not speak for they
were week,
And thus they learned to write.

So while the women chattered and
filled the air
With verbiage forlorn vapor,
The men were still but had
\ their fill
Because they talked on paper.

Then a man with chattering
spouse thought
Her talk eternal;
He built, we guess, a
printing press,
And hid behind his journal.

This device became widespread
and used
By many married males;
and then, kiddles, is as far as
this story goes--
Now go to sleep before I beat
Your brains out.

A Poem: By H.W.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant Services
E.E. Balls, Ch.
Sunday: Morning Service, 1000 hrs.
Vesper Service, 1900 hrs.
Wednesday: Service Men's Christian
League 1900 hrs.

Catholic Services
E. Hartley, Ch.
Sunday & Holy Days:
Mass 0900 and 1915 hrs.
Weekdays:
Mon., Wed., & Fri. 0715 hrs.
Tue., Thurs. & Sat. 1830 hrs.
Confession: Sat. 1800 hrs.

Jewish Services
H. Ribner, Ch

Friday: 1930 hrs.

SPECIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

(Sun. Feb. 26th)

Monday: Movie----‘PIN-UP GIRL’
with Betty Grable.

Tuesday: To Be Announced.

Wednesday: Movie--To Be Announced

Thursday: Movie--‘CAPITOL RAID’
with Ingrid Bergman &
Gary Cooper.

Friday: To Be Announced.

Saturday: 'To Be Announced.

(Movies are shown at 1400 hrs for
patients and at 1900 hrs for duty
personnel.)

Subject for next Thursday’s
Information & Education lecture will
be a discussion of the winning
essays submitted by soldiers in the
recent Army contest "Why I Fight".
A large part of this feeling is due to the fact that we do not know the work the other section of the hospital is doing. Someone has said that more battles are lost thru lack of information than from any other single cause. This paper published by and for this unit only will have served one of its main purposes if it helps acquaint each department with the work of the others; if it helps us get the other fellow's viewpoint; if we share our experiences, our jokes, and our ideas for improvement.

Let us try to see the other fellow's side, and at the same time give him a little of ours. Make this paper your paper!

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CONTEST TO MAKE PAPER

connected with the 12th. Patients, Enlisted Men, Officers and Nurses.
2. Submit as many entries as you wish.
3. Write your name and department with each suggestion and leave the slip in the contest boxes which will be located at the Detachment Basis Hall, the Red Cross and at the Special Services Office.
4. Contest will close at midnight Thursday, 18 January.

The decision of the Judges will be final. The judges will be the members of the editorial staff. In case no winning name is suggested by two or more contestants, the person holding the lowest rank will be declared the winner.

WANTED!!

Bicycles, with or without tires to travel from Ward 11 and 12 to Medical Supply. See Murray Tattershall, Charlie Decker, or Leslie Crawford.

SLEEPING BAGS

MAKE MANY

Aid BAGS

Instructions For Use

The sleeping bag, hereinafter referred to as bag, sleeping, i.e., as the army refers, a bug, for sleeping, sounds the same, however, it is not to say that the bag has nothing whatever to do with sleeping. Making you are now spending your nights in a sleeping bag, and believe in truly, we doubt that you can find a better place, the following instructions being of some use:

1. Zip shut your bag before getting into it.
2. Cut bottom from bag and center thru opening.
3. Phone Charge of Quarters the night before and tell him at what time you wish to be extracted for Revilla.
4. The bag can be folded up into a rather serviceable pillow.
5. Do not threaten the Supply Sergeant—you cannot get your comforter back.

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PLAYS "IN"; STAFF NEEDED

The existence of this paper depends upon the interest shown by the members of the unit. Without your aid, it cannot continue.

To those of you, be you patient, enlisted man, officer or nurse, who would like to work on our staff, we say: Speak up and be welcomed; to those who have a grudge or comment: Send us a letter for publication; to those who can sketch, rhyme or storywrite, step forward.

By our efforts, we hope to make this now homeless sheet, a paper of the 12th, by the 12th and for the 12th.
I have been asked to write a few words about Leghorn. Leghorn, as your probably know is the first town you pass thru on the road to Rome. There are Leghorn chickens and there are Leghorn hats, neither of which has any thing at all to do with the City of Leghorn. This proves that Leghorn chickens and Leghorn straw hats are exceedingly intelligent. If you have read Anthony Adverse, you may recall that Tony was born in Leghorn. Fortunately, young Adverse was able to leave town as soon as he could walk. This is highly recommended. Next week I shall write something about Lucca.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Have you something you want to trade, buy, or sell? Place an ad with your newspaper. Results are not guaranteed. Drop your ad at the Information and Education office, or at the Laboratory.

Rates: 30¢ charge for first column inch. Cost progresses geometrically for each additional inch. It pays to advertise.

HELP WANTED

Want needed to serve as Horrible Example at liquor lecture, First three graders only, need apply.

Individuals to reroll unlimited supply of slightly used red tape, Come prepared to work Long hours but high pay, (lunch only) includes.

WILL SWAP

URGENT: Will trade one pair of recently excised, slightly used tonsils for services of plumber to modernize foot locker -- contact "hutch" Kotva.

MUST WHITE TO NEW GIRL PRESENT in Rome...Will swap nine pictures of beautiful woman (recently wed) for one Italian style typewriter. Call Det. Officer ask for "London".

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

HAVE YOU BLOWN YOUR TOP??
I replace them.
Fender: Exploded;
Pipe: Broken.

GRANT'S COUNTRY CORP.
M. A. Devendorf, Prop.

CUT BACK SHOP

Sew, polished while you wait.

KIENY & HALLSTON

Smith & Sons

MAY DAY COMPANY

Paul & Bill Neyes

Invert.

WOOLLEN MILL

SKY IS FALLING

Our latest pattern with a foundation.
Redbirds Show Good Record

LONG HISTORY OF VICTORIES

12th General Hospital Red Birds have returned to the courts this season with what appears to be another excellent basketball team. With little or no practice, they have given a good account of themselves in their first two games. They beat the strong 33rd General Hospital team and dropped a close one to the 114th Station Hospital by the score of 26 to 21.

The Red Birds have an impressive record on the basketball courts. In 1942 they started in grand style by winning the Fort Custer post championship. In Africa in 1943 the 12th had no team but last year they entered the Tyrrhenian basketball tournament and again with no previous practice went to the quarterfinals in a field of more than 250 teams.

The boys are handicapped by lack of a gym for practice at the present, but Manager Bill Keerman is making arrangements for use of a gym.

With a few practice sessions under their belt we can look forward to a string of victories for the 12th General boys.

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Jan 11...Our Redbirds returned to their winning ways this evening by defeating the 603rd Ord team 35-33 in a thrilling battle.

The 12th started fast with baskets by Foley, McCraid, and McGraw to give them a 6-0 lead. A free throw by Talkett and a basket by Todd made the score 3-3 at the end of the first quarter.

The Ordnance boys outscored us in the second quarter 6, as the half ended with the 12th leading 14-9; the 3rd quarter the opposition again went to work. With Todd and Alford joining the attack, they made 10 points to take a 25-19 advantage.

Kelley came into the game at the start of the final period and quickly dropped in a basket. Then the 12th Boys rang up 12 points at the same time holding the 1st team to six points, to tie the score at 31-31.

In the overtime, Kelley made a set shot, but Todd proceeded to even the score with his seventh basket of the game. With two minutes left, a double foul was called on Foley and Pedler. Foley arched the ball cleanly thru the hoop, while Pedler missed his shot. Then with twenty seconds to play, McCraid was fouled. He made the throw good to finish the game.

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TOTAL | 32 | 17 | 49
BOTH TEAMS SHOW BRILLIANT STYLE

Jan. 9...Our Officers' basketball team fought hard in a close game with the 114th Station Officers, and only an overtime period was able to conquer them. They began the game with a fast offensive and were ten points ahead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period, the opposition made a supreme effort to overcome that lead. Sparked by Lee and Hampton, they were able to cut it to four points. Officers were able to ring in only two field goals as compared to nine in the first.

Two determined teams took the floor for the second half, and waged a see-saw battle that had the crowd it's feet. With the 114th trailing by a single point Capt. W. Lee was awarded a foul shot. He let fly, and the sphere swished thru the net to tie the score at 27 all.

The fourth quarter saw a total of only three points to each team. In the two-minute overtime Hampton sank a long field goal to make the score 32 - 30. Capt. Raber's brilliant playing accounted for 13 of the 114th's points, while Hampton scored the winners with an equal amount.

12th GEN. YIELDS IN TIGHT CLASH

OPPONENT'S 13th STRAIGHT WIN

Jan. 9...Tip-off at center, Highman grabs the ball, "This is to McCraw," who shoots; the 114th Gen. Redbirds are ahead, 2-0. That was the last big jump with the 114th Station began. In a low scoring first half, the lead was never overturned. The floor play was rough and both of the teams missed heartbreaking shots. The score at the end of the half was 11 - 5.

In the third period, however, we made no score, while the enemy, sparked by Bowers and Hall brought the score to 13 - 12. In the final period again, Kelley made a breath-taking shot and the 114th regained its lead. The McCraw-Opponent combination scored again as did Bowers to up our total to 17.

The 114th, showing some of the smoothness which had accounted for 12 straight wins prior to the game last night, began a counter-offensive. Bowers & Co. jumped in six markers to forge ahead 18-17; then made two more field goals. The Redbirds were not to go down without a fight however. With McCread's sparkling floor play setting the stage, Kelley and McCread yanked in a pair of close-ups to narrow the 114th's lead to one point. But the golden chance was missed, and two additional tallies by the 114th put the contest on ice, 26-21.

FED BIELS SCHEDULE

Jan. 14 U.S. 674 Sig.
Jan. 15 391st Ord.
Jan. 19 526th Fighter (G)