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 116th 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 VOTE

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.
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 those countries, somewhere I think.
I have just one ambition----I wanna go home!

Poetry 15  Pvt. Chuck Schmidt
Bad-- Put this is Versey  Ward 12

THE TRAGIC 20-YEAR CYCLE

(AIS)... A seemingly unerring 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

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.

C, tell of how that race was lost
When Cunningham fell down.
Or the time the count was ever-long
And Dempsey lost the crown.

Yet, many an error's cost a gene
And brought the crowd's decision.
But nothing in's me quite as much
As a thieving ump's decision.

Scul Pel next charged
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 do especially quiet, since patients will
be sleeping at that time.
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 Sweeney. The newer members are Lt. Majorus 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 personal 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 "M", "F" and "B" allotments is operated by S/Sgt McNinch.

Officers' subsection pertaining to pay and allotments is handled by T/4 Sweeney. 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.

9 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 ring the hospital's staff and patients message in music.


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 many 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's 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.

The name is Mandelzweig. (Adv.)

THE WOLF

by Sansone

"A simple 'hello' will do!"

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.
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. Cripp 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 311,030 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...

(ANS) 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.

WAIFI 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
"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 "stinking". 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 being put 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—mottled smoke screen!

At the poker table, applying Medical Call quoted odds, a last month loser is this month's winner.

"Something new has been added!" Art hur Proctor is his name. As most student labmen, he starts at the bottom—Uranalysis.

Blood has been running smooth at the Blood Bank but there is still a need for donors. Last week on Scholten's day off, Breyer 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.

The Mess department extends a welcome to two newcomers who joined the staff this week, T/4 Jewel O. Taylor and T/4 Annes G. Martin. These men come to the 12th as replacements for a couple of the cooks who want 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. Last week on Scholten's rotation there should be cries of discrimination, the new "Chefs" have been assigned equally between the Officers' and the Enlisted 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 for the large turnout of spectators who still relish a little decorative background with their sports.

Latest addition to the I & E Office is a set of text books, recently obtained from the Information and Education Section, Pensac. The books are mainly on a college level, and include such old favorites as Lummold's "History of the United States", Stowe's "European History Since 1870", and "Physics" by Hausman & 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.
The unbeaten Redbirds racked up their 9th and 10th straight victories this past week on Cry Field, flattening the 63rd Ordinance Boosters Tuesday, 6 to 3 for their 2nd league win, and nailing out the 64th Gen. Howp. "Beron" the following evening 3 to 2 in a 7 inning exhibition contest.

Bill Limmen went the route for the first time this season, facing 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 2 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 2 run rally, scored by Terzan McCloud's Texas League single with the bases loaded. The Redbirds added one for good measure in the 7th on Iz Lezzer's long triple and Ed Subject'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. Howp. Berons Wednesday evening before the season's largest gathering at Cry Field. Lefty Prym-iza hung up his 5th win of the season limiting the visiting Nodies from crosstown to 5 no hit. The little southpaw finished in a blaze of glory by fanning the side in the 7th and final frame.

The Berons scored first in the opening chukker on a single, a fielder's choice, a hit batsman, and a long fly, but forced the score knotted an inning later on Oliphant's tremendous triple and Subject's single. The visitors went ahead again in the 4th on two singles sandwiched around a sacrifice, but the Nodies again evoked 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 Prymiza's walk, Leverov's single and a wild throw past 1st by the 64th's 3rd baseman on Kelley's roller.

- LATE FLASH -

Cry Field, 23 April...The Redbirds plastered the 603rd Ord. "Kotor Lacs" tonight 15 to 3 behind the 6 hit pitching of Clyde Thrasher.

LITTLE REDS NAYED AGAIN

Lechmar, 19 April....The 12th's Little Red softballers took it on the chin again tonight at the hands of the 6th Chen. Decontamination 3rd, in a PBS league contest, 5 to 4. Despite the usual fine hurling of Laverne Wildons, the Red's infield booted several grounders and dropped a couple of throws to leave themselves still without a victory for 1945.
MOORE ASSUMES LITTLE RED MANAGERSHIP

GLEASON QUITS POST

Charley Moore took over the reins of the 12th "Little Reds" softball team, following the resignation of Heil 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.

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.

SPECIAL SERVICE

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—"RING ON THE GIRLS" with VERONICA LAKE

Friday—"TOGETHER AGAIN" with IRENE DUNNE & CHARLES BOYER

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

AIR-GROUND CO-OPERATION

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.

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"OH, OH OH... CAN I GET YOU ANYTHING?"

"BANG BANG"

"DAMN! DAMN! DAMN!"

"DON'T MOVE... JUST LET ME STAY LIKE THIS... IT GOES AWAY..."