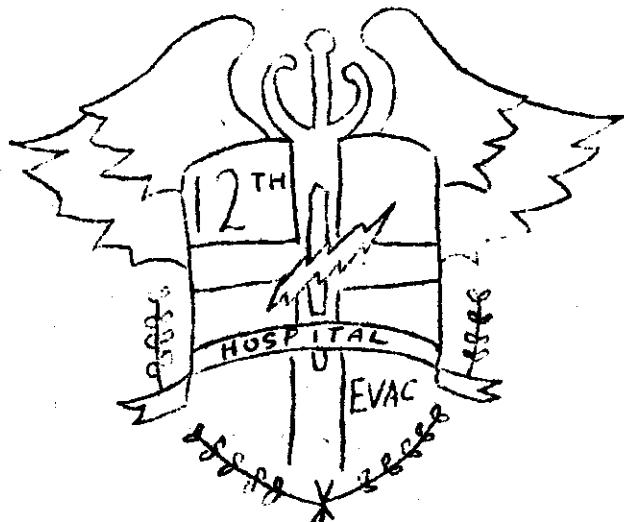
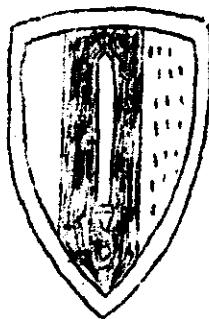


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COLONEL HANNON TAKES COMMAND:

LTC Joseph L Hannon, Commanding Officer of the 12th Evacuation Hospital, took command this week of the 7th Surgical Hospital in addition to that of his own.

LTC Hannon will function in this capacity during the absence of LTC Neil Baker who will be seven days on ordinary leave.

Wearing two hats is not new LTC Hannon who had the occasion to do the same while stationed at Fort Ord.

CHIEF SURGEON USARPAC VISITS:

Major General Byron L. Steger, USARPAC Chief Surgeon, visited the 7th Surgical and 12th Evacuation Hospitals on 4 Jan 1967 as part of his tour of hospital commands in Vietnam.

The purpose of these visits is to discuss and investigate capabilities and limitations of the US Army Medical Service in Southeast Asia, and review general procedures relating to tri-service medical support on combat operations.

MORE MEDICS RE-ASSIGNED:

During the next few months, many familiar faces will leave and new ones arrive as rotational humps and ETS's come along.

Leaving the 12th Evac for other units are CPT Al Garib being assigned to the 8th Field Hosp, 1LT Bob Magno to the I Field Forces, SFC Levi to the 3rd Surgical Hosp.

These individuals will sorely be missed and best of luck in their new assignments.

DISTRICT CHIEF PRESENTS GIFTS:

Major Dien of the Vietnamese army visited the 12th Evac on New Years Day to wish the patients of the hospital a happy New Year and success in the coming months. With the aid of an interpreter and a following of aides and gift bearing girls tokens of gratitude were presented along with the best wishes.

Major Dien is the district chief for the second district in the Cu Chi area.

A POEM ON PATRIOTISM

by Jimmy Lahey

Our men they fight and
risk their necks,
In rice-paddies of Vietnam
Some people have the wrong
idea,
Of what their lives are
like.

A lot of men just shrug
and say
They live as good as us,
But we're really a long
way off,
From what their lives are
like.

But if you're asked to
volunteer,
To fight in Vietnam,
I hope you'll stand up
and say,
I'll fight for this dear
old land

AN EDITORIAL:

Sitting here in this comfortable chair brings back many memories of my youth. I was born in Eastern Russia on April 1, 1903. At the age of 7 I was unmercifully separated from my mother, never to see her again.

Much to my protest they dragged me to a communist prison camp. At this camp the officials governed everything by themselves. They put uniforms on us and made us carry guns. They taught us that there was no God, and to worship our leaders. There was no democracy whatsoever. The officials made us stay in this homely kind of prison until we were smart enough and could be trusted enough to work for the government. By doing this we were supposed to invent new machines and atomic devices to help take over other countries. If we refused we would be beheaded.

One day there was a small flood and part of the wall around our city collapsed. I took this as my big chance to get away. I slipped into some working clothes and very carefully and quietly got away from that terrible country. I ran as fast and as far as I could until I thought I was safe. I found a people willing to lend me a hand.

While lying on the bed at night going over the happenings of the day, about midnight a door opened and a dozen Communist soldiers barged in with even asking if anyone was home. This is another un-democratic thing about this country. I escaped out the back window and by some way after a long, long time, I reached the ocean. The people, after hearing my story, gave me tickets to a wonderful country called America. There I would be free from the bonds which I had carried. I arrived here, found a job, and a wife. Now I am a grandfather. I have had the privilege of watching my children grow up and go to school. In this democratic country we have much, much more personal freedom. I think that we should all be proud of this wonderful country in which we live. To be able to obtain the best education in the world at the most modern schools. We also have the right to speak about our country freely whereas in the Old Country we would be killed. We have the right to travel all over the USA without having to carry special passports and forms. I think too many people in America take our freedom and rights for granted. YOU just think what it would be like without a nice warm home and your mom being away forever.

The foregoing Editorial was written by a student of the WASHINGTON IRVING JR HIGH SCHOOL IN Colorado Springs, Colorado.



TERSE VERSE:

Don't lose your head
To save a minute
You need your head
Your brain is in it!

I shot a sneeze into the air,
It fell to the earth, I knew not where;
But later on, so I am told
Some twenty others had my cold.

Of all life's little oddities,
This one can really vex;
The boy who wrote the worst in school
Now signs the biggest checks.

I'd be the Captain of my
Soul
When Life's grim storm
clouds thicken
I'd be the Master of my
Fate--
If I were not so chicken!

AWARDS CEREMONY
CONDUCTED:

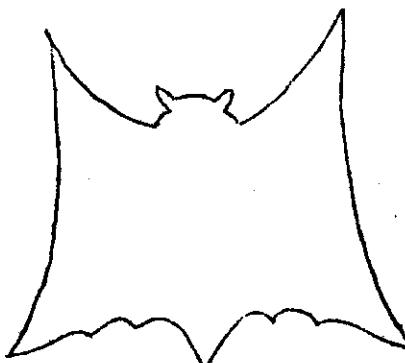
Standing proud and tall
were seven members of the
12th Evac at an awards
ceremony held at 1330 hrs
on 30 Dec 66.

The company was called to attention and was released to CPT Bloom who presented the persons to be awarded to LTC Hannon, the Commanding Officer.

LTC Hannon began the ceremony by presenting a letter of commendation to SP4 Tuykody for being selected Soldier of the Month. CPT Mara Abelite received a letter of achievement from Letterman General Hospital and 2LT Mary Worden received her silver bar of 1LT.

The ceremony was closed with the presentation of

THE PATIENT'S VIEW OF A DOCTOR SERIES:



PATHOLOGIST

SP5 stripes to SP4's
Jaska, Phelps, Poindexter
and Lee.

MORE POPULATION EXPLOSION:

Arriving in an 8 pound 5 ounce package was a new baby boy on 27 Dec 1966 to the parents of SP5 H. Orshall and his wife.

This 600 dollar exemption for 1966 arrived in fine shape in Highland, Wisc. where Mrs. Orshall is living with her mother while SP5 Orshall is in Viet Nam.

SP5 Orshall a member of the medical service passed out cigars when he heard the good news, but gave no comments on any additions for the future.

NURSES CHRISTEN
NEW TREE:

The first tree amongst the bamboo grass was planted in the rear of the nurses quarters on New Years Eve brought by 1LT Darlene Whipple.

M.J. Lyke and W.F.S.
Welch, Sullivan, and Parks
with shovel and pick dug
the hole for the tree.

The planting ceremony and christening of the tree was held shortly after with the above individuals and MJ Cicerchia and Ruth Armstrong in attendance.

There was picture taking and festivities just in time before the rains came to moisten the tree.

SO RETURNS FROM
LEAVE:

Returning on 1 Jan,
The Executive Officer of
the 12th Evac, MAJ Gipson
relayed to the 12TH EVAC-
UEE the details of an
exceptionally fine ordin-
ary leave to Japan.

MAJ Gipson left for Tokyo on Dec 26 where he met his wife Shirley. MAJ Gipson's wife is a member of the Medical Service Corps and is a CPT laboratory officer.

MAJOR JOE B GIPSON.....Information Officer
CAPTAIN GARTH H HOLMES.....Editor In Chief
SP4 LAURENCE GOOSSEN.....Typist
SP4 RONALD FUHLER.....Typist
PFC DAVID NELSON.....Artist
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HUMOR

An Englishman recently visited Switzerland for an apartment to move into during the summer months. He asked a schoolmaster if he could help him find one. After looking through their town the Englishman found a suitable one, and everything was settled. So the Englishman returned to make final preparations.

At home the Englishman thought about the apartment, it occurred to him that it had no water closet (toilet--the English call the bathroom "Water Closet".) Immediately the Englishman wrote to the schoolmaster asking if there was a "W.C." near the apartment. The school master was a very poor master of English; so he asked the parish priest to help him find the meaning of the initials "W.C." The only solution that they could find was that it meant "Wayside Chapel". Then the schoolmaster wrote the following letter:

Dear Sir: I take great pride in informing you that there is a "W.C." situated about nine miles from the apartment, located in the center of a beautiful garden of pine trees. It is capable of holding 22 people and is open on Sundays and Wednesdays as there is a great number of people expected during the summer months.

I would suggest you come early. This is unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly. You will no doubt be interested in knowing that some of the people bring their own lunch and make a day of it. I would especially advise you to come on Sundays when there is organ accompaniment. The acoustics are beautiful and the most delicate sounds can be heard.

It may interest you to know that my daughter was married in the "W.C." It was there that they met. I look back on the rush for seats. A seat--usually occupied by one was then occupied by two. It was wonderful to look back and see the expressions on their faces. My wife, rather delicate as she is, cannot go there and has not been there for eight years, and it pains her so. It has been a pleasure to be of some help.



"It still tastes like beans!"

THE SHADOW'S COLUMN:

Well gents, I have missed you these last few issues, but the 12TH EV-ACUEE has been so full of goodies I haven't had any space.

No one will be lieing anymore when they say that we will be home this year.

I've observed some holiday spirits during the last few days and will be looking for stories to tell on you guys so beware the Shadow who knows all and tells.

Especially those of
you who keep company wit'
SP4 Fuhler.

NEW SURGICAL SPECIALIST
ASSIGNED:

SP6 Joseph Mathis a native of Florida has been reassigned from the 3rd Surgical Hospital in Ben Hoa to the 12th Evac.

SP6 Mathis a surgical specialist has completed 19 years service in tours all over the world. Two tours were spent in Germany, one in Japan, one in Korea and at posts like Fort Sam Houston, Fort Devens, and Fort Dix.

Prior to coming to Vietnam, SP6 Mathis was assigned to Fort Eustis. SP6 Mathis is married with two daughters and plans on making his home upon retirement in Newport News, Virginia.

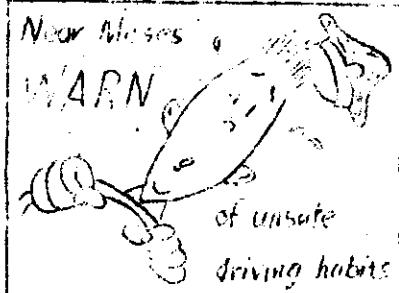
CONSTRUCTION NEWS:

Hammering, painting, installation of wiring and placement of phones were the sounds of the nearly completed headquarters building, dental clinic and ENT clinic.

Headquarters should be completed and occupied next week with the other two buildings ready upon the installation of their equipment.

In addition, two more concrete pads have been poured to start construction on two additional medical wards.

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JANUARY PERSONALITY:

Born and raised in Pecos, Texas, Captain Wm Hamilton now stands 6 ft 4 inches tall and is in Vietnam many miles away from his birthplace.

Bill, the Nursing Service coordinator, a long time member of the armed forces, was originally drafted in the army in 1945 when he spent less than a year. He was re-drafted in 1950, but to avoid this action enlisted in the airforce for 3 years.

After completing his tour with the airforce he attended nursing school and upon graduation took a commission as a 2LT in the US Army. After two years service he applied and was accepted in the Public Health Service.

After a short period with the public healths service he again rejoined the Army and was assigned to the 12th Evac at Fort Ord, California a unit he has been with for a total of 30 months.

Bill is married and has two daughters. His family is living in Abilene, Texas while he finishes his tour in Viet Nam.

Captain Hamilton has plans of continuing his career in the field of nursing administration, during his army career and after he has finished the army and is retired.

Captain Hamilton served as the training officer while the unit was at Fort Ord helping them through several inspections and ATF's including the preparation for movement to an overseas command.

GRAND OPENING
HELD

4 January 1967 marked the grand opening of the Out Patient Clinic building.

On hand at the ribbon cutting ceremonies was LTC Hannon who cut the ribbon while MAJ Gipson took pictures of the event.

Attending the ceremony were MAJ Cicerchia, CPT's Ammel, Lind, Holmes, MAJ Rusinko and SMG Lawson.

The first patient to receive medical attention in the new OPC was SGT Carlos Paz of the 66th Signal Battalion.

MARTHA RAY ENTERTAINS
IN USO SHOW:

Martha Ray star of TV and motion pictures came to Cu Chi on 5 Jan to present a USO show to the troops of the 25th Inf Div and support units.

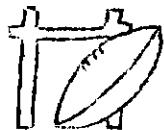
Miss Ray a long time favorite female comedian visited the hospital and exchanged laughs with the patients here.

The show which lasted over an hour had the men in stitches most of the time and certainly helped boost the morale 100 per cent.

This show was another service of the 25th Inf Div Special Service Office which informed the newspaper that many more shows of this nature will be presented in the coming months at Cu Chi.

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BE RESPONSIBLE--BE SAFE



SPORTS NEWS



VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE

PLAYED:

Last week the 86th Signal Bn Officers challenged the Medical Mouse-keeters to a round of volleyball games.

The evening of Dec 30 revealed the scene of battle as the two teams met on the 12th Evac volleyball court.

Fierce spiking and narrow saves kept the games on ice and changed the ball around many times. The medics scored a victory with surprising strength in the first game by winning 15 to 3. The Ellis-a-grams came roaring back in the second game to trounce the medics 15 to 6.

The third game seesawed back and forth during volley after volley until the medics came out on top by 15 to 7. The fourth game played even closer than the other three fell in favor of the Signal team to finish the match deadlocked at two games each.

The teams feel a re-match is in order and will be re-scheduled in the near future.

ROSTER OF PLAYERS:

86th Sig Bn

MAJ Levine
CPT Peterson
CPT Cokes
LT Burdett
LT Vanweather
LT Johnston

12th Evac

CPT Barrera
CPT Swink
CPT Aboussie
CPT Worrell
CPT Gaw
1LT Hickman

12TH EVACUATEERS

DOWND BY 125th

The well balanced medical EVACUATEERS football team was downed on new-years eve by the almost all West Point team from the 125th Signal Bn.

The game played on the home field of the 125th saw the ELECTRONS end it all by a score of 14 to 12.

The EVACUATEERS drew first blood on a pass from CPT Aboussie to CPT Swink but saw it tied in the 2nd quarter when LT Gentine hurled a touchdown pass to CPT Riley both former Army players.

The EVACUATEERS again moved ahead on a pass from CPT Aboussie to CPT Neidballa to end the half.

The second half played much closer and saw the ELECTRONS make two points on a disputed safety and

wrapped up the ballgame on a pass from CPT Riley to LT Gentine.

The referee for the first half was LTC Ferguson, division signal officer and CWO 3 Burr called the plays during the remainder of the game.

Other team members for the 125th were: MAJ Nugent, CPT's Dupui, Heiden Riley, Gasca, Perino, Schiedecamp and LT's Liebowitz, Gentine and Robinson.

For the 12th the players included: CPT's Aboussie, Swink, Barrera, Boston, Crane, Casberg, Neidballa, Worrell, Bloom Gibford and MAJ Kleehammer.

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FLASH!!!!!!

A final score: Lions 18 the Christians 0.

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Watch for more sports action to come in the near future on the Sports page of the 12TH EVACUEE.

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