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# RECORD SET IN JULY 4th BOND SALES

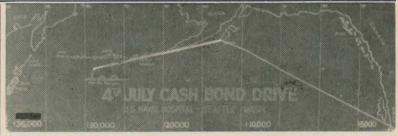
#### Marines Praised Here By General A. A. Vandegrift

Visiting this hospital on July 4th only an hour after the arrival of some 200 South Pacific veteran patients, Lieutenant General Alexander A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, praised Marine and Navy patients in the Recreation Hall for their deeds overseas.

The General's presence here also became a reunion with an old comrade in arms . . . our own commanding officer, Captain Joel T. Boone, who served with him in Haiti in 1915.

At a military luncheon earlier during the day in the Seattle Athletic Club, General Vandegrift and Captain Boone were the only persons present who wore the whitestarred blue ribbon of the Legion of Honor.

A Marine Guard of Honor composed of men from the Sand Point Naval Air and the Hospital Marine staff, stood at attention as the General arrived and departed from the Recreation auditorium.



Pictured above is the large map that recorded the daily progress of our War Bond drive.

#### Recreation Hall Closed This Week for Repairs

Buzzing sanders and scores of workmen give evidence that the Recreation Hall is in a state of perpetual Field Day! Decks are being refinished and waxed while the drapes and curtains enjoyed the luxury of a complete laundry job. Noticeable too, will be the dressed up stage which also is included in the renovating schedule. Full use of the auditorium is expected by Sunday morning for church services and movie schedules will resume their former routine by nightfall, July 16.

# ADM. E. L. WOODS INSPECTS HOSPITAL

Conducting a three-day inspection of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington, Rear Admiral E. L. Woods expressed his approval of the various functions and medical activities at this station.

Admiral Woods spent July 5, 6, and 7 here, and was accompanied by Lieutenant J. J. Glawson (HC) USN. The Admiral is inspector of all Naval Medical Department activities on the Pacific Coast.

# MEET YOUR DOCTOR

J. F. RAMSEY Commander (MC) USNR

A proverbial son of Seattle despite his Scottish birth is Commander J. F. Ramsey who maintained his civilian practice in Seattle before the war.

The Commander, who is active daily on the surgical staff here, attends his patients in wards 5 and 6.

He completed pre-medic work at the University of Washington and starred on their track team. After graduating from the University of Oregon's medical school, he served his internship at the King County hospital in Seattle.

Commander Ramsey entered active service on January 2, 1941. Since that time, he has served 22 months in the South Pacific on a Navy transport.

He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the Seattle Surgical Society and the King County Medical Society.



COMDR. J. F. RAMSEY

. . . back home after 22 months overseas.

#### Two Changes Made In Nurse Uniform

Two additional minor changes have been made in the uniform of the Navy Nurse Corps.

The lower pocket on the nurses' white outdoor uniform will be changed from a bellows pocket to a patch pocket to conform to the officers' gray working uniform, and the white indoor uniform will be changed to the coat type by opening the front all the way for greater ease in putting it on.

Nurses may wear white outdoor and white indoor uniforms now in their possession or already manufactured until the supply is exhausted or those in possission are worn out. When that time comes, in either event, nurses will be required to purchase new uniforms tailored to include the changes.

For details, see BuPers Circ. Ltr. 122-44 (N.D.B., 15 May 1944, 44-557).

Send the Stethoscope Home

#### Hospital Exceeds Quota Of \$28,000

Doubling Pearl Harbor Day sales last December, the Seattle Naval Hospital contributed over \$28,000 in bond sales toward the Navy's Independence Day War Bond Campaign.

Patients, civilians and staff members of the hospital rose to the slogan, "The best buy on the 4th of July," and completely surpassed their quota.

Bonds were sold throughout the hospital by ward nurses and other departmental representatives. The Chaplain's office under war bond officer, Chaplain G. W. J. Hartzel, acted as the clearing house for all sales activities.

#### TWO ENLISTED MEN EACH BUY \$1,000 BOND

PhM3c J. P. Brill and PhM3c Sam Polack sparked the Navy's Independence Day War Bond sales with the purchase of a \$1,000 bond.

Corpsmen Brill and Polack's action exemplified the all-out enthusiasm of enlisted men everywhere to bring their shipmates back home.

Leaders in sales were the Dental department in the special division, nurses in the officer group and Ward 45 in all intra-ward competition.

Members of the War Bond committee were Chaplain G. W. J. Hartzel, Chaplain Zinnen and Mr. Curtis of Ship's Service under whose direction the following salespeople worked.

E. Purvis, Nurses; Miss Bigelow, Ad Building; Mrs. H. Thrasher, Civilians; Doctor Drace, Dental Activities; Hazel Parker, Waves; and Mr. Lesher, Hospital Corps officers.

#### CIR HELD UNIQUE BOND BUYING CONTEST

July 4th bond buying fever hit the Central Issue Room in an unusual manner. All the department members pooled their money and purchased two \$25 bonds. The War Bonds were then raffled off in an exciting drawing. CIR members A. Andriotte, HA1c, and W. Johnson, HA1c, each won one of the bonds.

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### YOUR

Since the Stethoscope was last published the hospital has had the following distinguished visitors:

Lieutenant General Alexander Archer Vandegrift, USMC,

Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. Rear Admiral Edgar L. Woods (MC) U. S. Navy Inspector,

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Lieutenant Commander Allen F. Bigelow (HC) U. S. Navy Chief of the Division of Finance and the father of the hospital's own Ensign Bernice P. Bigelow, W V(S) (H) USNR.

Some of these visitors came here merely to see the hospital and others as inspectors. On the 4th of July when the world's great military leader, Lieutenant General Alexander Archer Vandegrift, USMC, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, visited the hospital a few minutes of a very crowded schedule, he addressed an assemblage in the auditorium. A few minutes before his arrival, a shipload of patients from the South Pacific had been received, and he saw these new arrivals in their heterogeneous attires as found on the battlefield and in war time aboard ship. It was not possible for him to go into the wards, much to his deep regret. He was in the hands of a committee whose quest he was, in the City, and he dovetailed his visit to the hospital into a very, very crowded schedule. He requested upon leaving the reservation that the Commanding Officer express to those patients whom he did not see, and particularly those confined to the wards, his sorrow that he was not able to spend more time at this hospital, and to please explain to them that he was not working on a five-minute schedule but a schedule of seconds. He was very complimentary about the beauty of the hospital and was much touched by seeing once again many of his old associates of the battlefields of Guadalcanal and Bougainville. General Vandegrift is a personal friend of the Commanding Officer, they having served together as young Lieutenants in Haiti. It was pleasing to note in his remarks in the auditorium that he referred praisefully and considerately to the Navy men who served with him as well as to the Marines of his Command.

J. T. BOONE, Capt. (MC) USN,



Words of welcome are being voiced around the "Hill" to Lt. (jg) G. Buvinghauser from Aiea Heights, Hawaii, and Lt. (jg) C. Perry from the South Pacific. Completing the list of newcomers are Ensigns C. A. Landry, W. M. Dufolt, L. A. Bruno, E. B. Dickow, F. Goer, S. Degiam battista, M. A. Butt, and L. F. Han-

Soon to depart from our midsts are Lt. (jg) C. L. Ellerbusch, headed for Miami, Florida, and Ensign E. M. Belyea for Chelsea, Mass.

The loss of a swell shipmate hit the Nurses' quarters when Lt. (jg) B. Jenkins shoved off for San Diego. She left with the best wishes for smooth sailing from all of us.

Bowling on Tuesday nights is hitting a new stride. Miss B. used the alleys at Aiea to good practice, for she really puts the pin boys to work. Some of the little girls practically go down the alley with those eight pound balls. It's a strike any way you look at it.

JULY WEDDINGS
Wave Peggy Painter became the bride of Pfc. A. Gray of Payne Field, Seattle, Wash., on July 8th. Simon Koolhaas, PhM3c of CIR,

married Sophie Turpsmaugh, July 7, in Linda, Washington. Best man was Paul Andries, HA1c, also of

## Patients Maintain Thriving Watch Shop

Sick watches receive the best in repair and workmanship according to the Welfare and Recreation department which maintains a modern Watch Repair shop under the Rec' Hall stage.



Above: H. KOESTER Belew: L. A. SPELLINS

The department manned by patients L. A. Spellins, MM2c and H. Koester, CM3c, repaired over 100 watches during the month of June and expect to double that figure this month. Work is completed for patients and staff members for the cost of materials used in each job.

Facilities are available to repair every type of timepiece conceivable Medical Officer in Command. from alarm clocks to sundials.



#### DIVINE SERVICES Recreation Hall

Chaplain G W. J. Hartzel Holy Communion 0830 Morning Prayer and Sermon 1030 Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays 1700

#### Value of Suffering

Charles Henry Brent, late Bishop of the Philippines once said: "There is a law as deep as God that glory or ultimate success can only be reached through suffering." Indeed, this statement is being proven true every day on every battlefront of this war. Men are daily covering themselves with glory, and the country which they serve, through their sacrifices and suffering on the field of honor.

The patients in this hospital know full well the glory which can come through suffering. The sacrifices that they have made for the cause of freedom will never be forgotten by a grateful nation. But the real tragedies of this war are the men who suffer and die for a cause which is definitely unworthy. But even that suffering can avail much if it brings the individual or country to a fuller realization of the power of Almighty God and His demands for just and righteous living.

Our lives can be enriched, and made glorious through suffering only as we are willing to offer that suffering to God that He may in turn transform that suffering into greater glory and dignity.

Remember that the world's work has always been done by men who have suffered pains or taken pains.



Q. Are U. S. Navy ships ever named after women?

A. Yes, some troop transports.

Q. Before Pearl Harbor approximately 33 months were required to build an aircraft carrier. What is the construction rate today?

Approximately 15 months.

Q. What is a monkey's fist? A complicated knot with

weight enclosed, used at the end of a heavy line.

Can you gain extra energy with vitamin pills?

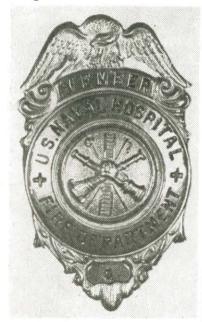
If the human body doesn't A. need the extra taken, it usually passes off as waste, but it may cause harm.

What is "miliaria"?

A. Nothing more than the prickly heat often called military fever.

#### Fire Department Sports **Brand New Coat Badges**

Discarding their former miniature "Dick Tracy Stars," the hospital fire department has blossomed out with regulation chromium plated badges.



Fire Chief J. W. Stover, formerly with the City of Seattle Fire Department for 38 years, and Assistant Chief W. P. Roble, now on a military leave of absence from the Spokane Fire Department, jointly revealed that the new badges are the same style, size and type that have been adopted and used in the fire departments of all leading

#### **Patient Golf Classes** Meet Weekly

Arrangements have been made whereby patients can receive golf lessons at the Jackson Park Golf Course every Thursday from 1300 to 1500. The class will be limited, for the present, to 20 men. If you desire to attend this class, sign up in the Recreation Office each Wednesday before 1600. When you come to sign up, bring a written permit from your Ward doctor, stating that it is permissable for you to participate in golf. Equipment will be furnished. A professional golfer will be on hand to give instructions. You need not rate liberty to attend. Class will muster at the main gate at 1230 on Thursdays. This instruction in golf is free of charge to all hands.

#### Officers Discharged From Hospital To **Get Temporary Duty**

Officers found fit for duty following hospitalization hereafter will be assigned temporarily to the Naval activity in which the hospital where they were treated is located, pending permanent duty orders from BuPers. This is done to prevent loss of services of officers awaiting permanent orders following their recovery from illness or wounds. (Details in BuPers Circ. Ltr. 133-44-N.D.B., 15 May 1944, 44-568).

#### CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE

And then there's the fellow who entered the bar optimistically and left misty optically.



Scores of patients, S.O.Q. and staff members are athletically entertaining daily under the auspices of the Physical Fitness department. The hospital now has a regulation softball field with an efficient backstop. "Round the clock" ball games are in progress throughout the day for those who care to play. Two volleyball and badminton courts are open on the outskirts of the field. The basketball court in the north end of the Corpsmen's quarters offer one bowling and three shuffleboard courts plus three tennis courts and a horseshoe pitching arrangement. In the basement of the Waves' quarters are a shuffleboard and ping pong layout. These facilities are also available at the Nurses' quarters and B.O.Q.

In the near future there will be an archery range west of the ball

Swimming tests will continue every Tuesday night at the Sand Point pool until all of the Hospital Corpsmen have qualified.

On Sunday, June 25th, boys and girls from this hospital sojourned for a day's outing to Cottage Lake as guests of the Washington Fly Fisherman's Club. Led by Arthur (Muscles) LeMasters, CphM, an ardent student of Ichtyology (fish to you), every member of the party grew fins before the day's end.

The Chief (a mighey man is he) went into the fight with two days' growth of bristles as he weighed anchor with his task force of classy little red oared cruisers. Equipped with an 8 ft. rod, the Chief started casting operations hither and yon, to and fro, while his assistant kept the boat from capsizing.

To sum up results, the entire flotilla rang up a catch of 22 trout, 1 bass and 8 perch. The Chief's personal score was . . . Caught: 1 rowboat, 2 sailors' hats, 1 bullfrog, 1 dead herring garnished with seaweed a la Creole.

Yea, verily, the Chief, a mighty man is he!

#### Softball Club Out-Talks Patient Team 11 to 3



(12 July to 19 July Inclusive)

William Nolan, PhM2c 7-12

Glen James, HA1c 7-12

Walter Lange, HA1c 7 - 12W. N. Garcia, PhM2c 7 - 13

7-14 Charles Weber, HA1c

7-14 George Riley, PhM1c

7 - 14E. O. Hamstead, PhM3c

Betty Fey, HA2c Wave 7-14 Robert Buhrows, PhM3c

7-14 R. P. Armendariz, HA2c

7-14 M. M. Beaver, PhM1c

Victor Slominski, PhM2c 7-15 W. R. Mathis, HA1c

7-15 7-16 Alvin Durall, PhM3c

R. C. Demery, HA1c 7-16

Charles Montgomery, HA1c 7-16

7-17 Donald Zelinsky, HA1c

7-17 James McDonough, HA1c

7-18 Morris Levang, HA1c

7-18 W. O. Butler, HA2c

T. Hitchcock, HA1c 7-19

7-19 D. M. Hoeye, HA1c

In memoriam to Seaman Turner who died aboard the "North King" December 10, 1942:

IN MEMORIAM

Let us pause a while, in silent

For a Mate who has just passed by He has answered the call of his

"Chief" up there That muster way up high

We are gathered here on the deck below

Our troubles we have yet to endure But as long as the wind in the rigging will blow

It will whisper for him, "All

By Gray Richards, SK2c

Game Played On New Hospital Field

Sharp rivalry was displayed on the new hospital softball diamond last week when a team composed of survey patients from various wards dropped a decisive but hot contest.

The overwhelming 11 to 3 score did not truly reflect the loser's aggressiveness, for at times, the engagement became so fierce that it looked as though the catchers were flipping sand into opposing batters' eyes.

Tribute is due the patients who craftily brought their own umpire . . . thereby cutting down the margin of victory.

A. E. Lee, Pfc., starred for the losers by getting two hits and turning in a stellar performance as catcher. He played throughout the game in his bare feet and without a shirt which marked him early in the slugfest as a triple threat man.

Errors lost the game as an unidentified third baseman consistently bobbled every chance he handled which prompted him to change gloves throughout the game.

For the corpsmen winners, Art Tatro turned up with a smashing double that drove in three runs.

WANTED - Good automobile for around \$300. Leave information at Rec. Office.

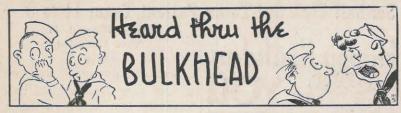
NOTICE-Will pay cash for late automobile. Contact E. L. Mc-Cormick at Rec. Office or Ward

FOR SALE-Train tickets to Vancouver, B.C., \$1. See C. McHenry in Ward 3.

### 1944 Naval Hospital Softball Team



Members of the hospital softball team pictured are: Left to right: Simp Simpson, L. Gordon, Swede Anderson, Dale Siefred, J. Reilly, A. Tatro, D. Brewster and R. Hoffman. Kneeling are G. Boussie and F. Kupack.



#### EXTRA SCOOP!

Rodgers and Groher of the Chaplain's office, better known as the Fourth Front, announced the termination dates of the two war theatres yesterday!

Through the medium of the Red Cross "Ouija Board" which any member of this hospital may borrow to solve their problems (adv.), the two self-styled prognosticators revealed that Japan will capitulate on November 28th of this year and Germany will cease activity on March 18, 1945.

#### A young Chief Surgeon named French

Has usurped Bill Boeing's bench; With the speed of a steed . . .

He "I-V's" your feed, While your spleen is dropped with a wrench!

#### THE HEIGHT OF OPTIMISM

Who was the patient that put in for a 72-hour liberty . . . "to make up for the 3 days I was sick on my leave."?

If Civilian Generals meddled less Into the current fray; We'd be home from all this mess In time to cut the hay! Despite all stories you may hear Of Waves who must wear glasses,

The wolves will give a second leer
To those with a well turned chassis.

The new gal nicknamed "Stormy" in the Tailor Shop has increased business 500% over last month. She is such a flame at drumming up prosperity that the management will re-christen her "Torchy" tonight!

Summer's here . . . the grass is riz!

I wonder where doze flowers is?

#### SEEN AT CAROLINE MARY'S . .

JULY 4TH—An unidentified cigar that had everyone squaring their hats and receiving a complimentary beverage.

JULY 6TH—PhM1c Ellingson with Wave Kugle and PhM3c Walters with Wave Ingalls. Looked like a birthday party with nuptial possibilities.

#### SEEN AT DUNN'S BARN . . .

JULY 6TH (At 2400)—Corporal Belt tickling tonsils with Louise Carr as they won 2nd prize in a circle two-step contest.

(Same night, same place)—R. S. Jones, SC1c, promising to cook indefinitely for a strange WAC.



"These Bonds your husband is sending to you have maturity value, Mrs. Swanson. Not maternity!"



A SNAPPY CREW in appearance marked the personnel inspection held recently over a two-day period by Captain Boone and Captain Brady. Port and starboard watches presented an extremely sharp inspection.

#### 95% of Hospital Waves Kiss With Eyes Closed

#### Poll Refers To Off-Hospital Activities

You can't go to heaven with your eyes open," was one of the many replies received in a recent Stethoscope poll as to whether our hospital Waves kissed with their eyes open or closed.

The closed "95 per cent" were firm in their popular majority, and few Waves were reluctant to discuss this enjoyable human trait.

Slight hesitations were noted 'mongst Ward 32's patient Waves, probably because their hospitalization has kept them out of circulation and memories had to be refreshed.

Eyes are kept open according to 5 per cent of the Waves, "to keep from kissing the wrong man," and "to see what's going on." Of this group, one recently married Wave stated that she used to close her eyes, but now leaves them open in order to keep as she puts it . . . "an eye on her husband."

Two Waves, PhM2c Parsley and Merker, swore on the Hospital Corps Handbook that they have never been kissed which automatically disqualified them in the poll on the charge of malicious perjury. Reasons for the closed eyes were:

1. "I close my eyes to concentrate."

- 2. "Can't stand to look at the man."
- 3. "It more thrilling that way."
- 4. "Just natural with me."
- 5. You can put more into it."
- 6. "To keep from getting cross-eyed."

A serious salute to the many Waves whose last kiss sent "their man" to foreign shores, and are keeping their lips untouched for his homecoming.

Hollywood (CNS) — It's okay with the Hays Office if Dorothy Lamour parades around the screen scantily clad in a sarong. But Dotty has been forbidden to pose in a sweater.

Cheyenne, Wyo. (CNS) — Mrs. Mabel Warren stepped into a telephone booth and dialed the city hospital. The operator took ten minutes to put the call through. In the meantime Mrs. Warren gave birth to an eight-pound baby girl. Mother and daughter are doing well now, thank you.



Doctor Quack:

The years will soon total 30 for me, and as yet, there exists no woman's home companion. I am easy to look at, pleasing to talk to and simple in my ways. I would like a man . . . any man that will squeeze me and hold me for the rest of my days. Can you help me? Signed,

"Poor but Pure," Rec. Building.

Dear "Poor but Pure:"

You don't want a man . . . you want an octopus!

Nautically yours, Doctor Quack.

Dear Frank K:

Thanks for your scented letter . . Yes, I think you did right in breaking off marital vows with that Brooklyn chick.

Congrats and success in your current Seattle Wave engagement. As your problems arise, feel free to discuss them with me. As always . . . no charge!

Professionally yours, Doctor Quack.

Mail your domestic troubles to Dr. Quack in care of the Stethoscope and they will be promptly solved . . . If you wish a private answer please include a self-addressed envelope.