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THE 19TH WEATHER SQUADRON reports that a detail observed the Group Groundhog, saw him appear optimistically wearing khakis; saw him discover his shadow, return to his hole, take out his CP, and turn in for bunk fatigue, indicating that we are in for six more weeks of hard, cold winter.

FASHION NOTES: What the well dressed 1st Lt. will wear: a bright, canary yellow shirt. Pastel colors are just the thing for tropical service.

OF COURSE NO GI LIKES TO BOAST, but we feel duty bound to record a compliment to WHO DAT paid by a 1st Lt., M.C., at the Station Hospital: "Next to the New Yorker the best reading in Africa is WHO DAT."

WHAT WITH RATINGS BEING RATIONED, it wouldn't do to pass over a promotion from Pfc. to Corporal, won by Ray Baer, Rep., whose name we omitted from yesterday's list.

DRESSED IN THEIR SUNDAY KHAKIS, three of the Group who went up for Warrant Officer passed their Board Examination yesterday. They are M/Sgt. Charles Dawson, Hq. (Salt Lake City), T/Sgt. Karl W. Lancaster, Hq. (Denver) and S/Sgt. Lonnie W. Stobaugh, Hq. (Nixon, Tex.). When they will be made "Misters," nobody knows.

1ST SGT. OF REPAIR proudly announces that the acting Duty Cpl., Pvt. Merle Ray, is now progressing nicely under the supervision of Alex, the native office boy. Pvt. Ray is too modest to make a statement.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE: To WHO DAT, from Lt. Slimp's father in San Antonio, comes this advice:

"It's proper to kiss beneath the mistle-toe---  
It's fun to kiss beneath the rose;  
But the most proper place to kiss---  
Is under the nose."

O F F I C I A L

Officer of the Day, Feb. 2, 1st Lt. James A. Matchan. Officer of the Day, Feb. 3, 1st Lt. August C. Herman. O.D. may be found in Group Headquarters.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"All ambitions are lawful except those which climb upward on the miseries or credibilities of mankind."

---Joseph Conrad

MOVIES TONIGHT: Group Theatre, No Show. Old Camp: Invisible Agent, Jon Hall, Ilonna Massey.

BASEBALL: Yesterday, Flying Typewriters took over Trail Blazers, 3-0. Today, Zero Sq. plays White Masters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW TO Sgt. William B. Wright, Rep.

"BECOME AN ARMY NURSE!" "THE ARMY NEEDS YOU!" reads a poster decorating the Officers' Mess. Lt. Davis, D.C., Group Dental Officer, who received the poster, puzzled for a place for it, finally chose the Officers' Mess. Which reminds us: a gummy GI in the 16th, at Duncan, got GI false teeth and got weary denying that he washed them with GI soap and a GI brush.

YOU CAN STILL SEND A CABLE HOME, but it will take 10 to 30 days. They cost 51¢, and included only standard messages regarding money, health, mail, promotion and decorations. See notice at A.P.O.

IN THE HOSPITAL TODAY: Capt. Ralph B. Pilney, Rep. Joined us ten days ago now he's in the hospital. Hardly hospitable.

WELL, WASH'T THERE ANY NEWS in all that mail? How about some home town stuff--- local boy makes good chasing Rommel, etc?

STATION HOSPITAL, ONE TIME, JOE!

When your head gets light,  
Your back gets sore,  
Your stomach's upset,  
You can't eat anymore;  
Think maybe you're sick  
But still not sure---  
Your energy's gone---  
You've got a temperature;  
You better turn in  
Let the Doc take a look,  
You might have something  
That aint in the book;  
You put it off a day  
Go to work anyhow  
Then along toward night,  
You throw in the towel.  
Your joints are all stiff,  
Your head is splittin'  
Damned right you're sick  
And you aint jokin'.  
Comes next day  
You ride that book---  
Makes sick report,  
Let the Doc have a look.

The Doc comes in  
And looks around  
Sees your eyes  
And sets you down  
He takes your pulse  
And takes a smear  
Looks in your throat  
Your nose and your ear;  
Checks your blood pressure  
Still not sure  
Listens to your heart,  
Takes your temperature;  
Writes on a pad  
(Like doctors do---  
I can't read it,  
And neither can you)  
Here's what it means:  
(And I ought to know)  
It's Station Hospital,  
One Time, Joe.  
Now don't get panicky  
And take hysteria  
That 'lil' bug bitcha  
And you've got malaria.

---By a member of the Group  
who wants to be anonymou

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**NORTH AFRICA:** The 8th Army patrols are active on all sectors of the front and engaged the enemy in artillery duels on the northwestern part of the front and west of Zuara. Allied aircraft activity is limited to attacks on shipping, in which an enemy transport was badly damaged. The only report on land fighting in Tunisia is that the weather continues to hamper an all out Allied offensive.

**BURMA:** British land forces are engaged with Jap forces on the Mayau Peninsula, but there are no details. The RAF bombed enemy positions on the Mayau Peninsula and Akyab Island. All planes returned safely.

**RUSSIA:** Red forces advanced up the railroad line from Salsk to Rostov and captured a place 30 miles southeast of Rostov, also Mechetinskaya. It now looks as if the Germans in this region will have to abandon their defensive positions and fight it out with the Reds. Northwest of Rostov the Russians have thrust deep in German held territory and cut several communications lines.

**SOUTH PACIFIC:** Rabaul was bombed again by Allied planes. There is no confirmation of a Jap report that two U.S. battleships and 1 heavy cruiser had been lost.

**WASHINGTON:** President Roosevelt revealed that the U.S. had given credits amounting to \$6,250,000 to Brazil in the past year.

**LONDON:** After leaving Casablanca, Winston Churchill went to Ankara, Turkey, to confer with the Turkish President and Turkish leaders. It was disclosed that the U.S. and Britain would materially help Turkey in consolidating her defensive security in this war. Premier Stalin was informed in advance

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THE LAUNDRY FINDS THAT the alphabetical system doesn't work, so you can return to the old system of turning in laundry when you have it ready.

OUR CIRCULATION MANAGER, Raymi, reports that he is having trouble with eager subscribers who want to take copies of WHO DAT from him. Raymi has strict orders not to give copies to anyone, but to place one copy in each Hut. When you take a copy, you deprive five men of theirs. Like other things here, paper is rationed, and we can't supply copies to all. Usually a few extra copies can be had of yesterday's paper, at the WHO DAT office.

TWO OF THE NATIVE OFFICE BOYS are offering lessons in two of the vernacular languages. They may be found in the Native Personnel Office, Hqtrs. Bldg. No. 1.

THERE ARE RUMORS of heavy losses in Tunisia, giving a specified number of killed and missing, and attributing the report to the radio. We've caught all the radio reports since Thursday, and no figures were ever given. Heavy losses were reported, but nobody, not even a flier just returned from the front could tell even approximately the number of casualties. This wouldn't be the Army without rumors, but let's not make them "official" or "radio" reports. We give all the radio news available. When casualty figures are given, we report them, too.

LOST: A native made gold ring, bearing Air Corps propeller emblem. Return to Pvt. Sam Cohen, Sup, or to WHO DAT.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW TO 1st Lt. George L. Hahn; Cpl. George R. Schlobohm, Hq; Cpl. Francis E. Pierce, Hq; S/Sgt. Robert M. Rooney, Rep; MONDAY: Capt. Arthur J. Wilson; Pvt. George W. Rogers; Sup; Pfc. Saul D. Goodrich, QM.

O F F I C I A L

Officer of the Day, Feb. 20, Capt. Raymond E. Pendergast. Officer of the Day, Feb. 21, Capt. Ralph E. Tilney. O.D. may be found in Group Headquarters.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Cast all your cares on God; that anchor holds." ---Alfred, Lord Tennyson

MOVIES: We advise those who missed My Sister Eileen at our Theatre last night, to see it tonight at the Old Camp. In the cast are Rosalind Russell and Brian Ahearne. Tomorrow night at our Theatre we have another good, funny picture, George Washington Slept Here, with Jack Benny and Ann Sheridan. My Sister Eileen will be at the Old Camp tonight and tomorrow night. IN TOWN tonight is a variety show put on the Garrison Theatre, at King George Hall. Tickets at 5s and 2s 6d, on sale at the door.

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL TONIGHT in the Hqtrs. Bldg. No. 1. Violinists are wanted.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Catholic, Confessions and Mass, today at 1630, St. Louis Chapel. Masses Sunday at 6700, St. Louis Chapel; at 0830, Tent Chapel. Protestant Services Sunday at 1000, Group Chapel. Round Table Discussion in Group Chapel at 1600, Sunday. Choir Rehearsal, tonight at 1900, in Group Chapel.

IN THE HOSPITAL TODAY: Pvt. W. H. Gossett, Rep; Pvt. Andrew E. Gothmiller, Rep. Yesterday we mistakenly listed as in the hospital Cpl. Leininger, Sup. Leininger was on a list for immunization reading, and was in good health yesterday, and today, too.

THE TEMPORARY REC HALL, in a wing of the Mess Hall, will be closed until the new Rec Hall is ready, which should be in a week or so.

SOFTBALL FANS, Sgt. Columbo wants to form a softball league. There are only two or three teams in Camp, and more competition is wanted.

BASEBALL: Today, One Time vs X-2-1. Tomorrow, Zero Sq. vs Trail Blazers.

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NEWS BULLETIN BROADCAST BY BBC AT 1100 GMT, SATURDAY, FEB. 20th

SOUTH ATLANTIC: Rear Admiral Ingram, commander-in-chief of Allied naval forces operating in the South Atlantic reports that losses to Allied ships on convoy in the South Atlantic were less than 1%.

NORTH AFRICA: The 8th Army is in contact with the enemy on both sectors of the front. In Central Tunisia the Americans and French are strengthening their lines. Since the German advance halted, there has been no report of ground fighting. The 8th Army now controls the southeastern tip of Tunisia and huge convoys of supplies are rolling up to the front. It is believed that Pichon, in Central Tunisia, is in German hands. The Allies in this area have withdrawn towards Fondouk-el-Aouareb and the ridges of the Ousseltia Valley.

RUSSIA: The Soviets are now about 30 miles from Orel, after repelling German counterattacks. The Nazis are resisting in every small town. In the capture of Oboyan, the whole German garrison, refusing to surrender, had to be wiped out. The Reds continue to drive westward from Kharkov and several places to the west and southwest have been captured. They are now driving on Poltava. A number of towns have been captured by the Russians in the area between Krasnodar and the Sea of Azov. A German report says that Russians have made a landing at Novorosissk, on the Black Sea. This would further endanger the German position near the Kerch Straits.

SOUTH PACIFIC: Allied aircraft again carried out heavy raids on Jap held positions. 4 Jap cargo ships at Buin on the island of Bougainville in the Solomons were heavily bombed with 500 pounders. 1 of the ships was left blazing and another with a gaping hole in the side. Two New Zealand corvettes sank a large Jap sub off Guadalcanal.

CHINA: Chinese forces are holding up the Jap offensive on the Burma Road. Bloody fighting has taken place.

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A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WASHINGTON

(From Edward Everett's Oration on the Character of Washington, given at Washington's home, Mt. Vernon)

"No gilded dome swells from the lowly roof to catch the morning or evening beam; but the love and gratitude of united America settle upon it in one eternal sunshine. From beneath that humble roof went forth the intrepid and unselfish warrior, the magistrate who knew no glory but his country's good; to that he returned, happiest when his work was done. There he lived in noble simplicity, there he died in glory and peace. While it stands, the latest generations of the grateful children of America will make this pilgrimage to it as to a shrine; and when it shall fall, as fall it must, the memory and the name of Washington shall shed an eternal glory on the spot."

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FLASH! LATE BULLETIN! FLASH!

Capt. Raiford D. Baxley, M.C., while traveling with a convoy of polo ponies from another base to this camp, was detained by frontier guards. When questioned, Capt. Baxley replied in his best Southern drawl that he was from "South Ca'lina." The guard officer said he did not know where South Ca'lina was, and couldn't understand Capt. Baxley anyway, so he was probably a foreign agent, and so would be interned. Capt. Baxley protested that he already done his time as an interne. Major Bein, Senior M.O., has offered to make an exchanged for the return of Capt. Baxley---he'll swap Capt. Robbins and two Medical Orderlies for Capt. Baxley. Negotiations are under way.

WHEN THE LAST SCENE of the movie faded out last night, the spirit of George Washington was seen fluttering about the screen, and a psychic GI heard the spirit protest: "I never left the place in the condition Jack Benny found it. Besides, Martha was a good housekeeper."

SAD SACK NOTES: "I beg and plead to the one who has my mess kit cover to leave it in the Mess Hall." ---McKee

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Officer of the Day, Feb. 22, 2nd Lt. Houston A. Sheftall. Officer of the Day, Feb. 23, 2nd Lt. Joseph C. Johnson. O.D. may be found in Group Headquarters.

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MOVIES TONIGHT: Group Theatre: It Happened One Night. Old Camp: Call Out The Marines.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW TO T/Sgt. Alton M. Scarborough, Hq; Pfc. Harvey R. Moore, Hq.

BASEBALL: In Saturday's game, One Time trounced X-2-1, 9-1. Batteries for One Time: Bludau and Thackston. On Sunday, Zero Sq maintained its hold on first place by defeating the Trail Blazers, 9-3. GAME TODAY: White Masters vs Ball of Fire.

IN THE HOSPITAL TODAY: Sgt. Gust L. Booras, Rep; Pvt. David Jarvis, QM; Sgt. Carl A. Mack, Rep.

**VOICE OF THE PEEPUL:**

Dear WHO DAT: A few days ago Capt. Cabana issued the proclamation that all great men were born in February---Washington, Lincoln, Cabana. If the month means anything, one day must be outstanding---the 22nd, when banks and post offices close---the birthday of George Washington and Capt. Arthur J. Wilson.

Faithful Reader

THE NIGHT SHALL BE FILLED WITH MUSIC, and it is, practically every night, as our band gets more and more in the groove. They've been practising hard and win a salute for their good efforts. How about a name for them? For instance, The Gold Jossos?

THE MAIL ORDERLIES would appreciate the return of their alarm clock, so that they will know when not to go for mail that isn't there.

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**NORTH AFRICA:** Heavy fighting is taking place in Central Tunisia. The Germans are making a determined thrust through the Kasserine Valley north towards the Allied base at Tobessa. British tanks are supporting American armored units in this area in stemming the Nazi rush. The Germans already control two railroads in this area and are attempting to capture the important railhead which links Tobessa with the eastern part of Tunisia. The Germans are also pounding the Allied held line northeast of Kasserine with no success. The British 8th Army is now halfway between Mareth, the heart of the Mareth Line, and Medinine. The whole of the 8th's might is concentrated in this area. Gen. Giraud of the French forces has returned to Tunisia and has been in conference with Gen. Alexander.

**RUSSIA:** German resistance is stiffening on the southern front. Five different thrusts around Orel, and many other counter-attacks have been thrown back by the Russians. Fresh German troops are reported to have been brought in north of Kursk but the Reds continue to advance and have taken an important highway. West of Kharkhov the Russians have advanced to a point 40 miles east of the important rail junction of Poltava and to the south they are 35 miles from ~~Dnepropetrovsk~~ Dnepropetrovsk. The Reds are closing in on German held Taganrog, and in the western Caucasus the Reds are advancing west of Krasnodar.

**SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:** Gen. MacArthur's aircraft carried out their 4th successive raid on the Jap-held port of Buin in the Solomons with devastating results and severely bombed supply dumps and grounded aircraft there. Allied craft also bombed the Mubo area in New Guinea.

**BURMA:** The RAF carried out bombing raids on Jap communications and positions southwest of Mandalay. They also carried out daylight attacks on the main road north of Rangoon about 175 miles.

**LONDON:** Winston Churchill, who had a cold, has improved. The Allied carried out bombing raids on Germany for the 14th time this month, but no results have been determined. Germany reports that the Allies were over the northwest coastal area of Germany.