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46TH MEDICAL BATTALION ARMORED
A.P.O. 254, U.S. Army

AFTER ACTION REPORT Period 1 October - 31 October 1944.

Medical service during the month of October was cut to a minimum by the little activity encountered during the period. Companies A and B were located in the vicinity of Hoeville in support of their respective Combat Commands A and B.

Forward of these Combat Commands the 26th Infantry Division was deployed in a defensive position to with-hold any counter attacks attempted by the enemy. During the month units of the 4th Armored Division aided in straightening the Main Line of resistance with comparative ease and with a minimum of battle casualties.

Non-Battle casualties numbered 515 for the period while only 27 Battle casualties were admitted to the clearing stations.

Inclement weather, causing upper respiratory diseases, was the main factor contributing to the high number of Non-Battle patients.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company and the reserve Company namely Company C was located in the vicinity of St. Nicolas de Port. The reserve Company maintained a convalescent hospital where numerous patients were held for definitive treatment, for minor diseases.

Headquarters Company encountered no difficulties in maintaining contact with the forward elements. Supply functions were normal and no problems arose.

Due to the great amount of precipitation the area occupied by these two units became unusable. On the 26th of October a new bivouac was found in buildings at Dombasle.

Eleven Bronze Star Medals were awarded during the month to members of the Battalion for heroic and meritorious service in previous engagements with the enemy. Two recommendations were submitted for the French decoration, the Croix de Guerre for distinguished service while three Silver Stars were bestowed upon individuals for gallantry in action.

Morale of the unit during this period was excellent. Improved billeting facilities, better food and entertainment in the form of daily motion pictures and USO Shows aided materially. Frequent passes to Nancy and shower facilities were used to great advantage.

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