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

2 March 1944.

BATTALION HISTORY FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 29, 1944.

The Battalion continued its' training program of classes in medical technique, physical conditioning and area reconnaissance. Emphasis was placed on individual protection against chemical attack and everyone was required to wear the gas mask at least thirty minutes a week.

During the weekly Division Medical meetings, held by the Division Surgeon at this Headquarters, a complete plan of medical evacuation was written up and adopted by all unit surgeons. The plan was the same in substance as was always used but a few minor points were brought out and clarified.

There were two (2) vehicular accidents during the month. A 3/4 ton truck #2854728 driven by Pfc Paul O. Hardway, Company "C" this unit failed to negotiate a turn and went off the road crashing into the property of Admiral Sir J.F. Somerville, Dinder House, N. Wells, Somerset. A 3/4 ton ambulance, #S725397, driven by Pfc Charles W. Hertzing, Company "A" this unit was involved in an accident with a 2 1/2 ton truck belonging to the 980th Ordnance Company and driven by Tec 5 R.W. Miller, at Semington, Wiltshire while trying to cross a narrow bridge. These two accidents were thoroughly investigated by the Battalion Claims Officer, Captain Abraham J. Moskovitz, and a report submitted to Headquarters, S.O.S. at Salisbury.

The Battalion participated in a Combat Command problem during the period of 23 February to 29 February at the Imber Battle Area. On the 23rd of February at 1600 Company "A" this unit commanded by Captain Brooks H. Bishop left to support Combat Command "A" for a twenty four hour period. At 1600 on the 24th of February Company "A" returned and Company "B" commanded by Captain Silvio J. Giovale, replaced them in the same Bivouac Area. On 25 February Company "C" commanded by Captain Herman R. Cohn replaced Company "B" in the problem. The Bivouac Area, in the vicinity of Highland Farm remained the same for each of the Companies. Casualties were minor in number and nature. Company "C" returned to Base Camp 1400, 1 March.

A number of Leaves were granted during the month. Captain C.G. May was on Leave from 7 February to 10 February; Lt. R.E. Hamlin and Lt. K.L. Kenyon were on Leave from 8 February to 13 February; Major E.C. Mulliniks and Captain R.R. Buege were on Leave from 8 February to 11 February. On 14 February Capt. H.R. Cohn and Lt. E. Pollak left on Leave, returning on 19 February; Captain D.F. Le Mire, Captain J.C. Mauceri and Lt. G.F. Lawaich left on 16 February for five days. On the 27th of February three officers, Captain B.A. Galuszka, Lt. J.A. Conway and Lt. T.J. Curtin left on Leave. All these officers visited London during their Leave periods. On 28 February the acting Battalion S-2, Lt. F.G. Hodge attended a three day course at Military Intelligence Headquarters in London.

The Enlisted Men were granted furloughs three times weekly. Quotas were obtained in London, Bournemouth and Torquay Red Cross Clubs. Fifty-four men were permitted to be on furlough during the week.



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The morale of this unit is good due to the furloughs and passes and the dances which were held in the neighboring towns during the month.

The strength of this unit on 1 February was, thirty-three (33) officers, two (2) Warrant officers and three hundred eighty-two (382) enlisted men. On 25 February Technical Sergeant Thomas P. Folk, 6894151 was transferred to the Detachment of Patients, 2nd General Hospital, A.P.O. 647, U.S. Army, per Paragraph 4, Special Orders #37, Headquarters, 4th Armored Division. This one man was the only loss during the month leaving a total of three hundred eighty-one enlisted men. The ambulance drivers on Special Duty with the medical detachments were changed by Paragraph 3, Special Orders #26, Headquarters, 4th Armored Division and two (2) medical officers were placed on Special Duty, one with the 10th Infantry and one with the Medical Field Service school at Shrivenham, Berkshire.

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