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

5 February 1945.

BATTALION HISTORY 1 January-31 January 1945:

The Battalion during the month of January experienced a period of quiet and little activity. Locations of all Companies remained unchanged during the first ten days of the month. On the 3rd of January 5 Company C ambulances under the supervision of Lt Pollak which were attached to the Reserve Command were relieved and returned to the parent organization.

With the stablization of the tactical situation, the ambulance relay point at Arlon was discontinued and a new Corps Ambulance Company was sent up to evacuate the Clearing Stations. A Company operated a Clearing Station in support of Combat Command A and B Company operated a Clearing Station in support of Combat Command B.

On 11 January the Division moved into Luxembourg. Bumper markings and shoulder patch insignia were removed. All radios were closed down. Headquarters and Company C moved to Dudelange, Luxembourg by infiltration on 13 January. Company A moved to Basse-Rentgen and Company B moved to Peppange. Short movements were made during the month by both Companies A and B. Company A moved in order to Roussy-le-Bourg and Zoufftgen, where it remained at the close of this period. Company B moved to Altinster, Lintgen and finally to Schrondeweiler. In the city of Dudelange one entire installation was utilized to house Company C and its detachment of patients. Headquarters and Headquarters Company were forced to

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billet a portion of the men in private homes throughout the city because of the lack of adequate centralized billets. Civilians were extremely cooperative in this connection.

heavy snowfalls were experienced this month and all units camouflaged vehicles with white camouflage paint. The medical Battalion complied with orders which affected all vehicles except ambulances and surgical trucks.

Pass systems were again instituted and 5% of the command were given the privilege of visiting the city of Luxembourg, daily. A quota of passes to Paris was issued the unit by the Division. Periods of inactivity were spent in maintenance of motor vehicles and making up shortages in clothing and equipment.

During the month, 12 Bronze Star Medals, 1 Soldier's Medal, 2 Oak Leaf clusters to the Purple Heart and 11 Certificates of Merit were awarded to personnel of the Battalion. Casualties handled during the period were of the following type and number:

Battle, 4 AD.....	294
Non-Battle, 4 AD.....	673
US & Allied Battle.....	23
US & Allied Non-Battle.....	58
POW Battle.....	23
Civilian Battle.....	5
Civilian Non-Battle.....	<u>7</u>

Total 1,083

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