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

BATTALION HISTORY - 1 JUNE-30 JUNE, 1944

The 46th Medical Battalion, Armored consisted of Thirty-two (32) Officers, Two (2) Warrant Officers and Three Hundred and Eighty (380) Enlisted Men on 1 June 1944.

Intensive training programs were arranged for all personnel and during the week of 5-10 June, all members completed a course in Familiarization Firing of the Garand Rifle, M-1, Caliber .30 and the Caliber .30 Carbine. This course was conducted by personnel from the 4th Armored Division Trains, at Yaton Keynell Range. The Officers also fired the Caliber .45 pistol at this time. The men were taught to fire, field strip and assemble these weapons. During the same week selected personnel, Motor Officers and mechanics, attended a school in Vehicular Waterproofing. These men completely waterproofed vehicles and waded them.

On 7, 8, and 9 June, the 28th Infantry Division conducted schools in ship loading and embarkation procedures. Selected Officers attended and became familiar with methods used in transporting a unit overseas.

Soldiers' voting Officers were appointed in each Company on 8 June to give advice and information to anyone desiring to vote. The Special Orders appointing them were placed on the Bulletin Boards and all men were encouraged to see them regarding voting.

CAPT HERMAN R. COHN, 0421199, MC, was appointed Passive Air Defense Officer on 17 June and CAPT WILSON E. PRENTICE, 0400680, DC, was appointed Battalion Graves Registration Officer on 20 June. Each Company appointed two Passive Air Defense Non-commissioned Officers to assist CAPT COHN and the Dental Officers were named as assistant Battalion Graves Registration Officers in each of the Companies.

There was a CPX held at Greenways Stables, Chippenham, 26, 27 and 28 June for all Battalion Commanders, S-2's, S-3's and S-4's. This CPX lasted from 0900 to 1100 each day and practice in issuing Field Orders and in Communications was given.

All of the ambulance drivers and the two aid men at Division Headquarters on Detached Service were returned to the Battalion when the various Medical Detachments were authorized and issued 3/4 ton Cross Country Ambulances.

The Battalion had one Courts-Martial during the month. One man was tried by a Special Court on 7 June for violation of the 96th Article of War and was sentenced to three (3) months restriction and a forfeiture of pay.

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The Gains and Losses in the Battalion were as follows:

CAPT ERWIN R. KABACK, 01689527, MC, was assigned per par 4, SO #110, Headquarters, 4th Armored Division, and assigned to Company "B".

CAPT DOMINIC P. CARAVONA, 0491911, MC, was transferred to the 51st Armored Infantry Battalion.

CAPT HAROLD J. PIATZ, 01691181, MC, was transferred to the 103rd Evacuation Hospital.

CAPT FRED D. ULLRICH, 0170335, MC, was assigned to the Battalion per par 1, SO #120, Headquarters, 4th Armored Division and was assigned to Company "A".

Private John F. Moynihan, 32235298, was assigned from the 4th Armored Division MP Platoon and assigned to Company "C".

Private Orville Boland, 37354908, was assigned from Headquarters Company, 4th Armored Division and assigned to Company "A".

Private Sam Flom, 32871767, Was transferred to the 4th Machine Records Unit.

The strength of the Battalion 30 June is Thirty-two (32) Officers, Two (2) Warrant Officers and Three Hundred Eighty-One (381) Enlisted Men. The authorized T/O is at present Three Hundred Sixty-Five (365); Seventeen (17) basics having been deleted. These seventeen men are to be absorbed by normal attrition.

The morale of the Unit is exceptionally good of late due to the intense activity and preparations being made.

For the Battalion Commander:

Francis G. Hodge
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1st Lieut, MAC
Adjutant.