

~~SECRET~~

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

4 April 1944.

BATTALION HISTORY 1 MARCH - 31 MARCH 1944.

The 46th Medical Battalion, Armored under the command of Lt. Col. Robert E. Mailliard, M.C., continued the intensive training started last month to better fit the men for combat. Special emphasis was placed on physical conditioning, chemical warfare and recognition of enemy vehicles and equipment. Four officers attended special schools, Lt. Francis B. Roser, school in armored vehicle recognition; Lt. Thomas J. Curtin, school in bomb reconnaissance; Lt. Francis G. Hodge, school in military intelligence; and Capt. Herman R. Cohn, school in handling of enemy documents. Classes were scheduled for the entire Battalion and these officers taught what they had learned at the schools.

Leaves and furloughs were granted to a large number of the Battalion. The men visiting Torquay, Bournemouth, London and most of the officers visiting London.

Three problems were held during the month. On 14-15 March, Company "B" commanded by Capt. Silvio J. Giovale supported CC"B" in a field exercise. Headquarters Company was in the field and functioned as it normally would in combat in the vicinity of Division Trains. An administrative center consisting of the Personnel Sections of all of the units was organized and was set up in the rear of the Division Area. On 21-22 March, Company "A", Capt. Brooks H. Bishop commanding, supported CC"A" in a field exercise. Headquarters Company again moved into the field with Division Trains. The administrative center did not function on this problem.

On 29 March Company "C", Capt. Herman R. Cohn commanding, supported Combat Command Reserve in a field exercise. Neither Headquarters Company nor the administrative center took part in this problem.

Two vehicular accidents occurred during the month. On 24 March an ambulance driven by Tec 5 William A. Jones on Special Duty with the 10th Armored Infantry was struck in the rear by a bus and on 17 March an ambulance driven by Pvt. Charles E. Wilson on Special Duty with the 94th Armored Field Artillery was run into by a tank. Though the vehicles were badly damaged the personnel were unhurt. Both of these accidents were investigated by the claims officers of the respective units.

A Battalion Review and Inspection was held on 25 March at 1600. The Fourth Armored Division band played for this Review.

The strength of the Battalion on 1 March was thirty-five (35) officers and Warrant officers and three hundred and eighty-one (381) Enlisted Men. On 10 March 1944 Cpl. Paul I. Watson, 31086572, was transferred into the Battalion from the 51st Armored Infantry Battalion. On 17 March 1944, S/Sgt.

DECLASSIFIED
DOD Dir. 5200.9, Sept. 27, 1998
NWD by 72 date June 6'

~~SECRET~~
- 1 -

(12)

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 760123

~~SECRET~~

Bn History, 46th Med Bn, Armd Cont'd

4 April 1944.

Clarence W. Dillehay, 35159784, was transferred to the Det. Patients, 96th General Hospital, APO 137, U.S. Army, and on 29 March Pvt. John A. Sahatjian was transferred to Headquarters Company 4th Armored Division Trains. On 31 March the strength of the Battalion was thirty-five (35) officers and warrant officers and three hundred and eighty (380) enlisted men.

The morale of the Battalion is good.

For the Battalion Commander:

Francis G. Hodge
FRANCIS G. HODGE,
1st Lt, M.A.C.,
Adjutant.

- 2 -

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 760123