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

14 November 1944.

BATTALION HISTORY PERIOD 1 - 31 October 1944.

The major part of October was devoted to maintenance and re-supplying the entire Battalion. This was made possible by the fact that the Division was not participating in any engagement with the enemy as our immediate front was held by the 26th Infantry Division. For short periods part of the Division was committed to straighten the line and gain commanding ground. Two Medical Companies, namely, A and B remained in the vicinity of Noeville, France to support these operations.

Recreational facilities were increased with daily motion pictures in Dombasle and St. Nicolas, France. Passes were authorized to Paris and Nancy. The opportunity to visit these cities was appreciated by the command and contributed greatly to the morale of the unit. Showers were made available twice weekly and were utilized to full extent.

Headquarters and headquarters Company and Company C, the reserve Medical Company, bivouaced in the vicinity of St. Nicolas until the 26th October 1944 when due to the muddy condition of the field the units moved to buildings in Dombasle.

Plans were made for the cleaning and maintenance of all battalion vehicles. The forward units dispatched their vehicles to Dombasle where washing facilities were available. Mud and road scum was removed and a complete check was made for deficiencies in the proper functioning of the vehicles. During this time, supply was active re-equipping and supplying the entire battalion. All organizations were brought up to existing tables of allowances and equipment.

Lt Colonel Robert E. Mailliard, Commanding Officer, and six other members of the unit were awarded Bronze Star medals for meritorious service. Three Silver Star medals were given for gallantry in action. Two members of the Battalion were recommended for the Croix de Guerre.

Casualties for this period were comparatively light; 515 Non-Battle casualties and 27 Battle casualties were recorded for the month. Inclement weather, causing upper respiratory diseases was the main contributing factor for the high number of Non-Battle casualties.

Morale for this period was excellent. Improved billeting facilities, better food and entertainment aided materially.

For the Battalion Commander:

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