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DIVISION SURGEON'S OFFICE

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To : 1600 4 Apr 1944.
Place: England.

29 March 1944.

This section returned from the field and set up the office. A corps request for a quota of two officers to attend CWS school and 1 to MFSS was received and filled. The Division Surgeon returned from observation of firing at an artillery range.

30 March 1944.

Routine business was the order of the day and special attention was paid to checking office files. Two more officers were asked to attend a school in Plaster Technique.

31 March 1944.

The weekly meeting of unit surgeons was held by the Division Surgeon. Colonel Rumpf, Surgeon of the XIX Corps, was a guest. Contact was made with the Administrative Staff of the 217th General Hospital and our requests and views were presented to them.

1 April 1944.

The deadline for the submission of the Report of Sick and Wounded, Monthly Venereal Report, Statistical Report 86ab and 86c was reached. All unit reports were in good order. A report of death, incurred accidentally, was received from the 24th Armored Engineer Battalion. Major Abrams attended the post mortem at the 217th General Hospital.

2 April 1944.

A telephonic request from Corps was received for a quota of three (3) officers to attend Combat Neurosis School.- One (1) enlisted man to Sanitary Technician School.

3 April 1944.

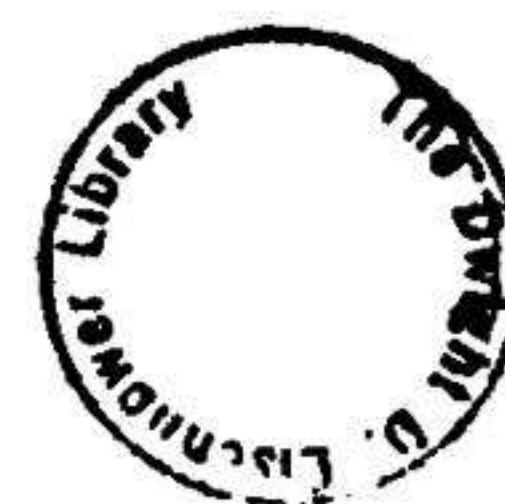
All medical department reports for the month of March were checked, consolidated and forwarded. Work was started on a new report for XX Corps Surgeon, this entailed the average Daily Admission Rate, Average Number of Days of Hospitalization of each Admission and the Admission Rate per 1000 per Annum. The results were satisfactory and indicating that the average daily admission rate was well below one-half of one per cent of the command.

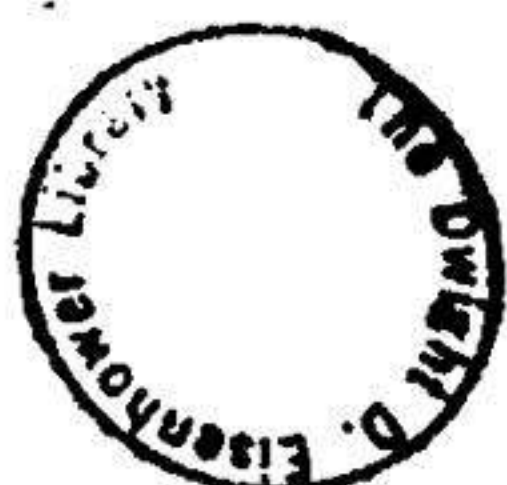
4 April 1944.

Several letters were received from higher headquarters pertinent to previous reports, these letters are sent through 1st Army in error. Notation of this error has been made and action will be instituted to correct these incorrect channels. These incorrect channels are resultant in confusion and unnecessary correspondence.

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5 April 1944.

Major Hugunin paid a visit to Southern Base Section and received a complete file of Circular from the Chief Surgeon of ETOUSA. This file is of extreme value to us since many of the questions on Venereal Disease Control, Pest Control, Medical Service and Administration are answered in them. Proper indexing and study of these circulars is now being made by the Division Surgeon's Staff.

6 April 1944.

XX Corps is still requesting reports of many types. The requests are being filled but there is the short time element that makes for short tempers. It has been requested that we be notified much sooner than an hour or two prior to the time they wish the report submitted. Routine business of the Surgeon's Office carried on.

7 April 1944.

Tentative preparations are being made for the movement into the field during the period 13 April to 16 April inclusive. It is thought that one enlisted man or officer will be necessarily left at the permanent installation. This will be necessary to maintain complete liaison with units leaving or coming in earlier than the Division Surgeon's Office.

8 April 1944.

Weekly Statistical Report 86ab received from all units and consolidated. A late report from the 8th Tank Battalion made rendition to higher headquarters tardy. Permission has been received to use the 32nd General Hospital as a source of examination for the Eyeglass, Gas Mask M-1. A program for swift action is being planned.

9 April 1944.

Telephone request from Corps was received for additional distribution on the 86ab. Telegram from Third Army was received complaining that the 86ab for the period ending 31 March, was not in receipt by them. A copy of the report was sent to them but there is no means of protection for ourselves if a report is lost in the channels of communication.

10 April 1944.

Unit Surgeons will submit a report on personnel still requiring eyeglasses, gas mask M-1 by 1200, 11 April. Medical Department Officers Questionnaires have been received and must be returned to Corps completed in 48 hours. The AG section very graciously lent its cooperation and Corps request will be filled.

11 April 1944.

Captain Frank in his function as Venereal Disease Control Officer has made contact with the Unit Commanders of the units showing a high rise in Venereal Disease. As a result of his work greater emphasis will be placed in acquainting personnel with their part in Venereal Disease Control. Routine business carried on. A consolidation of reports on personnel still needing gas mask glasses was made and the result shows that 174 Officers and enlisted men still need to be supplied. Only a small percentage were new personnel others were never reported on by the Army Service Forces or glasses could not be made due to an improperly adjusted gas mask at

the time of examination.

For The Surgeon:

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12 April 1944.

Captain Frank met Lt Col Nebel of XM Corps and VD control and sanitation problems were discussed. Major Abrams visited XIX Corps and conferred on Battle Casualty reporting. Captain Kifner contacted HENT Department at the 32nd General Hospital. As a result appointments were secured for personnel requiring gas mask glasses. A resultant plan was presented to the AG and Division Bulletin #51 brought out the details necessary for a correct solution to the plan.

13 April 1944.

The 704th TD Battalion was attached to us for medical service per VOCC. Captain Buchanan, the battalion surgeon, was contacted by telephone and notified of our requirements. Units sending men to the 32nd Gen Hosp on Monday 17 April in compliance of Division Bulletin 51 were notified. Final preparations were made for movement into the field. CWS is cooperating willingly in the gas mask eyeglass situation by placing a trained man at our service for checking correct gas mask adjustment prior to examination. Work on the annual history of medical service in the division is being carried on.

14 April 1944.

This section moved into the field with the Administrative Center, the designated bivouac area was Hill Farm. Upon arrival at Hill Farm the Surgeon's Office was set up in a CP tent. An ambulance was attached to us with two aid men. It is felt that this will suffice temporarily as medical service for the Administrative Center. A surgeon will also be available. A division bulletin was published to inform the units of the channels for the 86ab. Saturdays report will show the results of using the "morning report channels" for the 86ab. It has been found that a 3/4 ton weapons carrier is totally inadequate to transport the Surgeon's Section and its office equipment.

15 April 1944.

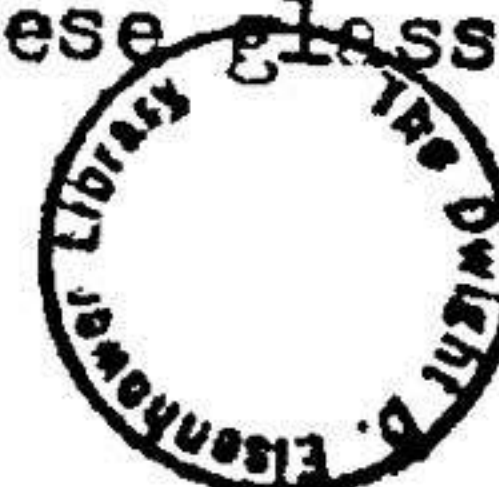
The system of sending the 86ab is unsatisfactory. It was 2330 before the last report was in and that only because we used a messenger to contact the unit detachments. A conference with the AG will be held to find a remedy for the situation. Routine business was the order of the day.

16 April 1944.

With the end of the field problem our section moved back to the permanent camp. Office equipment was unloaded and set up. Official mail was read and necessary action taken.

17 April 1944.

Captain Kifner was at the 32nd General Hospital to study the system used in providing needy personnel with eyeglasses, gas mask M-1. The first 20 men used as a trial group were all present and the examination went off much more quickly than expected. Captain Anderson of CWS personally checked each man's mask to assure a proper fit prior to examination. There are 175 men still needing these glasses.



18 April 1944.

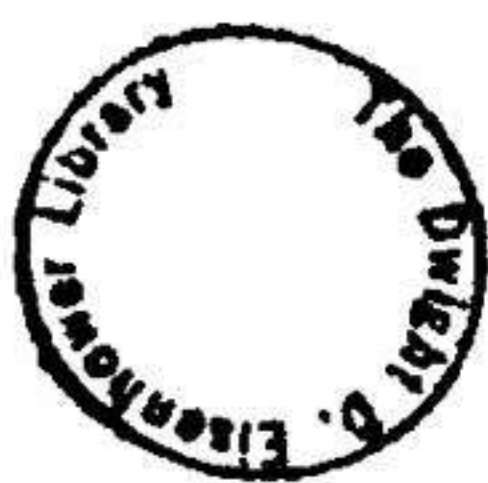
Lt Col Nebel of XX Corps paid a visit to our section and the venereal disease situation was discussed. Administrative matters were also discussed. Captain Kifner made final arrangements for the entire group of 175 men to be examined for gas mask glasses by the end of the week. A man from the CWS section was placed on SD at the hospital to insure proper adjustment of gas masks. Major Abrams held a meeting of Combat Command Surgeons. Captain Frank visited the 217th General Hospital laboratory and viewed laboratory procedure with an eye to possible faulty reports on GC cases.

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19 April 1944.

Routine office work was the order of the day. The office was mainly concerned with the research for material for the Annual Report of Medical Department Activities. All files and letters were checked to insure accurate and complete information. The division surgeon was invited to XIX Corps for a discussion on battle casualties and their reporting.

20 April 1944.

The monthly narcotic inspection of unit dispensaries was started by Captain Kifner. All units inspected conformed to the standards set forth by the Division Surgeon's Office. Officers of this section attended the conference given by the Mobile French Intelligence Unit.

21 April 1944.

Work was completed on the annual report and the draft typed for further study and addition. Major Abrams held the weekly meeting of unit surgeons at the 46th Medical Battalion. New changes in administration tactics and medicine were highlighted. The narcotic inspection was also continued.

22 April 1944.

Weekly Statistical Reports 86ab were received in this office, routine extractions made and the consolidated report forwarded. A final report from the 32nd General Hospital showed complete examination of personnel requiring gas mask glasses. Extracts were made from this report and sent to the unit surgeons concerned. Major Mahowald joined this office.

23 April 1944.

Sunday.

24 April 1944.

A visit was paid to the Administrative Section of the Chief Surgeon's Office, ETOUSA, by Major Hugunin and Captain Kifner. An effort was made to correct the distribution on directives and redirection of medical department reports. Additional supplies for the dental section were requested.

Orders on our transfer to XV Corps were received thereby necessitating rendition of final and initial reports to the Corps concerned.

25 April 1944.

Reports to XX Corps were rendered notifying them of our severance, the XV Corps was also rendered initial reports. Major Mahowald and Mericle and Captain Frank paid a visit to the 704th TD Bn with the purpose of acquainting them with the service we can render. Medical attention was provided for the boxing exhibition to be held at Devizes, a surgeon will be in attendance.

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26 April 1944.

A thorough inspection of the messes in the Devizes area was carried on by Major Mulliniks and Captain Frank. The messes were found to be below the division standard. A meeting was held with the unit commanders concerned and corrective measures discussed. Captain Kifner paid a visit to local units and inspected dispensaries and narcotic registers.

27 April 1944.

A program of instruction in first aid for the enlisted men of the Surgeon's Office was instituted. They will receive 25 hours of instruction in first aid, anatomy, litter bearing, bandaging, etc. This will qualify them to act as substitute aid men in the Administrative Center if it becomes necessary. A visit was paid and an inspection made of the dispensary of the 704th TD Bn by Captain Kifner. Major Abrams checked the loading of vehicles and medical half-tracks at the 10th Armored Infantry Battalion.

28 April 1944.

No meeting of unit surgeons was held this week due to a unit commanders meeting being held at the same time. Routine business of the office was carried on. Notification of new units being attached made it necessary for us to notify the newly attached units of the required reports.

29 April 1944.

Weekly Statistical Report 86ab was received from all divisional units. The monthly venereal report was also rendered and the following increases were noted: the number of cases of venereal disease rose from 9 to 13, the rate rose from 8.86 to 15.83. It is expected for the rate and number of cases to drop since the troops will not be able to visit the larger cities which seem to be the main sources of infection.

30 April 1944.

Colonel Rumpf, Surgeon of the XIX Corps, paid a visit to our office and gave us the benefit of some of his ideas and suggestions.

1 May 1944.

All monthly medical department reports were due today and were received from all units. Consolidation was begun immediately and vital information extracted. Reports have shown constant improvement and no errors were found in this month's reports.

2 May 1944.

A meeting was held by Major Abrams with the "CC" Surgeons and the Division Artillery Surgeon. Captain Kifner instructed the surgeons in the most common errors found in the rendition and submission of medical department reports. Consolidation of reports was stressed since there may sometime be a possibility of these surgeons acting as surgeons of separate units.

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