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DIVISION SURGEONS OFFICE

From: 0001 31 May 1944
To : 2400 6 June 1944
Place: England

31 May 1944

A quota of two was received for the course in Recognition and Management of Combat Neurosis. Capt. Greenberger was selected for this seven day course beginning of the 5th June at the 312th Station Hospital.

June 1, 1944

Major Frank has inspected the new areas to be occupied by our units. Sewage and waste disposal facilities were found adequate in all areas. The water supply was satisfactory in all but one case and the proper action is being taken for the correction of water facilities in this area. Col. Abrams has been at work on the reorganization of evacuation of casualties due to the movement of our component units. Monthly Statistical reports were received in our office from all units in record time and consolidation and extractions was begun immediately.

2 June 1944

All irregularities were corrected in the unit reports and a memo was sent to all units surgeons bringing to their attention the errors found. By concentrating the staff for the day without outside interference and priority use of the typewriters the reports were sent forward to higher headquarters in one day. Col. Abrams held the weekly meeting of unit surgeons at the 46th Medical Battalion, Armored. Col. Clark, C.O. of CC - "A" spoke on the organization and employment of an Armored Division. The lecture was superior in all aspects and stressed the importance of the medical service in such a unit.

3 June 1944

Weekly statistical report 86ab received in this office from all units. A certain amount of delay is now experienced due to the movement of many of our units. All other business of the day was concluded.

4 June 1944

Sunday -- Mail received. No activity.

5 June 1944

Study of Circular number 8, Hqs., TUSA was carried out in the staff section, a tentative interpretation was reached on some parts of the directive. However, further study and conference with the AG Casualty Division is indicated. Capt. Kifner started the inspection of the narcotic registers of the units that had been missed last month due to field exercises and their movement. Maj. Frank continued with his inspection of sanitary installations.

6 June 1944

Majors Mericle and Mahowald visited the hospital installations that service us to check on the disposition of our patients. Col. Abrams went to the Corps Surgeon to discuss aspects of the division Medical Service. Major Frank contacted the 302nd Station Hospital to make arrangements for evacuation of sick personnel. The hospitals previously servicing us will accept nothing but emergencies from us now.

For the Surgeon:

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14 June 1944

A stimulating dose of Typhus was given, at the end of the six month period as directed by Army, to all divisional personnel and personnel of attached units. As previously reported the division is up to date and complete with all immunizations required. A check in the division of personnel who have had malaria was made and the resultant number of cases reported was 95.

15 June 1944

Colonel Abrams and Captain Kifner in conjunction have formulated a system of rendering reports in combat from information obtained from Circular Letters, directives and AR's. All forms and records have been taken into account and the information will be passed on to the unit detachments by means of a school. Prior to this the plan will be taken up with higher headquarters for approval and comment. Channels of rendition have also been set up and it is believed that the channels used for the "Fragmentary Morning Report" will prove adequate.

16 June 1944

Information about a Motion Sickness Preventative has been received and the information about the preventative and the use has been released to the unit surgeons. This staff section has gone through all it's records and files and all unnecessary files have been disposed of pursuant to instructions previously received.

17 June 1944

Weekly statistical reports received in this office, consolidated, and sent forward. The T/E on vehicles for the medical detachments was changed. All half-track ambulances M-3 and trailers were taken away and the following vehicles substituted:

Infantry Medical Detachment - One (1) Ambulance, 3/4 ton, One (1) 3/4 ton weapons carrier, and five (5) 1/4 ton trucks, 4 X 4, (peeps).

Tank Medical Detachment - One (1) 3/4 ton ambulance, One (1) 3/4 ton weapons carrier, and four (4) 1/4 ton trucks, 4 X 4, (peeps).

Field Artillery Medical Detachment - One (1) 3/4 ton ambulance, One (1) 3/4 ton weapons carrier, and one (1) 1/4 ton truck, 4 X 4, (peep).

Engineer Medical Detachment - Two (2) 3/4 ton ambulances, One (1) 3/4 ton weapons carrier, and two (2) 1/4 ton trucks, 4 X 4, (peeps).

Ordnance Medical Detachment - two (2) 3/4 ton weapons carrier and one (1) 1/4 ton truck, 4 X 4, (peep).

Cavalry Medical Detachment - One (1) 3/4 ambulance, one (1) 3/4 ton weapons carrier, and four (4) 1/4 ton trucks, 4 X 4, (peeps).

Division Headquarters Medical Detachment - One (1) ambulance, 3/4 ton, and two (2) 1/4 ton trucks, 4 X 4, (peep).



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7 June 1944

Major Frank has recommended that the prophylaxis station in Devizes be closed. This station has operated for the past six months and has given an average of four to six treatments a month. In view of the above fact and that all divisional troops have moved with the exception of the artillery the station will be closed. Units will use their own dispensaries for pro stations.

8 June 1944

The venereal disease rate has dropped from 13 cases in April to 5 cases in May. It is anticipated that this month's rate should be lower due to the movement of troops from populated areas. We are still emphasizing strict supervision of education in the prevention of venereal disease.

9 June 1944

Colonel Abrams held a meeting of medical officers at the 46th Medical Battalion. The medical plan for the division was discussed. Radio procedure and supply were also discussed. Captain Lea dealt with the changes in the system of requisitioning supplies. One of the problems discussed was the supply of medical detachments of attached units.

10 June 1944

Weekly statistical reports were received and consolidated in this office. All units reported satisfactorily and on time. Corps has directed that attached units render separate reports. This is contrary to recognized procedure and a reverse ruling is expected from Army Headquarters. Routine office work carried on.

11 June 1944 -

No activity. Official mail perused.

12 June 1944

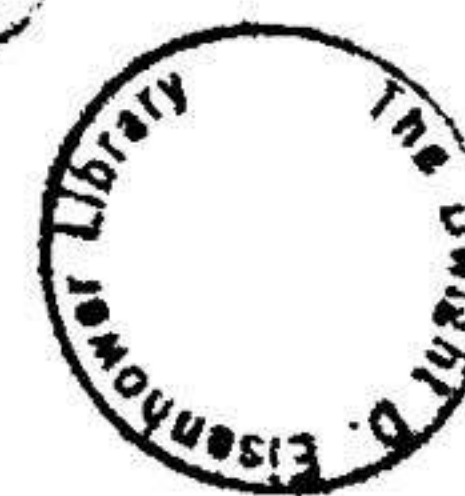
A check was instituted on the status of immunization in the division. Outside of replacements, no divisional personnel require immunization for any of the following: Smallpox, Typhoid, Paratyphoid, Typhus, Tetanus.

13 June 1944

Captain Kifner and the enlisted men fired a familiarization course with the following weapons: Carbine, Garand Rifle, and the Sub-Machine gun, M3, Calibre 45. Proficiency was noted in all firing and it is believed that no difficulty would be occasioned in further training. All officers have qualified for proficiency badges with the pistol and carbine.

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21 June 1944

Captain Kifner held a school for the 1st Sergeants and the chief clerks of all medical detachments and the medical battalion at the 46th Medical Battalion. The class lasted four hours and all medical department reports and records were lectured on. One hundred percent attendance was recorded. Special emphasis was placed on the EMT, Combat Medical Statistical Report ETOUSA MD 323, and Admission and Disposition Report ETOUSA MD 324A. Special channels for rendition of reports were laid down and the class was impressed with the need for accuracy and promptness. Officers of the clearing platoons of the Medical Battalion were also present.

22 June 1944

Six medical department soldiers were received as replacements. Four were sent to the 25th Cav Rcn Sqdn Mecz as excess authorized by VCCG, Third Army, 19 June 1944. One was sent to the 10th Armd Inf Bn as a replacement to bring the detachment to T/O strength. The other went to the 51st Armd Inf Bn to fill their T/O. Major Frank inspected the sanitary installations of the field artillery and tank battalions. The results of the inspection were very satisfactory.

23 June 1944

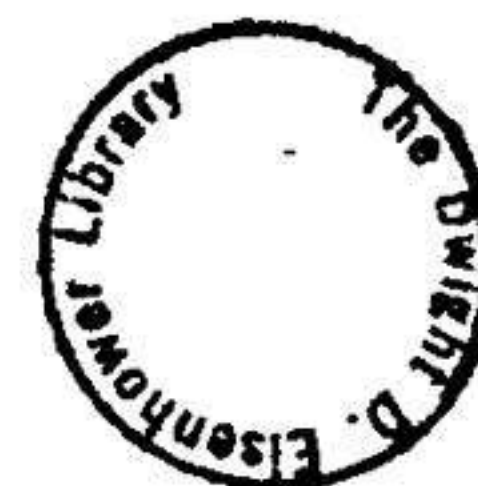
Major Frank has continued with his inspection of sanitary installations in the tank battalions. He was well satisfied with the condition of these installations. Major Mericle has continued in his work of checking personnel that may prove undesirable in combat. Major Hugunin is still operating a dental clinic at Division Headquarters for personnel that require dental attention. Colonel Abrams visited the 130th and 160th Station Hospitals to check on patients from this division. The majority of our units are now evacuating to the 130th Station Hospital and the remainder to the 160th Station Hospital. We no longer evacuate to the 217th General Hospital.

24 June 1944

Weekly 86ab's were received from all units, consolidated, and sent forward to higher headquarters. A test loading of vehicles was conducted on Friday evening. In addition to the peep and 3/4 ton WC we loaded a one ton trailer and an additional 3/4 ton peep. Prior to these additions it was impossible to load this staff section with all its T/E and miscellaneous supplies and personnel. With the additional trailer and 1/4 ton truck this section can transport itself. A report on the loading was submitted to the AG and a file copy is retained in the office file. Captain Ullrich, MC, was assigned to the division and further assigned to the 46th Medical Battalion. Medical and dental supplies have been gathered for use in the administrative center. Major Mahowald returned a number of men from the 7th General Hospital.

25 June 1944

Sunday - No activity.



Division Artillery Headquarters Medical Detachment - One (1) 1/4 ton truck, 4 X 4,
and One (1) 1/4 ton trailer.

18 June 1944

No activity - No mail.

19 June 1944

Captain Kifner and Master Sergeant Hiatt paid a personal visit to the Surgeon's Office of the XV Corps. Casualty reporting was taken up in detail, however, no satisfactory decisions could be gained. Corps Surgeon's Office is very satisfied with the correctness and promptness of our reports. Faulty distribution of directives was brought to their attention and measures will be instituted by them to correct all discrepancies. Supply and reporting of attached units was discussed and a difference between Corps and Army directives was discussed. The Division Surgeon wishes this office to conform to the Army directive.

20 June 1944

Orders were received to transfer Captain Platz of the 46th Medical Battalion to the 103rd Evacuation Hospital. We shall miss Captain Platz's services due to his knowledge of anesthesia and his training of medical personnel in it's uses. A report was received from Third Army on the inspection of medical installations by Lt Col Dubey and Captain Hood on June 16 and 17. They were well satisfied with the medical service of this division. A plan for marking all medical department 1/4 ton trucks, 4 X 4, with the Geneva Red Cross, was drawn up by Captain Kifner. The plan was put into effect by Division Order.

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28 June 1944 - Wednesday.

This section is now ready to be operational. All excess files, equipment and records have been disposed of and suitable containers for all other property have been constructed. With the medical supplies, litters, and blankets it will be possible to supply emergency treatment to casualties in the Administrative Center. Major Frank shall in addition to his other duties be the surgeon for the Administrative Center. Colonel Abrams visited some of the unit medical detachments.

29 June 1944 - Thursday.

Captain Bloom of the 489th AAA Battalion paid a personal call to this office. Aspects of field operations and medical department records were discussed. Colonel Abrams spent the day in the inspection of medical detachments in the Tank Battalions. Major Frank and Major Mericle continued with their routine duties of inspection and examination. All record and supply boxes have been appropriately marked and painted. A detachable Tarpaulin for the 3/4 ton Weapons Carrier has been made and painted with a Geneva Red Cross. This will permit transformation of this vehicle into an ambulance in case of emergency.

30 June 1944 - Friday.

Loading of personnel was revised by unforeseen changes in the transportation facilities. This section will have only one 1/4 ton truck instead of two thereby making it necessary for the Neuro-psychiatrist to ride with the Surgeon of Forward Echelon and the Medical Inspector to ride with another Staff Section of Rear Echelon. The Division Surgeon and Dental Surgeon, with a NCO from this office, acting as driver, will move with Forward Echelon. The Office Executive and the remainder of the enlisted personnel will ride in the 3/4 ton Weapons Carrier. The office equipment and supplies will be packed in the trailer and the 3/4 ton Weapons Carrier.

1 July 1944 - Saturday.

Monthly Statistical Report 86c, 5LMD, Monthly Venereal and Monthly Sanitary reports were submitted by all unit surgeons. The 5LMD and Monthly Venereal Report were checked and sent forward by this office. Weekly Statistical Report 86ab was also received, consolidated, and forwarded. All reports received were satisfactory. Major Ralph E. Mahowald departed this Headquarters for the 436th Medical Battalion by orders of Third Army.

2 July 1944 - Sunday.

Work on monthly reports was carried on along with other routine work. Official mail received and necessary action carried out.

3 July 1944 - Monday.

Monthly Statistical Report 86c and Monthly Sanitary Report were completed and forwarded to higher headquarters. The section's vehicles were marked and

26 June 1944

Staff personnel were instructed in censorship regulations and it was certified that no diaries or memoranda were held by anyone. Colonel Abrams attended a meeting at Neeld Hall given by the Graves Registration Section. Office files were further checked and proper action instituted. A medical guide was prepared by Colonel Abrams and a stencil prepared. Sufficient copies will be made for distribution to all medical department officers.

27 June 1944

Colonel Abrams held the weekly meeting of unit surgeons at the 46th Medical Battalion. A Memorandum on the procedure in medical department reporting was issued to each medical department officer. The memo was discussed in an open question and answer form, all points were clarified and emphasized. This unnumbered memo also contains information on venereal diseases we may encounter, water control and sanitary precautions.

Captain Sweeney, DC, joined this division and is now awaiting further assignment. The Tank Battalions, the 53rd Armd Inf Bn, and 126th Ord Maint Bn are now evacuating to the 302nd Station Hospital.

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