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26 May 1945

SUBJECT: "OPERATIONS IN GERMANY."

TO : Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, APO #36, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith Historical Data of the 111th Medical Battalion for the period 1st through 10th May 1945.

2. Combat operations consisted mainly of frequent, long moves. Weather for the first few days was adverse. Evacuation routes, while long, were good. Casualties were few, with a minimum of litter-bearing. The attached field hospital moved initially by Army hospital trucks, establishing in the vicinity of Bad Tölz, and later moving by Battalion trucks to the vicinity of Kufstein. Only a few non-transportable casualties were treated.

3. In a swiftly moving campaign where each move is of considerable distance, the Division clearing station has difficulty in rendering as close support as is desirable. This organization has organic transportation for moving one platoon completely, shuttling the alternate platoon to a new position. When the front moves as rapidly as it did in this part of the campaign, the clearing station soon finds itself too far in the rear. If the added burden of moving the attached field hospital falls to the Battalion, more time is lost in establishing close support. Fortunately, casualties are generally light in this type of operation.

4. Medical supply was adequate. Resupply meant very long trips, but minimum demands enabled the reserve stock to prove adequate.

5. Motor vehicle operation was satisfactory, although in the closing days of the action, three trucks became battle casualties.

6. Division medical services cooperated in handling the large numbers of German sick and wounded. Additional burdens were thrown on the German hospital system in the vicinity by the large mass surrenders. Medical battalion agencies, under the direction of the Division Surgeon, evacuated hospitals to prisoner of war enclosures, consolidated those needing further hospitalization, collected German medical stores and supplied the hospitals.

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Medical personnel assisted in establishing displaced personnel centers, and coordinated German military medical services in caring for such centers, This work could have proceeded more rapidly had the Battalion had full strength of medical officers.

John M. Hardy
JOHN M. HARDY,
Lt Colonel, Med Corps,
Commanding

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"OPERATIONS IN GERMANY"

111th MEDICAL BATTALION

1st Thru 10th MAY. 1945

The last eight days of combat operation prior to the ending of the war in the ETO were characterized by frequent and distant moves by all units of the battalion. Very few casualties were processed during this period and these casualties resulted from small pockets of resistance offered by the enemy in defense of an occasional road block.

Evacuation was accomplished with comparative ease by ambulances to the clearing station. However, evacuation from the clearing station rearward was distant as a result of the rapid advance of the troops and the apparent difficulty in keeping evacuation hospitals a normal distance behind the combat elements.

The town of Bad Tölz (Y8614) had been converted by the enemy into a large hospital center. Patients had been evacuated to this center from all fronts. The civilian and army patients formerly hospitalized in the Munich area had also been evacuated to this hospital center. The hospitals found here were not in need of food, supplies or medical care and therefore presented no immediate problem within the operational limitations of the units of this battalion. Appropriate reports and recommendations were made to the military government section as the companies moved on in support of the Division.

In some localities, it was necessary to dispatch an ambulance or medical officer or both to displace personnel centers for duty immediately after these centers were over-run by the forward elements and prior to the necessary and complete reorganization of these centers by the military government. These officers and/or ambulances were usually returned within a few days.

Horace B. Weddell
HORACE B. WEDDELL,
Capt., Med Adm C,
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11th MEDICAL BATTALION

BATTLE CASUALTIES

NONE

<u>TYPE OF CASUALTY</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED MAN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KIA	0	0	0
DOW	0	0	0
LIA	0	0	0
SIA	0	0	0
DIA	0	0	0
LWA	0	0	0
SWA	0	0	0
MIA	0	0	0
POW	0	0	0

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CASUALTIES PROCESSED THROUGH CLEARING STATION

The following is a consolidated account of casualties processed through the clearing station, 111th Medical Battalion for the period 1st through 10th of May 1945.

	<u>DEAD</u>	<u>WOUNDED</u>	<u>ILLNESS OR OTHER CAUSES</u>
ALLIED	0	46	540
ENEMY	0	31	15
CIVILIANS	2	3	5
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	2	78	560

GRAND TOTAL PROCESSED: 640

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED THE SERVICE FROM</u>
BARTON, ROBERT L.	1st Lt, MAC	02055221	Abbott, Texas
BUNGER, EGBERT V.	1st Lt, MAC	01683467	DeKalb, Texas
CAMPBELL, LUCIEN B. JR.	CWO	W2110395	Paris, Texas
CAREY, WILLIAM A.	Capt, MC	0461173	Quinoy, Massachusetts
CLEMENTS, HOWARD E.	1st Lt, MAC	01703073	Brunet, Texas
CUTRERA, RICHARD F.	Capt, DC	0356729	Oak Park, Illinois
DILDY, CHARLES B.	Major, MC	0327242	Austin, Texas
DUCHESNEAU, FERNAND P.	Capt, MC	0419991	Butte, Montana
ELLIS, JOSEPH S. JR.	1st Lt, MAC	01683498	Orange, Texas
ENGELMANN, ANDREW T.	Capt, MC	0392026	What Cheer, Ohio Iowa
FARBER, HERBERT R.	Capt, MC	01592038	Hempstead, New Jersey
FARKAS, ARCHIE J.	WO (jg)	W2115264	Yonkers, New York
FEINSTEIN, JACOB (NMI)	1st Lt, MAC	01534966	Brooklyn, New York
GOLDSTEIN, OTTO (NMI)	Capt, DC	0336032	Brooklyn, New York
GREENBERG, ARNOLD S.	1st Lt, MC	0542368	Washington, DC
HALL, BERNARD R.	Capt, MC	0421858	Walton, Indiana
HARDY, JOHN M.	Lt Col, MC	0262163	Brownwood, Texas
KAPLAN, DAVID (NMI)	Capt, MC	01700526	Sioux City, Iowa
KIRCHMAN, HERBERT (NMI)	Capt, MC	0426302	Germantown, Ohio
LIEBERMAN, HARRY G.	Capt, MC	0485843	Akron, Ohio
LOWENTHAL, SYDNEY I.	1st Lt, MAC	02048058	Newark, New Jersey
MORGENROTH, VICTOR H. JR.	Capt, MAC	01533641	Catonsville, Maryland
NESTMANN, RALPH H.	Capt, MC	0411230	Wheeling, West Virginia
PALLANTE, SAMUEL (NMI)	Capt, MC	0483491	Westville, New Jersey
RALPH, LESTER I.	Capt, MC	0496434	Brooklyn, New York
SCARBOROUGH, CHAFFEE A.	Capt, MC	0215480	Miami, Florida
SHAFER, JAMES W.	1st Lt, MAC	01683466	DeKalb, Texas
SHANNON, EDWARD T.	Capt, MC	0317363	Fall River, Massachusetts
STUMB, FRANK A.	1st Lt, MAC	01683516	Nashville, Tennessee
VALLAR, DONALD T.	1st Lt, MAC	05146564	Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
VREDENBURGH, DONALD M.J.	Capt, DC	0477725	Ardsley, New York
WEDDELL, HORACE B.	Capt, MAC	01533941	Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania
WILSON, CLUNET R.	Capt, MAC	01541150	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
YATER, TOLBERT F.	Major, MC	0332227	Cleburne, Texas

REMARKS: Transferred during the period 1st thru 10th May.

LIBNOCH, CASIMIR L. Capt, MC 01684864 South Bend, Indiana
trfd to: 133d Field Artillery, 36th Inf Div, 10 May 1945.

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1 May 1945

Location of units as of 1 May 1945 is as follows:

Hq and Hq Det	Marnbach, Germany
Clearing Company	
1st Platoon	Weilheim, Germany
2nd Platoon	Landsberg, Germany
Company "A"	Seeshaupt, Germany
Company "B"	Murnau, Germany
Company "C"	Murnau, Germany

Admissions to clearing station - 78, of which 6 were battle casualties, 1 prisoner of war, and 1 civilian.

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE)		(CLASSIFICATION)
No.	DATE 1 MAY 1945	
To	C.O. RODEO	
RODEO 'C' LEFT ISSING AT 0920 TRAVELLED SE APPROX 35 MI TO MURNAN, GERMANY. ARRIVED AT 1000 HRS. & ESTABLISHED STA.		
C.O. RODEO 'C'		1360
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AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR	SIGNATURE OF OFFICER	SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER
	<i>[Signature]</i>	S/Sgt Langley

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2 May 1945

2nd platoon of the clearing station moved from Landsberg to Weilheim. Collecting company "A" moved from Seeshaupt to Bad Tolz, Germany. Collecting company "B" moved from Murnau, Germany to Johannesburg, Germany. 143rd RCT with Collecting Company "C" attached remained in the Murnau area, employed as occupation troops screening and processing the civilian population. Admissions to clearing station - 79, of which 13 were battle casualties, and 3 prisoners of war.

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To <u>S-4, Rondo</u>		
<u>"A" Co 111th Med Bn has wrecked their only 2½ ton, 6x6 truck. It is urgently needed for future movements by Co "A". Would be greatly appreciated if you will loan the one truck, either from Rondo or Ruby for 48 hours period, at which time their own is expected to be repaired. This plan has the sanction of the Div. Trans. Off, if it is possible.</u>		
AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR	OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER <u>VH Morgenroth, S-4</u>	TIME SIGNED <u>1410</u>
	SIGNATURE OF OFFICER	SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER <u>Ro</u>

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3 May 1945

Hq and Hq Det moved from Marnbach, Germany to Bad Tolz, Germany. 2nd platoon of the clearing station moved from Landsberg, Germany to Bad Tolz, Germany. Battle casualties very light. Admissions to clearing station - 101, of which 31 were battle casualties, 13 prisoners of war, and 1 civilian.

4 May 1945

1st platoon of the clearing station moved from Weilheim, Germany to Kufstein, Austria. Collecting company "A" moved from Bad Tolz, Germany to Gmund, Germany. Collecting company "B" moved from Johannesburg, Germany to Degendorf, Germany. Admissions to clearing station - 90, of which 20 were battle casualties, 14 prisoners of war, and 2 civilians.

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To <u>CO, 111th Med Bn (Attn:S-1)</u>		
Temporary Duty quota to US for your battalion is two (2) Enlisted Men. Men will report to Div Forward CP at 071000B May 1945. Names, Rank, ASN of men to reach this office by 2200 hours today. Indicate those to return on priority with "#" before respective name, if any. Also give address where men desire to spend their 45 day leave in the US		
CG, 36th Inf Div.		TIME SIGNED
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		
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5 May 1945

Hq and Hq Det moved from Bad Tolz, Germany to Kufstein, Austria. Collecting company "A" moved from Gmund, Germany to Kufstein, Austria. Collecting company "B" moved from Degendorf, Germany to Schwent, Austria. Collecting company "C" moved from Murnau, Germany to Finsterwald, Germany. Admissions to clearing station - 60, of which 6 were battle casualties, and 8 prisoners of war.

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No. <u>1</u>	DATE <u>5 MAY 1945</u>	
To <u>C.O. RODEO</u>		
<u>RODEO 'C' LEFT MURNAU AT 0910 + ARRIVED AT NEW LOCATION APPROX FIVE (5) MI NW BAD TOLZ (775 155) MAP 1/250,000 SHEET M-48, AT 1030 + SET UP STA.</u>		
<u>C.O. RODEO</u> OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		<u>11145</u> TIME SIGNED
AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR	<u>Andrew T. [Signature]</u> SIGNATURE OF OFFICER	<u>S/Sgt [Signature]</u> SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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6 May 1945

Battle casualties very light. Many prisoners being taken by the Division. Admissions to clearing station - 66, of which 1 was a battle casualty, 3 prisoners of war, and 2 civilians.

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No. <u>2</u>	DATE <u>06 May 1945</u>	
To <u>CO, 111th Med Bn</u>		
All captured and civilian sedans and passenger cars in possession of troops will be collected under unit control immediately and turned in to 736th Ord Co. not later than 0720000B May. Retention of such vehicles by individuals or units in excess of one per Regiment and Division Artillery is prohibited.		
CG, 36th Inf Div. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		1130 TIME SIGNED
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7 May 1945

Collecting company "A" moved from Kufstein, Austria to Kirchbichl, Austria. Admissions to clearing station - 41, of which 1 was a battle casualty, and 1 civilian.

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To All Units, 111th Med Bn		
All captured and civilian sedans and passenger cars in possession of troops will be collected under unit control immediately and turned in to 736th Ord Co not later than 0720000B May. Retention of such vehicles by individuals or units is prohibited.		
CO, 111th Med B <small>OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER</small>		0845 <small>TIME SIGNED</small>
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8 May 1945

Collecting company "B" moved from Schwent, Austria to Stuhlfelden, Austria. V-E day was officially announced today. Morale very high. Admissions to clearing station - 28, Location of units as of V-E day is as follows:

Hq and Hq Det	Kufstein, Austria
Clearing station	
1st Platoon	Kufstein, Austria
2nd Platoon	Bad Tölz, Germany
Company "A"	Kirchbichl, Austria
Company "B"	Stuhlfelden, Austria
Company "C"	Finsterwald, Germany

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9 May 1945

All units are quietly celebrating the ending of hostilities. Ball games seem to be the main order of the day. Admissions to clearing station - 59, of which 4 were prisoners of war, and 1 civilian.

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No.	DATE	9 May 1945
To CO, 111th Med Bn		
If Field Marshal KESSERLING is found he will not be moved. He will be placed under guard and held in place. This Hq will be notified of his location immediately.		
CG, 36th Inf Div. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		1000B TIME SIGNED
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10 May 1945

Admissions to clearing station - 38, no battle casualties.

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