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111th MEDICAL BATTALION
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111th MEDICAL BATTALION
APO #36, U. S. Army

10 November 1944

SUBJECT: "OPERATIONS IN FRANCE."

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

1. The medical battalion continued its support of the Division and attachments, in combat throughout the month. Stiffened resistance was encountered in extremely difficult terrain, and progress was slow. The clearing company occupied only one site, on an excellent road. Although never far from the enemy, however. As the tactical situation progressed, the ambulance haul became a little longer than desired in the closing days of the period. No areas were suitable, nor buildings available, along the evacuation route, and it was felt that less was sacrificed by a longer haul over good roads, than gained by a shorter haul over dangerous trails. Collecting companies moved only three times each. These companies had difficulty in finding suitable locations, and were often subjected to shell fire.

2. Field hospital support was continuous, the hospital being situated with the clearing station. Evacuation rearward was very satisfactory.

3. The rainfall increased, and the temperature gradually lowered. Stoves operated continuously to keep tents dry and warm enough to house patients. Wood was used for fuel. Six ward tents were replaced by an improved type of ward tent, which has proven more satisfactory than the old type. Tentage suffers badly from frequent moves during wet weather.

4. Evacuation of aid stations was by ambulance and jeeps with litter frames. The trails were often difficult and due to the rains required almost constant maintenance. The litter carry was tedious in mountainous terrain and often as long as two kilometers. Additional litter bearers may become absolutely essential in operations in the near future.

5. Medical supply functioned well during the period. Shortages of items reported in the last report were much improved during the past month. 105mm and 155mm smoke shells were employed to supply medical items to a unit temporarily isolated. Dressings, bandages, sulfonamide tablets, iodine swabs, morphine syrettes and normal human plasma were all successfully delivered by this means.

6. Motor mechanics took advantage of the more or less static situation to overhaul vehicles. Vehicles, except ambulances, were found to be in good repair, requiring a minimum of minor replacement parts. The amb-

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ulances are in use constantly, and while they receive regular first echelon maintenance, they are rapidly requiring more and more second and third echelon care. These ambulances are old, having been through the winter campaign in Italy and in steady operation since. One ambulance was destroyed by a mine explosion. It was replaced by a used ambulance, using many salvaged parts.

7. During the month when no move was made by clearing company, the entire station was committed; a hospital for approximately 150 patients thus implemented. Cases requiring a few days hospitalization are held, and can be returned to duty with dispatch. Approximately 10% of the Division's casualties were thus rapidly returned to duty. A foot clinic was established to study and treat, particularly, trench foot. Cases are closely observed, and if it is considered that the condition has developed, the man is evacuated. Suspicious cases often improve rapidly and can return to duty shortly. It would seem to indicate that frequent rests with close observation might prevent the occurrence of this condition. It is expected that this experiment will continue and further report will be made.

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

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"OPERATIONS IN FRANCE"

111th MEDICAL BATTALION

OCTOBER 1944

The 111th Medical Battalion under the command of Lt Colonal John M. Hardy continued its operation in France supporting the 36th Infantry Division and attached units. Enemy resistance in the Division sector was stubborn and determined making progress slow, difficult, and costly. The enemy had the advantage of mountainous and wooded terrain on his retreat and capitalized on those features to the maximum extent in his selections of strong points and defense positions. He skillfully contested our thrusts with comparatively small forces and made it extremely difficult for our forces to gain commanding positions and strong points.

The collecting companies continued their close support of the combat teams. The greatest number of moves required by any of the collecting companies to maintain efficient close support was three in contrast to the operations previous to this period in France. The road net was good and evacuation from the aid stations was accomplished with ambulances with ease. The collecting companies handled more casualties during the first week than during any other week of the period.

Collecting company litter bearers were employed by regimental and battalion surgeons to go forward of those stations to pick up casualties. In most cases our litter bearers traveled with the infantry riflemen, and some of our men were killed. There is a critical shortage of litter bearers in the infantry.

Looking ahead to the probable need of a reserve pool of litter bearers from which to draw during the winter operations, it is felt that an equal amount of difficulty will be experienced in coping with this problem as was had during last winter's operations in Italy. It seems likely that this winter's operations will be in mountainous terrain which required additional litter bearers, and the fact that the number of litter bearers authorized by the present T/O is inadequate for mountain warfare and especially during the winter should be pointed out at this time.

The clearing station maintained support of the Division and attached units throughout the period. On the 14th October, the station began clearing the casualties of the newly committed 442nd Combat Team which was evacuated by the 886th Medical Collecting Company of the 56th Medical

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Battalion. Their casualties were heavy, but this additional load on the station was handled with comparative ease.

The clearing station remained in the same location in Eloyes, France on the western side of the Moselle River throughout the period. This location offered good support, but during the last third of the period was somewhat further from the supported troops than usual in miles, but close from the tactical viewpoint. This was due to the fact that a closer location could not be had which offered comparative safety and feasible operating space. Also the evacuation routes were direct and hard surfaced, which made for rapid and efficient evacuation to the location in Eloyes.

Since our situation was static throughout the period, tentage of both platoons of the clearing station were set up and used as a hospital for patients who required treatment of not more than a week's duration. This prevented loss of Division control over many men and approximately ten percent of the patients evacuated to the clearing station were returned to duty after treatment under this policy. It was possible to accomodate one hundred and fifty ptients at a time. The policy proved very beneficial and effective but can be used only in a static type of warfare when it is not necessary to keep one platoon of the station loaded on trucks for immediate movement.

No personnel replacements were received during the period. Higher headquarters directed that we drop all men in excess of T/O. This overage of basics served as an excellent pool for litter bearers to be drawn from as needed.

At the close of the period, the battalion continued support of the Division and attached units.

Horace B. Weddell.
HORACE B. WEDDELL,
1st Lt., Med Adm C,
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111th MEDICAL BATTALION

BATTLE CASUALTIES

COMPANY "A"

NAME	ASN	RANK	TYPE OF WOUND	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND
BAUM, GERALD C.	33515083	Pvt	LWA	Shermansdale Pa.	7 Oct 1944 31 Oct 1944
MC DONALD, CLARK E.	34842548	Pvt lcl	LWA	Winnsboro, S.C.	9 Oct 1944
HAAG, JOHN A.	33131088	Tec 5	KIA	Baltimore, Md.	25 Oct 1944
MIALE, MICHAEL R.	31245709	Tec 5	LWA	Johnston, R.I.	25 Oct 1944
POLLIZZIO, CHARLES	38052970	Pvt	LIA	Houston, Texas	25 Oct 1944
RISKA, FRED L.	32942154	Pvt	KIA	Johnstown, N. Y.	25 Oct 1944
HUSAK, STANLEY J.	15127118	Pvt	DOW	Cleveland, Ohio	26 Oct 1944
BOWLBY, LESTER C.	39324973	Pvt	KIA	Portland, Ore.	30 Oct 1944
GUMINA, JAMES V.	33696997	Pvt	SWA	Pittsburgh, Pa.	30 Oct 1944
PARYS, JOSEPH	33606192	Pvt	MIA	Laceyville, Pa.	30 Oct 1944

COMPANY "B"

KASMARIK, JOHN W.	33689085	Pvt	LWA	Glassport, Pa.	1 Oct 1944

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COMPANY "C"

WALDROP, WALDROP C.	34771495	Tec 5	LWA	Tryon, N.C.	2 Oct 1944
MILLIKEN, HAROLD R.	31378341	Pvt	LWA	Rockville, Conn.	2 Oct 1944
CARTER, JAMES L.	35698625	Pvt lcl	LIA	Louisville, Ky.	3 Oct 1944
KNIGHT, ALVIN L.	35038872	Pvt lcl	LWA	Smithland, Ky.	7 Oct 1944

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TYPE OF CASUALTY	OFFICER	ENLISTED MAN	TOTAL
KIA	0	3	3
DOW	0	1	1
LIA	0	2	2
SIA	0	0	0
DIA	0	7	7
LWA	0	1	1
SWA	0	1	1
MIA	0	0	0
POW	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 month of October 1944.

	DEAD	WOUNDED	ILLNESS OR OTHER CAUSES
ALLIED	1	2125	3228
ENEMY	0	124	0
CIVILIANS	0	71	0
	1	2320	3228

GRAND TOTAL PROCESSED: 5549

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

NAME	RANK	ASN	ENTERED THE SERVICE FROM
ABLAZA, AVELINO E.	Capt,MC	0507144	Chicago, Illinois
BARTON, ROBERT L.	2nd 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	Quincy, Massachusetts
CHATLEY, JAMES E.	1st Lt,MAC	01533754	Bradford, Pennsylvania
CLEMENTS, HOWARD E.	1st Lt,MAC	01703073	Burnet, Texas
DILDY, CHARLES B.	Major, MC	0327242	Austin, Texas
DUCHESNEAU, FERNAND P.	Capt, MC	0419991	Butte, Montana
ELLIS, DANIEL S.	Capt, MC	0439364	Richmond, Virginia
ELLIS, JOSEPH S. JR.	2nd Lt,MAC	01683498	Orange, Texas
ENGELMANN, ANDREW T.	Capt, MC	0392026	What Cheer, Ohio
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
KAHN, ABRAHAM L.	Capt, MC	0501636	Elmhurst L.I. New York
KEEFE, JOHN J.	Capt, MC	0502045	Camillus, New York
KIRCHMAN, HERBERT (NMI)	Capt (Chap)	0425302	Germantown, Ohio
LEHNE, CHRISTIAN A.	Capt, MC	0403234	Moulton, Texas
LEVIN, SAMUEL A.	Capt, MC	0508299	Chicago, Illinois
LIBNOCH, CASIMIR L.	Capt, MC	01684864	South Bend, Indiana
LIEBERMAN, HARRY G.	Capt, MC	0485843	Akron, Ohio
MOONEY, DANIEL L.	Capt, MC	0445594	Fall River, Massachusetts
MORGENROTH, VICTOR H. JR.	Capt,MAC	01533641	Catonsville, Maryland
MURPHY, HAROLD A.	1st Lt,MAC	01546760	Syracuse, New York
PALLANTE, SAMUEL (NMI)	Capt, MC	0483491	Westville, New Jersey
SCARBOROUGH, CHAFFEE A.	Capt, MC	0215480	Miami, Florida
SHAFER, JAMES W.	1st Lt,MAC	01683466	DeKalb, Texas
STUMB, FRANK A.	2nd Lt,MAC	01683516	Nashville, Tennessee
VAN BUREN, HARLOW K.	Capt, MC	0492249	Carey, Ohio
VREDENBURGH, DONALD M.J.	Capt, DC	0477725	Ardsley, New York
WEDDELL, HORACE B.	1st Lt,MAC	01533941	Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania
WILSON, CLUNET R.	1st Lt,MAC	01541150	Roanoke Rapids, N.C.
HARDY, JOHN M.	Lt Colonel,MC.	0262163	Brownwood, Texas

REMARKS: Officers Transferred during month of October 1944.

YATER, TOLBERT F. Major,MC 0332227 Cleburne, Texas, Trfd to Detachment of Patients, 21st General Hospital, 29 October 1944.

BURNS, MALCOLM O. Capt, MC 0451095, Kalispell, Montana, Trfd to Detachment of Patients, 21st General Hospital, 25 October 1944.

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1 October 1944

Clearing Station, medical supply, Hq's & Hq's Detachment are located in Eloyes, France. One platoon of the clearing station set up and operating under tents; the remaining platoon together with medical supply, Hq's & Hq's Detachment billeted in buildings. Admissions to Clearing Station 161 of which 50 were battle casualties and 2 German prisoners of War.

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MESSAGE

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No 1 DATE 1 Oct 44

To CO, 111th Med Bn.

Engr Supply now open at coord V-161498.

Cl I & III opens 012000 at Coord V-162499,

CG, 36th InfDiv | 1330
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2 October 1944

T/5 Hunter C. Waldrop, Pvt's Harold R. Milliken and James L. Carter received shell fragment wounds as a result of enemy action. No change in location of units. Admissions to Clearing station 191 of which 90 were battle casualties and 3 prisoners of War.

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. 2 DATE 2 Oct 44

To C.O. 111th MED BN

2 Shower Points at coord V-194487 now open.
Shower Point at coord V-134469 (JARMENIL) now closed.
Shower Point at coord V-158488 now closed for repairs for approx 24 hrs.

CG, 36th Inf Div (OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER) | 1530 (TIME SIGNED)

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3 October 1944

Company "B" had one ambulance knocked out by road mine, injuring the driver, PFC Frank R. Grimmett and the orderly Pvt Arthur Lear. No change in location of units. Admissions to clearing station 202 of which 78 were battle casualties and 5 prisoners of war.

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No 1 DATE 3 Oct 1944

To CO, Rodeo, "B"

Return to duty unless obviously wounded or sick. T/Sgt Horance E. Watkins who has repeatedly attempted to be evacuated.

CO, Rodeo — OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1030 — TIME SIGNED

J. Feinstein, 1st Lt., Adj. — SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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4 October 1944

Bc's have been fairly light, but illness cases have been heavy due principally to the cold and rainy weather. Admissions to Clearing station 199 of which 68 were battle casualties and 5 prisoners of war.

5 October 1944

The ambulance of Company "B" which was knocked out by enemy road mine on 3 October 1944 has been replaced. Company "C" moved from vicinity Chenimenil to Bruyeres. Collecting company "C" received 13 litter bearers from 56th Medical Battalion to be used for one day. Admissions to clearing station 242 of which 103 were battle casualties.

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No 1 DATE 5 Oct 1944

To CO, Rodeo.

Rodeo "C" moving a forward station to 213491 Map of Bruyeres Sheet xxxv-18 1/50,000 Rear unchanged. Operating at 051000 Oct.

CO, Rodeo "C" | 0900
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1st Sgt Head.
SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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6 October 1944

Company "B" moved from vicinity Docelles to vicinity 1 mile west Faucompierre. Admissions to clearing station 145 of which 61 were battle casualties and 2 prisoners of war.

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No 1 DATE 6 Oct 44

To CO, 111th Med Bn,

Shower point at coord V-180509 opens 1000 hrs.
Shower point at coord V-193485 now closed.
Shower point at coord V-194487 temporarily closedfor repairs.

CG, 36th Inf Div. | 0930
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7 October 1944

Pfc Alvin J. Knight, Company "C" wounded as a result of enemy action. Admissions to clearing station 170 of which 56 were battle casualties and 1 prisoner of war. no change in location of units.

8 October 1944

Collecting company "A" moved from vicinity Chenimenil to vicinity Le Boulay. Company "C" began operating a rear station for quarters cases, 10 men capacity. Admissions to clearing station 165 of which 80 were battle casualties and 2 prisoners of war.

9 October 1944

Illness cases still running high, BC's average. Admissions to clearing station 139 of which 44 were battle casualties and 7 prisoners of war.

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No 1 DATE 9 Oct 1944

To CO, 111th Med Bn.

Shower point coord V-194487 now open.
141 RCT shower point closed 090800 to 091200.
143 RCT " " " 091300 to 10th Oct.

CG, 36th Inf Div. | 0930
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10 October 1944

Continual rains making mud holes of roads, hampering evacuation to the clearing station. The long litter hauls and inclement weather have caused near exhaustion cases among litter bearers. Admissions to clearing station 122 of which 50 were battle casualties and 3 prisoners of war.

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11 October 1944

The advance against the enemy has been slow and tedious - fanatical resistance has been met along practically the entire line, however battle casualties continue to be moderate. Admissions to the clearing station 104 of which 24 were battle casualties.

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No 1 DATE 11 Oct 44

To CO, 111th Med Bn.

Signal Supply at coord V-161447 now closed.
" " now open at coord V-169501.

CG, 36th Inf Div. | 0930
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12 October 1944

Admissions to clearing station 119 of which 41 were battle casualties.

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13 October 1944

Company "B" moved from vicinity 1 mile west Faucompierre to within Faucompierre. Company "C" with RCT went into reserve and the aid stations moved back with entire company at Chenimenil. Admissions to clearing station 101 of which 27 were battle casualties.

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No 1 DATE 13 Oct 1944

To Regt'l Surg, 442-RCT.

Arrange for your service Company to provide transportation for men returning to duty from clearing station.

CO, 111th Med Bn. | 1010

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J. Feinstein, 1st Lt., Adj.

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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14 October 1944

Pvt Gerald C. Baum, Co. "A" wounded in vicinity of Houx. Company "B" reports heavy enemy shelling in vicinity of station. Admissions to clearing station 119 of which 27 were battle casualties.

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15 October 1944

Company "C" with RCT moved back into line in vicinity of Belmont. Admissions to clearing station 119 of which 65 were battle casualties and 5 prisoners of war.

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No. 1 DATE 15 OCT. 1944

To C.O. RODEO

ROSES FORWARD COLL. STA moving back to 195528 sheet XXXV-18 1/50,000 In vicinity of DEVLIMONT. Sch'd to approx. 150930 Oct. Rear Station in charge

C.O. RODEO 'C' — OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER — 0830 TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR — Andrew T. Englemann SIGNATURE OF OFFICER — 1st Sgt Head SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

1st Sgt Head.
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16 October 1944

Company "C" reported being subjected to heavy enemy shelling, however no battle casualties reported. Admissions to clearing station 204 of which 101 were battle casualties and 7 prisoners of war.

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17 October 1944

No Change in locations of units. Admissions to clearing station 179 of which 86 were battle casualties.

18 October 1944

No change. Admissions to clearing station 212 of which 92 were battle casualties and 10 prisoners of war.

19 October 1944

No Change. Admissions to clearing station 208 of which 77 were battle casualties and 3 prisoners of war.

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20 October 1944

Company "C" moved from vicinity 193528 to vicinity 213538. Illness cases continue to be very high. No let up in the bad weather. Admissions to clearing station 282 of which 125 were battle casualties and 20 prisoners of war.

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No 1 DATE 20 Oct 1944

To CO, Rodeo.

Roses Forward collecting station moved to LePanges; 213538, Sheet xxxv-18, 1/50,000. Operating at 201050 Oct.

CO, Rodeo "C" | 1045
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Capt. Andrew T. Engelmann, C.O.
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21 October 1944

No Change in location of units. Admissions to clearing station 197 of which 62 were battle casualties and 11 prisoners of war.

22 October 1944

No Change. Admissions to clearing station 111 of which 23 were battle casualties and 2 prisoners of war.

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No 1 DATE 22 Oct 44

To CO, 111th Medical Bn.

736th Ord Co & DAO now open at Coord V-169501.

CG, 36th Inf Div. | 0930
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Lynch, Lt Col.-G-4
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23 October 1944

Company "A" moved collecting station from Le Boulay to Bruyeres - enemy shelled station area during the afternoon and night. Admissions to clearing station 111 of which 23 were battle casualties.

24 October 1944

Motor sections have been doing wonderful job keeping ambulances from being deadlined because of necessary repairs. Enemy shelling of collecting stations areas has become more frequent and intense. Admissions to clearing station 167 of which 36 were battle casualties and 5 prisoners of war.

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No _____ DATE 24 October 1944

To Commanding Officer, 111th Medical Bn-Att: S-1

GRS Collecting Points located at Bruyeres - 240563; Docelles - 167503.

CG 36th Inf Div
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Charles M. Harden, 1st Lt., Inf.
SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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25 October 1944

T/5 Haag and Pvt Riska, both of company "A" were KIA, Pvt Husak, Company "A" received a shell fragment wound, and Pvt Pollizzio, Company "A" was injured due to enemy action. Company "A" received 27 litter bearers from 52nd Medical Battalion. Admissions to clearing station 249 of which 81 were battle casualties.

26 October 1944

T/5 Michael R. Miale, Company "A" was WIA. Due to the long period of combat, the mountainous terrain and long hauls, our litter bearers have just about reached the limit of their endurance. Some of the men sustained injuries while evacuating patients over the mountain paths, but nevertheless, a few of these men have refused to be evacuated. In some instances these minor injuries have now become acute and themen are unable to perform full duty as litter bearers. "ithout the aid of the 27 litter bearers attached from the 52nd Medical Battalion the efficiency of evacuation of casualties would be seriously hampered.

27 October 1944

At 0900 hours, the division medical supply officer was called to division headquarters and informed that an artillery mission, consisting of medical supplies, was to be fired into an isolated group of the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. The problem presenting itself was to find a way of employing smoke shells and loading them with the supplies required. This was accomplished by forming the supplies into a cone shape, wrapping the package in burlap and then inserting the cone into the shell case, the base plate was then replaced on the shell.

Following is a list of supplies which were prepared in the manner set forth above and packed into twenty, 155mm, and fifty 105mm, M-84, smoke shells:

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ITEM NUMBER	ARTICLE	QUANTITY LOADED
1010000	Aspirin tablets	2,000 tablets
1084500	Atabrine tablets	400 Tablets
1463600	Sulfanilamide crystals	10 Packages
1608900	Blood plasma	12 Units
2013000	Cotton,absorbent, 1 oz pkg	10 packages
2034000 & 35000	Tape, adhesive, 1" and 3"	24 spls, ea
9112000	Iodine swab	4 boxes
9115500	Morphine tartrate syrettes	25 boxes
9120400	Sulfanilamide packets	100 packets
9201000	Bandage compressed,3"	2 boxes of 72
9204000	Triangular bandage	40 each
9206000	Dressing, 1st aid, small type	100 each
9378000	Tourniquet, field	10 each
NS-1	Halazone tablets	72 bottles

The above supplies were packed by all available members of the Headquarters Detachment, 111th Medical Battalion. This task was given priorty over all other business matters. The job of wrapping and filling the shells consumed about four hours. With the welcomed assistance of the division ammunition officer and a small detail from the 736th Ordnance Company, the shells were made ready for firing by 1700 hours of the same day. Admissions to the Clearing station 183 of which 72 were battle casualties and 1 prisoner of war.

28 October 1944

No change in location of units. Admissions to clearing station 262 of which 156 were battle casualties and 2 prisoners of war.

29 October 1944

27 litter bearers attached to company "A" from 52nd Medical Battalion were relieved today. Admissions to clearing station 278 of which 135 were battle casualties and 14 prisoners of war.

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30 October 1944

Pvt Lester C. Bowlby Kia, stepped on enemy mine, Pvt James V. Gumina WIA, both out of Company "A". Admissions to clearing station 184 of which 81 were battle casualties and 5 prisoners of war.

31 October 1944

Pvt Gerald C. Baum, Company "A" WIA, the elements of the 1st battalion, 141st RCT which was surrounded and cut off since the 24 October 1944 has been contacted and is now being relieved. The wounded have been evacuated. Two jeeps and two weapon carriers were sent forward to help in the evacuation. The four litter bearers of company "A" which were with this trapped battalion have all returned. Admissions to clearing station 219 of which 102 were battle casualties and 3 prisoners of war.