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2833 ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
APO 758 U. S. ARMY

1 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit Activity Journal.

TO : The Commanding Officer, 540 Engineer Combat Group (through
The Commanding Officer, 2833 Engineer Combat Battalion APO 758)

1. On the first of April the aid station was located in a five room private house at OSTHOFEN, GERMANY. Sick call was held daily at 0800 and patients were evacuated to the 59th Evacuation Hospital at GRUNSTADT, GERMANY. Semi-monthly physical examinations and sanitary inspections were conducted for all companies.
2. From here we moved across the Rhine to BIBLIS, GERMANY and set up a temporary station in the office building of a pickle factory situated there. The following morning we moved to HEIDELBERG, GERMANY and set up an aid station in tentage in a suitable field. Evacuation of patients was accomplished to the 117th Evacuation Hospital located at WEINSHEIM, GERMANY.
3. On 11 April 1945 the aid station moved forward with Company "A" of this battalion to a patch of woods near OFFENAU, GERMANY where a temporary aid station was initiated. The following day, 12 April the Medical Detachment moved back to battalion Headquarters at GUNDELSHEIM, GERMANY where a dispensary was operated in a section of barracks there. On the 15th of April the semi-monthly physical inspection and sanitary inspection were held in conjunction with a dental survey conducted by Capt. J.R. Aubin DC, the Group Dental Officer. Evacuation of patients was to the 112th Evacuation Hospital at MOSBACK, GERMANY and 619 Clearing Company at NECKARZIMMERN, GERMANY.
4. An increasing number of recurrent malarial fever cases was noted and a notice was placed in the daily bulletin designed to remind those men with malaria to continue atabrine—one tablet daily for an indefinite period. A Roster of men with recurrent malaria were furnished the aid men of each company to insure that these men had an adequate supply of atabrine and that they be reminded of their obligation in this matter.
5. During this time dental care was provided by the Group Dental Officer. At various times during the month a third aid man was sent to companies "A" and "C" while these companies were engaged in priority bridge work, which necessitated long hours of working with several shifts. The ambulance and extra aid men were provided on two occasions while a squad of "C" company swept and cleaned a minefield in the vicinity of the KOCHER river.
6. The present Battalion Dental Officer, 1st. Lt. SIDNEY HOLTZMAN joined the detachment on 20 April 1945 and Pfc. CHARLES C. FREEMAN was assigned as dental technician to assist him.
7. The detachments next move was to MICHELFELD, GERMANY on 23 April 1945. Patients were evacuated to the 51st. Evacuation Hospital near WELZHEIM, GERMANY.
8. Informal sanitary inspections were held at "B" and "C" companies on 26 April 1945.
9. On 29 April 1945 a third permanent aid man—Pfc. WAYNE CROOKSTON was assigned to company "C" as three operating platoons were widely separated in their work.

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10. We have had 12 Hospital and CRO cases for the Month. Of these 18 were disease cases, 14 were injury cases. No battle casualties during the month. One case of German measles appeared at MICHELFELD, GERMANY on 23 April 1945.

11. The Battalion 81 forms are being processed in accordance with the latest directive on typhus fever.

12. We have had one man on pass to PARIS, FRANCE during the month. Tec 3 CHARLES H. EDMISTON 37200164. The pass was for 72 hours beginning 7 April 1945.

ROSTER OF ASSIGNED OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS.

1. BARTHOLOMEW J. COMER Captain MC. Battalion Surgeon.
O-463230.
2. SIDNEY (NMT) HOLTZMAN 1st Lt. MC. Battalion Dental Surgeon.
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Surgeon.

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