

AAF STATION 196
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
ISTRES, FRANCE.

HISTORY OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT 92nd BOMB GROUP (H)
November 1945.

1. Major Joseph P. Crabtree M.C. reported this station to be Surgeon for the 409th Service Group. Major Crabtree being the senior Medical Officer on duty, this station was made Station Surgeon. Captain Theodore R. Stepman became Group (92nd Bomb Group) Surgeon, and was transferred from 326th Bomb Squadron to Headquarters 92nd Bomb Group (H). Capt. John T. Owens D.C. was transferred to the 51st troop carrier wing.
2. The mess sanitation was of primary concern to the Medical Department during this month. A campaign spot inspections was instituted. A noticeable improvement in mess sanitation is regard to proper cleansing and storage of fresh vegetables and meat resulted. Thawing racks for frozen meat were constructed, and enlarged food storage rooms were provided.
3. The V.D. rate reached a new low of 85 %. This drop was believed due to the efforts of the medical department in emphasizing a V.D. control program. This program consisted of Squadron personnel reporting to the dispensary prior to going on pass where they were instructed in the proper use of prophylaxis. The thirty day club met nightly at 2000. The venereal diseases were discussed and relevant topics considered during the meetings of this club. The monthly physical inspection was carefully performed over a period of two days in order to insure that personnel actually present at the station were examined.
4. Promotions of medical department enlisted personnel were accomplished. James A. Newden and Alex Stivala were made sergeants. Michael Stinditski was promoted to the grade of corporal.
5. Leaves and temporary duty for November include the following. Capt. T.R. Stepman was on T.D. to Cannes rest home from 6 Nov to 20 November. Major Joseph P. Crabtree was on T.D. to the same installation from 20 November thru the end of the month. Sergeant Guy Grisson and Corporal John Johnson were on pass to England.
6. The above monthly history is an abstract of the Sanitary Report and the change of Status Report. The historian was not assigned duty this station during the month covered in this historical report.

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