

AAF STATION 196
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
ISTRES, FRANCE.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, 92nd BOMB GROUP (H)
October 1945.

The sanitary conditions of this group have remained satisfactory. No epidemics of dysentery or respiratory disease have existed. Close check is made on all mess halls by means of twice weekly inspections. Latrines are well screened and lighted at night. It is anticipated that several latrines will have to be emptied by the first week in November. Capt. Theodore Stegman was ordered to Cannes Rest home to replace Capt. Edward Higgins who returned to duty on this station October 8th. Capt. George Deamer made a medical inspection of the 327th Bomb Squadron installations at Fort Lyautey, French Morocco from October 4th to 9th. Capt. Walter Granford visited Fort Lyautey and Tangier from Oct. 11th to 13th inclusive. Capt. Robert Kelly returned to this station from Fort Lyautey on Oct 11th and reported for duty at Station Sick Quarters.

Major Emerson, 40th Bomb Wing suggested that due to the imminent departure of all medical officers but one in each bomb group that a merger of the sick call be made so that two medical officers could handle the personnel at one time. There is an increase in the number of cases of alcoholic insubordination this base in the past two weeks. This is thought to be due to the nearing of release time for a large number of personnel from this station. Due to the fact that only eight medical enlisted men were on duty at 92nd Station Sick Quarters there was insufficient number of men to maintain an ambulance on the line at the control tower. Ambulance runs to the 14th field hospital were only made when patients were to be admitted there. The fourteenth field hospital, Detachment B was officially closed at midnight October 10, 1945. This unit was removed to Miramas Depot. Sgt. John S. Castles was transferred to the 3rd Central Medical establishment at Bad Kissingen, Germany on October 10th. The following officers from the medical department at 1st Air Division, 8th Air Force visited this Station Sick Quarters October 12, 1945. Lt. Col. Thurman Shaller - 1st Division Surgeon; Capt. Jack J. Cannon; Capt Paul T. Cleary; Capt. Irby H. Block. On Oct 13. S/Sgt. Bernard J. Sabate departed this station for an air base in England and Cpl. Alex A. Stivola, laboratory technician reported to this dispensary from the 384th dispensary. 1st Lt. Gean L. Heath, M.A.C. Officer departed this station on orders to 94th Bomb Group on 14th October. Capt. Theodore R. Stegman returned from temporary duty at Cannes, France, on 15 October 1945. On 16 October Capt. Robert F. Kelly departed for the 96th Bomb Group for permanent duty. On 17 Oct 1945 Capt. Edward F. Higgins M.C. and Capt. Walter W. Granford M.C. were transferred to and departed for 94th Bomb Group. On 17 Oct 1945 the following transfers and reassignments of Medical Department personnel within the group occurred. No change of station was involved:

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<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>
Capt.	John T. Owens	Hq and Base Svs Sq, 409th Air Svs Gp.	Hq 92nd Bomb Group
"	Theodore R. Goldberg	Hq. 92nd Bomb Group	Hq and Base Svs Gp, 409th Air Svs Gp.
Sgt.	Guy A. Grissom	407 Hb Sq (H), 92nd Bomb Group (H)	Hq 92nd Bomb Group
Cpl.	James H. Nowlan	327 Hb Sq (H), 92nd Bomb Group (H)	Hq 92nd Bomb Group

On 18 October 1945 Capt. George Beamer M.G. departed for 94th Bomb Group, permanent change of station. Capt. Theodore R. Stepman the remaining Medical Officer took on the duties of station Surgeon upon Capt. Beamer's departure. Sgt. Robert D. Meese, Hq and Base Svs Sq, 409th Air Svs Gp was transferred to Hq 92nd Bomb Group on 18 Oct 1945, no change of station involved. Due to the insufficient number of medical department personnel the ward in the dispensary was closed down and all cases are now evacuated to 14th Field Hospital.

On 29 October 1945 the French civilian contractors started work emptying the pit latrines.

T. R. Stepman
T.R. STEPMAN, (H/O)
Capt. M. G.
Group Surgeon.