

AAF STATION 196
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
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MEDICAL HISTORY OF 92ND BOMB GROUP FOR SEPTEMBER 1945

1. Captain William Furniss, MC, reported this station to be flight surgeon of 407th Bomb Squadron. He had previously been surgeon of the holding party at Station 109 Pedington, England. Captain Edward Higgins departed this station on 1st September for 12 days temporary duty at Port Lyauty to replace Captain Kelly who is on furlough for seven days.
2. An informal sanitary inspection of all latrines on this station was made on 3rd September and a detailed report sent to the Commanding Officer this base. This report suggested that all latrines be completed by the 6th of this month. The Commanding Officer of the base ordered immediate completion of all latrine structures. This was completed by 10th September. Mess hall inspections were made on the 5th and 14th of the month. Only a few discrepancies were noted. Mainly that package feeds were left open and that dry stores were not properly stacked.
3. The chief concern of the Medical Department this month has been to reduce the Venereal disease rate from 146 units per 1000 that prevailed during the month of August. Since the green project closed on the 10th of September the personnel of this field have had more leisure time and it was feared that they would spend more time in nearby towns. An intensive educational programme has been carried out all through the month. All of the 326th squadron personnel have reported to Station Sick Quarters before going on pass and have secured prophylactics and information as to their proper use so as to prevent Gonorrhea and Syphilis. The thirty day club composed of all personnel who are undergoing or have just completed treatment for venereal disease, meets every evening at 2000 hours. This club has undergone some radical changes since its inception and now meets on time daily. Usually after roll call there is a short lecture on some aspect of venereal disease and preventive measures and techniques are stressed. This seems to impress the club members with the idea of being certain they have adequate protection before attempting sexual intercourse. Monthly physical examinations are held regularly and all orderly rooms are checked to see that they have adequate supplies of condoms and prophylactic kits. A more complete G. D. duty regulations for Medical Officers was posted on the permanent bulletin board and a copy was given to each medical officer on duty with this station.
4. During the month of September the following temporary changes were made. Captain Edward Higgins was on T. D. at Port Lyauty from September 2nd to 18th replacing Captain Kelly who was on a 7 days leave. Captain William Furniss went to Cannes rest home from September 15th to 27th inclusive. Captain Walter Crawford returned to this Station September 15th having spent two weeks as medical officer at Cannes officers rest home. Captain George Beamer was on temporary duty with the blue project (transfer of Greek refugees from Munich to Athens) from September 17th to 20th inclusive. Captain Edward Higgins departed 24th September for seven days at Cannes rest home and replaced Captain William Furniss who departed for England on 26th September.

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5. The following enlisted men departed this station on permanent transfer to bases in England on 24th September. Sgt. Clarence Sutherland, Sgt. Edward Hednett, Cpl. Charles Mauer, Pfc. Wallace Dixon, Pfc. Robert Merritt, Pfc. Cecil Tewers. T/Sgt. Joseph Matlock and Cpl. Leslie Sweeney left this station for transfer to another air base in England on 23rd September. The following medical department enlisted men left this station for permanent transfer to another unit in England on 25th September. Sgt. George J. Hill, Sgt. Bruce Butler, Cpl. Matthew Calabiano, Cpl. Bertrand W. Mandeville. On the 26th September the following personnel were permanently transferred to fighter groups in England. Captain William E. Furness, Cpl. Harold Mulcahy, Pfc. Howard Sinks, Pfc. Anthony Fossile and Pfc. Eugene D'Avolio.

6. The weather at this station during the last week of this month was very disagreeable. Severe mistral storms, heavy dust blasts and cold nights. It has been recommended that stoves be procured to heat the officers and enlisted men's clubs and station sick quarters. Several severe cases of blepharitis conjunctivitis have occurred among the personnel of this station due to dust blowing in their eyes. These cases were treated with refrigerated instillations of 5,000 units per cubic centimeter of Penicillin in distilled water. Most of these cases respond quickly but the eyes must be protected from the constant exposure to dust by wearing goggles. As the month of September closed there were eleven enlisted men and eight officers remaining at this station. The normal strength of the medical organization at this base is forty-four enlisted men and ten officers.

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