

HEADQUARTERS 305TH MEDICAL BATTALION
APO 80, U. S. ARMY

7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Battalion History, 305th Medical Battalion - 1 Aug. to 31 Aug. 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 80th Infantry Division.
Attention: Division Historian.

1. Original Units:

- a. Designation: 305th Medical Battalion.
- b. Date of organization: 15 July 1942.
- c. Place of organization: Camp Forrest, Tennessee.
- d. Authority for organization: War Dept. Ltr., January 1942.
- e. Source of personnel: Draft.
Exact reference stored at Fort Dix, N. J.

The Battalion operates under the following T/O's:

Medical Battalion	T/O & E 8-15, 15 Jul 43, incl C-1, 3 Sep 43.
Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment	T/O & E 8-16, 15 Jul 43, incl C-1, 3 Sept 43, and C-2 4 Dec 43.
Collecting Companies "A", "B" & "C"	T/O & E 8-17, 15 Jul 43, incl., C-1, 3 Sept 43, and C-2, 13 Sept 43.
Clearing Company "D"	T/O & E 8-18, 15 Jul 43, incl., C-1, 17 Jan 44.

There were no changes in the designation of units, or changes in the T/O & E during August.

3. Strength commissioned and enlisted:

a. At beginning of period 35 officers, 2 warrant officers, 407 enlisted men. All units were T/O strength except Co. "D" which was 1 ~~EN~~ over.

b. Net decrease for month of August:

Co. "A", 1 Officer
Co. "B", 2 Enlisted Men
Co. "D", 1 Officer and 1 Enlisted Man.

c. At the end of the period the strength for the battalion was 33 officers, 2 warrant officers and 404 enlisted men.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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h. Stations of Units on 1 Aug. 1944.

Hq & Hq Det - Heyeswood Lodge, vic Hartford, Cheshire, England.
Company "A" - Newton le Willows, vic Golborne, Cheshire, England.
Company "B" - Tatton Park, vic Knutsford, Cheshire, England.
Company "C" - Moberly Hall, vic Knutsford, Cheshire, England.
Company "D" - Heyeswood Lodge, vic Hartford, Cheshire, England.

Companies "A", "B" and "C" were attached to CT's 317, 318 and 319 respectively prior to 1 Aug 44.

<u>STATION</u>	<u>ARRIVED</u>	<u>DEPARTED</u>	<u>NO. MILES</u>
Heyeswood Lodge		2 Aug	
Marshalling Area, Near Southampton	2 Aug	4 Aug	200
Vindfontaine, Fr.	7 Aug	8 Aug	
La Chapelle	8 Aug	8 Aug	30
Coulans	9 Aug	13 Aug	79
St Germain	13 Aug	14 Aug	28
Evron	14 Aug	17 Aug	15
Marcei	17 Aug	26 Aug	22
Marigny	27 Aug	29 Aug	327
Villesnieux	29 Aug	30 Aug	69
Chalons	30 Aug	31 Aug	15

From 7 Aug 44 to 31 Aug 44 all stations mentioned are towns in the immediate vicinity of the station.

5. All changes of station were made by motor march. Weather conditions varied, fair weather prevailing.

6. Battles: In all battle actions of the Division the Battalion rendered medical support.

a. In the Battle at St. Suzanne and Evron, two or three casualties casualties caused by snipers were received.

b. In the Falaise-Gap Battle near Argentan casualties were extremely heavy. Co. "B" supporting CT 318, in one twenty-four hour period handled 195 patients, all but three requiring evacuation. Total division casualties admitted to the Clearing Station were four hundred and thirty-two.

c. In the Battle of Chalons forty-three casualties were treated for the division.

d. Attached is a consolidated report of all casualties received through the Clearing Station for the month of August.

8. Commanding Officers: Major H. Fishkin, MC, commanded the Battalion throughout the period.

9. Losses in Action:

a. Battle of Falaise Gap:

Valbur Borger, 2d Lt., MAC	Co. "A"
Arlington White, S Sgt	Co. "B"

10. Members who have distinguished themselves:

Sgt Cline of Co. "B", in the Falaise Gap Battle, under fire led a litter squad and evacuated wounded in a manner described by all witnesses as exhibiting courage and bravery above and beyond the call of duty. A bronze star award is being recommended.

For the Commanding Officer:

Charles C. Stewart
CHARLES C. STEWART,
1st Lt., M. A. C.,
Adjutant.