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10000|120|3682 M-7 Medical-General (55/64)

Mar. 1, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1945

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Subject ; - Returns.

Headquarters
60 Sub Area, CMF
Tel.no. 54421
M. 394

2 Oct. 45

Medical Liaison Officer, 56 BLU.

Please arrange to submit Monthly Hygiene Return, statistical, to reach DDMS 2 District not later than 9th of the following month.

Please note that AFs A 2024 are required only in the case of British personnel.

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H. Scoones

Major
D.A.D.M.S.

FHS/ca

3 OCT 1945

MED 4.

Subject : - Hygiene Return - Statistical

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Headquarters
60 Sub Area, CMF
Tel.No. 54421
M. 375

19 Sep 45

Medical Liaison Officer
56 B.L.U.

Reference the attached copy of DMS AFHQ M. 7662 dated 15 June 45.

Please arrange to submit returns to this office in accordance with these instructions.

The monthly Hygiene Return should be completed for month ending 31 aug. 45 and the modified weekly Health state wef. week ending 15 Sep 45.

Please endeavour to submit the outstanding returns to this office as quickly as possible.

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H. Scowe.

Major
D.A.D.M.S.

FHS/ca

20 SEP 1945

7 MED

Title

SUBJECT :- Particulars - Officers.

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56 BLU
7 M

60 Sub Area (Med)

15 Aug 45.

WS/Lieut. H.T. THOMAS (303431) RAMC.

1. The attached proforma, in duplicate, is forwarded in respect of the a/n officer.

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In The Field,
RCN/ajw

Lt Col,
GS.

Name H.T. THOMAS Number 303431

Rank A/.....

Med Category A.1.

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WS/ LIEUT

Date of Birth 28 Dec 1916

Type of Commission Non Medical

Appointment and Specialist Qualifications.....
Sch. Phisn. Medical

Age/Service Group (together with details of extended service, if applicable.)
Group 30

Date of Embarkation from U.K. for purposes of Python.
12 JAN 44

Lieut

Lt. J. Thomas

(to be rendered in duplicate for each RAMC officer)

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Ref Letter 19A 4th SOM 65A

SUBJECT :- 520 Fd Hospital.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

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P.M. 104 30 Jul 45.

56 BLU

Info :- 76 Inf Regt
104 Eng Bn
104 Med Sec
520 Hosp
501 Hosp

520 Hospital will commence working in ARENZANO from 15 Aug 45.

(SGD) A. GUAIANO Lt Col
Chief of Staff

60 M

Subject:- Report on Medical Services of Combat Group MANTOVA.

56 BLU
7 M

11 May 45.

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Units concerned.

104 Medical Section.
104 Mobile Bath Unit.
501 Field Hospital.
248 Field Hospital.
331 Evacuation Hospital.
520 Evacuation Hospital.
216 Field Surgical Unit.

1. DEGREE OF SUCCESS ACHIEVED.

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Was complete to scale and sufficient to enable Medical Services to function efficiently in the field.

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Majority had war experience, suffered from inferiority complex and were considered by officers of other services to represent only a "Doctor" and not an officer capable of performing general Regimental Duties.

The ADMS previously had very little authority and played very little part in organising his units, e.g. Siting, unit locations. Regimental Medical officers lacked sufficient authority to advise Regiment and Battalion Commanders. Appeal to the ADMS in cases where Regimental Commanders refused advice made very little difference.

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(iv) Welfare of men.
(v) The officers responsibility for the care, maintenance and inspection of unit vehicles and weapons.

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(iv) To ensure that the ADMS had sufficient authority on the HQ staff to enforce rules.

Very satisfactory progress was made in this direction. The present ADMS understands the need for stringent precautions and has succeeded in raising the standard of hygiene and sanitation in the group to a satisfactory standard.

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(d) Medical OR's.

The majority have had war experience, and in most cases little training was necessary to bring them to a satisfactory standard. The average soldier was found to be an enthusiastic and willing trainee. At first they were contented to live under very bad conditions. They have now been shown a new standard comparable to that existing in the British Army, but it is thought that they will retain this standard only if they are forced to do so by the presence of British trained officers.

(e) General Medical Organisation.

The organisation is now such that the medical units could support the group satisfactorily and efficiently in the field.

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Feb/mh.

Lieut RAMC,.

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MEDICAL UNIT STATE

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UNIT 248 OSPEDALE DA CAMP DATE 1 MARCH 45.

PERSONNEL	ORG	STR	DIF	VEHICLES	ORG	STR	DIF	WEAPONS	ORG	STR	DIF
Capitanio	1	1	—	Biciclette				Fucile	—	—	—
Tenente	2	2	—	Motociclette				Thompson	6	6	—
S/Tenente	3	3	—	Auto 4 Posti 4X2				Pistole	5	—	5
Maresciallo I & II	—	—	—	Auto 2 Posti 4X2	1	—	1				
Sergenti	2	3	—	Autocarri 3 Tonn	4	—	4	TOTAL	11	6	5
Corporali	6	6	—	Autocarri 3 Tonn							
Att Sanitani				Disinfettor							
Forza Barelle	6	6	—	Ambulanze				QUANTITA		VEICHEGGIO	
Pers Sanitario	13	11	2	Autocarri 15 cwt							
Servizi Generali	12	12	—	Autobotte							
Aggregate											
Capitano											
Sergenti											
Corporale											
Meccanici											
Elettricista											
Meccanici, Autisti											
Autisti	6	3	3								
TOTAL	50	46	5	TOTAL	5	—	5				

DESIGNATION OF STORES

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Servizi Generali	12	11	—	Autobotte					
Aggregate									
Capitano									
Sergenti									
Corporals									
Meccanici									
Elettricisti									
Meccanici, Autisti									
Autisti	6	3	3						
TOTAL	50	46	5	TOTAL	5	—	5		

UNITS UNDER OR STORES

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MEDICAL UNIT STAFF

UNIT 501 HOSPITAL DA CAMPO BASE 1 MARCH 45

PERSONNEL	ONG	STR	DIF
Capitano	1	1	–
Tenente	2	2	–
S/Tenente			
Maresciallo I & II	–	–	–
Sergenti	2	2	–
Caporali e Cap. Magg.	6	6	–
Att. Sanitari	1	1	–
Porta Barelle	6	5	1
Pers Sanitario	13	11	2
Servizi Generali	10	9	1
Aggregate			
Capitano	–	–	–
Sergenti	–	–	–
Corporale	–	–	–
Meccanici	–	–	–
Elettricista	–	–	–
Meccanici, Autisti	–	–	–
Autisti	6	4	2
TOTAL	44	38	6

VEHICLES	ONG	STR	DIF
Biciclette	–	–	–
Motobiciclette	–	–	–
Auto 4 Posti 4X2	1	–	1
Auto 2 Posti 4X2	–	–	–
Autocarri 3 Tons	4	–	4
Autocarri 3 Tons	–	–	–
Disinfettrice	1	1	–
Ambulanze	–	–	–
Autocarri 15 cwt	–	–	–
Autobotte	–	–	–
TOTAL	6	1	5

WEAPONS	ONG	STR	DIF
Fucile	–	–	–
Thompson	6	6	–
Pistole	5	–	5
TOTAL	11	6	5

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DESIGNATION OF STORES

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MEDICAL UNIT STATE

UNIT 104 SEZIONE DI SANITÀ DATE 1 MARCH 45.

PERSONNEL	ORG	FORZA STR	DEF
Capitanio	13	3	1
Tenente		4	
S/Tenente		5	
Maresciallo Magg. Mgff.	1	1	-
Sergenti	10	10	-
Corporali	10	10	-
Att Sanitani	-	-	-
Porta Barelle	96	75	21
Pers Saintario	36	36	-
Servizi Generali	29	28	1
Aggregate			
Capitano	1	1	-
Sergenti	2	2	-
Corporale	1	1	-
Meccanici	2	2	-
Elettricista	1	-	1
Meccanici, Autisti	4	-	4
Autisti	45	43	2
TOTAL	251	221	30

VEHICLES	ORG	STR	DEF
Biciclette	3	-	3
Motociclette	5	-	5
Auto 4 Posti 4X2	6	-	6
Auto 2 Posti 4X2			
Autocarri 3 Tonn:	15	-	15
Autocarri 3 Tonn:	1	-	1
Dicinfettor			
Ambulanze	18	3	15
Autocarri 15 cwt:	2	1	1
Autobotte			
Rimorchi	2	-	2
TOTAL	52	4	48

WEAPONS	ORG	STR	DEF
Fucile	6	6	-
Thompson	49	49	-
Pistole	13	-	13
TOTAL	68	55	13

CLOTHING DEFICIENCIES

Pantaloni	118
Camicie	336
Maglie di lana	236
Scarpe	118

DEFICIENCIES OF STORES

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