

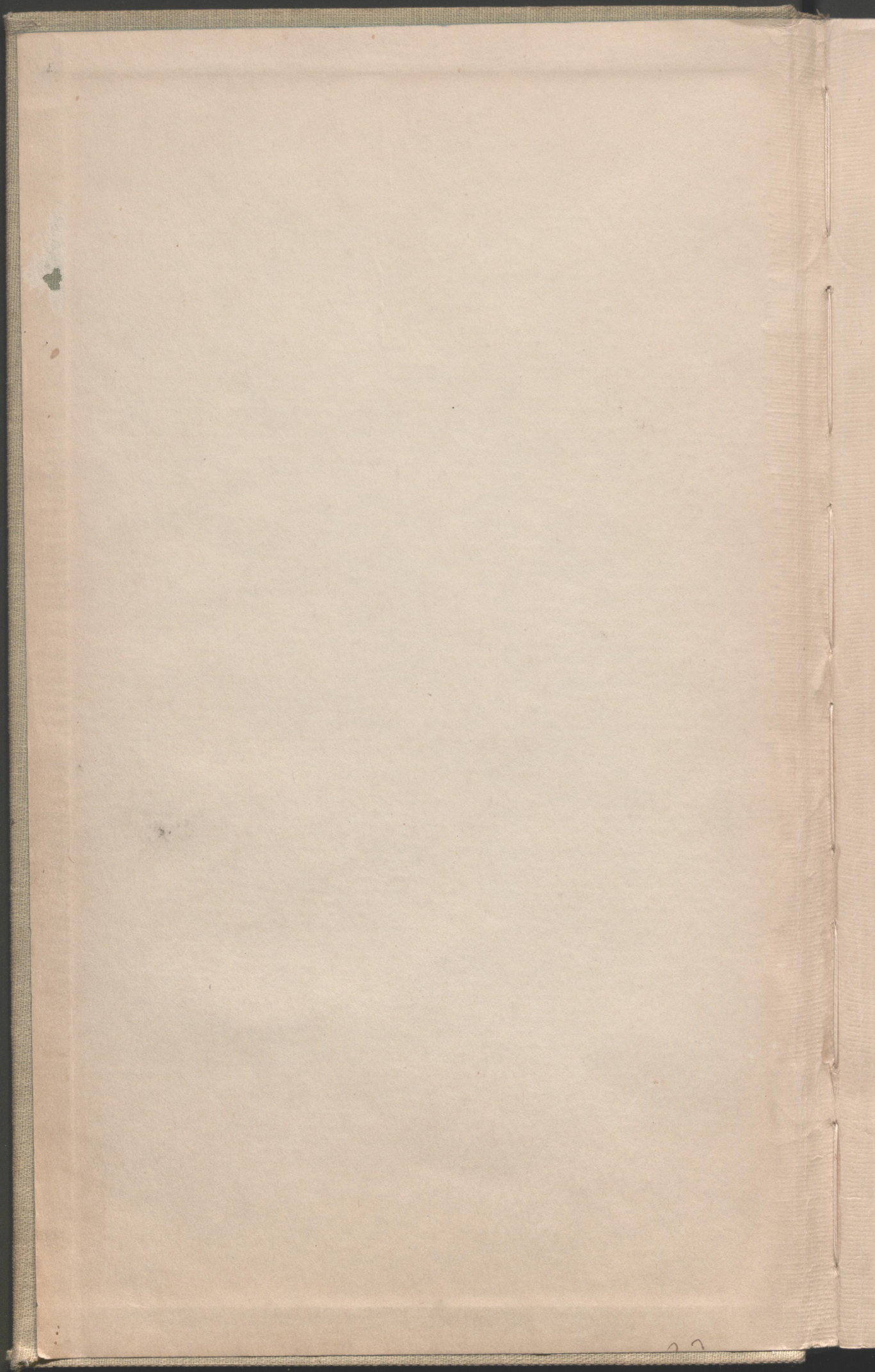
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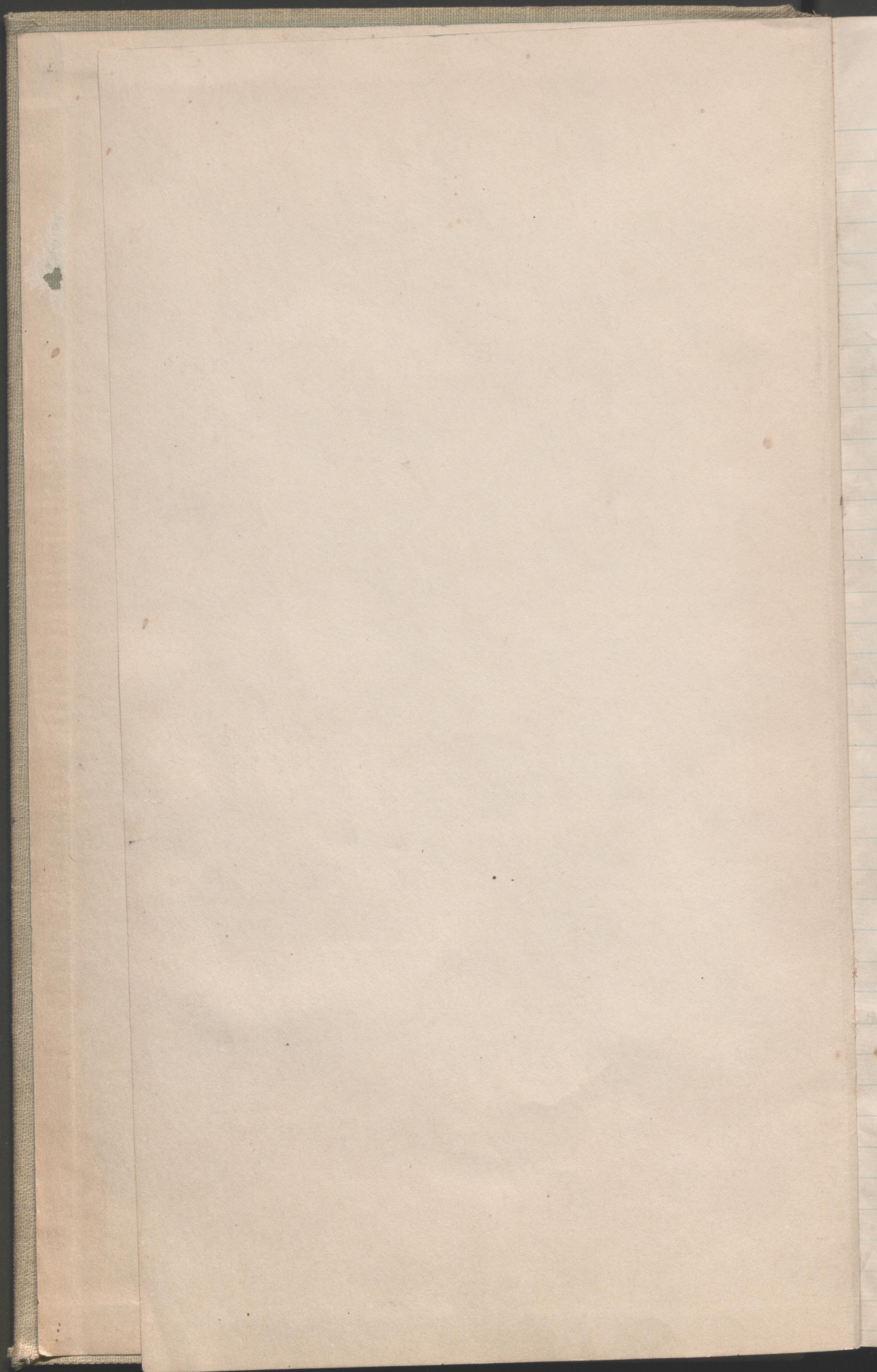
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1-10-44

0830 - all members of medical department
accounted for. Brzycki, A.A. departed on
25 days leave.

0900 - Sick Call is to be held daily at 0900
except on Sunday, emergencies are to seen
at all times, Medical Dept. office 4th
floor Bldg. 242.

1000 - Following men given examinations for
promotion to Lt.(jg) USNR.

Cooper Robert P. Ensign

Wotherspoon Ensign

Quemey, James F. Ensign

0900-1200 Medical affairs and pharmaceuticals mates
continued vaccinations and immunizations of
Row 34 personnel.

1300 - Executive affairs meeting of all
affairs of MTB Row 34.

1400 - Following patients transferred to Naval
Hospital:

① Sites, Ensign USNR. D.V. pyoderma of lips
to Brooklyn Naval Hospital

② Parker M.E. S/C D.V. Gonorrhea infection
withina to Naval Hospital St. Albans.

1610 - Medical Department secured

J. Hurre
Lt.(jg) MC USN.

1-11-44

0830 - all members of medical department
present.

0900 - Sick call held, no remarkable cases.

1400 - letter concerning medical supplies
received via E.O. from Bu. med.

1600 - medical department secured

J. Hurre
Lt.(jg) MC USN.

1-12-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Daily Sick Call, no remarkable cases

1000 - Medical Officers MTB Ron 29, 33 and 34 made trip to Medical Supply Depot concerning medical supplies. Com. Puritan USN informs us 9-10 hospital unit will be made available for us. Apparently this will be procured either at Pacific base or upon discretion of commanding officer.

1300 - Pharmacist making out detailed list of complete 9-10 equipment.

1300 - Members of Ron 34 are continuing with scheduled dental check-ups.

1615 - medical department secured.

1-13-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Daily Sick Call, no remarkable cases

0900 - 1200 - shots and immunizations continued on MTB Ron 34 resumed

1600 - secured

1-14-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Sick Call, no unusual cases

1100 - physical examination Form 4 made on Taylor, A.M. RT 1/2 application for V-7 USNR.

1300 - Form 624 made on Olson and Bryzcki for promotion to plun 1/2

1600 - secured

Idlekure

1-15-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Sick Call, no unusual cases

1000 - a letter received from Navy Department

concerning procurement of medical supplies for
MTB squadrons. We will receive this 9-10
hospital unit at the time and place
designated by our commanding officer. This will
be ordered prior to our departure from Navy
Yard, New York.

1500- received

J. H. Hurre

1-16-44

Sunday- the medical department did not
report.

1-17-44

0830- all members of the medical department
accounted for

0900- Sick Call- Carroll, B.T. STM &c was
transferred to Naval Hospital, St. Albans
diagnosis D.V. lymphogranuloma inguinale
Sikes, Ensign USNR. return to this activity
following hospitalization

0900- 1200- members of medical department continued
giving shots and immunizations.

1300- Commanding Officer informed medical
department concerning plans for shipping out
to Miami and Panama. We will go by
MTB boats in 2 sections to those ports.

1600- received

J. H. Hurre

1-18-44

0830- all members of medical department
accounted for

0900- Sick Call, no unusual cases

0930- pharmacists mates rechecking immunizations
and shots given and are forming a file
card system for record of same.

1100- nine (9) medical textbooks requested
by letter written by commanding officer

1300- medical officer and pharmacists mates
checked all health records for history of

disease or condition which would render
personnel unfit of MTB duty.
1600 - secured JHllure

1-19-44

0830 - all members of medical department
accounted for

0900 - Sick Call, no remarkable cases

1300 - 8 wood boxes received from Hull
Department. These are very well made and
are to be used for personnel and medical dept.
gear.

1400 - The issue of materials received from Medical
Supply Depot as Commissioning outfit were
inventoried and found complete.

1600 - Secured JHllure.

1-20-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted
for.

0900 - Sick Call, no remarkable cases

0900-1200 - Pharmacist mates and medical officer
continued giving immunizations and vaccinations
to Row 39 personnel.

1300 - two additional small boxes received from
Hull Department. These boxes are to be used
for carrying emergency medical gear en route
to Miami and Panama

1600 - Medical Department secured. JHllure

1-21-44

0830 - all members of medical department
accounted for.

0900 - Sick Call, no remarkable cases

1200 - medical officer requested afternoon off to
visit wife, request approved

1600 - secured JHllure

1-22-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Sick call, no remarkable cases

1300 - UNdermear gear secured, this was received from the Supply Department and labelled.

1400 - Captain E. R. Eaton (MC) U.S.N.R. was introduced to the Medical Department, he is from Naval Medical Supply Depot. He made arrangements for our department to obtain a microscope and the required textbooks

1530 - secured

J. H. Kure

1-23-44

Sunday - Medical Department did not report

J. H. Kure

1-24-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Sick call, no unusual cases

0930 - Captain E. R. Eaton (MC) U.S.N.R. visited our medical department, form 4's were made out requested ① microscope and equipment ② 7 medical textbooks.

these were mailed to Medical Supply Depot, via Captain Eaton

1130 - medicines were received from Dispensary Bldg. 122 for fitting out our first aid boxes

0900 - 1200 - continuing of administration of vaccines and biologicals.

1600 - secured

J. H. Kure

1-25-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Sick Call - no unusual cases

1300 - Commandr Curitan (mc) U.S.N. was visited at Navy Medical Supply Depot. 9-10 ordered; this will be delivered complete to Bldg 3, 6th deck, Row 34 cage

1500 - Requisition form 4 made out for additional supplies not considered adequate in this 9-10 unit

1600 - Secured
J. H. Hume.

1-26-44.

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Sick Call - no remarkable cases

1100 - heavy underway gear drawn from Supply office, all members of medical department have their couple underway gear

1300 - pharmacists Matos, Laster and Olsen sent to Medical Supply Depot to get microscope and other requisitioned material approved by Commandr Curitan (mc) U.S.N. This included:

Microscope and associated gear

medical textbooks nine

10,000 Vitamin (A B C D) tablets

tongue blades, wooden applicator sticks

insecticide, powder, insect repellent, liquid

Merthiolate 6 pints, Benzodrine tablets

about 1500 I had to go help them get home with this material, we borrowed a truck from MTB Row 33

1630 - Secured

J. H. Hume.

1-27-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Sick Call, no unusual cases

0900 - 1200 - members of medical department

continued giving vaccinations and immunization
there are still a few stragglers coming
in.

1300- We packed our books, microscope and
other requisitioned gear, we are quite
proud of these. The microscope and equipment
is most complete.

1400- Received invitations to launching of
U.S.S. Missouri, this is probably the
world's largest and finest battleship.

1800- Had dinner at Columbia University club
with Admiral and Mrs. Melhorn (MC) USN. and
Captain and Mrs. Eaton (MC) USNR. These people
are most gracious and friendly. The Admiral
was very easy to talk with, a regular doc. also
in the party were Mr. Harris my skipper and
Lieut's Melhorn, Green and Montcastle these men
have received Presidential Citations for heroism and
the Silver Cross, from P.T. men.

1-28-44

0830- all members of medical department
accounted for

0900- Sick call, no unusual cases reported

1000-1200- Pharmacist mates are making a
file card system for recording vaccinations
and immunizations

1300- Pharmacist mate Olson given the
afternoon off

1600- Medical Department secured.

2200- Stage Door Center radio show broadcast
was given in honor of M.T.B. Squadrons.
This was attended by medical department men
and our wives. Many other M.T.B. officers
and men also attended

1-29-44.

0830- all members of medical department
accounted for

0900- Sick call, no remarkable cases

1200 - Secured. We are given this
afternoon off to attend the launching of
Battleship U.S.S. Missouri. J.H. Kline

1-30-44

Sunday - The medical department did not
report. J.H. Kline

1-31-44

0830 - all members of medical department
accounted for

0900 - Sick call, no unusual cases

0900-1200 - continuance of vaccinations and
immunizations, this work is now almost
complete.

1300 - Our G-10 unit has been turned over
to the supply office in Room 34 cage,
6th floor, Bld. #3. This was inspected and
is in good condition. This unit will not be
unpacked but rather crated for shipment to
be opened at our destination.

1430 - Van Olffen, Wm. F. M.D. admitted to sick
list. Diagnosis: D.V. Internal derangement, left
knee

1600 - Secured

J.H. Kline

2-1-44

0830 - medical department all present or
accounted for

0900 - Sick call, no unusual cases.

1300 - Lt. Deano from Training films Sub. library
visited medical department. 5 colored 16
mm films are to be shown Room #34
personnel on first aid treatment of
War Injuries. With our Squadron on
extra-continental duty we are taking films
on: ① V-D ② Personal hygiene ③ first
aid.

1600 Secured

J.H. Kline

2 - 2 - 44

- 0830 - all members of medical department present or accounted for
0900 - Sick call - no remarkable cases
0930 - Executive officers meeting of Department Heads, matters other than medical were discussed.
1600 - Secured *Adkins*

2 - 3 - 44

- 0830 - all members of medical department accounted for.
0900 - Sick call, no unusual cases
0930 - I called on Brooklyn Chapter of American Red Cross for battle dressings. I was informed that dressings would be made for us if we supplied the material. This will not be done as this would necessitate breaking into our 9-10 unit which is packed.
0900-1200 - Continuing of giving shots and vaccinations to Ron 34 personnel.
1600 - Secured *Adkins*

2 - 4 - 44

- 0830 - all members of medical department accounted for
0900 - Sick call no unusual cases
1000 - First of a series of 5 technicolor movie films shown to Ron 34 personnel on first aid.
1100 - 15 copies of "first aid" booklet received, these copies are to be put one in each first aid kit aboard the M.T.B.
1300 - Members of the medical department transcribed records of vaccinations and immunizations on health records and on file card system
1600 - Secured *Adkins*

2-5-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for. Plm 'c Bryzeki reported from 25 days leave
0900 - Sick call, no remarkable cases
1400 - Secured J. McKune.

2-6-44

Sunday - medical department did not report J. McKune.

2-7-44

0830 - all members of medical department present
0900 - Sick call, no remarkable cases
1000 - Bond, R.M. Ensign U.S.N.R.
transferred to Naval Hospital, diagnosis
D.V. Somnambulism
1300 - Requisition for 10 gals. of 95% ethyl alcohol
1600 - Secured J. McKune.

2-8-44

0830 - all members of medical department present
0900 - Sick call, one patient - Lund, L.E. G.M. 3/c
transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans
New York - diagnosis - D.V. prostatic chronic non-venereal.
1000 - Second film on First Aid "wounds" shown to Row 34 personnel
1300 - 10 gallon of 95% ethyl alcohol received from supply department
1400 - movie films on safety, first aid, cleanliness, personal and sex hygiene ordered from Education office.
1600 - secured J. McKune.

2-9-44

0830 - all members of medical department present
0900 - Sick Call.
1300 - Plm 'c Wartin and I went to Brooklyn

Naval Hospital to procure dependents cards
for Row #34 personnel.
1600 - Secured J. McKune.

2-10-44.

0830 - all members of medical department present
0900 - Sick call, no unusual cases
0900 - 1200 continuing of giving shots to
Row 34 personnel, this task is almost
complete. Also our arrangements for
dental appointments has included almost all
our squadron.
1000 - The 3rd film in our series of first
aid pictures was shown "Burns". The
attendance was best to date.
1600 - Secured J. McKune.

2-11-44.

0830 - all members of medical department present
0900 - Sick call - Smith, M.A. Jr. was
admitted to sick list due to toxicity
from typhoid immunization.
1600 - Secured J. McKune.

2-12-44.

0830 - all members of medical department present
0900 - Sick call, no remarkable cases
1000 - The 4th movie in our series of
"First Aid" films entitled "Fractures" was
shown. attendance good.
1300 - Our wooden box for H.R. and files
was received from the carpenter's mates.
1330
~~1600~~ - Secured J. McKune

2-13-44.

Sunday - the medical department did not
report J. McKune

2-14-44.

- 0830 - all members of medical department accounted for
0900 - Sick call - Laster. Plm 4c admitted to sick
list diagnosis - gastritis, acute
0930 - 25 new men reported to MTB Row 34
these are all enlisted men SKc from
Radon School.
1000 - Remainder of MTB Row 33 shaved off
for Miami, we are now the senior squadron.
1000 - Bennett, E.R. - No mm 4c g.i. series
reported normal.
1100 - 10 gal. of ethyl alcohol received from
Supply Department.
1600 - Secured.

Stikine

2-15-44.

- 0830 - all members of medical department present,
Laster. R. J. Plm 4c returned to duty.
0900 - Sick call - O'Neil SKc admitted to sick
list diagnosis - upper respiratory infection.
1000 - 5th and last film on first aid shown
to Row 34 personnel entitled "Resuscitation"
1100 - Conte, Mm 4c returned from Civilian
Hospitalization diagnosis "furunculosis, fec, multiple
1200 - attended Commissioning of MTB Row 35
and dinner following. This was a most
enjoyable affair.
1500 - Hart, O.F. C.R.M. examined and found
qualified for reenlistment.
1600 - Secured

Stikine

2-16-44.

- 0830 - all members of medical department
present
0900 - Sick call, no remarkable cases
O'Neil SKc returned to duty
1300 - Our wooden box as ordered from
the hull department was received this is
to be used for health records, files and

Blank forms
1600 - Secured

Stikure

2-17-44.

0830 - all members of medical department present

0900 - Sick call - Wotherspoon, W. Lt. (g)
U.S.N.R. transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital
St. Albans L.I. New York diagnosis D.V.
Stricture, urethra # 2122

1600 - Secured

Stikure.

2-18-44.

0830 - all members of medical department present

0900 - Sick call - no remarkable cases

0900 - a station wagon was procured from
M.T.B. commissioning Detail for a trip to
U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans. Dr. Kurre and
Phm'l'e Woster made the trip. 4 members of
our squadron hospitalized there were visited.
all will be returned to duty with the
possible exception of ensign Bond whose
disposition has not been determined.

2100 - Dedication party for M.T.B. Ron
34 dinner and formal dedication at
New York Yacht Club. The medical department
received as a gift a copy of U.S.
Pharmacopeia. Phm'l'e Olsen was called on
for a few words. A very enjoyable affair
Stikure

2-19-44.

0830 - all members of medical department present

0900 Sick call - no remarkable cases

1000 - Carpenters mates put handles and
hinge looking gear on all our
wooden boxes

1330 - Secured

1700 - Officers of MTB Ron 34 had a most enjoyable cocktail party at the Skipper's home, Youkers New York.

Stokune

2-20-44

Sunday - the medical department did not report.

Stokune.

2-21-44.

0830 - all members of medical department present

0900 - Sick call, no remarkable cases.

1000 - Our dental appointments now are almost completed.

0900 - 1200 - all members of MTB Ron 34 except several recent arrivals have received the required immunizations

1600 - Secured

Stokune

2-22-44

0830 - all members of medical department present

0900 - Sick call, no remarkable cases

1400 - U.S. Naval Hospital St. Albans called concerning a patient Eugene Baird diagnosis D.V. Scurvy. He is to be brought before the Scurvy Board.

1600 - Secured

2000 - attended enlisted men's party given by our Squadron Sponsor Brudix Company.

Stokune

2-23-44

0830 - all members of medical department accounted for

0900 - Sick call - Reed, W.T. Mo M Yc transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans diagnosis D.V. Measles.

Brzycki, A.A. Ph M Yc admitted to Sick list diagnosis - upper respiratory infection

- Miranda, M.W. S²C admitted to Sick
List diagnosis - upper respiratory infection.
- 1100 - Neves, D. L. GM²C given examination for
Life Insurance application
- 1300 - Witherspoon, W. ENSIGN USNR returned to
duty from U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Johns N.Y.
- 1600 - Secured Jtkune

2-24-44

- 0830 - all members of medical department present
- 0900 - Sick call - Brzycki A.A. Plm¹C and
Miranda M.W. S²C returned to duty.
- 1400 - Lt. Fred Knight U.S.N.R. called on
yours truly. He is being transferred to Bethesda,
M.D. for psychiatry course.
- 1600 - Secured Jtkune
Brzycki A.A. on duty overnight.

2-25-44

- 0830 - all members of medical department present
- 0900 - Sick call, no remarkable cases
- 1000 - Lt. A.H. Harris Commanding Officer given
examination for National Life Insurance.
- 1600 - Secured Jtkune

2-26-44

- 0830 - all members of medical department present
- 0900 - Sick call, no unusual cases
- 1000 - Inspection of MTB Row 34 personnel by
Com. Cooper
- 1330 - Secured Jtkune

2-27-44

- 0830 - medical department did not report
(Sunday) Jtkune

2-28-44

- 0830 - all members of medical dept. present
- 0900 - Sick call, no unusual cases
- 0930 - Dr. Kune and Plm¹C Wartin called

on Mr. Wilkinson and Mrs. Bell, Navy League, 30 Church Street. The Navy League donated a most useful quantity of medical and surgical supplies. These were brought back by jeep to our office.
1600 - Secured
J. Kure

2-29-44

0830 - all members of medical department present
0900 - Sick call, no unusual cases.
0930 - Dr. Kure and Pharmacist Waster again used the jeep called on Mr. Rosen, Medical and Surgical Relief Association of America. A quantity of useful medical and surgical gear was obtained.
1400 - Pharmacist's notes inspected and packed and gear received in the past 2 days. Left city
1600 - Secured
1800 - Stag Party for Officers MTD Box #34 New York Yacht Club.
J. Kure.

3-1-44

0830 - all members of medical department present
0900 - Sick call, no remarkable cases.
1000 - Commanding Officer informed us of our plans. Dr. Kure and Olsen Pharmacist arranged to first group, Waster Pharmacist and Brzycki Pharmacist arranged to second group. I am to go to Melville R.I. leaving New York 3-3-44 on 503 boat Jim Doherty LTJG commanding. We will proceed to Miami on boats in about 10 days. Olsen will go by train to Miami where I leave Melville. I will not return to New York. Waster and Brzycki will go when the second group shall leave.
1300 - Medical Department busy packing gear for shipment via supply officer to Miami.
1600 - Secured
J. Kure

3-2-44.

- 0830 - all members of medical department present
0900 - Sick call, Lund, L.E. returned from
Naval Hospital, St. Albans for duty. Diagnosis
prostatitis, chronic, non-venereal.
1000 - Pharmacists mates made out monthly
reports, Smooth H, and communicated disease.
1300 - plans were made for medical department
until we are again joined.
1400 - First Aid boxes were fitted out one
to each group, one for use in care of Dr. Kung,
one in care of Larkin, Pharm'l.
1600 - Secured

J. H. Kure

Left New York
city

3-3-44.

- 0830 - all members of medical department present
0930 - plans made in meeting with Pharmacists for
our departure from New York. Olsen to go by
train to Miami. Laster and Brzycki to go with
second group. Laster with the boats, Brzycki by
train with the base force.
1000 - Shoved off for Melville R.I. aboard P.T. 503
Skipper Jim Doherty, taking with me a first
aid box, my personal gear and Olsen's gear.
1600 - arrived Melville, R.I. after a smooth trip,
moved in Quanset Hotel at this base
with 12 other officers

J. H. Kure

3-4-44

Made acquaintance of Navy M.D.'s at
this base. Also visited Dentists and
made appointments for several men. Dr.
Seccarechio is medical officer in charge
MTBSTC. (Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron Training Center).
Went to officers club MTBSTC

J. H. Kure

3-5-44 (Sunday)

Went to Providence R.I. for dinner and to Narragansett officers club for dinner.

No illness or casualties J. McKune

3-6-44

Physical Examinations for promotion to Lt. (jg) given to Witherspoon, Frazier and Squires.

Went with the Squadron for night operations against DE, a most interesting experience. It was very cold.

No illness or casualties J. McKune

3-7-44.

Foul weather caused cancellation of all operations. Went to Fall River, Mass. for a little entertainment. Quite a place (Governor's Gulch).

No illness or casualties J. McKune

3-8-44.

Had our lower molar cavity filled at Dispensary.

Foul weather again cancelled all operations, it is very cold here.

attended Smoker at MTBSTC Gymnasium.

No illness or casualties J. McKune.

3-9-44

Went out with boats for torpedo firing. In the evening went to Fall River, Mass.

No illness or casualties J. McKune

3-10-44

Final plans made for our departure to Miami. No illness or casualties

J. McKune

Left Melville, R.I.
for Miami, Fla.

3-11-44

0300 - Revele

0400 - Shoved off Melville R.I. for Cape May N.J.

1400 - Arrived Cape May, N.J. We had a very good trip today, sea very calm, the weather however is very cold. Aboard PT-503

2000 - Slept at Admiral Hotel, here, which is very fine
J.M. Kane

3-12-44

0600 Shoved off Cape May, New Jersey

1400 Arrived Norfolk, Va. The seas was a little rough today, especially the last two hours. About $\frac{1}{3}$ of the men slightly sea-sick. No casualties.

2000 - No liberty here, it is very foggy and raining. Slept aboard PT-503
J.M. Kane

3-13-44

0700 - Shoved off from Norfolk, Va.

1700 - Arrived Morehead City, North Carolina. We came via inshore route. It was very calm sea and a sunny warm day. We removed part of our heavy underway gear.

1900 - Went ashore, this is a quiet sleepy Southern town. There are many marines and B.A.N.'s here. Slept aboard PT-503. No casualties.
J.M. Kane

3-14-44

0630 - Shoved off from Morehead City N.C.

1700 - Arrived Charleston, South Carolina.

We took the open sea route. The sea was rough, we ate only sandwiches topside. We have several cases of run-down and constipation. The few cases of seasickness were mild requiring no Rx. We all enjoyed small arms practice enroute, the Carbine and Thompson machine gun.

2000 - Went ashore Charleston, S.C. It is a war boom town, everyone out for all the take possible.
Slept aboard PT-503.

J.H. Kline

3-15-44.

0700 - Shaved off from Charleston S.C.

1400 - Arrived Mayport Fla. a section here 30 miles from Jacksonville Fla. The sea was moderate today, very warm and sunny. No seasickness. We again had small arms practice en-route. We passed Squadron #29 on this way north.

2000 - Went ashore and to Jacksonville, Fla. This is a very nice city. Stayed overnight at Roosevelt Hotel.

J.H. Kline.

3-16-44

0800 - We are to lay over here one day. This is to allow minor repairs and cleaning of the boats.

1000 - Visited Dr. Sonoma at Sick Bay, Mayport, Fla. Procured from him Sun-burn lotion and Carcara tablets. We have a number of cases of first and second degree sunburn.

2000 - Went to Jacksonville to Bill Ball's home for dinner (Fried chicken).

2200 - Slept aboard PT-503

J.H. Kline

3-17-44

0900 - Shaved off from Mayport, Fla.

2300 - Arrived Miami, Fla. We took the open sea route. This was the roughest sea we have encountered a long time. A rough day. Many men were sick, we ate sandwiches to go. The crews are very tired and really have taken a beating. Casualties consisted of a few minor cuts and ~~bruises~~ bruises.

slept aboard P.T-503

JMKure

3-18-44

It is very warm and beautiful here in Miami. This is really a sudden change for us in weather as only about 6 days ago we were in very cold weather at around New York and R.I.

obtained quarters at B.O.D. Columbus Hotel. Rooming with our Exec. officer Jack Shurety.

Called my brother Jack at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla.

JMKure.

3-19-44

Received temporary additional duties to help Joe Pierce arrange for chow for the boat crews. Meals will be served aboard ship to the boat crews.

went to Miami Beach for swimming.

Called Mary Lewis at Lexington arranging for her trip to Miami.

3-20-44

Jack received an overnight pass and came here to Miami. We took a room together at Cortez Hotel. We went swimming at Miami Beach.

Our base force arrived today from New York, including Plum mates Olsen and Bryzeki. Our entire Squadron is now in Miami except the crews of the second Division, their passengers; and, about 20 men with our supply officer who are in New York.

JMKure

3-21-44

went to S.C.T. Dispensary Evinglades Hotel, our cases requiring hospitalization will be sent there.

we have a small sick Bay at the
P.T. base, more routine sick call is
held and a Pharmate is on duty.

Gave Lt (2) Yumman's examination for
promotion.

admitted Chief Anderson to S.C.T.C. Dispensary
diagnosis D.U. Gynorrheal prostatic, chronic.

Received telegram from Mary Lewis and called
her by phone. She, little Joe and mother
will drive here. They are to leave Lexington
3-22-44 and to arrive in Miami 3-25-44.

Jack returned to Morrison Field
JH Moore

3-22-44

admitted Meyer to S.C.T.C. dispensary
diagnosis D.U. Cholecystitis acute, (fool test).

Called Lt. Adler Flamingo Hotel for
reservations in M.O.A. for my family
JH Moore

3-23-44

Made trip to Miami Beach, Fla. by jeep
for our reservations at Flamingo Hotel and
reservations for mother at Southland Hotel.

1300- Made trip by jeep to Mrs. J.W.
Rogers diagnosis malignancy rectum for advanced.
Gave her M.S. Visited Navy Dependents Clinic
Miami, Fla.
JH Moore.

3-24-44.

Requisition made out for 6 salt tablet
dispensaries and 50,000 salt tablets. Then we
request from S.C.T.C. Pier 2.

1400- Typhus and Cholera immunizations
started on 24 men who reported to
the squadron late.

JH Moore

Mary Lewis,
Little Joe and
Mom arrived

3-25-44.

admitted to S.C.T.C. dispensary Binnex,
RT 1/2 diagnosis appendicitis acute.
Salt tablets and dispenses received from S.C.T.C.
per requisition.

1300- Mary Lewis, Little Joe and mother
arrived. I sure was glad to see them.
Little Joe has sure grown since I last saw
him, he is a fine boy. Mary Lewis, L. J. and
I moved into Room 201 Flamingo Hotel,
Miami Beach, mother to Southland Hotel.
J.H. Kline.

3-26-44.

Sunday, no work today.
Mom and I went to Miami to a fruit church
Jack arrived here, he has a 2 day pass
J.H. Kline.

3-27-44

0900- admitted Wood C.M. 3/4 to S.C.T.C.

Dispensary for tonsillotomy

1300- Jack and I played golf Miami Springs
Country Club
J.H. Kline

3-28-44

0830- Sick Call, no unusual cases
1100- Mom, Jack and I took picture and
then we drove Jack to Morrison Field, we
visited West Palm Beach and Palm Beach, Fla.
J.H. Kline

3-29-44

0900- Sick Call, no unusual cases

1100- sent mother on train for Kentucky. We
sure enjoyed her four day visit with us, it
was fine Jack could be with us while
she was here.

1400- admitted Dunsavage to S.C.T.C.
dispensary emergency diagnosis - intestinal obstruction
J.H. Kline

3-30-44.

0830 - Sick call, no unusual cases

1000 - Dunsavage was operated on this morning for intestinal adhesions, following appendectomy. He will not return to air squadron.

J. H. Hurre.

3-31-44.

0830 - Sick call, no unusual cases

0900 - The second division of our boats arrived in Miami from New York. We were all very glad to see them. Many stories were swapped.

Laster reported medical casualties from a very rough trip. 1 fracture comminuted of humerus transferred to Cape May, N. J. and thence to Naval Hospital, Philly; We will loose this morn. There were numerous minor injuries: sprained ankles, black eyes, minor lacerations, broken nose and teeth knocked out. Laster has again proven a very valuable man

J. H. Hurre.

4-1-44.

0830 - Sick Call, no unusual cases

0900 - Dunsavage doing nicely following surgery for lysis of intestinal adhesions.

1000 - We have 18 gross of condoms for venereal disease prophylaxis received from Navy League, N.Y.

1100 - Had long talk with Skipper we decided:

- ① to get 3 more pharmacists mates from SETC,
- ② to get 20 gals. alcohol from SETC, ③ promote Laster to chief and 10 days leave for him has been authorized.

1300 - Played golf at Miami Springs Country Club

1800 - We had a little drinking party at Flamingo Hotel. Skipper, Squires, Gunning and our wives.

J. H. Hurre

4-2-44

Sunday - did not report in
1300 - Went to Miami Beach and took
pictures of Mary Lewis and Little Joe
J. Hume

4-3-44.

0830 - Sick call, Johnson admitted to
serc dispensary diagnosis D.V. peptic ulcer
0900 - papers for Wastin's promotion completed.
He departed on 10 days leave.
1000 - Our plans have been made for our trip
to Panama. Olsen will go on PT-502 to
Panama with the first group. I will go
with the second group. Wastin and Bryzcki
and our new men with the bare force on
a transport.
1300 - Joe Pierce and I collected about
\$1100 from the first division for show
J. Hume

4-4-44.

0830 - Sick call, no unusual cases
0900 - Made visit to serc dispensary, all
patients there doing well, Dunsavage is in
good condition.
1200 - Received snapshots taken here at Miami
and also those taken enroute here, very good.
1300 - Went to Tropical Park for rams.
2100 - Went to Water Quarter at Miami Beach
the Coopers, Squires, Quineys, Frayin and
Mary Lewis and I. a very nice place, had a
good time - Beer 95¢, Bourbon & ginger
\$1.30.
J. Hume

4-5-44

0830 - Sick call, no unusual cases
1300 - Again went to Tropical Park
for boss rams, a really tough life here.
J. Hume

4-6-44

- 0830 - Sick call, Quincey Lt (g) admitted to Sick list diagnosis furunculosis multiple
1000 - Doherty and Burleson given physical examination for promotion to Lieut. U.S.N.R.
1100 - Request for 3 pharmacist mates from S.C.T.C.
1300 - Went to Tropical Park, horse races

Skidmore

4-7-44

- 0830 - Sick call, no unusual cases
0900 - Went deep sea fishing. Jack Shurtz and I as guests of Mr. Thurwood. We caught Barramunda, groupers and lionfish. We had sail fish hooked but the line broke. We had a very enjoyable day

Skidmore

4-8-44

- 0830 - Sick call, no unusual cases
0900 - Received 3 third class ph-mates from S.C.T.C. Huffman, Hunsley and Solokowski.
1000 - The Skipper received orders from C.N.O. changing our entire plans. We now return to New York for further transportation.
1300 - Went to Tropical Park, horse races

Skidmore

4-9-44 (Easter)

(Sunday) reported in for plans for return to New York.

The first group will leave at 0300 tomorrow this includes the crews of first 6 boats and ph-mates Olsen and Solokowski.

The base force will leave at 1100 the following day or Tuesday 4-11-44 this includes Brzycki, Huffman and Hunsley. They will go by train to New York.

Lester and I will go with the second group, in about one week.

Jack spent Easter Sunday with us, played

golf at Miami Beach, Country club.

JH Kure

4-10-44

0300 - first group of 6 P.T. boats and
shumates Olsen and Solokowski departed for New York
0900 - Waster was called by phone Macon, Ga.
and ordered to return here.

1000 - I will not go back to New York by PT-
boat but will get 8 days leave, drive M.L.
and Little Joe home and go to New York by train.
JH Kure.

4-11-44

0900 - Chief Waster reported in from leave, he
will return to New York with the second
group of boats.

1100 - The base force and all men except those
who will go with the second group departed
on train to New York. This includes shumates
Bryzeki, Huffman and Husley.

1400 - Waster and I received our plans for
care of our men in the hospital, for
departure of the second group. JH Kure

4-12-44

0830 - Departed on 8 days leave.

Mary Lewis, Little Joe and I checked out Flamingo
Hotel and headed for home. We drove about
475 miles, stayed overnight at a tourist
camp Valdosta, Ga. JH Kure.

4-13-44

0900 - Put in another day's driving on
the way home. Drove 520 miles to a
tourist camp near Oneida, Tenn. where we
stayed overnight JH Kure.

4-14-44

We arrived at Lexington about 1100.

We were very glad to see all the folks, we had a long but very pleasant trip. JHK

4-15-44

4-16-44

4-17-44

On leave at home JHK

4-18-44

0840 - Left home on Southern Railway arrived in Cincinnati about 1130. Visited Aunt Margaret at the hospital her condition is very poor. She is confined to bed incontinent and paralyzed on her left side. Mary Ann and her boys are fine.

1720 - left Cincinnati on Penn. Railroad.

JHK

4-19-44

0900 - arrived New York

1000 - Reported in to Skipper.

1300 - went to Jamaica Race Tracks with Bill Ball. We had a little look at the City and stayed at Duane Hotel.

JHK

4-20-44

0830 - Reported in for work 4th Deck Bldg #202 Navy Yard, New York.

0900 - Bryzcki is the only ph. mate here at this time. Olsen, Hoffman, Solokowski and Hunsley have all shaved off with one half of the beard force.

We have the following men hospitalized:

Ens. Murphy - Otitis media

Batchelor - g.c.

Anderson - g.c.

Carroll - Appendicitis

Anderson and Carroll will not return to the squadron.

Chief Warden and the second group of boats are enroute.

here from Miami

Stillmore.

4-21-44

0830 - Sick call, no unusual cases

1000 - WE put in requisition at Navy Med. Supply Depot for needed items.

Our malarial drugs atabrine and quinine have been returned to the Supply Depot.

1400 - Visited Supply Depot. The requisition was approved by Capt. Wood and my skipper.

Stillmore

4-22-44

0900 - Visited Ens. Murphy at Brooklyn Naval Hospital, he had bilateral myringotomy, progress is satisfactory.

1000 - WE picked up our supplies at the medical Supply Depot. These were put on our lighter, except the Biologicals which were stored in Sick Bay Bldg 292 for refrigeration.

1300 - Secured

Stillmore

4-23-44

Sunday 1000 - reported in, our plans at present call for departure of all of men except 5 men on each boat of second group.

WE are to load aboard a transport 4-25-44.

1600 - the second group of boats arrived from Miami. Chief Warden with them reported the following:

Bennet Momié transferred to Naval Hospital NoB. Norfolk, Va. diagnosis - malaria, recurrent Sawyer, Chief Q.M. has arthritis acute he will be put on Sick list until our departure.

Brinkley, Warrant Machinist also put on Sick list diagnosis contusion left lower leg.

Bosley S/C laceration right forefinger due to exploding 50 cal. shell. Stillmore

4-24-44

- 0830- Sick call, Bosley S4c - right forefinger examined, hot wet dressings advised
- 0900- We received dispatch from CNO. cancelling our departure tomorrow, we expect a delay from 5-7 days.
- 1000- Naval Hospital, NOB called asking for release if possible of Bennett MOM/c
- 1400- Visited Eus Murphy Brooklyn Naval Hospital
prognosis is satisfactory. JH Kane

4-25-44

- 0900- Sick call, no unusual cases
- 1000- called Receiving Station, Norfolk, Va. so that Bennett MOM/c will be transferred here as soon as transportation can be arranged. JH Kane

4-26-44

- 0830- Sick call, no unusual cases
- 0900- Visit to Marine Basin, Long Island. New York to arrange so that our gear may remain stowed aboard the boats of the second division.
- 1300- Liberty - Went to Yankee Stadium to see Yankees vs Athletics. JH Kane

4-27-44

- 0830- Sick call, no unusual cases
- 1000- Dickinson, MOM/c transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn diagnosis malaria, recurrent
- 1400- Visited Warrant Machinist Brindley. prognosis satisfactory diagnosis - contusion left lower leg
- 2000- attended party given by Bendix Corp. for men 34 personnel. JH Kane

4-28-44

- 0830- Sick Call, no unusual cases

0800 - Skipper informed us our sailing day
will be Tuesday 5-2-44

1300 - Visited Ens. Murphy U.S.N.R. Brooklyn
Naval Hospital. He will not be physically
qualified to sail with the Squadron - diagnosis
Otitis media, chronic.

1400 - Secured Jdkune

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Sunday - Medical Department did not report
Jdkune

5-1-44

0830 - Sick Call - no unusual cases

1000 - meeting of all officers for our plans for
sailing. ① I go with all enlisted men in
second group with 9 other officers. We go
aboard British ship U.S.D. - 12 ② 10 other
officers go aboard our Navy tankers ③ the
second group of boats also will shove tomorrow

1400 - Secured - packed personal gear

2000 - a last little party with Skipper, Exec.
and sites Jdkune

5-2-44

0830 - sick call, no unusual cases

0830 - Reported with all personal gear
including 2 pair of issued work shoes,
metal helmet and gas mask.

1100 - The Skipper told us goodbye. He goes
to England by commercial clipper.

1600 - The second half of the live force and
some of the boat crew members left
Navy yard. New York went to Pier 80
Manhattan to go aboard H.M.S. Oceanway
U.S.D., the ship to take us to
England. Party included Schurty, Wundinger,
Loeten, Brzycki and myself.

No more liberty shore for us Jdkune

Leave Navy
yard for ship
to England

5-3-44. (Wed.)

0400- We put out to sea with a convoy formed just outside New York Harbor, about 50 large ships escorted by Cruiser Cincinnati, a small converted carrier and about 10 D.E. Good bye to New York, the statue of Liberty and U.S.A.

2000- We had a very calm day, sea quiet, we are going about 14 knots, this is quite a large ship, chew British (American food), beer available in Ward room (Pabst Blue Ribbon), comfortable quarters, my stateroom affirms quarters for 2. John Paulis and myself
J. Kure

5-4-44 (Thurs.)

Another calm day, sea quiet almost no seasickness. Our meals are served after the British, which is O.K. because they are at work. We are merely passengers. They are very friendly, it is interesting to me to listen to them talk.

Every day at 7000 everyone has tea, with cookies or a small sandwich. The food is prepared very differently. The officers and enlisted men get different chow. The E.M. are sure bitching about the poor food. I have sick call daily at Sick Bay at 0900. Com. Banks R.N.R. for British men.

Good Sick Bay (American supplied) well equipped.

This ship is brand new, just cruise, built and equipped by U.S. and turned over to a British crew at New York
J. Kure

5-5-44 (Fri.)

The sea is rolling a bit, about 6 foot swells, a few cases of seasickness, no treatment. One fellow very sick, admitted to Sick Bay

1400- a German sub was spotted, our D.E. escort dropped depth charges and we

changed course.

St. Anne

5-6-44 (Sat.)

Sea still rolling a little about 5 foot swells most of the day. Our course is almost due east, we are going to England the Southern route. All is well so far, I have almost nothing to do, sleep a great deal, read a little from Books in Ship's library and play Bridge in the Wardroom. Most of our boys have little conversation with the British, they are friendly enough though.

St. Anne

5-7-44 (Sun.)

Sea a little rougher, ship is rolling a bit more. We have had very little seasickness; one man admitted to Sick Bay has been almost constantly seasick. We are proceeding almost due East at about 300 miles per day.

St. Anne.

5-8-44 (Mon.)

Sea still about as yesterday 12 to 14 foot swells, at about 2000 all the food and dishes hit the deck from the mess table, our chairs hit the bulkheads. We take position at extreme rear of convoy due to steering gear troubles. We are more susceptible to U boats here.

St. Anne

5-9-44 (Tues.)

Sea is about the same; we are told the weather has been comparatively calm and we are very lucky. At 1000 today we changed course, we are near the Azores and now proceed at 45°. At 1400 today practice General Quarters (G.Q.), all of the ship's guns were fired. The battle stations for the medical department were assigned.

St. Anne

5-10-44 (^{wed}~~thurs~~)

We are expecting to run across a few U. Boats today but none were encountered until about 1100. Then things really happened contacts were picked up all around the convoy and even inside the convoy (20 x 5 miles area). Depth charges were dropped by the D.E.'s and three ships follow the subs. One contact about 1/2 mile directly in front of us caused some concern. Our boys are a little excited, the British not at all. A very exciting day for me. No torpedos fired by enemy. J. McKune.

5-11-44 (^{thurs}~~frid~~)

No submarine contacts at all today. Sea is very quiet, our ship scarcely rolls. We are going North, the weather is much colder, the days are getting longer. We sit our watches up about 1/2 hour each day we are today 4 hours ahead of New York time. It is daylight till about 11 P.M., which to us is very unusual.

Fri.

5-12-44 (~~Sat.~~)

Our ship rearranged itself in the convoy preparing for our convoy splitting up, we came near a tanker loaded with 4 of our P.T. boats we attracted their attention. Sea today is rough as it is very windy 15 to 20 foot swells, rolling and pitching quite a bit. We are near the northern coast of Ireland. J. McKune

5-13-44 (Sat.)

We are near the northern coast of Ireland. We change course go through North Sea and then through Irish sea, the water is very green. Scotland is on our port and Ireland on our starboard both clearly visible. It is daylight up to midnight, we are 6 hours ahead of New York time. J. McKune

5-14-44 (Sunday)

1000 WE drop anchor at Milford Haven, Wales. It is a very beautiful day, no Americans go ashore here. WE will stay here until we are cleared for sailing south. *Skullme*

5-15-44 (Monday)

0200 today we had an air raid, our first view of German planes directly overhead. Bombs were dropped nearby at Bristol, no bombs near us. WE could hear the blast. Brindley, F.M. warrant (machinist) large hematoma of left lower leg incised, much clotted blood removed, local anesthesia.

1730- WE weigh anchor and leave for Plymouth. This is a hazardous trip around Land's End due to German E boats, and German planes. WE stay near the coast of Wales and Southern England. No enemy encountered. *Skullme*

5-16-44 (Tuesday)

0100 Lt. (Jr) Riefler had attack of acute appendicitis an emergency case. Treated by Morphine and ice packs to be rushed ashore to Navy Hospital.

1000- Riefler taken by ambulance to Royal Navy Hospital, Plymouth for emergency appendectomy.

This city has really been destroyed by German bombing. This is a very busy harbor. WE are surprised by the many women in uniform, and by the destruction. *Skullme*

5-17-44 ~~thurs~~ (Wed.)

Our ship is remaining in harbor at Plymouth, all of our men still aboard. I went ashore with Mr. Shernitz; we are to remain aboard a few days and to go by land to Portland, Eng. all our men are to join us there. They are at various places, Glasgow Scotland, Limerick

and bounding.

McKune

5-18-44 (Thurs.)

All our men are still aboard ship HMS Oceanway in this harbor, Plymouth. Mr. Shantz and some of the boat crew men shaved off at 1300 for Liverpool, to bring part of our boats down to Portland.

McKune.

5-19-44 (Fri.)

0900- WE tell the HMS Oceanway and crew goodbye. Ashore in Plymouth we get our money changed to British, pounds, shillings and pence. We go by crowded trains 3 connections and stopovers with our personal gear to Portland, Eng.

This part of England especially the country is very pretty numerous small farms and fields, very green, hedge rows are used instead of fences.

1800- Arrive in Portland, met by Mr. Harris and Berkeley. WE spend the night ashore at HMS attack a British base.

McKune

5-20-44 (Sat.)

The officers and men are to live temporarily at HMS attack. Our base is nothing, we are really starting from scratch. The CB's are going to put up huts for the base force, the boat crew will live on the boats.

I am to be detached for temporary additional duty at Portland Navy (American) Hospital.

McKune

5-21-44 (Sun.)

Set up small Sick Bay in office Building at Dockyard, Portland. Sick Call will be held daily from 9-10 and 2-3 P.M., one pharmacist mate will be on duty at all times, Chief Warden in charge. I will attend sick call daily at 9-10, emergency will be sent to the Portland Hospital.

1000- Received Orders from Mr. Berkeley and Harris to report to Portland Base Hospital for temporary additional duty.

Reported for duty to this hospital to Lt. Comd.
H.B. Frohisher. I will be treated as staff man,
surgical and medical officer. I move all
my personal gear to the hospital. Nice quarters,
Good chow, a good deal apparently for me
J.H. Kane

5-22-44 (Mon.)

This set up I believe will be OK, attended
sick call 0800. This hour daily keeps me in
contact with the squadron. At the hospital
worked up 4 cases, did appendectomy with
Dr. Burghardt, I closed up from peritonitis ext.
Dr. Frohisher (SMO), Dr. Burghardt and myself
surgery, Dr. Messinger medicine. About 40
hospital corpsman headed by Variant Pharmacist
Dieted, about 250 beds, X-ray, O.R., laboratory,
well equipped small hospital.
J.H. Kane

5-23-44 (Tues)

0200 - up about 3 hours, air raid, enemy
planes overhead, no eggs dropped.
all six of my pharmacist mates reported,
the entire squadron is now here in Portland.
C.B's are building tents for the officers and
men at base, boat crews subvert on the
beats. Had conference with Mr. Harris, 4
pharmacist mates will ride the boats D-day,
I will remain on duty at the hospital. We are
busy there and I will be of more use there.
all our boats are here, they are being
prepared for action.
at the hospital, routine work, I hurried off
about 30 wants from one patient. I like the
staff OK, Dr. Burghardt is a helluva nice
fellow, not too much on the ball though. He
lets me do just as I care to
J.H. Kane

5-24-44 (Wed.)

Chief Warden sent to Exeter, England where the squadron supply dump is located. He is to check on all medical gear and bring down the needed supplies.

Today my first M.O.D., we rotate this every third day for me. Removed a piece of metal from an eye, using local and a scalpel. a fairly tricky job. JMKure.

5-25-44 (Thurs.)

The following mates have been selected to ride the boats D-day, Chief Warden, Huffman, SKi and Winsley. A list of gear for each mate to carry, and a list for first aid box ^{on} each boat was made out. Warden returned from Exeter.

Routine day's work at the hospital JMKure

5-26-44 (Fri.)

Following men from Ron 34 admitted to the hospital: ① Ens. Pavlis - appendicitis, acute

② Warrant Brindley - phlebitis, left lower leg

③ Aldridge - g.c. without

Instructions given to pharmacists mates on conditions they might encounter D-day and what to do.

Removed sebaceous cysts from one of our men at base hospital, local anesthesia JMKure

5-27-44 (Sat.)

Chief Warden sent to Exeter, all supplies are stored here also a Navy medical supply Depot for the U.K. is there. Instructions to pharmacists mates continued.

O.D. again today, routine work. Went to British EXPO. Show at 2000 very vulgar somewhat funny JMKure

5-28-44 (Sun.)

0050 air raid, many eggs dropped by Jerry

Our return fire was terrific, many ships in the harbor opened up 20, 40, and 5 in. shells. All medical officers were on duty first casualties started coming in about 0100, we worked very hard till 0600, then again with more casualties from 0800 - 1400. We treated about 40 casualties, almost all admitted, almost all had shrapnel wounds requiring X-ray. Only a few of the foreign bodies removed. Wounds cleaned, debrided if necessary, sulfadiazine, D.S.D, sulfadiazine by mouth and penicillin to some cases.

We had 3 deaths, one British officer was very near an exploding bomb. He had about 10 pieces of shrapnel throughout his brain, basilar skull fracture, he lived 12 hours. I have now learned to go indoors or take cover, the shrapnel sure flies about.

McNamee

5-29-44 (Mon)

Air raid again no eggs dropped, Jerry's planes overhead, they dropped contact mines in the drink. There are many ships in the harbor. Had review with all boat officers on first aid.

at hospital, gave anesthetic for appendectomy (spinal) assisted Bughardt (John), I did a hemorrhoidectomy (spinal).

McNamee

5-30-44 (Tues)

0900 Sick call as usual at Dockyard, our sick bay is very small, it is clean, we have 2 bunk. We give all shots at the hospital.

When an ambulance is needed by our men, they call the hospital. We have three at the hospital.

Discharged to duty Ensigns Paulis and Warrant, Brindley. Sawed up large scab location and did routine work at hospital.

Met Dr. Drani (Ron) they have 3 boats now

attached to am base at Portland. *McMure.*

5-31-44 (Wed.)

M.C.O.D. today. Strict restriction imposed on all military and civilian personnel. No one may leave this base unless issued pass. As M.O's we are given special written permits which we must carry. In going somewhere, you are stopped many times.

Dr. Gosis (Surgeon) reported for duty at the base hospital. We room together. I did an appendectomy, Gosis assisted. He seems very good.

A constant stream of trucks, jeeps, trucks and tanks, with many troops are going by here to the docks to be loaded. The men all seem very calm. No communication with them or between military and civilian personnel allowed. *McMure*

6-1-44 (Thurs.)

Instructions given to boat skippers and pharmacists mates on first aid. The 4 pharmacist mates and all boat crews are now secured on the P.T. boats.

Admitted a mental patient from Row 2, quite a screwball. (hysteria).

The flow of vehicles and troops passing here is continuous. *McMure.*

6-2-44 (Fri.)

Sick call very quiet only 2 mates present as the remainder are secured, our boys are all ready to go.

at hospital did hernia operation and removal of cervical lymph nodes for biopsy. Dr. Gosis and I room together, he is a very good surgeon and a nice fellow. Warant Pharmacist Ward resupply affairs for landing craft also is with us, a good egg too. *McMure*

6-3-44 (Sat.)

a rather quiet day. I took over care of small Sick Bay at HMS attack. A small unit of the Hospital which is medical department of Pon Lan Crab 11th Phib. *Stokume*

6-4-44 (Sun.)

Dt. Gonzalez of Ron 35, Dt. Imani Ron 2, Dt. Glasscock Ron 30 are now here. They have just arrived. Saw Chief Waster today to have final check on our first aid gear, all is in order. He is going to use my movie camera to get a few shots. Received by mail a very fine picture of Little Joe, greatly appreciated.

Lt. Riffin appendectomy done in Plymouth, Lt. Murphy otitis media hospitalized in N.Y. both returned to the squadron *Stokume*

6-5-44 (Mon)

Our Second Wedding Anniversary, I sure would like to see Mary Lewis and Little Joe. all of our P.T. boats are in the channel running mines so it won't be long now. There are great many ships in the harbor, planes are overhead going toward France in great number. Only Ron 34 boats are equating as the others are not quite ready. *Stokume*

6-6-44 (Tues.)

This is it D-day, we have waited a long time for this. High security is still on so we cannot know too much about the outside. We hear guns especially early this morning. at 1000 we received our first invasion casualties from a army hospital but our pace which could not make it all the way to the par. Immersion and exposure

Cases, 4 were treated, all will be OK. Radio says our boys are in France. J. McKenna

6-7-44 (Wed.)

We are receiving a steady flow of casualties gunshot wounds, fractures, shrapnel wounds, bodies of men who died in crossing, drowned bodies. We are all very, very busy. Dr. Gosis is a big help to me as he knows his stuff. I take every third patient admitted to surgery. Our X-ray boys are sure going strong.

Dr. Gosis and I did one case requiring 3 hours, ruptured bladder, ecchymosis of gut, fracture pelvis, reparation of penis, fracture compound both femurs (blast injury). The poorest surgical risk I have ever worked on.

The flow of tanks, jeeps, trucks, ducks etc. is incessant past here. Many Americans leave from this port. All news is good news so far. J. McKenna.

6-8-44. (Thurs)

Bill Watson above described case still alive. He was sent to us by the army because he was considered inoperable. Casualties are still coming in steadily. No news of our P.T. boats Harris, Berkeley, all our boats, 4 of my mates are out there.

Wounded from France are handled this way. Loaded directly from beach to W.S.T. brought here unloaded and distributed by the army.

Cases are distributed to Army field Hospital and this hospital, therefore our cases are Army and Navy, white and colored. We take here only seriously injured, minor wounds are taken elsewhere. J. McKenna.

6-9-44 (Fri.)

Warrant officer Brindley admitted with displaced and locked R. knee. Cartilage. Under pentathol this

cartilage was reduced and plaster cast applied.
I might add our treatment of wounds consists of cleansing, careful thorough debridement, sulfa powder locally, D.S. D, sulfadiazine is given orally. Immobilization of the part is carried out, a great deal of plaster is used. Dressings are a minimum number if to is normal. (Orr-Trutta). penicillin is given only to very severe cases (limited supply).

First German P.O.W. brought here, a prisoner's camp is just behind the hospital.
One of our boats P.T. 505 (Lt. Godfrey) hit a mine 3 minor casualties resulted, the fan-tail was messed up a little. J. McKune.

6-10-44 (Sat.)

Another busy day with casualties and caring for our full wards. Bill Watson improving slowly, he is conscious, I believe he will live, receiving penicillin. Went to Weymouth, England about 4 miles from here, saw a movie, my first liberty in quite a while, state of top security off. J. McKune

6-11-44 (Sun.)

Mr. Harris came into port, had little contact with him. All is well with us, we did not encounter but little enemy action. Crew of P.T. 505 all O.K. Chief Baston came on the beach also, the boys can tell a few stories about planes, flares, gunfire from our ships and from Jerry on the beach as well as mines. Our boats picked up many survivors 449 (picked up 52 at one time) all were transferred to U.S.T.'s J. McKune

6-12-44 (Mon.)

O.O.D. today, we are still busy with casualties, big rush was quieted down somewhat.

all our beds are full, we have about 2. Ambulance loads (4pts) daily for transfer to U.S. Naval Hospital, Netley. Much equipment and many men still rolling by here.

We received some medical supplies salvaged at sea by our boats, army equipment. it is useful to us. Air raid at 0500 for about 1 hour, no eggs dropped.

We received 2 patients bullet wounds penetrating of skull both in very bad condition, they have been arranged to me.

J. McKune

6-13-44 (Tuesday)

One of my head injury patients died, the other is improved. Bill Watson is on the mend, he will probably be crippled from terrific pelvic fracture. Did several minor stuff, warts, cysts, hemorrhoids and another appendectomy. Gave penicillin to Aldridge retained. G.C. 100,000 units.

J. McKune.

6-14-44 (Wed.)

Our rush work is slower than one week ago. Hospitals are set up on the French coast which handle many casualties on the beach, also air transport C-47 are used for transferring casualties to England. We moved into another Sick Bay in Dockyard Base, small but OK.

Operated on two of Row 35 casualties shrapnel wounds (1) shoulder (2) dismemberment of shrapnel wounds both legs, tendon repair repair finger and compound fracture of femur. Dr. Gonzalez and I had it out and these patients. He is on my S-list.

J. McKune

6-15-44 (Thurs.)

air raid again last night, no eggs dropped, a few contact mines dropped in the drink. Men and equipment still rolling by in quantity especially tanks for the far shore. There was a small local fire last night, a

Very dinky fire truck went out, on it was about
1 barrel of water and some sand. We really got
a bang out of this. These British are about
1,000 years behind the game to me. This
watering, plumbing, cars, trains, etc on and on.

St. Anne

6-16-44 (Fri.)

Air raid in daylight today, we later
learned pilotless planes something started
today by Jerry. All at this hospital is
running smooth

St. Anne

6-17-44 (Sat.)

My routine is something like this. Hit the
dick 0700, chow, ward rounds at 0800, Sick
call at P.T. base 9-10, surgery 10-12. Then
chow work up all new admissions, Sick call
for base 1400-1600. After 1600 relax, write
read or box till chow 1730. Every 4th day
I am M.O.D. Evening ward rounds then
secure if Nothing urgent. Either Mike, John
or I are on call rotating nights.

Today put on several casts which is done
almost daily. Minor surgery as before

St. Anne

6-18-44 (Sun.)

Sunday is as always a full working
day for all hands. Did another appendectomy
today and a pilonidal cyst. Bill Watson is
on the road to recovery, a good patient if
there ever was one, a tough case though.
requiring great care. The other head injury
case is good, he will be transferred to
Netley to USA. he will discuss it. Pilotless
planes are being used by Jerry and
apparently doing considerable harm. Mail from
home is going O.K. now

St. Anne

6-19-44 (Monday)

Went to Weymouth, Eng. 4 miles away, probably a good place as England goes in peacetime, very poor now. ^{red}There are many ships in the harbor, German prisoners are brought here by L.S.T., talked with them this morning.

Germans using flying bombs over Southern England especially London, few passed over but none dropped here. *Stkume*

6-20-44 (Tues.)

O.O.D. today again. Did pilonidal cyst under spinal also hemorrhoidectomy. The cyst was the largest I have seen, a very large amount of tissue was removed. Artie Shaw's old band was here this afternoon to entertain the patients, they were very good. I do a little boxing also every afternoon for exercise. *Stkume*

6-21-44 (Wed.)

Daily I do almost all dressings on surgical wounds this requires about 2-3 hours. Gave shots and boozies to the base force. No mail from home for a long time now.

Our boys are still out in the channel, but apparently things are quiet. They patrol the West wall of Beachhead (Mason line). at P.T. Sick Bay, things are running well. *Stkume*

6-22-44 (Thurs.)

Mail came through today, we were all happy to hear from home. Pinned an elbow, Olecranon process (Kirschner wire) fracture of humerus (lateral condyle). did an appendectomy with Dr. Bingham, also minor nasal stuff. *Stkume*

6-23-44 (Fri.)

Admitted Scott Whitehouse diagnosis periostitis left thumb. Dr. Gosis and I gave him

pentathol and did fish mouth incision. He came from DD. 722 USS. Barton, Dr. Glascock (Ron 30) took his place aboard ship. Scott and I have many things to talk over. J. McKune.

6-24-44 (Sat.)

Scott doing fine. Did hernia and pilonidal cyst today also ingrown nail, warts and minor surgery.

2 pharmacists mates only now ride the P.T. boats, things are pretty quiet in the channel. Military gear and men go ~~back~~ almost constantly, we see many planes (all our own) overhead. J. McKune.

6-25-44 (Sun.)

Scott's ship got in some action shelling Chirbaug, some of our ships hit. We received 7 compound fractures from Texas, humerus and tibia, very busy workout for us. J. McKune.

6-26-44 (Mon.)

Did compound fracture upper 1/3 of tibia, put Kirchner wire through calcaneus, traction is pounds traction used. We use skeletal traction (Kirchner wires) on many fractures humerus through olecranon process, for femur through tibia near tibial tuberosity for fractures of tibia through calcaneus. Our results and reductions are very good, patients tolerate this well. J. McKune.

6-27-44 (Tues.)

Scott is coming along fine, I dress his thumb every other day. We went to Weymouth this afternoon, bought some material for suit for Mary Jane, also a little book for my son. Had big blow-out with Guzzally. We really had it. J. McKune.

6-28-44 (Wed.)

Mr. Harris came in, we had long confat, things are going well with our boys.

Scott discharged to duty went aboard his ship for chop and good-bye, He will take M.D. material as they are returning to U.S.A. (lucky guys). Link was also aboard, some else say a little fatter and a mountaineer, Link is M.O. on USS. Wake.

Did appendectomy under spinal, simple case.

J. McKure.

6-29-44 (Thurs.)

Went by truck to Exeter, all squadron's gear is stored here also Med. Supply Depot for U.K. is here. All our medical gear was checked and now all is to be stored in Portland. So if we move, we can get ahold of it. Stayed overnight at Exeter, a very good base. Went to Torquay with Dr. Grani and Chief Wertz had a good time. J. McKure

6-30-44 (Fri.)

Returned to base hospital, the countryside enroute was very beautiful. Brought back with me a big knife, parka, carbine and some work shirts and pants. J. McKure

7-1-44 (Sat.)

Put cast on one of our boys fracture lower $\frac{1}{3}$ fibula, applied also walking iron. Discussed plans with Willie AH about moving to Cherbourg, we expect to go there soon. J. McKure

7-2-44 (Sun.)

Went aboard P.T. 428 (Bill Squire) for a few days trip to French coast. Radar trouble delayed our sailing today.

Did nursing and appendectomy also minor stuff at hospital. J. McKure.

7-3-44 (Mon.)

Shoved off at 0900 with P.T. 448. Mr. Harris is aboard, we went directly to Isle San Marcouf, on Mason Line Utah beach runs North from here to Omaha Beach. We did patrol duty, no action. We are about 4 miles off coast of France, no enemy here.

St. Anne

7-4-44 (Tues)

We are patrolling off San Marcouf (Mason Line). The french coast nearby is Utah Beach where American forces first landed. Land mines go off regularly the noise and smoke is terrific. We have had a pretty quiet day, the sea is calm. Mr. Harris and Bukely are with us. We have plane duty tonight, that is to shoot out Jerry's flares which really give off light. There are many ships here chief list and liberty ships.

St. Anne

7-5-44 (Wed)

We have been patrolling all day. Had an air raid last night. Only plane dropped as far as we know. We answered a distress call about 2000, a liberty ship hit a mine. There was injured and casualties aboard the medical staff aboard could handle the situation. Took a few movies.

St. Anne

7-6-44 (Thurs)

We went to Churcheville peninsula to the breakwater just in front of the City of Churcheville. We did not go ashore. Many mine sweeps are busy about the harbor exploding mines, a mine really sounds off and shakes us up. More flares and air raids by Jerry last night.

St. Anne

7-7-44 (fri)

Still out in the English Channel, we returned to the Mason Line today, this is about 40 miles from Cherbourg. We went aboard "Buzz Saw" for a shower and dinner, Harris and Buckley with us. All ships here use radio for communications. The names are very old - polecat, tomcat, dog, Baldy, Tiger, Buzz Saw etc. JMKure.

7-8-44 (sat.)

Went back to patrolling just off of Cherbourg today. We got ashore on the breakwater, which is quite a structure protecting the harbor both from rough sea and the enemy. (Built by Napoleon). The Germans lived in the forts there, there are many shells, damaged guns, evidence of their living quarters, food, beds, clothing and also evidence of a rough shelling from the sea. Many mines in the harbor are being exploded by mine-sweepers, two of these craft were lost today including all hands from mines JMKure

7-9-44 (Sun)

Back to Portland aboard PT. 501 (Bill Ball) sea was a little choppy. Youmans admitted to the hospital diagnosis - traumatic arthritis, also Twadell admitted diagnosis - fibroid cyst? JMKure
Back to the old routine

7-10-44 (Mon.)

Did hemorrhoid care today, also operated on Twadell, closing the wound with heavy silk fibroid cyst. Admitted Moore CM 1/2 to hospital diagnosis - septic ulcer JMKure

7-11-44 (Tues.)

Moore, CM 1/2, transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital
Netley, admitted case of mumps to hospital

from our squadron.

things at P.T. Base are going very well. Ron 34, 35, 30 and 2 all live at Fort City, the boat crews all live aboard the boats. The Sick Bay is very small, but rather neat. all patients requiring extra care are sent to the Base Hospital. Drove to Bournemouth with Dr. Ivani one of England's better places, something like Torquay. A resort place in peace time, now used almost exclusively by Americans. English can't afford it, they look it to us though. J. McKune.

7-12-44 (Wed.)

Transferred Youmans - traumatic arthritis to Netley for disposition. Playing softball broke my left thumb, Dr. Gosis sutured and splinted it for me. I will now work on the medical ward for a couple weeks. J. McKune.

7-13-44 (Thurs.)

Routine work at the hospital, I am now on medical wards pneumonias, malaria, cat fevers, tonsillitis and a few cases of mumps. J. McKune.

7-14-44 (Fri.)

Routine work, things at the hospital are quieter than for a month, our census is fairly high due to convalescing patients. Twadell doing nicely. Received two packages from home today from Mary Lewis. J. McKune.

7-15-44 (Sat.)

Plans made for 4 days leave to London request approved. Went to Exeter and Exmouth with Jim Doherty and Bill Squire, plenty of drinks and good food at the Officers Club. J. McKune.

7-16-44 (Sun.)

Returned to Portland about 2 P.M. Things are pretty quiet at the hospital. My thumb is healing nicely. Our boats are still patrolling Mason Line, things are very quiet. JMKure

7-17-44 (Mon.)

still on medical ward, nothing unusual happening. We have quite a bit of V.D. g.c. treated by sulfathiazol if resistant after 1 week, 100,000 units of penicillin does the trick. Syphilis - Rx 3 mapharsen and 1 c.c. of Bismuth per week, treat till total of 50 mapharsen. 0.6 grams are given.

Two boys from P.T.'s admitted motorcycle accident ① multiple fractures ② compound fracture of ankle and foot. Plaster and ORV techniques used. JMKure.

7-18-44 (Tues)

Leave
London
4 days

Shaved off at 0600 for 4 days leave in London went by day via Southampton. Chief Wartin, Frank Hoeben and myself, met at Savoy. Got rooms nearby at Waldorf Hotel, many buzz bombs both day and night, they go right over and land all over the city. The noise of motor is loud, the blast loud and can be felt by sudden jar. Went to Covent Gardens for a little fun. JMKure

7-19-44 (Wed.)

Went about London visited Waterloo bridge, Thames River, #10 Downing Street, Buckingham Palace, Scotland Yard, House of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, took picture snaps and movies. Visited Donhills and Selfridges stores. JMKure

7-20-44 (Thurs)

Sight seeing around London visited Tower of London a most interesting place. Rode London subway, a buzz bomb hit just over our heads this morning. Went to Hotel Savoy (London's best) for dinner. Dinning Carol

Gibbons induction. a very good place. JMK

7-21-44 (Fri.)

Came back to Portland by train, England's trains are very small, and very very crowded about 1/2 of the people waiting could not get on the train at all. Arrived at Hospital about 1800 pretty tired, a very worthwhile trip. JMK

7-22-44 (Sat.)

Back to work again on Surgical Wards, my thumb is much better still a splint will be worn a few more days. Took Tweed's out, Bill Watson is clumsy on the mend. Received another package from M.L. greatly appreciated. JMK

7-23-44 (Sun.)

MOOD today - things are in good order, mess inspection satisfactory. Routine work. many consultations for minor complaints. we average now about 8-10 admissions daily. Went to Weymouth with Koener. JMK

7-24-44 (Mon.)

Infantry and military gear still rolling by, especially tanks go by here. My thumb ached today but Mike it is doing excellent. No surgery for me for a few more days, I have been doing some medical reading recently. Things with the Squadron are going well, we expect to go to France soon. JMK

7-25-44 (Tues)

all dressings have been removed from my thumb, it is a little stiff but OK. Youmans returned to the Squadron for duty; we will be transferred to the States for limited duty. Went to V.S.O. show tonight only fair. JMK

7-26-44 (Wed.)

Did fibroid cyst and circumcision today. Gordon one of my previous cysteas with very large excision returned to duty, his progress was far better than I expected. Received another package from Mary Lewis. News from home is good, mail service is regular. JMK

7-27-44 (Thurs.)

Routine work, did ingrown Nail operation on one of the boys in the squadron. Lieut. Burlington came by for consultation, probably has syphilitic ulcer, put on milk lettuce meals, amphot and technique of lulladonna for lumps therapeutic test. Played softball ball with boys in the squadron, we have prospects for a good team. JMK

7-28-44 (Fri.)

Did Appendectomy, fibroid cyst and circumcision today of one of the boys in our squadron. My thumb is 100% healed. Played softball, I pitched for the team. We had an excellent game with Ron 30, we won 3-1. JMK

7-29-44 (Sat.)

Mr. Harris and Shurtz and I talked about plans for our departure to Europe, which will probably be very soon. Lt. (jg) Murphy showed off with 10 enlisted men for France to get things ready for us. Dr. Gosis took a trip out with the boys went on 499 (Frazier). JMK

7-30-44 (Sun.)

Today is about the only real good summer day we have had. Took a few pictures, Sachs, Bryzeki, Olsen and myself. Yourman, returned from Netley, recommendation made to C.O. by letter that he be transferred to U.S. JMK

7-31-44 (Mon)

Lieut. Burleson A. and D. to U.S. Naval Hospital
Netley. Our plans call for departure 8:2 to
France. We are now making plans for
packing and transporting all our medical
supplies. Spent busy day picking up Lyster
bags and Calcium hypochloride also rat, flea
and mosquito repellants and insecticides. Personal
Gear squared away. *Stokume.*

8-1-44 (Tues.)

Final plans made. Our gear is to be loaded
tonight and taken to Hord 2 for loading
aboard an L.S.T. Byzeki and Solokowski are to
remain with gear, Laster, Olsen and I with
few medical supplies for emergencies will go by P.T.
boat to France. Did pilonidal cyst, circumcision
and applied cast for fracture of elbow
Stokume.

8-2-44 (Wed.)

all our medical supplies are aboard the L.S.T.
with exception of little gear we carry with us.
at 0800 all hands were loaded aboard the
boats, we did not depart though due to
heavy loads on our P.T. boats and foul
weather in the channel. *Stokume*

8-3-44 (Thurs.)

Stayed aboard P.T. 503, we all are standing
by for little weather to leave England. Officers
played enlisted men softball, we won 6-5
a very good game, everybody but one found
on the outcome. We have final orders to
depart tomorrow. *Stokume.*

8-4-44 (Fri.)

Again stayed aboard P.T. 503 overnight.
0900 left England aboard 503 for France.
Quiet easy trip across, arrived Cherbourg
about 1300. Move ashore to officers quarters
#17 Rue Victor Hugo, the enlisted men

Cherbourg,
France

to barracks at French Navy Yard. Our quarters are very foul and dirty, is this a smelly place (whew), very tired tonight. Slept on French soil, we really have a job to get this place in any decent shape. Okune.

8-5-44 (Sat.)

Jerry really wrecked this place before he left. Our quarters have no furniture except cots which we brought. Flies and mosquitos are terrible. Cold water (not drinkable) is on for one hour a day. We have one head in the officers quarters, it does not work. No electricity either in chungong. The enlisted men are worse off. I spent today with Chief Wacht assisting with a working party cleaning up enlisted men's quarters. Flies, flies and dirt and filth is everywhere. There are no toilet facilities at all. In some of the ground floor rooms besides dirt, broken furniture and glass, there is straw, manure, human feces etc. We cleaned up with brooms, mops with a little cold water, wiped down the walls. Another crew started digging latrines, we put up lysol bags with Calcium hypo-chloride for drinking water.

Our chow is out of mess kits in the apron and K-rations. Netherstrom is in charge of the hall. We all did a hard days work. Okune

8-6-44 (Sun.)

Another very full days work. My attempts to get a jeep for medical department not satisfactory no soap. Doing more of the same as yesterday constructing roads, cleaning the place up, cutting a hole in the stone wall so the men can get to chow on a short cut. Sand and sea innies constantly going off, really sounding off. To shower is impossible, one must bathe in cold water usually a helmet full. Our barracks is full of mosquitos, flies and filth, we use powder D.D.S.

liquid insecticide (aerosol bombs) and insect repellents. All sick bay will be there soon which all need the works for cleaning job. The C.B.'s have been assigned to us, for repairing windows, doors, building showers and a head. They are nice guys. I am in charge of sanitation so I will work with them. J. H. Kane.

8-7-44 (Mon.)

Great progress has been made, the officers and enlisted men are at least fairly clean. The head is now in operation named: "Kane's Cozy Krapp" it is not bad at all. The showers will be finished in a few days, the barracks and Sick Bay are being wired. The Sick Bay at present is very crude but I know will shape up. We have only the supplies we carried with us. Everybody is very willing to work, we have a good gang. The C.B.'s are wonderful. J. H. Kane.

8-8-44 (Tues.)

Our L.S.T. with the squadron supplies pulled into port. The remainder of the force, with only their personal gear and bunks moved ashore to the barracks. Everybody is getting their racks and quarters squared away. The lack of water and electricity puts a big hardship on us. The Japs are giving us a merry battle, but we are always on their tail. Our boys really look out for themselves. The men have ransacked Chungking for furniture, tables, chairs etc they have so much done remarkably well.

Several of the fellows are building a car from many badly wrecked German machines. Our boys don't know when to quit. We have just in some very full days. J. H. Kane.

8-9-44 (Wed.)

The new men are pretty well squared away in their quarters. Our Sick Bay is now ready for medical gear. Our P.T. boats departed last Night for the first time in Channel Islands, Sark, Herm, Gurnsey and Jersey, all German held.

at 1200 the U.S.S. Malloy put in a radio call for me. at 0830 this date our boats had a rugged dog-fight with German IV class subs off Jersey Island and we had suffered severe casualties. I went aboard P.T. 501 and rushed to the U.S.S. Malloy. The wounded and dead were transferred

from P.T.'s to the Vectoring ship DE-741 U.S.S. Malloy. As a result of enemy engagement 7 casualties were aboard, I was the only doctor (no doc. carried on D.E.) the wounded were examined, morphine, plasma, dressings, Iridomylin and sulfa locally and Sotradiazine were administered. all were transferred by ambulance as soon as possible to U.S. Naval Hospital Chemoing.

2 men Albright and Brown were killed

Following were severely injured and admitted to the hospital: Peppel (abdomen); Lang (chest); Allee (hand and leg).

Following were treated for shrapnel wounds: Schmitz, Koerner, Franck, Mouse, Fisher, Biele, Hatmaker, and Bailey.

The entire officers and men of P.T. 509, which was blown up, were missing (all presumably lost) Crist, Mathes, Pavlis, Amley, Brickner, Horsfield, Kornak, Line, Lassin, Page, Reynolds, Ricci, Shaforth, Wade, and Wypick. This is indeed our unhappy day

J. M. Rine

8-10-44 (thurs)

at 2000 yesterday we left on our second patrol to these Islands. On D.E. 741, we went to Gurnsey and Jersey patrol station about 10 miles off Jersey. Arrived in port 1130 today, quiet mission, no enemy encountered. Our medical supplies arrived today, they were in good shape, all our gear was put in the Sick Bay. No trip today. J. M. Rine

8-11-44 (Fri.)

Went to U.S. Navy hospital to see our patients all are doing well. The dead have been buried at U.S. Military Cemetery, Ste. Mere Eglise.

Busy day getting medical supplies for Sick Bay unpacked. We have large and excellent supplies. Received emergency call at 1600, Romeo DL. Svc man very severely burned in gally when gasoline stove exploded. He was given morphine, plasma and D.S.D. and rushed to U.S. Naval Hospital. 1700 Went aboard D.E. 740 U.S.S. Borum for trip to Channel Islands, 4 P.T. accompanied us.

J. M. Mure

8-12-44 (Sat.)

Awoke at 0200 by shells exploding near the ship, General quarters sounded. We were about 8 miles from Jersey when Jerry opened up with the shore batteries, very close. The P.T.'s were sent in to attack German ships moving from Jersey. 0300 3 wounded men from P.T.'s transferred to Borum for treatment injured from enemy gunfire.

Artillery shrapnel rt. chest and rt arm; artillery penetrating gunshot wound left thigh, Wehr shrapnel wound left elbow. Morphine, plasma, sulfa powder and DSD locally after debridement and sulfadiazine orally was administered. All wounded were transferred via P.T. boat at 1500 to Naval Hospital Cherbourg, France.

Movies have been set up in the enlisted mess barracks and will be shown every night at 1930. In General things are going well at the base.

J. M. Mure.

8-13-44 (Sun.)

Our Sick Bay is coming along fine, we are setting things up gradually, the place will be very good. Orders were published regarding duties and policy concerning pharmacists' mates. Went out at 1700 on U.S.S. Borum

We had enemy contacts about 1130 P.M., P.T.'s
sent in and torpedos fired. P.T.'s called out
and 2 British trawlers moved in and a dog-fight
ensued. I was on Bridge watching, we were at Lt. O.
the sky was light with flares, and trams and
large guns almost constantly fired, a running
battle for 2 1/2 hours. We were shelled again, close
but not as close as before. JHume

8-14-44 (Mon.)

Back at 0930 to Cherbourg via 505 wt.
Godfrey. We are still unpacking and squaring away
gear at Sick Bay. All our boys at the hospital
are doing very well. Out again to Channel Islands
at 1730 via PT. 461 (RON 30) to U.S.S. Borum.
Quiet night, no enemy targets appeared JHume

8-15-44 (Tues)

Romero, Dk. SC 4c died of severe burns at U.S.
Naval Hospital, Cherbourg, France. Things at Sick Bay
are going along well. Chief boster and the pharmacists
mates handle routine cases, others I see when we
get in. Our Ambulance is very useful and a
great help. At 1500 a very impressive memorial
ceremony was held in French Marine Barracks
for our 3 dead, 15 missing and many wounded
shipmates. All the squadron was in blue, taps
were sounded, a very fitting tribute. Operations
again in Channel about U.S.S. Borum, no enemy
targets appeared, we patrolled with 6 P.T. boats
between Jersey and Guernsey Islands JHume

8-16-44 (Wed)

Arrived in port at 0930. Brzycki and
I made a trip to Valoniz to request
Ambulance from Army Supply Depot. We made
rounds of Army chain of command, we were
successful and have an Ambulance now.
We now have ready medical transportation.

WE are all very happy about the Ambulance. Operations cancelled for tonight. Movies shown in Enlisted mens barracks for the first time. We will have movies every night now.

J. M. Mure

8-17-44 (Thurs)

Everything is shaping up at Sick Bay, our bunks and second supply room are all set. Our treatment room is being worked on. Our autoclave is set up, the boys are making emergency packs to be autoclaved. Out tonight on U.S.S. Borum again no Jerry's showed up. Again our ship went to M. O. and was shelled from the north. J. M. Mure

8-18-44 (Fri.)

a really rough trip back on P.T. 461 my roughest ride. I was sitting in a strong chair which broke, 3 enlisted men top side banged around and bruised a little. C.B.'s still at work for us, putting sick in our treatment room, doors on Sick Bay, repairing etc, they are sure swell fellows. No trip out tonight, thank God for a little rest, the Sack at #17 Victor Hugo will be mighty fine.

J. M. Mure.

8-19-44 (Sat.)

Our Sick Bay is now completed. We have autoclave, sterilizer, microscope, hot and cold water, and 10 bunks. Went out to the Channel Islands aboard British tin can HMS. Ulysses, met Dr. Hemley M.O. aboard that ship. We had a quiet night.

J. M. Mure

8-20-44 (Sun.)

Tonight I will not go out M.O. to British M.O. hung aboard. Routine duties at Sick Bay. Visited Hospital, all am

patients are doing well. Mr. Shultz fracture
his big toe. X-rays were taken, confirming
diagnosis. Treatment by adding wood $\frac{1}{2}$ " to sole of
shoe, cutting out area of big toe. JHume

8-21-44 (Mon)

Telephone installed in Sick Bay today, routine
cases treated, we have Sick call at 20.25
patients daily, we are treating 2 latics, have 7
men on Sick list. Out at 1600 on DE. 700 U.S.S.
Borum JHume

8-22-44 (Tues)

We were shelled from the beach, Jeunsey Island
about 8 miles away. 8 and 10 inch guns. Some
of the shells were very close, quite an experience.
We had a very very rough trip back requiring
8 hours for about 100 miles. Did my laundry
today at 17 Rue Victor Hugo, washed clothes
in cold water, scrub brush and soap. Hung 'em
out on the line, no ironing or pressing
facilities available. At night aboard ship all
hands, when we are in enemy area (any night),
slay or lie down in all thin clothes. We remove
out coat, loosen our ties, take off our shoes,
then sack out, leaving all other clothes on. We
have helmet and life preserver at hand. Out
again at 1600 on U.S.S. Borum JHume

8-23-44 (Wed.)

Routine work at Sick Bay. all patients are
doing well, 2 cat paws exchanged to duty.
4 wounded patients are still in Sick Bay.

Out to sea at 1600 aboard PT's took
inside route. Fired at by Junes on Sark
Island, shells were about 1,000 yards short, we
were 4 miles away. Next we hit Jeunsey area
8 miles off shore, 10" offed up on us and we
really had a time. At soon as we saw

flashes from thin guns we would change course
and speed which is something on at P.T. at
full speed, then wait for the shells to hit. They
hit all around us on both sides fore and
aft. One shell whizzed right over the
cock-pit dropping 20 feet from us, exploding
with a bang, shrapnel hit the boat. My
heart was really in my mouth, a shell of
that size would tear us to pieces
exploding. Went aboard the Borum, at
night again we were fired upon from the
Beach, this time not too close. J.K.K.

8-24-44 (Thurs.)

all at Sick Bay going nicely, electricity,
radio and refrigerator now in operation.
Heads and skunks working well, drinking water
from Lyster bags, chlorine easily obtainable, we
can do nothing about this. My hand laundry
again in operation. Going out every night
in the Channel takes a great deal of my
time from about 1600 one day to 1000 the
following morning. Out again at 1600 on
DE. 700 J.K.K.

8-25-44 (Fri.)

In port about 1100, I then go by 17
Rue Victor Hugo, clean up a bit eat noon
chow at officers mess and report to Sick Bay.
I do not eat breakfast, so I am losing a
little weight, down to 185. All patients are
doing well. Out to Borum at 1530, when
arrived on Borum 4 patients were waiting
for me. 4 Army fliers had just been
picked up on a raft after their plane
was shot down over Brest. 4 out of 6
from a B-26 (Mitchell Bomber).

all 4 had been in the drink about
2 hours, they were very cold and wet.

Wet clothing was removed, brandy given, dry clothing and then they were put to bed with blankets and hot water bottles. One man had a dislocated shoulder. Morphine was given, the dislocation was reduced by traction. The 4 boys were mighty, mighty happy to be rescued: Peters, Donald J. dislocated rt. shoulder, exposure, Moscovic, Frank P. exposure and minor lacerations; Rice E. J. and Hetrick, R. J. all were 2nd Lieut. U.S. Army. We were shelled again at sea from the Beaches, L. O. alerted JMKme.

8-26-44 (Sat.)

Returned to Chukoung by P.T.'s with 4 survivors, they were delivered by ambulance to U.S. Army Hospital, Chukoung. The shoulder patient felt very good, all were deeply grateful to us.

Around Sick Bay took a few photos. Out again (dammit, I'm very tired) at 1600 by P.T. to U.S.S. Borum. Tonight we go just off of St. Melo, (am hands now) to fight Japs shipping from small islands in that area. Quiet Night. JMKme

8-27-44 (Sun.)

Back in port about 1130, a fairly long ride from St. Melo 130 miles, the route we go.

Routine cases at Sick Bay, warts, lute shots, removed a piece of steel from an eye. all our hospitalized cases (4) are doing well.

Out at 1600 on U.S.S. Borum. We patrolled around St. Melo no enemy targets seen. JMKme

8-28-44 (Mon.)

Returned to port about 1200, about 140 miles return trip by P.T. This daily trip makes me very

tired and uses up a great deal of my time.
Routine work at Sick Bay, opened a rectal
abscess, Frank Jones released.

Did not go out tonight, instead took about
2 hours to ride around France south of
Churhony, very beautiful countryside, though
terribly scarred and destroyed by war. The
French people have really suffered. JHKume

8-29-44 (Tues.)

Routine work at Sick Bay, we have a
great amount of simple diarrheas, treated by
Bismuth and Iodine Mixture. cyst (subacute)
removed from ant. chest skin.

Out at 1300 on P.T. 505 en route to patrol
area south of St. Malo, a very rough & hard trip
went aboard U.S.S. Borum, no enemy targets appeared.
Jerry just won't come out. We had 3 tin cans, 1 D.E.
and 8 P.T.'s waiting for him. JHKume

8-30-44 (Wed.)

Arrive back in Churhony 1230 aboard P.T. 505
another very rough tiresome grind.

at Sick Bay got on the mats to clean up a
little, a little catarrh. Saw usual routine consults,
one Dunn savage, 2 times operated on for
intestinal adhesions, new complaints of upper
abdominal distress and vomiting.

No trip out tonight, due to rough weather

JHKume

8-31-44 (Thurs.)

Took ambulance went about 35 miles to bring
a patient from Army field hospital to our
Sick Bay. Willie Witherspoon injured in automobile
accident multiple lacerations and contusions.

Army field hospital altogether in tents, nice
docs, they showed us around and gave us chow.
Army nurses looked good to me. Back to

Chubang about 1600.

Again no P.T. boats operate due to rough sea. Quiet night at #17 Ruz Victor Hugo.

McKune.

9-1-44 (Fri.)

attempting to get enlisted mens quarters and Sick Bay in better condition as to arch. and cleanliness. Especially the quarters are very foul.

A written report concerning general sanitation and cleanliness was forwarded to the C.O.

Wotherspoon is getting along well as can be expected.

McKune.

9-2-44 (Sat.)

Inspection of enlisted mens quarters, Sick Bay, showers, heads etc. Mr. Schuritz, Nettushorn and I did inspecting. Admitted to Sick Bay Ruffin, A. diagnosis cat from acute. Did ingrown nail operation on Bennis, local anesthesia. Submitted report to C.O. on all men recommended for purple heart. Admitted Queney Lt. (4) to Sick Bay diagnosis cat from acute.

McKune

9-3-44 (Sun.)

admitted to Sick Bay Bosley, S.B. Gm 3/c diagnosis bronchial asthma.

admitted Bennett, R.E. Mommie to U.S. Naval Dispensary Chubang, France D.V. medical observation possibly tuberculosis.

Our refrigerator is now working which is a great help to us.

all patients at Hospital at Chubang doing well.

admitted Griffin, to Dispensary diagnosis decreased vision rt. eye (possibly detached retina).

McKune

9-4-44 (Mon.)

Routine Sick Call, daily average 20-25 patients. 6 patients in Sick Bay all doing satisfactorily.

Bennett, Momc chest X-ray af, checked with Lt Conn.
Morris Dispensary 424 for poss the X-ray is
suspicious of cavity left upper lobe, more X-rays, sputums
being run. Tonic shots are being given as scheduled
on Mon. Bis. and maphansen, on Wed. and Fri. maphansen
only. Meeting of pharmacists mates held twice
weekly Mon. and Thurs. at 1300.

Shirley, George Plunze reported for duty with
M.T.B. Ron 34 he is to replace Bayyeki.
J. Skrine

9-5-44 (Tues.)

Tuesday is our day each week for giving
shots and immunizations, the names are read at
Quarters.

Raffin A. Lt(jg) discharged to duty.

Wotherspoon, W. condition improved, he is now
able to bear a little weight on this extremity
Requisition made out for medical supplies via
C.O. via COUSNAAB.

Waterbury brought to Sick Bay acute alcoholism
report made to C.O.

Last evening went to Dilette, small village 30
miles from here for a meal and a few drinks. My
frank is coming slow but sure.
J. Skrine

9-6-44 (Wed.)

Recommendations made for return to the
States of some of our men as 20 replacements
have arrived. Those wounded and physically
handicapped were given first choice.

Fly bombs (Freon-Arsol) #25 were received
from the Navy Supply Dump, and fly
problem should now be solved.

Medical department is running fairly smoothly
our ambulance is of much use to us.
J. Skrine

9-7-44 (Thurs.)

Our flies are all killed. I believe this problem is now over. These hounds are excellent.

Bennet, Momm 1/2 discharged to duty, tuberculosis suspect diagnosis - no disease.

First Aid boxes on P.T. boats checked, fly hounds put on each boat.

The weather here now is quite cold, requiring 3 blankets at night, the Channel is very rough. Our boats have operated one night in the past 9. The days are greatly shortened and those of 2 mo. ago, daylight now from 0700 - 0830.

Stokume.

9-8-44 (Fri.)

Plans are being made for ^{transferring} ~~discharging~~ 22 men from the Squadron to the States. All paper work has been done, these men are physically qualified, Bryzeki has been included with these men.

1400 - 22 men (the first men to be so ordered) left here for trip to States, these men have been relieved.

Admitted to S. Bay Prince, I.S. quite diagnosis Meloria

Stokume

9-9-44 (Sat.)

Routine work at Sick Bay.

A trip was made to Army Supply Depot for medical supplies St. Mere Eglise. This is where our men killed in action are buried.

The boats operated again tonight, we have operated only two nights out of ten.

Attended movie in enlisted men's barracks, very good rec. hall

Stokume

9-10-44 (Sun.)

Another full working day.

Al Nav. came through. I received promotion to
Lieut. USN. as of Sept. 1-1944.

Basketball court (outdoor) has been set up
this will be a good form of recreation for
our men.

Went fishing late in the afternoon to coast
nearly there, no luck fishing, an enjoyable few
hours though
JH Kune

9-11-44 (Mon.)

Discharged to duty Machuist Harmon simple
headache, and gm/c Prime diagnosis malaria.
Atahue gms .3 for 3 doses, .1 gram tid for
7 days, .1 gm. daily for 2 months.

Admitted Pasquale, P.M. sea/c to Sick Bay
Diagnosis Gonorrhea, urethritis Rx Sulfathiazol for
5 days, on second day Penicillin 100,000 U.
1300 meeting with Pharmacist mates, discussion
concerning Gonorrhea urethritis and syphilis
JH Kune

9-12-44 (Tues.)

Wotherspoon, W. Lt. (jg) discharged from Sick
list to Senn. list.

1300 - WE received notice from C.O. that our
entire squadron and supplies will return to
U.K. This means we start packing all our
gear for transfer to England. From there we
expect further orders. WE sure hope to head home.

Went to Dikette with Gother affairs for a
few drinks and chow
JH Kune.

9-13-44 (Wed.)

WE start packing and crating all our
medical supplies. This is quite a job,
we have a large amount of heavy gear.

Davis, R-E. ST M/c discharged to duty
from appendicitis
Campbell F.W.A. SC/c discharged to duty
from malaria and mumps.

More packing this afternoon we go back to the U.K. We are waiting for further orders
J.H. Kune.

9-14-44 (Thurs.)

Still packing and crating our supplies, most for shipment. Some few supplies are being packed for emergency use. All our boats and some of our officers left today for the U.K. The remainder including most base force personnel and all the medical department will await a ship for us and all our supplies. We crated our refrigerator today which is quite a job.

J.H. Kune.

9-15-44 (Fri.)

Finished packing and crating all our supplies. We plan on loading our gear aboard ship tomorrow. Only 6 officers and 149 enlisted men are here in Cherbourg, the remainder have gone to England.

Pasquale, Seale discharged to duty, grant results so far with Solfatrizol and penicillin (100,000 U.) for Gonorrhea.

J.H. Kune.

9-16-44 (Sat.)

We are busy getting all our supplies ready for shipment, about half of our supplies including our refrigerator and heavy box of mattresses loaded aboard trucks. Only 6 officers and 149 enlisted men are here in Cherbourg, the remainder have gone back to England.

J.H. Kune.

9-17-44 (Sun.)

Very little work done today, we are standing by waiting for the L.S.T. In the evening we 6 officers ~~here~~ drove to Barfleur. We purchased a few trinkets, a bottle of wine and had a good meal there. This is quite a busy part.

J.H. Kune.

9-18-44 (Mon)

The L.S.T. as scheduled to arrive at 0800 did not arrive so we killed time most of the day. at 1700 L.S.T. #59 docked here we are to load tomorrow. all patients have been discharged to duty, the medical department is ready to go.

J. H. Hume

9-19-44 (Tues.)

all hands busy loading our supplies about 250 tons aboard the L.S.T. all our personal gear, our hunks etc. have been broken down and are ready to go.

1400 We have about 75 tons loaded. Orders received to stop loading and now unload. We are to set up our base again for operation. Whatta mixup whatta mess. all hands work to dark very hard to unload. The L.S.T. discharged, it weighed anchor and shoved off.

J. H. Hume

9-20-44 (Wed.)

all our supplies received and stored. We start unpacking and setting up our sick bay on a smaller scale. Our orders are to set up on a small scale until a definite decision has been reached whether we stay here or shove off for another port.

J. H. Hume

9-21-44 (Thurs)

Russel, T. M. sent to Naval Dispensary for medical consultation concerning peptic ulcer.

Things are very quiet here, only the base force is here, no boats nor repair work is being done. Our medical set-up consists of 4 hunks and emergency gear only.

Admitted Russel, J. M. T. M. to U.S. Naval Hospital, Durham. diagnosis D.U. peptic ulcer

4 of the pharmacists mates and myself went
fishing near Andeville, no pick but a good party.
J. H. Hume

9-22-44 (Fri.)

We are still more or less standing by
waiting for orders for our squadrons disposition.
Mr. Harris came over from Portland for a
short visit. He knows no more concerning
our disposition. He is recommending that we be
transferred from the E.T.O. Our boats have
nothing to do. Made a little trip about
15 miles from here for a little sun and little
tropical juice
J. H. Hume

9-23-44 (Sat.)

No new developments, we have almost
nothing to do. Received pictures from Mary
Lewis, she and W. Joe are both fine. He
is walking now. attended U.S.O. show here.
they had me participate from the crowd as
a doctor. a lot of fun.
J. H. Hume

9-24-44 (Sun.)

We are still standing by, killing
time with very little work to do. The
weather here is rainy, windy and cold.
The days are much shorter than one
month ago. I am coming along very
well with my friends. Almost none of
the frog here can speak English.
J. H. Hume

9-25-44 (Mon.)

Everyone here is still on the same
status, we have almost no work to do
and are waiting for further orders. The
time passes slowly just waiting around
J. H. Hume

9-26-44 (Tues.)

Made a trip to Valenz with W. Sites to pick up a jeep from the Army. Poor old Netherlands sure caught hell from us for letting our last jeep get away. Things are very quiet here, no work to do, no further news on our disposition.

McKure

9-27-44 (Wed.)

Things are just the same no news. Had a baseball game between officers and enlisted men, we were winning, had a good time. Admitted to Hospital Dickinson pilonidal cyst.

McKure

9-28-44 (Thurs.)

The six officers here and 60 of our force enlisted men are to go to England for a few days leave. From the medical department Olsen, Huffman, Sokolowski and myself are to go. Lister, Shirley and Hensley are to remain here.

McKure

9-29-44 (Fri.)

Packed up all my personal gear and left Churberg at 1000 for England. We, of course, came over by P.T. Boat, the trip was very rough. Arrived in Portland at 1400 moved into a tent at Tint City with Hank Bowman, Bing Williams and Willie Wotherspoon. God, these tents are cold and windy and are not for me.

McKure

9-30-44 (Sat.)

Changed my money from francs to pounds, caught at 1330 train for London for a 5 day leave. Moved into the Savoy Hotel, Bill Sites and I are making this leave together. Had a good

night of drinking, etc. JMKure

Oct. 1-1944 (Sun.)

Having a good time here in London, the Savoy is a very nice hotel. Saw a British play this afternoon "While the Sun Shines". it is very good. We are taking life here and easy. The hotel is very different from Fint City JMKure

Oct. 2-1944 (Mon.)

More rounds about London, visited a few famous places. We passed by Piccadilly about 2000, had what a look up, the famed Commandos are the worst I have ever seen - not for me. The babies just look on, unnoticed JMKure

Oct. 3-1944 (Tues)

Left London about 1100, took train from Waterloo station to Bournemouth. Bournemouth is a very nice southern English resort city. Stayed at Ambassador Hotel, run by American Red Cross, this is a very good deal JMKure.

Oct. 4-1944 (Wed.)

Reported at 1400 back to duty in Portland. I will not go back to France. Our boats will operate from here only. A few Ron 34 men will continue to live in Cherbourg, the larger part will be here. I made a visit to the Dispensary, I was glad to see all the fellows. I will work here as during invasion days, back in the same room with Ward and Josie JMKure

Oct. 5-1944 (Thurs)

Back again to the operating room. Gosis and I will work together in surgery as before. He is a helluva good guy and a good surgeon. I did 2 appendectomies today with Gosis, admitted Murphy - Otitis media and Surgeon - dislocated Semilunar cartilage. J.H. Hume.

Oct. 6-1944 (Fri.)

Lactin, SKi and Hensley will run the show for me in Charleston. Olsen, Shirley and Huffman will work over here at Sick Bay Int. City. All our medical supplies will at present remain in France, all our records will be sent here. Routine work at the hospital. We manage to keep a little busy, but no big work as during invasion days. J.H. Hume.

Oct. 7-1944 (Sat.)

Did appendectomy today and routine minor surgery. I like work here fine at this hospital, living conditions are the very best. I have run in the F.T.O. J.H. Hume

Oct. 8-1944 (Sun.)

Murphy - Otitis media is doing well sulfathiazole and neosynephine nose spray. Mr. Harris has pitted cyst and I am treating him for scabies. Went to Bridport with Shultz, Daniels, Amy, Doc and Willie, quite a gross crew. Had a good time, quite a brawl. J.H. Hume

Oct. 9-1944 (Mon.)

Most of the day spent in recuperating, routine work here at the hospital. I get road duty every 4 days. J.H. Hume

Oct. 10-1944 (Tues.)

Things are running very smoothly. Our boats are operating from this side, there is very little for them to do, their patrols around the Channel Islands are different from August. Jerry just stays put. at the hospital we same old routine.

JHume

Oct 11-1944 (Wed.)

We have cold windy weather. I had a meeting with Harris and Shuntz, about making of P.T. boats and of tents at Port City. Apparently our men will not be here much longer or if they will be different quarters will be provided. Boats will be obtained for the boats, stoves for the tents.

JHume

Oct. 12-13-14-15- 1944

Routine hospital work, did a little major surgery, appendicitis, hernias, and one leg amputation. Things are far as the boats are concerned are very quiet, most days the channel is too rough for operations. Gave exam for promotion to Lieut. to: Riffen, Lowery and Robey

JHume

Oct. 16-17-18.

On leave 72 hours to Bournemouth with Willie and Doc. Stayed at Ambassadors Hotel we drank our share of scotch and brandy. had a nice 3 day leave. Among the previous guests there noted signature of Jesse Munroe, who was later killed in action

JHume

Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 - 1944

Routine hospital work. Dr. Guss and I

run the surgery ward, we have average daily census of about 40. we alternate cases and make rounds twice daily together. I get good surgery experience, he is a sure swell guy and we get along fine. I am very lucky to work with him. Our boats do very little operating, all the fellows seem to think soon we will get orders. almost no work is being done by about 1200 men. J.H.K.

Oct. 25-26-27-28-29 - 1944

we had an epidemic of food poisoning at that city, we admitted 55 cases here with diarrhea, chills and fever some to 104-105. Dr. Glascock had charge of that city but I do not believe he is directly to blame. the cause was improper cleaning and washing of mess gear. Remedial measures are being taken, no official Navy investigation was held. after 3-4 days all hands were back to duty. This sudden onset of patients kept us pretty busy. J.H.K.

Oct. 30 - 1944

Had a party of Ron 34 officers a dinner dance in Weymouth. We all really had a good time, all the fellows were able to attend. We drank medical alcohol and grapefruit juice mixed. Not too bad to taste and certainly well off. J.H.K.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, - 1944

Things are going along about as usual. The boats are operating very little. There are rumors plans are underway for our decommissioning, giving the boats away and all going home. Apparently there is

something to this scuttlebutt. Routine work here during lacerations, abscesses, consultations, hemorrhoids, pilonidal cysts, tonsils, appendicitis, hernias etc. Good experience for me. J. McKune.

Nov. 6 - 1944.

I was M.O.D. today called at 2200 to Weymouth for badly injured head case. An African Lt. Lavo was hit by bus, 4 skull fractures, one large compound depressed fracture over the rt. temporal area. His general condition was very poor. Under Sodium pentathol I did a craniotomy removing a mass of skull 3 in. in diameter. I put in a vitallium steel plate. He almost died under surgery, running blood and plasma continuously. J. McKune.

Nov. 7 - 1944

Lavo is doing fine, he may live, getting I.V. fluids, penicillin, sulfadiazine; he is still unconscious. Election day today, looks to me like Roosevelt again. J. McKune.

Nov. 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12

Things are running smoothly here at the dispensary. I get good experience in surgery. Mike and I get along well. All P.T. men who are admitted to the sick list or who require consultation are cared for here. All of Ron 34 men are now on this side. Ron 30 will soon go to France. All our boats are to be turned over to Russia, all personnel to be sent back to U.S.A. J. McKune.

Nov. 13 - 14 - 15 - 1944

All Ron 34 Medical supplies have been inventoried and at the order of the C.O. have been turned in to Supply Depot #12, Medical at Exeter. S and A forms 71

have been made out, and a receipt of transport
received from Exeter.

St. Kure

Nov. 16-17-18-19-20-21 1944.

all is going well. Ron 30 has departed
for France, Cherbourg. They will take over our
old stamping ground. I have received
orders, attaching me from Ron 34 and now I
am attached to P.T. Staff. Mr. Harris (Lt. Comm.)
is the skipper, "Al" to me. And the
week-end we received 18 casualties from
L.S.T. 6 which hit a mine at Le Havre.
Among them 6 fractured skulls, numerous
fractures and large lacerations. Dr. Josie and
I were had our hands full.

Lt. Bault has recovered wonderfully. He
was transferred to Plymouth for further transfer
to the States. It looks like most of
my friends will very soon hit the homeward
trail.

St. Kure.

Nov. 22-23-25-26-27-28-29-30.

I am still at this hospital. I have been
doing quite a bit of surgery. Many tonsils are
or more cases every day. Hemorrhoids, cysts,
apendicitis are frequent. Ron 34 and Ron
35 boats as well as almost all personnel have
left Portland and are in Rosneath, near
Glasgow, Scotland. About 200 men are
still here at P.T. Base, we will go to
Rosneath in about one week, or when
all our gear has been turned in at
Exeter. We have no boats here now only
machines, lathes, parts etc. The days here
are very short and rainy, foggy, windy
and cold. We have almost no sunshine.
Thanksgiving Thurs. 23 was a quiet
routine working day, we had a good
dinner turkey and all trimmings. It looks

as all P.T. work here has been done.
The English Channel is very very rough,
and almost no days can small boats
operate. We are, of course, all anxious for the
day, we have orders to go home.

J.H. Kane

Dec. 1-7 - 1944.

All is going as usual here at the hospital.
During this time I have done several appendectomies,
two hernias, one each both appendicitis and hernia,
hemorrhoids, tonsils, circumcisions, and minor
surgery. Pharmacist Ward developed urinary retention, almost
complete amnesia, MPN in 7 days rose to 220
and he expired age 34, diagnosis: Chronic nephritis,
hypertension complicated by chronic alcoholism and
toxic anamniotic reactions 1935-1940.

The P.T. here has been completely folded up. All
our boats have gone to Rosneath, Scotland.
Another draft of men will leave for Plymouth on
12-9-44. I will go to Scotland in 3 or 4
days. I have been given a carryall for my
personal use, which is quite handy.
Here the days are very ~~long~~^{short}, we have
almost no sunshine, it is very cold, windy,
rainy and foggy.

J.H. Kane

Dec. 8-12-1944

at duty these days at Dispensary, Portland
we have fairly busy. I work with Mike
Gosis on surgery, we get a major case
or two almost daily. He lets me do most
of the cases. I am to go with P.T. staff
officers to Rosneath, Scotland. Mr. Ward
the above described patient died at Manadon
Field, Dispensary from renal and hepatic
complications.

J.H. Kane

Dec. 12-20-1944.

On Dec. 12 6 officers, Harris, Modlin,
Brindley, Bowman, Stutman and I left by

train for London, the first leg on our way to Scotland. We have passed about 4 days. The doctors at the dispensary had a nice farewell dinner for me. We arrived in London at 1800, moved into Savoy Hotel on the strand, had a few drinks and hit the sack early.

Dec. 13- St. Moulin and I got a plane (Army transport C-47) from London and flew to Paris. It took us 2 hours, we got a room at small hotel 3 Rue de la Paix near Place de Opera. We visit shops near Place de Opera + purchase perfume. At night we went to Moulin, the amusement and night club center of Paris. God! what shows, what night clubs, naked women, champagne, the women here are not like of perfume and cosmetics, their dress is very fancy.

Dec. 14- Plane (C-47) back to London, at 1300 we got a train for Edinburgh 2400 arrive Edinburgh. We got a room at American Red Cross Hotel on Princess Street.

Dec. 15- Visit Edinburgh, it is a very beautiful and historic city. I made a few purchases here, tartans, scarfs and a few souvenirs from Scotland. Visit Edinburgh, Holyrood House, and other castles. The Scotch people are very friendly, it is hard for me to understand their speech.

Dec. 16- Took train to Glasgow and then to Helensburgh and to Rosneath, reported to Base 2 Commanding officer. The pt. days are assigned. I am living with the other staff officers, 8 of us in one hut. The weather is very cold and

Paris

Edinburgh

windy and rainy. There is a helluva lot of mud here.

Dec. 17-18-19. Our boys are busy tuning our supplies and boats to the Russians. We have already sent our draft of men home, the orders for many of us including myself have all sent for from Com Nav Ev. I visited Base 2 Dispensary, it is quite simple, Dr. Lymbnis from Portsmouth Na. acquaintance is on duty here. Our P.T. boys will be cared for here. Due to my very temporary stay here, I will not work at this Dispensary. Allan is given physical exam for promotion to Lieut. comm.

Base 2 is chiefly a receiving ship. Many convoys and ships arrive here from the States and are assigned duty in the E.T.O. Also most personnel returning to the U.S. depart from Rosneath. There are many ships here like the Queen Mary, Elizabeth, the St. de France and other transports, escort ships, battle wagons etc.
J. H. Hume

Dec. 20. My orders were returned today. I am bitterly disappointed, instead of going back to U.S. I have been assigned to C.O. U.S. N.A.A.B. Plymouth England for duty. Also Bat Cooper, Judge Twadell, Bill Squires, John Weinberger and other officers received duty orders in the U.K.

Dec. 21- I was today officially detached from P.T.'s and given orders to report to Plymouth for duty. I shaved off at 1400 with all my gear by early all to Glasgow and I got a train for Plymouth.

Dec. 22- Arrived at 1300 at Plymouth. It was a very long tiring ride from Scotland. I report in to COVENANT Captain Damon and I will be assigned to the hospital.

at Manassas Field. at 1500 I reported in
to Commander Weston the S.M.O. at Manassas
Field
J.H. Kume

Dec 23 → Feb. 11.

I am assigned quarters at O.B. 4
with Ed Cauffield, who I know at
Portsmouth Va., Si. M. RAE, Larry Saks
a dentist my roommate and Brownie a
Hospital Corps affian. The quarters
a Quonset hut, is very nice and well
set-up. good furniture, showers etc. The
entire hospital consists of three huts,
this place has been set-up about
14 months. There are 26 doctors on
the staff, the census of patients runs
about 350.

Christmas eve and Christmas day, we
are kinda homesick but we do a
good amount of drinking. The doctors
have formed a wine mess and have
orders of whiskey sent in from the states.
They are very square with me, we
spend the time at work during the
day and at night drinking in our
quarters. The pharmacists makes just
on a Christmas play Dickens "Christmas
Carroll" and it was well done. Our
Christmas dinner was excellent turkey,
candy nuts, ice cream and all the
trappings, we are lousesome for our
loved ones.

I have been put on surgery staff
with Cotton Rawls, Hamilton "Ham", Dave
Sheeley and Ed Cauffield. Ed is urologist,
Cotton is chief of surgery.
I have two wards Ocean surgery and
Orthopedics. My wards are full and

The turnover is rapid. Almost every day I have surgery scheduled chiefly hernias and appendices. Our O.R. is very nicely set-up. Orthopedics is even busier than surgery, I have done a number of open and closed reductions. I have had 3 fractured femurs, a number of tibias, ankles, wrists, forearms, fingers, toes, and backs. Also non-operative orthopedics is very good. My 6 weeks at Monmouth has really been excellent for experience for me. The doctors are a good bunch of fellows, the hospital sure runs smoothly.

Phymouth sure shows the effects of the Blitz. Particularly the business districts and near the waterfront is horribly destroyed. Nothing has been built back, much a vacant lot. Whole areas of blocks are completely vacant. The people tell horrible stories of night after night bombing and a very great loss of life.

Feb. -10-1945 I received orders for temporary duty at Naval Air Facility Dunkeswell and then permanent orders to Brown 4 unit (Army of Occupation of Germany) Dr. Powell, Sammy Marquis a Hospital Corps officer have also these orders.

Feb. 11-1945 Commander Weston brings Powell and I to the Navy Air Station near Dunkeswell, England, where we have orders for temporary duty. We meet the CO. Captain Miller and the S.M.O. Commander Ekvall.

We are assigned quarters at a field dispensary where Powell, a

Flight surgeon, George Stewart, and myself will take care. Our quarters are very comfortable here, we have a large room and a bath. We are very near the flying field. There are 3 squadrons and about 1500 men at this field which is 5 miles from the main dispensary. One fly fly boys fly B-24's from here.

March. 5-1945

I am on duty at a small sub-dispensary at Oyster Bay flying field. There are 2000 personnel on this site. We are 5 miles from Dunkeswell where there is a larger flying field and the 200 bed dispensary.

Now here there are 3 doctors and 18 corpsmen, I am Senior Officer. We are open 24 hours and we average about 70 patients daily sick call. We have a very nice and well equipped little dispensary. We have 2 ambulances and a jeep. We have ambulance service runs daily to Dunkeswell. We do not keep patients overnight here. We transfer them to the main dispensary, also we send patients to main dispensary for dental work, for X-ray and for consultation.

I live at this dispensary, my quarters are excellent, because I have oil space heaters and I have a private bath. Our food is at a nearby Officers mess and club. The doctors are Powell and a flight surgeon George Stewart.

March. 8-1945

I received permanent orders for duty here today. Powell received orders

to Drun 6 and was detached today.
I received a dispatch saying Bill
Danniken would report me taking
Powell's place.

The main dispensary consists also
of Quonset huts, it has about 200 beds
and is well-equipped, X-ray, O.R., dental
facilities, skin, E.E.N.T., etc departments. The
S.M.O. is Comm. Ekvall who is a
very good egg. He is my boss too.
Although I run this place he comes
over here about twice a week and
looks the place over.

Dunkeswell is a very small village
near Taunton and Exeter. We are 8 miles
from Taunton. Mostly I stay on the
base, I have a jeep to use if I want
to go anywhere. We have good movies,
a library and a gym here.

March 12-1945-

Dr. Powell received orders to go to
Drun 6 at Roseneath, Scotland. Bill
Danniken reported here to take his
place. I have received permanent
duty orders with N.A.F. I took a
3 Shaw with a PBY-4, we went
over English Channel, Southern England,
Land's End and Bristol Channel. Dropped
practice bombs and fired the guns
50 cal. twin mounts. we went at
8,000 feet and again 50 feet above
water speed about 300 m.p.h.

My duty here is very good
the main dispensary staff are
good fellows.

The PB4's have contacted and sank several subs in both the English, Bristol Channel and the Atlantic. Every day weather permitting a good number of these planes take off from here and do 10-14 hour patrols over these areas. They fly 50-100 feet above the water looking for subs, of course surface and under water radar are a big help to them.

My duty here is very good. I do no major surgery, but we do see a good many patients every day.

Patients requiring hospitalization are transferred to Dunkeswell Dispensary.

We have a good music and officers club on the base. I very seldom leave this base.

March 25-1945

I again received orders this time to draw 6 in Rosneath, Scotland.

I will be detached and leave off tomorrow.

March 26, 45 - I am detached from Naval Air Facility, Dunkeswell this date.

I get the train from Tamworth to London. On reporting in to Com Nav Ev I run across my old friend from the PT's, St. Moolin, he fixes me up

with 5 days leave, per diem and a chance to see some of the boys.

met Captain Miller, 124 Staff M.O., Comm. Waddell Senior M.O. London Disp., and Lt. Comdr. O. Crauz who will be 126 Staff M.O. St. I arrange a room for me at Strand Palace Hotel, which is very nice. Sammy Markus and I run around together for a few days. During my stay here I saw London Wax Museum, "Happy and Glorious" with

Tommy Trinidad, "Revueville", Phyllis Dixey,
"White the Sun Shines" and "Is Your
Nanny more really Newsworthy" Good plays
at London Theatres.

March 30, 45 - I go up by train
and sleep to Rosneath to report to
C.O. of Drwg G. England's first class
sleepers are really good.

April 1-1945 - Capt. Goddard is the C.O.
The SMO is Fred Rank, the other doctors are
Powell, Flower, Scheele, Mee Kenbach (dentist).

We will leave the U.K. for the continent
in a very few days. I am assigned
quarters at Base II with the docs and
given a long list of foul weather gear
which I must pick up from G.S.K.

Drwg 6 consists of about 2,000 men
we are ~~divided~~ divided up into 5 parties.
The first is the Recon party with which
will go ahead and make plans for
the others. I am in advanced party #1
about 300 men, we will be two to four
days behind the Recon. We are told
our objective is to go with the
British 2nd Army and as soon as
Bremen, Germany falls, we will go in
and get the port in operation, and
demilitarize all German craft.

April 2-45 Our plans are all made
and today were reviewed. at 1000 the
recon party left Rosneath, my group
party #1 packed and loaded all
our gear except the bulky items:
minimum of personal gear, foul weather
clothing, blankets, bed gear, and K rations.

April 3-45 at 1400 Party #1
gets aboard a train and we head for
the point of disembarkation Tillymore docks,
near London.

April 4-45 WE go aboard a large transport the R.M.S. Invicta at Tilbury Docks on the Thames. at 0400 April 5-45 we weigh anchor and shove off. Dr. Mackinnon and myself have excellent quarters aboard this ship, we cross the channel and land at Ostende, Belgium. Aboard ship we changed money from British pounds to Belgian Francs.

Belgium.

WE land on April 6 at Ostende, Belgium. we are assigned quarters at a large British camp. we are given a straw mattress and we took out our bed roll and blankets. the boys really screamed about the straw. we go ashore for liberty. there are many British troops there and almost no Americans. the people speak French and this seems to me like a french city. People are very friendly to us. we go to a few cafes for food and wine. the stuff is very expensive and very poor.

ON Saturday April 7 at 0300 we have Reville. we all load up aboard a large truck convoy and head inland. we ride the entire day aboard very large trucks about 25 men with the gear mentioned above. WE stop every three hours for 15 minutes rest, for meals we have K. rations. WE cross Belgium, Holland, go through a small strip of Germany and then back into Holland. WE stop near Venlo, Holland. we were in three countries today. WE reach our destination very very tired about 0200, we have

We go through Gent and Antwerp on
April 7-45.

been going for 23 hours. When we
arrive it is very cold and raining.
The men break out their bed
rolls and blankets, cover up the
best possible and sleep on the
ground. The officers after doing
what we can for the men at
about 0400 turn in. I have all my
heavy clothes on and sleep on the
ground. I might say I had on
thick, heavy wool socks, field shoes,
leggings, the rain coat, and on top of
that a parka. I didn't even take
my shoes off on account of the bitter
cold and rain. I believe this is
the thickest I have ever been.

at 0700 April 8-45 after about 4
hours rest ??? we leave Reville
and after eating more K-rations (cold
of course) we load up on the trucks.
We are really covered with mud. One
man falls from a truck and has
a fractured tibia. He is sent to
the nearest British Hospital. Dr. Powell
takes him by ambulance. Our two
ambulances loaded full of supplies
joined us at Ostend, this morning.
They both were unpacked, the gear
put aboard trucks and I will now
ride in an ambulance.

WE cross the Rhine over a
postoon bridge put up by the
American engineers although this is
British taken country. We arrived at
Burgelo, Holland after travelling most
of the day in Germany. The reason
is two one we are going almost

drive north and two, we have to go via many detours because of blown up bridges, art. bomb and shell holes in the road, and because many roads are mined.

at Hangeloh we are about 6 miles from the front, about 4 miles from the German border. Hangeloh is near Emschelde Halland and near Nordhorn, Germany.

The Germans 4 days ago were in this city. two of our officers in the Recon party yesterday were shot and killed. They were probably killed by German soldiers in civilian clothes. at night we can see the fires, through the day we can hear guns, artillery and tanks.

April 9-45 - This country is thinly now to pieces chiefly by British and American bombings. We have taken over a school, used by the German Wehrmacht as quarters for quarters for the gun. The officers have 6 houses near the base for quarters. a Luftwaffe scout plane flew over our base today and apparently photographed our set-up. No shots were fired, the plane flew very low. The Germans are about 8 miles from here. There is a large water tank in the center of town, today a few 88 shells were fired through this damn good shooting at 8 miles, so now we have no running water.

We sleep on the hard wooden floors with 2 blankets under us and three over us, using a bed roll. It heats the ground as it is dry, but God is it hard. Finally today April 12, we

have field cots issued to us, this is a big improvement.

The boys have made Opm Jins and we now eat 10-1 rations or British composite rations, they are better than K rations and are served hot. We eat out in the Opm from mess kits here. The people here are Dutch of course and speak their own language, everyone understands German. The people are very poor and have very little food. They really show their appreciation to us, they really hate the Germans. The Wehrmacht robbed these people of all they had. The Dutch are very very clean and likable people. They have their own money system the Guilder (37½ cents). Queen Wilhelmina is their ruler, house of Orange.

We use three rooms for Sick Bay using the small amount of supplies we freight across country. We transferred several seriously injured patients and ill ones to nearest hospital, the British 21st General Hospital, Germany. Our Chief Pharmacist Wooster fell 3 floor to concrete street having a fractured skull, compound fract. of femur and comminuted fracture of patella.

A Dutch woman Hilda came everyday to clean our quarters. She really cleaned the place from top to bottom, the workingest woman I have ever seen, she is about 60. We gave her a little candy and food, when we left she insisted on kissing us all good bye.

In this area there are no American troops but there are many

British, we get along well with the British, they are good Joes. They do not have the equipment, the tanks, the guns, the food that our boys have. We are with the 2nd British Armored, the Scottish Highland Division and the Royal British Marine. We sometimes watch the British play football (soccer) in the evenings, they are wonderful with their feet in this game. We are staying tougher than we had planned here in Hamburg due to Rotterdam German resistance near here.

April 23-45 We loaded up aboard trucks and we travel about 150 miles through Germany to Vorden. We march all our belts half are due to blown out bridges and mined roads. There are spikes all around us. We had 3 concealers en-route, one British Guard on a motorcycle was killed, shot through the head. Several times we layed down flat on the truck, covered with canvas and we heard shots and bullets whinning. The German people along the road show no expression at all, both we and they act as if we don't see each other but we keep our eye on them. Their country is really torn to pieces by bombs and artillery.

We occupy the former S.S. Calvary quarters here in Vorden. The buildings are modern and well constructed 3 days ago the S.S. left in a big hurry. They sure left a mess the windows and much of the buildings are Kaput (meaning - destroyed).

There are a few body traps here which are demobilization groups cleared out. In the basements of these large buildings are quarters occupied by the displaced persons (slave laborers to the Germans) they had straw on boards for beds 5 to 6 on top of each other. There were gas chambers where many people were put to death. There are many whips around which the Germans used.

Here we have no heat or running water, it is still quite cold. However we do have ovens and stoves (German) rooms, cots and beds (German) and we are much better off than before on this trip.

We are about 12 miles from Brunm. The Germans are putting up a stiff battle but slowly the British are closing in. We can hear and feel the artillery and bombing at day and at night see the flames.

We again take a few rooms for Sick Bay and we are busy with an epidemic of diarrhea (the food of course). We are still using the small amount of supplies brought with us, all of our 16 is now in Germany, 3/4 of the men are here in Vichy. All the men are restricted to their quarters, no one goes liberty or can leave the compound. We had 5 casualties and one death from a mine about 200 yards from the Sick Bay, the boys were walking along and set it off. We hear nothing near here early night.

May 1-1945- Bremen fell yesterday and
this morning we are going in. The
S.S. head quarters ~~emotions~~ to the
buildings at Verden are to be used
as an base and quarters for the
unlisted men. The officers move in
good German houses, we just go
in, tell the Germans to get out in
two hours and put a guard on the
house. The people can take with them
only their clothing and what food
they can carry.

She & I does 1 dentist and 1 hospital
corps officer have a very nice house
at 488 Vaher Strasse. There are thousands
of displaced persons in Bremen, Russian,
Italian, Dutch, Belgian, French, Polish. These
people live in temporary shelters each
nationality together. They have been brought
into Germany as slave laborers and they
are really poor, have little clothing and are
dirty and hungry. We are assigned 3
Polish women to keep our house clean,
to do our washing and looking - lotta,
ala and Rosq. Our house is
very nice, well furnished, central heating,
a cellar full of wine, radio, good
beds, now we have no electricity or
running water.

Footing is a big there sure,
everyone goes everywhere into the
German houses, to shops and takes
what they want from the Germans. I
took golf clubs, kamisiers, binoculars,
a good radio for the house, food
and booze (Champaigne, cognac, wine,
snaps) these German people really
had everything.

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There are snipers around and after we hear shots and hear bullets whizz. all Germans have been ordered to turn in guns, knives, swords etc. and anyone caught with such a weapon is shot. Sniping goes on and several of our men, as well as Army, British and American have been hit, several killed. Our men go around all the time and no one goes anywhere alone. The real danger is going somewhere alone. One officer was shot through the head in broad daylight sitting alone in his jeep waiting for his driver. The sniper as it were never got away.

May 6 - Germany unconditionally surrenders. Here it is a full working day, no different at all from any other. We are sure happy it is over, there is no celebration here. We all hope it means we go home soon.

Had a plane ride over Bremen and surrounding area in an Army artillery spotted modified Piper cub. It is really amazing the terrific damage which has been done to this country. The Domburg Bremen is a complete wreck.

The boys at the base are busy getting things in shape, soon we will have electricity, running water, heat (it is very cold here) etc. There are about 200 men on our base, there is a similar base at Bremerhaven 20 miles from here.

Our Sick Bay is very nice, we have about 20 rooms, which we are setting up. We have operating room, X-ray, doctors offices, reception office, medical storeroom, 50 beds and 5 different rooms.

The German people are very quiet and appear dazed. They have many hardships to undergo and they know it. They appear much better clothed and fed than any other peoples we have seen in Europe. Better than the British. There is a feeling that bombs, we know they do not want us here, and that they hate our guts. Our policy is strict non-fraternization, we have no dealings with them at all, our men are confined to their quarters and the base.

The staff offices are here in Bremen at one of the few buildings standing in this city. "The Haus Das Reich" it is a very beautiful and extremely modern building. German building, architecture design and modernness is excellent. In this day not long ago they were on top but broken as the wisest say "They have had it."

Had a nice trip to Brunswick, about 20 miles from here, visited the boys. Their set up is very similar to ours. Went aboard the German luxury liner "Europa". It has not been used for 5 years but notwithstanding, it is in excellent shape and will be taken over and used as a transport by the U.S. I can speak German very well.

June 1-45 Our organization today
was officially put in commission.
Admiral Robinson (staff skipper) 10
visiting firemen (congressmen) did the
honors. We had a band, parades
and everybody was in there. We are
now COSNAB Bremen.

Our boys really did a good job,
you will not recognize this place
our 1 month ago. Our sick Bay
is well set up, we have a good galley,
electricity, running water, a nice recreation
hall, movies, ping-pong, library, lounge.
A very good officers mess, a golf
course, tennis courts (we took over a German
Country Club) and the place is in
very good shape.

Our Polish girls as well as thousands
of the displaced persons have been
sent back to their original countries.

We now use German laborers on
the base and in our house. We have
two German girls to wash and keep
our house clean. The have both
men and women do cleaning, gardening,
plumbing, electric and all types of
work. The seamen really have a
big job, some of them get as
tired as horses and really get a kick
out of it.

The U.S. Army has an infantry
division here in Bremen, the 21st.
They have a 400 bed evacuation
hospital. Our patients are evacuated
through the Army chain. We have
gotten to know some of the Army
docs and we have had some
good evening sessions together. Particularly

Major Donata, Captain Dickinson and the Chaplain are our good friends.

June 15-45 Brunehave is now functioning as a port, soon Brunen will also be in use. That makes the Navy very happy as our line of supply is going - food and booze. Our mess is not set up and running smoothly.

June 21-1945 Happy days. I received orders to return to the states and my replacement Lt. Comdr. Buckley arrives. To day I am fumed.

June 22 - I hurriedly get my gear together and by plane 6:47 go in 4 hours to Plymouth, England. In 4 hours 600 miles as compared to our rugged trip here.

June 23-45 I go to see the boys at Napton, all the Navy in the U.K. is folding up and returning very soon to the States. I am stationed at Vicarage Barracks Reering station awaiting a ship to the U.S. We go aboard ship the 29th. So I have a few days to wait.

Dr. Sahas, Knapp and myself go by plane to London for 3 days leave. We stay at American Red Cross and took the usual situation any. I see a couple plays, "Carol Gillmans Land" and "Gargoyles" at London Saville, the Windmill theatre and Whitehells.

June 29- WE go aboard ship, I go on W.S.T. 575 with about 400 men. It will be a long slow trip

house I am ships doctor.
We wait in port here in Plymouth, for
sailing orders, formation of convoy etc.
until July 2-45.

at 0800 July 2-45 we weigh anchor and
out to sea. We wear dress blue, all hands
on deck salute the British Ensign as
we pass the admiralty at Plymouth, where
Sir Francis Drake held forth. About noon
Land's end fades on the horizon. We
are a convoy of 9 U.S.T., we have no
escort.

For three days the sea has been very
calm, we have good quarters, excellent food
we read, play bridge, listen to the radio
and sack out a good deal. Today the
sea was a little rough and we had a
few seasick patients.

On Thursday July 12-45 I go by
small boat (LCVP) to LST 27 where there
is a sick patient. Under spinal anesthesia
I do an appendectomy. The ship rolls a
good bit. The appendix was easy to
find and we got along well with the
operation. Wilson Plummer assisted me.

Sat. July 14-45 I go back to VST
515, the appendectomy case is coming along
fine. I had a few cases to see on 515.
So far our trip has been swell
we had only a little rough weather. We
believe our port of debarkation will be
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