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APO 470, U. S. ARMY

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328TH MEDICAL BATTALION

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APO #470, U. S. Army,
28 February 1945.

SUBJECT: 328th Medical Battalion History.

TO : Commanding General, 103d Infantry Division,
APO #470, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is the history of the 328th Medical
Battalion for the month of February, 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

H. E. Hagan

H. E. HAGAN,
Capt., MAC.,
Adjutant.

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1 - February: Strength: 34 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 1 Chaplain (Atch'd), 397 Enlisted Men.

Hq & Hq Det: Saverne, France WQ 7215, Saverne Sheet 37/15 1:50,000 NDG - Q725159.

Company "A": Kirrwiller, France WQ 8523, Bouxwiller Sheet 37/14, 1:50,000 NDG - Q850239. Departed Bosselshausen, France at 0930 and traveled 2 miles to arrive at Kirrwiller, France at 0940 where Collecting Station set up in operation. Received and evacuated 7 casualties to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta.

Company "B": Bouxwiller, France WQ 8125, Bouxwiller Sheet 37/14, 1:50,000 NDG - Q816253. Received and evacuated 21 casualties to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta.

Company "C": Bouxwiller, France WQ 8125, Bouxwiller Sheet 37/14, 1:50,000 NDG - Q816253. Received and evacuated 18 casualties to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta.

Company "D": Saverne, France WQ 7215, Saverne Sheet 37/15, 1:50,000 NDG - Q725159. Received 50 casualties, evacuated 35, returned to duty 12, and 83 remaining.

2 - 20 February: Hq & Hq Det: Saverne, France WQ 7215.

Company "A": Kirrwiller, France WQ 8523. Received 209 casualties and evacuated 199 to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta during this period.

Company "B": Bouxwiller, France WQ 8125. Received and evacuated 251 casualties to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta during this period.

Company "C": Bouxwiller, France WQ 8125. Received 323 casualties and evacuated 308 to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta during this period.

Company "D": Saverne, France WQ 7215. Received 851 casualties, evacuated 623 and returned 225 to duty during this period.

21 - February: Hq & Hq Det: Saverne, France WQ 7215.

Company "A": Bouxwiller, France WQ 8125, Bouxwiller Sheet 37/14, 1:50,000 NDG - Q815250. Left Kirrwiller, France at 0920, arrived at Bouxwiller, France at 0940. Distance traveled 2½ miles. Received and evacuated 9 casualties to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta.

Company "B": Kirrwiller, France WQ 8423, Bouxwiller Sheet 37/14, 1:50,000 NDG - Q849239. Company moved by motor from Q 816253, City of Bouxwiller, to Q 849239, City of Kirrwiller, France. Left old site at 0800 and arrived at new site at 0840 and set up Collecting Station. Distance traveled 2 miles. Dispatched ambulances to each Bn Aid Station at 0920. Received and evacuated 8 casualties to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta.

Company "C": Bouxwiller, France WQ 8125. Received and evacuated 8 casualties to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta.

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21 - February (Cont'd): Company "D": Saverne, France WQ 7215. Received 29 casualties, evacuated 20, returned to duty 4 and 89 remaining.

22 - 28 February: Hq & Hq Det: Saverne, France WQ 7215.

Company "A": Bouxwiller, France, WQ 8125. Received 77 casualties and evacuated 71 to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta during this period.

Company "B": Kirrwiller, France WQ 8423. Received and evacuated 87 casualties to 103d Inf Div Clr Sta during this period.

Company "C": Bouxwiller, France WQ 8125. Received 80 casualties and evacuated 78 to 103d Inf Div Clr Station during this period.

Company "D": Saverne, France WQ 7215. Received 274 casualties, evacuated 202 and returned to duty 73 during this period. On 28 February there were 87 patients remaining in the Clearing Station.

Total casualties through Collecting Companies for month of February:

COMPANY "A" - Received - 302
Evacuated - 286

COMPANY "B" - Received - 367
Evacuated - 367

COMPANY "C" - Received - 429
Evacuated - 412

Total through Clearing Station: Received - 1204
Evacuated - 880
Returned to Duty - 314

Total casualties through Collecting Companies during four (4) month period from 9 November 1944 to 28 February 1945:

COMPANY "A" - Received - 1582
Evacuated - 1472

COMPANY "B" - Received - 1846
Evacuated - 1830

COMPANY "C" - Received - 2490
Evacuated - 2428

Total through Clearing Station: Received - 6495
Evacuated - 5060
Returned to Duty - 1427
Died - 3

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Operations in France, February 1945 (Cont'd)

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3 - February: Lambert, Bruno B, (MC) 0549239, Capt., atchd and jd fr Med Det 410th Inf Reg't for temp dy with Company "D" as Med O Gen.

4 - February: The Division Commander, Major General Anthony C. McAuliffe, inspected the installations of Hq Det and the Clearing Station in Saverne, France and found general conditions of all installations to be excellent. Shipp, Francis H., 38182177, Pfc., Company "C", Slightly wounded in action in France. SFW LW Back. Not hospitalized. Awarded Purple Heart.

5 - February: Aubrecht, Cyril E. (MAC) 01541706, 1st Lt., Hq Det., temp dy Army Information-Education Staff School, Paris, France to duty.

7 - 11 February: Lt. Col. Melvin F. Huth, MC., Battalion Commander, on duty as Acting Division Surgeon during the temporary absence of Lt. Col. James W. Easton, MC., Division Surgeon.

8 - February: Chapton, Francis F. (DC) 0532982, Capt., atchd and jd fr Med Det 409th Inf Reg't for temp dy with Company "D" as Dent O Gen.

20 - February: Fietti, Vincent G. (MC) 0540935, Capt., Company "A" reld fr asgmt and trfd to Det of Patients Hq Seventh Army per DB #97, Hq Seventh Army and evac to 11th Evac Hosp per A & D Sheet #50. Hq 103d Inf Div & dropped fr rolls.

21 - February: Thompson, Henry Jr., (MC) 0539345, Capt., Company "D" re- turned fr temp dy with Med Det 410th Inf Reg't. Lambert, Bruno B, (MC) Capt., reld fr temp dy as Med O Gen 103d Clr Sta.

22 - February: Chapton, Francis F. (DC) Capt., reld fr atchd and returned to Med Det 409th Inf Reg't.

26 - February: Fietti, Vincent G. (MC) 0540935, Capt., asgd and jd Company "A" fr 11th Evac Hosp.

STRENGTH OF BATTALION AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 1945: 34 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 1 Chaplain (Atch'd), 407 Enlisted Men.

Officers promotions during February 1945:

Albert W. Navsky, 2nd Lt., MAC., 02049346, Company "B" promoted to the temporary rank of 1st Lt., AUS, per par 3 SO #32, Hq Seventh Army with date of rank as of 1 February 1945.

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Officers promotions (Cont'd)

Joseph E. Talcott, 2nd Lt., MAC., O2048167, Company "C" promoted to the temporary rank of 1st Lt., AUS, per par 1 SO #47, Hq Seventh Army with date of rank as of 16 February 1945.

Vincent G. Fietti, 1st Lt., MC., O540935, Company "A" promoted to the temporary rank of Capt., AUS per par 1 SO #47, Hq Seventh Army with date of rank as of 16 February 1945.

Thomas E. Cavanaugh, Jr., 1st Lt., MC., O435435, Company "D" promoted to the temporary rank of Capt., AUS., per par 1 SO #47, Hq Seventh Army with date of rank as of 16 February 1945.

Howard W. Smith, 1st Lt., MC., O344670, Company "D" promoted to the temporary rank of Capt., AUS., per par 1 SO #47, Hq Seventh Army with date of rank as of 16 February 1945.

Henry Thompson, Jr., 1st Lt., MC., O539345, Company "D" promoted to the temporary rank of Capt., AUS., per par 1 SO #47, Hq Seventh Army with date of rank as of 16 February 1945.

During the month of February the town of Saverne, France, city in which the installations of the Med Bn CP and Clearing Station were located, was shelled several times. The first shelling of Saverne took place the night of 6 February when two shells landed. The next shelling came on 15 February starting at 0200 and continuing until 0400. 13 shells came in that night at intervals of approximately 15 minutes. Shells also came in on the nights of 17 and 22 of February. The last shelling on record occurred on 25 February, the first one coming in at 0135 and the last one at 0435. This time 12 shells came in at intervals of sometimes 4 or 5 minutes. No damage resulted to the Med Bn installations during any of the shellings.

The following is known about the gun:

A 380 mm railroad gun throwing a 16 in. 1,100 lb projectile a distance of 36 miles. It is trainborne and can only fire in the direction of the track upon which it stands. Fragments of the shell are as much as three inches thick and the hole it makes will easily accommodate a jeep or two. The gun has only been fired at night apparently because of fear of detection in daylight. The gun is believed to be in the vicinity of Soultz when in firing position.

During the month of February cases of Hepatitis became quite frequent. Capt. Godfrey, of Company "C" of this battalion, has made a study of the cases passing through the Collecting Station of Company "C" and his observations are as follows:

"An outbreak of diarrhea occurred during November and December of 1944. This outbreak involved between 70 and 80% of the group to which I am referring. Then in January of 1945, the first cases of jaundice began to occur. The incidence of jaundice seems to have increased steadily since then. The first cases having been seen during the middle of January but

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the large majority in February. Hence, the period of time elapsing between the diarrhea and jaundice seems to have been roughly two months.

The following figures are of interest:

1. Of 40 successive admissions for wounds or illnesses other than catarrhal jaundice, 30 gave a history of diarrhea. An incidence of 75%.
2. Of 25 successive admissions with catarrhal jaundice only 2 did not give a clear cut history of diarrhea. An incidence of diarrhea of 92% in this group as contrasted with 75% in the controls. Of the 23 men in the second group all gave a history of having had diarrhea during the above mentioned outbreak.

3. I have not yet seen a man who entered the group to which I refer after 20 December '44 who has come down with jaundice except for one man who had severe diarrhea one week's duration in Italy in November '44.

However, new men who have entered the group since 20 December '44, make up a substantial percentage of our total admissions and are subjected to identical environmental factors as the older members of the group.

Further figures which are of interest in the regard to the presence of subclinical infection:

1. 40 supposedly healthy men of this group were examined and questioned.
2. 31 or 77% gave a history of diarrhea.
3. Of these 31 men 14 had tender and enlarged livers (tenderness I am sure of, enlargement dubious in several). 3 had vague symptoms including weight loss, indigestion, tiredness. None showed visible jaundice. Subsequently one of the 14 has come down with clinical jaundice. The remainder continue in apparent health.
4. Of the 9 men with no history of jaundice, one had a questionably tender liver.

Conclusions

In view of the experience of the group I am interested in and in view of the above mentioned evidence, I believe that;

The clinical syndrome known as catarrhal jaundice should be divided into two stages.

1. The primary disease is a relatively mild diarrhea of very high morbidity.
2. In from 30 to 90 days (usually about 60) approximately 40 to 50% of those having had diarrhea will come down with hepatitis.
3. The majority of those having hepatitis go undetected clinically. The total number acquiring clinical jaundice is probably in the neighborhood of 5% of those infected.

The explanation for the fact that two of the men in the jaundice group failed to give a history of diarrhea is not difficult. The primary disease may well be so mild as to go relatively undetected.

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It is interesting to note that recently I have examined two men sent in with chronic diarrhea of several months' duration with severe weakness and weight loss, both of whom had tremendously enlarged and exquisitely tender livers. Evidently the primary disease in the colon may become chronic and coexists with hepatitis. One might hazard a guess that such cases may be the carriers of the disease."

The following letter of Appreciation was received by Capt. John W. Donald, MC., Commanding Officer of Collecting Company "A" from Col. Claudius L. Lloyd, Commanding Officer, 409th Inf Reg't:

6 February 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation.

TO : Captain John W. Donald, Company "A" 328th Medical Battalion. APO 470, US Army.
(Thru: Commanding Officer, 328th Medical Battalion.

1. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent manner in which you have consistently discharged your duties as commander of Company "A", 328th Medical Battalion, attached to this regiment. I have every confidence, not only in your ability as a surgeon, but also in the abilities of those medical officers and enlisted personnel whom you command.

2. It is my experience that no single item can contribute more to the high morale of any organization than the certain knowledge that every possible human effort will be made regardless of time or situation to speedily alleviate the pain and suffering of the sick and wounded. The prompt evacuation of the wounded, especially, is of paramount importance and concern to all troop commanders, and you have contributed greatly to the successes this regiment has attained during the past few months of combat.

/s/ Claudius L. Lloyd,
/t/ CLAUDIUS L. LLOYD,
Colonel, 409th Infantry
Commanding.

Reproduced Hq 328th Med Bn
7 Mar '45 H.E.F. NEN

For the Commanding Officer:

H. E. Hagan
H. E. HAGAN,
Capt., MAC.,
Adjutant.

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Casualty Report (Battle Casualties)

February 1945

WOUNDED IN ACTION:

Pfc Francis H. Shipp, 38182177, Company "C". Slightly wounded in action in France on 4 February 1945. Shell fragment wound, LW Back. Not hospitalized. Entered service from: Vinson, Oklahoma.

KILLED IN ACTION:

None

MISSING IN ACTION:

None

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Casualty Report (Battle Casualties)
CONSOLIDATED
February 1945

	KIA		WIA		MIA		TOTAL	
	O	EM	O	EM	O	EM	O	EM
Hq & Hq Det	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Company "A"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Company "B"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Company "C"	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Company "D"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Since 9 November 1944

	KIA		WIA		MIA		TOTAL	
	O	EM	O	EM	O	EM	O	EM
Hq & Hq Det	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Company "A"	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
Company "B"	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	5
Company "C"	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Company "D"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	2	0	9	0	3	0	14

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>HQ & HQ DET</u>	<u>ENTERED SERV FR</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Col.	Melvin F. Huth	0377452	MC	Baraboo, Wisconsin	Actg Div Surg 7 - 11 Feb.
Major	Robert E. Larue	0162200	MC	LaGrange, Illinois	
Captain	Verling R. Rugh	0513763	CC	Columbus, Ohio	
Captain	Robert J. Gillespie	01541818	MAC	St. Joseph, Michigan	
Captain	Herbert E. Hagan	01541800	MAC	New York, New York	
Captain	Howard M. Stein	01542020	MAC	New York, New York	
1st Lt	Clyde E. Gerberich	01541867	MAC	Middletown, Penna.	
1st Lt	Cyril E. Aubrecht	01541706	MAC	Minneapolis, Minn.	
WOJG	Fred W. Foreman	W2024202	USA	Fale Pinto, Texas	
WOJG	Erwin A. Hankamer	W2129260	USA	Dupo, Illinois	
<u>COMPANY "A"</u>					
Captain	John W. Donald	0517420	MC	Pineapple, Alabama	
Captain	John G. Sholl III	0549355	MC	Shaker Heights, Ohio	
Captain	Vincent G. Fietti	0540935	MC	Lyndhurst, New Jersey	Prmtd to Capt 16 Feb.
1st Lt	Richard W. Thompson	02047855	MAC	Rochester, New York	
2nd Lt	Francis J. Jackson	02047369	MAC	Philadelphia, Penna.	
<u>COMPANY "B"</u>					
Captain	Clark R. Rominger	0494977	MC	Waukon, Iowa	
Captain	James B. Shaler	0448557	MC	Pittsburgh, Penna.	
Captain	William A. Woodcock	0474777	MC	Hot Springs, Ark.	
1st Lt	Conrad F. Aguilar	01541770	MAC	Fresno, California	
1st Lt	Albert W. Navsky	02049346	MAC	Los Angeles, Calif.	Prmtd to 1st Lt - 1 Feb.
<u>COMPANY "C"</u>					
Captain	Daniel Bright	0511087	MC	Jacksonville, N. C.	
Captain	Robert L. Fye	0435362	MC	New Orleans, La.	
Captain	Lincoln Godfrey	0469484	MC	Merion, Penna.	
1st Lt	Fay J. Hallberg	01541904	MAC	Los Angeles, Calif.	
1st Lt	Joseph E. Talcott	02048167	MAC	Dunlap, Iowa	Prmtd to 1st Lt - 16 Feb.

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Officers Roster, February 1945 (Cont'd)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY "D"</u>		<u>ENTERED SERV FR</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
		<u>ASN</u>			
Major	Arthur D. Wilson	01821200	MC	Carrollton, Illinois	
Captain	James P. Hudson	0498267	MC	Cincinnati, Ohio.	
Captain	Olyn F. Moore	0444223	MC	Dyersburg, Tennessee.	
Captain	Howard B. Barnwell	0545747	MC	Edneyville, N. C.	
Captain	Vincent A. Aufderheide	0551888	MC	Greenville, S. C.	
Captain	William E. Avery	0551386	MC	Everett, Washington	
Captain	Howard W. Smith	0394670	MC	Ashland, Ohio	Prmtd to Capt 16 Feb.
Captain	Henry Thompson, Jr.	0539345	MC	Washington, D. C.	RTD fr temp dy Med Det 410th Inf 21 Feb. Prmtd to Capt. 16 Feb.
Captain	Thomas E. Cavanaugh, Jr.	0435435	MC	Holyoke, Mass.	Prmtd to Capt 16 Feb.
Captain	Hubert W. Merchant	0487380	DC	Deposit, New York	
Captain	Fred Schneider	01755132	DC	Maywood, Illinois	
1st Lt	Walter S. Radowski	02047791	MAC	Wakefield, Michigan.	

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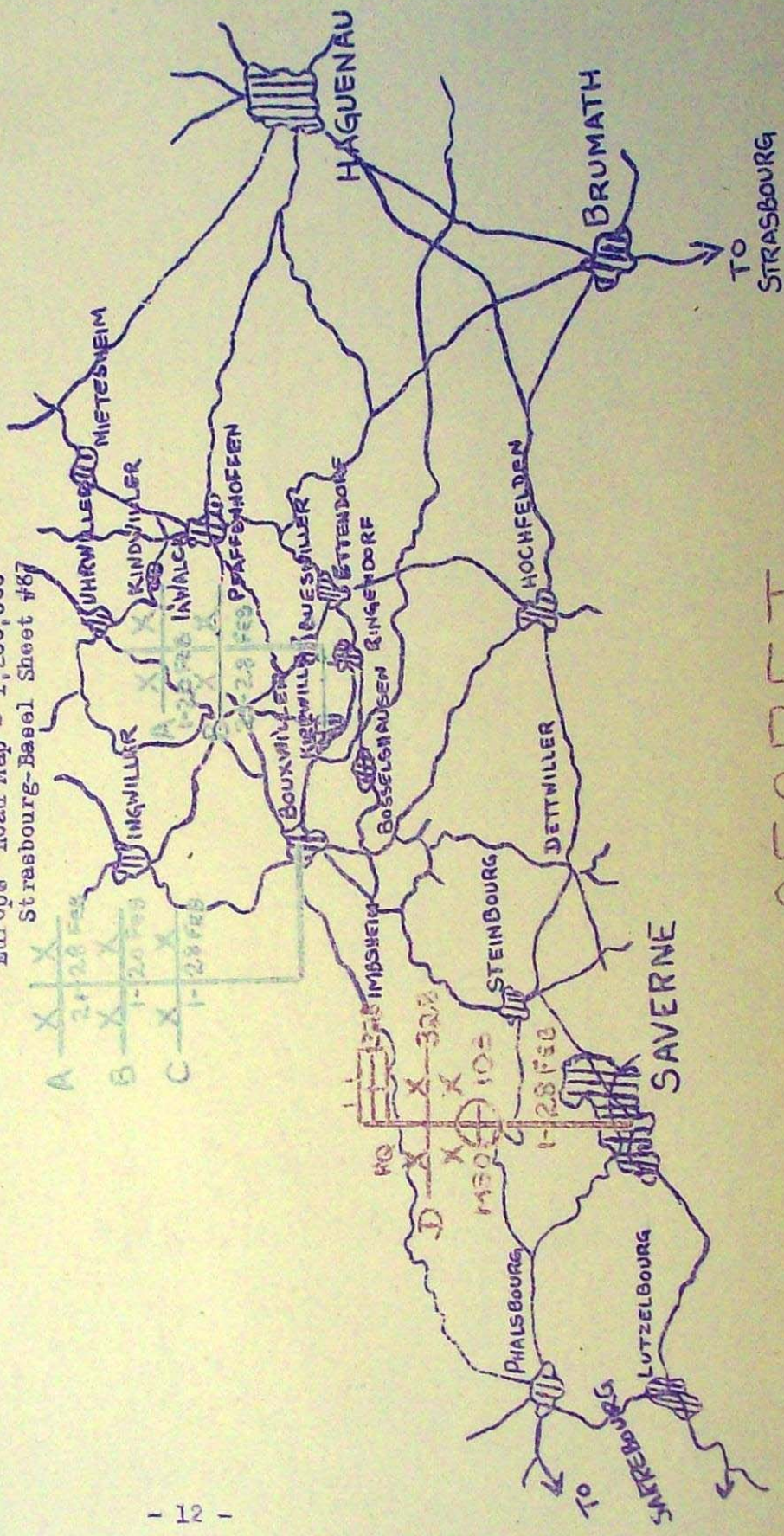
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Location of Collecting Companies,
Med Bn CP, Div Clr Sta & Div Med Supply
Depot during the month of February 1945,
with respective dates at each location.

- Towns & Routes
- CP, Clr Sta & Med Supply
- Collecting Companies
- MAPS

Europe Road Map - 1:200,000
Strasbourg-Basel Sheet #87

A	X	X	X
B	X	X	X
C	X	X	X



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