Subject: Activities of the Operating Room.

To: Chief of Surgical Service, 12th General Hospital, APO #700, U. S. Army.

1. The following report covers the activities of the operating room of the 12th General Hospital from March 1, 1943 to March 31, 1943 (mid-night), inclusive:

   a. Operations in the main operating rooms:
      Total - 173

      (1) General Surgery - 52
         Anastomosis (transverse ileo-colostomy) 1
         Appendectomy 3
         Aspiration fluid axillary gland 1
         Bronchoscopy 1
         Cholecystectomy & choledocotomy 1
         Colostomy 1
         Excision of keloid & skin graft 1
         Excision of lipoma 1
         Excision of cyst 2
         Excision of warts 1
         Excision of scar 1
         Exploration of foreign body (not found) 2
         Exploratory laparotomy 1
         Exploration old appendectomy incision 1
         Gastrectomy 1
         Herniorrhaphy 4
         Nerve suture 1
         Removal portion of toe nail 1
         Removal foreign body 5
         Removal packing 1
         Repair P. O. evisceration 1
         Saphenous vein ligation 3
         Skin graft 12
         Secondary wound closure 5
         Total 52

      (2) Septic Surgery - 9
         Exploration for foreign body and incision and drainage 1
         Incision and drainage 5
         Incision and drainage and removal foreign body 3
         Total 9
(3) **Neurological Surgery.** - 6
- Division of scalenous muscle............. 1
- Exploration G.S.W. involving nerve.... 1
- Laminectomy.................................. 1
- Removal foreign body cervical spine... 1
- Resection of scar and injection
  saphenous nerve............................ 1
- Ventriculogram.............................. 1
  Total........................................ 6

(4) **Orthopedic Surgery.** - 17
- Amputation of great toe.................. 1
- Chondrectomy.................................. 5
- Closed reduction and casts.............. 1
- Excision osteochondroma.................. 1
- Exploration right knee.................... 1
- Skeletal traction with casts............ 3
- Manipulation and cast..................... 1
- Nicola operation........................... 1
- Open reduction.............................. 2
- Removal radial head....................... 1
  Total........................................ 17

(5) **Urological Surgery.** - 33
- Circumcision.............................. 6
- Cystostomy.................................... 1
- Cystoscopy................................... 19
- Excision of epididymal tumor............ 1
- Hydrocelectomy.............................. 1
- Meatotomy................................... 1
- Nephrectomy.................................. 3
- Orchidectomy............................... 1
  Total........................................ 33

(6) **E. E. N. T. Surgery.** - 46
- Antral window.............................. 2
- Excision submaxillary gland............. 3
- Excision nasal sinus...................... 1
- Excision nasopharyngeal tumor.......... 1
- Exploration submaxillary region........ 1
- Mastoidectomy.............................. 1
- Pterygium resection....................... 1
- Reduction nasal fracture................. 1
- Removal foreign body from eye.......... 2
- Removal foreign body from face......... 1
- Repair conjunctiva left eye............ 1
- Tonsillectomy.............................. 31
  Total........................................ 46
(7) Rectal Surgery. - 10
   Excision anal fissure..............................1
   Excision pilonidal sinus.........................1
   Fulguration of peri-anal warts.................1
   Hemorrhoidectomy................................7
Total...........................................10

Note:
(1) All the above cases were regularly scheduled except two appendectomies and one open reduction with application of cast.
(2) One (1) patient expired in the operation room.

(8) Operations in Minor Surgery. - 13
   Cleaning up of burns on face...................1
   Contusion of left side of face................1
   Reduction fractured metacarpal................1
   Removal foreign body in scalp................1
   Removal of splinter.............................1
   Removal of wart from wrist....................1
   Repair of lacerated lip.........................1
   Repair of lacerated right hand...............1
   Repair of lacerated scalp.....................1
   Repair of lacerated upper orbital of face....1
   Repair of lacerated wrist.....................1
   Treatment of burns on left hand and back....1
   Treatment of fractured 7th and 8th ribs, right.1
Total...........................................13

b. Grand total of all operations: 186

c. Anesthesia in Operating Rooms:
   (1) General Anesthetic. - 71
       Nitrous oxide................................20
       Nitrous oxide and ether.....................21
       Ether........................................2
       Avertin......................................2
       Sod. Pentothal I. V..........................23
       Sod. Pentothal I. V. in minor surgery....1
       Total......................................71

   (2) Spinal Anesthetic. - 22
       Procaine....................................9
       Metycaine....................................3
       Total.......................................22

   (3) Local Anesthetic. - 84
       Novacaine...................................75
       Novacaine in minor surgery................8
Butyn ........................................ 1
Cocaine ...................................... 5
Total ......................................... 89

- (4) Anesthesia in Wards. - 7
  Sod. Pentothal I. V. .......................... 6
  Spinal ........................................ 1

- d. Grand total of Anesthesias: 189

2. Central Ward Supply:

  Transfusions .................................. 14
  Special Trays (Spinal punctures, aspirations, etc.) ........................................ 33
  I. V. to wards .................................. 45
  Plasma to wards ................................ 6
  Plasma to operating rooms ....................... 2
  Gloves to wards ................................ 150
  Syringes to wards ................................ 30
  Boric solution to wards (1 liter each) ............. 75
  Saline solution for irrigations to wards (1 liter each) .................................. 10
  Sterile water to wards (1 liter each) ............. 25
  Novacaine to wards ................................ 580 cc.
  Novacaine to operating rooms ....................... 4320 cc.

3. Sterilization:

  Sterilization of cans of dressings and towels for wards, various sizes and contents, approximately 75 packages per day.

4. Laundry done by civilians for Operating Pavilion for month of March:

  a. General laundry. - 2728 pieces

     Coats ...................................... 65
     Cuffs ....................................... 7
     Gowns ..................................... 260
     Hamper .................................... 1
     Lap sheets .................................. 13
     Many-tailed binder ........................... 1
     Needle holders ............................... 12
     Pillow cases ................................ 110
     Sheets ...................................... 235
     Slit sheets ................................ 4
     Towels ...................................... 147
     Trousers .................................... 72
     Triangular bandage ........................... 4
     Wash cloths ................................ 7
     Wrappers ................................... 20

     Total ..................................... 2228

  b. Linen washed for Minor Surgery: - 875 pieces

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Towels..............................................300
Gowns................................................20
Sheets................................................25
Wrappers............................................350
Total..................................................875

5. Grand total by civilians: 3103

5. Linen washed and boiled by operating room personnel: 1350 pieces
   Nurses’ and Medical Officers’ caps...........600
   Masks...............................................550
   Laparotomy sponges............................200
   Total.............................................1350

6. Dressing reclamation in the Operating Rooms: Gauze sponges were reclaimed from 122 cases. These sponges are washed, boiled, stretched, dried and refolded for use.

7. Dressing reclamation in Central Ward Supply: An estimate of six (6) bolts of absorbent dressing gauze used on various wards were collected and reclaimed.