



HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
MEDPS-PO

10 January 1963

SUBJECT: Overexposure to Ionizing Radiation

TO: Commanding General
Eighth United States Army
ATTN: Chief Surgeon
APO 301, San Francisco, California

1. The inclosed copy of TWX, SD 00222, dated 9 January 1963 from Sacramento Army Depot indicates that SP5 William Skaggs of your command received a dose of ionizing radiation of 2600 millirems during the period 3 December through 30 December 1962.

2. A dose of 2600 millirems is considerably in excess of the permissible total body radiation for a four week period. Should such incidents recur frequently, serious impairment to the health of the individual could result.

3. This office would appreciate receiving any information that might have been obtained in the course of investigating the circumstances responsible for the alleged overexposure to ionizing radiation.

FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL:

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UNCLAS SD 00222 FOR RADL SVC INFO MEDCE-OH WASH DC
FROM SSMSA_DM_5A

RADIATION OVERDOSE OF 2.60 REMS RECD BY SKAGGS, WILLIAM, SP/51
(FILM BADGE ORL043). DOSE RECD DURING PD 3 DEC - 30 DEC 62 FROM
X_RWE. ALLOWABLE DTE FOR THIS PD IS 1.2 REMS. PLEASE CONFIRM

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