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Subject: Medical Facilities, Manhattan District

To: The Commanding General, Army Service Forces,
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1. Due to the unique occupational hazards which will be encountered in the operation of the projects under the control of the Manhattan District of the Corps of Engineers, it has been necessary to provide on-site hospital and medical facilities for the personnel employed thereon and such of their families as are required to live on the projects. It has also been found necessary to contract with certain institutions for the furnishing of medical facilities and especially qualified personnel.

2. At one project, hospital facilities are nearing completion. The medical staff, provided by the contractor in charge of a part of the medical research pertaining to the project, has necessarily come into possession of considerable secret information. For this reason and primarily in order to insure the retention on the project of their outstanding professional qualifications, and to insure continuity of research and medical treatment, it has been determined to be essential that a certain portion of this medical staff be in the military establishment.

3. It is therefore recommended:

a. That ^{certain of} the medical personnel be commissioned in the Medical Department, and that a procurement objective and allotment of personnel be made available to the Surgeon General for that specific purpose in the numbers and grades indicated on the inclosure, and that the District Engineer, Manhattan District, be authorized to correspond directly with the Surgeon General in order to expedite the militarization of this medical staff.

b. That the Surgeon General be asked to give the fullest consideration to recommendations of the District Engineer as to the grades in which the members of that staff are to be appointed,

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and to requests for any necessary waivers of physical disabilities of those persons, provided that such disabilities will not prevent them from performing their assigned contemplated duties.

c. That existing Medical Department personnel and materiel procurement facilities be made available to the Manhattan District, where it is advantageous to the Government.

d. That those persons named in paragraph 2, AR 40-505, and stationed at those Manhattan District projects at which there are located medical facilities, be authorized to receive medical care at those facilities, and the expenses incurred thereby be reimbursed to the Manhattan District by the Surgeon General from funds available to him, the manner of reimbursement to be mutually agreed upon between the Surgeon General and the District Engineer.

e. That, for security reasons, a liaison officer be appointed by the Surgeon General with station at the Office of the Surgeon General, with full authority and freedom of action to approve, in the name of the Surgeon General, requisitions accomplished by the District Engineer, Manhattan District, for such Medical Department personnel and materiel as are necessary, and to expedite the filling of such requisitions. This officer will be provided by the Manhattan District with the information (for his personal use) necessary for him to act intelligently.

f. That the District Engineer and the medical officers under his control be not required to submit to the Surgeon General or his representatives any reports which in the opinion of the District Engineer will reveal the nature, scope, or military importance of the work being performed by the Manhattan District.

g. That the Medical Department personnel assigned, attached, or allotted to the Manhattan District be not transferred to or from the control of the District Engineer without his prior approval. This measure is necessary in order to control the security of classified information and in order to insure that the especially selected medical personnel will be retained on their presently assigned tasks.

For the Chief of Engineers:



L. R. GROVES
Brigadier General, C.E.

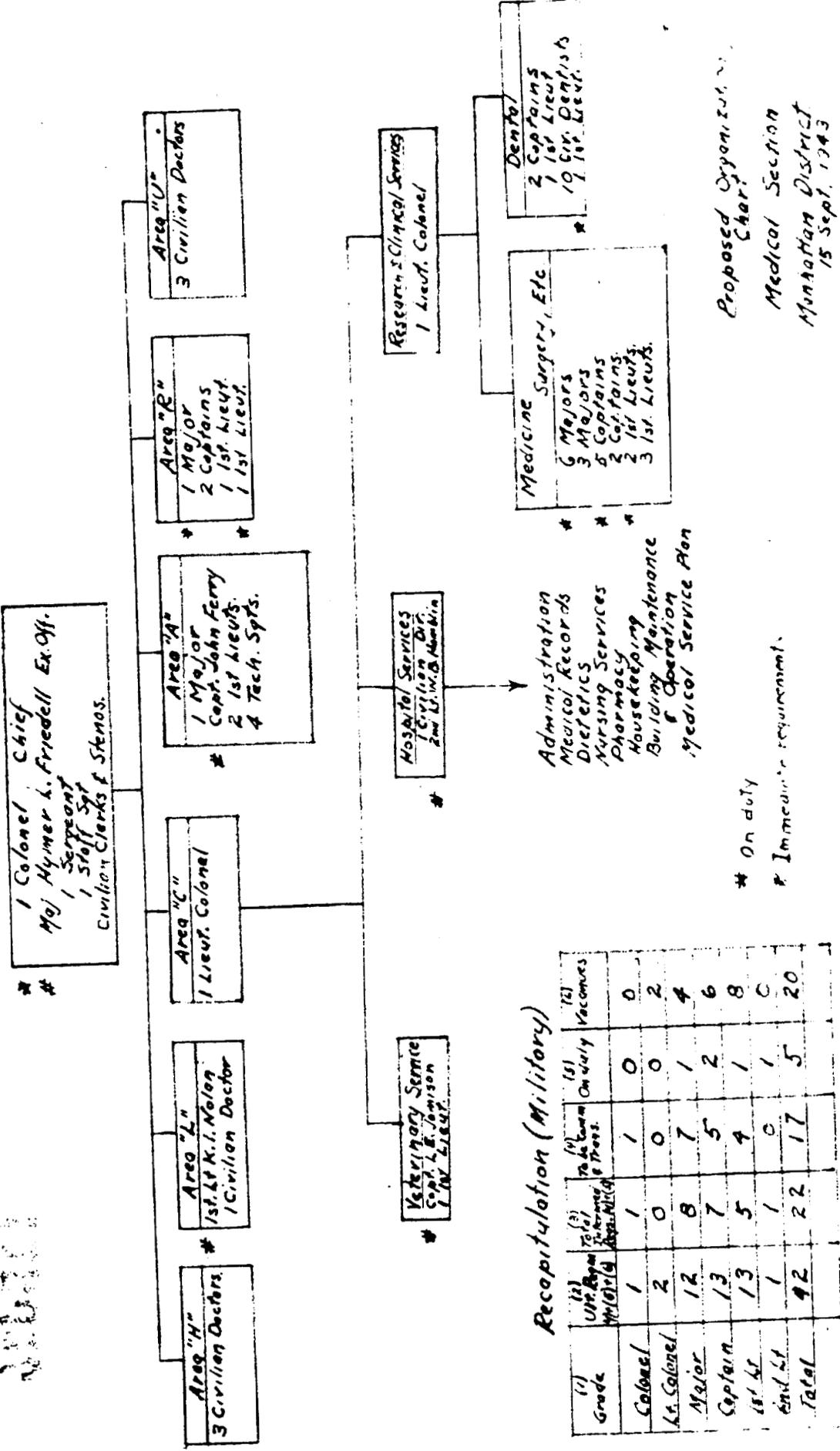
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MANHATTAN DISTRICT
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RECAPITULATION



Proposed Organization
Medical Section
Manhattan District
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District

Recapitulation (Military)

Grade	(1) US Army Medical Personnel	(2) Total Personnel	(3) Total Personnel	(4) On duty	(5) Vacancies
Colonel	1	1	1	0	0
Lt. Colonel	2	0	0	0	2
Major	12	8	7	1	4
Captain	13	7	5	2	6
1st Lt.	13	5	4	1	8
2nd Lt.	1	1	0	1	0
Total	42	22	17	5	20

* On duty
* Immediate requirements.

