

MEDCL - Comment 12

Chief, Administrative Office  
 Inspector General  
 (IN TURN)  
 Chief, Legal Office

NOV 5 1957

Lt Col House/67142/bf.

Annual General Inspection, FY 1957, Valley Forge Army Hospital

1. In accordance with the request contained in Comment 1 dated 5 July 1957, subject report has been reviewed by this office.
2. There appear to be two areas of interest to the Legal Office.

- a. Reference paragraph 9b (2)

This area was previously commented on by this office as a result of subject inspection. See attached comment dated 31 July 1957 (Incl 2).

- b. Reference paragraph 9b (5) and paragraph 4, TABE

This area was also previously commented on by this office as a result of subject inspection. See attached comment dated 18 June 1957 (Incl 3).

FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL:

Incl

1. n/c
- Added: 2. Cmt 2 dtd 31 July 57 from  
Legal Office
3. Cmt 2 dtd 18 June 57 from  
Legal Office

RAYMOND COWARD  
 Lt. Colonel, JAGC  
 Chief, Legal Office



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File Name: 401-02 Medical Treatment Consent  
to Refusal of, 1944-65

MEMO  
NO. 11

29 October 1957  
Miss Krucalyak/64386

TO : Chief, Legal Office  
Chief, Administrative Office  
Inspector General  
IN TURN

FROM: Comptroller, OTSG

1. Reference paragraph 9b(5), and paragraph 3b, Tab E, of subject report.
2. Correspondence to Commanding General, Valley Forge Army Hospital is being initiated by Accounting Systems and Procedures Section, Finance and Accounting Branch, to assist the Commanding General in improving the problem encountered in connection with Imprest Fund transactions.

1 Incl  
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NEPTUNE FOEHLBERG  
Comptroller

NO. 9  
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Prevent Marshal  
Comptroller  
Chief, Legal Office  
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Inspector General  
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8 October 1957  
Mr. Allen/sp/65137

FROM: Chief, Medical Statistics Division

SUBJECT: Annual General Inspection, FY 1957, Valley Forge Army Hospital

Subject report has been reviewed. With respect to matters of primary or joint interest to this division, it appears that no action by this office is indicated at this time.

EUGENE L. HAMILTON

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MEMO-D  
No. 6Chief, Medical Statistics Division  
Provost Marshal  
Comptroller4 October 1957  
Mr J H Young/66343XXXX / Chief, Legal Office  
Chief, Administrative Office  
Inspector General  
XXXXXX IN TURN

FROM: Chief, Supply Division

SUBJECT: Annual General Inspection, FY 1957, Valley Forge Army Hospital

Subject report has been reviewed and the following comments are furnished on items having Supply Division implications:

a. Reference paragraph 2, Tab E. Problem Areas - The immediate problem was resolved when a representative from Second Army and from The Office of The Surgeon General met with the Chief, Supply and Service Division, Valley Forge Army Hospital, in July 1957, and the Commanding General, Second U. S. Army agreed to withdraw some of the units that were drawing rations from the Valley Forge Commissary.

b. Reference paragraph 4 a, Tab D - Consideration will be given to making steel shelving available from Army hospitals that are to be deactivated.

1 Incl  
n/sTHEODOR M. CAROW  
Colonel, M. C.

MEDCOM-NO

No. 7

Chief, Supply Division  
 Chief, Medical Statistics Division  
 Provost Marshal

2 October 1957  
 Major Wagner/6400h/amb

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Comptroller  
 Chief, Legal Office  
 Chief, Administrative Office

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Inspector General  
IN TURN

FROM: Acting Chief, Personnel Division

SUBJECT: Annual General Inspection, FY 1957, Valley Forge Army Hospital

1. Reference paragraph 5b(3) and paragraph 6, Tab D. The four (4) positions authorized the Comptroller's Office, Valley Forge Army Hospital are now filled.

2. Reference paragraph 2, Tab E. A manpower survey of Valley Forge Army Hospital was conducted by representatives of The Surgeon General during the period 5-14 August 1957 and at that time two (2) additional enlisted spaces were recommended for the Commissary. It was the opinion of the team that with this increase plus the planned improvements, i.e., self-service meat counters, the commissary operation would be considerably improved. The physical facilities of the Commissary are so restricted that further increases in personnel would do little to alleviate the situation.

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HUGHAN E. PEATFICKED  
 Colonel, M. C.

MEMO NO. 6

Chief, Personnel Division  
Chief, Supply Division  
Chief, Medical Statistics Division

30 September 1957  
Col. Hickey/62254

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Provost Marshal  
Comptroller

Chief, Legal Office

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Chief, Administrative Office

Inspector General

IN TURN

FROM : Chief, Dental Division

SUBJECT: Annual General Inspection, FY 1957, Valley Forge Army Hospital

Censor with recommendations made by Inspector General, paragraph 9a(5),  
pertaining to dental activities.

2 Incl  
a/s

IRLAND G. HENNER  
Colonel, Dental Corps  
Dental Division

MEMO-PT

NO. 5

TO:

Chief, Dental Division  
 Chief, Personnel Division  
 Chief, Supply Division  
 Chief, Medical Statistics Division  
 Provost Marshal  
 Comptroller  
 Chief, Legal Office  
 Chief, Administrative Office  
 Inspector General  
 Chief, Preventive Medicine Division  
 (IF TIME)

DATE: 27 September 1957  
 Maj Thross/3ra/66874

FROM: Chief, Education and Training Division

1. The attached report of Annual General Inspection, FY 1957, Valley Forge Army Hospital has been reviewed and the following comments are furnished on those items having Education and Training implications:

a. reference paragraph 9b (1)

On 23 April, the Chief, Education and Training Division visited Valley Forge Army Hospital. Authority was given at that time to affiliate with U. S. Army Hospital Fort Dix, N. J. to give one month sb/gyn, one month general surgery, and one month (optional) on orthopedics.

**MEMO-PT****DATE: 27 September 1957****SUBJECT: Annual General Inspection, PT 1957, Valley Forge Army Hospital**

1. Dr. Jean Curran, Associate Executive Dean, New York State Medical Schools and Dr. Flaminio Simmons, Professor, Department of Surgery, Eastern Reserve Medical School, both consultants to the Education and Training Division visited Valley Forge Army Hospital on 11-12 June 1957 and Fort Dix, New Jersey on 13-14 June 1957. They were strong in their recommendation that the intern program not be moved completely to Fort Dix. They agreed that the present affiliation with Fort Dix was very satisfactory, both to them and to the interns.

2. On recent visit to Valley Forge Army Hospital and Fort Dix on 3-4 and 5 September Colonel Byron L. Steger and Major E. W. Thomas noted that the intern training program was considerably improved by the affiliation with Fort Dix and that all concerned were satisfied.

1 Incl  
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BYRON L. STEGER  
Colonel, M. C.

MEMO-30  
NO. 3

Chief, Preventive Medicine  
Chief, Education and Training Division  
Chief, Dental Division  
XXXXX Chief, Personnel Division  
Chief, Supply Division  
XXXXXXX Chief, Medical Statistics Division  
XXXXXXX Provost Marshal  
Comptroller  
Chief, Legal Office  
Chief, Administrative Office  
Inspector General  
(IN TOUR)

27 August 1957  
V. Livingston/61737/rs

FROM : Chief, Medical Plans and Operations Division

SUBJECT: Annual General Inspection, FY 1957, Valley Forge Army Hospital

The attached report of Annual General Inspection, FY 1957, Valley Forge Army Hospital has been reviewed and the following comments are furnished on those items having Medical Plans and Operations implications:

a. Reference paragraph 9a (2):

It is the policy of The Surgeon General that the requirement for recording of consent of active duty military personnel for the performance of medical procedures is a matter for determination by the hospital commander concerned.

In accordance with the policy contained above, no request for a change in the present regulations will be initiated by this division.

b. Reference paragraph 9b (4):

Designation of specialty treatment centers, other than those existing on H-Day, was considered inadvisable due to limited numbers of professional personnel initially available. Early requirements would be met by regulating patients to existing specialty treatment centers or to hospitals at which qualified professional personnel was available. Additional specialty treatment centers would be established as requirements built up and sufficient professional personnel of the type required for staffing became available. This course of action was considered to be more economical in both personnel and material.

1 Incl  
a/s

THOMAS H. PAGE  
Colonel, MC

MEDDD-HO Chief, Legal Office  
 Chief, Professional Division, OTSG  
 (Attn: Chief Surgical Consultant)  
IN TURN

18 July 1957  
 V. Lanthorn/61737/eg

Chief, Medical Plans and Operations Division, OTSG

Annual General Inspections of Walter Reed Army Medical Center and  
 Valley Forge Army Hospital, FY 1957.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 9b (2), Annual General Inspection of Valley Forge Army Hospital, FY 1957 and paragraph 10b (3), Annual General Inspection of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, FY 1957 relative to the necessity for recording consent of active duty military personnel for the performance of surgery and similar procedures.

2. Request this division be furnished comments upon which to base a reply to the Inspector General.

2 Incl  
 1. AGI of VFAH.  
 2. AGI of WRAMC.

THOMAS N. PAGE  
 Colonel, MC

MSDIG

Chief, Legal Office  
 Chief, Professional Division  
 Chief, Administrative Office

14 June 1957  
 Major Hofstetter/11/67402

~~XXXXX~~ Chief, Medical Plans and Operations Division  
 (IN TURN)

FROM : Inspector General

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SUBJECT: Examination of Mail of NP Patients

1. Prior to the Annual General Inspection, Valley Forge Army Hospital, FY 1957, VPAH Administrative Memorandum #15, VPAH, subject: Policy on Detention of Neuro-psychiatric Patients on Closed (Locked) Wards, was referred to this office from Professional Division for comments on the instructions therein pertaining to examination of mail of NP patients.

2. During the Annual General Inspection of Valley Forge Army Hospital, inquiry was made into this matter. A brief comment on this problem is contained in the report of inspection, currently being staffed within OIUG. There were differences of opinion among VPAH staff officers, primarily between the Chief of Department of NP and the local Judge Advocate. Copies of VPAH documentation in this matter are attached as inclosures 1 through 4.

3. It is recommended that a DA directive, setting forth policy and procedural instructions in this area, be published.

4. Request information as to actions taken or contemplated.

4 Incl

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| 1. DF, VPAH IG (Pres of problem)                         | JAMES P. PAPPAS   |
| 2. DF, VPAH JAG (Primary string of order)                | Colonel, IG       |
| 3. Final Draft, VPAH Artv)                               | Inspector General |
| 4. DF, VPAH JAG (Problem not resolved by VPAH directive) |                   |

MEDCL-NO. 2

Chief, Professional Division  
 Chief, Administrative Office  
 Chief, Medical Plans and Operations Division  
 ( IN TURN )

18 June 1957  
 Lt Col Rouse/67142/1p

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FROM: Acting Chief, Legal Office

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SUBJECT: Examination of Mail of NP Patients

1. With reference to the recommendation contained in par. 3 of Comment 1, dated 14 June 1957, the need for a DA directive would appear to be mainly contingent upon the operational need for same, a matter on which this office has no direct information.

2. In any event, if it is determined that such a directive should be published there would appear to be no feasible method of lumping both "military" and "civilian" patients together in one category as is apparently desired by the Chief, Department of NP, Valley Forge Army Hospital. The attached JAG opinion, which appears to be controlling in this case, clearly distinguishes between "persons subject to military law" and "civilians who are not subject to military law" which terminology should be employed rather than the terms "military" and "civilian" patients inasmuch as certain civilians in overseas areas, are subject to military law.

3. The directive (Administrative Memorandum No. 15 dated 5 April 1957) published by VPAH provides only for the censorship of mail where the communication is in violation of the law. Censorship is also permissible where the communication is in violation of regulations necessary to the security or safety of the United States. (Subsec. 4(a) WTAS Act (62 Stat. 605), as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 454 (a)).

4. In the event it is determined that a DA directive should be published, it is requested that it be submitted to this office for further review.

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JOSEPH H. ROUSE  
 Lt. Colonel, JAGC  
 Acting Chief, Legal Office

1826 Incl. 3

7-11  
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MEMORANDUM  
(9 Oct 1957)

1st Ind.

JRH:lvh 66867

SUBJECT: Request for Permission to Use Radioactive Isotopes

SA, DTSG, Washington 25, D. C.

OCT 25 1957

THRU: The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C.

TO: Commanding General, Quartermaster Research and Engineering Command,  
Quartermaster Research and Engineering Center, U.S. Army, Natick,  
Massachusetts

1. Attention is invited to AR 10-230, 1 February 1957, which supplemented SR 52-10-10 referenced in paragraph 1, basic communication.

2. All ionizing radiations are considered potentially harmful to man. The administration of even tracer amounts of radionuclides cannot be approved without complete information, evidence of experimental results in lower animals, evidence of necessity, and due consideration to the medico-legal aspects as regards the liability of the Government and the individual users. None of these aspects are adequately presented in the basic correspondence.

3. Recommend submission of a complete protocol for the proposed experiments. This should include a complete bibliography related to the problem, results of experimental work in lower animals, and evidence of necessity to use radionuclide tracer techniques in man to obtain the desired information. In the interim, permission cannot be given as requested.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

BRYAN C. T. FORTSON  
Colonel, M.C.  
Executive Officer

ARTHUR P. LONG  
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Chief, Preventive Medicine Division

JOHN R. HALL, JR.  
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CONCURRENCE:

Research &amp; Development Division

Legal Office