

Wed. Mar. 31, 1943

Arrived LGH at 5⁴⁵ PM & assigned to Temp quarters. Met Col. Connors, head of 4th Surg. a friendly, attractive man. Feet in Joe shoes. Read of med mil. matters then to bed. First impressions of post highly favorable.

Thurs, April 1.

The morning hobbling around checking in - received 1st tetanus shot.

Col. Sloth - old line orthopedic army man, head of surgical service LGH. Short chat.

Capt. Watterman - exec. officer in surg. service. old Harvard man - very pleasant - helpful.

May. Pratt - my immediate senior on ward 3A - officer's gen. surgery.

Had long chat in Dms - full of local gossip. Met Joe Johnson, HMS '40 - Has been at P.H. in NYC, then ^{+ then news. Dept. of} Bellevue; then 6 mos private practice in Chattanooga - Now Vanderbilt Unit -

a captain. Full of good humor as
always - 2 little girls + one in the room
To here for psychoneurologic course, 2 weeks.

Capt. ~~J. Harris~~ ^{Harris} - on the chest service -
trained at U of Tennessee - 7 years
post graduate training gen surg + chest.
In AHS since May '42.
Tonight - letter writing.

Fri. April 2

Report to Brig. Gen. Sheep, CO of 49th
all day trying to learn the
local ground rules, forms, etc.

Lecture on Articles of War

Captain Eprey - MAC of 4th ans -
Adjutant for the 4th - Very enthusiastic.

Bennie Sauter arrived just today.

Felt some better; knee still
not too full extension + weak.

Low working under Capt.

Greenberg, trained in general surg. but
now on Neuro-surg. Alert + smart

Major Van Waggenon - head of
neurosurgical section - apparently
quite a fine man, low heels.
Perhaps outstanding of man

clinically in this post.

Read "The year of decision" tonight - Great stuff!

Sat. - Apr. 3rd

Surgical Staff rounds in AM
lecture in PM -

To Atlanta to see the sights
with Sam. Wonderful town
full of beautiful women and
Wares. Maybe that's not fair!

Saw: - On the ward all day -

To supper with St. Fred Corbe (SSW)
+ Francis at her mother's home -
Mr. + Mrs. Mist, #1 Brookhaven
Dr, Brookhaven, Atlanta, Ga. Very
delightful evening - Much talk
of "the Islands" from wherever
the Mists. Knows everyone
I know who ever was in Honolulu.
This week's weather has been
beautiful.

Monday April 5th - Today doing
farm work most of the day.
Am to be moved from Ward
3-A to Fever Therapy clinic in
Physiotherapy, starting tomorrow.

Feet still in bad shape -
Trite on rounds with
Capt. Daniel Beard, Atlanta
reared boy and member of
G.U. club here, learning the
business of being S.O.D.

Also met: Maj. Hayworth, G.U.
Maj. Evans: orthoped.

News from H. Col Lavy, head of
G.U. section, exec. officer for
Surg. Serv., that Colonel Faust
is now head of 4th Auxiliary
with Col. Courtes 2nd in
Command. Col. Faust from
Fitzsimmons Hosp., old line
army surgeon.

A Capt. Perry me from
Fort Rogers Okla brought us a
pt. today. He's chief of Surg staff
at the Slt there. Big good looking
boy - trained at Kings Co in NYC -
doing lots of surgery.

Tues Apr 6.

Learning my way around the Fever Therapy department and then truite into Atlanta to get my shoes stretched + get some neat foot oil. A few drinks at the Henry Jolly then home to bed. Capt. Hewitt - G.U. - was practicing same in Fla..

Wed: Apr 7,

So work at 1:30 Pm and from there to 9:30 Pm. Truite see EMO - No calls.

Thurs: ^{Apr 8} Major Hewew is second in command of the G.U. service. A pleasant but not too brilliant a man, I should judge Lt. Col. Inury is exec. off. of the surg. service, more interested in army law than medicine I should judge

Two interesting Army stories -
① A big strapping nurse from Panama arrived

claiming she was pregnant
via an officer at a party -
alleging rape, although by the
size of her it seemed unlikely,
when it got too hot to handle,
she was sent here. The situation
called for army routine in
triplicate - this time a committee
of 3 colonels to decide was she
pregnant. Col. Sloat, orthoped.,
Col. Moore, dentist, & one
other, ENT specialist after
careful study, it obviously being
a problem right up their ally,
decided that she was not preg.
and that she was psycho. The
PN service studied her carefully
and then after 3 mos stated
she was anything but psycho -
a perfectly normal woman
claiming she was pregnant and
a little peeved at the whole
situation. Well they had to do
something, so they decided to
put her to work. Which she
did - for 5 months -

(i.e. up to ten days before
she baby was born. It was
now hard for the Colonels to
maintain she was not pregnant.
their chief problem is how to
hide the news from Washington.
The most difficult angle is -
she claims "line of duty - yes" -

② A navy doctor in the Hebrides
drained an infected area
in a young soldier here (shot
in Guadalcanal) by neatly
slicing transversely across the
fore arm, cutting in two
most of the muscles and
neatly dividing the ulnar nerve!

Fri - Apr. 9th

Routine day in fever clinic.

Sat. - April 10th

News at 1⁰⁰ of mother's
death. Arrangements then
Col. Torrey for departure at once.
will attempt to fly.

April 21st - Back again after
a sad trip.

A new job: ward officer
in 19A - 9. a surgical - under
Major Hayward. Much surgery
set-up for Fever & Crohn.

April 22nd - all day learning
new ropes - chiefly how to
run the typewriter in 19A
Much interesting pathology
there, especially testicular
tumors.

Tonite to "The Name is
Love" - John Steinbeck's book
in movie form. Vignously
done - effective ending.

April 23rd. Today Gene Record, 1st Lt.
arrived for duty in 4th Surg.
He's been at Stevens in Rich
Yeff - both did lots of surgery
then 5 mo's. at Kilmer -
chiefly dressing, then via
"channels" transferred here.
Don left for N.Y.C. today
to study Neuro-surg in books.

Incidentally, Leitch Keff for 5th mo
now in Iceland, pulling
teeth.

They say the pregnancy rate
in the nursing staff at
S.H.'s in Iceland is approx
50%.

April 25th

Easter Sunday, a little
fatigued this morning as
up late with the Waves!
This evening with Beckwith
and Knuland to the
Lunklers, Cornie and
Karling, who own the Rinsky -
Jew Sholess, 2nd Lt. Messich
(a potential tennis player, Swedish,
all Atlanta people.

April 27th

Working late both last nite
and tonight trying to get the
records up to date. Tonight
am right in the nose.
Miss Gately a Boston girl
head nurse in I & A -

capable & jolly, and a great
aid to the neighbors.

April 30

Immured into Rheims which
will be a relief.

Ward in good shape at
present, with but few
admissions yesterday & today.

Nurses dance last night -
rather enjoyable.

Major Hanna to leave us -
Major Hayward to take over as
Post Chaplain & C. Section.

Bertha and Nat Turnbull
(Lt. - Runs Officers club)
at picnic at the Lawless's,
after golf. Jim McClintock, Major,
of Grand Junction Colo - now
preparing Atlanta blood
bank was on hand as
the raison d'être - being
his birthday.