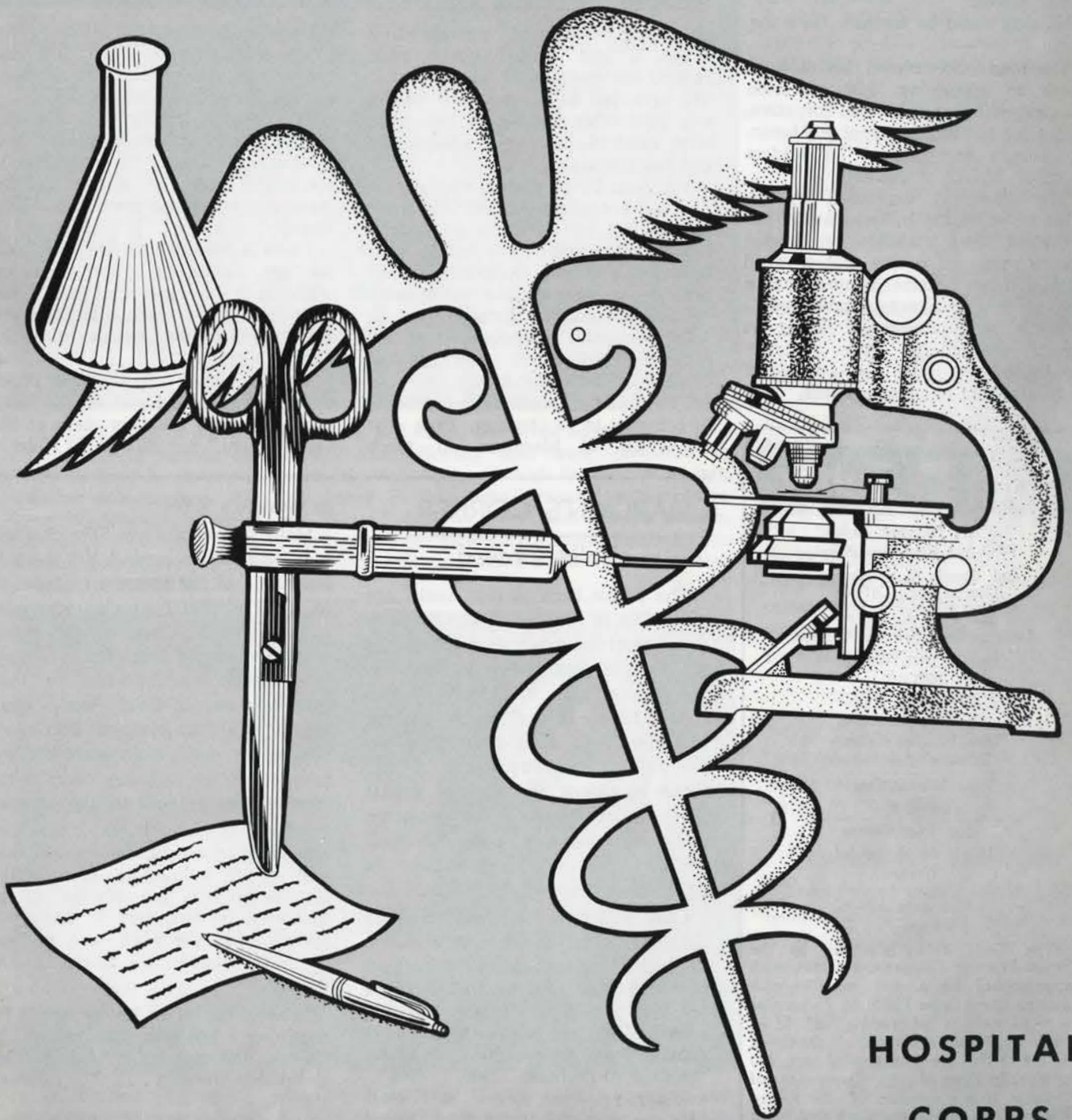


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CORPSMAN !! CORPSMAN !!

A lifesaving cry heard on the battlefields wherever Americans have fought in the past 70 years has brought to the fallen man's aid the healing touch of a medical technician endowed with the "guts" and the spirit of the toughest fighting man.

He is the hospital corpsman.

Today is the 70th anniversary of the Hospital Corps' fighting medical men. Their corps came into existence June 17, 1898 when it was established within the Medical Department of the Navy. Since then, their often heroic achievements on the battlefields are legendary to Marines and Sailors, and particularly to those Marines and Sailors who have fallen in battle and lived to tell the tale.

The qualifications for those who deem to serve their fellow men of the Naval service as hospital corpsmen are simple in language but the men who have them seem to have an additional special quality.

The simple qualifications are: Be a volunteer, motivated for duties involving care of the sick and injured, show aptitude for and be temperamentally adapted for such duty and have General Classification Test scores and educational background necessary to progress in the hospital corpsman rating.

The Manual of the Medical Department, U.S. Navy, in describing the duties of hospital corpsmen sheds no light on a special quality they seem to possess. It simply states that in addition to the military duties common to all enlisted personnel, hospital corpsmen shall perform medical department functions of the ship or station to which attached. These medical department functions embrace the broad fields of preventive

medicine; first aid; tentative diagnosis and emergency treatment; diagnosis, nursing care, and definitive treatment; and the administrative procedures relative thereto.

At MCAS Iwakuni the cry "corpsman" could reach the ears of 45 of these special men. There are 24 carried on the rolls of MCAS, 19 MAG (most assigned to the Station Hospital), one NASU and one VP-19. They are headed by HMC Robert C. McMullen (VP-19), Chief Master at Arms of the Station Hospital. Lt. R.G. McCurry, Medical Service Corps, is the officer in charge of the Air Station's corpsmen.

Like the diverse natures of their duties throughout the world the Air Station's corpsmen also perform a variety of duties.

At the Station Hospital their duties include:

Medical Records Department — headed by HMC R.C. McMullen (VP-19) and staffed by HM3 T.K. Gage (MCAS) and HN D.W. Steckel (MAG), maintains the medical records of all Station, FAW-6, attached VP units and NASU personnel. A recent innovation at the section was the machine processing of immunization records of personnel.

Administrative Department — headed by HM1 A.D. Jackson (MCAS), a medical administration technician, and staffed by HM1 R. Bartholomew (MCAS) and HM3 W.F. Esparza (MAG), provides administrative support for the hospital, handles air evacuation patients and maintains inpatient clinical charts.

Operation Room — Operation Room Technicians HM2 J.P. Royse (MCAS) and HM2 J.L. Bonzey (MAG) main-



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tain operating room instruments and sterile equipment in addition to assisting the doctors during surgery performed at the Station Hospital.

Pre-marital and Visa Physical Examination Department — although no corpsmen work in this department headed by Mrs. Dorothy Okada who is aided by Mrs. Nobuko Sogawa, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Administrative Department.

Aviation Medical Department — headed by HM1 C.W. Vinson (MCAS), an aviation medical technician, who is aided by HM3 B. Vandebosche (MCAS), administers preliminary physical examinations, both air and ground, except the examination by the doctor and lab and X-ray work. He maintains records on physical examinations. HM3 Vandebosche also maintains the hospital's medical library.

X-ray Department — staffed by HM1 T.J. Mack (MCAS) and HM1 H.W. Tilley (MCAS), both X-ray technicians, handles routine inpatient and outpatient X-ray. Patients for X-ray they are unable to handle are sent to the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima, or to the



THE NERVE CENTER

Naval hospital at Yokosuka. Files are maintained by the department for a period of five years.

Information Desk — staffed by HN A.L. Scott (MCAS) and HM3 C.O. Johnson (MAG) the information desk is the nerve center of the hospital, according to Chief McMullen. It processes all incoming calls to the hospital, maintains the dependent appointment log, maintains dependent files for five years and takes incoming crash crew and fire calls.

Master at Arms Department — the job of master at arms is handled by Chief McMullen and HM1 H.D. Lewis (MCAS). They make job assignments of Hospital corpsmen (except MAG personnel assigned to MAG headquarters) and as "jack of all trades" are perhaps the men most responsible for daily functioning of the many tasks performed by the hospital's corpsmen.

Pharmacy Department — headed by HM2 P.B. Lee (MCAS), who is aided by HN R.L. Bailey (MAG), compounds and dispenses the healing elixirs prescribed by doctors for patients. The hospital's medicinal supplies are maintained by the department, as is a two year prescription file.

Laboratory — headed by HMC R.D.L.F. Menardo (MCAS) and staffed by HM3 M.L. Deen, (MCAS), HN W.A. Suquerios (MAG), Masaichi Itano (chemist here for 15 years) and Osame Emori (lab assistant here for 15 years), the lab performs routine and special lab examinations for outpatients and inpatients. Everything from blood typing to tests of water

is performed by the lab which also maintains a "walking blood bank" of personnel aboard the station who have been typed and are on call for donations. The lab reports that the response to this program has been excellent.

Military Ward — staffed by HNs T.J. Steffes, R.C. Blankenship, D.H. Janssen and D.P. Jarvis (all MCAS) on rotating shifts, averages 9-10 patients per month. In an overly simplified statement the corpsmen say they see to the care and needs of the patients and maintain the ward.

Military Sick Call — headed by HM1 D.D. McKinzie (MCAS) and staffed by HM2 P.P. Maffo Jr., (MCAS), HM3 M.D. O'Neil, HM3 T.R. Aldridge (MAG) and HN D.D. Dakins (MAG), maintains the eye and audio clinic as well as administering to the needs of the patients reporting for sick call. Everything from the overflowing nose to minor surgery is handled by this staff.

Shop stores — HM2 H.R. Oversen aided by Kiyoyuki Mizutani (admin. specialist) Eikichi Takata (accounting), Isao Sugi (stock control) and Kazuyoshi Suehiro (storekeeper) maintains the hospital's medical stock supplies and acts as the finance department. It also has a multitude of other chores it performs.

Preventive Medicine Division (MCAS) — Three hospital corpsmen work for Ens. W.F. Benedict, MSC, in preventive medicine. They are HMC O.E. Peterson, HM1 R.L. Lyons and HM2 H.A. Judd. They and three members of the Army Veterinarian Corps perform a multitude of functions that help to keep us healthy by preventive measures.

Dependent's Minor Surgery — HN R.A. Webster (MCAS), an operating room technician, assists the doctors and nurses in this department and maintains the sterile equipment, etc., of the department.

Station Hospital Annex (Northside) — Northside sickcalls are held by HM2 P.K. Todd, HM3 D.K. Kelly and HM3 M.J. Anderson for MAG and tenant squadron personnel.

From their training in Basic Hospital Corps Schools, Advanced Hospital Corps School and many technical training courses, our local "docs" bring plenty of "know how" to the job, but a continuous on-the-job training program here for familiarity with all the jobs they perform means we have some of the Hospital Corps' best here at Iwakuni.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DOC!

A Priceless Gem

Dictators fear it, visionaries dream of it; women have marched for it, dedicated men have died for it; adolescents yearn for it, informed adults exercise it; corrupt individuals seek to control it, honorable men respect it.

It is your vote. It is a priceless heritage that has spread the shining light of freedom and self-respect to the far corners of the earth. It is man's unquenchable thirst to control his destiny by having a voice in the affairs of his government.

It has helped build this country from a small group of states clustered along the Atlantic Ocean to the most powerful nation in the world today.

The free vote of the individual has proven that our form of government can and does work — that a nation can be governed by the will of the majority while still respecting the rights of all other individuals and groups.

The right to vote is stained red with the blood of millions who have fought to gain it and died defending it. It's your legacy from the past — your endowment to the future.

It is your right and responsibility — it's not to be taken lightly.

It is your way to guarantee a free, responsive and enduring America.

Masting the Flag

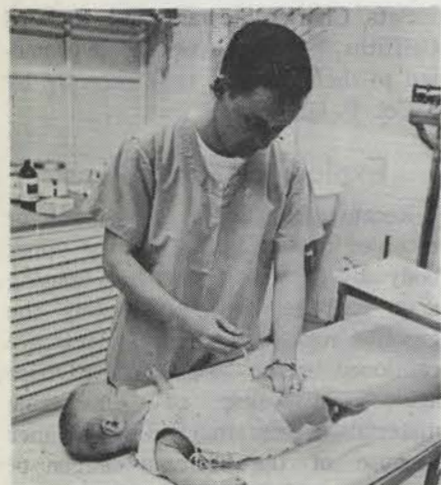
During the last week, the U.S. and Japanese Flags were placed at half-mast twice. The second occasion, the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, tends to overshadow the fact that the flags were half-masted the previous day. Most people on Station assumed it was for Kennedy. It was not.

The Flag was first lowered for the men of the USS Scorpion, finally declared lost by Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Thomas Moorer, after an intensive search of the Scorpion's route, last week.

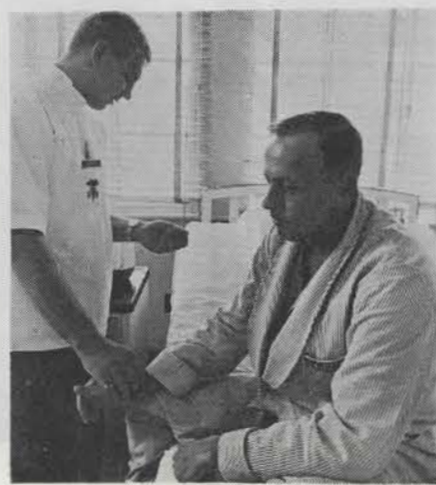
Adm. Moorer had this to say, "... with these harsh, unbending facts I can only ask that you join with me in paying tribute to the men of Scorpion, to their families, and to their service.

"It is with the deepest sense of personal loss, and admiration, that I salute their patriotism and dedication.

"Their families, the wives and children of Scorpion's men have shared their acceptance of the sea's challenge with their husbands and fathers just as we in the Navy, and indeed all Americans, now share so deeply the loss those families have sustained. Their sacrifice, their burdens, their pride, and their grief belong to every American."



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