

467 USAF DISPENSARY

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STATIONS

Mactan Isle Air Field, Philippines

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Capt Robert D. Hutton

Capt William R. Pugh

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

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Nestled in a small clearing just beyond the south gate is perhaps one of the smallest, but mightiest medical facilities in the United States Air Force, the 467th USAF Dispensary. It is here that your aches and pains, toothaches, and various other ailments are treated by a staff of outstanding medical personnel. The dispensary, commanded by Capt. William R. Pugh, a flight surgeon, performs varied duties in accomplishing its primary mission of medical support. In addition to Dr. Pugh, there are two flight surgeons, Captains Robert A. Oliveri and Gordon R. Engel, and Capt. Jemison O. Bowers, a general physician assigned to the facility. Capt. Frank J. Trachtman is the dental officer.

The doctors and dentist are supported by a highly trained staff of technicians and administrators. Clinical assistance is provided by TSgts. James T. Calamunce and Patrick R. Coe, and A2C Joseph R. Knorr, Jr. A2C Ervin L. Gemkow, Jr., is in charge of routine dispensary administration as well as providing clinical assistance. The night emergency staff is comprised of SSgt. Paul A. McNamer, A1C Edward L. Frasier, and A2C Alan D. Culver and Robert S. Wood. Although these are the people who are responsible for accomplishing the clinical mission, they in turn are supported by several key sections within the dispensary.

SSgt. Elmer N. Knight is in charge of the X-Ray department and processes approximately 250 X-Rays per month. In addition to handling routine X-Rays, Sergeant Knight assists with special kidney function X-Rays and gall bladder series. Laboratory functions are the responsibility of A1C Donald G. Grilley and A2C Barry Reigle. It is their accurate laboratory analyses that aide and assure the doctors in their treatments and diagnosis. Dental assistance is provided Dr. Trachtman by two highly qualified dental technicians, Airmen first class Gary M. Anderson and Marvin C. Drinkwater.

The dental clinic is equipped with high speed equipment for restorative dentistry, as well as a X-Ray unit to aid in diagnosing dental problems. The purpose of this facility is to handle any immediate problems and prevent any other dental trouble. Problems of flight personnel are quite different than ordinary medical problems. For this reason, a Flight Surgeons Office is available for flight physicals and monitor the physical condition, eyesight, and immunizations of flight personnel. The three flight surgeons assigned are capably assisted by TSgt. Leonard Green, Jr., and SSgt. Junis Dimes. After visiting one of the doctors, or the dentist, you will very often be given a prescription for medication. In fact, often enough to cause SSgt. Bernard J. Rose to fill approximately 1,800 prescriptions per month. Sergeant Rose, who is in charge of compounding and dispensing prescriptions, states that 22,428 prescriptions have been filled since the Mactan Air Base facility was opened.

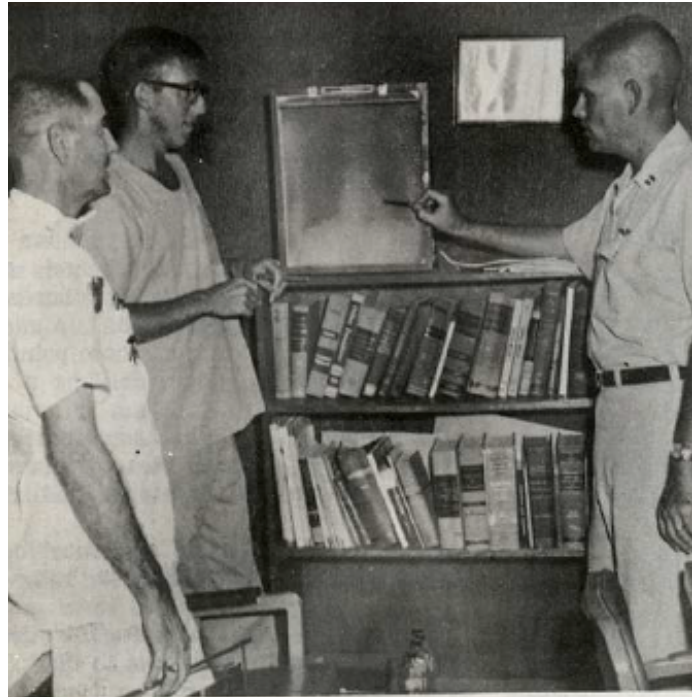
A1C Richard L. Haegele has just arrived and will assist Sergeant Rose with his pharmacy duties. Although not physically attached to the Dispensary, the Base Veterinary Services and the Preventive Medicine Office directly support the medical mission through constant surveillance of food, water, and sanitation problems. TSgt. Joseph L. Bralick is in charge of the Base Veterinary Services. In addition to inspecting all foods purchased by, delivered to, or consumed at Mactan Air Base, he is also responsible for the sanitary conditions of all USAF food serving facilities. The Preventive Medicine office is currently manned by Mr. Ismael B. Paluga, civilian. He is responsible for water sampling, environmental health, and overall sanitary conditions on Mactan Air Base.

As in any organization, the mission would be difficult to accomplish without outstanding support from the administrative and supply office. Such an outstanding section, under the

supervision of 1st Lt. Frank E. Moran, director of Administrative Services, is on hand at the 467th USAF Dispensary. Lieutenant Moran is assisted in his duties by MSgt. Robert J. Ratcliff, first sergeant, SSgt. Gaylen M. Allen, A1C William B. Winstead, Jr., and Miss Magdalena de Leon Penalosa, secretary. His ace supply man is A1C William G. Asbury who handles all medical and unit supply functions. The administrative section takes care of admissions and dispositions of patients, types all correspondence for the Dispensary, prepares clinical records and forwards Clinical Record sheets to higher headquarters.



Dr. (Capt.) Robert Oliveri examines a patient during a routine check-up.



Studying an X-Ray... SSgt. Elmer N. Knight (left), Doctors (Capt.) Gordon R. Engel and William R. Pugh.

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