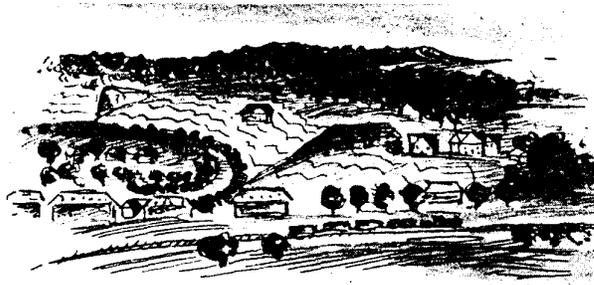


387th STATION HOSPITAL

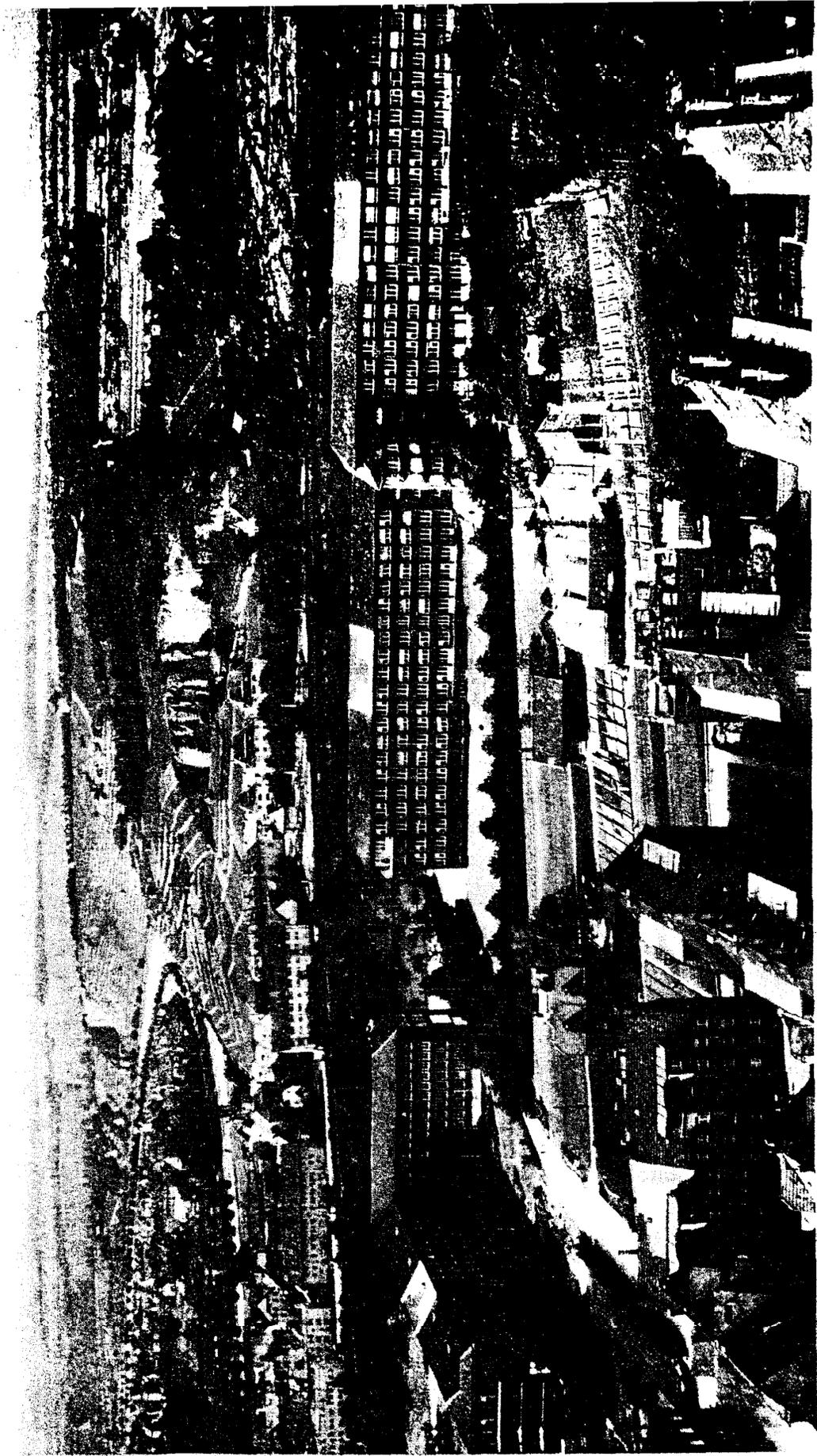


The 387th Station Hospital is located in Bad Cannstatt which is the eastern section of Stuttgart, Germany, and occupies what was formerly the Staedtische Krankenhaus. This installation was established in 1879 to 1881, and was originally an 80-bed hospital, but expanded throughout the years until 1942, when a maximum bed capacity of 1,200 was reached. In the period from 1942 to 1945 the Staedtische Krankenhaus was utilized mainly as an Army Hospital (Lazarett) by the Germans; only one ward being retained for civilian use.

This hospital was originally known as the 216th General Hospital, and on 1 April 1946 was redesignated as the 387th Station Hospital (500-bed). The 216th General Hospital was activated on 1 June 1941 at Camp Forest, Tennessee, and left the United States on 21 March 1944, landing at Grenock, Scotland, eight days later. From April 1944 until June 1945, the 216th General Hospital maintained operations at Longleat, Warminster, England. The unit ceased operations in England on 16 June 1945, and embarked for Le Havre, France, arriving on 17 June 1945. Later the unit moved to Etretat, then to Verdun, and on 6 August 1945 arrived at Bad Cannstatt, Germany. On 12 September 1945, this unit resumed operations as a 1,000-bed hospital.

The first admissions to the 216th General Hospital consisted of 250 patients from the 51st Evacuation Hospital, which had been serving the Stuttgart area. In the period from 12 September 1945 to 28 February 1947, 11,391 patients were admitted; 31,038 out-patients received treatment, and there were 20,545 dental sittings.

This hospital, which has recently been designated as the Orthopedic Center of the European Command, provides medical service for approximately 15,000 military and civilian personnel of the Stuttgart-Military Post area.



Aerial View of the 387th Station Hospital



Col. James E. Yarbrough, MC.
Commanding Officer

This hospital plant is composed of 21 separate buildings, all of permanent construction except two. These buildings are connected by an intricate series of underground tunnels which are of considerable service especially during inclement weather. The buildings occupied by the professional services are of modern construction equipped with nurse call, radio, and air conditioning systems. The surgical wards are consolidated in one building which includes an obstetrical and gynecological section. The recent completion of an excellent nursery leaves little to be desired in the accommodations for mothers and babies.

Adjacent to the surgical wards is the building which houses the surgery, central supply and sterilization section. The medical service is also consolidated in one large building which is the last and most modern of the buildings of this installation. Also in this building are located the Red Cross, chapel, pharmacy, physical therapy clinic, receiving and disposition office, out-patient service, theater and ice cream bar. The laboratory occupies an entire building which is of adequate size and well equipped. The dental, X-ray and EENT clinic are located in a building somewhat distant from the rest of the professional services. It is planned to move these clinics to the building occupied by the medical service when necessary construction is completed. Headquarters and the medical supply section are centrally located in what was formerly a ward building.

The nurses, bachelor officers, and enlisted men have quarters located on the reservation. The enlisted men's quarters were converted from a former ward building and now this also accommodates the special service, unit supply and plans and training sections. One large modernly equipped kitchen serves both the patients and enlisted men. However, ambulatory patients have a separate dining room. All wards

are equipped with excellent diet kitchens. The officers have a separate mess building which is also used as a club. The enlisted men's club is located in their mess building and is believed to be one of the finest in the occupation zone. A laundry is also located in this building and provides excellent service for the hospital as well as the assigned personnel. A well stocked post exchange is located near the mess hall.

The recreational facilities of this hospital are numerous. In addition to the excellent Red Cross set-up, theater and ice cream bar, there are available a baseball diamond, nearby tennis courts and a ski lodge some thirty miles away. In the city of Stuttgart, bowling-alleys, a swimming pool, a theater and large Red Cross center are at the disposal of personnel of this hospital. The hospital is not too far from the beautiful Bavarian Alps which permits weekend trips to Garmisch, Berchtesgaden, Salzburg and other famous resort centers.

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