



SSG Dembinski giving Col Burston his first SWA haircut.



SPC Brown, Lt Col Jones, and SSG Brannon trying to blend into the local population.



Capt Leser and SGT Bellanger building a shower facility.

The 87th Medical Detachment in Southwest Asia

Lt Col Timothy K. Jones, DC*

After preparing supported 1st Armored Division units for deployment to Southwest Asia, the 87th Medical Detachment from the Nuernberg Dental Activity deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm on Dec 8, 1990 and returned to Nuernberg May 8, 1991.

Team 3 of the 87th Medical Detachment saw over 4,000 patients in a variety of settings and took part in setting up eight different field dental clinics. These clinics ranged from very austere

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one-chair clinics in GP small tents to large clinics in evacuation hospitals. Team members had to be highly adaptable in delivering dental care in a variety of conditions.

All dentists assigned to the team treated dental problems of Iraqi EPWs, assisted in the OR, and treated Allied soldiers and EPWs in the EMT section of the 148th Evacuation Hospital.

The following pictures tell the story of the variety of situations in which an Army dentist may be asked to deliver dental service support in a mobile corps area of operations.



Lt Col Jones digging a bunker.



Adjusting to the sanitary conditions of SWA.



Very nice shower facility at the 148th Evacuation Hospital.



A Bedouin camp in Northern Saudi Arabia.



Living quarters of team 3 at the 148th Evacuation Hospital.



Maj Eikenberg, SPC Brown, and SPC Sutton doing generator maintenance.



Water bladder for an evacuation hospital.



Connecting a GP medium tent to an Evacuation Hospital and using a combination of canvas and temper tents to set up a large dental clinic.



SGT Anglin, PFC Johnson (Arkansas National Guard), and PFC Sharrer at the dental clinic of the 148th Evacuation Hospital.



Team 3's clinic at the 410th Evacuation Hospital (Kansas National Guard).



Treating a patient in a temper tent unit.



Team 3 dentists from the Nuernberg Dental Activity.



Well stocked shelves of dental supplies. (Shelves built by SGT Bellanger out of scrap lumber.)



Maj Stevens (Kansas National Guard), and SGT Anglin treating an Iraqi EPW.



Team 3 at the 410th Evacuation Hospital.



Col Burston overseeing changing a tire in Iraq.



Capt Baker's living quarters with the 3d AD.



In Iraq.



A mascot of Iraqi EPWs at the 148th Evacuation Hospital.



Operating room at the 148th Evacuation Hospital.



SGT Anglin being promoted in theater.



SPC Conway and PFC Sharrer shopping.



Capt Miller and Capt Mock at Hafar AJ Batin.



Team 3, 87th Medical Detachment.