



REGIMENTAL AID STATION

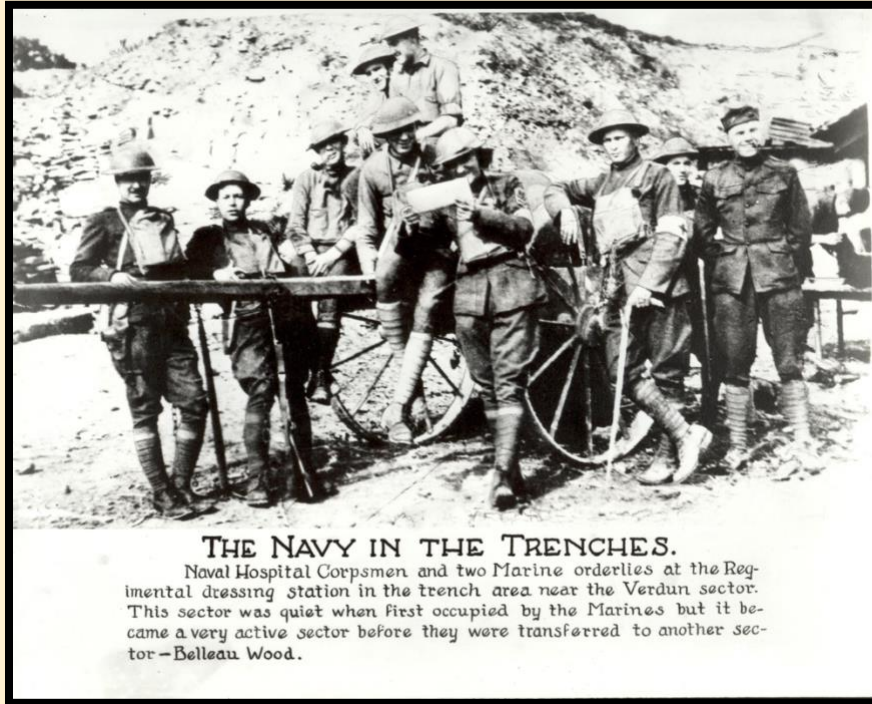


The 6th Regiment Aid Station in Petit Montgivault

The regimental aid station was located in a building near the regimental post of command. During the battle of Belleau Wood, for example, the 5th Marine Regimental aid station was in a barn across the road from the regimental PC in La Voie du Chatel. However, the 6th Regiment leadership took a very pragmatic approach to their location, and the 6th Regimental Aid Station was located in a very forward position at the Petit Montgivault Farm across the road from Montgivault Grande, a PC that traded hands between 1/6 and 2/6. The regimental surgeon and his assistant surgeon along with the senior dentist headed the staff. It was from these locations that the Regimental Surgeon and his staff kept track of the locations, needs, and staffing of the company and battalion aid stations.

The regimental aid station generally took care of the walking wounded and men who were expected to be able to return to their units within several days. Cases of exhaustion, combat fatigue, and physical wounds received care at these. They were not equipped with operating rooms. In modern parlance, the acuity of patients arriving at regimental aid stations was lower than that at the battalion aid station or the field hospital.

Regimental aid stations were active in the Battle of Belleau Wood and Soissons, but were phased out later in the war.



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