Wed. Mar. 31, 1943

Arrived LgH at 5:45 PM + assigned to temp quarters. Met Col. Connors, head of 4th Surg. a friendly, attractive man. Eat in Officers Mess. Read of med mil. matters then to bed. First impressions of post highly favorable.

Thurs, April 1.

Spent morning hobbling around checking in - received 1st tetanus shot.

Col. Sloat - old line orthopedic army man, head of surgical service LgH. Short chat.

Capt. Walther - exec. Officer in surg. service. old Harvard Man - very pleasant + helpful.

Maj. Pratt - my immediate senior on ward 3A - officers gen. surgery.

Had long chat w Don - full of local gossip. Met Joe Johnson, HMS '40 - Has been at P.H. in NYC, then Bellevue + then Neuro. Institute in Montreal - then 6 mos private practice in Chattanooga - Now Vanderbilt Unit -

a captain. Full of good humor as always - 2 little girls + one in the oven. To here for psychoneurologic course, 2 weeks.

Capt. ~~[illegible]~~ Harris - on the chest service - trained at U of Tennessee - 7 years post graduate training gen surg + chest. In AUS since May '42.

Tonite - letter writing.

Fri - April 2

Report to Brig. Gen. Sheep, CO of LGH

All day trying to learn the local ground rules, forms, etc.

Lecture on Articles of War

Captain Espry - MAC of 4th ans - Adjutant for the 4th - Very enthusiastic.

Bennie Souter arrived just today.

Feet some better; Knee still not too full extension + weak.

Don working under Capt. Greenberg, trained in general Surg. but now on Neuro-Surg. Alert + smart

Major Van Waggeson - head of neurosurgical section - apparently quite a fine man, Don feels. Perhaps outstanding ~~f~~ man

clinically in this post.
Read "The year of decision" Truitt - Great stuff!

Sat - Apr. 3rd
Surgical Staff rounds in AM
Lecture in PM -
To Atlanta to see the lights with Sue. Wonderful town full of beautiful women and Wac's. Maybe that's not fair!

Sun: - On the ward all day -

To supper with H. Fred Corbe (USN) + Frances at her mothers home - Mr + Mrs. Mist, #1 Brookhaven Dr, Brookhaven, Atlanta, Ga. Very delightful evening - Much talk of "the Islands" + from whence the Mists. Knows everyone I know who ever was in Honolulu. This week's weather has been beautiful.

Monday: April 5th - Today doing farm work most of the day. Am to be moved from Ward 3-A to Fever Therapy clinic in Physiotherapy, starting tomorrow.

Feet still in bad shape - Toute on rounds with Capt. Daniel Beard, Atlanta reared boy and member of G.U. club here, learning the business of being DOD.

Also met: Maj. Hayworth, G.U.
Maj. Evans: orthopod.

News from H. Col Lavry, head of G.U. section, exec. officer for Surg. Serv., that Colonel Faust is now head of 4th auxiliary with Col. Connor 2nd in command. Col. Faust from Fitzsimmons Hosp., old line army surgeon.

A Capt. ~~Beard~~ Perry MC from Fort Rogers Okla brought us a pt. today. He's chief of Surg staff at the SH there. Big good looking boy - trained at Kings Co in NYC - doing lots of surgery.

Tues Apr 6.

Learning my way around the Fever Therapy department and then route into Atlanta to get my shoes stretched + get some neats foot oil. A few drinks at the Henry Grady then home to bed. Capt Hewitt - M.C. - was teaching same in Fla..

Wed: Apr 7,

To work at 1:30 PM and from then to 9:30 PM. Route one EMO - No calls.

Thurs: Apr 8 Major Hanson is second in command of the M.C. service. A pleasant but not too brilliant a man, I should judge. Lt Col. Avery is exec. Off. of the emg. service, more interested in army law than medicine I should judge.

Two interesting Army stories - ① a big shipping nurse from Panama arrived

claiming she was pregnant
via an officer at a party -
alleging rape, although by the
size of her it seemed unlikely.
When it got too hot to handle,
she was sent here. The situation
called for army routine in
triplicate - this time a committee
of 3 colonels to decide was she
pregnant. Col. Sloat, orthopod.,
Col. Moore, dentist, & one
other, ENT specialist after
careful study, it obviously being
a problem right up their alley
decided that she was not preg.
and that she was psycho. The
PN service studied her carefully
and then after 3 mo stated
she was anything but psycho -
a perfectly normal woman
claiming she was pregnant and
a little peeved at the whole
situation. Well they had to do
something, so they decided to
put her to and. which she
did — for 5 months -

C.O. up to ten days before her baby was born. It was now hard for the Colonels to maintain she was not pregnant. Their chief problem is how to hide the news from Washington. The most difficult week is — she claims "time of duty - yes".

(2) A navy doctor in the Hebrides drained an infected arm in a young soldier here (shot in Guadalcanal) by neatly slicing transversely across the forearm, cutting in two most of the muscles and neatly dividing the ulnar nerve!

Fri - Apr. 9th
Routine day in fever clinic.

Sat. - April 10th
News at 1st of mother's death. Arrangements thru' Col. Lowry for departure at once. Will attempt to fly.

April 21st — Back again after a sad trip.

A new job: ward officer on 19A — G.U. surgical — under major Hayward. Much superior set-up to Fever Therapy.

April 22nd — All day learning new ropes — chiefly how to run the typewriter in 19A. Much interesting pathology there, especially testicular tumors.

Tonite to "The Moon is Down" — John Steinbeck's book in movie form. Vigorously done c̄ effective ending.

April 23rd. Today Gene Record, 1st Lt. arrived for duty c̄ 8th Surg. He's been at Devens c̄ Dick Neff — both did lots of surgery there 5 mo's. at Kilmer — chiefly drilling, then via "channels" transferred here. Don left for N.Y.C. today to study Neuro-surg for 6 wks.

Incidently, Dick Neff for 5 mo now in Iceland, pulling teeth.

They say the pregnancy rate in the nursing staff at S.H.'s in Iceland is approx 80%.

April 25th

Easter Sunday. A little fatigued this morning as up late with the Waves! This evening with Beckwith and Knuland to the Sinkler's, Cormie and Karling who own the Ainsley - Jane Lawless, 2nd Lt. Morrison (a potential tennis player) Bonnedy, all Atlanta people.

April 27th

Working late both last nite and tonite trying to get the records up to date. Tonite am right on the nose. Miss Gately a Boston girl head nurse on 19A -

capable & jolly, and a great aid to the neophyte.

April 30

Tomorrow into khakis which will be a relief.

Ward in good shape at present, with but few admissions yesterday or today.

Nurses dance last nite - rather enjoyable.

Major Hamm to leave us - Major Hayward to take over as Ass't Chief on GU section.

Beverly and Nat Turnbull (Lt. - Runs Officers club) at picnic at the Lawless's, after golf. Jim McClintock, Major, of Grand Junction Colo - now running Atlanta blood bank was on hand as the raison d'être - being his birthday.