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"MEDICS" PLAY HEROIC PART

The medical men with the United States Forces are carrying on where their Guadalcanal predecessors left off, proving themselves the unarmed heroes of the Munda campaign. And the fighting men have a high regard for the "medics," some of whom have given their lives.

It is a heart-warming experience to watch the young surgeons working night and day, ministering to the wounded Americans in the gloomy depths of the New Georgia jungle. The main responsibility for saving lives rests with them.

Admiration similarly is aroused by the sight of the young litter-bearers, carrying their patients down the winding, steaming trails, often beset by snipers, but some-

how usually managing to get through.

The New Georgia campaign has caused real suffering and hardships on the American boys. They not only face the hazards of enemy fire but have gone as long as twenty-one days without a hot meal. They have waded through swamps and stumbled through the reeking roots and mud. Night often brought only fictional rest, since the Japanese frequently resorted to night harassment. It has been the aim of the Medical Corps in this campaign to give every wounded man preliminary treatment within a few minutes after he has been hit. The corps does its job with the bullets and shrapnel still flying.

—*N. Y. Times.*

MEDICAL MEN LAND AMONG FIRST TROOPS

A precision-trained team of American Army doctors and nurses followed only a few minutes behind the first assault waves that landed in Italy and had two fully equipped evacuation hospitals in operation almost before the first wounded were brought back.

It was the first time in the history of any army that the Medical Corps landed with the invasion force.

Surgeons, physicians, medical administrators, X-ray technicians and laboratory administrators, plus hospital-trained enlisted men who acted as nurses during the first day, were sent ashore long before dawn.

The landing craft bringing their supplies and equipment took precedence in some instances over guns and ammunition.

Forty women nurses who accompanied the invasion force were scheduled to come ashore in the second wave.

As soon as the beachhead was established, landing craft began unloading the Medical Corps' supplies at a designated point. From there they were taken a short distance inland. The first rays of the sun showed the two clusters of tents rising, one capable of accommodating 800-beds and the other 400.

—*N. Y. Times.*