



UNITED STATES ARMY

like the normandy invasion. To show you how versatile a unit it is, we can move by plane, truck, boat, train or horseback. Forty of those monstrous transport planes are required to transport us in case of an airborne unit. At present we have 22 2½ ton trucks to move the equipment. Literally speaking then we move 'on our own'. The equipment, of course, is our main concern and is responsible for the encumbrance of the preparation and dictates to the back muscles. To move into an area and completely set up for operation is no easy task particularly when you realize the amount and type of equipment involved. I do not believe there is any other organization in the army that requires the same degree of physical quality of individual, mental or specialization of job or sheer endurance as is demanded for this type of unit. Can you conceive setting up a complete hospital, modern in every respect, with 750 lb refrigerators, 650 lb generators, 800 lb X-Ray machines etc. and in only 3 hours time. (I suppose you wonder how a pack mule can carry a refrigerator - so do I.) Certainly no one can deny the fact that this is exactly a soft job. The hospital is housed in approx. 50 large circus tents (hospital word tents) and approximates the appearance of a circus carnival. Surely I will never flinch in confidence in setting up the umbrella tent on our next deer hunt.