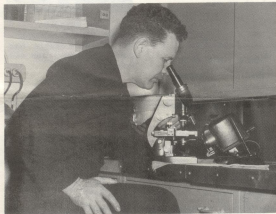


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Peering through a microscope, J. E. Blomquist, HML, does a white-blood count.

by J.E. Blomquist, HML

Most of the men aboard BENNINGTON take for granted the medical facilities available. If he has a headache he can always drop down for "APCs." The majority of men receiving treatment have only minor ailments, but all are usually seen by a medical officer or a hospital corpsman.

Three sick calls are held daily, seven days a week, and emergency treatment is available whenever the need arises.

The Medical Department is equipped with diagnostic devices used in modern medicine, a complete operating room for minor or major surgery, a well-stocked pharmacy, and a large ward for the treatment and care of sick or injured.

In addition to the medical officers, the department is staffed with a medical administrative officer and hospital corpsmen who have been specially trained as technicians in such fields as X ray, laboratory, operating room, pharmacy, en-