

148th REGIMENT P.V.I. Company "C"  
 Medical Pannier / Medicine box contents

The following items are not only what is now in the kits, but are what the Assistant Surgeon, traveling with the Regiment would have carried, both in medications, and equipment.

MEDICINES

| TYPES                                | USE  |
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| Silver Nitrate                       | (Internal) tonic, antispasmodic)<br>(External) vesicant, stimulant   |
| Iodine                               | irritant, diuretic, diaphoretic  |
| Extract of Beef                      | diarrhea, dysentery  |
| Coffee                               | stimulant, diarrhea, dysentery   |
| Condensed Milk                       | diarrhea, dysentery  |
| Black tea                            | astringent, stimulant  |
| Cough Mixture                        | expectorant  |
| White Sugar                          | nutrient, sweetener  |
| Chloroform                           | anesthetic   |
| Ether                                | anesthetic   |
| Ammonia water                        | Stimulant, antacid   |
| Laudanum<br>(liquid Opium / Whiskey) | pain relief  |
| Paregoric                            | antispasmodic, cough, relief of nausea   |
| Quinine Sulphate                     | treatment of malaria   |
| Potassium Chlorate                   | diuretic   |
| Bicarbonate of Potassium             | antacid, diuretic  |
| Opium pills                          | sedative, pain relief  |
| Alum                                 | astringent, colliquative sweats, diabetes  |
| Creasote                             | (External) treatment of gangrene, & skin ulcers<br>(internal) diabetes, epilepsy, neuralgia, Pulmonary<br>consumption (TB) |
| Zinc Sulphate                        | tonic, astringent  |
| Headache pills                       | early form of aspirin  |
| Toothache drops                      | liquid morphine  |
| Peppermint Oil                       | antacid, stomach cramps  |
| Oil of Turpentine                    | stimulant, diuretic  |
| Tannic Acid                          | astringent   |
| Morphine                             | anodyne, disphoretic   |
| Powder of Ipecac & Opium             | anodyne, diaphoretic (also known as "Dover's Powder")  |
| Tarter of Potassium & Soda           | mild cooling purgative ( also known as "Rochelle Salt")  |
| Ethelial Solution of Gum Cotton      | used in surgery to hold together edges of incised wounds   |

## SURGEONS VALISE

Towels

Bandages

### INSTRUMENT ROLL UP KIT

contents of roll up kit

- 2 - Probes - for probing wounds
- 1 - Dissecting Forceps - for grasping tissue
- 1 - pair Scissors
- 1 - Bone Forceps - for removing loose bone from wounds
- 1 - pair Bullet Extractors
- 1 - Surgical Scalpel
- 1 - Curved Bistouries Knife - to use in wounds without danger of puncturing vital organs

## LOOSE INSTRUMENTS

1- Syringe

2 - Metal Probes

1 - Straight Razor

1 - Bone Saw

1 - Gnawing Forceps

1 - Tourniquet

## SURGEONS SUTURE KIT

2 - Curved Surgeons Needles

2 - Straight Surgeons Needles

2 - 6 yard rolls Suture Material

Surgeons Morning Reports

Form 10 Reports ( prescription book )

Hospital Forms

Surgeons Diary

When setting up for surgery the following items are needed:

LARGE TABLE

place bleached sheet on top

SMALL TABLE

On top of a large bleached towel place:

- tin bowl filled to 1/3 to 1/2 water
- lay out the contents of roll up kit
- straight razor
- syringe
- gnawing forceps
- bone saw
- paper cone
- bottle of Chloroform
  - Alum
  - Zinc Sulphate
  - Creasote
  - Powdered Morphine
  - Liquid Morphine
  - Oil of Turpentine
  - Etheral Solution of Gum Cotton
- small & large sponges

ALSO NEEDED ARE

- patients

TO MAKE LIFE OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES EASIER IN THE 148th, HERE ARE SOME  
RULES TO LIVE BY.

1. Nurses and Hospital Stewards shall not perform their duties under the influence of alcohol  
( although it would help if the patients were)
2. Nurses and Hospital Stewards shall not dispense any medications except under the  
direction of the Surgeon, or an Officer of the 148TH company "C"
3. Nurses and Hospital Stewards (like the Surgeon), are under the command of the N.C.Os'  
and Officers of the 148th P.V.I.
- 3a. Any permanent Hospital Stewards are enlisted soldiers of the company and therefore are  
not exempt from any duties that any N.C.O. or officer of the 148th may assign.
4. Scalpels are not throwing knives ( they wouldn't stick any way)
5. The Bone Saw, though it's very good at cutting bones, is not to be used to cut wood.
6. If a soldier is pulled from battle by the Surgeon, or an Officer, and sent back to camp, the  
Nurses are in charge of the care of that soldier. ONLY the Surgeon, or a line Officer of the  
148th may release that soldier to return to battle.
7. If First Aid is given to anybody please fill out the proper form. The forms are to be located  
in the Surgeons portable desk (when it's finished)
8. The Captain may at any time, appoint any man or woman as Nurse, or Steward, so these  
rules apply to them as well.
9. last but not least, HAVE FUN! Even though we in the 148th are striving to uphold the  
highest standards in the hobby, we can enjoy ourselves while doing it.

NOTE: The medications that are listed on page one are also on Index cards and kept in my  
desk. If anyone wishes to learn a bit more about any, or all of them, please feel free to ask to  
see them. It would be a good idea if everyone knew what the medications listed on page three  
were in case someone asked you a question during a medical demonstration.

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