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MINUTES OF THE RADIOISOTOPE COMMITTEE

1. The meeting of the Radioisotope Committee, Fort McPherson, Georgia, was held in the Third US Army Medical Laboratory, opened at 1300 hours, 19 September 1965.

2. The following members were present:

Captain Vernon R. Benson, ME, Chairman
 Major Ronald S. Garner, MD, Member
 1LT Robert T. Handren, Jr., MSO, Member
 1LT John L. Ciemannec, VC, Member
 Mr. Clinton J. Tucker, Supply Officer, Member

3. The following member was absent:

Major David M. Taylor, ME, Member

4. Since 1 July 1966, there has been no utilization of radioisotopes, human use or otherwise, due to renovation and modification of the Third US Army Medical Laboratory. This work has required the relocation of the Radioisotopes Laboratory to building T-179.

5. Use will be resumed when the new location is inspected and approved for isotope studies by the Army Environmental Health Agency, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

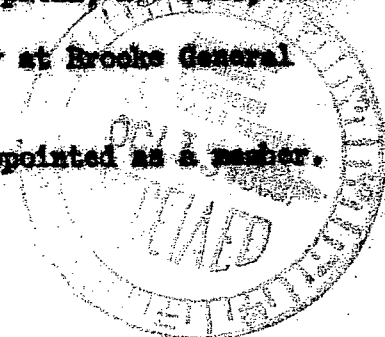
→ 6. Captain Vernon R. Benson, ME, O2305712, is appointed as Chairman. Captain Benson's qualifications are listed below:

a. Received his MD degree from Augsburg College, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

b. Served his internship at Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, Minn.

c. Served a two year Pathology Residency at Brooks General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

→ 7. 1LT John L. Ciemannec, VC, O2321062, is appointed as a member. 1LT Ciemannec's qualifications are listed below:



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a. Courses in Public Health as a segment of veterinary school dealt with all isotopes of major importance that could be sources of radioactive contamination. Emphasis was placed on modes of entry to animal and human systems and type of radiation involved. Part of the requirements of the course was a term paper explaining the responsibilities of veterinarians in nuclear disaster.

b. Approximately one-fourth of the time spent in Laboratory Procedures Course for Veterinary Officers was concerned with Nuclear Physics and operation of low-background gas-flow beta detection system, well-scintillation gamma detection systems, and various scanning and monitoring detectors. Complete extraction procedures for all radioisotopes of public health importance from various foodstuffs were explained and executed.

c. Attendance at a two-day seminar "Practical Uses of Technecium 99^m in Scanning Procedures" in addition to inspection of manufacturer's displays of detection and scanning equipment. This seminar was sponsored by Nuclear Consultants.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1330 hours, 19 September 1966.

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Captain, MC
Commanding

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