

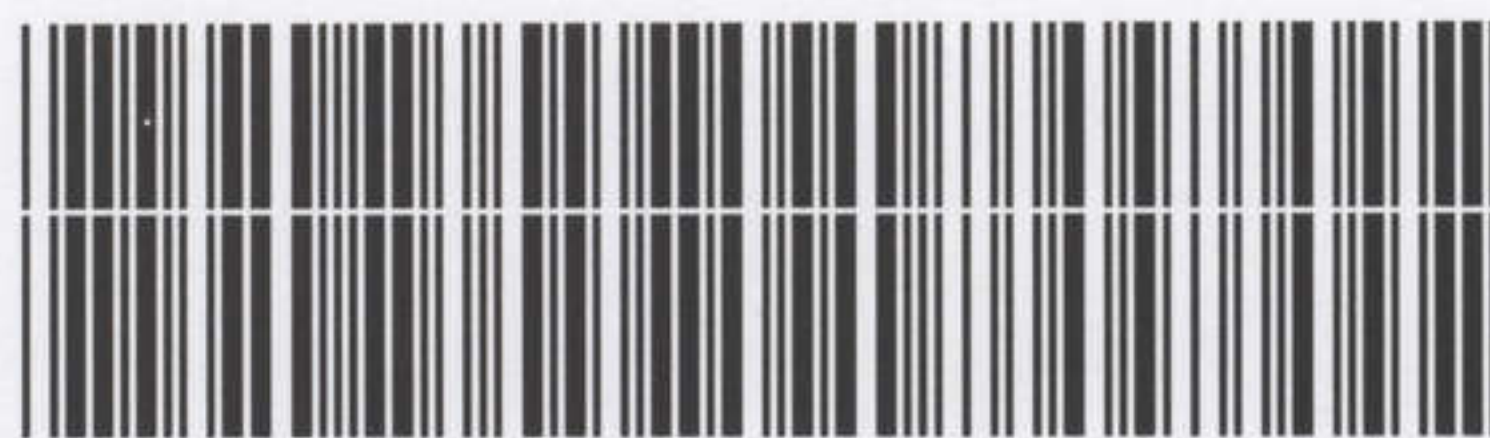
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Mudros.	30/6/15. 1/7/15.	10 p.m. 6 a.m.	<p>Left Imbros. 10 p.m. 6 a.m. Arrived Mudros. 3 p.m. P.D.M.S. inspected Hospital Transport Nile about to take approximately 400 sick and wounded to Alexandria; Major Fitzgerald of the 2nd East Lancashire F.A. in charge with 5 medical officers. Most of the patients below had no clothing on, on account of the heat, but arrangements had been made for the supply of clothing and sheets. There were many upper bunks. The supply of shirts was short. There were three cases of wounds in which maggots were found within 3 days after infliction. On the deck were many cases on stretchers, mostly cases S.M.O. did not like to move from stretchers. No operating room. There were many field surgical and medical panniers in the smoking room converted into a dispensary. Patients from stationary hospital on shore were arriving. The Red Cross had sent a large number of cases of clothing etc. on board. Major Dorgan D.A.D.M.S. said the Ordnance had no mattresses, shirts or bed pans but were getting them. A supply of peroxide of hydrogen and primus stoves was arranged for.</p> <p>The Nile is satisfactory and sails tonight. (P.D.M.S. inspected the Saturnia an ammunition ship, used as a temporary on account of the recent battle. Only slight cases and some Turks were on board and it is intended to clear the ship of all patients tomorrow. Captain Rensden (New Zealander) was in charge at the time with 6 medical officers. They had 500 cases yesterday. The accommodation below was not well arranged and men were below who should have been on deck.)</p> <p>P.D.M.S. inspected Minnewaska (the three ships Nile, Saturnia and Minnewaska were alongside). She is to take 700 sick and wounded including 100 Indians to Alexandria, but there have been horses on board (2 there still) and was dirty, had many flies, and the P.D.M.S. ordered her to be thoroughly cleaned up before sailing. She is a big England-New York boat, with large saloons etc. but no awnings. They want mattresses or hammocks for slight cases. There were some Indian sick on board and several wounded Sikhs (14th Sikhs) employed as sick attendants and cooks and about to be sent back to the front. Captain Walker R.A.M.C. with C. No. 137 I.F.A. and 6 M.O.s was in charge. He had 33 bearers and was using them as cooks.</p> <p>The Red Cross has arranged to give a large supply of clothing.</p>	
Mudros.	2/7/15.		<p>P.D.M.S. wired to General Birdwood to tell Colonel Mayo-Robson (on Sicilia) that P.D.M.S. would be at Mudros for three days.</p> <p>Colonel Mayo-Robson arrived from Anzac. P.D.M.S. sent an amended copy of his note re provision of hospital ships to D.Q.M.G. and D.M.S. and gave a copy to D.D.M.S. Lore and Commodore Phillimore.</p>	

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Mudros.	2/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. P.D.M.S. accompanied by Lieut Colonel Stammers A.D.M.S. (Sanitary) who arrived last evening and Lieut Colonel Paul R.E., proceeded to inspect Turk's Spit, a peninsula on Mudros Bay about 1200 yards long by 200 yards broad and suitable for a pier on either side where there is deep water. It is rocky and exposed and tent pegs would not hold, but it might be suitable for a hatted general hospital of 1000 beds. N.S.A. tented General Hospital of 520 beds requires 550 yards X 400 yards or, say, 1100 yards by 200 yards. Therefore 2 G.H.s of 1040 beds would require 2200 yards X 200 yards; so it appears possible that a hatted hospital might be established here but there were other sites near which Lieut Col. Stammers was asked to inspect. They were establishing a supply depot on Turk's Spit and the water distilling plant is to be put up in the vicinity.</p> <p>3 p.m. News received from G.H.Q. to prepare to receive about 3000 casualties from the Peninsula, expected at once. No previous warning had been given.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. P.N.T.O. and D.D.M.S. L. of C. had a conference with I.G.C. regarding the provision of transports to evacuate these 3000 wounded. It was arranged that the following should be prepared:- (1) Ausonia (2) Massilia, (3) Alnwick, Castle (4) Manitou (5) Royal George (6) Annaberg. (N.B. Annaberg afterwards reflected as unsuitable)</p> <p>Sir Ian Halimons note on P.D.M.S.' memorandum on the provision of hospital ships was filed in the case "Number of hospital ships required".</p>	
	3/7/15.		<p>11 a.m. P.D.M.S. called on Admiral Weeys and arranged the staffing of the Ausonia with Naval M.O.s and sick berth ratings supplemented by the R.A.M.C. Lieut Colonel Stammers inspected another site for a G.H. - between Turk's Spit and Sarpi but it is inconveniently situated and P.D.M.S. decided that the best site was Turk's Spit for 500 beds plus the highland between it and the mainland for the other 500. Turk's Spit alone is too small. P.D.M.S. in considering the question of establishing another hospital at Imbros. Colonel Gimlette gave P.D.M.S. letter asking for X'ray equipment for Sicilia which I gave to Major Dorgan to deal with.</p>	
	4/2/15.		<p>P.D.M.S. to see I.G.C. and show him a draft note on the necessity of having 12 transports ready in case of a battle with, say, 15,000 casualties.</p> <p>9 a.m. P.D.M.S., D.D.M.S., Col. Mayo-Robson and Lieut Colonel Stammers went on shore and the following units were visited.</p> <p>No. 5 B.D.M. Stores. 500 lbs peroxide of hydrogen had been asked for from England on 21/5/15, but none had arrived. It was expected daily. P.D.M.S. pointed out that O 1/c should have</p>	

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	4/7/15.		<p>indented on Alexandria when he saw a chance of his supply being exhausted. P.D.M.S. ordered that No. 5 B.D.M.S. must supply both No. 4 A.D.M.Stores and No. 5 A.D.M.Stores at Anzac and Helles respectively.</p> <p><u>British Red Cross Coffee Shop.</u> Just opened near Australian pier. 170 wounded men were supplied last night. (N.B.Col. Yarr has asked for 6 of the XX 12 motor ambulances left in Egypt and Col, Maher said he had asked for 4 of them. The I.G.C. has taken Captain Simpson's hut so the laboratory is to be established near No. 15 S.Hpl. where the enteric cases are treated).</p> <p><u>No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital.</u> Lieut Colonel White in command, (he had the barbed-wire, fenced in, venereal hospital at Mena House last February). In their A. 36, they include the names of all men who have been in hospital during the week - not only of these admitted and discharged. (N.B. There was a <u>Light Horse F.A.</u> near this hospital but it was not inspected). They had 550 patients today and have had as many as 804. They have 200 bedsteads with mattresses, and 200 infixxxx pillows. They use incinerators and have 6 large barrels, borrowed from the French, for storing water. They have been allotted a well which has no pump or means of drawing water without contaminating it. They therefore don't use the well. The marquees have ten to fifteen bedsteads in each or the patients are on the ground. Their kits lie in the tents and are not taken to the packstore. P.D.M.S. impressed on Lieut Colonel White the necessity for improving the condition of the hospital - de-centralization etc. necessary.</p> <p><u>No. 1 Australian Stationary Hospital.</u> Lieut Col. Bryant had received a new pattern hospital marquee suitable for an officers' hospital of 14 to 16 beds, and was using it as a store tent. He is to use it for officers at once. He is getting in pieces of wooden huts. Required - Dining and sitting huts, and cooking and latrine and ablution shelters.</p> <p><u>No. 16 Stationary Hospital.</u> Lately Lieut Col. Jones' hospital now commanded by Captain Lewis. 740 in hospital and 19 officers.</p> <p>The Sanitary Section lately arrived is commanded by temp. Lieut Robinson (a chemist B.Sc., not a medical man) and has a motor lorry and a disinfecter. N.B. The Lowland Division C.C.S. will shortly be established at Mudros and today No. 3 F.A. of the Lowland Division is in harbour, and will be sent on to Helles, so Col, Maher told me.</p> <p><u>No. 24 Casualty Clearing Station.</u> Lieut Colonel Ford Commanding, is forming a large convalescent depot to the north of No. 26 C.C.S., which still has a camp of details of the Lancashire Regt. between it and the sea-shore.</p> <p>The convalescent depot was being marked out and will be ready in a few days. There is a well in the camp (The Sanitary Section is encamped on the rising ground above it and to the East)</p>	

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	4/7/15.		<p>They have already got 48 tents, and Lieut Col. Ford is to hand over his E.P. tents and get bell tents in exchange from 26 C.C.S. or make some such arrangement so as to preserve the E.P. tents for regular hospitals. He is to have a dispensary and out-patient department department, and is to take over the equipping of the men who come to his depot and is to have a dentist (in a hut) so as to prevent men suffering merely from want of teeth etc., taking up a bed in a hospital.</p> <p><u>No. 26 Casualty Clearing Station.</u> Lieut Colonel Kelly. 389 patients and 1 officer. Field kitchen in excellent condition.</p> <p><u>No. 15 Stationary Hospital.</u> Major McMunn asked for from 600 to 1000 pairs of <u>white</u> blankets for enteric cases. His incinerator was working but does not burn faeces. He proposes to boil faeces in Sawyers Stoves, and then bury them. D.D.M.S. told him he must'nt permit any washing near his well. He requires all the shelter mentioned in the case of No. 1 A.S.H. Lieut Col. Stammers separately visited this hospital regarding sanitary questions. The hospital was in excellent condition.</p> <p><u>Red Cross Stores.</u> almost empty - more have been ordered.</p> <p><u>E.M.O.</u> young and not very clever.</p>	
	4/7/15.		<p>4 p.m. P.D.M.S. discussed with D.D.M.S. and Lieut Colonel Thom.</p> <p>(1) Supply of Adv. Depot M.S. at Anzac from Mudros. (He told O i/c No. 5 B.D.M.S. this morning that when the direct U.K. - Dardanelles service of hospital ships was established, medical stores from England should come in hospital ships)</p> <p>(2) Site of General Hospital for Mudros.</p> <p>(3) Hutting of Stationary Hospitals at Mudros.</p> <p>(4) Programme of hospital ships and the creation of an ad interim programme with 8 ships now, or about to become available (3 in reserve)</p> <p>(5) Reserve of M.O.s for trooping. What has he got?</p> <p>(6) Can Ferry steamers go to Malta direct? Reply - not at present.</p> <p>(7) Question of A.D.M.S. for shore here and new E.M.O.</p> <p>(8) (8) Question of enteric ship. If so it should be Dunluce Castle but this interferes with reserve for battle.</p> <p>(9) Discussed G.H. for Mudros with Director of Works, also question of temporary dining shelters for shore hospitals pending hutting.</p> <p>9 p.m. Lieut Colonel Thom arranged to despatch 10 folding bedsteads from No. 15 S.H. to No.</p>	

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	4/7/15.		<p>11 C.C.S. for abdominal cases.</p> <p>Heard that C.C.S. of the 13th Division was in Egypt and was being ordered on to Mudros. The 58th Lowland Division C.C.S. is already here. Malta is said to have spare accommodation for 125 cases only. Enteric Fever cases lately arriving here 10 - 12 a day are now only 3 - 4 daily. Total number of sweepers in Dardanelles 67. 42000 doses of cholera vaccine (St Mabys) here.</p>	
	5/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. Lieut Col. Stammers informed me that a Major Cox (temporary R.A.M.C.) in Malta, has packed in 2 boxes, 40 sets of transfusion apparatus for treatment of cholera. His boxes might be brought up to the Dardanelles if necessary. The 8 ships referred to at 4 p.m. yesterday were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.K. line. Dongola. Rewa. A.F. Service. Gascon. Sicilia. Neuralia. Deyanha. Dunluce Castle. Galeka. 8. Grantully Castle. <i>is at Alexandria</i> 9. Clan Mc Gillivray.) Seenagchoon.) for Indians. <i>with 6 nurses</i> <p>Clan Mc Gillivray, which carries 400, is in Mudros, - has no native latrines according to Lieut Colonel Sutherland, O.C. 1st Australian L.H. F.A. who came up in her from Alexandria. She is not painted yet. Lieut Colonel Sutherland said the Scotian took 840 ? patients down to Alexandria. He said the following ships were painted as hospital ships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devanha. Grantully Castle. Galeka. <p>P.D.M.S. discussed with I.G.C. the question of the action to be taken if a battle with, say, 15000 casualties occurred, also whether the A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. at the Base Alexandria might not be stationed at the intermediary base (Mudros). P.D.M.S. is to discuss this matter further</p>	

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	5/7/15.		<p>with the Base Commandant but I.G.C. agreed that an A.D.M.S. on shore at Mudros is a necessity. P.D.M.S. discussed with D.D.M.S. and A.D.M.S. (Sanitary) the whole sanitary situation at Mudros.</p> <p>4 p.m. P.D.M.S. inspected:-</p> <p>(1) Seeangchoon, Major Price in charge. She was full of Indian patients and was dirty and is unsuitable for a hospital ship. (2) Clan Mc Gillivray, can take 400 ph board but is not a good ship. She is not fitted up for Indians. (3) Devanha. She is suitable but wants a good deal done yet. P.D.M.S. ordered that all ships who had brought Red Cross Stores from Alexandria should hand over surplus to Red Cross Depot Mudros, which is depleted at present.</p>	
	6/7/15.		<p>6 p-m, Captain Thomson, R.A.M.C. arrived from Imbros.</p> <p>9 a.m. P.D.M.S. saw Major Price who is to be taken off the Seeangchoon and join the section of his F.A. on shore. P.D.M.S. intends to relieve him of the command of No. 110 I.F.A., owing to the dirt and want of order on the Seeangchoon.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. ordered Colonel Maher to send Major Price ashore and leave Major Bis^zett in charge of Seeangchoon.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. asked Col. Maher to go into the question of the sufficiency of the supply of materials to No. 5 B.D.M.Stores to meet the demands of a battle with very heavy casualties.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. intends to get E.P.tents and convert No. 110 I.F.A. Mudros into a sort of stationary hospital - Beds (angereeb) for at least 100 Indians.</p>	
	7/7/15.		<p>9.30 p.m. P.D.M.S., Colonel Mayo-Robson and I embarked on H.S. Neuralia for Alexandria.</p>	
	8/7/15.		<p>At sea.</p> <p>At sea.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. interview the 47 sick and wounded officers on board with a view to satisfying himself that all were suitable cases for evacuation as far as Alexandria. - 21 surgical to 26 medical. He was satisfied that all were fit cases for evacuation as above.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. inspected ship. There have been 58⁷ deaths on board, septic wounds, gangrene etc. since the ship started taking wounded on board at Anzac. Arrangements are to be made to treat septic cases on deck. There are many flies and it is to be arranged that this ship and all others are thoroughly disinfected by the Authorities at Alexandria - fumigated etc. The sick and wounded were well cared for and treated.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. Proposes for these hospital ships for 500 patients:-</p> <p>9 medical officers (one to act as second in command).</p>	

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	8/7/15.		9 sisters (one of be for duty in operating theatre)	
	9/7/15.	7 a.m.	Arrived Alexandria.	
		9.30 a.m.	P.D.M.S. interviewed the Countess of Carnarvan. Captain Treves E.M.O. told P.D.M.S. that the Quarantine Authorities Alexandria have gangs of 25 men who board and disinfect hospital ships as they come in - very necessary.	
		10.30 a.m.	P.D.M.S. went to Colonel Beach's (A.D.M.S.) office. Colonel Beach Mr. Warren Low and Mr. Tubby (consultants) had arrived and were attached to Nos 15 and 17 G.H.s respectively also the Convalescent Depots - the British at Mustapha and Australian at Ras-el-Tin - were full full.	
			P.D.M.S. said the Dunluce Castle though used as an enteric ship would have to take her turn along with the others - also that the voyages to Malta and Alexandria from Mudros were 55 and 48 hours respectively.	
			More motor ambulances are required at Alexandria, they have 31 and require about 20 more.	
		12.30 p.m.	P.D.M.S. interviewed Admiral Robinson and Captain Grogan, Naval Transport officer, and arranged that the officer in charge of a hospital should inform the Captain of what he wants done, fans etc. before reaching Alexandria --- the Captain to report at once personally to the N.T.O. on arrival. He informed them of the necessity for a number of transports to evacuate sick and wounded from Egypt to England and was told there were none in Alexandria but were in Mudros and might call at Alexandria on their way to England.	
			Minnewaska. Nile. Nivernia. Cawdor Castle. Minneapolis.	
			P.D.M.S. intends to wire to I.G.C. to send them back via Alexandria after he has consulted the authorities in Cairo. P.D.M.S. asked Col. Beach to remind C.O.s of General Hospitals of the necessity of discharging all men fit for duty and memo was accordingly sent.	
			P.D.M.S. wired to I.G.C. to send the next two ships with sick and wounded to Malta as Malta had 2000 beds on 5th July. Colonel Beach said some of personnel of No. 21 General hospital were still on hospital ships.	
			P.D.M.S. wired to Malta to make use of 400 beds reported available at Gibraltar.	
			P.D.M.S. lunched with Sir Courtauld Thomson and agreed to increase the Red Cross Hospital Cairo from 320 to 500 beds.	
		5 p.m.	P.D.M.S. inspected the Red Cross Hospital near the Summer Palace Hotel Ramleh - Glymenopoulo; Dr MacAllen of the Egyptian Health Department in charge; accommodation for 450 patients - well organised but no food given after 5 p.m. One old soldier, a patient since last April was found working in the hospital and the P.D.M.S. pointed out this would not do.	

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	9/7/15.		Today there are 738 vacant beds in Alexandria and 3974 beds occupied, 700 being Indians i.e. 3274 occupied by British and Australians.	
	10/7/15.		<p>8.30 a.m. P.D.M.S. proceeded to Docks and saw Grogan Bey N.T.O. and with Colonel Sexton and Captain Gilmour (A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. Base) inspected the Grantully Castle and Galeka - the naval construction official accompanied him and he said he had an order for 1000 iron swing cots. He was turning out 30 a day.</p> <p><u>Grantully Castle</u>, is being prepared as a hospital ship with accommodation for 450 in cots; 7 M.O.s and 8 sisters, 29 orderlies. Captain Evans from No. 21 G.H. was in charge. He was having the doors taken off Cabins to be used for sick and wounded. They had a supply of peroxide of hydrogen, 20 bottles, but P.D.M.S. impressed on Captain Evans the necessity for increasing it. Most of the beds were wooden bunks with spring bottoms but some had wooden bottoms. The bunks were too close together for efficient nursing in some cases. They had not arranged for sufficient fans but P.D.M.S. discovered they had 80 spare ones on board and all are to be put up. They had 800 mattresses. One companion was too steep for patients. The W.C.s were unsatisfactory, seats nailed down, water leaking in the scuppers. Directions given regarding this.</p> <p>No disinfectant on board but there is a sterilizer in the operating theatre. P.D.M.S. thinks a special sister is necessary for the theatre. He ordered the officer in charge to treat all septic cases on deck. There is a lot to be done but the boat can sail for Mudros tomorrow morning. She does 11½ knots.</p> <p>The ship's surgeon has been engaged as a medical officer. He has a bacteriological laboratory of his own on board.</p> <p>The Naval <u>H.S. Somali</u>, had just arrived from Malta and the P.D.M.S. spoke to the 3rd medical officer and afterwards arranged with N.T.O. that she was to go to Mudros at once. She has 7 M.O.s and 48 sick berth staff but only 47 sisters - no accommodation for more.</p> <p>The <u>Galeka</u>, is being prepared as a hospital ship with 250-300 cots and is expected to be ready and sail by 13th July. Lieut Davidson (An Edinburgh Infirmary Assistant Surgeon) is in charge. 6 M.O.s, 8 sisters 30 orderlies. Arrangements regarding fans were made by P.D.M.S. Bunks, i.e. wooden cots, too close and too broad - many were 2'6" wide, inside measurement. Latrine seats nailed down - impossible to keep clean. There was no ventilator near the hopper where bedpans are cleaned. The officers ward of 25 cots had 6 fans. The Galeka is a small boat. It was arranged with the Naval Construction official that, in addition to 1000 swing cots, 1000 fixed cots should be made up.</p>	

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	10/7/15.		<p>P.D.M.S. went to <u>Clan McGillivray</u> (unsuitable ship) Lieut Colonel Sutherland A.A.M.C. was in charge. She has just arrived from Mudros and serious cases (17 officers, 20 enterics etc) are being taken off her and she goes on to Malta with the rest of her sick and wounded - about 400.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. told Colonel Sexton that all stores for hospitals at the front should go up in hospital ships.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. went to Mustapha and saw General McGregor and arranged as below with Colonel Sexton:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To try to get 10 E.P. tents from Ordnance for No. 110 I.F.A. If he can't, then to inform P.D.M.S. (2) To inform Red Cross, who have a buffet here, of the probable hour of arrival of hospital ships. (3) To arrange that 3rd Echelon furnish a list of sick and wounded medical officers. (4) To send 50 angereebes to No. 110 I.F.A., Mudros. (5) To arrange to buy up locally as much peroxide of hydrogen as possible. It can be made in Alexandria. P.D.M.S. has gone thoroughly into the question of the supply of peroxide of hydrogen at Helles, Mudros and on hospital ships and is arranging that the supply should be ample. (6) To consider carefully whether the supply of articles to No. 4 B.D.M. Stores is sufficient to meet the demands of a battle with, say, 15000 to 20000 casualties. (7) To arrange that the officers in charge of hospital ships should before arrival at Alexandria draw up a list of what they want done and give it to the Captain to take it to the N.T.O. to whom he has to report. <p>3 p.m. P.D.M.S. saw Major Darling a Registrar of a General Hospital here concerning furnishing information on A. 36 as to whether sick and wounded officers can rejoin their units within a month. It was arranged that this should be done done, but it is apparently somewhat unnecessary though G.H.Q., Medforce asked for it.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. saw Sir Victor Horsley and Sir Courtauld Thomson, Captain C.T. Thompson and Captain Archibald, R.A.M.C.</p>	
Cairo.	11/7/15.		<p>8 p.m. Left Alexandria and arrived at Cairo, 9 30 P.M.</p> <p>10 a.m. P.D.M.S. went to Headquarters and saw Sir John Maxwell and Surgeon General Ford. He (1) wrote note to D.M.S. Egypt re sending on Assaye which left Bombay about 5th July to Mudros after staffing her if necessary; (2) wired to W.O. re Clan McGillivray and Seeangchoon; (3) To D.R.I.M. Bombay to send Guildford Castle to Suez; (4) to G.H.Q. Medforce re inoculation for cholera; (5) to W.O. for 300 naval cots and 50 motor ambulances and (6) drew up a note stating</p>	

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	11/7/15.		<p>that General Maxwell agreed to the necessity of evacuating sick and wounded freely from Egypt. There are about 120 cases of enteric fever in Alexandria and Cairo from the Dardanelles and while it was thought that an enteric convalescent depot for 300 cases should be established in Egypt, it appeared necessary to send home enteric cases in hospital ships as opportunities occurred. It is calculated that 2000 sick and wounded will have to be sent to England from Egypt monthly in transports i.e. 4 transports will be required and staffed at Alexandria each with about 9 M.O.s 9 nurses and 30 to 40 orderlies. There are roughly 14000 beds in Egypt and 3000 are said to be vacant now. P.D.M.S. agreed with General Ford that hospitals up to one dozen in Egypt should be ordered to tell off and hold in readiness personnel and a certain amount of equipment (Red Cross etc) for hospital ships - one hospital, one ship. Arrangements are being made for 10000 country mattresses to be kept on the quay at Alexandria. N.B. With a round trip of 35 days a weekly service can be kept between U.K. and Dardanelles.</p> <p>5 p.m. P.D.M.S. went to inspect a huge palace across the Nile which was built by Ismail and sold by late Mr Khedive for £400000 and is now proposed as a convalescent depot for enteric fever cases. It might at large expense be made suitable for a general hospital but is too large for a convalescent depot of 300 cases. It has no lavatory or water closet accommodation and the ventilation in many parts is bad.</p>	
	12/7/15.		<p>9.45 a.m. P.D.M.S. sent off wires to Malta, I.G.C., D.R.I.M. regarding hospital ships and to Sir James Porter and Sir Courtauld Thomson and to War Office regarding when No. 3 A.S.H. may be expected in Egypt, we heard there have been about 3000 more casualties in the Dardanelles and that General Young-Husband's Brigade had been sent from the Suez Canal to Aden. P.D.M.S. arranged a meeting of consultants at Alexandria on the 14th July. Malta is said to have 6000 beds accommodation altogether.</p> <p>4.30 p.m. P.D.M.S. inspected Al Hayat (18 miles from Cairo) and the Walda Palace Convalescent depots at Helwan.</p> <p>At Al Hayat is a large hotel and has a combatant officer as commandant whom we did not see. Present - The S.M.O., Captain Moore, a private practitioner of Helwan and Captain Low who had served in the South African War, and who belongs to Yeomanry, and would do as officer in charge of a hospital ship. This morning there were 800 convalescents; 100 were discharged today and 100 go tomorrow. 240 Invalids are waiting for despatch to Australia and New Zealand and the</p>	

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	12/7/15.		<p>United Kingdom and about 300 or so will remain. They could take in 300 men tomorrow. 800 is the normal accommodation.</p> <p>60 - 70% of the men, now in, are wounded men. There are 25 officer convalescents. There are 3 M.O.s and 2 sisters. There was one case of hernia, not to be operated on. He might have been at his depot, waiting discharge to Australia. The proportion of Australians to British, was said to be about 8 to 1.</p> <p>3/- per man per day is paid by Government for the food etc. of these men.</p> <p>60 - 70 men were waiting to be treated by a dentist.</p> <p>The depot was opened on the 11th May and 2500 men have passed through - about 300 a week. Tea was at 8 p.m. and nicely laid out and the food good. On the whole the P.D.M.S. was pleased with the arrangements and satisfied with the class of men admitted.</p> <p>N.B. The Grand Hotel Helouan, is prepared and ready to open as a convalescent depot for 500 men. <u>Waldia Palace</u>, belongs to the present Khedive, and is run by the Red Cross. Dr Stiven is the commandant, and Dr. Phillips of the Cairo Red Cross Hospital was present, and a matron who appeared to be very fond of her convalescents - there were ^{only} 20, and a musical entertainment was going on. They have accommodation for 60 men only, and have the 3/- per man per day contract. W.C.s and shower baths were being erected, and there was a septic tank newly installed.</p>								
Cairo.	13/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. P.D.M.S. inspected:-</p> <p>(1) No. 1 Australian General Hospital, Heliopolis Palace Hospital, Lieut Colonel Ramsay Smith C.O. and Lieut Colonel Barrett, registrar were present. No. 1 A.G.H. has formed the following units, which are, or shortly will be, independent:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>1- Convalescent Depot at Al Hayat,</td> <td rowspan="3" style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td>Helouan.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2- " " Grand Hotel.</td> <td>Alexandria.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3- " " Ras-al-Tin.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>No. 1 Auxiliary Hospital, Luna Park. 3 " " Atelier. 3 " " Sporting Club.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. spoke to Lieut Colonel Ramsay Smith about the complaints that reinforcements for field medical units were being detained in No. 1 A.G.H. (e.g. Colonel Howsetold P.D.M.S. he had obtained a large No. from No. 1 A.G.H. last night), and said that arrangements must be made to send on such men to their units at once, if, after communication with front, they were required; i.e. he must at once inform Colonel M and Col Howese etc whenever</p>	1- Convalescent Depot at Al Hayat,	}	Helouan.	2- " " Grand Hotel.	Alexandria.	3- " " Ras-al-Tin.		
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	13/7/15.		<p>reinforcements arrive and ask if they are wanted.</p> <p>All the serious cases are treated in the Palace (where there are 20 M.O.s) and light cases in the Auxiliary hospitals.</p> <p>In the Palace are 970 beds - about 700 excluding those in the open on the piazza.</p> <p>3 dentists are being engaged for the 60 - 70 cases at Al Hayah, and arrangements are being made, according to Lieut Colonel Barrett, to engage from Australia etc. 11 dentists for Australians in Egypt.</p> <p>The hospital was untidy - patients' boots and kit in the ward, and many flies. The kitchen was dirty and the smells there were very bad. No dish-clothes given out - they use sack cloth until it is black and then they burn it.</p> <p><u>No. 1 Auxiliary Luna Park.</u> Beds mostly angerees. An extraordinarily dirty hospital; dust and cigarettes ashes everywhere, dirty bedclothes and pyjamas. Mens' kits and dirty boots stored under the pillows, under the angerees and in the bedhead tables. The officer in charge was not present. The building - sheds connected with a switchback railway show, is very unsuitable for a hospital. They have about 1000 patients and have had as many as 1600. Many cases of wounds had small sinuses, which appeared to require merely minor operation to heal them up.</p> <p><u>No. 2 Auxiliary Atelier,</u> in a large workshop. Major Webb in charge with 4 Captains. 350 cases in today. This hospital was clean and well run.</p> <p>(N.B. All these Auxiliary hospitals are on the contract system 2/6 per man per day. The Palace still caters for its patients.)</p> <p>They had some washhouses and shower baths inside which ought to be outside. Beds mostly of iron.</p> <p>A case of amputation of the arm had been detained, who ought to have been sent off to Australia long ago, but no transport was available.</p> <p><u>No. 3 Auxiliary. Sporting Club</u> This is close to a Polo ground, and is merely a series of open sheds in course of construction. Formerly, enteric cases were sent here from the Palace, but now there are no infectious cases and only 25 ordinary cases including a few of scabies. These are treated in the sort of club-house - pavilion?</p> <p>In one open shed were 350 beds ready for patients, but they would be packed like herrings in a barrel. This is a sort of emergency hospital to be ready to take 1000 cases if called on, but it could only deal efficiently with half that number. Captain Napier was in charge and there was a sister present. Kitchens, drains "offices" etc. are in course of construction.</p>	

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	13/7/15.		<p>(N.B. No. 2 A.G.H. have re-opened Mena House as they were short of accommodation.)</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wishes a note made that on Sunday afternoon I handed to Mr. Bennett D.M.S. Egypt's office a telegram to despatch to I.G.C. Mudros, in answer to his enquiry as to General Babbie's exact requirements in hospital transports for Dardanelles. Mr Bennett now finds no trace of its despatch, either in his office, or in the Eastern Telegraph Company. A replica of it was despatched to I.G.C. at 1.30 p.m. today, and a copy is in our office, beginning "On the assumption".</p> <p>6.35p.m. Left Cairo.</p> <p>10 p.m. Arrived Alexandria.</p>	
Alexandria.	14/7/15.		<p>P.D.M.S. inspected (with Col. Sexton A.D.M.S., Base) No. 4 B.D.M.Stores, and wired to W.O. asking them to expedite despatch of stores indented for in May last. The Depot was very empty and P.D.M.S. explained that he was very anxious about medical stores in his wire to the W.O.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. saw Col. O'Leary in command of the 3rd Echelon.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wired to I.G.C., Mudros in reply to his telegram stating that casualties, double those in P.D.M.S.'s scheme, would have to be provided for. P.D.M.S. arranged to send, on the Galeka sailing tonight for Mudros - 12 M.O.'s 16 sisters, 50 R.A.M.C., medical stores for 2 ships, about 100 stretchers, 1000 country mattresses, sheets, dressings etc.</p> <p>3 p.m. P.D.M.S. saw General Stanton, Commanding at Alexandria.</p> <p>3.20 p.m. P.D.M.S. saw Sir Courtauld Thomson and Dr Ruffer.</p> <p>3.45 p.m. P.D.M.S. had a meeting of consultants - present:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Sir Victor Horsley. Colonel Mayo-Robson. " Warren Low. " Tubby. " Stonham. <p>P.D.M.S. said that large numbers of sick and wounded must now be expected, and warned them that this was "war" and therefore certain deficiencies must be expected.</p> <p>Sir Victor Horsley raised the question of accommodation for convalescents at Alexandria, and an isolation hospital for enteric cases, and was told that everything possible was being done.</p> <p>Colonel Mayo-Robson mentioned the need for launches, for the hospital ships off Anzac and Helles.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. mentioned that consultants should point out defects to O.C.s hospitals etc. and if these officers were unable to get things remedied, they, the consultants, should report to the</p>	

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	14/7/15.		<p>A.D.M.S. concerned. Colonel Mayo-Robson recommended that the services of, say, 10 fourth year students per hospital ship should be obtained for the autumn vacation. P.D.M.S. has already suggested this to the D.G.A.M.S. by D.O. letter. Sir Victor Horeley spoke regarding the danger of medical stores running out, and was told that steps to prevent that had already been taken. Col. Mayo-Robson said the specification tally used should be made of stouter material, as they become crum-pled and illegible. The point is rather, that the tallies are not, owing to the stress of work, completed on the field, and that we can never hope for. Sir Victor Horeley said a tough card-board tally was supplied in France.</p> <p>Sir Victor Horeley and Col. Mayo-Robson mentioned the necessity for perfecting the arrangements for the feeding of sick and wounded on trawlers and hospital ships. It was agreed that consultants at Cairo should visit Port Said, Tanta, and Zagazig hospitals while those at Alexandria should go to Damahour, and Mansoura.</p> <p>It was agreed that Colonels Tubby and Mayo-Robson should go to the Dardanelles now and be relieved by Colonel Warren Low and Colonel Stonham (or as an alternative Colonel Warren Low and Sir Victor Horeley). Colonel Warren Low to remain at Alexandria for the present. A fortnight at the Dardanelles was thought an average length of stay; if expedient - but the reliefs of two consultants was not to be simultaneous - one to be relieved at a time, not both at once.</p> <p>The present location to be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexandria. Colonel Warren Low. Major Sir Victor Horeley. Cairo. Colonel Stonham. Colonel Ryan. Dardanelles. Colonel Mayo-Robson. Colonel Tubby. <p>P.D.M.S. mentioned that it was to be arranged that Col. Warren Low was to relieve Colonel Stonham at Cairo whenever opportunity offered, but that, in the first instance, Colonel Mayo-Robson might relieve Colonel Stonham.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. went (in the morning) with Colonel Sexton to the Ordnance Depot and asked for the Ordnance equipment of a general hospital.</p>	

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	14/7/15.		<p>P.D.M.S. agreed to the proposal that the Red Cross should provide a 500 bed convalescent home for soldiers - location not settled yet. (Montaza Palace near Alexandria chosen later)</p> <p>5.30 p.m. P.D.M.S. saw Colonel O'Leary at the 3rd Echelon and got a list of all the medical units in M.E.F. with their strength.</p>	
	15/7/15.		<p>10 a.m. P.D.M.S. spoke to Admiral Robinson by telephone, regarding the medical personnel sent to Malta yesterday on the Ausonia. It was not naval, but Australian.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wrote minute to I.G.C. on General Birrell's comments on proposed programme of hospital ships. This, together with the other papers on the file I handed over to Major Brown, Embarkation officer, about 6.15 p.m. who was to hand it over to O.C. Troops on "Empress of Britain", who is to hand it on to General Wallace, on arrival at Mudros.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wrote reply to W.O. telegram enquiring as to demands of G.O.C.M.E.F. in his No. 2001 (M.F.A.) and gave the telegram (No. 29) to the 3rd Echelon about 5.30 p.m. to be enciphered and despatched to W.O.</p> <p>According to Colonel James' (O.C. No. 15 G.H.) Mobilization Site Tables, the following is now the authorised establishment for General Hospitals..</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">M.O.s 3% on beds. Nurses. 7% on beds. N.C.O.s R.A.M.C. 2% on beds. Rank and File. 17% on beds.</p> <p>All arrangements made for us to move into an office at No. 7 Rue de la Gare du Caire, tomorrow.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. sent minute of proposals regarding the moves of the consulting surgeons, to Sir Victor Horsley for comment. Colonel Mayo-Robson left for the Dardanelles, on the Galeka this morning.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wired to War Office emphasising the necessity for launches for hospital ships.</p> <p>According to a table showing the dates and numbers of sick and wounded who have arrived in Alexandria up to the 8th July, there has been during the last two months, an average daily inflow of 408 - Table furnished by Captain Treves R.A.M.C. E.M.O.</p>	
	16/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. P.D.M.S. interviewed Miss Oram, Principal Matron, Egypt and cabled to W.O. re requirements in nurses for Egypt. He wired to Colonel Bray R.A.M.C. Egyptian Army, as to when he could join for duty (with M.E.F.) He informed D.M.S. Egypt that H.S. Guildford Castle must return to Bombay and sent a copy of his memo. to P.N.T.O. and D.D.M.S. Mudros. He informed A.D.M.S. Base and D.M.S. Egypt of the reinforcements being sent by W.O. and asked if they would</p>	

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	16/7/15.		<p>meet requirements.</p> <p>He visited the H.S. Asturias - Officer in charge, Captain Gippe (late R.N.) with over 1100 sick and wounded on board - over 900 cot cases. She is large for a hospital ship, and was satisfactory, but had had over 30 deaths since leaving the Dardanelles - gas gangrene etc.</p> <p>We took over new office today - No. 7 Rue de la Gare du Caire.</p>	Major?
Alexandria	17/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. P.D.M.S. inspected No. 17 General Hospital, Colonel Healey in command. Major Knox, I.M.S. is now serving in this hospital. D.M.S. had an interview with Major Pybus, a "surgeon" who is being sent home on the H.S. Asturias from this hospital, as that ship wants a surgeon. Col. Healey said men contracted amoebic dysentery here in Alexandria. The hospital has large fine wards, and is in good order. One ward had 98 patients in it. They have disinfectors and incinerate dressings, and dry refuse. They have a large number of new pattern hospital marquees which normally take 12 beds and can dine about 40 people and take 21 patients on mattresses. They were using angereeba, bought at about 8 P.T. apiece. Two of the new marquees join together and make a ward for 24 patients. They have a good many spare dirt carts, and surplus stores which might be made use of, if a hospital were established in the Dardanelles e.g. Mudros.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. said that it should be possible to send home officers by the P & B Company etc. The matron said there were 76 nurses, and several had left to join the Assaye H.S. with Major Crosthwait that morning, and that some nurses were living in an hotel which was not supposed to be in good sanitary condition.</p> <p>Colonel Healey said that if medical stores could not be obtained from the S.D.M.S., he applied to the A.D.M.S. who obtained the sanction of the G.O.C. and he (Col. Healey) purchased locally.</p> <p>With that arrangement the supply was quite good. They had no hearse, and to avoid having to use a motor ambulance, the P.D.M.S. saw Col. Beach A.D.M.S., Alexandria and suggest that 3 "Mark 6" ambulance wagons, might be given to each general hospital - one to be used as a hearse and two to take nurses from their hotels to the hospital etc. using only two horses per wagon. 16 nurses were living in 4 of the new hospital marquees - boarded floor. Dr Ruffer's daughters were assisting - flowers, library etc. etc.</p> <p>Col. Healey said about 40 local sick were admitted daily from the many camps near - about 500 a week. He showed P.D.M.S. an attack on his hospital in the "Nursing Mirror and Midwives Journal" which P.D.M.S. sent to the D.G. A.M.S. with Col. Healey's comments - in case it might</p>	

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	17/7/15.		<p>be useful.</p> <p>Colonel Sexton told P.D.M.S. the 2 F.A.s and the C.C.S. of the 11th Division had arrived in Alexandria. P.D.M.S. from information received, now makes it out that we we have 7 C.C.S. in the Dardanelles Nos 1 A.C.C.S. and Nos 11, 24, 25, 28 - 52nd and 13th Division C.C.S.</p>	
	18/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. P.D.M.S. inspected No. 15 G.H. at the Abbassieh Schools. Lieut Colonel James commanding. Buildings were good and the hospital could hold more. They have many of the new hospital marquees. P.D.M.S. was pleased on the whole. W.O. wired that No. 3 A.G.H. sailed for Mudros on July 12th. The six officers of that unit detained in Egypt must be ordered to join in Mudros. Miss Oram, Colonel Sexton and Captain Gilmour all came to see P.D.M.S. War Office wires that New Zealand Nurses in the N.Z., H.S. Maheno are to be disembarked in Egypt. She is expected about August 20th. P.D.M.S. wrote note to D.O.S., M.E.F. and asked if he was able to meet a demand from the D.M.S., M.E.F. for 500 tents for hospitals at Mudros. P.D.M.S. wired to Admiral at Malta regarding serious loss to evacuation if H.S. Dongola were sent home; wired to D.D.M.S., M.E.F. and asked if 31 medical officers referred to by W.O. in a telegram, had arrived in Mudros; wired to D.D.M.S. detailing the available ships at Dardanelles, at sea, etc. wired to D.M.S. G.H.Q. M.E.F. re equipment of 30 (hospital) ships enquired about by W.O. Wired to C in C, India and W.O. regarding Loyalty and Guildford Castle.</p>	
EAARD.	19/7/15.		<p>8 p.m. P.D.M.S. left for Cairo.</p> <p>Alexandria. 8.45 a.m. I went to 3rd Echelon and had telegram from Malta saying Formosa leaves Malta about 20th July, deciphered.</p> <p>Lieut Colonel Stammers and Captain Thompson who had gone to inspect Damietta as a convalescent depot returned and proceeded to inspect, with Dr Ruffer, the British Barracks at Mustapha, as a convalescent Depot and afterwards a Palace (Montaza) belonging to the Khedives family. Lieut MacLaren, Assistant Barrack Officer, called and asked if P.D.M.S. agreed to accept the Hotel Metroplce, instead of the Hotel Victoria, as a convalescent Depot. I referred him to Lieut Col. Stammers.</p> <p>Captain Gilmour D.A.D.M.S. Base gave me the names of the hospital ships and transports used for sick and wounded in Alexandria today. Captain O'Fattell explained to me the position as regards the issue of tobacco to sick and wounded.</p> <p>8 p.m. Left Cairo Office.</p> <p>10 p.m. P.D.M.S. returned from Cairo.</p> <p>10.30 p.m. Telephone message received from Cairo that 2 cases of cerebro spinal fever had</p>	

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	19/7/15.		<p><i>reheated in route from Australia</i></p> <p>occurred in the "Wandilla" a ship supposed to be used to take sick and wounded from to England from Alexandria. Message ran that Surgeon General Ford had consulted Sir David Semple, who said that after disinfection the ship would be suitable for the purpose.</p>	
	20/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. P.D.M.S. drafted telegram to W.O. quoting all the different telegrams regarding reinforcements, and saying how he understood the position, and asking if he was correct. This was despatched.</p> <p>Dr Ruffer called on P.D.M.S. - also Major General Jackson D.O.S. Lieut Colonels Shanahan and McNaught R.A.M.C. Major Bridges, Staff Officer to Sir James Porter. Lieut Colonel Barrett A.A.M.C. and Miss Oram.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. asked D.M.S. Egypt for a copy of the daily statement showing the vacant beds in Egypt.</p>	
	21/7/15.		<p>7.10 p.m. Left office.</p> <p>9 a.m. P.D.M.S. visited No. 5 I.G.H. Present Lieut Col Pridmore, Major McCarrison, Major Hallilay, Major Leicester, Captains Pierpoint and Forrest. Major G. King also was present and asked to be transferred to the Dardanelles if possible. P.D.M.S. told Colonel Pridmore he might apply for permission to retain as ward orderlies etc. patients who were unfit to return to the front and who would normally be sent back to India. They were Havildars, and S.A.S. etc., living in E.P. tents, and E.P. tents are precious. In the large ward in the winter garden P.D.M.S. suggested the lying down of small squares of linoleum near each patients bed, on the sandy floor. The sweepers and bhasties were in a blue Egyptian cloth (cotton) Fishing nets were used over windows and doors - successfully - to keep out flies. Lieut Col. The Hon. Charles Bruce, was the only officer in hospital, but there were 38 Australian soldiers. The first floor could suitably take 200 British sick and wounded. They have an isolation camp for septic, foul-smelling cases cases - for 80 patients. It is empty at present. They were building a new cook-house which is to have wire gauze put up. They have a convalescent camp quite close - Captain Pierpoint in charge - and full of inmates. P.D.M.S. considered the hospital well run and satisfactory.</p> <p>10.30 a.m. Surgeon General Sir James Porter called to see P.D.M.S.</p> <p>11.30 a.m. Colonel Tubby called to see P.D.M.S.</p> <p>12 noon. Colonel Sexton and Captain Gilmour called to see P.D.M.S.</p> <p>Lieut Colonel O. Robinson called to see P.D.M.S.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wired to Sir Alfred Hoogh regarding the problem of evacuation from the Dardanelles and the present accommodation in Malta and Egypt and also to F.G.C. Mudros suggesting that some</p>	

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	21/7/15.		<p>suitable ships should be sent to Alexandria, to be fitted out as carriers. He also drafted wires as follows to be despatched tomorrow. (1) to W.O. regarding nurses, (2) to W.O. regarding his telegram of 29th June asking for 2 bacteriologists for the peninsula and (3) to General Birrell asking subject to an important letter said to have sent to him by General Birrell and not received (4) to D.D.M.S. Mudros suggesting employment as orderlies, of men unfit for duty at the front.</p> <p>7.15 p.m. Left office.</p>	
	22/7/15.		<p>8.45 a.m. Telephoned to Lieut Colonel Robinson O.C. No 24 General Hospital that P.D.M.S. was unwell and would not inspect his hospital or be in office today.</p> <p>Despatched cable to W.O. repeating our cable of 29th June (vide Supra) i.e. (2) above, also despatched (1) (3) above and wired to W.O. to telegraph names of 30 of the M.O.s they are sending out, suitable for charge of transports carrying wounded.</p> <p>Col. Sexton called to report that the Navy had decided the Seeangchoon and Clan McGillivray must after all, be used as hospital ships as they have nothing better at present.</p> <p>Major General Stanton and Col Tubby called to see P.D.M.S.</p> <p>3 p.m. I went to Docks and gave a letter for General Birrell to an Australian officer who was acting for Major Brown Embarkation officer, and he promised to hand it over to the O.C., Troops on the "Alunia", sailing tonight, to hand over to General Birrell or arrange that it reached him. The letter is a note on action to be taken in case of a battle or battles.</p> <p>Lieut Colonel Stammers sent cipher telegram to G.H.Q. asking if there was any political objection to the establishment of a hospital on Myteline - a suggestion from the W.O.</p> <p>6.30 p.m. Left office.</p>	
	23/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. Asked Lieut Colonel O. Robinson to see Surgeon General Babbie who is suffering from dysentery.</p> <p>11.30 a.m. Saw Col. Sexton re obtaining permanent fatigue party at docks for unloading hospital ships.</p> <p>12 noon. Major Bridges staff officer to Sir James Porter, called and said Sir James Porter sailed tomorrow at 10 am for Mudros where he was to report to the Admiral and take over his appointment as Hospital Transport Officer. He expected General Babbie to sail with him, but the latter could not, of course, go. Spoke to D.M.S. Egypt re W.O. enquiry if more hospital accommodation could be provided in Egypt. He said he would go into the question and I sent him officially a copy of the W.O. telegram. Admiral Robinson asked if he was to begin fitting out the Clan McGillivray and Seeangchoon as hospital ships.</p> <p>2.30 p.m. Miss Oram called and was given a copy of W.O. telegram giving names of 23 nurses</p>	

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	23/7/15.		<p>coming out as reinforcements.</p> <p>3 p.m. Lieut Col. Stammers met the Hunter Commission who arrived today from Port Said. Col. Hunter, Sir Ronald Ross, Dudgeon, Lieut Col. W.H. Willock, Lieut D. Thompson etc. Lieut Colonel Buchanan.</p> <p>5.30 p.m. Took D.O. letter to the office of the Ports and Lights, from General Babbie to Sir James Porter explaining that he was unable through illness to accept his kind invitation to sail with him to Mudros, and assuring him of all the help in his power.</p> <p>6 p.m. Went to 3rd Echelon and had telegram No. 391 from D.M.S. M.E.F. to P.D.M.S. deciphered. It referred to the contents of a letter from Lieut Colonel Kable (writing for Surgeon General Birrell on the sick list) dated 11th July and received today, to General Babbie, describing the arrangements proposed for an operation of great magnitude on the Peninsula during the first week in August. (N.B. As the despatch of the letter had been notified by telegram and it had not been received, General Babbie had asked by wire for its purport.)</p>	
	24/7/15.		<p>8 a.m. General Babbie gave me a draft reply (P.M.S. No. 77) to telegram No. 391 from D.M.S., M.E.F. which I took to the 3rd Echelon and gave to Major Mergason to despatch in cipher.</p> <p>The Hunter Commission called at the office and Lieut Colonel Stammers took Col. Hunter and others to see the P.D.M.S. (still in his quarters). I telephoned to Surgeon General Ford that in case of emergency, the 8000 - 9000 wounded he might have evacuated to Egypt might be mostly serious cases. The officer in charge of reinforcements 3rd Echelon spoke to me regarding his ignorance of demands for reinforcements made by D.M.S. G.R.Q. i.e. telegram No. 3001 (secret) which I have not seen. I told him these demands were over and above, and quite separate from, the routine reinforcements required to keep medical units up to war establishments. Brig. Gen. Jackson called and asked what action P.D.M.S. had taken regarding the demand on the W.O. for 500 tents for the expansion of the hospital accommodation at Mudros, made by the D.M.S. M.E.F. (N.B. W.O. had already wired to G.O.C. M.E.F. that such demands should, first of all, be referred to the local ordnance authorities.) Wired to G.O.C. Malta that it was proposed that the arrangements recent telegram from D.D.M.S. Malta giving the vacant hospital accommodation there was the maximum. Wired to W.O. that though arrangements for landing parties for hospital ships at Alexandria had not been satisfactory 60 R.A.M.C. orderlies were not essential - A.D.M.S. Base had asked for them but arrangements for fatigue parties have been made.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. received memo from Sir James Porter enclosing a telegram from G.O.C. Malta asking for sea transport for 850 men who had been in hospital, and saying it was referred to P.D.M.S., as he</p>	

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	24/7/15.		<p>had not yet officially acknowledged his (Sir James' position) position. P.D.M.S. wrote note to Sir James Porter pointing out that mistake Sir James had made and regretting the misunderstanding, but Hospital Yacht Liberty had sailed yesterday.</p> <p>Called - Colonel Warren Low re his location, Major Knox I.M.S., re his pay. Captain Cane R.A.M.C. (temp) re movement of his ship - H.S. Devanha.</p> <p>7 p.m. Left Office.</p>	
	25/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. Proceeded to office where Colonel Stammers was waiting for the motor car to take round some of the members of the Hunter Mission.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wired to Sir James Porter regarding the latter's misunderstanding as to his attitude and repeated wire to D.G. A.M.S., I.G.C. and G.H.Q. Medforce. He wired to D.M.S. Medforce and asked him to reply to W.O. through us on the query as to whether the N.Z. and Canadian S.H.s etc, about to be sent out for M.E.F. were sufficient.</p> <p>He wired to Commandeth Malta and Sir James Porter re the evacuation of the Malta hospitals. I had spoken to Admiral Robinson (by telephone) and he agreed to the wire.</p> <p>39 medical officers for Egypt arrived and I spoke to Gen. Ford on the telephone and he said that 10 of these was the minimum he must have for Egypt and these were for Cairo.</p> <p>I told General Ford that there was no objection on the part of the P.D.M.S. to his ordering by wireless, the H.S. Grantully Castle to proceed to Port Said and disembark her 400 wounded there, as there was accommodation in Port Said.</p> <p>Col. Sexton and Captain Gilmour called re collecting equipment for 28 transports. They had collected enough for 12 and D.M.S. Egypt had collected enough for 8 more = 20 in all. P.D.M.S. wishes them to go on collecting, reporting progress.</p> <p>7. 50 p.m. Left office.</p>	
	26/7/15.		<p>10 a.m. Colonel Sexton came to the office and explained the position as regards reinforcements for Medforce, and showed him our telegram to the W.O. summing up the situation and the W.O. reply. I told him that 10 out of the 39 MOs for Egypt who arrived yesterday should be sent to Cairo, and that the remaining 29 should be detailed by him for service with Medforce for the present, but that they must eventually be returned to Egypt or an equivalent number given in their place. I explained that dentists and their mechanics and gear were to be collected in Alexandria. I asked for a good clerk from among 200 R.A.M.C. reinforcements who arrived today for Egypt. They are to be sent to Dardanelles, and D.M.S. Egypt was informed accordingly. Telephoned to D.M.S. Egypt's office and suggested that Lieut Colonel Bray, who is in Cairo should come and see P.D.M.S.</p>	

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	26/7/15.		<p>as soon as possible.</p> <p>1 p.m. Lieut Colonel Fiaschi and Lieut Col Crepigny of No. 3 A.G.H. arrived in office having seen P.D.M.S. The hospital leaves today for Mudros.</p> <p>Wired to D.D.M.S. the number of M.O.s and nurses for the Dardanelles and asked him to return to Egypt any who arrived in excess.</p> <p>Completed reply to all the questions asked from General Babbie by Sir James Porter.</p> <p>6.30 p.m. Left office.</p> <p>8 p.m. P.D.M.S. wrote to Colonel Maher, D.D.M.S. Mudros explaining the situation as regards reinforcements, asking him to assist Sir James Porter in every way, and enclosing for his information a copy of the note on arrangements to be made for a great engagement which he sent to General Birrell on 31/7/15.</p> <p>In the afternoon Lieut Colonel Stammers, with Col Willcox, the expert on gas poisoning saw General Jackson D.O.S. regarding equipment for Colonel Willcox.</p>	
	27/7/15.		<p>-9.30 am. Despatched telegram to D.M.S. G.H.Q. giving the present position regarding his reinforcements. Completed and despatched the reply to all the questions asked by Sir James Porter from General Babbie. Lieuts Campbell and Logan, pathologists for the beaches came to call on Lieut Col. Stammers. I heard from Captain Gilmour that Lieut Colonel Aldridge passed through yesterday on his way to join G.H.Q. Drafted and despatched telegram to D.M.S. M.E.F. containing instructions as to helping and affording all possible information to Sir James Porter.</p> <p>4 p.m. Lieut Col Willcox called to see Lieut Colonel Stammers.</p> <p>5.30 p.m. Received cipher wire from D.M.S. G.H.Q. asking for accommodation for 5000 cases in addition to the accommodation already asked for - in Egypt and Malta.</p> <p>7 p.m. Delivered, to Australian officer on duty at the embarkation office a letter to Sir Ian Hamilton from General Babbie. It was enclosed in a cover addressed to General Wallace I.S.C. and the officer promised to send it tomorrow night by the O.C. Troops on a transport going then.</p> <p>9.30 p.m. Arranged with Major Bagshawe by telephone that Surgeon General Ford should call on General Babbie at 10 am tomorrow regarding the provision of accommodation in Egypt.</p> <p>11 p.m. Received deciphered telegram from D.M.S. Medford re his proposed arrangements on shore in case of battle.</p>	
	28/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. Had the 2 cipher messages from D.M.S. M.E.F. verified.</p> <p>10 a.m. Surgeon General Ford saw P.D.M.S. and after going into details it was agreed that Egypt might provide accommodation for 2000 more cases i.e. Egypt is to find accommodation for</p>	

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8000 plus 2000 = 10000 cases. We calculate that Malta can find accommodation for 4000 at present and P.D.M.S. cabled and asked what more they could do. He also cabled to D.K.S. M.E.F., and asked if, when he demanded accommodation for 5000 extra he counted on the 1 N.Z., S.H., 3 C.S.H. and 3 B.S.H. being available at Mudros.

Malta's accommodation now is about 7000 and they hope to add 3000 = 10000 and P.D.M.S. calculated 4000 beds would be available. Egypt's accommodation is 18000 and we calculated formerly that 8000 beds would be available; now we intend to increase to ~~222~~ 10000 available beds. Montaza Palace is to be used as a convalescent depot but Tanta schools are to be turned into a hospital for about 200 patients - the rest of the extra accommodation is to be got by expanding existing hospitals i.e. (1) Clearing (2) using mattresses inside and pitching tents outside (3) getting extra staff from units (4) developing inspection rooms and outpatients departments. The staff for Tanta is to come from the first transports which arrive from Mudros after the battle and Tanta accommodation is to be utilised last of all. It was agreed that the Bombay Presidency should be cleared of Indians (into No. 5 I.G.H.) and used for French and British only and a determined attempt made to clear the French from it and also tents for about 200 additional patients pitched in connection with it.

It was proposed to turn the small convalescent depot of El Walda, near Helouan, now fitted for 100 men and officers, into an officers' hospital. It appears that Al Hayat convalescent depot might be turned into a hospital and that a camp for 500 convalescents has been formed at Port Said from a N.Z.S.H.

4 p.m. Lieutenants Campbell and Logan bacteriologists for the beaches called on Lieut Col. Stammers. They have brought no gear with them.

5 p.m. Consulted General Jackson D.C.S. regarding the number of tents he could supply to aid the G.H.s here on sudden emergency. He has a stock arriving from England about 10th or 12th August and said he could recall some from Mudros. He has a small stock here. 150 tents.

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7 p.m. Visited P.D.M.S. who is convalescent and gone to stay with the High Commissioner.

9.30 a.m. P.D.M.S. went to office and interviewed Lieut Colonel Wilcox expert in poisons, Lieut Colonel Bray who proceeds tomorrow to Mudros as A.D.M.S. on shore there, two bacteriologists for the beaches, Lieutenants Campbell and Logan. Lieut Colonel Hoxie ~~AM~~ in charge No. 4 S.D.S. Colonel Sexton and Captain Gilmour. He spoke by telephone to General Jackson D.C.S. and found that he had about 150 tents here available for use in expanding G.H.s.

I. wired to D.D.M.S. L. of C. and asked number of motor launches for medical services at

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	29/7/15.		<p>Mudros. D.M.S. M.E.F. wired that he did not assume that the 8 S.H.s coming out from England would be available at Mudros during the emergency, because, even if in time, water difficulty would prevent their use.</p> <p>Lord Methuen wired agreeing that the only step necessary to take in the matter of the objections raised to sending enteric cases to Malta was to ask Sir Ian Hamilton to limit such cases sent there as far as possible, (This was done 30/7/15)</p> <p>D.D.M.S. L, of C. wired saying 8 dentists were required at Mudros. Received cipher wire No. 6610 from Troopers giving details regarding medical stores coming out to Nos. 4 & 3 B.D.M.S., for 30 transports to be used as hospital ships.</p> <p>7 p.m. Left office.</p> <p>9.15 p.m. Received cipher wire from Lord Methuen saying that next Monday he would have accommodation for 11000 and hoped to increase by 3000. He said he would drink condensed water in future.</p>	
	30/7/15.		<p>9 a.m. Received telegram from G.H.Q. Medforce regarding the relative positions of Surgeon Generals Birrell and Babbie etc.</p> <p>Lieut Col. Dick A.A.M.C. Captain Gilmour, Captain Suhr, Colonel Beach and Captain Robb called to see P.D.M.S. Captain Suhr was ordered to proceed on the "Themistocles" (11000 tons) to Mudros for temporary duty on transports until he could be spared to take up his appointment as registrar of No. 17 G.H.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wired in cipher (1) to D.M.S., M.E.F. and (2) to W.O. (saying he could arrange for 500 additional beds in Egypt and Malta. Lieut Colonel Hosie saw P.D.M.S. and I wired to D.D.M.S. Mudros and asked if the S.S. Ascot had arrived there and if so if he could arrange to return the large quantity of medical stores she carried for No. 4 B.D.M.S. to Alexandria. I also wired to D.D.M.S. Mudros and asked if the mechanics and gear for dentists had arrived as 13 dentists had arrived in Alexandria and were detained there pending collection of their kits and mechanics.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. ordered Captain Marshall and 3 temporary R.A.M.C. officers who have just arrived to be sent on to Mudros in the H.S. Clan McGillivray.</p> <p>5 p.m. P.D.M.S. had a meeting with Surgeon General Ford, Col. Sexton, Major Bagehawe and Captain Gilmour, and it was decided that, for embarkation purposes, there should be a landing party of R.A.M.C. T, viz. 1 officer, 8 N.C.O.s and 50 other ranks, supplemented by 50 unfits from the Base, also that each G.H. in Alexandria should be supplied with 30 unfits to supplement their staff of orderlies.</p>	

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	30/7/15.		<p>Only about 97 out of the batch of 200 R.A.M.C. for Egypt which arrived lately now remain, as 103 (about) have been sent to the Dardanelles. The remainder also are for the Dardanelles. Lt. Col. Willcox saw the P.D.M.S. in the morning. Roughly the position in Egypt and Malta is as follows:-</p> <p>Egypt.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Accommodation.</td> <td>21000.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sick etc.</td> <td>12000.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>available.</td> <td>9000.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Malta.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Accommodation.</td> <td>11000 plus 3000 = 14000.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sick etc.</td> <td>6000.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>available.</td> <td>8000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>- 9000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><u>17000.</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>But Egypt can take more. Therefore P.D.M.S. wired that Egypt and Malta could take 18000. Major General G. Williams (R.E.) called on P.D.M.S. during the afternoon.</p>	Accommodation.	21000.		Sick etc.	12000.			available.	9000.	Accommodation.	11000 plus 3000 = 14000.		Sick etc.	6000.			available.	8000			- 9000			<u>17000.</u>	
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	31/7/15.		<p>7. 15 p.m. Left office.</p> <p>9.30 a.m. Received wire from W.O. detailing personnel to be sent from England to Malta to provide for the expansion there by 3000 beds. Received wire from D.D.M.S. Mudros saying he could accommodate the 83 nurses of No. 3 A.G.H. Arranged that they are to go on in the Dumluce Castle on 2/8/15. 81 nurses also arrive today in the Northland, and P.D.M.S. is to send them on to the Dardanelles.</p> <p>Wired to C.G.S. Simla and asked for staffs for 2 hospital ships for Indians on the Dardanelles - Egypt run.</p> <p>The following called on P.D.M.S. Lieut Col. Dick, and Major Hughes and Mrs. Fiaschi and the matron of No. 3 A.G.H., Lieut Col. Robinson, Captain Gilmour and Col Warren Low. P.D.M.S. wired to D.D.M.S. Mudros that Mrs Fiaschi could not go to the front for reasons Col. Fiaschi would explain (she is 8 months pregnant and is one of the nurses of No. 3 A.G.H.) P.D.M.S. wired to D.M.S. G.H.Q. that Col. Warren Low would go to the Dardanelles next week and Col. Mayo-Robson might be retained there also. P.D.M.S. received a report from Col. Mayo-Robson that the H.S. Grantully Castle was in a bad sanitary condition and made arrangements for her to be brought round to Alexandria to be over-hauled. She is at Port Said and was hurriedly fitted up and the work was never properly completed. Captain Gilmour is to see Engineer - Commander Ter Veen (on Sir James Porter's staff) about her.</p>																									