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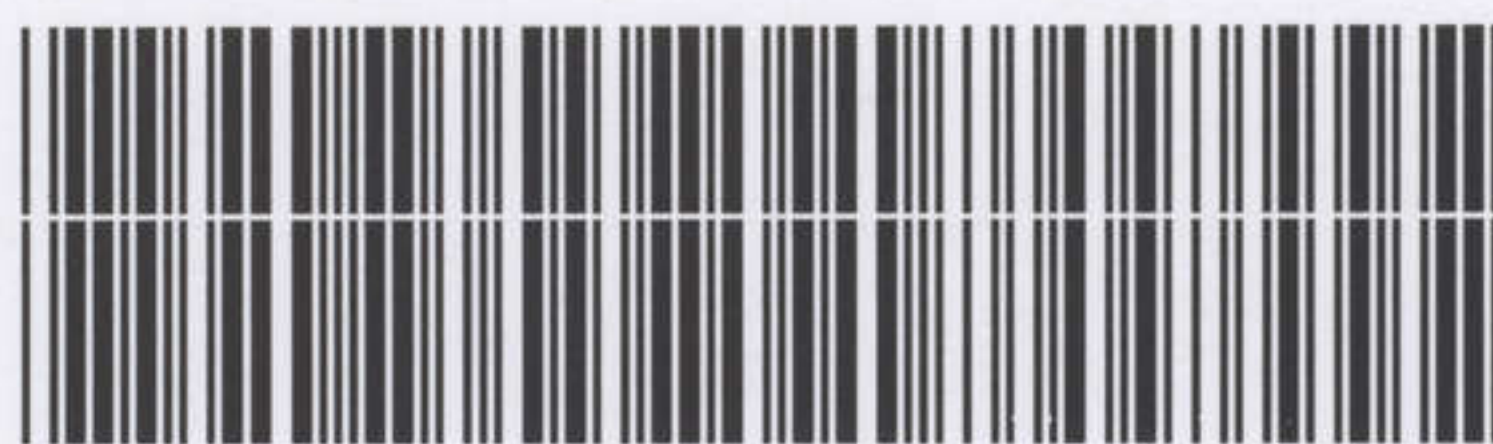
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			<p>(cont) be removed from cases on Hospital Ships proceeding to Egypt and Malta and repeated the cable to G.O.C. Malta who had asked for this order to be given.</p>	<p>This, as a result of information given by Major Maynard Crawford vide ante.</p>
	1/1/16		<p>Issued orders re Hospital Ships for Mudros. Cabled to Malta and asked if another consulting Surgeon was required. Colonel Ballance will only be absent for a short time probably, and Colonel A.E. Barker arrived in Malta on 7/12/15. Cheque £5-7-0 received from O.C. No 33 Co R.A.M.C. and paid to clerks by Lieut Connolly. P.D.M.S. and Major Powell left for Alexandria. Colonel Melville attended conference in General Altham's rooms, where General Altham said he considered Stationary Hospitals would still require to be left at Mudros until the evacuation of Cape Helles was completed, as a matter of fact only No 1. Australian Stationary Hospital has left and there are now 5 Stationary Hospitals and two General Hospitals at Mudros. Lieut Colonel Garner called on his return from sick leave to England. Colonel Sandwith called and his services were placed under the D.M.S. The Force in Egypt. Informed A.D.M.S. Camps & Docks, Alexandria by telephone, that the three mobile laboratories on the Hospital Ship "Dover Castle" are for Salonika. Major Lolean and Capt Austin and Major McCarrison called. The Bishop of Jerusalem called to see if a Private now a patient in the Boulac Convalescent Hospital, could be sent home by P. & O. instead of a Hospital Ship. I assured him it could not be done and he seemed quite satisfied, though he had already been informed in the same sense by Sir John Maxwell, who had written to General Babbie about it. Wired to P.D.M.S. Alexandria, news of Hospital Ships, received from Malta and Mudros. Sent list of Officers on the Staff of the P.D.M.S. Mediterranean, to the A.Q.M.G. Levant Base.</p>	
	2/1/16		<p>Sent to D.M.S. The Force in Egypt, to answer, cable from War Office to Superflux, proposing to bring the Anglo-American Hospital under the British Red Cross Society. Major Pagehawe D.A.D.M.S. (Sanitary) The Force in Egypt, saw Colonel Melville re-encouragement in Camps. D.D.M.S. Mudros sent cipher wire asking for 3 Hospital Ships, in addition to those expected. We wired to Malta to send back the H.S. "Oxfordshire" at once to Mudros and asked A.Q.M.G. to have the H.S. "Delta" sent to Mudros whenever her repairs are completed. (It is reported that they will be finished by the evening of the 3rd January) n.b.</p>	

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			<p>(cont) D.D.M.S probably does not know that the H.S. Dongola has left Malta for Mudros. P.D.M.S and Major Powell returned from Alexandria, where P.D.M.S had inspected the small temporary Hospital Ship Raschid used for Matrua etc (Western Frontier Force) The H.S. Dunvegan Castle, the H.S. Salta, the H.S. Karapara, and the H.S. Dover Castle, and No 4 Base Depot Medical Stores, which now becomes the "Levant Medical Store Depot". He also inspected No 17 General Hospital, Bombay Presidency General Hospital, Convalescent Camp Mustapha, No 19 General Hospital, Ras-el-Tin Hospital and No 21 General Hospital.</p>	
	3/1/18		<p>Lieut. Colonel Freemantle R.A.M.C. saw P.D.M.S. Admiral Robinson P.N.T.O. saw P.D.M.S. and reported difficulty with the fireman of the hospital ship "Delta" who refused to go to Mudros. Colonel Robinson I.M.S. saw P.D.M.S. regarding the medical arrangements for the Canal Defences. Wired to 3rd Echelon for number of Medical Officers re-inforcements, monthly, since Last May. War Office wired to Superflux proposing that Colonel Sandwith should go to Mesopotamia. Received cheque for £3.4.3. from O.C. No 33 Co. R.A.M.C. which Mr Connolly paid to Pte Stiles P.D.M.S batman.</p> <p>Colonel Hunter and Major Ledingham (a new member of the Hunter Committee) saw P.D.M.S. P.D.M.S wired to D.D.M.S Mudros information regarding the Hospital Ships, which will arrive at Mudros by the evening of the 5th January. Cabled information regarding New Zealand invalids (for the New Zealand Hospital Ship Marama) awaiting passage in Egypt, to Troopers.</p>	
	4/1/18		<p>Lieut General Sir Charles Munro arrived in Cairo and was interviewed by P.D.M.S.</p> <p>P.D.M.S spoke by telephone to Colonel Elgood G.S.O. Port Said re the refusal of the fireman (probably Indians) of the Hospital Ship "Delta" to proceed to Mudros, they still refuse.</p> <p>Lieut Colonel. Garner R.A.M.C. saw P.D.M.S. no orders issued regarding his disposal. Mr Beavis an English Doctor, who lately came from Servia via Salonika, saw P.D.M.S regarding a temporary commission in the R.A.M.C. and was given the necessary forms to fill up. Cabled to Troopers that the three consulting Surgeons (including Colonel Barker) in Malta were sufficient for the present. Telephoned to Captain Fitzjohn 3rd Echelon. Alexandria as to the question of armies demanding re-inforcements (personnel) through the Levant Base in future. Saw Captain Cayzer D.A.A.G. Levant Base on same subject. Cabled to Troopers regarding the re-constitution of No 4 Base Depot Medical Stores, Alexandria as the Levant Medical Stores Depot.</p>	
	5/1/18		<p>P.D.M.S. saw Brigadier General Ford regarding the system of demanding re-inforcements for the A.S.C. and I saw Major Pereira D.A.D.S.&T. on the same subject, P.D.M.S drafted instructions to Directors regarding this and sent them to the D.A.G. 3rd Echelon for concurrence.</p>	

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		(cont)	Spoke to Colonel Sexton, Alexandria, and Lieut Colonel Elgood Port Said, (by telephone) on the question of getting firemen for the hospital ship Delta. The Firemen of the Delta refuse to go to Mudros as their agreement is up and they want to return to Bombay. It may be possible to get men from the P & O "Medina" or from the survivors of the P. & O "Geelong". Captain Davy R.A.M.C. Registrar of the No 31 General Hospital, proceeding to Port Said, called on P.D.M.S. Cabled to Malta asking what their average monthly requirements of Medical Officers as re-inforcements was from the United Kingdom. P.D.M.S. attended the opening ceremony of the "Nurses Club" Asked D.M.S. Egypt and Salonika and D.D.M.S. Mudros to send convalescent officers to Malta so as to fill up the accommodation in Sicily. Colonel Gordon hall has been appointed A.D.M.S. Cairo.	
	6/1/18		Colonel Parkes O.C. No 2 New Zealand Stationary Hospital (now acting as a General Hospital) here) saw P.D.M.S. In formed A.D.M.S Camps & Docks, Alexandria of proposal made to War Office to turn No 4 Base Depot Medical Stores into Levant Medical Store Depot. P.D.M.S. informed D.M.S. Egypt that all demands for R.A.M.C. personnel from hospitals in Egypt must reach P.D.M.S through D.M.S. Egypt - hospitals in Alexandria have been getting men direct from the R.A.M.C. Depot, Alexandria, which has become depleted. Cabled to Troopers to expedite despatch of the cutler promised for Alexandria. Enquired from Troopers if "Y" Indian General Hospital, reported to be on hospital ship "Glengorm Castle" is the Indian General Hospital lately asked for by Superflu-x - i.e. presumed that it is so (No reply received. Another cable showed it was for India) Received cheque for £4-12-0 from O.C. No 33 Company R.A.M.C. which was paid to clerks by Lieut Connolly.	
	7/1/18		Colonel Sexton telephoned that the crew of the P & O S.S. Geelong refuse to take on for the hospital ship Delta. Informed Colonel Sexton that the hospital ship "Assaye" is to return to Bombay.	Later orders were issued for her to go to Bombay.
			Mudros D.D.M.S. cabled this morning asking for the return of hospital ship from Malta and Alexandria. P.D.M.S. with Colonel Melville A.D.M.S and Major Bagshawe A.D.M.S. (Sanitary) The Force in Egypt inspected the Remount Lines, Abbassia, with the dumping grounds for litter and where washing water is disposed of. The latter two places showed lack of supervision and system. Commandeth Malta wired that the departure of the hospital ship "Panama for Mudros would be delayed as she had had several cases of enteric fever on board. Captain Mattel A.A.M.C saw P.D.M.S.	

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		(cont)	<p>Colonel Sir David Semple saw P.D.M.S. Captain Kennedy, acting M.O. to G.H.Q. M.E.F. saw P.D.M.S. Lieut R.F.Kennedy (T.C.) R.A.M.C. called re obtaining six weeks leave to England, and was told that leave, unfortunately could not be granted. He is serving with a R.F.A. Battery lately arrived in Egypt from the Peninsula. War Office cabled that No 1 Indian General Hospital and "Y" Indian General Hospital had left England for Egypt for transhipment to India. Cabled reminder to War Office regarding taking over the Bombay Presidency General Hospital. D.D.M.S A.H.Q. Dardanelles cabled in cipher that all sick and wounded had been evacuated from the Peninsula. Cabled to Troopers and to Malta regarding (and accepting) the proposal of the former to send 10 Medical Officers monthly to Malta to release 10 (under 45 years of age and with 4 months of their contract to run) for service in the Eastern Mediterranean. War Office cabled that No 8 (a) Indian General Hospital had left for Egypt, for transhipment to India.</p>	
	8/1/18		<p>Major Fergusson (Central Laboratory) Alexandria called on P.D.M.S. Surgeon General Bedford, D.M.S., M.E.F. called on P.D.M.S. and on Surgeon General Ford. He has been in Alexandria since 2nd. January. News arrived that Helles has been evacuated, with no casualties, except one British Soldier wounded. Asked "Q" to arrange transhipment to India on No 1, No 8 (a) and Y Indian General Hospitals. These units are coming out from England in Hospital Ships. The D.M.S., Egypt has been asking for medical officers from the R.A.M.C. Depot, Μυτιληνη Alexandria, and P.D.M.S. has now requested that A.F.B. 213 etc. be submitted in order that he can judge of the necessity of giving reinforcements to the Force in Egypt.</p>	
	9/1/18		<p>Colonel Aldridge, R.A.M.C., A.D.M.S. (Sanitary) M.E.F. called on P.D.M.S. Colonel Sir Havelock Charles, I.M.S. called on P.D.M.S. Telephoned to Colonel Robinson D.D.M.S. Canal to attend a meeting with Sir Havelock Charles re the supply of gifts to Indian Hospitals in Egypt. Cabled to D.M.S. Salonika that it had been decided to put off re-inoculation of troops in Egypt against Cholera and asked what course he proposed in Salonika.</p>	<p>Later it appeared that No 8 A was intended for Egypt</p>
	10/1/18		<p>Issued orders that the Central Laboratory in No 21 General Hospital Alexandria was to be used for the training of laboratory attendants. Colonel Parkes N.Z.M.C. who is taking over the duties of A.D.M.S. New Zealand Base from Lieut Colonel Fenwick, called on P.D.M.S. regarding filling up the hospital ships "Marama" with New Zealand & Australian invalids.</p>	<p>He replied he was consulting Col Lett</p>

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	11/1/16		<p>Surgeon General Howse V.C. called on P.D.M.S. Asked D.M.S. Egypt and M.E.F. if they can obtain Volunteers for a "cutler and two assistants" for the Levant Medical Store Depot. War Office cannot obtain these in England.</p> <p>Cabled to War Office that owing to changed strategical situation the Hospital ships Aquitania Maurétania and Britannic were no longer required to go to Mudros. Colonel Robinson D.D.F.S. Canal and Sir Havelock Charles met the P.D.M.S and P.D.M.S cabled to Sir Pardey Lukis D.C. I.M.S. and asked him to consult the Commander in Chief India etc. as to whether there was any objection to the Indian Soldiers Fund taking over the arrangements for the supply of gifts to the Indian and wounded in Egypt. Sir Archibald Murray has become G.O.C. in C. of M.E.F. and Levant Base, with Lieut ***** General Altham as his I.G.C. P.D.M.S. minuted to G.O.C. Levant Base that he (after consulting Generals Bedford and Ford and the General Staff) considered the establish ing of a general hospital (No 31 General Hospital) at Port Said, Necessary. Miss Wilson, Matron of No 5. Canadian General Hospital saw P.D.M.S. and was told, her unit at Salonika might be ready to take its nurses in February. P.D.M.S. sent General Egerton's report on Hospitals etc., in Sicily, to War Office, pointing out the difficulties caused by the restrictions as to taking infectious cases.</p>	
	12/1/16.		<p>Cabled to D.M.S. Salonika and wrote to D.M.S. M.E.F. and Egypt for up to date list and locations of Field Ambulances - for the information of D.S. & T. Levant Base. Cabled to War Office re arrival of Captain J. Blackwood R.A.M.C. in Dover Castle on 1/1/16 in Alexandria - They had no trace of his embarkation and wired asking for news. Colonel Cook. N.Z.M.C. of the New Zealand hospital ship Marama, saw Surgeon General Howse, re filling up the Marama, with Australian invalids. General Altham saw P.D.M.S. regarding the allocation of Medical Store Depots. P.D.M.S. allotted No 35 Casualty Clearing Station and No 5 Advanced Depot Medical Stores to D.M.S. M.E.F. - They have arrived in Alexandria from England and Dardanelles respectively. P.D.M.S. called on Sir Archibald Murray. Cabled to War Office (in answer to enquiry) that Principal Matron, Miss Wilson was in Salonika and well.</p>	
	13/1/16.		<p>Cabled and wrote to Salonika .D.M.S. M.E.F. D.M.S. Egypt and Red Cross Commissioner for information regarding the number of small linen bags for patients valuables, available and required. This is required by War Office. P.D.M.S telephoned to Admiral Robinson and Major Fraser E.M.O. and saw Lieut Colonel Broadbent etc. about the number of quays now required for hospital ships in Alexandria. News received that the hospital ship Essequibo cannot berth in Alexandria to day, to discharge patients, on account of the storm. Surgeon General Bedford saw P.D.M.S. regarding method of obtaining reinforcements, number of advanced and base depots of medical stores required by M.E.F. etc.</p>	

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	14/1/16		<p>Lieut Colonel Parkes O.C. New Zealand General Hospital saw P.D.M.S regarding sending New Zealand invalids down to the hospital ship Marama. Cabled to War Office asking as to the disposal of 42 nurses who are arriving soon in the hospital ship Karoola from Australia. P.D.M.S. wrote note to G.O.C. Levant Base on the question of the number of hospital ships it will now be possible to give up owing to the evacuation of the Dardanelles. War Office has asked for this information.</p> <p>Lieut Colonel Bruce, Field Accountant General I.E.F.E. saw P.D.M.S. re possible location and numbers of Indian General Hospitals in Egypt in the future. War Office cabled asking for statistics re sick and wounded for the whole Gallipoli campaign. Sir Havelock Charles and Captain McLeod saw P.D.M.S re Indian soldiers Fund and the Lady Hardinge Hospital Brockenhurst. Brigadier Paul O.R.E. saw P.D.M.S and a draft telegram ordering the Huts of the Two General Hospitals at Mudros, to Salonika was drafted for conference tomorrow.</p>	Another telegram was sent at the conference
	15/1/16		<p>Received Cheque for £8-14-0 from O.C.. No 33 Company R.A.M.C. Paid to Clerks by Mr Connolly. Sir David Semple, Major Lelean and Major Bagshawe saw P.D.M.S. Cabled to D.M.S. Salonika to expedite departure of Captain McWhann to rejoin his unit, the City of London Sanitary Section. Mazarita. D.D.M.S. Mudros wired that No 3 Australian General Hospital was embarking in hospital ship Oxfordshire for Egypt, and D.M.S Egypt was asked as to its disposal in Egypt.</p> <p>Admiral Robinson S.N.T.O. saw P.D.M.S. regarding hospital ships. Colonel Bird. A.A.M.C. saw P.D.M.S, on his return from the Dardanelles. Cabled to D.M.S Salonika that three mobile laboratories embarked at Alexandria for Salonika on 13/1/16. Cabled and asked G.O.C. Malta if he required 42 nurses who are arriving from Australia - they are not required in Egypt. P.D.M.S. drafted cable to War Office on their proposal that the number of hospital ships should now be reduced. General Altham's approval having been obtained, this was despatched. Colonel Hunter called on P.D.M.S.</p>	
	16/1/16		<p>Colonel Sir Courtauld Thompson saw P.D.M.S. Lieut Colonel Eason saw P.D.M.S who sent to War Office a copy of his instructions to D.M.S., in the Mediterranean, regarding the provision of spectacles to soldiers and also wrote to Lieut Colonel Stanistreet, on the same subject. Cabled to War Office (1) giving proposed redistribution of Base Depots of Medical Stores (2) regarding pay to Specialists in Dermatology in Hospitals for treatment of venereal cases. (3) regarding necessity for new units and reinforcements for M.E.F. - reducing former demands by 2 British General Hospitals 1. Indian General Hospital, 1 Indian Stationary Hospital, owing to the evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula setting free units.</p>	

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	17/1/16.		<p>Lieut Colonel Aldridge saw P.D.M.S. Told Sir Havelock Charles that India agreed to the Indian Soldiers Fund taking over the distribution of gifts to Indian Hospitals in Egypt and also that Lady Hardings Hospital was not now required for Egypt. Sir Havelock Charles had been at Alexandria today and visited No 5 Indian General Hospital, the Bombay Presidency General Hospital and Montaza Convalescent Depot.</p>	
	18/1/16		<p>Surgeon General Howse saw P.D.M.S. Re Australian Nurses and orderlies arriving from Australia on the hospital ship Karoola - etc. Lieut Colonel Parkes and Colonel A. Odes New Zealand hospital ship Marama. Admiral Robinson called on P.D.M.S re hospital ships. Sir Courtauld Thompson saw P.D.M.S. re distribution of Medical Units in the Canal Area etc. Sir Havelock Charles saw P.D.M.S. re distribution of gifts from the Indian Soldiers Fund to Indian Hospitals in Egypt. P.D.M.S. wrote to C.O.C. Levant Base proposing that the hospitals at Suez and Port Said should be administered by D.M.S. Egypt. Surgeon General Bedford saw P.D.M.S re distribution of Medical Units and personnel etc etc.</p>	
	19/1/16		<p>Major Macpherson (gas expert from New-Foundland) saw P.D.M.S. He has returned from Dardanelles and is proceeding to England. Cabled to War Office re using No 32 General Hospital (now mobilized in England) in Egypt if War Office does not accept the offer to take over the Bombay Presidency General Hospital, and re using No 8 A. Indian General Hospital if War Office does not send out two Indian Stationary Hospitals. Cabled to Salonika the War Office conditions re promotions in R.A.M.C. Wired, for information of War Office, asking amount of stocks of A.F.B. 188 and A.F.W. 3118, in Alexandria Mudros and Salonika. Colonel Warren Low saw P.D.M.S. and his services were placed at the disposal of the D.M.S. Egypt. Wired to Sir Havelock Charles that Red Cross would take over distribution of gifts for Indian Soldiers in Hospital in Egypt. Reply received, thanking Red Cross, and saying that the date from which India should cease and the Indian Soldiers' Fund should take over the supply of these gifts would be settled when Sir Havelock Charles and Captain Moleod reached England. They leave Port said by P. & O. to day for England. P.D.M.S. wrote D.O.s. to Lord Methuen, Sir Alfred Keogh, Surgeon General Russell and Surgeon General Whitehead.</p>	
			<p>Cabled to D.M.S. Salonika asking when the nurses, for his hospitals, now waiting in Egypt could be taken. Cabled to Communications, Salonika and Mudros re personnel and stores coming out on hospital ship Massilia. Sir Courtauld Thompson saw P.D.M.S. Major Husband I.M.S. from the hospital ship Glenart Castle called. He wishes to leave his ship to go on field service.</p>	

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	20/1/18.		<p>Cabled to Sir Pardey Lukis D.G. I.M.S. that Sir Havelock Charles would on arrival in England cable when India should cease sending comforts to Indian sick in Egypt. Saw "Q" (Lieut Col. Broadbent & Captain Mainwaring.) and arranged with D.M.S. M.E.F. re disposal of nurses and equipment of No 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station and No 2 Australian Stationary Hospital just arrived in Alexandria from the Dardanelles. Consulted, by telephone, Captain Fitzjohn, 3rd Echelon, regarding the method of allotting medical personnel from (1) the R.A.M.C. Training Depot, Mustapha and (2) the General Base Depot Bidi Bishr, to the different forces - nothing settled. Instructions given to D.M.S. Egypt re War Office Suggestion that Admission and Discharge Books should be closed and sent to War Office, so as to keep statistics distinct. Asked D.M.S. Egypt to send Capt Goodwin R.A.M.C. (Temporary) for temporary duty in P.D.M.S. Office.</p> <p>War Office telegraphed reminder about number of linen bags for valuables required and P.D.M.S. replied but said no information had yet been received from Salonika and Egypt - we sent reminders. Surgeon Generals Bedford and Ford saw P.D.M.S. regarding, inter alia number of iodine ampoules and A.F.W. 3118 required for troops. P.D.M.S. concurred in proposed location of certain M.E.F., L. of C. medical units e.g. No 54 Casualty Clearing Station to go to Kantara instead of El Ferdan as originally proposed etc. Lieut Colonel Rainier I.M.S. saw P.D.M.S. and was told that the fate of the hospital ship Seeangchoon was not yet settled, but that she would probably soon cease to be a hospital ship. Instructions issued regarding the use of the "typhoid" paratyphoid A & B vaccines. Malta does not require the 43 Australian R.A.M.C. nurses and arrangements are being made to send them on to England. Cabled to War Office regarding the feasibility of sending out the hospital ship Britannic for one more trip. Issued instructions to Malta, Egypt, and Salonika and M.E.F. that X-Ray photographs when taken should accompany patients sent to England.</p>	<p><i>of Goodwin</i></p>
	21/1/18.		<p>"Caddell" wired from Bombay that Bombay Presidency General Hospital was offered to be given to Egypt, free of cost, by the Indian Relief Fund for another 6 Months- cabled this to War Office. Lieut Colonel Eason saw P.D.M.S. re a draft article, on eye work in Alexandria, he has written for the R.A.M.C. Journal. <u>P.D.M.S. saw General Sir W. Birdwood re Surgeon General Howse and Colonel Manifold's appointments etc etc.</u> Sir David Semple called on P.D.M.S. General O'Leary called on P.D.M.S. and it was settled that he should refer all large demands for Medical personnel to P.D.M.S. as referee, and furnish weekly to P.D.M.S. statements showing the state of the establishments of all medical units etc etc. P.D.M.S. arranged with Colonel Sexton and Miss Oram re sending 186 nurses to Salonika and 43 to England and I wrote officially to both.</p>	

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	21/1/16.		Cabled to War Office that Red Cross Commissioner had been asked to take over 32,000 of Lady Smith Dorriens Small Linen Bags. Surgeon General Ford and Howse saw P.D.M.S. re the location of No 3 Australian General Hospital.	
	22/1/16.		Enquiries made as to stocks of antitetanus serum held by all base depots of medical stores. Colonel Hale D.S.O., D.D.M.S. 9th Corps saw P.D.M.S. Admiral Robinson saw P.D.M.S re diverting the hospital ship Britannic (now on her way to Mudros where she is not wanted) to Naples - he said there should be no difficulty. Cabled to War Office that one, not two, General Hospitals were required for Egypt i.e. only 32 General Hospital, not 32 & 33. Cabled to Malta, Salonika and Mudros re numbers of cases suitable to be sent home in hospital ship Britannic which will possibly be diverted to Naples. Sir Courtauld Thompson telephoned that he would have a yacht at Port Said about the 24th January which would be available for use in the Canal, if Surgeon General Bedford wished to use her - Surgeon General Bedford left to day for Ismailia. Cabled to D.D.M.S. Mudros that the three Scottish Red Cross Launches should be sent, 2 to Salonika and 1 to the Canal. P.D.M.S. gave General Altham a statement showing the hospital accommodation and beds occupied in Mudros Egypt & Malta. (General Altham sent this to G.H.Q.) P.D.M.S. left for Luxor at 8pm.	
	23/1/16.		Wired to A.D.M.S. Camps & Docks and D.M.S. M.E.F. (now at Ismailia with G.H.Q. M.E.F.) regarding deficiencies in No 14. Casualty Clearing Station. Saw General Altham regarding the statement showing hospital accommodation in Mudros Egypt and Malta. Captain Goodwin* reported arrival for duty in this office. * R.A.M.C. Cabled to Troopers latest information regarding "small linen bags" saying monthly requirements of Salonika were 4500 and Egypt 10,000. Staff Officer to Director of Works called regarding Armstrong huts for nurses at Mudros which D.D.M.S. Mudros has put on a hospital ship - destination unknown. I referred him to D.M.S. M.E.F. who may be able to explain. The staff officer thinks these huts should accompany the other hospital huts which are being sent from Mudros to Salonika. Sent instructions to D.M.S. Egypt M.E.F. and Salonika that nurses should be shown on the back of A.F.213.(B)	
	24/1/16.		Learnt that there had been about 250 casualties at Mersa Matruh and hospital ship Gascon was sent there to evacuate to Alexandria. Attended conference and learnt there that a cable had been received from War Office that 46th Division was to return to France. Hospital Ship Glenart Castle ordered to proceed to Aden. Cabled to Mudros asking when a Scottish R.C. Launch was proceeding to Salonika - D.M.S. Salonika had cabled asking this. Cabled to Mudros asking that any equipment of No 14 Casualty Clearing Station on hospital ship Gloucester Castle should	

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	24/1/16		<p>should be sent to Alexandria. Cabled to Communications Salonika re hospitalship 'Massilia' remaining there after her stores for Egypt had been transhipped to the hospital ship 'Ebani' D.M.S. W.R.F. wired that No 16 Stationary Hospital lately arrived from Mudros was not required and might be given to Egypt - asked D.M.S. Egypt as to its disposal.</p>	
	25/1/16		<p>At conference learnt that 3 Indian Battalions now in Egypt were to be sent to India. Telephoned to Colonel Robinson xxxx Ismailia, who said that now there was no need for No 8 (a) Indian General Hospital or 2 Casualty Clearing Station and 2 Indian Stationary Hospitals. Cabled to Malta for information re the hospital ships Britannic's proposed diversion to Naples. Captain Charles Walker, R.A.M.C. (Director Cancer Research, Glasgow) called on Colonel Melville. Lieut Colonels Andrew Balfour and Wenyon (Protozoologist) called on Colonel Melville. Dr. Donaldson from Salonika called. He has an X-Ray outfit at Alexandria and wishes employment for himself and his outfit. Colonel Hale called. General Altham asked me if the xxx motor ambulance convoys, asked from War Office, were still considered necessary. I replied that I understood they were. Miss Wilson (Matron No 5 Canadian General Hospital) who proceeds to Salonika on 27/1/16, with 71 nurses, called re transport for groceries and stores they were advised to buy. She was given a note to the R.T.O. Cairo. Wrote to D.A.A.G., Levant Base re Lieut Colonel Earle, D.M.S. taking a passage in a P. & O. and proceeding to xxxx England, from Egypt, without appearing before a Medical Board.</p>	
	26/1/16		<p>P.D.M.S. arrived from Luxor, where he had inspected all convalescent establishments and hospitals. Cabled to Mudros and Salonika and wrote to Egypt regarding sending convalescent officers to Sicily. Lord Methuen had cabled that none were arriving. Received news that the hospital ship Britannic, instead of remaining at Naples to receive cases from Malta and Egypt, had gone to Mudros. (this proved to be incorrect; she remained at Naples)</p> <p>Admiral Robinson saw P.D.M.S. regarding hospital ship Assaye which India wants sent to Aden. P.D.M.S. attended a conference on ambulance transport, under General Altham - present Surgeon General Ford, Colonel Keble and various General Staff and other officers. Lieut. Colonels Andrew Balfour and Wenyon saw P.D.M.S. Dr. Donaldson saw P.D.M.S. At Luxor P.D.M.S. inspected convalescent establishments (Palace, Savoy, Grand and Nile Hotels) and was thoroughly satisfied with the general arrangements, except that there seemed some difficulty in getting men fit for duty, back to their units, and that there were a number of cases which had been there for many weeks, and were quite useless and should be sent to England. On both points he telegraphed to D.M.S. in Egypt and arrangements are being made to put these matters right.</p>	

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	27/1/16		<p>News received that Palermo was to be abandoned as a centre for Convalescents - informed Salonika, Egypt and M.E.F. accordingly. Major Hallilay I.M.S. saw P.D.M.S. regarding future of Hospital Ship Seeangchoon. Major Spong (P.M.O. Railways Cairo saw P.D.M.S. Lieut. Colonel Edington (the Glasgow Surgeon) saw P.D.M.S. regarding leaving his Field Ambulance and being given Surgical work. It was decided that the General Hospitals at Suez and Port Said should be administered by D.M.S. The Force in Egypt. Wrote to Chief Commissioner, British Red Cross Society regarding his taking over the distribution of Lady Smith Dorrien's small Linen Bags. Wired to D.M.S. M.E.F. re Stationary Hospital/ Motor Convoys and Casualty Clearing Stations. Issued information to all concerned regarding the Proportion of cases of Typhoid and para-typhoid A. & B. which had occurred, in the Enterica Group, during the Gallipoli campaign. Wired to D.M.S. M.E.F. asking his requirements in trench stretchers. Learnt that the Hospital Ship 'Brittanic' had been detained in Malta and not been sent on to Mudros.</p>	
	28/1/16		<p>Sir David Semple saw P.D.M.S. to report progress of Canal Sanitary Committee. P.D.M.S. wired to Sirdar offering to return Capt. Archibald R.A.M.C. for duty in the Soudan. (D.M.S. M.E.F. was afterwards asked to send Archibald back to Soudan.) Major Humphris saw P.D.M.S. and Dr. Donaldson, and proceeded to Alexandria to inspect the X-Ray apparatus belonging to the latter. Received one cheque for £2:9:- and another for £17:7:- for payment to Private Stiles and clerks respectively. They were given to Lieut. Connolly for disbursing. Major Bridges R.A.M.C. reported his arrival from England and joined the office to take over hospital ships' from Major Powell. Lieut. Colonel Crawford R.A.M.C. Commanding No 18 Stationary Hospital, and Colonel Tubby saw P.D.M.S. D.M.S. M.E.F. wired from Ismailia, that he did not require any Medical Units for Indian Troops, in addition to the 7½ Indian Field Ambulances now available, that No 35 Casualty Clearing Station was required for the Canal, and that the 5 Stationary Hospitals required for the Canal, included the 2 Australian Stationary Hospitals. Cabled to War Office (after consulting General Altham) regarding Lieut Colonel Earle's proposal to return to Egypt and resume command of the hospital ship 'Syria' - pointing out that he had left Egypt without permission and that his case had been forwarded to War Office by the G.O.C. Levant Base on the 26th January. Repeated to all concerned (Salonika Egypt and Medforce) War Office instructions regarding necessity for economy in demands for medical equipment - especially Field medical equipment. Cabled to War Office Colonel Bird's request for 4 months leave on urgent private affairs. Cabled to War Office requirements in A.P.W. 3118 and Army Book 166.</p>	
	29/1/16		<p>War Office Cabled that the three big hospital ships (Aquitania, Mauretania & Britannic) would continue to be employed even though it necessitated transshipment at Naples.</p>	

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	30/1/18		<p>General Jackson D.O.S. called on P.D.M.S. Asked D.M.S. M.E.F. for his exact requirements in Casualty Clearing Stations. Issued instructions to all concerned that Army Book 172 (Medical certificates) must accompany all convalescent enterics, to England. Cabled to Commander in Chief, India that 68 of the personnel of "Y" Indian General Hospital had been utilized for the hospital ship Assaye leaving Suez for Bombay to day. Cabled to War Office regarding Anthrax-Malta 1 case, 1 doubtful case, Alexandria 1 case. Wrote to War Office re necessity for adhering to decision to invalid cases of "enterica" - with special reference to Lieut Colonel Dudgeons note to the War Office.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. asked A.D.M.S. (C. & D.) to consider arrangements to be made for training in the R.A.M.C. Section of the General Base Depot, Sidi Bishr. P.D.M.S. agreed to Commandeth Malta's proposal that Surgeon General Whitehead should come to Cairo to discuss various matters with him. Cabled to Malta suggesting that Major Bindloss R.A.M.C. should be sent to Salonika. Drafted cable from Levbase to War Office reducing demands for General Hospitals, Stationary Hospitals and Casualty Clearing Stations, owing to complete evacuation of Peninsula, and despatch of Indian troops from Egypt to India. Correspondance with D.M.S. M.E.F. regarding allotting one Casualty Clearing Station to Force in Egypt. Suggested to D.A.G. 3rd Echelon that Major Horsfall in Salonika should be ordered to join his unit, the 3rd East Anglian Field Ambulance.</p>	
	31/1/18.		<p>Asked the Director Railway Transport, Egypt, re the composition of the ordinary railway trains he proposed to put at our disposal for the evacuation of a large number of wounded. Lieut Colonel Browning Smith. I.M.S. O.C. No 8 A Indian General Hospital saw P.D.M.S. Major Collinson I.M.S. called. Admiral Robinson called on P.D.M.S. re hospital ships. The Hunter Committee (Colonel Hunter & Lieut Colonel Balfour, Buchanan and Ledingham) met the P.D.M.S. P.D.M.S. wired to O.C. Troops Hospital Ship Britannic in Naples, re arrangements for transshipping cases from other hospital ship.</p>	Reply received that it was satisfactory
	1/2/18		<p>Wired to Commandeth Malta to retain hospital ships Grantully Castle and Formosa for sending cases to Naples. Issued orders that Medical Officers of Transports and Hospital Ships were to report the number of cases inoculated by them, vaccines used, No of doses etc.</p> <p>Major Powell handed over "hospital ships" to Major Bridges in the forenoon. P.D.M.S. inspected the New Zealand General Hospital, Pont de Koubeh (No 2 New Zealand Stationary Hospital). It was efficient but untidy. Laundry arrangements unsatisfactory, clean and dirty linen in same store. Accommodation for, and method of, keeping urinals and bed pans used in wards, unsatisfactory.</p>	