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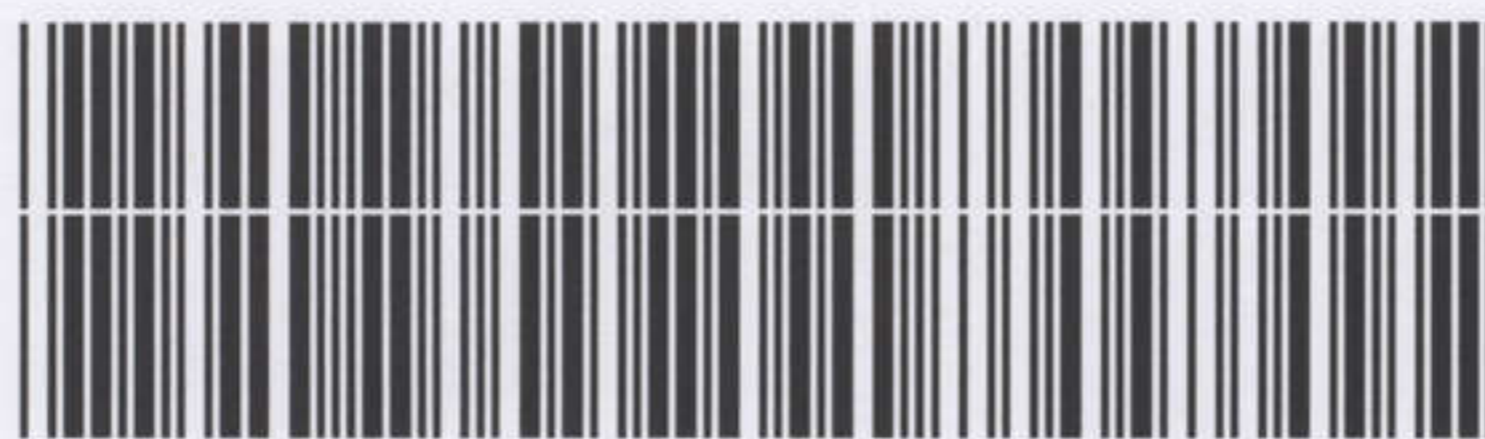
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Dr Keatinge, Kasr el Aini Hospital saw P.D.M.S. Lieut Burnett, R.A.M.C. saw P.D.M.S. re a passage to New Zealand in a hospital ship. P.D.M.S. arranged he should return to Malta pending expiration of his contract - next July. Cabled Malta asking if a consulting surgeon could be given for the next trip home of the Aquitania. - Colonel Mayo Robson is to leave her and come on to Egypt.</p> <p>C.H.Q..M.E.F.. agreed to D.M.S. Egypt administering the general hospitals to be established at Zagazig, just as he is to administer those at Port Said and Suez. P.D.M.S. forwarded to War Office a note by the Advisory Committee on inoculation against Typhoid, paratyphoid and Cholera, with reference to surgeon General Sir David Bruce's committee on inoculation. Instructions issued that A.D.s M.S. of Divisions, were to have, available, information regarding the number of men inoculated against typhoid, cholera, etc.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. inspected No 5 Canadian Stationary Hospital in the Abbassia Barracks - an efficient hospital and well run. 5 Lieut Colonels, no Majors, C.O. Lieut Colonel Etherington. Equipped for 500 patients - could expand to 1000. opened on 27/8/15 here. 3520 patients have been admitted. Dentistry, X'ray and bacteriological laboratory departments. Have many medical students as dressers and arrangements made for their instruction - dissections done by arrangement with Public Health Department, who supply the subjects. No arrangements for getting blacking for boots. Saw several cases of frostbite. Captain O'Connor in charge of bacteriological department. Excellent "comforts" kitchen, run by a nurse of the hospital and paid for by Red Cross. P.D.M.S. impressed on C.O. necessity for sending to England, cases unlikely to be for service for 2 or 3 months. P.D.M.S. inspected Police School now being prepared for No 27 General Hospital very suitable. Litter from the riding school was being buried in shallow pit and this is to be enquired into. Lieut Colonel Usmar O.C. South African Field Ambulance now at Mex Camp called on P.D.M.S. Cabled to Chief India re offer from Ambassador at Rome to give up hospital material not required at Palermo, for use in Mesopotamia. Ordered A.D.M.S. Camps & Docks to send 6 Medical officers to Port Said for Nos 39 and 40 Field Ambulances. Cabled to Caddell, Bombay that Relief Fund offer of the Bombay Presidency General Hospital for another 6 Months was accepted by War Office. Cabled to D.M.S. Salonika that Major Bindloss, Malta had been granted 3 Months sick leave.</p>	<p>It was arranged that Col. Balance was to go in the Aquitania</p>

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			Placed No 1 Canadian Stationary Hospital at disposal of D.M.S. Egypt = not required by M.E.F. No 13. Casualty Clearing Station, 4 Sanitary Sections, and No 8. Base Depot Medical Stores, arrived from Mudros. War Office cabled offering No 30 General Hospital, Palermo, for Egypt and P.D.M.S. proposed it to D.M.S. M.E.F. for Suez.	Reply-not required for Suez.
	3/2/16.		Comandeth Malta cabled that Colonel. Balance would be sent on the Hospital ship Aquitania, vice Colonel Mayo Robson. Colonel Freeman. A.D.M.S. 54th Division called and said he had enough medical officers to carry on with, but was applying for 18 to Complete War Establishment. Captain Walker R.A.M.C. saw P.D.M.S. re being given an appointment as a protozoologist. Cabled to D.M.S., Malta asking if No 30. General Hospital is required at Salonika - it is not wanted on the Canal. Cabled to D.M.S. Salonika asking his requirements of iodine ampoules for the next three months. Cabled to commander in Chief India giving detail of establishment on hospital ship Assaye which lately left Suez for Bombay. Arrangements with Colonel Robinson I.M.S., regarding an I.M.S. officer proceeding to India, to go in medical charge of Lord Brassey's Yacht Sunbeam. P.D.M.S. wrote to Earl Brassey and telephoned to Colonel Robinson about this. P.D.M.S. telephoned to Colonel Hosie regarding necessity for limiting his demands on War Office for field medical equipment, and wired to A.D.M.S. C. & D. for explanation regarding the recent demand on War Office for equipment for No 8 Base Depot Medical Stores, which had been ordered to be equipped on a small special scale.	
	4/2/16.		Attended conference, where arrangements were made for the supply of camel cacolets and ambulance "sand" carts etc. to field ambulances on the Canal. Colonel Whittingham, G.C. Camel Corps Depot, to be asked to arrange. P.D.M.S. inspected the Boulac Palace Convalescent Hospital and found it satisfactory - attention was drawn to necessity for regular exercise of convalescents approaching discharge. Major MacCallan of "MacCallan's) Hospital called on P.D.M.S. Arrangements made for hospital ships to leave Egypt with patients for hospital ship Aquitania at Naples. Issued instructions re LADY SMITH DORRIENS small linen bags and cabled to War Office regarding large stock in hand etc. Lieut Colonel Eddington No 1 Lowland Division Field Ambulance called. Cabled to Naples re Colonel Mayo Robson, arriving in Aquitania, being sent on to Egypt. Cabled to War Office agreeing to proposals made as to service of hospital ships, and suggesting certain ships for certain runs. - 6 hospital ships are to be released. Cabled to Troopers asking if <u>sick leave</u> was now granted to officers instead of transferring them to England. Services of Captain C. Walker R.A.M.C. placed at disposal of D.M.S. in Egypt - protozoologist.	

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	5/2/16.		<p>Major Bagshawe saw P.D.M.S. re some difficulty owing to the A.S.C. of M.E.F. having occupied buildings at Zagazig, required for a General Hospital to be established there. Arranged for Capt Macrae, I.M.S. to proceed to India in medical charge of Lord Brassey's Hospital Yacht, Sunbeam. P.D.M.S. wrote to G.O.C. Levant Base regarding the Levant Medical Store Depot, and No 5 Base Depot Medical Stores, to be established to supply camps, hospital ships and hospitals in Alexandria. General Whitehead arrived from Malta. Sent A.Q.M.G. Levant Base a list of the units which had been re-equipped with field medical equipment. Informed A.D.M.S. (C & D) that demands for "material" from the 13th Division were "priority". Sent D.M.S. Salonika a copy of Lieut Colonel Balfour's description of a mosquito trap pool. Cabled to British Ambassador Rome, and G.O.C., Malta that Commander in Chief India accepted material for Hospitals not required at Palermo.- Asked G.O.C. Malta to arrange to send the Material to Egypt. Cabled to Troopers to send the supplies of mixed vaccine to the Levant Medical Store Depot. Enquired from Local Resources Board re obtaining supplies of crude heavy oil, for fly destruction, etc, from Jemsa oil fields.</p>	

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	5/2/18.		<p>P.D.M.S. and Surgeon General Whitehead visited the British Hospital Citadel and No. 8 I.G.H.. Ordered despatch of a dentist and dental mechanic to the 28 C.C.S., Port Said - urgently required for duty in connection with the departure of the 13th Division.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. saw Sir John Maxwell re Lieut Colonel Balfours report on the sanitary condition of the Polygon Camp (22 52 nd Lowland Division) Sir John is to visit the Camp tomorrow himself. Wired to A.D.M.S. Camps and Docks that arrangements are to be made to despatch to Bombay all the personnel taken off the H.S. Assaye, when she, lately, left for India.</p> <p>Issued to all concerned, Lieut Col. Balfours note on lice and Relapsing Fever. Sent D.A.Q.M.G. Levbase list of units re-equipped from Levant Medical Store Depot. Asked D.M.S., M.E.F. what arrangements he proposed for the treatment of 23000 camel drivers it is proposed to employ with Camel Corps.</p> <p>Instructed D.M.S., M.E.F. to inoculate, against cholera, the troops proceeding to Mesopotamia. Cabled to W.O. re (1) no instructions being sent with bottles of bisulphate of soda tablets and (2) suspicion that shaving brushes were the cause of the recent cases of anthrax.</p> <p>Issued Lieut Col. Easons instructions regarding precautions to be taken against the spread of trachoma, to all concerned.</p>	
	7/2/18.		<p>P.D.M.S. attended a meeting to discuss "Jaundice" at which Col. W. Hunter read a paper. At conference learnt that, with the 13th Division, C. in C. India wanted, 1 C.C.S., 1 S.R. and 1 G.H. and as many medical officers as could be spared.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. inspected the Abbassia Rest Camp. Cabled to Commandeth Malta re sending convalescent officers to Palermo which W.O. has decided to keep open till the end of April.</p> <p>Lieut Colonel Austin Smith Lieut Colonel Leiper, Major McCarrison, Major Frankish, I.S.B. + Ag. called on P.D.M.S.</p> <p>Cabled to C. in C. India saying remainder of personnel of H.S. Assaye would be sent and asking if nurses were wanted.</p> <p>G.O.C. Levant Base was given draft wire to D.Q.M.G. M.E.F. asking if a C.C.S. could be spared for 13th Division.</p> <p>Cabled to D.M.S. Salonika re sending Pte Barnes back to Alexandria.</p> <p>Cabled to W.O. that the indent for field medical equipment for No. 8 B.D.M.S., they had wired about, was necessary, and should be met in full.</p> <p>Informed A.D.M.S. Camps & Docks of the names of the five hospital ships ordered by the Admiralty to be sent home empty.</p>	

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	8/2/18.		<p>Surgeon General Bedford telephoned that M.E.F. could provide a C.C.S. for the 13th Division. P.D.M.S. cabled to W.O. proposals re providing a C.C.S., a S.Hpl. and a G.Hpl. for 13th Division. Arrangements made that the hospital ship Seeangchoon should, on return to Alexandria, from Salonika, go to Malta, to bring to Egypt, 125 Indian invalids there.</p> <p>Major G.E. Stewart No. "Y" I.G.H. called. He wants an exchange to a hospital ship. Asked D.M.S. Egypt how many convalescent officers it was proposed to send to Palermo. P.D.M.S. wired to Sir Courtauld Thomson, concurrence in his proposal to cable to England for 8 cooks for Red Cross kitchens to be established in connection with hospitals.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. C & D Alexandria reported that it had been settled that the R.A.M.C. Base Depot was to be established at Mustapha - not as Sidi Bishr.</p> <p>It was agreed that G.H.Q., M.E.F. should prepare the buildings for the G.H. at Zagazig which Egypt would thereafter establish and administer. Arrangements began as to appointment of E.M.O. at Naples to superintend transshipment of sick and wounded there - P.N.T.O. and G.O.C. Malta addressed. Asked D.M.S. M.E.F. if he wanted Lieut Colonel Frankish for the 3rd East Lancs. F.A. 42nd Division. Asked W.O. not to send out H.S. Mauretania until asked for - there are not enough cases to require her being sent.</p> <p>Cabled to War Office asking that Lieut Colonel Leiper should be again taken on as a bacteriologist with the rank of Lieut Colonel. Ordered Levant Medical Store Depot to send 50 lbs quinine and 100000 222.2 2 gr. quinine tablets to Salonika - they are required there for prophylactic use. Chief Engineer in Egypt was asked for a sketch of the arrangements as regards water supply to the Canal Defence Zone.</p>	<p>Cancelled. Seeangchoon went to Ind</p>
	9/2/18.		<p>P.D.M.S. inspected No. 1 A.G.H. Heliopolis. Attended conference where wire from W.O. was read - nominating No. 16 C.C.S. and No. 23 S.Hpl. and No. 32 G.Hpl. to proceed to Mesopotamia for 13th Division. action taken accordingly.</p> <p>General Bedford telephoned that a demand for a S.Hpl. had come from East Africa and suggested No. 19 S.Hpl. for the purpose.</p> <p>Asked D.M.S. Force in Egypt to send as many as possible convalescent officers to Palermo, via Malta by the H.S. Oxfordshire which leaves Alexandria on 12th February. Lieut Colonel Austin Smith I.M.S called. Gave Levant Medical Store Depot an estimate of the probable requirements of iodine ampoules for the next three months. Gave "Q" the detail of the medical personnel off the H.S.</p>	

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	9/2/16.		Assaye and asked him to arrange for their despatch to Bombay by next mail steamer. Arrangements made for the H.S. Dongola to call at Malta to take Australian invalids proceeding to the Antipodes. Two sections of No. 110 I.F.A. arrive in Alexandria today, and two have arrived in Salonika. Cabled to General Staff India asking if nurses are required for No. 23 S.Hpl. and No. 32 G.Hpl.	
	10/2/16.		Lieut Colonel Ledingham was sent to Alexandria to investigate the cases of anthrax which occurred there. Instructions issued to all concerned regarding A.F.W. 3221 - weekly return of sick and wounded on Field Service. Cabled to W.O. (1) asking if any additional pay was allowable to men acting as dental mechanics etc. (2) saying no hospital (stationary and General) was required for Egypt, except No. 30 G.Hpl. for Palermo. (3) repeating previous cable that officers were not to be granted sick leave here but merely to be transferred sick to England. Telephoned to G.H.Q. that we did not want No. 23 S.Hpl. replaced from Home. Colonel Mayo-Robson (from England) called on P.D.M.S.	
	11/2/16.		Asked "Q" to arrange for No. 19 S.Hpl. to be sent to East Africa and to ask G.O.C. if nurses are required. Surgeon General Whitehead departed for Malta - he sails on 13th February. G.O.C. Malta asked if nurses were required for No. 30 G.Hpl. coming from Palermo to Egypt and reply was sent that it depended on decision as to whether they were required for another hospital (i.e. No. 32 G.Hpl.) Sanction to a passage in a hospital ship for the Hon Mrs Littleton was not given. A.D.M.S. Camps and Docks informed. Asked P.N.T.C. that H.S. Seeangchoon (ordered to Australia) should on the way, convey Indian sick and wounded to Bombay. Arrangements with Lieut Colonel Broadbent (Q) re despatch of medical staff of hospital ship Assaye partly in mail steamer and partly in transport. Telephoned to Sir Courtauld Thompson re status of Anglo American Hospital Cairo - run by private body. We pay 7/6 a day per sick officer and give a medical officer and nurses and other ranks when necessary. Lieut Colonel Ledingham saw P.D.M.S. re cases of anthrax in Alexandria. Lieut Colonel Bray saw P.D.M.S. re arrangements for hospital accommodation for camel drivers on the Canal. Received and handed over to Lieut Connolly cheque for £19 - 7 - 0 for payment to clerks. W.O. approved (vide 8/2/16) appointment of Lieut Colonel Leiper, who was then placed at disposal of D.M.S. Force in Egypt. Arrangements made with Captain Mainwaring (Q) re despatch of 16 C.C.S. and No. 23 S.Hpl. to Mesopotamia. Wired to D.M.S., M.E.F. asking how he proposed to dispose of all the Indian F.A.s now in	

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	11/2/16.		<p>Egypt. Cabled to W.O. and G.O.C Malta re the difficulty in sending convalescent officers to Palermo. Cabled to G.O.C. Malta to return 5 M.Z. Motor ambulances to Egypt. Informed A.D.M.S. Camps & Docks that No. 19 S.Hpl. was to be sent to East Africa.</p> <p>Colonel Robinson, I.M.S., Lieut Colonel Edington and Colonel Parkes N.Z.M.C. saw P.D.M.S. Issued instructions to D.M.S. M.E.F. regarding the method of indenting for vaccine lymph. Informed all concerned including W.O., regarding cases of anthrax having been traced to the use of shaving brushes, supplied by a certain firm - Caverhill, Learmont and Co Montreal.</p> <p>Cabled to Salonika, in response to a large demand for quinine, for a report on the anti-malarial measures it was proposed to undertake.</p> <p>Asked D.M.S. M.E.F. regarding his system of notification of cases of cerebro spinal meningitis there have been many cases lately.</p> <p>Cabled to War Office asking that control of hospital ships east of Suez should be vested in Levbase. (This was negatived by W.O.)</p>	
	12/2/16.		<p>Colonel Mayo-Robson saw P.D.M.S.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. arranged with Colonel Robinson I.M.S. regarding the evacuation of Indian sick and wounded to India and the despatch of Nos. 1 and 3(a) and "Y" I.G.Hpls. to India.</p> <p>Lieut Colonel Gunter R.A.M.C. called and recommended Major Benson R.A.M.C. in his C.C.S. for the command of a field medical unit. Lieut Colonels Balfour, Ledingham and Buchanan conferred with P.D.M.S. re sanitation of the camps at Sidi Bishr, Tel-el-Kebir etc.</p> <p>Cabled to W.O. that No. 19 S.Hpl. was to go to East Africa.</p> <p>Saw General Jackson D.O.S. re the supply of thin clothing for No. 16 C.O.S. & 23 S.Hpl., 32 G.Hpl. and No. 19 S.Hpl.</p> <p>Captain Myott, bacteriologist was sent to Tel-el-Kebir to take specimens from cases of cerebro spinal meningitis.</p> <p>Asked Director of Works, Levant Base to assist in obtaining a railway engine and van to be used as a travelling disinfection installation. Despatched to W.O. a report by the Hunter Committee on the scheme for the appointment of Protozoologists in the Mediterranean area.</p> <p>Arranged for hospital ship Seeangchoon to call at Bombay and land Indian invalids on her voyage to Australia. Arrangements made with "Q" - 2 I.G.Hpls. to go to India in the hospital ship Neuralia and Devanha and they 3rd in transports.</p>	
	13/2/16.		<p>P.D.M.S. proceeded to Helouan and inspected the AL Hayat (Australian) and Grand Hotel (British) convalescent hospitals there, also lady Godley's Home (New Zealand) and Walda Palace</p>	

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	13/2/15.		<p>(Red Cross). War Office wired, in reply to suggestion of P.D.M.S. to send 20 I.M.S. and 20 temporary commissions R.A.M.C. to India, and to arrange to take, in Egypt, sick and wounded from Basrah and India.</p> <p>Ordered A.D.M.S. Camps & Docks not to allow strength of R.A.M.C. Base Depot to fall below 160 without reference to P.D.M.S. as 160 men may be required for ambulance railway trains.</p> <p>Wired to D.M.S., M.E.F. asking if there was any military objection to taking, in Egypt, sick and wounded from Basrah and India.</p> <p>Ordered the X-ray apparatus to be taken off the H.S. Seeangchoon - to be given up as a H.S.</p> <p>Ordered A.D.M.S. C & D to take off the medical staff and equipment of the hospital ships Dunvegan and Aberdonian as they were no longer to be used as H.S.</p> <p>No. 27 G.H.pl. arriving from Mudros 14/2/16 was placed at disposal of D.M.S. Force in Egypt. - it goes to the Police School Abbassia.</p>	
	14/2/16.x		<p>Lieut Colonel Bray saw P.D.M.S. re hospital arrangements for the 40000 Egyptians (labourers, camel drivers etc,) to be employed on the Canal etc.</p> <p>Colonel Maher and Lt Col, Thom and Captain Gilmour arrived and saw P.D.M.S.</p> <p>Major Steel I.M.S. called re a passage for his wife and child to India, as he understands he is to be sent there. Informed him as to procedure.</p> <p>Cabled Troopers re (1) appointments of A.D.M.S. (Sanitary) to Army Corps and (2) probable date of arrival of the 10 Sanitary sections asked for and now urgently required.</p> <p>Wired to D.M.S., M.E.F. presuming M.E.F. would take all action regarding the offer to India, and the despatch, of the 2½ I.F.A.s, he now does not require.</p> <p>Asked D.M.S. Egypt to report by telegram occurrence of cases of Relapsing Fever, Typhus, Small pox, cerebro spinal meningitis and cholera.</p> <p>Informed D.M.S., M.E.F. of the proposed allotment of bacteriologists to the Canal.</p> <p>Sent a very condemnatory report on Tel-el-Kebir Camp, by the Hunter Committee, to the D.M.S., M.E.F. and pointed out that urgent action was necessary.</p> <p>Distributed to all concerned the W.O. pamphlet "List of diseases" and asked that its instructions should be followed.</p> <p>Asked D.M.S. Salonika as to the progress of the central laboratory there.</p> <p>Cabled to Malta asking for 10 R.A.M.C. officers to be sent to India and wrote to D.M.S. in Egypt and M.E.F. and A.D.M.S. C & D asking them to arrange for giving up for dispatch to India 8 2 12 = 22 I.M.S. officers.</p>	

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	15/2/16.		<p>General Sir John Maxwell told P.D.M.S. that Egypt could receive sick and wounded from Basrah and India.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. left for Alexandria and Mersa Matruh (Western Frontier Force).</p> <p>Services of Lieut Col. Leiper placed at disposal of D.M.S. Force in Egypt.</p> <p>Wired to Sirdar asking when Captain O'Farrell could be expected.</p> <p>Major Brown E.S.O. Alexandria telephoned that French Consul had asked him for a passage on a H.S., to Salonika, for a French Lady, engaged by the French Red Cross and belonging to the staff of the French hospital ship Sharroo. I agreed to her being sent on a H.S. <i>Camisbrook Castle</i> on the understanding that she is one of the staff of a French medical unit.</p> <p>Colonel Sexton asked if Col. Hart on the H.S. <i>Tagus</i> might be sent home in her. W.O. had said her staff <u>might</u> be retained but as Colonel Sexton said Col. Hart was an old man and would not be much use in Egypt, I agreed to his going home.</p> <p>Sent out orders distributing the dentists and dental mechanics in the R.A.M.C. Base Base Depot.</p> <p>Captain Hallinan R.A.M.C. No. 8 I.G.H. called and said he was about to apply to leave No. 5 I.G.H. and be employed in the British Military Hospital Citadel. (In the end this was negatived)</p> <p>Sent orders to A.D.M.S. C & D regarding taking off Indian personnel from the H.S. <i>Gascon</i> and <i>Goorkha</i> (about to be used for British sick only) and also 2 Majors I.M.S. and 2 Assistant Surgeons off the H.S. <i>Letitia</i>.</p>	
	16/2/16.		<p>Consulted Ordnance regarding the supply of "M.P." badges for men of sanitary sections.</p> <p>At conference Gen. Altham asked for a report on the suitability, from a sanitary point of view, of the schools at Zagazig for a G.Hpl. (In the end Zagazig was given up as a site for a G.Hpl.)</p> <p>Gave General Altham a note by P.D.M.S. on W.O. proposal to reduce the No. of H.S. from 10 to 6.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. suggested 8 as a minimum.</p> <p>Colonel Melville saw General Altham, with Lieut Colonel Bray's scheme for hospital treatment for 40000 labourers (Egyptians) employed in Egypt.</p> <p>Colonel Gibbard telephoned that he was coming to Cairo from Alexandria to await return of P.D.M.S.M</p> <p>Agreed to Major Whitmore, O.C. Troops H.S. <i>Dunvegan</i>, going home on duty on a H.S. or transport.</p> <p>Cabled to W.O. re buying Dr. Donaldson's X-ray outfit - recommended the purchase.</p> <p>Cabled to W.O. re nursing staff for No. 30 G.Hpl. - we are waiting a reply from India re No. 32 G.Hpl.</p>	

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	16/2/16.		<p>Arrangements made for obtaining Assistant Surgeons to be returned to India.</p> <p>Cabled India that Captain J.M.Macrae I.M.S. left for India on 11/2/16 in medical charge of Lord Brasseys Hospital Yacht Sunbeam.</p> <p>Asked A.D.M.S. C & D regarding the system now in force for disinfecting H.S.</p>	
	17/2/16.		<p>At conference Brig.General Paul said he had seen Surgeon General Ford regarding the schools at Zagazig and it was understood that the P.W.D. were to take all action of a permanent nature towards putting the sanitation right, while B.General Paul was to supplement the present sewage system by putting up such temporary accommodation as may be required.</p> <p>Saw Surgeon General Ford who said he did not think the establishment of one or two convalescent depots, at Port Said, necessary at present.</p> <p>Cabled to Chief India (1) regarding method of despatch to India of the British personnel taken off the H.S. Assaye (2) stating that about 26 I.M.S. and 15 to 20 R.A.M.C. officers and 4 assistant surgeons would shortly be returned to India, and offering to take in Egypt sick and wounded direct from Basrah or invalids from Bombay.</p> <p>Asked A.D.M.S. C & D to exchange Major Nutt I.M.S. (ex H.S. Carisbrook Castle) with Major Emelie Smith I.M.S. on the H.S. Glengorm. The latter is to be sent to India.</p> <p>Colonel Gibbard, Lieut Col Crawford, O.C. No. 19 S.Hpl. Suez and Major Price I.M.S. called.</p> <p>Orders issued for H.S. Neuralia to proceed to Suez, on her way to Bombay, to embark Indian sick and wounded and No. 8a I.G.Hpl.</p> <p>Asked "Q" to arrange with P.N.T.O. to send H.S. with No. 30 G.Hpl. from Palermo to Egypt.</p> <p>Informed "Q" that there appeared to be no objection to sending fowls, intended entirely for hospitals in Malta, in hospital ships, vide Geneva Convention. - "assisting sick and wounded".</p> <p>Informed A.D.M.S. C & D that Lieut Colonel Shanahan (lately A.D.M.S. 11th Division) who has arrived in Alexandria is to await orders. i.e. P.D.M.S. return. (Finally given to D.M.S.M.E.F.)</p> <p>Directed Levant Medical Store Depot to keep a stock of polyvalent anti-strepto-coccal, pneumo-coccal, staphylo-coccal, mixed acne-polyvalent, gonococcal and anti-meningococcal vaccines.</p>	
	18/2/16.		<p>After conference saw General Althamand Cabled to W.O., in answer to a cablegram, stating that 8 reserve hospital ships were necessary (not 6), and that P.N.T.O. saw no objection to Port Augusta, instead of Naples being used for transshipment to the 2 big ships, provided there were no nautical objections - P.N.T.O. knows nothing as to the sounding and anchorage there.</p> <p>Arranged that Captain Bruce M.O. 3rd Scottish Horse should be sent home on duty on a R.S.</p> <p>Agreed with A.D.M.S. C & D that Lieut Martin R.A.M.C. (63 years old) should be sent home on the H.S. Tagh as his services in Egypt would not be valuable.</p>	Malta after wards decide against Port Augusta.

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	18/2/16. 18/2/16.		<p>Arranged with "Q" that the H.S. Ebani should be brought from Port Said to Alexandria to ship No. 19 S.Hpl. (with nurses) and proceed to Mombassa.</p> <p>Cabled to W.O. and Malta that no nurses were required with No. 30G.Hpl. now being brought from Palermo to Egypt.</p> <p>Saw General Ford who agreed to give up a Canadian S.Hpl. if No. 1 N.Z.S.Hpl. were brought back from Salonika for the new Australian and N.Z. Army now to be formed on the Canal Zone.</p> <p>Informed "Q" A.D.M.S. C & D and Matron in Chief that No. 23 S.Hpl. was to have nurses but not No. 32 G.Hpl. - these are for Bastah.</p> <p>Q ordered the hospital ship Ebani from Port Said to Alexandria to embark No. 19 S.Hpl. for Mombassa and I warned A.D.M.S. C & D and Matron in chief, as nurses are to be sent.</p> <p>Troopers wired that sick and wounded officers sent to England were not to be given sick leave but merely sent as transfers.</p>	
	19/2/16.		<p>Learnt that No. 23 S.Hpl. had been embarked on H.T. Ansonia which sailed last night, without nurses. Warned Matron in chief to hold these nurses in readiness to be sent to join a vessel at Port Said or Suez.</p> <p>Colonel Gibbard called. P.D.M.S. arrived in Alexandria from Mersa Matruh.</p> <p>Major Barcroft N.Z., A.M.C. called and said he was going to Alexandria to see A.D.M.S. C & D regarding getting sent to England on a transport or H.S.</p> <p>Wired to Malta asking if there were any Indian sick and wounded left there. (answer none)</p> <p>Placed a clerk and typewriter at disposal of "Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Disease"</p> <p>Asked D.M.S. Force in Egypt for complete statements as to the numbers of their dentists, dental mechanics and dental outfits.</p>	
	20/2/16.		<p>P.D.M.S. arrived from Alexandria.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. saw Colonel Parke regarding proposal to bring No. 1 N.Z.S.Hpl. from Salonika to the Canal Zone, Colonel Gibbard, re his proposed appointment as A.D.M.S. Camps Alexandria and Dr Maccallan re disposal of the "Maccallan Hospital" Cairo which is being closed.</p> <p>Informed A.Q.M.G. that G.Hpls only, not S.Hpls. in Canal Zone, were proposed to be placed under the administration of the Force in Egypt.</p> <p>Informed D.M.S. Force in Egypt that the administration of the G.Hpl. in Zagazig would be under him exactly in the same way as that of the G.Hpls, in Cairo and Alexandria.</p> <p>W.O. cabled that the Varsova (not the H.S.Devanha) was to go to Indian waters.</p> <p>Colonel Robinson D.D.M.S. Indian Troops telephoned that he proposed to put No. 1 I.G.Hpl. in the H.T. Varsova - NO, 8 a I.G.H. goes, in the H.S. Neuralia to India.</p>	

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	20/2/16.		<p>P.D.M.S. wrote and asked D.M.S. Force in Egypt to send 6 nurses to No. 16 S.Hpl. at Mersa Matruh.</p> <p>Drew up a War Establishment for the hospitals in Egypt which will have to be concurred in by the D.M.S. Force in Egypt.</p> <p>W.O. cabled that 37 "Newmans Portable Disinfectors" were shortly being despatched to Egypt.</p> <p>Ordered A.D.M.S. C & D to transfer Major Dunn, I.M.S. from the H.S. Devanha to be be O.C. Troops H.T. Varsova as the latter is now to become a H.S. in the Indian Ocean.</p> <p>Cabled to W.O. asking if "Z" I.G.Hpl., now reported as coming to Egypt, is for transhipment to India.</p>	
	21/2/16.		<p>Placed services of Lieut Colonel Shanahan at disposal of D.M.S., M.E.F.</p> <p>General Altham saw P.D.M.S. regarding surrender of Major Foster and Major Drake I.M.S. who are, it now appears, on the staff of the Levant Base at Suez.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wrote saying that Major Foster might be returned to India now, but Major Drake was required at Suex as E.M.O.</p> <p>Mr Thornton, Secretary to the Australian Red Cross saw P.D.M.S. and arrangements were made for his being given a passage, on duty, in a hospital ship to England.</p> <p>Wired to W.O. asking if an X'ray outfit should be sent to No. 23 S.Hpl. going to Mesopotamia.</p> <p>Cabled to W.O. saying No. 30 G.Hpl. was not now required for Egypt (several divisions in Egypt are leaving for France)</p> <p>P.D.M.S. attended the second meeting of the conference on the methods to be adopted for removing 20000 wounded after an engagement on the Canal. Surgeon General Bedford was present.</p> <p>Arranged for the transfer of Lieut Col Edington (the Glasgow Surgeon) from the 1/1st Lowladd F.A. to No. 21 G.Hpl., from which hospital Major Hey Groves is about to proceed to England.</p> <p>Asked D.M.S. M.E.F. for the services of Captain Suhr R.A.M.C. to become D.A.D.M.S. sanitary under Colonel Gibbard who becomes A.D.M.S. Camp Alexandria.</p> <p>Asked D.A.G. 3rd Echelon to supply 75 R.A.M.C. nursing orderlies (in lieu of nurses) to No. 32 G.Hpl. under orders for Mesopotamia.</p> <p>Asked D.M.S. Force in Egypt for a Canadian S.Hpl. to replace No. 1 N.Z.S.Hpl. now in Salonika.</p> <p>Asked Malta not to send H.S. to England without reference (to Levbase) as, otherwise, the roster would be upset.</p> <p>Asked Local Auditor Egypt regarding the exact financial position we are in, as regards supplying the <u>Australian Base Depots with medical stores.</u></p>	

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	21/2/16.		<p>Malta wired that Port Augusta in Sicily would not be a suitable port for transshipment of sick and wounded for the 3 large H.S. i.e. instead of Naples.</p> <p>Informed all concerned that there was to be no change in the procedure under which officers sent home sick and wounded were not to be granted definite periods of leave but merely transferred to England.</p> <p>Asked W.O. if the triple vaccine supplied was suitable for Indians.</p> <p>Cabled to War Office re the Salonika Malaria preventive scheme and asked if India should be applied to for quinine - Salonika asks for about 1400 lbs, quinine monthly for prophylactic purposes.</p>	
	22/2/16.		<p>Suggested to A.D.M.S. (Hospitals) Alexandria that Major Hey Groves' lengthy description of his special splints, should be published in the R.A.M.C. journal and copies distributed.</p> <p>Captain Dickie O.C. Troops H.S. Neuralgia saw P.D.M.S. and received authority to obtain and take to Suez by passenger train, 60 sets of drill khaki clothing for his men.</p> <p>Major Benson, R.A.M.O. No. 14 G.C.S. called. He wished command of a medical unit or to be sent to Salonika as D.A.D.M.S. under Colonel Sutton.</p> <p>Captain Hoskyn R.A.M.C. saw P.D.M.S. He wished to be sent to England on a H.S.</p> <p>Orders issued for 5 I.M.S. Majors from No. 5 I.G.Hpl. and 3 I.M.S. Majors No. 8 I.G.Hpl. to proceed to Suez for embarkation to India. Major Steel, I.M.S. (one of those from No. 8 I.G.Hpl.) called re a passage for his family to India. He, apparently, considers that it will be necessary for him to leave his family in Egypt, but it was explained to him that he might apply officially for a passage for them to India - He did so.</p> <p>Mr Brook and another Commissioner of the Australian Red Cross Society saw P.D.W.S. regarding passages in a hospital ship to England.</p> <p>Dr Keatinge, Principal Kasr-el-Aini medical school, saw P.D.M.S. regarding the transfer of a combatant officer to the R.A.M.C.</p> <p>Cabled to W.O. for 100 chemical water testing cases for Salonika.</p> <p>War Office cabled that an X-ray apparatus should be sent for No. 23 S.Hpl. which left for Mesopotamia on 19/2/16; ordered one to be handed over to O.C. No. 32 G.Hpl. to take to Basrah and deliver there.</p> <p>Cases of Relapsing fever were reported among British Troops at Port Said and El-Kubri.</p> <p>Captain Hoskyn, R.A.M.C. saw P.D.M.S. and said he would apply officially to be sent on duty in a H.S. to England.</p>	

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	23/2/16.		<p>Lieut Colonel Eason, Sir Courtauld Thomson, Major Hey Groves and Colonel Robinson saw P.D.M.S. P.D.M.S. sent to I.G.C. a report bringing to notice good services of various officers etc. Orders issued re sending No. 5 Indian Advanced Depot Medical Stores to Mesopotamia. Enquired if the X'ray apparatus taken from H.S. Seeangchoon was suitable for No. 17 S.Hpl. Suez.</p> <p>No. 8 a I.G.Hpl. left Suez for Bombay on H.S. Neuralia.</p> <p>Arrangements were made to make the latrine accommodation etc. of the H.S. Ebanl suitable for 27 nurses for No. 19 S.Hpl. which embarks in her for Mombassa in a day or two.</p> <p>The British Staff (including nurses) for the H.T. Varsova, now at Suez on her way to Bombay where she becomes a hospital ship, left Alexandria for Suez.</p> <p>Asked D.A.G. for R.A.M.C. personnel from the R.A.M.C. Base Depot for the first of the 4 Hospital barges ^{now} being placed on the Canal.</p> <p>Issued instructions that, on arrival from Salonika, the services of Lieut Colonel Stammers were to be at the disposal of the D.M.S. Force in Egypt.</p> <p>Cabled to S.N.O Mudros re the two Scottish Red Cross launches which should have been sent to Salonika and have not yet arrived there.</p>	
	24/2/16.		<p>Asked D.M.S. Force in Egypt if he would place the services of Colonel Manifold, C.B. at disposal of D.M.S., M.E.F. for appointment as D.B.M.S. 2nd Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.</p> <p>Colonel Robinson and Colonel Yarr D.D.M.S. 8th Corps saw P.D.M.S.</p> <p>Captain Walker R.A.M.C., O.C. C. 24 British F.A. called. Major Gipps, O.C. Troops H.S. Asurias called.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wrote to D.D.M.S. Indian Troops regarding the complaint that the H.T. "City of Calcutta" when conveying Indian convalescent troops to India lately, had not sufficient lime juice and medical comforts etc.</p> <p>Wired to D.M.S. MEF regarding the importance of efficient disinfection in cases of relapsing fever.</p>	

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		(cont)	<p>War Office wired that the new triple vaccine was not suitable for Indian Troops. Wrote to A.D.M.S. (C.&D.) giving him the method in vogue as regards financial adjustment of cost of Medical stores issued to <u>Australian and New Zealand Troops</u>. C in C India cabled that he was grateful for the offer to take in, in Egypt British Sick and wounded from Basrah and that he anxiously awaited the I.M.S. R.A.M.C. personnel we are sending cabled to War Office asking number of <u>Australian invalids coming to Egypt from England.</u></p> <p>Received and gave to Lt Connolly cheque for £23-16-0 to pay to clerks. Saw Col Collings C.P. regarding putting Col Tubby and Lt Col. Eason etc on the establishment of the Levant Base according to present arrangements they would then receive "Lodging Fuel & Light" allowance at Egyptian rates. Major Ross and Capt Hepworth I.M.S. called. They belong to the H.S. Goorkha and are on their way to India. P.D.M.S. attended the opening of a nurses convalescent home Zeitoun.- Sir John Maxwell opened it. Wired to D.M.S. M.E.F., asking for Lt. Col. Bray to come here to carry out scheme for treatment of Egyptian labourers in (1) M.E.F., and (2) Force in Egypt. Cabled to War Office descriptions of Dr. Donaldson's X-ray apparatus. Representative of Local Auditor Egypt called and said he proposed that the equipment supplied in Alexandria to replace that of No 1 New Zealand Stationary Hospital which went down in the S.S. Marquette should be given free of charge to New Zealand Government. P.D.M.S. concurred. <u>of the new triple vaccine to Surg. General Howse D.M.S. A.I.F.</u> Informed D.M.S. M.E.F. that the railway disinfecting apparatus, had proved very successful and advocated his making use of it. Informed him that the Director of Works had been asked to provide another van similarly constructed.</p> <p>Attended Conference. Admiral Allenby called. Informed D.A.A.G. Levant Base that any Medical detachment, required for duty with the Base Camps at Suez, could be supplied from M.E.F. units e.g. No 26. Casualty Clearing Station or No 15 Stationary Hospital.</p> <p>P.D.M.S. wrote minute to D.M.S. M.E.F., sending a report by the Hunter Committee on the sanitary condition of Port Said (and pointing) and pointing out the very serious state of affairs and the necessity for taking action urgently. Cabled to Chief India that the W.O. triple typhoid vaccine was not suitable for Indian Troops and asking that it should be made at Kasauli for Indian Troops. Informed D.M.S. Egypt that a Hospital Ship was available to take convalescents to Cyprus. Q. Cabled to General Tigt Narrobi that the H.S. Eban had sailed for Bombay with No 19 Stationary Hospital and Nurses.</p> <p>Major Powell R.A.M.C. saw P.D.M.S. regarding arrangements for treatment of Egyptian labourers etc on the Canal and in Egypt. <u>Surg General Howse saw P.D.M.S. regarding demands from Australian units for Medical Stores.</u></p>	
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