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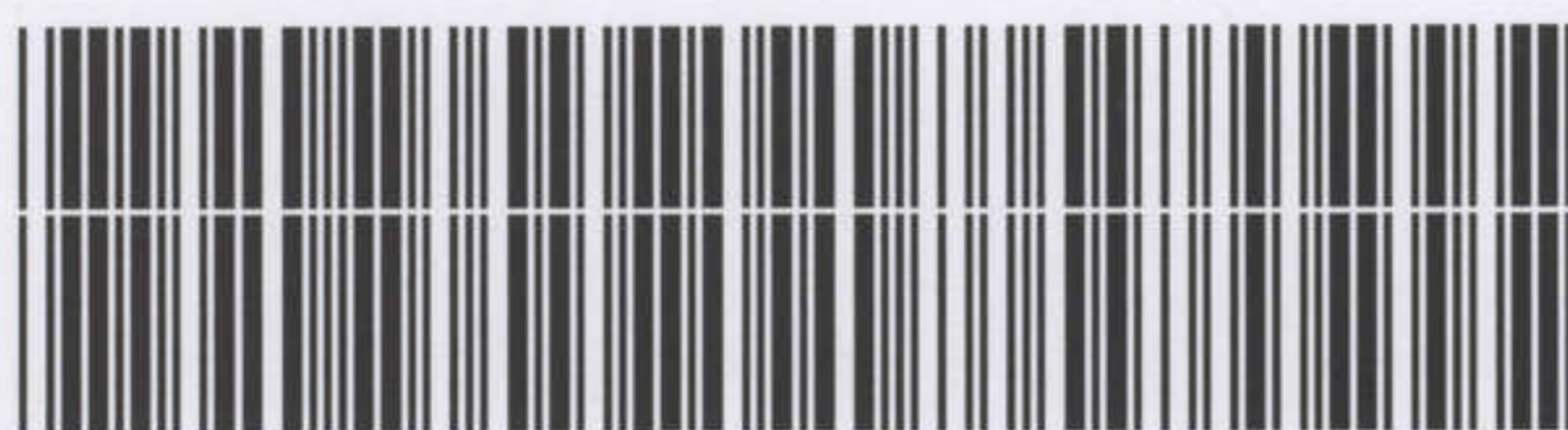
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| RAMLEH | 1.9.18 | 3pm | <p>Visited the Head Quarters of the 3rd LAHORE Division at MULEBBIS and examined the proposed site of the Main Dressing Station at FERREKHIYEH. Bridge and inspected the roads leading to it from our front.</p> <p>All the hospital accommodation for Indians west of the Canal is filled up and KANTARA is congested and cannot take any more nor get rid of those already there.</p> <p>The Prisoners of War Hospital at ABBASSIA which has been increased to accommodate 2700 now contains 2315 patients and in addition 510 of the mules cases are being treated at HELIOPOLIS.</p> <p>About 500 cases of Pullaga have been diagnosed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Widwan Krayden Bmt. EEF</p> | H68 |
| RAMLEH | 2.9.18 | 3pm | <p>The War Office cabled out for 3524 Cholera Water Tablets.</p> | Sigs H4B |

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| RAMLEH. | 3-9-18 | 3pm | <p>Med BAGSHAWE my Admt returned from leave to CYPRUS.</p> <p>The Admt. ALEXANDRIA writes that No 17 Gen Hospital is now overcrowded with venereal cases. There are 18 officers and 1644 OR patients. It was intended to hold up and front all cases of Gen or had east of the Canal but this cannot be arranged for at present.</p> | |
| RAMLEH. | 4-9-18 | 8pm | <p>Shore noted for authority for transport of equipment at CHIRO of BOULAC Convalescent Depot from 1200 to 1400 in tents of ABBASSIA Indian Conv Depot from 1500 to 2500 in tents.</p> <p>NASRIEH Hospital 188 beds in building.</p> <p>Visited RANTIEH and WILHELMA with the Admt. Life and selected a site for 15. CCH during operations.</p> | <p>H 10</p> <p>17</p> <p>WVA</p> |

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| RAMLEH | 5.9.18 | 8pm | <p>There are only 250 beds vacant of the 2700 in the P. of W. Hospital at ABRASSIA. I have suggested that the PRESTON Barracks be taken over with an extra 1000 beds as there is not accommodation for any large number of wounded P. of W.</p> <p>I visited No 33. CCH. at JAFFA. The Adm. Pl. of C. proposes to use it for the treatment of abdominal, head & limb wounds.</p> | W/S |
| RAMLEH | 6.9.18 | 8pm | <p>I visited IX IV Q at JERUSALEM and discussed the expediency of vaccination of conscripts with the Adm. IX Corps. Inspected the 154th, 113th and 179th FAs near RAMALLAH which form the Divisional Rec. Stations of the 10th, 53rd and 60th Divisions.</p> <p>Inspected the 170th and 171st C. FAs beyond AIN SINIA which act in combination with the Welsh FAs of the 53rd Div. but whose Indian personnel is in a backward state as regards training so that the normal formation has been postponed.</p> | III |

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| | | | <p>I visited the Advanced Dressing Stations at QIB JIB Camp near ATTARA and at the WADI EN NIMR. I inspected the A.D.S. at MARY CROSS which is the site selected for the Corps Main Dressing Station during operations in the first phase.</p> | W.A. |
| RAMLEH | 7.9.18 | 8pm | <p>Motor Ambulance cars</p> <p>XX Corps has 34 Heavy & 48 light. Should have 36 Heavy & 54 light.</p> <p>XXI Corps " 4 " 119 " " " 4 Heavy 160 "</p> <p>Desert M^c Corps " 11 " 62 " " " 14 " 72 "</p> <hr/> <p>Total 49 Heavy 189 light 54 Heavy 232 light</p> <p>No 35 M.A.C. has 37 Heavy and 14 light cars on the road out of a total of 50 Heavy & 22 light.</p> <p>G.O.C. New Zealand Forces offers to send 3 M.O.s for duty at 274 H where N.Z. sick are treated. Offer is hopefully accepted.</p> | H.A. |

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| RAMLEH. | 8-9-18. | 8pm. | <p>Surgeon General FEATHERSTON. Australian Medical Service called and saw me today about Australian Hospitals in Egypt.</p> <p>Colonel CARROLL. P.M.O. Egyptian Army came to see me about the increases in the Egyptian Army Hospitals necessitated by the new Egyptian Base Transport Corps coming up to Palestine from TEL-EL-KEBIR. 1000 of them come up on the 15th inst. and 2000 about the end of this month. He proposes to increase the accommodation of the Egyptian ^{Army} Hospitals at LUDD from 40 to 100, if that at KANTARA from 40 to 60, and if that at ABBASSIA from 175 to 215. He wants me to send him a RAMC officer.</p> <p>When the E. Transport Corps leaves TEL EL KEBIR the 120 bedded hospital there can be closed down and the personnel used elsewhere. Ordnance has been asked to issue another 2000 stretchers from KANTARA which will be brought up by Hospital Trains to LUDD.</p> | <p>10/1</p> <p>412</p> |

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| | | | <p>In addition to the extra beds sanctioned last month the following increases are being provided:</p> <p>AT CAIRO 31 Gen Hosp. 560. Nasseria Hosp. 186 Boulae Condep. 200. Command Depot will take 4000 light cases. Indian Convalescent Depot 1000. P.M.W. Hospital 2000.</p> <p>AT ALEXANDRIA. Conv Depot Mustapha 600. Montaza 500.</p> <p>AT MASAID 700 from EL ARISH.</p> <p>For prisoners of war Nos 8, 9, 10 are increased to 180 beds each but each can take up to 300 for a short period at LUDD.</p> <p>The Cholera Camp there can take 300 walking cases and 400 beds will be available in No 2 Egyptian Gen Hospital = 1240 beds.</p> <p>AT JERUSALEM the Cholera Camp will hold 300 light cases and there are some beds available in the Egyptian Detent Hosp. of 150 beds.</p> <p>BELAH can provide 500. RAFA. 150. and KANTARA 600 beds.</p> | <p>H-14</p> <p>WTS</p> |

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| RAMLEH | 9.9.18 | 8pm | <p>Statement of Casualties for period 1/9/18 to 7/9/18, both dates inclusive.</p> <p>WOUNDED British Admitted 2 Officers 14 OR. Evacuated 2 Officers 22 OR.</p> <p>" Indian " - 24 OR " 1 " 31 "</p> <p>SICK British Admitted 152 " 3390 OR " 158 " 3084 "</p> <p>" Indian " 15 " 1480 " " 11 " 1132 "</p> | W/L |
| RAMLEH | 10.9.18 | 8pm | <p>Further increases in hospital beds prepared.</p> <p>CAIRO. Nassirah Hospital 160. 27 Gen Hosp 120. City Hosp 100 = 380</p> <p>ALEXANDRIA. 19 Gen Hosp 160. 21 G.H. 300. 17 G.H. 150. Reserv. 30 = 640.</p> <p>A meeting was held at HQ G.I. P.L.H.C. yesterday to discuss the question of evacuation of casualties. It was pointed out that 1100 were evacuated the day before by Hospital Train and that there then remained 1722 in the CCSS at LUDD and the figures for evacuation and for occupied beds tend to rise.</p> | H/15 |

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| | | | <p>If active operations improve congestion is likely to be acute. It is proposed to establish at LUDD railhead a Details Camp to take 2000 British and 2000 Indian troops - light cases. The Staff of the Change of Air Camp at EL ARISH to be transferred to this Camp.</p> | |
| RAMLEH | 11-9-18 | 8pm. | <p>Shall a Conference of DDs MS of Corps which was attended at their own request by 2 officers of the D.A.C.'s Staff. The medical arrangements for the evacuation of casualties during future operations were discussed in detail.</p> <p>Of the 3 M.O.s at CYPRUS one is being permanently withdrawn.</p> <p>The G.O.C. Australians notes that when No. 14 Australian Gen Hospital is moved out of PORT SAID by the Navy that it may be given the building now occupied by 319 H in CAIRO. I say same.</p> | |

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| | | | <p>willing to allow them to have these buildings if the Schorch at ALEXANDRIA given up by 15 G.H. last May are allotted to 31 G.H. or if 31 G.H. can be accommodated east of the Canal.</p> | Will |
| RAMLEH | 12-9-18 | 8pm | <p>Lt Col WADE Consulting Engineer I. Lof C. saw me today and we decided the places at which the Surgical Operating Team shall be posted at the commencement of military operations. India is unable to send any nurses for duty in Indian General Hospitals in Egypt. EGYPT FORCE has cabled today to TROOPERS LONDON hoping that the decision that Nurses shall not serve in Indian Hospitals shall be reconsidered. I have pointed out to the D.A.G. that there are now no Nurses in Egypt available for posting to Indian Hospitals.</p> | 111 |

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RAMLEH 13:418. 8pm

I visited 66 CCBs at JERUSALEM. I saw Colonel FINLEY the U.S. Red Cross Commissioner and he has permitted to place at my disposal his ambulance and other motor for evacuating wounded from the CCBs in JERUSALEM to the railway station.

The War Office cables that the rank of Colonel is granted to Consulting Engineers CHOYCE and WADE.

The C-in-C has decided that in the event of the German hospital being vacated by the 1st SS Corps it shall not be used for sick but shall be handed over to the 1st O.E.T.A.

I visited the fronts of the 7th and 3rd Divisions north of JAFFA and inspected the sites selected for Main Dressing Stations for 4 Divisions.

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| RAMLEH | 14.9.18. | 8pm. | <p>The C. in C. India suggests that the Medical Directorate of the EEF should include J.M.S. officers with G.H.Q. Corps. Division and Base H.Q.</p> <p>Difficulty is being experienced in providing extra beds for prisoners of war in CAIRO. The C. in C. Fin E proposes that the Political Prison at GIZA should be taken over; it would provide 470 beds and 230 more patients might be put up in tents.</p> <p>There now remains of the Desert Mounted Corps in the JORDAN Valley only the Amman Division, the 20th Indian Bde and the 235th Bde.</p> | A19 |
| RAMLEH | 15.9.18. | 8pm. | <p>The Jewish Nurses have been posted to 27 General Hospital, CAIRO to which hospital all funds are transferred.</p> <p>I visited the J.M.S. of the 75th Division at RENTIS and discussed questions with the A.D.M.S.</p> | |

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| | | | <p>Imm issuing orders for the front Hospital Menstris Transport from Belah, Kambasa and Choro to be sent up; one will go to the IX Corps, two to CCB at LUDD and one to CCB at WILHELMA. W.D.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RAMLEH | 16/9/18 | 8pm | <p>The following is the distribution of medical officers to front level.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Establishment</th> <th>On Duty</th> <th>Sick</th> <th>Leave to U.K.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>XX Corps</td> <td>141</td> <td>139</td> <td>5</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>XXI Corps</td> <td>189</td> <td>176</td> <td>12</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dis Mt. Corps</td> <td>78</td> <td>74</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>408</td> <td>389</td> <td>20</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | Establishment | On Duty | Sick | Leave to U.K. | XX Corps | 141 | 139 | 5 | 1 | XXI Corps | 189 | 176 | 12 | 1 | Dis Mt. Corps | 78 | 74 | 3 | 4 | | 408 | 389 | 20 | 6 | |
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| | | | <p>Statement of Casualties for period 8/9/18 to 14/9/18, both dates inclusive. ⁴¹⁵</p> <p>Wounded British Admitted 4 officers 19. BR. Evacuated 5 officers 23. O.R.</p> <p>SICK " British Admitted " 146 officers 32 " " 159 " 36 "</p> <p>" " Indian " 30 " 1535 " " 28 " 165A "</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| RAMLEH | 17-9-16 | 8pm | <p>The majority of admissions are from the XXI Corps which were treated very badly and does not treat cases in Field Ambulances</p> <p>Yesterday (15th) 19 officers and 1265 OR British were admitted to CASG and of these no less than 15 officers + 1072 OR came from the XXI Corps to JAFFA and LUDD.</p> <p>Of 357 Indians admitted 278 came from XXI Corps <u>W.D.</u></p> <p>Major General CHAYTOR, the G.O.C. New Zealand Forces sent in his Staff Officer, Captain RHODES, to see me yesterday and to say that New Zealand would be willing to supply a Stationary Hospital for 400 patients complete in personnel if asked to do so, at present the casualties of the New Zealand Force (4700) are treated in No 31 British General Hospital.</p> | <p>127</p> |

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| RAMLEH. | 18.9.18. | 8pm. | <p>I mentioned this offer to the C. in C. today who said the offer must be made to him in the first place.</p> <p>I visited No 15. CCH. which has arrived at WILHELMA prepared to open on "Z" day on the site selected. The 4th Egyptian Troop has also moved over from BEIT NABALA and both units are in brown and ready to pitch tents when allowed to do so.</p> <p>The C. in C. sent for me this morning and said he was of opinion that I was ^{not} equal to my post as D.M. and that he would relieve me at once, and send me home to report to the War Office. He said he knew I had done my best but considered I had not sufficient experience and that I did not give him enough help.</p> <p>I asked if there were any particular matters in which</p> | 1987 |

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| | | | <p>Shank failed but he said not. This is the first intimation I have received of the C in C's unfavorable opinion. He declined to say who would relieve me. The DAG informed me that he knew nothing of the C in C's intention regarding me till last night.</p> <p>Colonel LUCE. BDMs XX Corps arrived this afternoon to take over from me.</p> <p>"Z" day. The attack began under an artillery barrage at 4:30 am. and was successful.</p> <p>I received orders from the DAG to hand over my duties to Col. R.H. LUCE. CB CMA. and did so.</p> <p>W. H. W. Major General</p> | <p>was</p> <p>H 83</p> |

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| RAMLEH | Sept 19 | | Took over position of DNS EEF temporarily from Major for W.T. SWAN Commencement of operations by XII Corps & XX th Corp. & Desert Corps Visited No 15 CCH at WILHELMA. They were working but not quite complete & had received about 250 cases during the day & were evacuating chiefly by the light railway & LUDD Also visited No 4 Egyptian Hospital WILHELMA about 12 prisoners wounded admitted | |
| | Sept 20 | | Visited DNS 57 th Liaison KAUMMA BURIED mostly MEJDELYASA They were empty & had finished evacuation of wounds By JILJULIA & KALJILIA Collecting station at latter place evacuated LELEAV for all cases coming down from front. Did then & headquarters to WILHELMA by train & MAC came my for & down at for line to JERUSALEM | |
| | 21 | | Visited DNS 33 CCH JAFFA & ISDCH WILHELMA & TALE HAYUN At TALE HAYUN considerable number of cases evacuated by P of W arranged for further surgical help there At Wilhelma no supply of British casualties. P of W coming in party good arrangement for clearing & clothing them Visited the prison camp to be sent to the 15 after words taken | H 24 |

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| RAMLATH | Sep 17 Sunday | | Saw C.L.C. for 5 mins at HQ ADMS PL & C called to confer as to policy for distribution of units on L of C with DADM. Major BIRD visited Field Ambulance NEFR INSHA. They had got red blood 120 wounded + about 12 POWs + W. Instructed to evacuate POW to Egyptian Hospital LUDD for treat | |
| | Sep 19 | | Wire received from DADM XX Capt Chelms saw nothing quarantine MABLUS unmov Wire from ADMS + message saying 173 prisoners without food TEL EL MAZAR. LHC Matt + Finch asking no to take over - also (8) asking for 60 camels + castrals to accompany Major Dancer on special expedition across Jordan Visited Sunafat + Scottish Hoiv. F. Amb. surrounding Reinforcement Camp or after camp with arriv to site for general hospital. saw O.C. Lt Col BROWNIE Visited No 2 Egyptian Hospital + Nos 8 + 9, POW Hospital LUDD. Prison comfortable but surgical work not satisfactory. arranged that surgical cases should be sent to British C.C. | 195 |
| | Sep 21 | | Write confidential report to Director General Visited RANTIEH to look for possible site for General Hospital there Visited No 15 C.D.H. + Egyptian Hospital WILHELMIA | |

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| RAMLEH | 24 th | | Prepared appreciation of medical situation on certain premises given verbally by the DAG dealing with units of locomotion. Position of Hospitals, inclusion of ambulances from Hospital near Jerusalem | |
| | 25 | | To Jerusalem visited 34 CCH saw S.M.O. visited 66 CCS saw J.H. CATHILL visited P.W. Hospital + Egyptian Hospital arranged about alternate capture in the two weeks + the sending on of light cases without recording + clothing to P.W. Compound so as to ease the Hospitals | |
| | 26 | | DAG gave verbal information as to proposed advance of Des Corps to DERAA + DAMRUCUS and of XXI Corps 7 th Div followed by another along coast road from HAIFA to BEIRUT | |
| | 27 | | Arranged dispatch of Medical Stores, Medical Composts, 200 stretchers 500 Blankets to HAIFA by sea | |
| | 28 | | also for evacuation of light cases by sea from HAIFA for utilization supply ships to Port Said to No 14 Australian General | |
| | | | Arranged dispatch of Medical Stores ²⁰⁰ , stretchers ³⁰⁰ , Blankets ⁵⁰⁰ to NAZARETH by Road for Sea Cape | |
| | | | ADMS + DADMS provided TUL KERAM + JENIN to report a route + route | |
| | | | ADMS (Egyptian) provided to KANZARA | |
| | | | Submitted further appreciation of medical situation recommending move of No 33 CCH from SAFFA to HAIFA + No 32 from JERUSALEM to TUL KERAM as soon as railway open | |

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| RAMLEH | Sept 28 | | ADMS (Sam) proceeded KANZABA to investigate further out reach of Pella in P of W Situation of cooperation of beds for P of W further considered. Arranged for P of W to be sent into Gen Hospital GIZA + also visit MALTA to see if they can take 1000 P of W | |
| | Sept 29 | Sunday | Visited KALMIEH saw MG LELEAN in evacuation by road. To be passed through one 5000 in day Visited H.Q. 60 Divison saw DADMS in their evacuation + distribution of their units | |
| | Sept 30 | | with DAC visited HAIFA by road saw DDMs XXI Corps, suitable sites for CCS selected present Turkish Hospital as most suitable site but this is now full of Turkish sick + wounded discussion with DDMs his view of evacuation for his own + Descent Cavalry Hospital ship service between HAIFA + KANZABA sanctioned + for arrangement made arrangement made to send No 33 CCS from JAFFA to HAIFA equipment by sea via Port Said | |
| | Oct 1 | | Issued instructions DDM XXI Corps re his evacuation Action for emergency request LELEAN to divert his whole time temporarily to investigate out reach of Pella at KANZABA Met Col BOYD - mainly physician to ad with Lt LELEAN on ongoing Visited ADMS at Divison MILBIS, visited RAS ELAIN + WILHELMIA No. 4 Egyptian Station Hospital moving from WILHELMIA to RAS ELAIN | P. H. Jones DMS |

APPRECIATION OF IMMEDIATE MEDICAL SITUATION.

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Information.

- (1). Mounted Divisions moving on DERAA via BEIRAN.
- (2). 2 Mounted Divisions moving on DAMASCUS via HAZARETH.
- (3). 7th Division moving on BEIRUT from HAIFA to be followed by 54th.
- (4). 3rd Division to concentrate at HAIFA.

Routes of Evacuation.

Information. Roads from HAZARETH to TUL KERAM reported unsuitable for evacuation of casualties.

Proposed Routes.

- (1) Mounted Division moving on DERAA to evacuate via BEIRAN to TUL KERAM, thence by road to WILHELMA.
- (2) 2 Mounted Divisions moving on DAMASCUS to evacuate to HAZARETH or carry forward into DAMASCUS and hold up in these places until evacuation possible.
As soon as possible evacuate from HAZARETH by road to HAIFA.
- (3). Divisions moving forward to BEIRUT evacuate to HAIFA or carry forward to BEIRUT.
- (4). Evacuation from HAIFA:
 - (a) Light cases by returning supply ships to No.14 Australian General Hospital, Port Said, and thence by Canal Hospital Ship to KANTARA.
 - (b) Other cases:-
 - (i) by road from HAIFA to TUL KERAM and thence to WILHELMA and LUDD.
 - (ii) by Hospital Ship as available to KANTARA, Indians retained there or sent to SUEZ. British to CAIRO and ALEXANDRIA.

Necessary moves.

- (1). No.33 C.Clearing Hospital by sea from JAFFA to HAIFA as early as possible.
- (2). No.32 C.Clearing Hospital By rail from JERUSALEM to TUL KERAM as soon as the railway is open to latter place.

Later possible developments in view of BEIRUT becoming a Base:-

No.31 General Hospital from CAIRO to BEIRUT, and probably 2 Indian Stationary Hospitals.

New Indian General Hospital on arrival, and after equipment, to BEIRUT.

Movements of Egyptian Hospitals will depend on the future distribution of Egyptian Labour.

D.M.S.
28/9/18.


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D.M.S. E.E.F.

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D. A. G.,
General Headquarters

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1. Examination of recent figures of British and Indian sick and wounded by Hospital Train shows that on the 8th September over 1,100 cases were evacuated, but on the same date 1,728 beds were still occupied at LUDD, and that the figures both for evacuation and for occupied beds has shown a tendency to rise. The tendency continues.

2. It is not possible to forecast with any certainty when these figures will begin to fall, but it is certain that if active operations supervene before a considerable fall takes place in the sick rate there will be a very large increase in the number of admissions and evacuations from formations in the field specially during the earlier stages of operations.

If these large numbers have to be dealt with in the Hospitals on the L of C these units will rapidly become congested with a large number of light cases just when every bed will be urgently needed for battle casualties.

3. In order to obviate this difficulty I propose for your consideration the following scheme.

(i). The establishment at LUDD railhead of a details camp to take 2,000 British, 2,000 Indian troops, light cases, to be accommodated here on transfer from C.O.S. & C.C.H., the C.O. of these Units selecting suitable cases on instructions to be issued by my A.D.M.S.

(ii). Soldiers admitted to the Detail camp to be disposed of as follows:-

- (a) If hospital treatment is found to be necessary - To Hospital.
- (b) The remainder not requiring actual ^{hospital} medical treatment to be evacuated ~~XXXXXXX~~ by reinforcement trains returning to Kantara to be re-equipped at the Base Depots.

I am aware that special arrangements with the D.A.G. 3rd Echelon will be necessary to ensure accuracy of records when men are to be dealt with as above but I do not think that any insuperable difficulty will be found here.

4. If the above proposals are approved, however modified, sanction is requested for the following :-

- (a). The transfer of the whole of the staff of the Hd. Qrs. and the three remaining sections of the change of Air Camp EL-ARISH to the Details Camp, LUDD, British Section.
- (b). The transfer of the whole of the staff of the Indian leave camp to the LUDD Details Camp (Indian Section).

5. I am preparing a schedule of the requirements of the camp in ordnance stores, which will be forwarded as soon as possible.

6. Transport from C.O.S. & C.C.H. to the camp presents a problem which I think can be overcome with the means at my disposal locally.

7. It will presumably not be permissible to erect ~~casualty~~ for the camp until the actual need for accommodation arises at a later date.

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8. In anticipation of your approval I have issued preliminary instructions in order that the whole of the preparations may not be delayed; since I consider ~~that~~ the provision of this camp to be an urgent necessity if eventualities are to be met adequately.

A site has already been selected for the camp near the reinforcement camp at kilo 300.

A. H. ...

Brigadier General.

Hd. Qrs.
Pal. L of C.

10th September 1918.

Commanding Palestine Lines of Communication.

Copies to:-

D.Q.M.G.
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The following are the arrangements proposed for the reception and evacuation of casualties in the forthcoming offensive :-

(1) Casualty Clearing Stations.

At the commencement of Operations, Casualty Clearing Stations will be located as under :-

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| <u>LUDD</u> | 26 C.C.S. |
| " | 76 C.C.S. |
| " | 24 Indian C.C.H. |
| " | 31 " " |
| <u>JAFFA.</u> | 33 Combined C.C.H. |
| <u>RAHLAH</u> | French Hospital d'evacuation. |
| <u>JERUSALEM</u> | 36 C.C.S. |
| | 34 Combined C.C.H. |
| | 32 " " |

LIMBER HILL 74 C.C.S.

JORDAN VALLEY. A Reception Unit for 600 will be established in the Plain, and a second Unit for 700 at the present Desert Corps Head Quarters. These two units will be organised by D.D.M.S. Desert Corps from Field Ambulances under his administration.

No. 15 Combined C.C.H. will open at WILHEIMA on 2 day, moving to KILKILLEN as soon as practicable.

The Change of Air Camp at EL ARISH will be closed, and the tentage and equipment utilised to form a Hospital for light cases - accommodation 900 beds.

Kilo 300 A Camp for the accommodation of about 4,000 light sick cases will be arranged by Head Quarters, Palestine L. of C. at Kilo 300.

(2) Advanced Depots of Medical Stores.

No. 5 and No. 6 Advanced Depots at LUDD.
No. 8 " " Depot at JERUSALEM.

(3) Responsibility for evacuation.

(a) D.D.M.S. Corps will be responsible for the evacuation of all casualties from the front line to Field Ambulances and from Field Ambulances to Casualty Clearing Stations.

In the case of the 30th Corps not only evacuations to 74 C.C.S. but also to C.C.S.'s in JERUSALEM will be under Corps arrangements.

The evacuations from the front line to Casualty Clearing Stations will be carried out under Corps arrangements by the mobile portions of Field Ambulances.

The D.M.S. or his representative will instruct D.D.M.S. Corps to which Casualty Clearing Stations casualties are to be sent.

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(b) The Inspector, Palestine L.of C. will be responsible for the evacuation from Casualty Clearing Stations to KANTARA.

(c) The A.D.M.S. Egyptian Hospitals will be responsible for the evacuation of sick and wounded Turkish and Arab Prisoners of War from WILHELMA and JERUSALEM to KANTARA.

Sick and wounded Turkish and Arab Prisoners of War will be evacuated under Corps arrangements to No. 5 Egyptian Hospital at JERUSALEM and to No. 4 Egyptian Hospital at WILHELMA.

In addition to the above walking cases only may be evacuated to No. 1 Egyptian Hospital, JAFFA.

(d) The Motor Ambulance Convoy will be placed at the disposal of Head Qrs., Palestine L.of C. for the purposes of evacuation. 18 Cars will be allotted by Head Qrs Palestine L.of C. for duty in JERUSALEM.

Cars may be withdrawn from among the remainder by order of the D.M.S. or his representative to assist Corps in evacuations to C.C.S's when such a course is necessary and cars are available for this purpose.

(e) D.A.D.M.S., G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon will be responsible for the evacuation from KANTARA to Base Hospitals.

(4) Train arrangements.

(a) Hospital Trains east of the Canal will be controlled by the A.D.M.S. Palestine L.of C. who will decide whether Hospital Trains run direct to KANTARA or short of that place.

(b) Hospital Trains west of the Canal will be controlled by D.A.D.M.S. G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon in conjunction with D.R.T. Cairo.

(c) The S.M.O., Kantara will communicate direct with D.A.D.M.S. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, stating requirements in Hospital Trains west of the Canal.

(d) Empty Truck Trains will be used for light cases when available; A.D.M.S. Palestine L.of C. will arrange for blankets and conveniences for these trains. These stores will be returned by up-coming empty Hospital Trains.

(e) Suitable Halt Stations for Truck Trains will be selected by A.D.M.S. Palestine L.of C. who will arrange for refreshments at these stations and for medical attendance.

(f) The JAFFA-LUDD and WILHELMA-LUDD Light Railway will be utilised for the evacuation of casualties from JAFFA and WILHELMA to LUDD.

(5) Evacuation of British-Indian Casualties.

No discrimination will be made for the conveyance of Indian and European Troops in Motor Ambulances and Ambulance Trains.

On arrival at Hospitals they will however as far as possible be sorted out and sent to Indian and European Hospitals respectively.

G.H.Q.

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(S) W. Western
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INCREASES IN HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

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| UNIT. | NUMBER OF BEDS. | | TOTAL. | DATE SUBMITTED. | DATE APPROVED. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Equipped. | Increase. | | | |
| <u>BRITISH.</u> | | | | | |
| <u>EAST OF CANAL.</u> | | | | | |
| 26th Cas. Clearing Station. | 400 | 600 | 1000 | | |
| 76th " " " | 400 | 600 | 1000 | | |
| <u>INDIAN.</u> | | | | | |
| 24th Indian " Hospital. | 400 | 600 | 1000 | Submitted and approved on "Scheme for the Evacuation of Battle Casualties." 10/9/18 | |
| 31st Combined Clg. " | 400 | 600 | 1000 | | |
| 34th " " " | 400 | 450 | 850 | | |
| 39th Indian General " | 1038 | 500 | | | |
| | | 700* | 2238 | | |
| 41st " " " | 1199 | 500 | 1899 | | |
| 44th " " " | 1000 | 500 | 1500 | * For light cases. | |
| <u>PRISONERS OF WAR.</u> | | | | | |
| <u>EGYPTIAN HOSPITALS.</u> | | | | | |
| No. 5 Eg. Det. Hospital | 150 | | 150 | 17/3/18 | 3/3/18 |
| No. 2 Egyptn. Staty. Hosp. | 600 | 400% | 1000 | | |
| " 8 " Detn. " | 150 | 30 | 180 | | |
| " 9 " " " | 150 | 30 | 180 | | |
| " 10 " " " | 150 | 30 | 180 | Already in existence. | |
| Isolation Unit, LUDD. | - | 300 | 300 | | |
| " " JERUSALEM. | - | 300 | 300 | | |
| No. 3 P. of W. Hospital. | 140 | 40 | 180 | 17/3/18 | 3/3/18. |
| No. 4 Eg. Det. Hospital | 150 | | 150 | | |
| <u>BRITISH.</u> | | | | | |
| <u>WEST OF CANAL.</u> | | | | | |
| Nasrieh Hospital. | 830 | 188) | | 4/9/18 | 7/9/18 |
| | | 160) | 1178 | 10/9/18 | |
| 31st General Hospital. | 1040 | 210) | | 26/8/18 | 30/8/18 |
| | | 350) | 1600 | 7/9/18 | 11/9/18 |
| 27th " " " | 2080 | 120 | 2200 | 10/9/18 | |
| Citadel Hospital. | 1350 | 100 | 1450 | -do- | |
| 19th General Hospital. | 1820 | 160 | 1980 | -do- | |
| 21st " " " | 1560 | 300 | 1860 | -do- | |
| 17th " " " | 3182 | 150 | 3332 | -do- | |
| Mily. Hospl. Ras-el-Tin. | 170 | 30 | 200 | -do- | |
| Hotel Hilwan | | 300 | 300 | | |
| <u>INDIAN.</u> | | | | | |
| 45th Indian Gen. Hospl. | 1250 | 500 | 1750 | 26/8/18 | 30/8/18 |
| <u>P. of W. Hospitals.</u> | | | | | |
| No. 2 P. of W. Hospital. | 2700 | 2000 | 4700 | 4/9/18 | 7/9/18 |
| <u>CONVALESCENT DEPOTS.</u> | | | | | |
| <u>BRITISH.</u> | | | | | |
| Boulac Con. Depot. | 1200 | 200 | 1400 | 4/9/18 | 7/9/18 |
| Con. Depot MUSTAPHA. | 1640 | 600 | 2240 | 7/9/18 | 11/9/18 |
| " " MONTAZAH. | 1500 | 500 | 2000 | 7/9/18 | 11/9/18 |
| Abbasia Con. Depot | 1070 | | 1070 | | |
| <u>INDIAN.</u> | | | | | |
| Indian Con. Depot. | 1500 | 1000 | 2500 | 4/9/18 | 7/9/18 |
| <u>TOTALS.</u> | | | | | |
| | 28247 | 12748 | 40995 | | |

Ramallah 10-453rd Red Stn
 Ind. Det. Camp

600
~~1400~~ 4000

% For Prisoners of War.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

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| Location. | Units. | Maximum bed accommodation | Beds available for | | Total No. of beds vacant on 6/9/18. |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | British. | Indian. | |
| JAFFA. | 53rd G.C.H. | 400 | 100 | 300 | 154 |
| WILHELMA. | 15th G.C.H. | 400 | 100 | 300 | 400 |
| JERUSALEM. | 1 G.C.S. 2 G.C.Hs. | 400 1250 | 400 200 | - 1050 | 998 |
| LIMBER HILL. | 74th G.C.S. | 300 | 300 | - | 142 |
| LUDD. | 2 G.C.Ss. 2 I.C.Hs. | 2000 2000 | 8000 - | - 2000 | 2508 |
| GAZA. | 3 British Sty.Hosppls. 1 Indian " | 8000 400 | 8000 - | - 400 | 1109 205 |
| ARISH. | Rest Camp. | 900 | - | 980 | 900 |
| HELWAN. | 2 British GenHpls. 44th Indian Gen.Hos. | 3184 1500 | 3184 | - 1500 | 1628 917 |
| MASAD. | 39th Indian Gen.Hosppl. | 1536 | - | 1536 | 564 |
| SURAFEND. | Reinforcement Camp. | 4500 3000 | 2000 1500 | 2000 1500 | light cases 4000 only |
| KANTARA. | 2 British Sty.Hos. 41st Ind. Gen. Hos. Detach. 3 Ind.G.Hos. | 1600 1700 | 1600 - | - 1700 | 756 783 |
| PORT SAID. | 14th Aus. Gen. Hos. | 1630 | 1630 | - | 196 |
| SUEZ. | Government Hosppl. 8 Ind.Gen.Hosppls. | 120 2000 | 120 - | - 2000 | 50 282 |
| CAIRO. | British Hospitals. Indian " British Gen.Depots. Indian " | 6528 1750 2400 2500 | 6528 - 2400 - | - 1750 - 2500 | 1912 681 740 940 |
| ALEXANDRIA. | British Hospitals. Indian " British Gen.Depots. | 6671 325 4240 | 6671 - 4240 | - 325 - | 770 13 1770 |
| CAIRO. | Command Depot, Abbassia. | 4000 | 4000 | - | light cases only. |
| TOTALS. | | 54834 | 37673 | 17761 | 20802 |

The following increases are being submitted for authority, in addition to above.

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| CAIRO | 770 | British. |
| ALEXANDRIA | 640 | British. |
| HELWAN. | 300 | " |

Beds vacant at MALTA on 8th September, 1918. 4295.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION PRISONERS OF WAR.

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| Location. | Units. | MAXIMUM bed accommodation. | Total. |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| LUDD. | No. 8 Egyptian Sty. Hos. | 400 | 1240 |
| | Nos. 8, 9, 10 Egyptian Detention Hospls. | 540 | |
| | Isolation Unit. | 300 | |
| JERUSALEM. | Isolation Unit. | 300 | 300 |
| KANTARA. | No. 3 P. of W. Hospl. | 180 | 540 |
| | P. of W. Sect. No. 3 Egyptian Stationary Hospital. | 180 | |
| | No. 3 P. of W. Hospl. | 200 | |
| PORT TSWIK. | No. 4 P. of W. Hospl. | 60 | 60 |
| CAIRO. | No. 2 P. of W. Hospital, Abbassia. | 4700 | 4700 |
| | | 5700 (vacant of 8/9/18. 1421) | 5700. |
| TOTAL. | | | 5840 |

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

(1) Available for Indian Invalids:-
 In Harbour SUEZ - "DEVANHA".
 Sailed for SUEZ - "LOYALTY" 1st Sept. "EGYPT" 8th Sept.
 Due at SUEZ - 1 Ship, 22nd September.

(2) Available for British Invalids at ALEXANDRIA:-

"WANDILLA".
 "DUNLUCE CASTLE".
 "GLENGORM CASTLE".
 "ASSAYS".