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Headquarters XXIV Corps LATRON	1918		Let. Evacuations had to be stopped though 200 had already been despatched from 10 th Field Amb Immobile before suit came on.	
	Jan 1 st		13 Nursing Sisters arrived DEIR SINIIO but unable to proceed. 2 nd Col. CAHILL, O/C 66 th L.S.D called on his way to JERUSALEM to inspect Mahan Hospital with view to taking over. DADMS proceeded to JERUSALEM to start Sanitary Committee	
	21/18		No evacuations to S.D. except 20 sent by mistake from 10 th & Amb Immobile. No word of Nurses leaving DEIR SINIIO. Conference with Corps Commander & D.A. & O.M.G. re washing arrangements for troops in JERUSALEM Issued instructions 1 st for 87 Sanitary Sections to return to Personal Central. Visited 10 th & Amb Immobile. Some showers but fine most of the day	
	3/1/18		Captain A.R. MUIR returned to 229 th Field Amb. Lieut FRAGOSO reported for attachment to 53 rd R.E. Lieut J. GLAISTER to 74 th Immobile to relieve Lieut CHARLES. Matron and 12 Nurses passed through to JERUSALEM to be attached to 53 rd & 60 th (Hospitals) Staff M.B. including M.O. and 2 clerks proceeded as advance party to Impress Augustus Hospice JERUSALEM.	D41
4/1/18		Section of 229 FA at Latron Monastery rejoined unit at NUBA. Issued general instructions as regards evacuation. Visited 10 th & Amb Immobile Arranged with 74 th Division for using disinfectant at JUNCTION STATION		

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<p>20th Corps JERUSALEM.</p>	5.1.18		(1) 20th Corps moved to Germanothapra, Mount of Olives, JERUSALEM.	
	5.1.18		(2) Visited 229th Field Ambulance near YALO.	
	6.1.18		(3) Visited 40th Bn 4th Division at KUSEIBEH - discussed their medical arrangements.	
			(4) Wet and cold.	
			(5) Inspected Hales Hospital, JERUSALEM.	
	4.1.18		(1) Visited 40th Bn and with him visited hospitals of 2/4th + 2/6th London T. Coys (JERUSALEM).	
			(2) Met Lieut Col. GARNER, Director General, Public Health + Medical Services in JERUSALEM at his office, and interviewed representative of Rosary Sisters re employment of 12 Sisters. TERMS suggested 2 meals a day and 10/- a week; Sisters to come in each day being conveyed night + morning in Motor Ambulances.	
	5.1.18		(1) With General EVANS, D.A. + G.M.G. conferred with Corps Commander on question of Intelligence Troops in the Town of JERUSALEM - report to be made to him for information of G.H.Q. by January 10th.	
		(2) Capt BARGENT, O/C 20th Corps Motor Ambulances called with the proposed scheme for disposal and redistribution of Motor Ambulances allowing proportion of Ford Cars and heavy cars to each Division.		
		(3) Base of 2nd Battalion reported - Sgt TONES 1/6 RWF (53rd Bn) evacuated through 50th Coy and 60th FAI. Notified D.M.S.		
		(4) Visited St George's School to be taken over by 55th Bn on arrival of C.C.S.		
		(5) Visited English School in the City used by Turks as abattoir + de-bussing place.		
	4.1.18		(6) With 40th Bn 60th Bn inspected billets of 181 Bde in JERUSALEM. Many found to be lousy - billets comfortable but some infested with louse.	

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Headquarters XXIV Corps JERUSALEM.	9.1.18 cont		<p>Bucket system of latrines in use. Native latrines and sinks being closed down. mostly clean.</p> <p>(2) Visited baths of 60th Division and considered adaptations to delousing.</p> <p>(3) Visited 60th & 44th F.A.S. ENAB found conditions of Prisoners of War in former very unsatisfactory. Arranged for transferring of all cases to 44th F.A.S. who would evacuate all British.</p>	
	10.1.18		<p>(1) Sent in report as to safety of Intelligence troops in JERUSALEM, to Corps etc.</p> <p>(2) D.A.S.M.S. examined outfall of sewage in the town</p> <p>(3) In afternoon inspected the E.L.C. hospital near Herod's gate opened by 1/1 Welsh F.A.</p> <p>(4) Report received from Colonel Garner advising removal of troops from JERUSALEM and environs.</p> <p>(5) Visited Ström Hygiene Institute & saw Director.</p>	
	11.1.18		<p>(1) Saw Corps Commander re trench feet in 53rd Division - especially in 4th Cheshire Regt - 40 cases</p> <p>(2) Visited A.S.M.S. 53rd Div at RAM ALLAH re trench feet. Interviewed R.M.Os 4th RWF and 1/4 Cheshire Regt. 2nd Coy Command 1/4 Cheshire Regt & 8 Platoon Commander. Could elucidate no actual negligence but not sufficiently brought home to all ranks.</p> <p>(3) Oil available in units. Most men have 2 pairs of socks. Conditions were evidently severe. Frost at night after some wet all day.</p> <p>(4) Visited Mother Superior of Rosary Sisters re employment of Sisters</p> <p>(5) Sent D.M.S. my views re establishment of Field Ambulances</p> <p>(6) Capt Williamson of 55th Low Sect called on his way to RAM ALLAH.</p>	D143

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Headquarters XX th Corps JERUSALEM	12.1.18		(1) Capt LECHER, R.A.M.C. reported for attachment to 44 th C.A.S. in place of Capt SHARPIN. (2) W.A.S.M.s visited 53 rd & C.A.S. in Italian Hospital re evacuation. (3) Capt Sargent of C.S. Corps Motor Ambul. Called. (4) Inspected billets occupied in JERUSALEM by 96 th Heavy Group A.S.A. (5) Visited house for Nursing Sisters and saw Mother about moving in.	
	13.1.18		(1) <u>Flowing rain with dark storms</u> Accompanied Corps Commander who inspected Italian Hospital (53 rd P.A.I.) and 2 Russian Building Hospitals (2/4 & 2/6 London Field Ambul.).	
	14.1.18		(1) <u>Disc medical officers reported</u> , posted 3 to 601st, 2 to 53 rd H.S., & 1 to 10 th H.S. (2) <u>Inspected Drinking water supplies</u> at (a) St. John Grey's house Mt of Olives, & (b) Garden of Gethsemane - found grave defects at both places - the latter is impassible.	
	15.1.18		(1) <u>Visited A.S.M.s to re-baths.</u> (2) <u>Telephone from D.M.s</u> (a) Delay in employment of Rosari Sisters (b) Capt INGLIS coming to be attached to H.Q. for sanitary duties. (c) Establishment of Field Ambulances - caeclets re. He suggests 9 Travors & 9 Sittins Mule Caeclets.	D141
	16.1.18		(3) <u>Visited with W.A.S.M.s water supplies</u> at AIN KARIM and LIFTIA. The latter not now being used & the former not for drinking. (1) With W.A.S.M.s inspected the sources of water supply to troops from Solomon's Pool area & aq aqueduct. Source a very mixed one - liable to pollution from surface of area camped on, & foul. (2) O/C 20 th Corps Motor Ambulances called re case of discipline & he was forwarded to 'A'.	

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XXI Corps JERUSALEM	17.1.18		<p>(1) Colonel Dowsett called re case of cholera notified having occurred at ENAB in E.L.S. evacuated to No 2 Egyptian Hospital Junction Station & diagnosed there. E.L.S. Hospital placed under canvas & in quarantine. Evacuation from it suspended.</p> <p>(2) VC 20 Corps Motor Ambulance called.</p> <p>(3) S.M.T.O. (Major Binny) called re site of Mobile Repair Unit ASC - decided that it should be stationed at JUNCTION STATION. 29th Mobile Repair Unit moving to JERUSALEM.</p> <p>(4) Inspected water supply at Abraham's Vineyard - found catchment area soiled by animal droppings - chlorination satisfactory.</p>	DMS
	18.1.18		With 19 AMB inspected water supply of 10th Hussars at KULUNDIA. Satisfactory.	
	19.1.18		With 19 AMB 60th Hussars inspected billets of 179 Bde in ABU-DIS & BETHANY & visited front post on the Jerico road.	
			19 AMB inspected Franciscan School re sanitation and water supply.	
	20.1.18		With 19 AMB inspected the convalescent hospital in Ratisbone Monastery for 60th Hussars.	
			Visited Military Government's office JERUSALEM re nurses' houses.	
	21.1.18		Report by 19 AMB on the possibility of Malaria in Corps area sent to GMS Colonel Rice. 19 AMB left for UK (Zurich) Colonel C.B. Dowsett. 19 AMB 60th Hussars took over duties as of 19 AMB.	
	22.1.18		Visited Ordnance Workshops to advise re construction of latrines & showers.	
23.1.18		Returned to LATRON to see what measures had been adopted to prevent the spread of Typhus in 230th & Amb.		
		Visited 10th 60th & 44th & Amb. Immunized.		

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Headquarters XX Corps JERUSALEM.	24.1.18		Visited I.O.M re letters and travois DASMS examined spleens of school children to ascertain prevalence of malaria in JERUSALEM. 9 out of 30 found enlarged.	
	25.1.18		Visited RAM-ALLAH to inspect 1/3rd Welsh Field Amb and arrange several matters with ASMS 53rd Division (1) re disinfection of troops, especially RAME orderlies who had nursed Turkish prisoners taken at RAM-ALLAH (2) ASMS 53rd Div to evacuate sick & wounded from BEITANNIA to RAM-ALLAH. Visited Military Governor in JERUSALEM re employment of Rosary Sisters. Saw I.O.M re construction by patterns, letters and travois. Issued orders that cooks having suffered from Typhoid or Dysentery were not to be again employed as cooks, nor were cooks to be employed as such while suffering from diarrhoea.	
	26.1.18		Visited Military Governor JERUSALEM re employment of Rosary Sisters. Instructions issued re disinfection of Troops.	
	27.1.18		With DASMS visited Italian Hospital JERUSALEM re outbreak of Typhus Arranged for Rosary Sisters to start work 28/1/18 and for British Sisters to concentrate in Italian Hospital.	
	28.1.18		DASMS visited Jewish School, Jaffa re outbreak of Typhus.	
	29.1.18		Arranged for 60th Division to take over baths in selected site JERUSALEM DASMS visited 44th & 60th Divs re typhus outbreak at ENAB.	
	30.1.18		Visited I.O.M re the construction of letters & travois. Interviewed Matron re the Rosary Sisters. Matron stated that they were very ignorant of nursing arrangements.	

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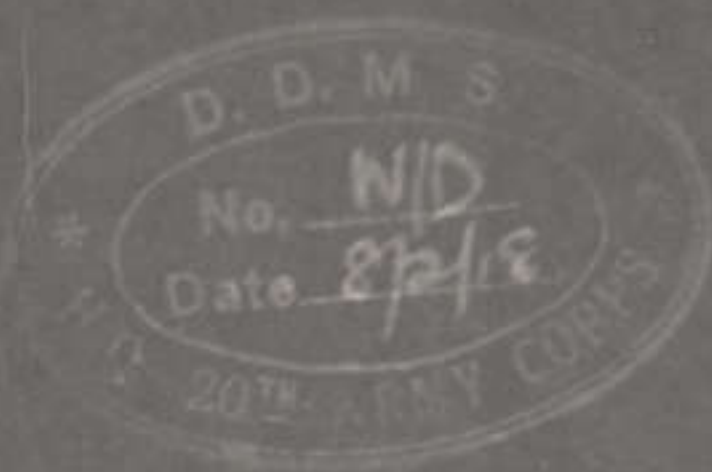
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Headquarters XX th Corps JERUSALEM.	30.1.18 Cont.		Made arrangements for English Sisters to supervise. Visited 53 rd F.A.I. and billets of 53 rd Divisional dump. re outbreak of Typhus. Inspected British Red Cross stores.	
	31.1.18		D.D.M.S. visited Syrian Orphanage and examined spleens of children to ascertain prevalence of Malaria in JERUSALEM. Temperature for month. Maximum 70° F. Mean 46° F.	DA1



Headquarters
8. Feb. 1918

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