

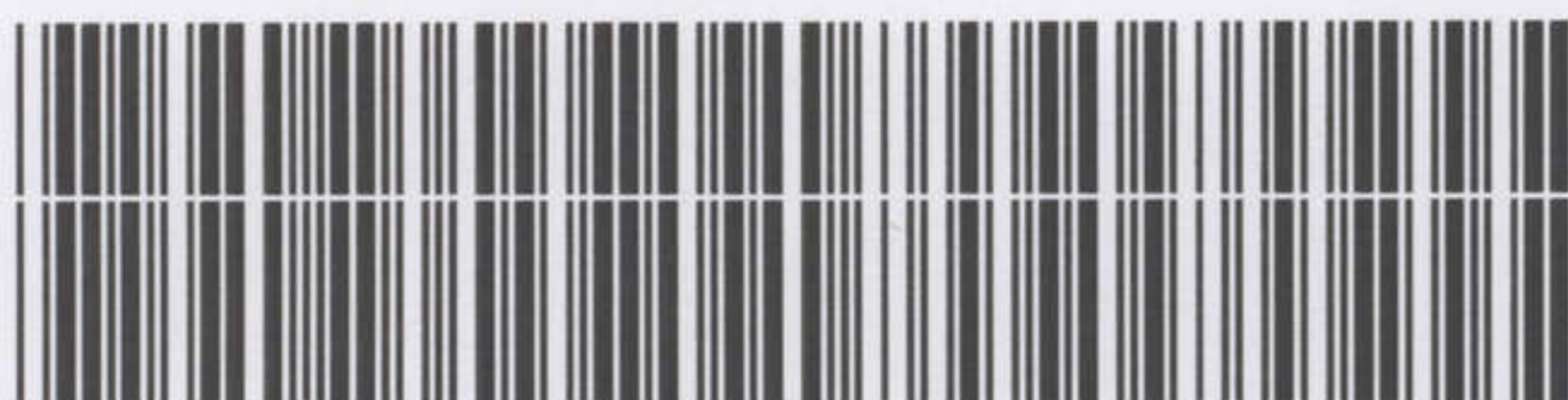
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Headquarters XXII <sup>nd</sup> Corps JERUSALEM	2.3.18		(1) All remaining Ambulance cars belonging to the corps brought up to JERUSALEM from LATRON (2) Telephoned D.M.S re shortage of Medical Officers in 74 <sup>th</sup> Division	
	3.3.18		(1) D.A.D.M.S. examined cisterns in neighbourhood of SHAFAT for mosquito breeding. (2) D.D.M.S. conference with ADMS 60 <sup>th</sup> Division re forthcoming operations.	
	4.3.18		(1) D.A.D.M.S. visited 18 <sup>th</sup> Sanitary Section and examined the wadi HAMIS and cisterns in the neighbourhood of DEIR IBZIA for mosquito breeding.	
	5.3.18		(1) D.A.D.M.S. inspected billets in JERUSALEM.	
	6.3.18		(2) Conference of A.D.S.M.S. re forthcoming operations. (3) D.A.D.M.S. went to NEBY MUSA to look for breeding places for mosquitoes. No breeding places found. (4) Application made to G.H.Q. for surgical Specialist to make a forward operating team	
	7.3.18		(5) Major Scumgeour called, and matter of oiling cisterns discussed. (1) Interviewed ADMS 60 <sup>th</sup> Division re operations in Easterly direction owing to retirement of Turks (2) 12 Heavy Ambulance Cars reported from G.H.Q. for temporary duty. (3) Captain STEWART, Surgical Specialist reported. (4) D.A.D.M.S. and Major AVSTEN visited BEITIN, RAM ALLAH, and WADI HAMIS to investigate the work done by Mosquito Squads of the 53 <sup>rd</sup> Division. (5) Arrangements made with the Mayor of RAM ALLAH to oil all cisterns in the village on Tuesday as an experiment. To ascertain attitude of inhabitants towards it. An Interpreter to be present during the oiling to explain to the people the reason of it.	DMS 11/11/18

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JERUSALEM Headquarters XX <sup>th</sup> Corps.	8 3.18		(1) DDMS visited GOMQ to discuss general situation of evacuations from JERUSALEM pointed out the difficulty of having to arrange evacuation from not only CCB in JERUSALEM but all Egyptians. DMS agreed to release 60 <sup>th</sup> Div Field Amb. Immobile at ENAB by a portion of a l.b.s. and to take over responsibility of evacuation from JERUSALEM - also to send up an Egyptian Hospital at an early date. (2) DADMS with Major Austen examined Wadi Stanis for breeding areas as malaria is reported to be very prevalent there.
	9 3.18		DDMS went to RAM ALLAH with DMS. Inspected forward operating unit and found same working very well and fully justifying its existence.
	10 3.18		DDMS went to JERICHO with DMS. to see line of evacuation of wounded.
	11 3.18		(1) DDMS inspected Dressing Stations + forward operating unit of 53+74 Div. (2) DADMS with Major Austen <sup>examined</sup> Wadis FARAH and ES HELT and JERICHO plain for Mosquito breeding. Anopheles found in Wadi FARAH. Also examined water supply of 60 <sup>th</sup> Division.
	12 3.18		DADMS and Major Austen went to RAM ALLAH to supervise experimental drilling of wells and cisterns.
	13 3.18		(1) DDMS attended conference at GOMQ (2) DADMS went to RAM ALLAH re experimental drilling of cisterns.
	14 3.18		(1) DDMS arranged for 2/6 <sup>th</sup> London Field Amb to move out of JERUSALEM. Egyptian Hospital commenced to arrive. to relieve the 1/1 <sup>st</sup> Welsh Field Amb. (2) DADMS with Major Austen visited 74 <sup>th</sup> Division to inspect anti-malarial work in country around AIN SINIA.
	15 3.18		consultation with ADMS 60 <sup>th</sup> Div and ADMS Angas Mounted Div. and issued Scheme of Medical Arrangements for forthcoming operations.

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Headquarters XX <sup>th</sup> Corps JERUSALEM	13.3.18		(1) Wrote note on Malaria & its Prevention and forwarded to 'G' to be issued with DMS memo on same subject	
	16.3.18		(1) Colonel LUCE, C.O., returned from leave in UK at 1600 and took over from A/DMS (2) Conference with A/DMS 60 <sup>th</sup> Div and Anzac Mounted Div re forthcoming operations (3) Modification of Scheme issued yesterday sent out	
	17.3.18		(1) Arranged for loan of ten E.P.I.P. tents from 66 <sup>th</sup> Lab to 2/4 <sup>th</sup> London Field Amb. (2) M.O. XX <sup>th</sup> Corps & Q. sent to 'C' & 'N' Coy of E.T.C. to evacuate over 100 camel drivers to Egyptian Hospital who were suffering from exposure	
	18.3.18		(1) DDMS visited 1/4 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Field Amb. Interviewed A/DMS 60 <sup>th</sup> Division and inspected 2/4 <sup>th</sup> London Field Amb on Jericho plain (2) Inspected site of Turkish Hospital, JERICHO. (3) DADMS visited 10 <sup>th</sup> Bursawry to examine anti-malarial conditions and inspect water supply (4) M.O. XX <sup>th</sup> Corps & Q. picked up 82 Native camel drivers and conveyed them to Egyptian Hospital	
	19.3.18		(1) DUKE OF CONNAUGHT - presentation of Honours in JERUSALEM. (2) Major Waterhouse, O/C 74 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb. Immobile, called	
	20.3.18		(1) DDMS visited DMS and following points discussed: (a) Night Ambulance Station in the Corps. The DMS did not think it possible to form a definite unit. (b) Mule Sitters: delay in provision of poles to be issued to 10 <sup>th</sup> Bursawry as a matter of special urgency. (c) Sanitary responsibility of JERUSALEM in hand. (d) Advanced Operating Unit to be placed at disposal of DDMS. (e) DADMS and G.R.O. 3616 was discussed	DMS

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Headquarters XXII Corps JERUSALEM	20.3.18		DADMS visited 1/1 <sup>st</sup> Welsh Field Amb in reference to the outbreak of Typhus	
	Cont		The following Medical Officers reported for duty: Captain J.D. LAIDLAW } Posted to Lieut D.C. M <sup>c</sup> CORMICK } 74 <sup>th</sup> Div.      Lieut J.F. CAIRNS } Posted to Lieut I. LIBERMAN } 10 <sup>th</sup> Div.	
	21.3.18		ADMS 10 <sup>th</sup> Division called re DADMS question in connection with GRD 3626	
	22.3.18		D.DMS went to Jordan with DMS: inspected 2/4 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb and 1/1 <sup>st</sup> Welsh Field Amb re evacuation.	
	23.3.18		Report from ADMS 10 <sup>th</sup> Division complaining of lack of beds. Replied thereto. DADMS inspected suspected Typhus cases at Egyptian Hospital and 66 <sup>th</sup> bed.	
	24.3.18		DADMS visited 1/1 <sup>st</sup> Welsh Field Amb, 2/4 <sup>th</sup> London F. Amb, main dressing station, crossed JORDAN and visited 2/5 <sup>th</sup> London Field Amb. Evacuation proceeding satisfactorily.	
	25.3.18		Beds inspected in JERUSALEM.	
	26.3.18		D.DMS visited Dressing Station at SHUNET NIMRAIN to ascertain if better evacuations were proceeding satisfactorily.	
	27.3.18		Captain M BRENNAN reported for duty and was posted to 53 <sup>rd</sup> Division Captain A.W.C. BENNETT reported for duty and was posted to 60 <sup>th</sup> Division D.DMS attended DMS conference at SHIQ. No more sprayers for oiling to be sanctioned. Opium to be sanctioned for use by Indian Troops. D.DMS visited 1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Welsh Field Ambulance. DADMS oiled cisterns in GHAFAT as experiment to ascertain feeling by Natives towards it.	
	28.3.18		DADMS visited 74 <sup>th</sup> Division, 16 <sup>th</sup> Suffolks. Examined wells in BELWAO - Anopheles Mosquitoes found in 9 out of 11 cisterns.	

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JERUSALEM	29.3.18		DDMS visited ADMS and 3 Field Ambulances of 10 <sup>th</sup> Division, <sup>also</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Field Amb at RAM ALLAH	
	30.3.18		DADMS visited Egyptian Hospital and interviewed Colonel HERON, ADMS Egyptian Hospitals, re evacuation of Egyptians to leave room for Turkish Prisoners of War	
	31.3.18		DDMS visited 1 <sup>st</sup> + 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> Welsh Field Ambs, and 2/4 <sup>th</sup> + 2/6 <sup>th</sup> London Field Ambs, and arranged for employment of 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> Welsh Field Amb to collect casualties from 152 Brigade DADMS completed experimental oiling of cisterns at SHAFAT. Miss GRAM, Principal Matron, called re Nurses' Quarters at 65 <sup>th</sup> CCS. DDMS visited 66 <sup>th</sup> CCS to see Lieut Col. CAHILL, and 121 <sup>st</sup> Indian Field Amb near JERUSALEM station. Saw DDMS, Indians and Major White of Indian I.A. Asked GOC for loan of 20 Ford Cars to assist evacuation from ES SALT and AMMAN by wire evening of 30 <sup>th</sup> . These were promised from XXI <sup>st</sup> Corps. Temperature for month Maximum 73°F Mean 47°F Rainfall 5.762 inches	D 204

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