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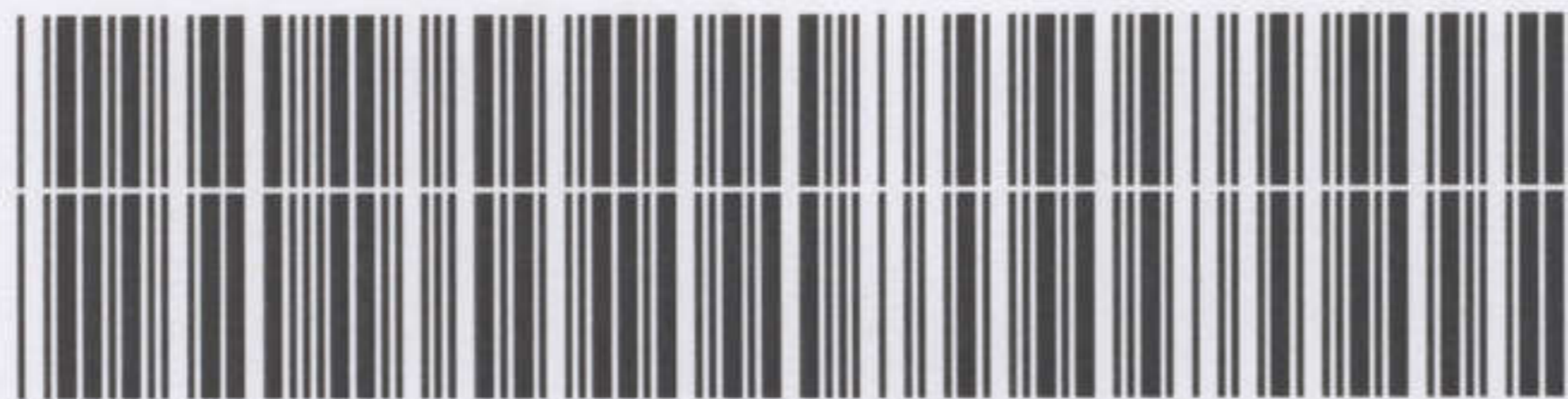
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Headquarters XX <sup>th</sup> Corps JERUSALEM	1918			
	1.4.18		DADMS visited 74 <sup>th</sup> Divisional area and interviewed DADMS 74 <sup>th</sup> Division.	
	3.4.18		DDMS visited 74 <sup>th</sup> Division at AIN SINIA seeing 230 <sup>th</sup> + 231 <sup>st</sup> Field Ambulance dressing stations and also visited Hospital at RAM ALLAH.	
	4.4.18		ADMS 60 <sup>th</sup> Division called to report progress. Lieut MASON, MO. 1/c of XX <sup>th</sup> Corps - proceeded on leave with orders to rejoin unit on expiration.	
	5.4.18		ADMS 74 <sup>th</sup> Division called - also Colonel WADE, Surgical Specialist. DDMS visited 65 <sup>th</sup> L.S. and Egyptian Hospital. 6 Heavy and 25 Light Ambulance cars ordered to report to 21 <sup>st</sup> Corps to replace those detailed by them for 74 <sup>th</sup> Division.	
	6.4.18		DDMS and DADMS proceeded to AIN SINIA. Met ADMS 74 <sup>th</sup> Division to select site for C.C.S. Interviewed ADMS 53 <sup>rd</sup> Division.	
	7.4.18		Captain MORRIS reported to Corps Headquarters as Medical Officer.	
	8.4.18		DDMS attended conference at G.H.Q. - discussed route of evacuation for forthcoming operations and decided that a Brigade of 10 <sup>th</sup> Division should evacuate via 21 <sup>st</sup> Corps.	
	9.4.18		DADMS visited O.C. 60 <sup>th</sup> Div Sanitary Section with reference to anti-malarial work. DDMS and DADMS visited RAM ALLAH to ascertain feeling by villagers and result of recent oiling of cisterns.	
	10.4.18		Letter written to DDMS stating that no objections had been shown by villagers to the oiling of cisterns.	

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	11.4.18		DDMS and DADMS visited SHAFAT to ascertain feeling of villagers re recent opening of cisterns. Interviewed Major SCARMGEOUR re recent opening of cisterns. Visited Military Laboratory at JERUSALEM.	
	12.4.18		DADMS inspected area round Headquarters with regard to fly breeding.	
	13.4.18		(1) Conference of A.D.M.S re anti-malarial work. Report of Major Austen and DADMS on method of opening cisterns in corps area circulated to medical officers. (2) 74 <sup>th</sup> Division left XX <sup>th</sup> Corps (3) The undermentioned medical officers reported for duty:- Captain H.W. HAY - posted to 10 <sup>th</sup> Division. Captain C.L. SPACKMAN, " " " " " 60 <sup>th</sup> Captain ARCHIBALD RAME reported for duty and posted to 10 <sup>th</sup> Division.	
	14.4.18		D.D.M.S proceeded to AIN SINIA to select new site for 74 <sup>th</sup> to C.S.	
	15.4.18		DADMS visited 10 <sup>th</sup> Divisional area at AJUL AREIRA and UMM SUFFAH re anti-malarial measures.	
	16.4.18		DDMS interviewed Colonel BAKER, C/C 74 <sup>th</sup> C.S. and visited Australian + New Zealand Field Ambulances and also 121 <sup>st</sup> Indian Field Ambulance in vicinity of JERICHO.	D.M.I.
	17.4.18		DDMS visited 121 <sup>st</sup> Indian Field Ambulance and interviewed Colonel BAKER, C/C 74 C.S.	
			DDMS XX <sup>th</sup> Corps wired that Captain V.C. JAMES RAME reported for duty with 12 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb on 16 <sup>th</sup> instant.	
	18.4.18		DADMS and Major Austen visited 53 <sup>rd</sup> Division.	
19.4.18		Visit by Sir G. Thompson, British Red Cross Commissioner. DADMS and Major Austen visited the Wadi AUJAH to ascertain condition there with regard to malaria.		
20.4.18		DDMS visited 53 <sup>rd</sup> Division at 19 with ADMS visited at 155 + 160 Brigades and then advanced dressing stations. Both Brigades interviewed.		

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Headquarters XX <sup>th</sup> Corps JERUSALEM	1918		ADMS and DADMS Egyptian Hospitals called re site for hospital.	
	20.4.18		Captain Poynder. O/C No 6 Egyptian Hospital called re transport to move No 6 Hospital to O. 99. U. 4.	
	21.4.18		DADMS went to RUJIM EL BAHR (104 V. 11.) to collect samples of water to examine for fitness for drinking purposes.	
	22.4.18		Lieut J.C. ROBERTSON RAMC rejoined 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> Welsh Field Amb. Capt G.L. THORNTON RAMC reported for duty with 60 <sup>th</sup> Division vice Capt A.C. WILSON transferred to P.L. of C. DADMS visited O/C 60 <sup>th</sup> Div Sanitary Section.	
	23.4.18		DADMS inspected 2/5 <sup>th</sup> London Field Amb (60 <sup>th</sup> Division).	
	24.4.18		Capt F. GREEN RAMC reported for duty with 53 <sup>rd</sup> Division. Capt D.F. RIDDELL RAMC reported for duty with 53 <sup>rd</sup> Division vice Capt E.N. HOFFMEISTER RAMC transferred to Indian Base Hospital, Suez.	
			DADMS attended conference at GHQ - points discussed:- (1) Re-organization of Field Ambulances. (2) Arrangements for forthcoming operations Desert Corps. (3) Provision of Sanitary material - submitted request that definite GPO could be issued on this subject. (4) Employment of 74 <sup>th</sup> C.B.D.	
			DADMS visited Corps Cavalry & saw O.C. and M.O. Visited reinforcement camp at LATRON.	
			DADMS mapped out positions of Cisterns round Corps Hdqrs with a view to subsequent filling.	

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	25.4.18		Circular re Anti Fly measures issued to G.	
			DADMS inspected wells in JERUSALEM with DADMS., Q.E.A.T.	
			DDMS visited ADMS 60 Division re forthcoming operations.	
	26.4.18		Colonel RUDKIN a/ADMS 10 <sup>th</sup> Division called re Mosquito nets.	
			Colonel MIDDLETON left to take over command of 165 Combined Indian F. Amb.	
		Issued instructions re distribution of Ambulance Cars. 10 Fords and 13 Heavy cars to Desert Mounted Corps.		
	27.4.18	2400 (26/4/18)	60 <sup>th</sup> Division (less 181 Brigade and 2/6 London Field Amb) transferred to Desert Corps taking 14 Ford Motor Ambulances.	
	28.4.18		D.DMS inspected 165 and 166 Indian Field Ambulances at LUDO. Personnel of 166 Field Amb found to be very inferior in physique.	
			15 Lique-bacquets with canvas complete tent from 10 <sup>th</sup> Division to Desert Corps.	
	29.4.18		10 Fords and 13 Heavy Cars loaned to Desert Corps together with 9 Chevlets from Egyptian Hospital.	
			DADMS visited 10 <sup>th</sup> Division and inspected Anti-malarial work south of NEBY SADEM.	
			Malaria Diagnosis units arrived and allocated respectively to 2/5 London FA and 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> Welsh FA.	
	30.4.18		DDMS interviewed ADMS 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div and inspected Malaria Diagnosis Station also inspected 74 <sup>th</sup> L.S., N <sup>o</sup> 6 Egyptian Hospital 2/6 London FA Amb + 1/1 Welsh F Amb.	
			Temperatures for month: Maximum 80°F Mean 59°F.	
			Rainfall .451 inches.	
			Headquarters	
				DMS

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