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JERUSALEM	1	5.18	(1) 1/4 th Welsh Field Amb at RAM ALLAH closed down. 50 beds/leads on loan from Military Governor JERUSALEM returned to English Hospital. (2) Lieut Col. WADE, Consulting Surgeon, called.	
	2	5.18	D.Dms issued instructions regarding move of 2/6 th London Field Amb to Jericho valley.	
	3	5.18	Lieut Col. BRIDGES, O/C 2/6 th London Field Amb called re move of his Field Amb.	
	4	5.18	(1) Capt PA BAHR, R.A.M.C. arrived. Arrangements made to give demonstrations regarding Malaria. (2) Capt C.C.B. GILMOUR, R.A.M.C. reported for duty with No 4 Malaria Diagnosis Station. (3) C.O. 74 th L.B.D. instructed to hold unit in readiness to move shortly. ADMS instructed to evacuate direct to JERUSALEM. (4) Visited 10 th Division re cover for letters. (5) D.DMS examined certain round Corporal headquarters for mosquito breeding.	
	6	5.18	(1) Capt C.C. BREWIS, R.A.M.C. reported for duty and posted to 60 th Division. (2) Visited 2/5 th London Field Ambulance. (3) D.DMS visited O.C. 60 th Sanitary Section re anti malarial work of Division.	
	7	5.18	(1) 74 th L.B.D. reported clean and ready to move. (2) Colonel DOWNES, D.DMS. Descent Corps called.	
	8	5.18	(1) Attended conference at 8.15 - discussed: (a) Separate arrangements for medical cases during operations. (b) Divisional rest stations. (c) Cases of piles not to be sent down unless patients give written consent to operation. (d) Requested vaccine for use for septic sore. (e) Use of field band by units improperly. (f) Anti mosquito grease and formaldehyde now available. (2) D.DMS. visited AIN MUSBAH to inspect canalization of waste to be in position, warning of bacterial power of crude excreta.	

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Headquarters XX th Corps TERRUSALEM	8.5.18		(5) Issues of Lites. Instructions issued that no cases are to be sent down unless patient has given their consent in writing to operation.	Dris
	9.5.18		(1) Provisional Establishment Combined British & Indian Field Ambulances received	
			(2) 165 & 166 Indian Field Ambulances moved from 1005 to join 10 th Division today	
			(3) DPG, EEF called to discuss medical position of Corps	
	10.5.18		Colonel WADE and Capt TVEE reported on completion of work with Secret Mounted Corps	
	11.5.18		Capt CARR reported on completion of tour of instruction on Malaria diagnosis.	
	12.5.18		Conference of a Staff 10 th , 53 rd & 60 th Divisions - points discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Establishment of Combined Indian Field Ambulances (b) Retention hospitals to be provisional (c) Issues and decharge for this purpose, bedsteads, soles shoes, field cots, plates knives and forks (d) Class of cases to be retained. Benign Malaria, diarrhoea, sprains etc (e) Sweepers for Ambulances (f) Sanitary equipment (g) Separation of surgical from medical cases (h) Diagnosis Stations, position etc - one for 10th Division, one for 53rd & 60th to be attached 74th CCS. To be called Malaria Diagnosis Station (i) Cholera Section to be opened at 74th CCS if outbreak occurs - other steps to be taken (j) Best class A personnel for Ambulances (k) Inoculation of ETC against Cholera. 	
	13.5.18		(1) Inspected 9 th Brit Mountain Artillery Bde at MARE LIAS and forwarded report to DADMG.	
			(2) DADMS visited 10 th Division re anti-malarial work, examining maps etc. etc. from K 17 A to D 5 a (Maps Telfit (C 5) and Bidich (C 4) 1 in 40,000.	
	15.5.18		(1) Inspected 2 nd Indian Grenadiers and also Indian portion of 3 rd Field Amba	
			(2) DADMS tested water supply of cisterns near John Gray Falls house	

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	15.5.18		Arranged for disinfection of motor lorries conveying refugees from RAM ALLAH 18-21 miles	
	16.5.18		DADMS visited 53 rd Division re anti malarial work. Examined roads El Jib in neighbourhood of AINSINIA and Wadi East of DURAH	
	17.5.18		1) Visited Bacteriological Laboratory JERUSALEM re incidence of malaria cases among P.U.O. and elicited fact that number diagnosed as malaria very few	
	18.5.18		2) Arrangements made for disinfecting Corps Troops Train and 9 th Brit Mountain Artillery	
	20.5.18		DADMS visited all wells in vicinity of Corps Headquarters	
	21.5.18		Inspected 30 th and 32 nd Field Ambulances and visited 7 th 66 th and 76 th London Field Amb	
	22.5.18		66 th 7 th 66 th reported that notes on cases coming in from 53 rd Division were very meagre. This was brought to notice of ADMS 53 rd Division	
	21.5.18		DADMS visited 60 th Division re anti malarial work	
	22.5.18		Surplus personnel of 30 31-32 nd Field Ambulances left for base	
	23.5.18		DADMS supervised disinfection of Corps Troops at Syrian Orphanage, JERUSALEM	
	24.5.18		attended DMS conference at S.W.C. No important points raised	
	25.5.18		DADMS supervised disinfection of Corps Troops at Syrian Orphanage, JERUSALEM	
	26.5.18		DADMS supervised disinfection of Artillery Brigade	
	27.5.18		attended Corps conference at RAM ALLAH	
	28.5.18		Inspected 180 th Bde (60 th Division) in view of high rate of sickness. 2/7, 2/8, 2/9 Bde inspected	
	29.5.18		Report made to D.A. & M.G.	
	30.5.18		Colonel BOYD consulting physician, called	
	31.5.18		DADMS went on 7 days leave to Cairo + Alexandria	
	1.6.18		ADMS 60 th Division proceeded on 4 days leave	
	2.6.18		Inspected anti malarial work of 10 th Division in RA-62 ZFIT and NEBI SALEM areas	
	3.6.18		Visited ADS and MDS of 15 th Cavalry Field Ambulance	

Headquarters 53rd Div JERUSALEM

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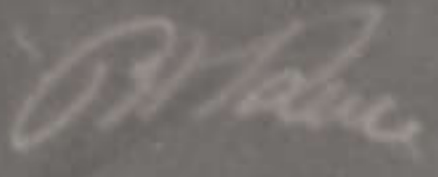
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Headquarters XX th Corps JERUSALEM	28 5 18		Lieut. C.C. CHESTERMAN R.A.M.C. (SR) reported and was posted to 53 rd Division	
	29 5 18		Visited Bacteriological Laboratory JERUSALEM With Lieut. Col. LAYTON acting ADMS 60 th Division inspected III rd Field Ambulance attached with 4 th Indian Brigade to 60 th Division at RAM ALLAH. Visited also 7 th and 2 nd London Field Ambulances	
	30 5 18		With ADMS 53 rd Division and C.O. 53 rd Sanitary Section inspected anti-malarial work in local JIB and local DURAH, also visited bathing establishment AIN SIMA. Applied to DMS for authority for tents for retention of cases in Field Ambulances i.e. I.P. tents	
	31 5 18		attended corps conference at RAM ALLAH While ADMS 53 rd Division's de water supply at DURAH which was found very fouled and stated by GE to be unfit for drinking Temperatures for month: Maximum 83° F. Mean 65° F. Minimum not available Rainfall: 0.869 inches	
			 Colonel DDMS XX th Corps	DMS 11/11/18
			Headquarters XX th Corps	